



A Serious Charge

Salisbury, City Police Court, Tuesday.

John Trubridge, formerly a farmer at Wishford, was placed in the dock, having been apprehended on Monday evening on a warrant taken out by his mother, Maria Trubridge. Mr. Ann (deputy clerk to the magistrates) said an information had been laid against him by his mother to the effect that on the 11th inst., in the parish of Fisherton Anger, he threatened to run a knife into her, and at the same time put his clenched fist in her face. She also stated that she was afraid he would do her some personal injury, and prayed that he might find sureties to be of good behaviour. Mrs. Trubridge, on being called, did not answer, and Mr. Ann, continuing, said the complaint was laid on Monday evening, and she begged for protection, saying that she durst not go home, and would be obliged to go somewhere else for the night. A warrant was accordingly issued and put in force, and she then went home. He understood she had been in court during the morning, and had expressed a desire not to press the charge. She took out a

warrant against the prisoner some months ago, but he then left the city, and no further action was taken in the matter.

Superintendent White said Mrs. Trubridge had applied to him for protection more than once, and he had kept an officer at the house all night in order to prevent any disturbance.

Under those circumstance, the Court remanded the prisoner until Thursday, but offered to take bail - himself in £100, and two sureties in £50 each - for his appearance then. It was subsequently arranged to hear the case on Wednesday. On that day Mr. Nodder, on behalf of Mrs. Trubridge, appeared before Mr. Norton and stated that she had no desire to see her son committed to prison. All she desired was that he would not annoy her in future. The prisoner thereupon promised not to go near his mother's house again or to give her any further annoyance, and he was bound over to keep the peace for twelve months in his own recognizances in £100, and then liberated.

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