

WIRKSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS, TUESDAY, NOV. 16.

[Before F. G. GOODWIN, P. ARKWRIGHT, and CHARLES HURT, Esqrs.]

John Sims, of Whatstandwell Bridge, stone-mason, was convicted in the sum of 10s. and costs, for an assault committed upon *George Wheatcroft*, of the same place, boat-builder, on the 8th November instant. It appeared that an inquest had been held at *Mrs. Burley's*, the Bull's Head Inn, at Whatstandwell Bridge, on the body of *Mary Millington*, a poor insane woman, who had strayed from *Kirk Ireton*, and had not been heard of since the 16th October last; and who was found drowned in the *Derwent*, at the bridge, on the previous day. The complainant and defendant were summoned upon the jury, but in consequence of the defendant (who went home to change his clothes) being rather late, another person was substituted, and he thereby lost the fee to which he would have been entitled, and a quarrel ensued between the parties, which ended in the assault complained of.

Thos. Nightingale, of *Cromford*, a lad about 14 years of age, was convicted in the sum of 2s. 6d. and costs, for having assaulted *German Smitherst*, of *Scarthin Nick*, in the parish of *Matlock*, on the 13th November inst. The complainant and defendant, and some other lads, were playing together, and part of them ran after the complainant, teasing and beating him, when he drew a knife from his pocket, and stabbed complainant in the arm.—*Mr. Grey*, the constable of *Cromford*, who very properly brought the matter before the bench, complained that the mother of the defendant had annoyed and insulted him for doing his duty in the case; and she was severely reprimanded by the magistrates, who paid *Mr. Grey* a compliment, for the manner in which he has for many years discharged the duties of his office.

John Clough and *James Houghton*, of *Wirksworth*, labourers, appeared to answer the complaint of *William Storer*, of *Wirksworth*, labourer, for assaulting him on the 3rd Nov. inst. The magistrates, after having heard the statement of the complainant, who had no wish to proceed further in the matter, directed the defendants to pay the costs, amounting to 11s. 6d.

William Hendley, of *Wirksworth*, whitesmith, for an assault upon *George Ellicock*, on the 7th Nov. inst., was also ordered to pay costs.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18.

[Before CHARLES HURT, Esq.]

Elizabeth Wells, who described herself as of *Derby*, was charged with having attempted to pick pockets, at the fair, on the previous Tuesday. The prisoner was said to be one of a gang of pickpockets who infested the fair, and had no doubt gone to *Wirksworth* for the express exercise of her vocation. The witnesses in the case were, *Mr. Robert Spendlove*, of *Crich*, and *Mr. Buxton*, of *Biggin*, who had observed her operations.—The Magistrate did not commit her for trial, but summarily, as a rogue and vagabond, for two months to hard labour.—On being convicted, she became very violent and it required four persons to force her to the lock-up.

ASHBOURN PETTY SESSIONS, SATURDAY, NOV. 20.

[Before FRANCIS WRIGHT, P. BAINBRIGGE LE HUNT, and S. GOODWIN JOHNSON, Esqrs.]

Charles Kent appeared to a summons for having assaulted *Elizabeth Salt*, at *Brailsford*, on the 16th instant. Witnesses were examined in support of the information, and the defendant was convicted in a penalty of 10s. and costs.

Thomas Archer, of *Edlastone*, preferred a complaint against his servant, *James Bowler*, for misconduct in his service. The Bench considered that the case was not satisfactorily proved, and dismissed the complaint.

William Tansley, the steward of the *Friendly Benefit Society* held at the *Devonshire Inn*, *Ashbourn*, appeared to answer the complaint of *Robert Etches*, a sick member of that society, whose weekly allowance had been withdrawn for an alleged breach of the rules. From the evidence adduced, the Bench were of opinion that he had been improperly excluded from the club; but as it was not an enrolled society, they had no jurisdiction in the case, and could not adjudicate upon it.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTERSHIRE MILITIA.—Commission signed by the Lord-Lieutenant of the County of *Leicester*. *Joshua Harrison Stallard*, Esq., to be Surgeon.

LEICESTER TRADE.—The demand for woollen hosiery has been of very limited extent again during the present week, but this is attributable to the late mild and unpleasant weather; but as all useful stocks are low, a little frosty weather would set this trade right till the end of the year. Wools and yarns are very firm in price, and some descriptions of wools and yarns are not to be obtained except at very high rates.