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Robson	William	Bobbett	John	08	01	1850	Desertion	M	18-year old Bobbett had apparently deserted from 14th Foot and was identified by Robson who was awarded 10/- for his arrest of the deserter.	1850/001
Oxley jnr	Matthew	Bennett	James	12	01	1850	Assault	A	Fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-or 1 calendar month in Shepton Mallet gaol.	1850/002
White	John	Loxton	Stephen	26	01	1850	Felony	T	White, a gardener, accused Loxton, a labourer, of the theft of a spade from his shed in Priory Road. A warrant for Loxton's arrest was issued.	1850/003
Fry	Henry	Dredge	Frederick	05	02	1850	Absenteeism	Ab	Fry, a shoemaker, accused Dredge, his apprentice, of being absent without leave.	1850/004
Chapple	Susan	Chapple	John	05	02	1850	Assault	A	The couple were already living apart because of John Chapple's violence towards his wife. When he went to her lodging house to claim a possession of his, he became violent; she claimed he had been drinking. Fined 20/- with costs of 6/6d or 14 days in Shepton Mallet.	1850/005
White	Hannah	Lester	Elizabeth	11	02	1850	Assault	A	Incident took place in Southover close to the Full Moon Inn. Fined 6d with costs of 10/- or 7 days in Shepton Mallet gaol.	1850/006
Dredge	Priscilla	Crandon	William	11	02	1850	Assault	A	Incident apparently took place in the Liberty. Crandon was described as a labourer. Settled without a hearing.	1850/007
Porter	John	Chamberlain Dix Dix Carter	William John William Thomas	08	02	1850	Petty trespass	Pt	Having been arrested for causing a disturbance on the street, the defendants were alleged to have damaged a door and its fastenings in the police station. Fined 10/- to cover the damage with costs of 10/- or 21 days with hard labour in gaol at Shepton Mallet.	1850/008
Hill	William	Axe	William	22	02	1850	Petty trespass	Pt	Axe was accused of breaking 7 panes of glass in Wells Union workhouse. Fined 4/- with costs of 7/6d or 14 days in the House of Correction.	1850/009
Hawkins	Joseph	70 Company RM		27	02	1850	Furlough	F	Hawkins, a private in the Royal Marines, applied for an extension to his furlough, providing a note from a doctor saying that he was suffering from diarrhoea.	1850/010
Hawkins	Joseph	70 Company RM		28	02	1850	Furlough	F	Response from Regiment required Hawkins to report back immediately and to undergo hospital treatment.	1850/011
Brewer	Charles	Western	John	01	03	1850	Cruelty to animals	C	Defendant confessed to ill-treatment of a mare used for hauling coal carts. Fined 2/- plus costs of 8/- to be paid immediately or imprisoned for 14 days with hard labour.	1850/012

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Savage	George	Seal	Francis	02	03	1850	Drunkenness	D	PC Savage found Seal, a labourer, in a drunken state. Fined 5/- with costs of 4/-; 7/6d paid.	1850/014
Porter	John	Peach	John	05	03	1850	Offence against licence	L	Peach, publican of the Nag's Head, was accused of allowing drunkenness and disorderly conduct on his premises. Despite the testimony of two police officers, the case was dismissed for want of sufficient proof.	1850/015
Buxton	William	72 Company RM		05	03	1850	Furlough	F	Buxton applied to extend his furlough from his regiment. The regiment responded that he had not obtained permission for leave in the first instance and was therefore required to rejoin his regiment immediately.	1850/016
Porter	John	Peach	Mary Ann	05	03	1850	Assault	A	Accusation against Mary Ann Peach, landlady of the Nag's Head, of striking a police officer. (see also 1850/015).	1850/017
Card	Eliza	Foster	Robert	09	03	1850	Assault	A	Witness statements call into question the alleged assault, since Card first made defamatory statements about Foster and one witness testified that she struck Foster first.	1850/018
Tyler	Owen Blaythwaite	Duckett	William	12	03	1850	Highway Act	H	Tyler, a clerk, accused Duckett, a farmer, of driving a waggon pulled by several horses without anyone to guide the horses. Settled without a hearing.	1850/019
Porter	John	Hunter	Charles	12	03	1850	Vagrancy	V	Hunter was begging in Powell's chemist shop in the Market Place. Sentenced to 14 days with hard labour in the House of Correction.	1850/020
Allen	William	Somers	John	10	04	1850	Absenteeism	Ab	Somers, an apprentice mason, had absented himself from work and had also taken a suit belonging to his master. Sentenced to 14 days with hard labour in the House of Correction.	1850/021
Lister	Thomas	Bryant	John	17	04	1850	Assault	A	Lister was a labourer and Bryant a carpenter. Bryant to pay costs and summons dismissed.	1850/022
Purnell	Charlotte	Purnell	Richard William	18	04	1850	Assault	A	Purnell, a surgeon, was accused of horsewhipping his wife when she went to his house to request something. Fined £5 inclusive of costs.	1850/023
Brewer	Charles	Ball	Zachariah	22	04	1850	Cruelty to animals	C	Ball, a tailor, was accused of ill-treatment of an ass. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/6d. Ball failed to pay and was sent to Shepton Mallet gaol for 14 days with hard labour.	1850/024

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Peters	Ann	Loxton	John	25	04	1850	Assault	A	Ann Peters, wife of George Peters, was assaulted in East Wells. Loxton admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1850/026
Savage	George	Burridge	John	30	04	1850	Obstructing footway	O	Burridge, a labourer, was accused of totally blocking a footway near High Street. He was found guilty and fined, being allowed until 27 May to pay.	1850/027
Savage	George	Burridge	John	30	04	1850	Obstructing footway	O	Appears to be a duplicate of 1850/027.	1850/028
Brewer	Charles	Foster	Robert	30	04	1850	Cruelty to animals	C	Foster, a labourer, was accused of striking a pig with a stick in Queen Street. He was fined 3/- with costs of 12/- or 14 days in prison in Shepton Mallet with hard labour.	1850/029
Brewer	Charles	Crandon	William	01	05	1850	Cruelty to animals	C	Crandon, a labourer, was accused of ill-treating an ass. He admitted the offence and was fined 3/- plus costs or 14 days in prison in Shepton Mallet with hard labour.	1850/030
Powell	Henry	Oxley	Matthew	02	05	1850	Non-payment of church rates	N	Powell, churchwarden for the parish of St. Cuthbert, accused Oxley of failing to pay church rates for 2 years. Oxley was required to pay 2/8d as the amount outstanding as well as 2/6d in costs.	1850/031
Hill	William	Allen Jones	Philip William	13	05	1850	Theft	T	Allen and Jones were accused of absconding from Wells Union workhouse and stealing the clothes that they were wearing. They were recaptured after 6 days and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1850/032
Parsons	Charles	Carter	Joseph	13	05	1850	Desertion	M	Carter was apprehended as a deserter at North Wootton and Parsons was awarded 10/- for capturing him.	1850/033
Lister	Elizabeth	Lister	Thomas	14	05	1850	Assault	A	Domestic dispute between husband and wife was settled without a hearing.	1850/034
Sweet	Eliza	Card	Eliza	20	05	1850	Assault	A	Eliza, wife of John Sweet, accused Eliza, wife of George Card, of assaulting her with wet washing.	1850/035
Dix	Temperance	Lister	Elizabeth	21	05	1850	Assault	A	Defendant left Wells.	1850/036
Brewer	Charles	Maggs	Thomas	21	05	1850	Assault	A	Maggs, a coal hauler, was fined 1/- with costs of 12/2d, to be paid immediately or to be imprisoned at Shepton Mallet for 14 days.	1850/037

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Salmon	Mark	Savage	George	24	05	1850	Assault	A	Savage was described as a labourer. Case was dismissed.	1850/039
Willcox	Charles	Ward	Charles	25	05	1850	Assault	A	Confessed; fine 1/-, costs 7/- or 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet; defendant given until 17 June to pay.	1850/040
Surveyor of Highways		Cox	Harry	29	05	1850	Obstruction	O	Cox, a labourer, was accused of dumping rubbish in a watercourse and causing a blockage. Settled out of court.	1850/041
Lane	Charles	Ward	Charles	29	05	1850	Assault	A	Lane was from Wookey, Ward was a harness maker. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1850/042
James	Charles	Marsh	Joseph	17	06	1850	Theft	T	Marsh was accused of stealing various cuts of meat from the premises of James, a butcher. Marsh was bailed until September.	1850/043
Gullick	William	White	William	18	06	1850	Assault	A	Both parties were described as butchers. Neither appeared at the hearing; case was dismissed.	1850/044
James	Charles	Francis	Robert	19	06	1850	Theft	T	Francis was accused of the theft of meat from the butcher's premises owned by James. He was considered to be an accomplice of Frederick Marsh (see 1850/043). Warrant for his arrest was issued.	1850/045
Beard	George	Nurse	Frederick	20	06	1850	Mutiny	M	Beard, recruiting serjeant for 14th Foot, claimed to have recruited Nurse to the army, but Nurse, having first gone home to Glastonbury, refused to complete the enlistment, saying that he had been misled by Beard. There was mention of a payment of 23/- which may possibly have been a payment by Nurse to escape enlistment.	1850/046
Fletcher	Silas	Bowden	William	22	06	1850	Vagrancy	V	Fletcher, a shoemaker, claimed that Bowden, of no fixed abode, had entered his house, begged for money and verbally abused him. Sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1850/047
Savage	George	Ford	Caroline	22	06	1850	Drunkenness	D	PC Savage arrested Ford for being drunk in the High Street. She was fined 5/- or to spend 6 hours in the stocks.	1850/048

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Davis	William	Syms	Sarah	29	06	1850	Assault	A	Davis was described as a sweep. The case was settled out of court.	1850/050
Willis	George	Padfield	George	04	07	1850	Offence against licence	L	PC Willis brought a charge against Padfield, a beerhouse keeper, of selling liquor outside permitted licensing hours. Fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1850/051
White	Walter	White	Joseph	13	07	1850	Assault	A	Family dispute between brothers with witness testimony from a third brother. There was no fine, but costs of 13/6d were awarded and paid (presumably by Joseph).	1850/052
Brewer	Charles	Phipps	Joseph	22	07	1850	Cruelty to animals	C	Phipps, a labourer from East Wells, was accused of ill-treating a horse. There appears to be some uncertainty about the outcome, one version being a fine of 1/- with costs of 6/-, the other being 'case dismissed'.	1850/053
Brewer	Charles	Gibbs	Jacob	22	07	1850	Cruelty to animals	C	Gibbs of Somerton was accused of ill-treating a horse in Wells. Fined 1/- with costs of 15/10d.	1850/054
Brewer	Charles	Green	John	22	07	1850	Cruelty to animals	C	Green was accused of ill-treating a mare by having her pull a cart overloaded with people and then beating her to move more quickly. Fined 1/- with costs of 6/6d (paid).	1850/055
Welchman	William	Seal	Francis	31	07	1850	Leaving cart unattended	Rd	Welchman, surveyor of turnpikes, accused Seal of leaving a cart laden with coal on the turnpike for a whole day, unattended and with no horse attached, so that there was clearly no intention of moving it. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1850/056
Tucker	Mary	Barnard	William	03	08	1850	Assault	A	Barnard was the son of James Barnard, butcher.	1850/057
City of Wells		Mills	John	12	08	1850	Drunkenness	D	Gunner Mills, stationed in Bath with the Royal Artillery, got drunk in the City Arms in Wells. His regiment was informed and he was withdrawn from his post and returned to regimental headquarters for disciplinary action.	1850/058

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Foster	Joseph	James	Charles	14	08	1850	Assault	A	Defendant fined £1 with costs of 11/-. See 1850/060a for more information about the case.	1850/060
Foster	Joseph	Taylor	Thomas	14	08	1850	Assault	A	Taylor and James (see 1850/060) were driving a dog cart through Wells when there was an accident involving a young girl. Foster, an eye-witness, upbraided Taylor and James for their part in the accident and each of them then assaulted him, leaving him with a black eye. Taylor was fined £1 with costs of £1.0s.6d, but appears not to have paid since there is a committal document ordering him to be taken to prison for 14 days.	1850/060a
Porter	John	Fry	Eliza	14	08	1850	Assault	A	Police serjeant Porter claimed that while he was trying to separate two fighting men he was assaulted by Eliza Fry.	1850/061
Willis	George	Fry jnr	Henry	14	08	1850	Assault	A	Two summons were issued to Fry, one for assault and one for drunkenness.	1850/062
Allen	Elizabeth	Beddoes	John	29	08	1850	Assault	A	Allen was assaulted by the next-door neighbour Beddoes when she went down to the end of the garden at Mrs Rees' house to look for a cat. Beddoes was fined 1/- with costs of 4/6d.	1850/063
Fry	Henry	Dredge	Frederick	05	09	1850	Absenteeism	Ab	Absentee apprentice shoemaker Dredge promised to go back to work properly and make up all his time. (see also 1850/004).	1850/064
Buck	Abraham	Churches	Edward	12	09	1850	Non-payment of toll	Um	Buck, collector of tolls, claimed that Churches was selling potatoes in Queen Street, a location not licensed for market activity. Fined 6d, the amount of the toll, with costs of 4/6d.	1850/065
Martin	Thomas	White	Joseph	16	09	1850	Indebtedness; non-payment of bill	N	Martin, an employee of Wells Gas Company, was trying to obtain payment of an outstanding account of 14/3d which White, a butcher in Wells High Street, was refusing to settle. Settled without a hearing.	1850/066
Martin	Thomas	White	Joseph	16	09	1850	Non-payment of gas meter	N	Settled without a hearing. Appears to be a duplicate of 1850/066.	1850/067

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Sparrow	Elizabeth	Dudderidge	Maria	25	09	1850	Assault	A	Sparrow claimed to have been assaulted with a bundle of wet clothes. Dudderidge was fined 6d with costs of 7/- or 7 days in prison.	1850/069
Porter	John	Dix	William	30	09	1850	Assault	A	Police serjeant Porter alleged that, when he was attempting to arrest Dix for his part in a street argument and disturbance, the defendant struck him in the face. A faint note indicates 'Not used'.	1850/070
Porter	John	Dawe Hill	Richard Henry	04	10	1850	Suspicion of felony	S	Defendants were found in possession of items such as a bottle of cologne and a linen handkerchief that did not match their station and circumstances. It appears that, having been remanded in custody, they were then transferred to Bath.	1850/071
Porter	John	Jones	Thom	04	10	1850	Suspicion of felony	S	Arrested on the basis of matching the description of a criminal in the Police Gazette, but then proven not to be the person concerned. Discharged.	1850/072
Savage	George	Day + others	George	11	10	1850	Disturbing the peace / drunkenness	D	Day was part of a group of men knocking on the door of William Vincent and creating a disturbance; most of them appeared to be drunk. Day was fined 4/-, several of the others 10/-.	1850/073
Turner	Philip	Day	George	22	10	1850	Assault	A	Day was accused of being drunk and grabbing the bridle of Turner's horse, pulling both horse and rider to the ground. Fined 20/- with costs of 3/6d or 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1850/074
Somers	Samuel	Pearce	John	01	11	1850	Suspicion of felony	S	Appeal by PC Somers to have Pearce and his wife remanded in custody for the alleged theft of a silk umbrella belonging to Richard Collins. Insufficient evidence resulted in discharge.	1850/075
Porter	John	Street	Robert	07	11	1850	Disturbing the peace / drunkenness	D	Street of Wookey was accused of being drunk and disturbing the peace.	1850/076
Sweet	Ann	Card	Eliza	07	11	1850	Assault	A	Ann Sweet was a single woman, Eliza Card, wife of George Card, labourer. Incident happened in Full Moon Inn and Card was ordered to pay 11/- including costs or 14 days in prison in Shepton Mallet.	1850/077

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Porter	John	Yeudall	John	18	11	1850	Vagrancy	V	Yeudall was found living in an outhouse belonging to Joseph Parsons. He had no apparent means of subsistence. Sentenced to one calendar month with hard labour in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet.	1850/079
Porter	John	Willcox	John	21	11	1850	Vagrancy	V	John Willcox approached several businessmen in Wells and asked for subscriptions for the families of miners supposedly killed or injured in an explosion at Brickhill Colliery near Sutton upon Mendip. The fraud was effectively exposed by one of those approached, John Beauchamp, a bookseller, the police were called and the suspect apprehended. Vagrancy seems to be a very odd charge for this offence.	1850/080
Jones	William	Davies	Robert	27	11	1850	Assault	A	Jones was a gentleman of Mold in Flintshire, Davies a gentleman of Wells. Dismissed as no evidence was offered in support of complaint.	1850/081
Porter	John	Smith Smith Clark Clements Clements	James Ann Mary Frederick Harriett	03	12	1850	Vagrancy	V	The Smiths and their servant Mary Clark were from Shepton Mallet while the Clements were from Taunton. Arrested with them was William Carter but he was not charged with vagrancy. The others were discharged.	1850/082
Porter	John	Cornish Perch	William Thomas	03	12	1850	Disturbing the peace / drunkenness	D	Both defendants were discharged.	1850/083
Porter	John	Cranton Farnham	William John	02	12	1850	Theft	T	The defendants were charged with absconding from Chard Union and stealing the clothes belonging to the Union. They were held in custody in Wells for several days before being returned to Chard.	1850/083a
Lane	Susannah	Hawkins Lovell Norman Sage Guppy Loxton	James Edwin John Thomas Charles John	04	12	1850	Petty trespass	Pt	The 6 defendants were accused of breaking 6 panes of glass at Lane's house in East Wells; the value of the damage was assessed at 5/-. The case was settled without a hearing.	1850/084

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Lawrence	Mary Ann	Allen Bennett	William James	20	12	1850	Assault	A	Mary Ann Lawrence, tollgate operator, claimed that Allen and Bennett, both coal haulers, had threatened to knock her down and strike her with a stick or whip. The case was settled without a hearing.	1850/086
Marshall	Thomas	Crandon	William	21	12	1850	Assault	A	The incident arose from a dispute about the return of money (1/-) which Crandon had loaned to Marshall and which Marshall had not paid back. Crandon was fined 2/- with costs of 9/6d or to serve 7 days in prison.	1850/087
Badcock	Mr.	Brook	John	30	12	1850	Drunkenness	D	Brook was a labourer and was accused of being drunk on Christmas Day. The case was noted as settled.	1850/087a
Kemp	John	Green	George	26	12	1850	Vagrancy	V	Green approached Kemp and asked to be bought a beer. Kemp, a serjeant in the Royal Marines, had him arrested as a potential deserter from 83rd Foot. Green was sentenced to one calendar month with hard labour in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet.	1850/088
Tasker	Mr.	Glanson	Matilda	31	12	1850	Petty trespass	Pt	James Eades, a shopkeeper in Tasker's linen shop, alleged that when he refused to give any money to Matilda Glanson, a beggar, she broke 6 panes of glass in the shop window at a value of £1.0s.8d. She was fined 21/- with costs of 6/6d or to serve one calendar month in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet.	1850/089
Allen	James	Brown	John	31	12	1850	Theft	T	Brown, a carpenter, was accused by Allen of retaining a basket. The justices concluded that they had no jurisdiction over the case, but Brown did return the basket.	1850/090

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Fry	Henry	Dredge	Frederick	09	01	1851	Absenteeism	Ab	Not heard; overlooked	1851/001
Brewer	Charles	Brooks	William	10	01	1851	Cruelty to animals	C	4/6d not paid	1851/002
Brewer	Charles	Brooks	William	10	01	1851	Highways Act	Rd	Driving horse and cart without owner's name on cart; 4/6d not paid	1851/003
Brewer	Charles	Moss	George	10	01	1851	Highways Act	Rd	Driving horse and cart without owner's name on cart; 4/6d not paid	1851/004
[Justices]		[Various]		13	01	1851	Minutes of meeting	*	Memorandum of adjudications at Petty Sessions	1851/005
Porter	John	Day Wills	George William	13	01	1851	Drunkenness	D	Drunk in High Street, with Wills offering to fight any man in Wells.	1851/006
[Regina]		Russell	Edward	18	01	1851	Felony	T	Letters addressed by Edward Russell in Birmingham to his girlfriend Martha from whom he is estranged and by whom he has had a son. The reason for the estrangement is not clear, but, possibly, he has been sent away because of an offence that he may have committed.	1851/007
Baker	Henry	Burrige	Ann	25	01	1851	Obtaining goods under false pretences	T	Burrige of Coxley was accused of obtaining calico, muslin and buttons by pretending that they had been requested by a regular customer of the draper.	1851/008
Porter	John	Clements	Harriett	25	01	1851	Suspicion of theft	T	28 Jan; defendant discharged, no evidence	1851/009
Willis	Thomas	Heal	James	31	01	1851	Desertion from 95th Foot	M	PC Willis had arrested Heal as a deserter.	1851/010
Rose	Arthur	Aiston	John	11	02	1851	Assault	A	Dismissed	1851/011
Trapnell	John	Bennett	William	13	02	1851	Assault	A	Trapnell was a toll gate keeper and Bennett a labourer from Compton Dundon who was alleged to have hit Trapnell over the head several times with the butt end of a whip.	1851/012
Hamblyn	William	Miles	George	18	02	1851	Incitement to commit a breach of the peace	Ic	2/- paid. Hamblyn was a pork butcher and Miles was a fishmonger.	1851/013
Porter	John	Woodland	William	20	02	1851	Suspicion of theft	T	Remanded to 22 February; defendant sent home at his father's request on 24 February.	1851/014
Paramor	George	Wallen	Edward	03	03	1851	Assault	A	Defendant's name may be Edward Welwyn or Walwyn.	1851/015

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Porter	John	Dix	William	28	03	1851	Assault on police constable	A	Dix had been drunk and creating a disturbance at the George Inn.	1851/017
Hill	William	Walter	Job	28	03	1851	Deserting from Union Workhouse with clothes	T	Costs appear to be shown as 5/-.	1851/018
White	John	Hewlett	William	02	04	1851	Search warrant	Sw	Sacks of potatoes appeared to have been stolen from White's outhouse.	1851/019
Gane	Alexander	Vowles	William	05	04	1851	Assault	A	Gane, a farmer from Priddy, alleged assault by Vowles, a butcher. Vowles admitted the assault. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/-; paid.	1851/020
Vowles	William	Gane	Alexander	05	04	1851	Assault	A	Case dismissed on payment of 1/- costs.	1851/021
Thorley	Robert	Duckett	John	09	04	1851	Deserting wife and 4 children	Ds	Request for arrest warrant. Duckett had deserted his wife and children who had become chargeable to the In Parish of St. Cuthbert's.	1851/022
Cook	Elizabeth	Davies	Mary	14	04	1851	Search warrant	Sw	Potential theft of gold ring	1851/023
Charles	William	Mullins	James	16	04	1851	Assault	A	For 18th April. Convicted and fined 6d with costs of 8/6d.	1851/024
Boulting	William	Moon	John	25	04	1851	Assault	A	Boulting was a pensioner, Moon a labourer	1851/025
Somers	Samuel	Oliver	Samuel	01	05	1851	Vagrancy	V	Somers was a police constable	1851/026
Rich	Ann	Parfitt	Sarah	05	05	1851	Assault	A	Dismissed for want of evidence	1851/027
Rich	Ann	Rich	Jane	05	05	1851	Assault	A	Ann was wife of John Rich; Jane a single woman. Dismissed for want of evidence.	1851/028
Sheppard	James	Rogers	William	10	05	1851	Petty trespass	Pt	Settled	1851/029
Wootten	James	Pearce Willcox	George James	12	05	1851	Rescuing horse from being impounded	Op	Information withdrawn with each defendant paying costs of 9/-.	1851/030
Hill	William	Whitehead	John	20	05	1851	Deserting from Union Workhouse with clothes	T	Charge withdrawn	1851/031
Martin	Thomas Crisp	Miles	George	23	05	1851	Non-payment of gas bill	N	Martin was representative of the gas company, Miles a fishmonger. Settled without a hearing.	1851/032
Millard	Aaron	Townsend	John	03	06	1851	Mistreatment of apprentice	It	Townsend supposedly refused to allow Millard, his apprentice, to do any work, refused to find work for him and ordered him off the premises.	1851/033
Phipps	Sarah	White	William	12	06	1851	Assault	A	Sarah was wife of Thomas Phipps, White was a butcher. Discharged	1851/034
Porter	John	Phipps	Thomas	13	06	1851	Assault on police constable	A	Discharged on payment of 4/6d	1851/035

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Phipps	Sarah	Hawkins	William	26	06	1851	Assault	A	Sarah was wife of Thomas Phipps, Hawkins was a butcher. Fined 6d, with costs of 17/6d, or 14 days imprisonment.	1851/037
Millard	Aaron	Townsend	John	30	06	1851	Discharge of apprentice by justices after mistreatment by master	It	Discharge documentation formally served on master and apprentice on 7 and 8 July respectively. See case 1851/033 for details of case brought by apprentice.	1851/038
Millard	Aaron	Townsend	John	30	06	1851	Discharge of apprentice by justices	It	Earlier copy of preceding document - with corrections	1851/039
Somers	Samuel	Jones	William	03	07	1851	Vagrancy	V	7 days hard labour	1851/040
Savage	George	Hutchings	Isaac	08	07	1851	Vagrancy	V	14 days at House of Correction	1851/041
Buck	Abraham	Lester	Henry	10	07	1851	Hawking on a market day	Um	Settled without a hearing	1851/042
Porter	John	Brown	William	12	07	1851	Suspicion of being deserter from 14th Foot	M	Remanded in custody to 19 July. Liberate sent by Mr. Wainwright on 17 July.	1851/043
Porter	John	Brown	William	15	07	1851	Suspicion of being deserter from 14th Foot	M	Letter from Rainier Elwyn, Adjutant of 14th Foot confirming that William Brown had been discharged as being unfit for military service. See case 1851/043	1851/044
Bisgrove	John	Brook	John	15	07	1851	Drunkenness	D	Bisgrove, a member of the police force, charged Brook, a labourer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1851/045
Sheppard	James	Oxley jnr	Matthew	19	07	1851	Petty trespass	Pt	Sheppard, a farmer from West Horrington, claimed that Oxley, a market gardener living in Tucker Street, had deliberately damaged one of his boundary fences by smashing through it. The cost of the damage was estimated at 6d.	1851/046
Porter	John	Emery	George	28	07	1851	Drunkenness	D	Discharged on payment of costs of 2/6d	1851/047
Tucker	Edward	Sweet	Samuel	28	07	1851	Assault	A	Both plasterers. Neither party appeared. Case dismissed	1851/048
Somers	Samuel	Smith	David	30	07	1851	Rogue & vagabond	V	PC Somers saw Smith in the early hours of the morning in Chamberlain Street and later in the Market Place. He appeared to be a vagrant with no means of subsistence and was unable to give a satisfactory account of himself. Somers also established that Smith had been imprisoned in Devizes and in Hereford as a vagrant.	1851/049
Porter	John	O'Neil	John Arthur	01	08	1851	Minute of previous statement	*	Case was dismissed. No other documents seem to exist for this case.	1851/050
Fry	Eliza	Weaver	Joseph	11	08	1851	Theft	T	Eliza Fry was wife of Henry Fry, shoemaker. Not supported by evidence. Discharged.	1851/051

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Glanz	Lazarus	Lockyear	Charles	21	08	1851	Assault	A	Glanz, a licensed hawker, claimed that he had been assaulted and beaten by Lockyear, a carrier.	1851/053
Gale	Ann	White	Joseph	26	08	1851	Assault	A	Ann Gale was wife of John Gale, White was a butcher. Case dismissed. Each party to pay own costs. Costs 8/6d	1851/054
Woodford	Mary Ann	Woodford	William	29	08	1851	Assault	A	William Woodford was bound over to keep the peace for 6 months on the surety of a £20 bond from himself and a £10 bond from his father.	1851/055
Savage	George	Rogers Young	Charles John	09	09	1851	Vagrancy	V	14 days at House of Correction, Shepton Mallet	1851/056
Savage	George	Lockyear	Samuel	15	09	1851	Drunkenness	D	Lockyear was described as being from Castle of Comfort. Settled without a hearing. Table of figures shows sum of 11/6d.	1851/057
Bartlett	Martha	Western	John	15	09	1851	Assault	A	Martha was wife of Thomas Bartlett. Convicted. Fined 1/- with costs of 11/6d or 14 days imprisonment.	1851/058
Willis	George	Williams Williams	William Henry	17	09	1851	Theft of fowls	T	Remanded until 10 October. William Welsh, the magistrate, referred the case to the county magistrate on the basis that the borough magistrate had no jurisdiction in this instance.	1851/059
Teek	James	Whitehead	John	17	09	1851	Petty trespass	Pt	Fined 2/6d with costs of 6/6d or imprisoned with hard labour for 6 weeks.	1851/060
Lovell	James	Hamblin Hamblin Palmer	William Mrs Henry Dows	10	10	1851	Assault	A	For 3 November. Then delayed to 24 November because Lovell was confined to bed by an attack of gout. According to Joseph Woodburn, a labourer, he saw Hamblin, a butcher, come out of William Taylor's house and fall upon Lovell. After that, Palmer came out and likewise set upon Lovell, followed by Mrs Hamblin. Palmer, a printer, claimed that Lovell, a carpenter, had a tool in his hand and threatened him with it. Woodburn claimed that Hamblin used a lot of bad language but did not hear Lovell do so. The case was dismissed.	1851/061
Papps	William	Vowles	John	17	10	1851	Assault	A	Vowles was livery stable keeper.	1851/062
Horsington	William	White	George	23	10	1851	Detaining a whip and umbrella	T	White appears to have taken the said items and not returned them.	1851/063

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Short	Harriett	Moon	John	31	10	1851	Disobedience of bastardy order	B	Harriett Short noted that Moon had not been paying the maintenance order awarded against him of 1/6d per week; nor had he paid the bill for costs awarded against him at an earlier Petty Sessions hearing. The maintenance arrears were now £1.4s.0d and the outstanding costs were 10/6d. A process of distraint was begun to realise funds from Moon's assets but there appear to have been no assets to sell.	1851/065
Savage	George	Mullins	Charles	08	11	1851	Drunkenness	D	Convicted. Fined 5/- . To be paid by 15th November or to be committed to the stocks for 6 hours.	1851/066
Brewer	Charles	Western jnr	John	22	11	1851	Cruelty to animals	C	Charles Brewer, shoemaker and agent of the RSPCA, claimed that Western had been cruelly ill-treating a horse. Henry Cox, a labourer, had been trying to buy the horse from Western and found it covered in sores and bleeding. He was amazed that Western had been working the horse in that condition and considered it to be extremely cruel. Western was fined 20/- with costs of 14/- . Footnote: Cox bought the horse for 45/- having beaten Western down from the asking price of 50/- .	1851/067
Rich	Ann	Rich	John	24	11	1851	Assault	A	John Rich bound over to keep the peace for 6 months on his own bond of £10.	1851/068
Clements	Robert	Coles Butcher Sims Cleaves	John George John Jacob	01	12	1851	Suspicion of theft from shop	S	Discharged	1851/069
Porter	John	Thorn	Mary Ann	04	12	1851	Vagrancy	V	Considered as rogue and vagabond; 14 days in prison	1851/070
Porter	John	Gregory Reed	Philip James	15	12	1851	Vagrancy	V	Defendants were found to be sleeping rough in an outhouse in Ash Lane.	1851/071
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Street	Ann	Kiddle Barber	Mary George	24	01	1852	Theft	T	Removing tiles from the roof of Ann Street's house.	1852/002
Willis	Thomas	Linham	George	05	02	1852	Suspicion of felony	T	Possible theft of handkerchief	1852/003
Parker	Jonas Lucas	Bennett	Eliza	09	02	1852	Animal rescue	C	Parker was a butcher, while Bennett was the wife of John Bennett, a coal haulier.	1852/004
[Regina]		Guppy	William	09	02	1852	Bestiality	By	Notification from Governor of Shepton Mallet prison to advise magistrates that Guppy had been removed to Wells Lunatic Asylum on the order of the Secretary of State. A copy of Guppy's commitment to prison for the crime of bestiality on 15 December 1851 is also included.	1852/005
Whitehead	H	Linham	George	12	02	1852	Theft	T	Letters about possible theft of books 1852/006, 1852/007 and 1852/008 relate to same case Defendant appears to be referred to as Lenham.	1852/006
Whitehead	H	Linham	George	12	02	1852	Theft	T	1852/006, 1852/007 and 1852/008 relate to same case Defendant is referred to as Limens.	1852/007
Whitehead	H	Linham	George	11	02	1852	Theft	T	1852/006, 1852/007 and 1852/008 relate to same case.	1852/008
Hoarde	Thomas	Williams	George	21	02	1852	Theft of admission tickets	T	Hoarde, a travelling comedian, claimed that when he was in the Coach & Horses in East Wells, the landlord of the pub, George Williams, effectively stole from his pocket a number of theatre tickets which resulted in several people gaining free admission to performances. Hoarde claimed that he had lost £1.4s.6d as a result of the theft.	1852/009
Porter	John	Stott	William	24	02	1852	Drunkenness	D	Fined 5/- or to be put in the stocks for 6 hours.	1852/010
[Justices]		[Justices]		29	02	1852	Discussion of Jurisdiction	*	Theoretical discussion as to whether a case relating to a workhouse inmate who belongs outside the borough in which the workhouse is situated should fall within the jurisdiction of the borough justices or the county justices. No conclusion reached.	1852/011

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Mansfield	Robert	Bennett	Thomas	19	03	1852	Vagrancy	V	Mansfield, a PC, found Bennett begging in High Street.	1852/013
Porter	John	Adams	William	22	03	1852	Drunkenness	D	Adams was charged with being drunk in High Street. He was convicted and fined 5/- with costs of 2/6 to be deducted.	1852/014
Porter	John	Young	John	27	03	1852	Vagrancy	V	Begging in the High Street. Discharged.	1852/015
Parsons	Joseph	Coleman	William	30	03	1852	Leaving work unfinished	Ab	Contracted to make 6 dozen brushes, but left with a quarter of his quota unfulfilled. An arrest warrant was issued.	1852/016
Willis	Thomas	Hawkins	John	31	03	1852	Vagrancy	V	Hawkins had absconded from the Taunton workhouse with three other boys: George Darby, Joseph Hurley and Robert Marks.	1852/017
Willis	Thomas	Grist	John	07	04	1852	Absconding from Bradford Union	Ab	Grist had absconded from the workhouse at Bradford and was picked up wandering about in the Market Place.	1852/018
Brewer	Charles	Bendall	Charles	08	04	1852	Cruelty to animals	C	Cruelty to a calf tied up in a cart in Sadler Street.	1852/019
Parsons	Edward	Vowles	Joseph	13	04	1852	Assault	A	Settled without a hearing	1852/020
Woodburn	Joseph	Loxton	Joseph	23	06	1852	Search warrant	Sw	Potential theft of lead	1852/021
Mansfield	Robert	Mills	Peter	20	04	1852	Desertion of family	Ds	From Essex	1852/022
Brewer	Charles	Pearce	Robert	07	05	1852	Cruelty to animals	C	Left waggon and horses in rain for more than 3 hours in Sadler Street.	1852/023
Martin	Thomas Crisp	Miles	George	07	05	1852	Non-payment of gas	N	Miles was a fishmonger.	1852/024
Moore	Ann	Isgrove	Joseph	14	05	1852	Assault	A	Ann Moore was wife of Thomas Moore.	1852/025
Barber	James	Lawrence	William	14	05	1852	Petty trespass	Pt	Lawrence broke 2 window panes in the Full Moon; he was drunk. Fined 1/6d with costs of 6/- or 14 days in prison with hard labour,	1852/026
Purnell	Charlotte	Purnell	Richard William	24	05	1852	Petty trespass	Pt	Breaking windows and doors of wife's house	1852/027
Mansfield	Robert	Philpotts	Robert	26	05	1852	Absconding from workhouse	Ab	The defendant was picked up as a vagrant and had absconded from the Bridgwater workhouse.	1852/028
Pearce	George	White	Walter	28	05	1852	Threatening behaviour	A	Pearce was a labourer, White a coal haulier. Dismissed - no-one appeared.	1852/029
Allen	George	Brown	Isaac	03	06	1852	Absconding from apprenticeship	Ab	Adjourned to 12 July; settled	1852/030
Bartlett	Jacob	Miles	George	03	06	1852	Assault	A	Bartlett was a gardener, Miles a fishmonger	1852/031
Clements	Eliza	Clements	Charles	04	06	1852	Assault	A	Husband assault on wife	1852/032

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Porter	John	Taylor	George	14	06	1852	Assault	A	Assault on police officer, i.e. Porter, after being arrested for being drunk in St Cuthbert Street.	1852/034
Fry	Charlotte	Bird	Joseph	19	06	1852	Assault	A	Charlotte was wife of David Fry. Bird apparently admitted the charge but the case was dismissed.	1852/035
Western	Elizabeth	Western	Aaron	21	06	1852	Assault	A	Assault on wife of John Western, coal haulier	1852/036
Western	Eliza	Western	John	21	06	1852	Assault	A	Assault on wife of Aaron Western, coal haulier	1852/037
Seal	Eliza	Fry	Charlotte	22	06	1852	Assault	A	Seal was a single woman, Fry was wife of David Fry.	1852/038
Western	Aaron	Western	John	23	06	1852	Petty trespass	Pt	John Western allegedly broke three panes of glass in his brother's house in the course of their dispute.	1852/039
Palmer	William	Bright	William	03	07	1852	Theft	T	50lbs of straw	1852/040
Winter	James	Cox	Thomas	07	07	1852	Assault	A	Winter was a cordwainer and Cox a labourer	1852/041
Creedy	Emma	Winter	James	07	07	1852	Assault	A	Emma Creedy was a single woman, Winter a shoemaker. Winter admitted the assault - two blows to the head with a poker - but the magistrates dismissed the case saying that the defendant was justified!	1852/042
Harris	James	Cox	John	10	07	1852	Petty trespass	Pt	Harris, a publican, refused to serve Cox who then broke six panes of glass in a window.	1852/043
Jerrard	John	Woodard jnr Seal	John Francis	23	07	1852	Assault	A	Witness summons to Dinah Fry and John Lukins. Jerrard, described as a gentleman, was allegedly shaken by the defendants and had bread pushed into his mouth and the pockets of his jacket.	1852/044
Jerrard	John	Seal	Francis	23	07	1852	Assault	A	Snuff was blown in his face by Seal, a publican. There were witness summons for Sarah Haynes, Sarah Lukins, Mary Sparrow, Marianne Oldfield and ??? Hayward.	1852/045
Boyce	George	Tucker	James	23	07	1852	Assault	A	Both men were labourers. Boyce accused Tucker of striking him twice with his fist.	1852/046
Willcox	Honor	Vincent	Emily	29	07	1852	Theft of money	T	Willcox ran a shop and claimed to have put a purse containing more than four pounds by the till. Vincent, who acted as a servant for Willcox's daughter, Mrs Knight, served behind the counter for a short time and Willcox then claimed the money was missing. Willcox's son, Robert, a blacksmith, confirmed that Vincent had been serving behind the counter. Discharged as no evidence was forthcoming.	1852/047
[Justices]		Various		31	07	1852	Memoranda	*	Case notes re Sheppard (lunatic), Dinham (drunk)	1852/048

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Badman	William	White	Joseph	07	08	1852	Assault	A	Badman was a plasterer, White a butcher.	1852/050
Chippett	Sarah	Willcox	Ann	11	08	1852	Assault	A	Alleged to be struck on the hand with a mop handle. Sarah was wife of John Chippett, a gilder, and Ann was wife of a sadler. Case was dismissed with parties being jointly responsible for the costs of 12/6d.	1852/051
Murrow	Eliza	Chippett	John	11	08	1852	Assault	A	Murrow, wife of Bartholomew Murrow, tailor, claimed that Chippett, a gilder, had struck her in the face with his hand. Case was dismissed with parties being jointly responsible for the costs of 9/-.	1852/052
Nutty	William	Oxley Oxley	Thomas James	17	08	1852	Assault	A	Thomas Oxley had apparently deliberately broken a basin in Nutty's donkey cart. Nutty was annoyed and hit Oxley with the flat of his shovel. At this point both Oxleys turned upon Nutty and beat him.	1852/053
Fry	Henry	Vowles	Joseph	21	08	1852	Assault	A	Fry was shoemaker, Vowles a horse dealer. Vowles was fined 9/- (or it may have been £1 - unclear) with costs of 14/6d, or 1 calendar month in prison in Shepton Mallet.	1852/054
Wharton	Thomas	Boyce Dyke	Isaiah Robert	22	08	1852	Theft	T	Boyce discharged; Dyke also seems to have been discharged, although this is less clear.	1852/055
Willis	Thomas	Lane	Charles	26	08	1852	Vagrancy	V	Police prosecution. Lane was also said to be drunk, guilty of indecent exposure and profane and abusive language. Convicted and sentenced to 21 days with hard labour.	1852/056
Mansfield	Robert	Smith	James	26	08	1852	Vagrancy	V	Police prosecution. Smith was drunk, obtained further drink at The George, but was unable to pay. Claimed to be one of the Clutton Rioters and had been recently in gaol. Convicted as a rogue and a vagabond and sentenced to 21 days hard labour.	1852/057
Mansfield Somers	Robert Samuel	Gardener Gardener	William Charles	31	08	1852	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Mansfield and Somers = police constables	1852/058
[Justices]		Brooks		03	09	1852	Administration	*	Justices seeking to help widow of Benjamin Brooks. See Council minutes for more detailed explanation.	1852/059
Palmer	William Hippisley	Martin	Samuel	04	09	1852	Assault	A	Palmer, a yeoman, accused Martin, a farmer, of assault. Robert Crandon, Thomas White (both butchers) and Matthew Gould (farmer) were summoned as witnesses.	1852/060

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Bartlett	Sarah	Moore	John	15	09	1852	Petty trespass	Pt	Broken window glass. Convicted and fined a total of 10/- including costs or 1 calendar month in prison with hard labour.	1852/062
Baker	Mary Ann	Crandon	William	27	09	1852	Assault	A	Settled without a hearing	1852/063
Nutty	Elizabeth	Crandon	William	27	09	1852	Assault	A	Settled without a hearing. Elizabeth was wife of George Nutty.	1852/064
Barnard	James	Moore	Charles	29	09	1852	Stealing apples	T	Moore was accused of stealing apples from Barnard's orchard. John Slater, a labourer, had seen Moore picking the apples and had chased and caught him with 26 apples. Costs of the case appeared to be 6/6d.	1852/065
Stacey	Sarah	Janes	Richard	05	10	1852	Bastardy	B	Sarah Stacey accused Janes, who was described as an ostler, of fathering her child and sought a maintenance order against him. She appears to have been an inmate of the workhouse and testimony was obtained from other women in the workhouse that Janes may have been the father of Stacey's child.	1852/066
Oxley	James	Richards Richards	Samuel Mary Ann	06	10	1852	Assault	A	Samuel and Mary Ann Richards were man and wife	1852/067
Green	Thomas	Fallon	John Ennis Paul	15	10	1852	Absent from his master's service	Ab	Green was a bookseller, Fallon his apprentice	1852/068
Candy	Benjamin	Sweet	Eliza	18	10	1852	Assault	A	Fine of 1/6d plus costs of 10/6d or imprisonment for 21 days	1852/069
Oxley	James	Richards	Samuel	18	10	1852	Assault	A	Witness statements concerning assault (see 1852/067). Oxley was apprenticed to Richards as a plasterer and tiler.	1852/070
Edwards	William	Johnson Parker	Benjamin John	08	11	1852	Wilful damage	Wd	Settled without a hearing	1852/071
Parsons	Joseph	Crease	Robert	13	11	1852	Theft of twine	T	Jospeh Parsons, brush manufacturer, complained that one of his employees, Robert Crease, aged about 14, had stolen a ball of twine from the premises. Crease was charged with the offence and found guilty, being sentenced to a private whipping rather than being sent to prison. Parsons also indicated that other goods had gone missing from his premises and he suggested that, on the basis of information that he had received, they might be found on the premises of Henry Crease (father of Robert Crease), Joseph Johnson, John Francis and William Francis.	1852/071a

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Russell	Edward	Clarke	John	10	12	1852	Suspicion of felony	S	Theft of tools from workshop	1852/073
Porter	John	Read Read	James John	23	12	1852	Vagrantcy	V	14 days	1852/074
Francis	Ann	Francis	John	27	12	1852	Assault	A	Ann and John Francis were man and wife	1852/075
Porter	John	Evans Beasley	William John	31	12	1852	Vagrantcy	V	Convicted and committed to prison in Shepton Mallet for 14 days with hard labour.	1852/076
1853										
Collard	Edward	Rood	Elizabeth	03	01	1853	Vagrancy	V	PC Collard arrested Rood in High Street late at night where she was drunk and creating a considerable noise. John Porter, also a policeman, testified that he had known the defendant for four years and that she was a common prostitute who could often be found on the streets late at night. Rood was convicted and sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1853/001
Green	Ann	Green	William Henry	08	01	1853	Assault	A	Ann Green claimed that her husband, a watchmaker, had locked her out of the house and she had been forced to seek shelter elsewhere. He had also beaten her severely on two recent occasions. She requested that Green should be required to put forward sureties to guarantee his future conduct towards her. Green seems to have been ordered to appear before the court at a later date and was discharged.	1853/002
Hodges	Anna	Fry	Samuel	20	01	1853	Bastardy	B	Fry was from Evercreech and in 1845 had been the subject of a bastardy order won by Hodges, a single woman resident in Wells. Under the terms of the order Fry was to pay 2/- per week for the maintenance of the child until the age of 13. Hodges claimed that she had now received no payments for a total of 75 weeks.	1853/003
Hannay	George	Edwards Bryant	Thomas John	24	01	1853	Non-payment of friendly society benefit	N	Order for payment served on Thos. Edwards after the hearing.	1853/004
Bacon	George	Rice	Joseph	04	02	1853	Cruelty to animals	C	Cruelty to a horse	1853/005
Porter	John	Haines	William	08	02	1853	Felony	T	Potential theft of brass candlestick from Miss Palmer. Discharged, no further evidence being produced.	1853/006
Townsend	Jane	White	Joseph	09	02	1853	Assault	A	Townsend was a single woman, White was a butcher. Case dismissed.	1853/007

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Willis	Thomas	Gatehouse	James	11	02	1853	Vagrancy	V	14 days imprisonment with hard labour	1853/009
Bacon	George	Churchhouse	Edmund	19	02	1853	Cruelty to animals	C	Several witnesses reported that Churchouse had been using a horse and cart in Southover to draw a load of coal. The horse was having great difficulty in pulling the heavy load, especially as one of the cart wheels was in the gutter. Churchouse had beaten the horse severely with a long stick. Churchouse was fined 10/- with costs of 13/6d, all to be paid immediately, or to go to prison for one calendar month with hard labour.	1853/010
Allen	George	Brown	Isaac	20	02	1853	Ill-treatment	It	Allen was apprenticed to Brown, a mason. Not fined; parties failed to appear.	1853/011
Barber	James Frederick	Foster	Joseph	05	03	1853	Ill-treatment	It	Barber was apprenticed to Foster, a plumber & glazier, in 1846. The sum agreed for the apprenticeship was £18, of which £14 had been paid. When Foster sold up his business in late 1852 and moved to London, he took Barber with him, but did not provide him with work or with lodgings / food. Barber found work for a short period but when Foster moved back to Wells and then to Weston, Barber also returned. However, Foster continued to refuse to provide either work or subsistence for Barber. The hearing was delayed until March.	1853/012
Lockyer	Sarah	Lockyer	Charles	05	03	1853	Sureties of the peace following assault	A	Sarah Lockyer claimed that her husband had threatened to murder her on a number of occasions and had assaulted her. She was seeking sureties as to his future conduct towards her. A warrant for his arrest was issued.	1853/013
Porter	John	Jones Jones	William John	05	03	1853	Accusation of criminal felony	T	Suspicion of stealing purse from the pocket of Ellen Churchouse; seen taking the purse by Edward Maher. Remanded in custody. Case header refers to Lazarus Parker as a defendant but name seems not to be mentioned elsewhere.	1853/014
[Justices]		[Various]		07	03	1853	Minutes of meeting	*	Notes of Petty Sessions meeting; mentions Lockyer	1853/015
Moon	John	Filer	James	07	03	1853	Assault	A	Both men were classified as labourers. Settled without a hearing.	1853/016

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Willis	Thomas	Money	John	31	03	1853	Vagrancy	V	Despite two testimonials pointing out that Money's near-blindness made it impossible for him to work, the defendant was sentenced to 14 days hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1853/018
Duckett	Eliza	Small	James	02	04	1853	Vagrancy	V	Accused of attempted shoplifting by Eliza Duckett who was running a pork butcher's shop. John Porter, police serjeant, testified that Small was a habitual thief. Convicted and sentenced to 2 calendar months with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1853/019
Duckett	Edmund	Baker	George	12	04	1853	Vagrancy	V	Begging from shopkeeper, a pork butcher. Sentenced to 14 days hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1853/020
Porter	John	Robinson	William	11	04	1853	Vagrancy	V	PC John Porter had encountered Robinson begging in High Street and in the George Inn. Robinson could have gone to the Wells Union workhouse but he refused.	1853/021
Watts	Benjamin	Boyce De Grass	Thomas John	25	04	1853	Assault	A	Watts, publican of the Mermaid Inn, claimed to have been struck several times on the head by the defendants.	1853/022
Watts	Benjamin	Boyce	Isaiah	26	04	1853	Assault	A	Mentions DeGrass. Watts was publican of The Mermaid. Boyce was fined 40/- with costs of 7/6d or 2 calendar months in prison. This appears to be part of the same incident referred to in case 1853/022.	1853/023
Westcott	Elizabeth	Tripp	Elizabeth	06	05	1853	Assault	A	Elizabeth Westcott was wife of Michael, a woolcomber, while Elizabeth Tripp was wife of William, a publican.	1853/024
Clements	Robert	Loxton Loxton White	Joseph Richmond Walter	07	05	1853	Search Warrant	Sw	Beerhouse keeper Clements claimed that his premises had been robbed, with cash, amongst other articles, being taken. He identified the 3 defendants as suspects and requested a search warrant.	1853/025

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Collard	Edward	White	Walter	11	05	1853	Resisting police officer in execution of his duty	A	Collard had arrested Edward Churchouse but White had tried to intervene and release the prisoner from custody. White was fined 5/- with costs of 5/-.	1853/027
Teek	James	Russell	Edward	14	05	1853	Vagrancy	V	Contains certificate of chargeability to the parish for Martha Russell aged 23 and her son Henry, aged about 4 months. Edward Russell was committed to prison in Shepton Mallet for 1 calendar month with hard labour.	1853/028
Edmonds	Edgar	Tucker	James	20	05	1853	Embezzlement	Em	Edmonds, a baker and confectioner of High Street, employed Tucker as an apprentice and servant. Part of Tucker's duties were to deliver bread to customers, obtain payment for the bread delivered and to account correctly for the monies received. Edmonds claimed that Tucker had received 3d from one customer, Miss Louisa Wade, in payment for a loaf of bread but had not passed on the money to Edmonds. Tucker was found guilty of the offence and was sentenced to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1853/028a
Parsons	Joseph	Wharton	Thomas	23	05	1853	Leaving work in unfinished state	Nc	Absented himself from work without completing the tasks assigned to him.	1853/029
Parsons	Joseph	White Wharton	Michael Thomas	24	05	1853	Unfinished contract	Nc	Although two defendants are named on the header document, the name of Wharton is only added in pencil to the arrest warrant. The remaining documentation refers exclusively to White, who admitted the charge and was sentenced to 28 days imprisonment with hard labour. See case 1853/029 for Thomas Wharton case.	1853/030

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Collins	John	Moore	Charles	27	05	1853	Theft of lead	T	John Collins, a plumber and glazier residing in High Street, claimed that Moore, said to be aged 11, had stolen lead weighing about 10lbs from his yard. Mary Collins, wife of John Collins, had seen Moore coming out of the yard with the lead wrapped in a towel, but he had run away. A neighbour, Elizabeth Sims, had seen the boy run away and chased him to Chamberlain Street where she caught him, but he no longer had the lead. Hester Willis, wife of PC Thomas Willis, found the lead wrapped in a towel in a hedge near her house in Chamberlain Street. Moore was found guilty of theft and sentenced to serve one calendar month in prison with hard labour.	1853/031a
Collard	Edward	Brookman Loxton Badman	Samuel Daniel William	30	05	1853	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Fighting in the street	1853/032
Collard	Edward	Churhouse	Edward	30	05	1853	Drunkenness	D	Churhouse was found in Southover assaulting a girl named Mary Ann Rood. Churhouse also broke several window panes and was arrested by Collard. There was then interference from Walter White who tried to release Churhouse (see also 1853/027).	1853/033
[Inland Revenue]		Davis	R	03	06	1853	Game licences	La	Forms issued by Inland Revenue to the Collector of Taxes for dealers in game.	1853/033a
Somers	Samuel	House	Samuel	07	06	1853	Suspicion of theft	T	Arrested on suspicion of stealing oats. Mr Wills, from whom the oats were supposedly stolen, did not appear.	1853/034
Davis	Sarah	Davis	John	11	06	1853	Assault & threatening behaviour	A	Sarah Davis of Queen Street alleged that her husband, John, had assaulted her and abused her. She asked for sureties as to his future conduct towards her. The case was settled without a hearing.	1853/035
Fletcher	Silas	Payton	Benjamin	20	06	1853	Non-completion of contract	Nc	Payton contracted to make 2 pairs of shoes for Fletcher, a shoe manufacturer, but made only one and then absented himself, together with the materials which Fletcher had supplied. An arrest warrant was issued.	1853/036

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Woodburn	Joseph	Loxton	Richmond	23	06	1853	Search Warrant	Sw	Accusation of theft of lead from the property of John Davis Sherston.	1853/038
Adams	Thomas	Green	George	06	07	1853	Assault	A	Settled out of court. Adams was a yeoman from Theale, while Green was a farmer from Blackford.	1853/039
Rogers	William	Hall Boulting	William William	11	07	1853	Drunkenness	D	Separate accusations of drunkenness. Hall fined 2/- and discharged. Boulting of Wookey fined 1/6d and discharged.	1853/040
Hill	William	James	Amelia	13	07	1853	Petty trespass	Pt	Broke 11 panes of glass in Wells Union workhouse with her hands; estimated damage 5/-.	1853/041
Fry	Eliza	Russell	Edward	15	07	1853	Assault	A	Eliza Fry was the wife of Henry Fry, shoemaker. She had gone to the Globe public house on hearing that her husband had been involved in a fight with Edward Russell and had cut his head. She had taken Henry home, but went back to the Globe with two of her sons, both of whom wanted to confront Russell. On returning to the Globe, the Frys and Russell had become involved in a fight. Eliza Fry had tried to grab Russell and drag him off one of her sons but Russell had struck her several times and knocked her down. George Isgrove, a labourer, and Richard Wilton, the publican, provided witness statements that gave differing accounts of the events. A warrant for the arrest of Edward Russell was issued.	1853/042a
Willis	Allen	Burley	George	18	07	1853	Begging	V	Begging in Chamberlain Street	1853/042b
Foster	Robert	Jones Andrews	John William	27	07	1853	Vagrancy	V	Begging at Foster's house in Southover; Foster was a general dealer. Defendants were convicted and sent to prison at Shepton Mallet for one calendar month.	1853/043
Porter	John	Rose Savage	Arthur Jacob	01	08	1853	Drunkenness	D	Drunk and fighting in High Street. Fined 4/-, with costs of 5/-.	1853/044
Hardwich	Mary Ann	Tiley	William	04	08	1853	Non-compliance with bastardy order	B	Tiley, of East Horrington, was supposed to pay 3/- per week for the first 6 weeks of the child's life and then 1/6d per week until the age of 13.	1853/045
Buck	Abraham	Jones	John	16	08	1853	Return from transportation	Im	Convicted of theft in 1836 and sentenced to transportation for life. Now returned to England and at large.	1853/046
Porter	John	Maule	William	31	08	1853	Drunkenness	D	Discharged on payment of costs	1853/047

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Jacobs	William	Francis & others	George	02	09	1853	Petty trespass	Pt	Same incident as case 1853/048 with many individuals involved, both as participants and witnesses.	1853/049
Money	James	Brookman	William	05	09	1853	Assault	A	Money was a publican, Brookman a baker. Case noted as being settled.	1853/050
Money	James	Radford	Alfred	05	09	1853	Assault	A	Money was a publican, Radford a labourer. Radford is originally shown with a forename of Charles, later amended to Alfred. Case noted as being settled.	1853/051
Young	Isaac	Taylor Chapman	Charles William Alfred	05	09	1853	Stealing apples from orchard	T	Juveniles aged 12 and 9 years. Peck of apples valued at 6d. Case noted as being settled.	1853/052
Millard	Mary	Millard	Aaron	05	09	1853	Assault	A	Wife assaulted by husband	1853/053
Collard	Edward	Lane	Charles	05	09	1853	Drunkenness	D	Drunk and creating a disturbance after midnight in East Wells.	1853/054
Smith	George	Russell	Edward	07	09	1853	Drunkenness	D	Russell turned up drunk at Smith's home at eleven in the evening and demanded to see his wife, Smith's daughter. When told to go home and come back in the morning, he refused and created a considerable disturbance.	1853/055
Porter	John	Badman	William	13	09	1853	Drunkenness	D	Fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d. Bound over in his own recognizances of £10 to be of good behaviour for 6 calendar months.	1853/056
Clements	Caroline	Bailey	George	20	09	1853	Petty trespass	Pt	Broke 10 panes of glass to the value of 5/- . Fined 5/- with costs of 5/-.	1853/057
Willis	Thomas	Phipps	Thomas	22	09	1853	Breach of the peace	lc	Inciting James Collier to commit a breach of the peace	1853/058
Harford	Elizabeth	Starke	William	30	09	1853	Bastardy	B	Starke, a cheese dealer, was alleged by Harford to be the father of her child.	1853/059
Porter	John	Harris	Charles	30	09	1853	Theft	T	Mary Loxton, a widow, asserted that Harris had attempted to commit a felony.	1853/060
Porter	John	Carter	James	01	10	1853	Vagrancy	V	Found in passageway near Full Moon. Sentenced to 14 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1853/061
Weeks	Samuel	Porter	Thomas	01	10	1853	Assault	A	In the High Street Weeks had been called upon by John Porter. police serjeant, to assist in the arrest of Henry Fry. Weeks, a farmer from Priddy, was then set upon by Thomas Porter, a labourer. The defendant was fined 8/6d with costs of 11/6d to be paid immediately or be sent to prison for 1 calendar month with hard labour.	1853/062

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[Justices]		[Various]		03	10	1853	Minutes of meeting	*		1853/064
Bacon	George	Bennett	John	13	10	1853	Cruelty to animals	C	Bennett, a coal haulier, was accused of ill-treating a horse by working it with a large wound on its shoulder. Fined 6d, with costs of 9/- or 14 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison.	1853/065
Showering	James	White	John	17	10	1853	Assault	A	Showering, a blacksmith, claimed that White, a butcher of Glastonbury, had beaten him about the head with a piece of wood. The case was noted as being settled.	1853/066
Mizen	Charles	Welch	John	17	10	1853	Drunkenness	D	Drunk and creating a disturbance in Market Place. Fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d, or distress, or 6 hours in the stocks.	1853/067
Fry	Charles	Woods Filer	James James	17	10	1853	Nuisance	E	Depositing filth on the highway in Queen Street. The defendants may have committed separate offences as there are two distinct sets of documentation. Fined 5/- with costs of 13/6d.	1853/068
Bruton	William	Creymer (aka Woods)	Mary Ann	19	10	1853	Vagrancy	V	Begging from Rev. Canon Pinder; gave her name as Creymer but also claimed to have a surname of Woods and be living in Southover.	1853/069
Teek	James	Pursey	Edward	22	10	1853	Vagrancy	V	Letter to Master of of the Workhouse, James Teek, from Henry Livett, doctor, regarding Pursey, an inmate of the Workhouse.	1853/070
Willis	Thomas	Cooksay	William	23	10	1853	Vagrancy	V	Begging at the house of Francis Fry in the Liberty.	1853/071
[Justices]		[Various]		24	10	1853	Minutes of meeting	*		1853/072
Parker	Farnham	Day	James	25	10	1853	Assault	A	Violent assault on Parker, an ostler at the Star Inn, in Sadler Street outside the Swan Inn. Day was fined £2.10s.0d with costs of £1.0s.6d or 2 calendar months in prison.	1853/073
Hodges	Anna	Fry	Samuel	25	10	1853	Bastardy	B	See also 1853/003. Case header states 'not used'.	1853/074
Francis	Isaac	Hawkins	John	27	10	1853	Assault	A	Francis was a brushmaker, Hawkins a labourer. Case was marked as settled without a hearing.	1853/075
Mead	James Henry	Silley	Elizabeth	28	10	1853	Petty trespass	Pt	Pushed her friend and broke a window in Mead's chemist's shop in Market Place. Reprimanded and released.	1853/076

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[Inland Revenue]		[Collector of Taxes]		01	11	1853	Tax relief on life insurance	*	Notification to tax collectors and assessors on changes to tax relief with respect to life insurance.	1853/077a
Loxton	William John	Payton	Benjamin	08	11	1853	Non-performance of contract	Nc	Payton of Glastonbury contracted to make 12 pairs of patent slippers for Loxton, but only delivered 3 in the agreed period and continually failed to deliver the rest. The case was shown as settled. See also 1853/036	1853/078
Porter	John	Lane	Charles	09	11	1853	Drunkenness	D	Found lying drunk on the pavement in East Wells. Fined 5/- with costs of 5/- or to be put in the stocks for 6 hours.	1853/079
Dix	Richard	Willcox	Charles	10	11	1853	Leaving work in unfinished state	Nc	Dix, a sadler, commissioned Willcox, a harness maker, to carry out some work. Willcox began the work but failed to complete it and declined to continue. Case noted as settled.	1853/080
Buck	Abraham	Daunton	Charles	21	11	1853	Evasion of toll	Um	Daunton brought a cartload of fish into Wells and sold them but not at the market or in the Market Place. He then refused to pay the toll of 1/- that was applicable.	1853/081
Barnard	Sarah	Mizen	Charles	22	11	1853	Assault	A	PC Mizen was arresting Sarah Barnard's son, Charles, in Guardhouse Lane. Sarah Barnard was abusing Mizen and calling him a drunken blackguard. When she approached him, he raised his right arm to hold her at bay - that was the testimony of PC Somers. Sarah Barnard claimed that Mizen assaulted her.	1853/082
Oram	Samuel	Graham	William	03	12	1853	Vagrancy	V	Begging in the hairdresser's shop run by Oram. Sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for 14 days with hard labour.	1853/083
Cox	Elizabeth	Raines	Elizabeth	10	12	1853	Sureties to keep the peace	Su	Raines, wife of Thomas, a beerhouse keeper, was summoned to provide sureties with respect to her future conduct towards Cox, wife of George.	1853/084
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1853	Administration	*	Calendar of Petty & Special Sessions of the Peace.	1853/085
1854										
Willcox	Ann	Willcox	Charles	02	01	1854	Assault	A	Couple lived in Grove Lane. Husband assaulted his wife.	1854/001
Mizen	Charles	Wilson Webber Soames Brown Clarke	Henry Henry William William John	10	01	1854	Vagrancy	V	Begging in the High Street and public houses. Wilson appears to have been discharged, the others given 14 days in Shepton Mallet.	1854/002

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Buck	Abraham	Broad jnr	William	11	01	1854	Public health	E	Insanitary drains in property owned by Broad in St John Street - and occupied by Thomas Keates.	1854/004
Willis	Thomas	Wilson	James	24	01	1854	Vagrancy	V	Begging in High Street. Sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for 14 days with hard labour.	1854/005
Bacon	George	Phipps	Joseph	25	01	1854	Cruelty to animals	C	Phipps, a coal haulier, was accused of working a horse that had a number of sores on its back in the area of the saddle.	1854/006
White	Matilda	Badman	William	31	01	1854	Assault	Sa	Violation with hands; case dismissed. Matilda White was married to Joseph White, butcher, while Badman was a plasterer.	1854/007
Doward	Edward	Bartlett	Thomas	06	02	1854	Encroachment on turnpike road	Ec	Bartlett had supposedly built a fence or wall that had reduced the width of the road near Portway. The case was dismissed.	1854/008
Badman	William	White	Joseph	06	02	1854	Assault	A	See 1854/008. Badman claimed that White hit him on the head with a shovel. White was fined 6d with costs of 9/-.	1854/009
Heathcote	Rev. William Beadon	Small Allen	James Charles	13	02	1854	Alleged theft	T	Deposition of Ann Gregory, cook to Rev. Heathcote. She claimed that bread, butter, bacon and beef were stolen from the larder.	1854/010
[Justices]		[Various]		13	02	1854	Minutes of meeting	*	Minutes of meeting of petty sessions magistrates	1854/011
Adams	Edward	Chamberlain	James	22	02	1854	Assault	A	Both shoemakers. Chamberlain fined 6d with costs of 10/- or 7 days in Shepton Mallet.	1854/012
Spackman	John	Loxton	Stephen	22	02	1854	Assault	A	Fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- or imprisoned for 6 weeks in Shepton Mallet.	1854/013
Porter	John	Hutton	James	25	02	1854	Offence against licence	L	Selling beer outside licensing hours	1854/014
Buck	Abraham	Palmer	Elizabeth Mary	28	02	1854	Public health	E	Foul and offensive privies in properties in Queen Street owned by Palmer, a widow of Westbury, and occupied by Zachariah Ball and James Hodges. Palmer seems to have been required to pay 7/2d.	1854/015
Thorley	Robert	Moore	John	01	03	1854	Leaving family chargeable to parish	Ds	Wife and 3 children, all boys, left chargeable to the parish. Imprisoned in Shepton Mallet for one calendar month.	1854/016

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Teek	James	Beard	Eliza	06	03	1854	Refusal to work	Rw	See also 1854/017	1854/018
Teek	James	Whippy	Mary	06	03	1854	Refusal to work	Rw	See also 1854/017	1854/019
Teek	James	Bisgrove	Elizabeth	06	03	1854	Refusal to work	Rw	See also 1854/017	1854/020
Rood	Elizabeth	Dredge	Frederick	07	03	1854	Assault	A	Rood was a single woman, Dredge a cordwainer. Fined 2/6d with costs of 10/6d or 14 days imprisonment.	1854/021
Berryman	Charles	Cox jnr.	Harry	07	03	1854	Felony	T	Theft of cow and calf from Berryman, a yeoman from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1854/022
Porter	John	Eades	Thomas	15	03	1854	Drunkenness	D	John Porter and Richard Dix gave evidence. Eades was drunk in Market Place.	1854/023
Moloney	David	Creedy	Major	17	03	1854	Assault	A	Moloney was a brushmaker, Creedy a butcher	1854/024
Buck	Abraham	Fry Parsons	Charles Joseph	17	03	1854	Public health	E	Inspector of Nuisances charging Surveyors of Highways with failure to clean open drain.	1854/025
Sweet	John	Willis	John	03	04	1854	Desertion	M	Apprehension of deserter; Sweet = serjeant in regiment	1854/026
Doble	Thomas	Parsons	Alfred	04	04	1854	Payment of 'smart money'	M	Payment of 'smart money' by magistrates to Sgt. Thomas Doble re Alfred Parsons re Mutiny Act. Parsons had paid the necessary money to the magistrates who deducted their fee of 1/-.	1854/027
Porter	John	Worsley	William	05	04	1854	Drunkenness	D	Defendant's name originally shown as 'Worzeley'.	1854/028
Doble	Thomas	Dowling	William	11	04	1854	Payment of 'smart money'	M	Payment of 'smart money' by magistrates to Sgt. Thomas Doble re William Dowling re Mutiny Act. Dowling had paid the necessary money to the magistrates who deducted their fee of 1/-.	1854/029
Porter	John	Isgrove Burt	Jacob George	19	04	1854	Drunkenness	D	Also includes summons served on Benjamin Watts, publican, also for drunkenness.	1854/030
Tucker	Jane	Luxton	Caroline	01	05	1854	Assault	A	Both women had been in the Red Ox run by James Hutton. Tucker claimed that she had been insulted by Loxton who had pulled down her bonnet and upset a basket that she had on her arm. Outside the pub the two women seem to have got into a fight and Charles Tucker, the husband of Jane, had become involved and knocked Caroline Loxton down. There were additional witness accounts that gave differing accounts of the incident.	1854/031

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Porter	John	Ricketts	James	02	05	1854	Assault	A	Assault on police officer in execution of his duty. Assault took place at The King's Head.	1854/033
Teek	James	Hembury	Thomas	02	05	1854	Refusal to work	Rw	Incident took place at Wells Union workhouse.	1854/034
Loxton	Caroline	Tucker	Charles	03	05	1854	Assault	A	It appears that Loxton called Tucker's wife 'an ill name' and Tucker took retribution by hitting Loxton. The case seems to have been dismissed with costs of 4/- to be paid by Tucker and 3/- by Loxton.	1854/035
Porter	John	Hatcher	Robert	04	04	1854	Court martial	Cm	Hatcher belonged to King's Dragoon Guards. Court martial refers to an incident in the previous year when a gun exploded.	1854/036
Parsons	Joseph	Adams	William	19	05	1854	Leaving work in an unfinished state	Nc	Parsons contracted with Adams to cut out 14 dozen pairs of leather gloves and leggings. Adams had failed to deliver his part of the bargain.	1854/037
Perry	Thomas Davidge	Dix	William	22	05	1854	Assault	A	Dix, a labourer, admitted the assault on Perry, a publican, and was fined 10/- with costs of 10/- or one calendar month in prison.	1854/038
Welchman	William	Sparrow	William	27	05	1854	Allowing water to flow onto footpath	E	Affected road and footpath were in High Street.	1854/039
Porter	John	Kemston	William	29	05	1854	Drunkenness	D	Kemston was quarrelling with his wife in High Street; he was drunk. Porter noted that it was a Sunday and that Kemston was in his shirt sleeves and wore no hat!	1854/040
[Justices]		[Various]		29	05	1854	Minutes of meeting	*	Magistrates notes	1854/041
Bacon	George	Perkins	John	13	06	1854	Abusing a donkey	C	Perkins, a coal haulier of Midsomer Norton, was accused of working a donkey that had multiple sores in the area of the saddle. Perkins was ordered to pay costs of 9/6d.	1854/042
Bacon	Maria	Pearce jnr	John	15	06	1854	Assault	A	Defendant admitted throwing a stone and hitting Maria Bacon, wife of George. Fine of 6d with costs of 9/- or sent to prison for 10 days.	1854/043

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Porter	John	Jones	Thomas	26	06	1854	Drunkenness	D	Drunk in High Street. Admitted offence and fined 5/-.	1854/045
Mizen	Charles	Young	William	26	06	1854	Drunkenness	D	Arrested in Southover after a session in the Full Moon. Fined 5/-.	1854/046
Mizen	Charles	Smith Tyrrell	William Michael	26	06	1854	Stealing from a garden	T	Stealing vegetables from Jacob Bartlett's garden in Priory Road near the Sherston Arms. Smith given one calendar month of hard labour, while Tyrrell was discharged.	1854/047
Mizen	Charles	Lane	Charles	29	06	1854	Drunkenness	D	Drunk and creating a disturbance in the street. Fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d, or distress, or to be put in stocks for 6 hours.	1854/048
Collins	William	Wills	Jemima	07	07	1854	Petty trespass	Pt	Jemima Wills, wife of Charles, a chimney sweep, allegedly came to Collins' house in East Wells, verbally abused him and then broke two panes of glass in his window. Case was dismissed.	1854/049
[Regina]		Brooks	William Henry	14	07	1854	Manslaughter	Ms	Manslaughter of Kerridge. Testimony provided by George Ricketts.	1854/050
Mizen	Charles	Moloney	David	20	07	1854	Assault	A	Assaulted PC Mizen with a stick when Mizen tried to break up a dog fight in the Market Place that had been initiated by Moloney.	1854/051
Fry	Charles	Foster	James	22	07	1854	Larceny	T	Theft of household items, including hatchet, stock, hammer, as well as cheese and eggs. Foster acted as a servant to Fry.	1854/052
Porter	John	Dix	William	24	07	1854	Assault	A	Assault on police constable	1854/053
Willis	Thomas	Loxton	Stephen	24	07	1854	Drunkenness	D	Fined 5/- and placed in stocks for 6 hours.	1854/054
Willis	Thomas	Maule	Frederick	24	07	1854	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis accused Maule, a labourer, of being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1854/055
Clements	Ann	Clements	Thomas	27	07	1854	Assault	A	Appeal for sureties against future behaviour towards his wife.	1854/056
Porter	John	Worsley	William	01	08	1854	Drunkenness	D	Drunk and disturbing the peace in High Street at midnight. Fined 5/- with costs of 4/8d or to be put in the stocks for 6 hours.	1854/057
[Regina]		Hipwell Haskins	George James	02	08	1854	Vagrancy	V	Brief notes on two cases, both of which involved vagrants who were found sleeping in the open air.	1854/058
[Justices]		[Various]		04	08	1854	Minutes of meeting	*	Notes of magistrates meeting	1854/059

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Parsons	Joseph	Phillips	Phillip	04	08	1854	Leaving service	Ab	Parsons, a brush manufacturer, contracted with Phillips, a blacksmith, that Phillips would work as a patten ring maker for a period of 2 years. Phillips commenced work on 10 May, but left on 2 August and had not returned. A warrant for Phillips' arrest was issued.	1854/061
Mizen	Charles	Bartlett	Charles	05	08	1854	Drunkenness	D	Drunk in Southover. Fined 5/- with costs of 5/-, or distress, or 6 hours in the stocks.	1854/062
Mogford	Thomas	Fry	David	07	08	1854	Assault	A	Mogford was a gardener and Fry a coal haulier. Fined 6d with costs of 10/- or 14 days in prison.	1854/063
Mizen	Charles	Rood	Elizabeth	07	08	1854	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Discharged on payment of 4/- costs	1854/064
Jacobs	William	Bale Baker	James Edward	08	08	1854	Pound breach	Op	Releasing four asses from a pound. Fined 3/3d each with costs of 6/9d or 21 days hard labour.	1854/065
Sparrow	Elizabeth	Green	Elizabeth	09	08	1854	Assault	A	Elizabeth Sparrow complained that she had been in Grove Lane when Elizabeth Green came up to her, abused her and threatened to strike her with her fist. There are several witness accounts of Green holding up her fist. Costs of the case appear to have been 10/- but it is not clear who was to pay them.	1854/066

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Bush	George	Francis Francis	John George	11	08	1854	Assault	A	Bush, a butcher, complained that he had been assaulted by John and George Francis, both coal hauliers. The case was settled without a hearing.	1854/068
Teek	James	Ward	Charles	15	08	1854	Leaving wife and family chargeable to parish	Ds	Teek was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Sarah Ward and her three sons, William (9), Charles (7) and Joseph (3) had been abandoned and left chargeable to the parish by Sarah's husband, Charles Ward, who had absconded. Ward was arrested and sentenced as a rogue and vagabond to 3 months at Shepton Mallet's House of Correction with hard labour.	1854/069
Woodard	John	Wing	George	21	08	1854	Vagrancy	V	Woodard, a hall keeper, had seen Wing in the town begging from various people. He had cautioned him and ordered him to leave town. Wing had refused and was arrested. He was convicted and sent to the House of Correction for one calendar month with hard labour.	1854/070
Barnard	Rev H W	Plenty	John	26	08	1854	Rider on waggon - not in control	Rd	Plenty, a yeoman from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, was seen by Rev. Barnard riding in a horse-drawn waggon along Priory Road. Plenty was sitting in the waggon but there was no-one on foot or on horseback to control the actions of the horse.	1854/071
Porter	John	Birt	George	26	08	1854	Indecent exposure	le	Police serjeant Porter accused Birt (possibly Bird), a labourer, of openly, lewdly and obscenely exposing himself in High Street with the aim of insulting females.	1854/072

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Porter	John	Knight	Henry	05	09	1854	Bread Act	Wm	Appears to be part of documentation for 1854/073, although one document refers to Henry North rather than Henry Knight - possibly an administrative error.	1854/074
Mizen	Charles	Young	William	11	09	1854	Assault	A	PC Mizen arrested a drunken Young, labourer, in Southover. Young resisted arrest violently and kicked the officer several times. Young was then handcuffed and taken to the police station. Young was fined 20/- with costs of 8/-, but could or would not pay and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1854/075
Porter	John	Bath	Celia	11	09	1854	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Porter saw Philip Perham and Celia Bath in Water Lane. Bath was very drunk and Porter requested her to go home - which she claimed was in Glastonbury. She was persuaded by Porter and Perham to go as far as the Sherston Arms, but refused to go further. At this point Porter arrested her.	1854/076
[Justices]		Slater & others		11	09	1854	Magistrates notes	*	Lists of expenses	1854/077
Hawkins	Henry	Dowling Brinson Bobbett	Edwin Joseph William	12	09	1854	Drunk & disorderly conduct	D	Disturbance at The Bell beerhouse in Portway which subsequently became a fight in the road.	1854/078
[Justices]		[Various]		26	09	1854	Minutes of meeting	*		1854/079
Williams	Edwin	Collins	Henry	26	09	1854	Rescuing horses destined for pound	Op	Case settled. Collins had supposedly released horses that were to be impounded.	1854/080
Mizen	Charles	Allen	Charles	04	10	1854	Theft	T	See 1854/010. Allen had absconded after the break-in at Rev. Heathcote's house but had now given himself up. Mizen requested that Allen be remanded in custody for several days while the evidence was assembled.	1854/081
Duckett	Maty Ann	Porteous Porteous	James Mary	04	10	1854	Theft	T	Theft of household items, e.g. bedding, glasses, shawls etc from a rented room and also the room of the proprietress, Mary Ann Duckett.	1854/082
Parsons	Joseph	Phillips	Phillip	27	10	1854	Absenting himself from service	Ab	See also 1854/061	1854/083
Johnson	Charles	Johnson	Benjamin	07	11	1854	Assault	A	Charles was a millwright, Benjamin a labourer. There is no indication that the two men were related.	1854/084
Welchman	William	Brice Buck	James John	13	11	1854	Environmental nuisance	E	Issue with respect to brook in Southover.	1854/085

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Edwards	Robert	Brice Buck	James John	13	11	1854	Repair of road	H	Accusation against Parish Surveyor for failing to repair road.	1854/087
Hodges	Anna	Fry	Samuel	22	11	1854	Bastardy order	B	Failure to comply with terms of order See also 1853/003 and 1853/074	1854/088
Teek	James	Seymour	Esau	24	11	1854	Petty trespass	Pt	Wilful damage to a shirt provided by Wells Union	1854/089
Dudderidge	James	Price	Samuel	25	11	1854	Vagrancy	V	Price was placed in custody for vagrancy but when no-one appeared at the hearing he was discharged.	1854/090
Mizen	Charles	Price	Samuel	27	11	1854	Vagrancy	V	Begging from house to house in Silver Street	1854/091
Mizen	Charles	Harrison	William	30	11	1854	Vagrancy	V	Harrison was taken into custody for begging in the Liberty of St Andrew. Despite having been cautioned previously for the same offence and then being detained in custody for further examination, he was then discharged.	1854/092
Porter	John	Moloney	David	04	12	1854	Drunkenness	D	PC Porter claimed that Moloney threw beer over him in the Sun Inn; he and PC Somers arrested Moloney who was drunk and argumentative. At least one witness report suggested that Somers had hit Moloney after he had been handcuffed and was on his way to the police station.	1854/093
Brown	Emanuel	Loxton Langley	Stephen John	08	12	1854	Theft of potatoes	T	Brown claimed that almost a sack of potatoes had been stolen from an outhouse near Haines' Orchard in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. He named Loxton of Wells and Langley of Frome as suspects.	1854/094
Buck	Abrahan	Loxton	Joseph	31	12	1854	Breach of common lodging house regulations	L	Overcrowding: 8 persons in an area licensed for 2	1854/095
1855										
Masters	George	Jacobs	John	19	01	1855	Assault	A	Masters and Jacobs were both farmers	1855/001
Bryce	Elizabeth	Guppy	Edward	20	01	1855	Assault	A	Assault while attempting to forcibly take a pillow from her	1855/002
Moyston	George	Francis	George	22	01	1855	Assault	A	Moyston was a labourer, Francis a coal haulier	1855/003

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Edwards	Louisa	Edwards	William	05	02	1855	Assault	A	Domestic violence with husband, William, being bound over for 12 months in the sum of £10 with respect to his future conduct towards his wife.	1855/005
Teek	James	Oxley	James	12	02	1855	Refusal to work	Rw	14 days hard labour at Shepton Mallet House of Correction.	1855/006
Glanz	Jonas	Boulton Creedy White	James Major John	17	02	1855	Destruction of property	Pt	Glanz was a traveller residing at the King's Head Inn. The defendants came into the pub and without provocation, grabbed the hat from Glanz's head and proceeded to damage it beyond repair. He estimated the damage at 4/6d. Settled without hearing.	1855/007
Tudway	Frances Gould	Brown	Mary Ann	19	02	1855	Theft	T	Discharged	1855/008
Hodges	Anna	Fry	Samuel	20	02	1855	Non-compliance with bastardy order	B	See chain of cases starting at 1853/003 This case also includes documents from 13 November 1854.	1855/009
Bacon	George	Baker	Edwin	03	03	1855	Cruelty to animals	C	Cruelty to a horse being used for hauling coal, but with sores on its back. To pay costs of 4/6d on 12 March 1855.	1855/010
Teek	James	Durbin	Ann	07	03	1855	Deserting a child	Ds	Durbin gave birth to a bastard son some six months previously. She later abandoned this son soon after leaving the workhouse where she had been for several months.	1855/011
Churthouse	Mary Ann	Churthouse	Edward	20	03	1855	Assault	A	Discharged as neither party appeared	1855/012
Lukins	William	Walter	Carl	20	03	1855	Assault	A	Lukins was beaten over the head with a stick in Southover; the attack was unprovoked. Walter was fined £5, including costs, to be paid immediately or to be sent to prison for 7 days.	1855/013
Somers	Samuel	Rose	William Henry	02	04	1855	Drunkenness	D	Drunk and making a great disturbance. Fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to be put into the stocks.	1855/014
Porter	John	Young	James	04	04	1855	Riding on waggon	Rd	No-one in control of the horse.	1855/015
Chamberlain	James	Moloney	David	04	04	1855	Assault	A	There had been a previous quarrel between the two men. Moloney continued the disagreement by assaulting Chamberlain, a shoemaker.	1855/016
[Regina]		Young	James	06	04	1855	Failure to pay turnpike toll	N	Fined 2/6d with costs of 2/6d.	1855/017
Bacon	George	Collins	Edward	24	04	1855	Furious driving	Rd	Driving recklessly down East Wells in a cart belonging to Jonas Parker. Collins admitted the offence and was fined 6d with costs of 6/6d.	1855/018

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Bacon	George	Short Cook	Joseph Stephen	03	05	1855	Cruelty to cat	C	It seems likely that the defendants had to pay 7/6d.	1855/020
Duckett	Ann	Sweet Sweet	John Eliza	20	05	1855	Assault	A	Duckett was threatened by Sweet and his wife.	1855/021
Somers	Samuel	Andrews	John	21	05	1855	Drunkenness	D	Drunk, creating a disturbance and using abusive language. Fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d. Surname of police officer shown as 'Summers' on case header; in other cases it is 'Somers'.	1855/022
Day	Elizabeth	Day	William	21	05	1855	Assault	A	Attack by husband on wife when she went to find him at his mother's house in Tucker Street. Elizabeth admitted to breaking some window panes and to having had a drink but asserted that she was not drunk.	1855/023
Porter	John	Tully	Mary	22	05	1855	Drunkenness	D	Drunk and also abusive	1855/024
Pearce	George	Loxton	Isaac	30	05	1855	Assault	A	Argument over a hat and a quart of beer in the Full Moon saw Loxton strike Pearce. Witnesses: Charles Gumm and George Moyston.	1855/025
Teek	James	Allen	Charles	07	06	1855	Desertion from Union Workhouse with clothes	T	Teek was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Allen had entered the workhouse as an inmate in January, but had recently absconded wearing several items of clothing that were the property of the workhouse. Allen had now been apprehended but none of the items of clothing were found on him. Allen was convicted and sent to prison for 21 days.	1855/026
Berryman	William Chester	Mullins	Hannah	07	06	1855	Taking extra toll	Ut	Berryman, who ran a courier service for merchandise between Wells and Glastonbury, claimed that Mullins was charging his waggon a double toll. Case was dismissed.	1855/027
Frith	William	Churchouse	Edward	14	06	1855	Breach of the pound	Pt	Frith's men were taking horses to the pound when Churchouse intervened and whipped the horses such that they ran off and escaped.	1855/028

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Mizen	Charles	Sayer Parsons Duckett	Sarah George Ann	20	06	1855	Illegal burial (of child)	Ib	It was alleged that Sayer had aborted a child with the aid of Ann Duckett and that George Parsons had illegally buried the body.	1855/030
Bacon	George	Lockyer	George	28	06	1855	Cruelty to animals	C	Lockyer was accused of using two asses to pull an empty cart with the asses bearing sores that meant they should not have been working. Fined 3/- with costs of 9/-.	1855/031
[Justices]		[Various]		07	07	1855	Minutes of meeting	*	Notes of petty sessions cases	1855/032
Evans	Sarah	Gleaves	Joseph	14	07	1855	Assault	Sa	Alleged sexual harassment as Gleaves, a writer, was said to have put his arm around the waist of Evans, a servant.	1855/033
Porter	John	Brown Brown	Robert Charles	20	07	1855	Driving without reins	Rd	Accused of driving without reins and injuring the child of James Smith. Fined 5/6d each with costs of 4/6d each.	1855/034
Mizen	Charles	Phipps	Thomas	21	07	1855	Cruelty to an ass	C	Not fined, but ordered to pay costs of 4/6d.	1855/035
Porter	John	Ball	Zachariah	23	07	1855	Drunkenness	D	To pay 5/-.	1855/036
Evans	Sarah	Gleaves	Joseph	23	07	1855	Assault	A	Set of summons that appear to relate to case 1855/033. Summons for Gleaves and for two witnesses, Matilda Perry and James Barber.	1855/037
Wilkins	Ann	Morgan	Henry	23	07	1855	Assault	A	Ann Wilkins, wife of John Wilkins, a turner, claimed that she was struck in the face by Morgan, also a turner.	1855/038
Phipps	Sarah	Allen	James	27	07	1855	Assault	A	Allen, a painter, was accused of throwing a stick at Phipps and hitting her on the head. Allen appears to have been fined 5/-.	1855/039
Porter	John	Lane	Charles	27	07	1855	Drunkenness	D	Drunk and creating a disturbance in East Wells. Fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d.	1855/040
Teek	James	Whitehead	John	30	07	1855	Stealing gooseberries	T	Workhouse inmate accused of stealing fruit to the value of 1d. Case was dismissed.	1855/041
Jacobs	William	Fry Fry	Harry John	02	08	1855	Assault	A	Jacobs, a labourer, was assaulted by Harry Fry, shoemaker, and his son, John. Fry senior was ordered to pay £1.5s.6d, while his son was to pay 13/6d, with 21 days in prison being the alternative in the case of a default.	1855/042

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Porter	John	Dix	William	08	08	1855	Assault	A	Arrested for drunkenness, then committed violent assault on the arresting officer. Fined 4/6d with costs of 10/6d with an alternative of 14 days in prison. Committed to 14 days in prison for common assault.	1855/044
Wilton	Martha	Wilton	Richard	11	08	1855	Sureties to keep the peace	Su	Defendant bound over in the sum of £20 to keep the peace for 6 calendar months.	1855/045
[Justices]		[Various]		13	08	1855	Minutes of meeting	*	Minutes of petty sessions proceedings	1855/046
Porter	John	Christopher	James	14	08	1855	Drunkenness	D	Warrant for distraint of goods to pay a fine of 5/- in respect of a conviction for drunkenness. The distress warrant showed that Christopher had no effects that could be sold to raise the sum owed.	1855/047
Mac'Edwards,	Elizabeth	Stacey	Elizabeth	20	08	1855	Theft	T	Convicted of theft of calico shift.	1855/048
Isgrove	Joseph	Barnard	Charles	21	08	1855	Assault	A	Isgrove, a labourer, claimed that he had been struck several times by Barnard, a butcher.	1855/049
Porter	John	Brook Brook	John Frederick	23	08	1855	Drunkenness	D	Both defendants were from Southover, Both appear to have been fined 5/- with costs of 2/6d each. Note: case header suggests that the case was one of assault, but there is no reference to this in the summons.	1855/050
Mac'Edwards	Elizabeth	Stacey	Elizabeth	27	08	1855	Commitment for felony	T	Committed to prison for one calendar month for theft; see 1855/048.	1855/051
Barnard	James	Standard	James	27	08	1855	Stealing pears	T	Information from John Slater who worked for Barnard as a gardener. Standard sentenced to 10 days hard labour.	1855/052
Barnard	James	Hopkins	Henry	27	08	1855	Stealing apples	T	PC Mizen saw Hopkins taking apples from Barnard's garden. Hopkins was given 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1855/053
Fry	Francis	Fry	Harry (aka John)	15	09	1855	Breaking windows	Wd	Francis Fry accused John Fry of breaking windows and damaging other parts of an empty property that he owned in Southover. Francis Fry estimated the damage at 10/-. The case was shown as settled.	1855/054
Oxley snr	Matthew	Oxley jnr	Matthew	20	09	1855	Assault	A	The elder Oxley is described as a gardener, the younger, resident in Tucker Street, as a labourer.	1855/055
Dredge	Priscilla	Francis	Phillis	22	09	1855	Assault	A	Dredge resided in Southover, while Francis was the wife of George, also resident in Southover	1855/056

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Fry	Henry (Harry)	Kernison	William	29	09	1855	Theft	T	Theft of materials from Fry's shoemaker shop.	1855/058
Woodard	John	Smith	William	16	10	1855	Vagrancy	V	Witness testimony from John Beauchamp, surveyor. Convicted as rogue and vagabond and sentenced to 3 months in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1855/059
Perkins	Joseph	Norris	Robert	30	10	1855	Deserter from army	M	Return of Robert Norris, deserter from 47th Foot.	1855/060
Perkins	Joseph	Norris	Robert	30	10	1855	Deserter from army	M	Additional documents from same case as 1855/060.	1855/061
Thorley	Robert	Moore	John	08	11	1855	Desertion of wife and children	Ds	Leaving wife and family chargeable to parish. Sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1855/062
Porter	John	Smith	Francis	07	11	1855	Letting off firework	Dp	PC Porter accused Smith, a tinman, of letting off dangerous fireworks outside a house in Priest Row. There was an altercation with Smith who threatened to dash out Porter's brains with a stone. Smith's father had intervened to take his son away from the policeman.	1855/063
Churchouse	Mary Ann	Churchouse	Edward	14	11	1855	Sureties to keep the peace	Su	Repeated violence and threats to kill his wife.	1855/064
Foster	Jane	Clements	Thomas	15	11	1855	Assault	A	Clements was threatening to pull his wife out of bed to which she had recently been confined to give birth. Foster, his sister-in-law, physically prevented him from doing so and he responded by choking her, Sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1855/065
Jenkins	Catherine	Biddle	John	19	11	1855	Assault	A	Catherine Jenkins, wife of John Jenkins, brushmaker, alleged that Biddle, also a brushmaker, had struck her on the head with his fist. Note; case header shows defendant as 'Bittle' but see case 1855/067.	1855/066
Biddle	John	Jenkins	John	24	11	1855	Assault	A	Biddle, a brushmaker, claimed he had been assaulted by Jenkins, also a brushmaker. Probably connected with case 1855/066.	1855/067
Allen	James	Whitehead	John	04	12	1855	Assault	A	Allen and Whitehead were both inmates of the workhouse. Allen accused Whitehead of stealing some money that had gone missing from another inmate. Whitehead then assaulted him. Whitehead was fined 10/- with costs of 4/6d or to be sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1855/068
Brewitt	Hannah	Hill	Ann	06	12	1855	Vagrancy	V	Using a false story to beg for money. Sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1855/069

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1856										
Fry	William	Lukins	Joseph	02	01	1856	Absenteeism	Ab	Left master's employ without consent to enlist as a soldier.	1856/001
Thorley	Robert	Day	William	12	01	1856	Leaving family chargeable to parish	Ds	Day had deserted his wife Elizabeth and daughter Mary and caused them to become chargeable to the parish. A warrant for Day's arrest was issued.	1856/002
Porter	John	Collins	William	21	01	1856	Drunkenness	D	Defendant admitted being drunk; fined 5/- with costs of 6/6d, to be paid on 4 February. Also exposed himself.	1856/003
Drew	James	Oxley	Matthew	29	01	1856	Theft	T	Stealing fowls and a ferret. A search warrant was issued for Oxley's premises in Tucker Street.	1856/004
Reed	Octavia	Maundrell	Thomas	11	02	1856	Assault	A	Both Reed, a single woman, and Maundrell, a labourer, resided in East Wells. He was accused of throwing a piece of bacon at her.	1856/005
Gale	Silvester	Champany Starks	William William	15	02	1856	Evading toll	N	Gale, tollgate operator at Portway, accused the defendants of driving a gig through the gate without paying the toll of 4d.	1856/005a
Slocombe	Robert	Maynard	Hannah	18	02	1856	Assault	A	Slocombe accused Maynard of assaulting his daughter, Eliza.	1856/006
Adams	Mary	Adams	Edward	20	02	1856	Assault	A	For 3rd March; heard on 23 February.	1856/007
Creedy	Major	Weatherly	Henry	21	02	1856	Assault	A	Fined 10/-, costs 4/6d; defendant unable to pay and committed to Shepton Mallet for 7 days. Case header document shows name of defendant as Weatherall; all other references are to 'Weatherly'.	1856/008
Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	Stevens	Elizabeth	21	02	1856	Assault	A	Francis, wife of George Francis of the In Parish of St Cuthbert, complained that Elizabeth Stevens, a single woman, had assaulted her and struck her in the face with her fist.	1856/009

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Woodard	John	Cambridge	John	10	03	1856	Vagrancy	V	Cambridge turned up at Wells Union workhouse looking for sustenance and support. Convicted of vagrancy; 7 days hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1856/010
Welsh	John Inman	Boulton	James William	05	04	1856	Removal of goods to avoid distraint	Rg	Boulton, a butcher, was renting property in Wells High Street from Welsh, a gentleman and JP. Boulton had failed to pay the rent of £13 when it became due on 25 March. Welsh's agents were threatening to seize Boulton's assets and sell them to pay off the arrears. Boulton had allegedly moved his effects clandestinely to the house of James Boulton in East Wells to avoid distraint. Settled out of court.	1856/011
Churhouse	Edward	Churhouse	Mary Ann	10	04	1856	Assault	A	Allegedly assaulted her husband with a poker and a stick.	1856/012
Cox	Frances	Crandon	William	12	04	1856	Assault	A	Frances Cox, wife of Thomas Cox, butcher, claimed that Crandon, also a butcher, threw a poker at her and spat in her face. Settled without a hearing.	1856/013
Allen	James	Porter Vinnell	John Sidney	12	04	1856	Assault	A	Allen, a plumber and glazier of East Wells, claimed that he was assaulted by both police officers after he had been stopped on suspicion of having stolen a ball. Witnesses indicated that they had not seen Allen offer any resistance to the officers.	1856/014

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Gawler	Mary Ann	Sweet	Eliza	29	04	1856	Assault	A	Mary Ann Gawler was wife of Charles Gawler, a printer, while Eliza Sweet was married to John Sweet, a butcher. Settled without a hearing	1856/016
Buck	Abraham	Hares	Thomas	01	05	1856	Non-payment of toll	N	Buck, collector of market tolls, found Hares of Shipham selling potatoes in High Street and Queen Street; neither street was licensed for market operation. Hares refused to pay the toll of 6d demanded by Buck.	1856/016a
Barnard	Charles	Bartlett	Thomas	03	05	1856	Stealing ducks	T	Barnard, a butcher, claimed that 6 of his ducks had been stolen from an outhouse near Dash Lane and stated that he had seen 3 of them in Thomas Bartlett's house but Bartlett's wife refused to let him have them back.	1856/017
[Justices]		Various		05	05	1856	Minutes of Petty Sessions	*	Minutes of special sessions of Petty Sessions Court. Where notes provide information on individual cases, the information is incorporated in the relevant cases.	1856/018
Watts	Benjamin	Ball	William	14	05	1856	Assault	A	Watts was an innkeeper, Ball a labourer.	1856/019
Badman	William	May	Mary Ann	22	05	1856	Vagrancy	V	Badman, a plasterer working on a house in the Market Place, saw May begging in the street. She was committed to Shepton Mallet; 7 days with hard labour.	1856/020
Beauchamp	Francis	Maul Oxley	William Matthew	23	05	1856	Search warrant	Sw	Beauchamp, a sugar boiler, claimed that 2 of his hens had been stolen, possibly by Thomas Small, and lodged with Maul or Oxley. He requested a search warrant - granted.	1856/021
Parker	Farnham	Miles	George	30	05	1856	Assault	A	Parker was a porter and Miles was a fishmonger. Miles had allegedly struck Parker in the face with a dead fish. Settled out of court.	1856/022
Foster	Jane	Baulch	Jane	31	05	1856	Assault	A	Foster was a single woman, Baulch the wife of John Baulch, a patten maker. Baulch was fined 6d with costs of 10/- or 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1856/023

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Badman	William	Day	William	02	06	1856	Assault	A	Badman was a plasterer and tiler and Day was a labourer. Settled without a hearing.	1856/025
Beauchamp	John	Jones	John	05	06	1856	Vagrancy	V	Beauchamp, a bookseller, claimed that Jones entered his premises and begged for money, claiming to be deaf and dumb and proffering a subscription book which allegedly listed those people who had already given him money. Beauchamp threatened him with the police and Jones left the shop, suggesting he was not as deaf as he claimed.	1856/026
Bennett	Eliza	Collins	John	09	06	1856	Assault	A	Eliza Bennett, wife of John Bennett, labourer, accused John Collins, also a labourer, of attacking James Scott (aka Isgrove). Scott hit his head on the pavement and was knocked unconscious; a later medical bulletin indicated he should recover fully. Collins was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £10.	1856/027
Stock	John	Lane Lane	George Lucy	10	06	1856	Theft	Aw	John Stock, a cordwainer from Ditcheat, had been present at Major Creedy's in Water Lane, Wells on the previous Saturday evening. He had with him a bag containing a number of pairs of boots, shoes and slippers. Stock admitted becoming drunk and was unable to remember precisely when he no longer was in possession of his bag. He awoke at daylight on the Sunday morning near the Sherston Arms and had neither bag nor money. On advice, he went to Hellier's pawn shop where he found two pairs of shoes that were his and had been pawned by a daughter of George Lane; she was wearing another pair of Stock's shoes. Lane claimed to have found the bag; Stock accused him of theft and applied for an arrest warrant.	1856/028

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Sayer	Sarah	Creedy	Major	20	06	1856	Assault	A	Creedy, a butcher, was accused of snatching the bonnet from the head of Sarah Sayer and throwing it into the gutter.	1856/030
Chapple	Susan	Chapple	John	23	06	1856	Assault	A	After a marital argument Susan Chapple claimed that her husband, John, a labourer, had violently assaulted her. As a result, she needed medical attention. A letter from Henry Livett, a surgeon, some 2 weeks after the assault indicated that she was still confined to bed but was beginning to recover. Chapple and his referee named Bacon were each required to put forward a bond of £20 against Chapple's conduct over the next 6 months.	1856/031
Wilkins	Edwin	Allen Oxley jnr	William Matthew	25	06	1856	Rescuing horses en route to pound	Op	Oxley and Allen, both labourers, had apparently been grazing a horse and 3 asses in a field in Portway leased to Edwin Wilkins of Easton by Thomas Gilling. Wilkins' indoor servant was about to impound the animals when Oxley and Allen appeared and took the animals away after threatening him with violence. Oxley was fined £2, Allen £1, with costs of 11/6d. Neither paid and both were sent to prison for one calendar month with hard labour.	1856/032
Woodard	John	Wall	John Barrow	03	07	1856	Furious riding, drunkenness	D	John Barrow Wall, a yeoman of West Houghton in the parish of Wedmore, was seen riding his horse at a furious pace up and down the Market Place in Wells and also in Sadler Street, causing danger to pedestrians. Wall was also apparently drunk. He was ordered to desist by John Woodard, but refused to do so, at which point he was taken into custody and charged before being released on bail. Fined 20/- for furious riding, plus 5/- for drunkenness and a further 23/6d in costs, totalling £2.8s.6d.	1856/033
Jacobs	William	Francis	George	03	07	1856	Assault	A	Jacobs was a labourer as was Francis; the alleged assault occurred in Southover. Jacobs also had a summons served on a witness, Mary Ann Nicholls. Settled out of court.	1856/034

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Gibbs	George Pitman	Mullins	Edward	08	07	1856	Leaving work unfinished	Nc	Gibbs, a master tailor, commissioned Mullins, a journeyman tailor, to make a waistcoat. Gibbs paid Mullins the full sum in advance of completion but Mullins failed to appear to complete the work. Gibbs requested that an arrest warrant should be prepared since he had heard that Mullins was planning to leave the city. An arrest warrant was issued.	1856/036
Loxton	William	Porter	John	11	07	1856	Assault	A	Loxton, a cabinet maker, accused Porter, a police officer, of grabbing him by the throat and striking him with a stick. Porter had gone to Loxton's house searching for Edward Mullins (see 1856/036). Loxton claimed that Porter became involved in an argument with his sister and he went to assist her. He was then assaulted by Porter. Loxton called a number of witnesses to support him (all relatives / family members); all affirmed his story and confirmed that he had not struck Porter at any stage. Porter was convicted and fined £1 with costs of 12/-.	1856/037
Jones	William	Fry snr	Henry	17	07	1856	Breach of peace	Dp	3/- fine, 2/- costs.	1856/038
Jones	William	Fry snr	Henry	17	07	1856	Drunkenness	D	Fined 10/-, costs 5/-.	1856/039
Young	Isaac	Boyce jnr	William	19	07	1856	Failure to carry out work satisfactorily	Nc	Boyce was accused of not milking a cow dry and leaving more than a quart of milk in the udder. Boyce normally milked this cow and his continued neglect meant the cow had gone off her milk and was dry, significantly reducing her value to the owner, Isaac Young of Portway. Young sold the cow concerned for £4 less than he had paid for her just 4 months previously.	1856/040
Richards	Samuel	Hodges	Mark	26	07	1856	Absenteeism	Ab	Hodges, a plasterer, was required to forfeit wages of 2/3d and to pay 2/6d costs.	1856/041
Porter	John	Phipps	Sarah	30	07	1856	Obstructing highway	O	The wife of Thomas Phipps was reprimanded for wilfully obstructing the footway in Wells High Street and discharged on promising not to offend again.	1856/042
Savage	William	Fry snr	Henry	04	08	1856	Assault	A	Savage was a thatcher and Fry a shoemaker; the defendant had supposedly thrown water over the plaintiff.	1856/043

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Porter	John	Hawkins	John	09	08	1856	Obstructing highway	O	Hawkins was a coal hauler of East Horrington and was accused of obstructing the highway in Wells High Street.	1856/045
Carter	James	Francis	George	09	08	1856	Assault	A	Carter was a labourer and Francis a coal hauler.	1856/046
Brooke	Caroline	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	09	08	1856	Assault	A	Caroline Brooke was a spinster and Elizabeth Sarah Francis the wife of George Francis. Case appears to have been settled.	1856/047
Porter	John	Grant	George	05	08	1856	Drunkenness	D	Grant of Cheddar was fined 5/- plus costs for being drunk in Wells Market Place.	1856/048
Porter	John	Wilton	Richard	11	08	1856	Offence against licence	L	Wilton, landlord of the Globe, was accused of allowing drunkenness and disorderly conduct on his premises, The detailed documentation shows a number of people were involved, in particular, two girls, probably Mary Ann Pitman and Eliza Collings (see 1856/052). Wilton was fined 1/- with costs of 17/6d.	1856/049
Rolls	Jane	Churchouse	Mary	13	08	1856	Assault	A	Rolls was a widow while Mary Churchouse was the wife of Edward Churchouse.	1856/050
Rolls	Jane	Francis	Ann	13	08	1856	Assault	A	Rolls was a widow while Ann Francis was the wife of John Francis. The incident was the same as that in 1856/050.	1856/051
Porter	John	Pitman	Mary Ann	13	08	1856	Vagrancy	V	Police serjeant Porter found 3 girls and 2 soldiers lying in the Bishop's Barn. The girls could not give an adequate account of themselves and Mary Ann Pitman and Eliza Collings were charged with vagrancy. They were each sentenced to one calendar month in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1856/052
Porter	John	Snelgrove	James	14	08	1856	Obstructing footway	O	Snelgrove, an ironmonger, was accused of obstructing the footway in Wells High Street. Discharged on payment of costs.	1856/053
Porter	John	Sparrow	William	14	08	1856	Obstructing footway	O	Sparrow, a hairdresser, was accused of obstructing the footway in Wells High Street. Discharged on payment of costs.	1856/054

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Bacon	George	Francis	John	29	08	1856	Cruelty to animals	C	Francis, a coal hauler, was accused of ill-treating his horse by making it pull a heavy load of coal, while suffering from sores caused by its saddle. Francis was fined 12/6d with costs of 7/6d or one calendar month in prison.	1856/056
Sweet	Eliza	Howlett	Ellen	30	08	1856	Assault	A	Sweet was wife of John Sweet, butcher, while Howlett was a single woman. Alleged assault occurred in Full Moon public house. Case was dismissed.	1856/057
[Justices]		Various		08	09	1856	Minutes	*	Minutes of special sessions of Petty Sessions Court. Where notes provide information on individual cases, the information is incorporated in the relevant cases.	1856/058
Tanner	Edward	Fry jnr	Henry	11	09	1856	Assault	A	Tanner was a servant, Fry a shoemaker. Fry admitted the assault and was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or 7 days in prison.	1856/059
Barber	James	Francis	John	15	09	1856	Assault	A	Barber was an innkeeper, Francis described as a labourer. Case described as settled.	1856/060
Garnsey	Charles	Potter	Robert	27	09	1856	Wilful damage to coat	Wd	Potter of Ashcott was accused of wilfully damaging a coat belonging to the complainant, a labourer. Damage was estimated at 14/-. Case was settled out of court.	1856/061
Porter	John	Ridge	Henry	27	09	1856	Vagrancy	V	Convicted; 21 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet	1856/062
Woodard	John	Parker	George	26	09	1856	Assault	A	Woodard was a hallkeeper, Parker a labourer. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/- or 7 days in prison.	1856/063
Woodard	John	Small	Henry	27	09	1856	Breach of peace	Dp	Woodard was a hall-keeper, Small a carpenter.	1856/064
Thorley	Robert	Chappell	John	02	10	1856	Desertion of family	Ds	Thorley, the relieving officer, reported that Chappell, a cordwainer, had left his wife and family chargeable to the parish. Chappell was arrested and agreed to pay the costs in two stages.	1856/065
Wilkins	William	Thomas	John	13	10	1856	Stealing a coat	T	Information received by John Porter when serving summons on a witness prompted him to accuse Thomas, already a prisoner in Shepton Mallet, of stealing a coat belonging to Wilkins.	1856/066

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Ward	Charlotte	Hill	Ann	17	10	1856	Assault	A	Charlotte Ward was wife of Andrew Ward, bootmaker, while Ann Hill was wife of John Hill, butcher. Ann Hill confessed and was fined 1/- with costs 7/- or 7 days imprisonment.	1856/068
Ward	Charlotte	Hill	John	17	10	1856	Threatening behaviour	A	Charlotte Ward, wife of Andrew Ward, bootmaker, asked that John Hill, butcher, be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her after threatening her with physical violence.	1856/069
Porter	John	Hastell	William	19	10	1856	Drunkenness	D	Reprimanded and discharged after paying 1/- for his lodging at the police station.	1856/070
Porter	John	Moore	John	19	10	1856	Drunkenness	D	Fined 5/- including Woodard's costs of 2/- for 2 meals.	1856/071
Porter	John	Tiler	James	21	10	1856	Assault	A	Tiler was about to be taken to prison for 7 days after failing to pay the fines / costs involved in case 1856/067. Tiler refused to be taken to prison and became involved in a physical altercation with Porter. Tiler was convicted of assault and committed to prison for 2 months as he could / would not pay the fine of £5.	1856/072
Tucker	Caroline	Tucker	Robert	22	10	1856	Assault	A	Domestic violence between husband and wife.	1856/073
Collins	Stephen	Churchouse	Edward	01	11	1856	Pound breach	Pt	Collins, a servant of George Kitching, had been about to impound a horse that had been pastured illegally on land in the tenure of Kitching. Churchouse, the owner of the horse, had prevented the impounding and taken the horse from the field, damaging the fence in the process. Case was settled out of court.	1856/074
Kitching	George	Churchouse	Edward	01	11	1856	Petty trespass	Pt	See 1865/074. Kitching accused Churchouse of trespass, preventing the impounding of his horse and damaging a fence. Case was settled out of court.	1856/075
Bacon	George	Barnard	Charles	05	11	1856	Cruelty to animals	C	Collins, a butcher, accused Barnard, also a butcher, of kicking his dog and dislocating its shoulder. Incident was in Wells High Street. Barnard was fined 8/- with costs of 12/- or to be imprisoned for 14 days with hard labour.	1856/076

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Vinnell	Sidney	Fry	William	24	11	1856	Drunkenness	D	Fry was seen to be drunk and making a great noise in Wells High Street. As he was then taken home by his brother, it appears that no charges were preferred.	1856/078
Vinnell	Sidney	Sherlock	George	24	11	1856	Refusal of entry to police	Op	PC Vinnell called at the Three Kings where he believed that that drinking was going on after licensing hours. He was not given admittance and later saw several men leaving the premises, some of them clearly drunk. Sherlock, the landlord, was discharged on payment of 6/6d costs.	1856/079
Murrow	Elizabeth	Andrews	John	26	11	1856	Assault	A	Elizabeth Murrow was the wife of Charles Murrow, a plasterer and tiler, while Andrews was a labourer.	1856/080
[Regina]		Hawley	James	02	12	1856	Desertion	M	Hawley, aged 19, had enlisted in the Army in February 1856 at Plymouth but deserted in November. He gave himself up to police serjeant Porter as a deserter.	1856/081
Morgan	Eliza	Marsh	Emma	02	12	1856	Assault	A	Eliza Morgan was from Dorchester and Emma Marsh from Beaminster. The alleged assault took place in the King's Arms.	1856/082
Boug	Charles	Sampay Sampay	John William	20	12	1856	Hawking without a licence	N	Both prisoners confessed to hawking in New Road, High Street and Water Lane without being duly licensed. Convicted and committed to the House of Correction for 1 calendar month with hard labour as idle and disorderly persons.	1856/083
Buck	Abraham	Collier	John	20	12	1856	Hawking oranges	N	Buck claimed that Collier was hawking oranges from door to door in the Market Place but had not paid a toll. Case was settled out of court.	1856/084

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Dredge	Mary	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	29	12	1856	Assault	A	Mary Dredge was a single woman, while Elizabeth Sarah Francis was the wife of George Francis, a coal hauler. Case was settled out of court.	1856/086
Boug	Charles	Cardwell	Elizabeth	30	12	1856	Offence against licence	L	Opening premises for the sale of alcoholic liquor before the permitted licensing hours on Christmas Day. Fined 1/- with costs of 11/6d.	1856/087
Boug	Charles	Cardwell	Elizabeth	30	12	1856	Offence against licence	L	Permitting the entry of people, other than travellers or residents, into licensed premises before the start of licensing hours.	1856/088
Boug	Charles	Hawkins	Henry	30	12	1856	Beer house	L	Opening premises for the sale of alcoholic liquor before the permitted licensing hours on Christmas Day. Hawkins appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1856/089
Boug	Charles	Maynard	Richard	30	12	1856	Beer house	L	Opening premises for the sale of alcoholic liquor before the permitted licensing hours on Christmas Day. Maynard appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1856/090
Boug	Charles	Money	James	30	12	1856	Beer house	L	Opening premises for the sale of alcoholic liquor before the permitted licensing hours on Christmas Day. Fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1856/091
Boug	Charles	Money	James	30	12	1856	Permitting drunkenness	L	Allowing disorderly conduct, fighting and drunkenness on licensed premises on 26 December	1856/092
Boug	Charles	Nutty	George	30	12	1856	Beer house	L	Opening premises for the sale of alcoholic liquor before the permitted licensing hours on Christmas Day.	1856/093
Boug	Charles	Hutton	James	30	12	1856	Permitting drunkenness	L	Allowing disorderly conduct, fighting and drunkenness on licensed premises on 26 December. Elizabeth Stevens, wife of George Stevens, labourer, was summoned to give evidence in support of the plaintiff.	1856/094

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Boug	Charles	Hutton	James	30	12	1856	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Boug charged Hutton, an innkeeper, with being drunk on 27 December. The fines and costs shown on the back of the summons amount to £2.7s.4d and appear to cover both this offence and at least one, if not both, of the two preceding summons (1856/094 and 1856/095).	1856/096
1857										
Coleman	Mark	Moore	George	02	01	1857	Assault	A	Coleman, a pensioner, claimed to be assaulted by Moore, a mason.	1857/001
Moore	George	Coleman	Mark	02	01	1857	Assault	A	See 1857/001; Moore, a mason, claimed he had been attacked by Coleman, a pensioner.	1857/002
Coleman	Elizabeth	Moore	George	02	01	1857	Assault	A	Elizabeth Coleman was wife of Mark Coleman; see 1857/001 and 1857/002.	1857/003
Boug	Charles	Allen	James	03	01	1857	Felony	T	Police serjeant Boug had insufficient evidence to prosecute Allen for theft but asked for him to be held on remand while he investigated the potential charge.	1857/004
Tasker	Joseph John	Symes	Josiah	15	01	1857	Theft	T	Tasker, a linen draper, complained that items, in particular, handkerchiefs, had been taken from his shop over a period of time. He had then been informed that these items could be found on the premises of Josiah Symes. He requested and was granted a search warrant.	1857/005
Tasker	Joseph John	Symes	Josiah	15	01	1857	Theft	T	Witness statement from Henry Oldfield, nephew of Josiah Symes, that lent weight to the suspicion of theft.	1857/005a
Tasker	Joseph John	Symes	Josiah	17	01	1857	Theft	T	Case for summons to prosecution witnesses. Boug had already arrested a woman called Eliza Gait on suspicion of the theft of 20 black silk handkerchiefs.	1857/006

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Gillbanks	Henry	Hutton	James	19	01	1857	Offence against licence	L	Hutton, landlord of the Red Ox beer house, was accused of allowing individuals of 'notoriously bad character' to congregate in his pub and drink together. Maria Slater and Ellen Edwards were two individuals specifically mentioned (see also 1857/009).	1857/008
Palmer	William	Slater	Maria	19	01	1857	Theft	T	Palmer of Westbury accused Maria Slater of stealing from him a silver watch guard and key. (See 1857/008 where the plaintiff and defendant were seen drinking together in the Red Ox beer house.)	1857/009
Masters	Job	White	William	24	01	1857	Assault	A	Both plaintiff and defendant were butchers.	1857/010
Teek	James	Scott	John	24	01	1857	Wilful damage	Wd	Scott, a pauper and vagrant, had been admitted to Wells Union workhouse, fed and given clothes to wear. By the next morning he had destroyed the clothes and had to be given another set. He was described as 'an Idle & disorderly person', convicted and sentenced to 21 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison.	1857/011
Fowles	William Henry	Bath Bath	Alice John	24	01	1857	Assault	A	John and Alice Bath were innkeepers. Case was dismissed.	1857/012
Fowles	William Henry	Bath	John	24	01	1857	Assault	A	Appears to be same case as 1857/012	1857/013
Fowles	William Henry	Cardwell Moon Mutton	Elizabeth John Eli	24	01	1857	Assault	A	Cardwell was described as an innkeeper, Moon as an ostler and Mutton as a writer. The case was dismissed.	1857/014
Fowles	William Henry	Bath & others	John	26	01	1857	Minutes of meeting	*	Witness statements and discussion regarding cases 1857/012 - 1857/014	1857/015
Gillbanks	Henry	Campbell	William	31	01	1857	Driving without reins	Rd	Campbell, a labourer from Godney, was seen driving down Priors Road and had no reins with which to control the horse-drawn cart he was driving.	1857/016
Gillbanks	Henry	Judd	Phillip	05	02	1857	Offence against Turnpike Act	Rd	Judd, a coal hauler from Wells, was seen driving along the Bath Road turnpike in a cart that did not bear the name of the owner or the owner's location on the side.	1857/017

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Gillbanks	Henry	Gunning	George	06	02	1857	Driving without reins	Rd	Gunning, a labourer from Glastonbury, was seen driving a horse-drawn cart down High Street - but had no reins with which to control the direction of the vehicle.	1857/019
Bacon	George	West	Susan	10	02	1857	Cruelty to a dog	C	West was a domestic servant from the Liberty of St Andrew. Mr Gleaves, the owner of the dog, chose not to press the charge. Costs of 4/6d - paid.	1857/020
[Regina]		Parker	Josiah	11	02	1857	Commitment for wilful murder	Mu	Parker was accused of murdering his wife Ann. He was committed for trial at a higher court.	1857/021
Boug	Charles	Green	Charles	12	02	1857	Driving without reins	Rd	Green, a labourer from Bridgwater was seen in a cart drawn by a horse in Priory Road; he was driving without reins. Mr Ashford, the defendant's master, appeared and admitted the offence. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/-; paid. Expenses incurred by P.C. Brown 6/-; paid.	1857/022
Gillbanks	Henry	Griffin	Joseph	12	02	1857	Driving without reins	Rd	Griffin, a labourer from West Horrington, was seen on the Bath road in a horse-drawn waggon owned by James Sheppard also of West Horrington; Griffin was driving without reins. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/- or 14 days imprisonment at Shepton Mallet; paid.	1857/023
Gillbanks	Henry	Cardwell	Elizabeth	12	02	1857	Offence against licence	L	Cardwell, landlady of the City Arms, was accused of opening for business before permitted by the statutory licensing hours. Fined 2/6d, with costs of 7/-; paid.	1857/024
[Regina]		Fowles	William Henry	18	02	1857	Sureties against future behaviour	Su	Fowles had been involved in a number of cases that had been dismissed and had also been abusive to a local coroner. He was requested to find two referees who would each put forward a £50 bond to guarantee his future conduct. Fowles refused to do so and was sentenced to 6 months in prison at Shepton Mallet, although he could end the sentence by coming forward with two referees as requested.	1857/025
Bacon	George	Seal Ball	Martha Charles	27	02	1857	Cruelty to a donkey	C	Charles Ball appeared; Martha Seal also appeared as owner of the donkeys and employer of Ball. Fined 11/- with costs of 9/- or 1 month in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1857/026

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Boyce	Charles	Bennett	James	28	02	1857	Offence against Wells Market Act	Wm	Bennett, a coal hauler, was found to have materials on his cart that did not fall under the licence relevant to his trade, i.e. wood and chains. Fined 5/-.	1857/028
Allen	Levi	Godfrey	Edward	02	03	1857	Bestiality	By	Allen, a blacksmith, claimed that Godfrey had been indulging in sexual intercourse with an ass.	1857/029
Wines	George	Allen	William	06	03	1857	Driving without reins	Rd	Allen, a labourer, was seen driving a donkey cart along Portway without reins to control its operation. He pleaded guilty to the charge.	1857/030
Wines	George	Allen	Robert	06	03	1857	Driving without reins	Rd	Allen, a labourer, was seen driving a donkey cart along Portway without reins to control its operation. Case was dismissed - perhaps because Allen was not the owner of the cart - but defendant was ordered to pay costs of 4/-.	1857/031
Wines	George	Wilton	Richard	06	03	1857	Offence against licence	L	PC Wines had visited the Globe public house outside licensing hours and found a man who was not a 'traveller' drinking a pint of beer. Wilton, the landlord, was accused of a breach of the licensing laws. Case was dismissed on payment of costs of 5/6d.	1857/032
Wines	George	Phipps	Joseph	06	03	1857	Offence against Turnpike Act	Rd	PC Wines saw a donkey cart proceeding along Portway with no one in charge of it. Phipps appeared some 2-3 minutes after the donkey cart and was clearly not in control of it. Case was dismissed on payment of costs of 4/6d by Phipps; given one week in which to pay.	1857/033

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Plenty	Charles	Boyce	Andrew	09	03	1857	Assault	A	Plenty of Coxley was a labourer, as was Boyce of East Wells. Case was settled out of court.	1857/035
Appleby	Edwin	Badman	Edward	09	03	1857	Assault	A	Appleby of Coxley was a labourer, as was Badman of Tucker Street. The case was settled without a hearing.	1857/036
Brown	George	Mills	John	14	03	1857	Offence against Bread Act	Wm	PC Brown charged Mills of Southover with delivering and selling bread without the means to check and prove its weight. Mills was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1857/037
Rogers	William	Curry (late Cardwell)	Elizabeth	14	03	1857	2nd Offence against licence	L	Mrs Curry, landlady of the City Arms, was accused of allowing drunkenness and disorderly behaviour, and permitting individuals of notoriously bad character, i.e. prostitutes, to associate in her establishment. As it was her second offence, she and her husband were fined 40/- with costs of 9/3d.	1857/038
Brown	George	Catcott	William	14	03	1857	Offence against Bread Act	Wm	PC Brown charged Catcott, a baker of Tor Lane, with delivering and selling bread without the means to check and prove its weight. Catcott pleaded guilty, but there is no indication of the fines and costs for which he was liable.	1857/039
Brown	George	Small	Abraham	14	03	1857	Riding without reins	Rd	Small of Coxley was seen by PC Brown driving a horse-drawn cart along the turnpike road to Glastonbury. Small was sitting in the cart but had no reins with which to control the vehicle. He was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1857/040
Rogers	William	Wood	Luke	14	03	1857	Offence against Wells Town Act	O	Wood was charged with leaving a wagon and two horses unattended in Wells High Street. He was discharged on payment of costs of 6/6d.	1857/041
Boug	Charles	Fry	Stephen	14	03	1857	Offence against Bread Act	Wm	Frederick Toke, a journeyman baker working for Stephen Fry, was stopped by police serjeant Boug and found to have no means of weighing the bread that he was selling. Fry pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1857/042

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Brown	George	Baker	John	14	03	1857	Offence against Bread Act	Wm	PC Brown stopped Baker in Queen Street and ascertained that Baker had no means of weighing the bread that he was selling from a handbarrow. Baker was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1857/044
[Regina]		Allen	John Robert	14	03	1857	Drunkenness	D	Allen was from East Wells.	1857/045a
[Regina]		Allen Allen	Thomas William	14	03	1857	Causing an affray	Dp	Both the defendants were described as labourers.	1857/045b
[Regina]		Marshall Allen	John John Robert	14	03	1857	Causing an affray	Dp	Marshall and Allen were accused of fighting in a public street.	1857/045c
[Regina]		Wills	John	14	03	1857	Obstructing police in execution of duty	Op	Wills was accused of abusing PC Rogers in the execution of his duty.	1857/045d
[Regina]		Hill	John	14	03	1857	Drunkenness	D	Hill, a butcher, was accused of being drunk in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert	1857/045e
[Regina]		Small	John	17	03	1857	Drunkenness	D	Small was a carpenter. Fined 5/-; given 1 week to pay.	1857/045f
[Regina]		Isgrove	Joseph	14	03	1857	Drunkenness	D	Isgrove was a labourer; the case was dismissed on payment of costs of 1/6d.	1857/045g
Gillbanks	Henry	Badman	Edward	15	03	1857	Driving without reins	Rd	Badman, a labourer, was accused of driving a light cart along Wells High Street without using reins. Badman pleaded guilty, fined 1/-, with costs of 7/-; paid.	1857/046
Catcott	William	Small	John	28	03	1857	Theft	T	Catcott had been renting a flat in Tor Lane to Small and his family, but complained that when they moved out a quantity of lead was missing from the roof. He was granted a search warrant for Small's new property in Pool Lane.	1857/047
Corp	James	Bennett	John	30	03	1857	Offence against Turnpike Act	Rd	Bennett, a coal hauler, was accused of failing to control a horse and cart on the Glastonbury turnpike by being too far away from the vehicle to influence its progress.	1857/048
Rogers	William	Barber	James	03	04	1857	Offence against licence	L	PC Rogers accused Barber, landlord of the Full Moon, of being open for business before the hours permitted by the licensing laws. Barber was fined 1/-; costs were not shown.	1857/049
Rogers	William	Barber	James	03	04	1857	Offence against licence	L	PC Rogers accused Barber, landlord of the Full Moon, of the same offence as before (see 1857/049) exactly one week later. Barber appears to have been fined 23/- with costs of 10/-.	1857/050

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Bennett	John	Corp	James	08	04	1857	Furious driving	Rd	Bennett, a coal hauler, claimed that he and his son were driving separate carts along the Glastonbury turnpike, when both of them were in collision with a horse and cart driven at a furious rate by Corp, a yeoman of West Pennard (see also 1857/048). Bennett's estimate of damage sustained by his vehicles was 20/-.	1857/052
Paul	Thomas	Fry + others	William	11	04	1857	Assault	A	Defendants included both William and Frederick Fry, both sons of Henry (Harry) Fry.	1857/053
Sydenham	George	Perry	Thomas Davidge	11	04	1857	Alehouse information	L	Perry, a licensed victualler, was accused of keeping his establishment open beyond the statutory licensing hours. He was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d.	1857/054
[Justices]		Various		13	04	1857	Minutes of meeting	*	Notes of various cases from one meeting of magistrates.	1857/055
Boug	Charles	Perry	Thomas Davidge	28	04	1857	Keeping a disorderly house	L	Perry, landlord of the King's Arms, was accused of keeping a disorderly house and allowing customers to make a noise that would disturb nearby residents. Second offence; fined 1/- with costs of 9/-; paid 10/-.	1857/055a
Moyston	Mary Ann	Churches	Mary	01	05	1857	Assault	A	Mary Ann Moyston was a single woman, Mary Churches was the wife of Edward Churches (Churchouse). Case adjourned to 15 June on account of defendant's illness. Fined 2/- and 2/6d to be paid to witness.	1857/056
Bartlett jnr	Joseph	Allen	Mark	09	05	1857	Offence against Turnpike Act	Rd	Allen was accused of being at least 50 yards from his horse and cart as it proceeded along the Glastonbury turnpike - therefore in no position to control it. He was reprimanded and required to pay costs of 6/6d. Paid.	1857/057
Seal	Matilda	Cox	Elizabeth	16	05	1857	Assault	A	Matilda Seal was a single woman, while Elizabeth Cox was the wife of George Cox.	1857/058

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Boug	Charles	Money	James	18	05	1857	Offence against licence	L	Money, landlord of the Queen's Head, was accused of keeping his premises open beyond the statutory licensing hours. Case was dismissed.	1857/060
Boug	Charles	Chard	William	18	05	1857	Offence against licence	L	Chard, landlord of the Fountain Inn, was accused of opening his premises for drinking before the time permitted by the statutory licensing hours. Case was dismissed.	1857/061
Boug	Charles	Barber	James	18	05	1857	Refusing to admit police officer	Op	PC Rogers heard voices from the Full Moon after statutory closing time. He tried to gain admittance but was refused entry. Barber was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1857/062
Boug	Charles	Seal Ball	Martha Charles	18	05	1857	Cruelty to animals	C	Ball was using a donkey, owned by Martha Seal, his employer, to pull a load of coal along Chamberlain Street. Boug deemed the donkey to be unfit for work because of sores on its back. The case was adjourned to 15 June, but if costs of 6/6d paid in meantime, then case would not proceed.	1857/063
Boug	Charles	Barber	James	18	05	1857	Offence against licence	L	Barber, landlord of the Full Moon, was charged with selling alcohol before the time permitted by the statutory licensing laws. Barber pleaded guilty and was fined 20/- with 9/- costs.	1857/064
Boug	Charles	Nutty	George	18	05	1857	Offence against licence	L	Nutty, landlord of the Bull's Head, was charged with opening for the sale of alcoholic liquor outside statutory licensing hours. He was convicted; fined 10/- with costs of 10/- to be paid immediately or distress. If not adequate, then 1 month imprisonment.	1857/065
Boug	Charles	Hawkins	Henry	18	05	1857	Offence against licence	L	Hawkins, landlord of the Bell in Portway, was charged with keeping his premises open for the consumption of alcohol beyond the statutory licensing hours. He was convicted and fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1857/066
Boug	Charles	Sweet Sweet	John Eliza	18	05	1857	Drunkenness	D	Dismissed on paying costs of 1/6d.	1857/067

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Wicks	Thomas	Loxton	William	21	05	1857	Leaving work in unfinished state	Nc	Wicks, a cabinet maker, accused Loxton, his employee and a journeyman cabinet maker, of failing to complete work which he had been assigned. Loxton was ordered to pay part of the costs of the case from his wages (15/- per week).	1857/069
Boug	Charles	Whitehead	John	21	05	1857	Assault on police officers	A	Whitehead was convicted and ordered to pay £4.14s.0d with costs of 6/-. As it was impossible for him to pay this sum or to sell assets to this value, he was sent to prison for one calendar month.	1857/070
Boug	Charles	Whitehead	John	21	05	1857	Assault on police officers	A	Copy of the commitment related to case 1857/070. It was noted that this sentence of one month should commence once Whitehead's current 3-month sentence for other misdemeanours had been completed.	1857/071
Curry	George	Moon	John	22	05	1857	Leaving master's work without leave	Ab	Moon, an ostler at the City Arms, had failed to turn up for work on two occasions during the week (and had a record of similar failures in the past). He was required to pay the costs of the case of 6/6d.	1857/072
Symes	Sarah	Allen	Mary	25	05	1857	Sureties for the peace	Su	Sarah Symes was the wife of Samuel Symes, a confectioner, while Mary Allen was the wife of John Allen. Symes requested that Allen be bound over with respect to her future conduct to prevent further verbal abuse and threats of physical violence. Case was dismissed with costs of 1/6d.	1857/073
Rogers	William	Ham	William	25	05	1857	Drunkenness	D	Ham, a labourer, was accused of being drunk in the Liberty. He was reprimanded and the case dismissed on payment of costs of 3/6d.	1857/074

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Rogers	William	Buck	George	25	05	1857	Drunkenness	D	Buck, a pensioner, was accused of being drunk in the Liberty. He was reprimanded and the case dismissed on payment of costs of 5/-.	1857/076
Rogers	William	Sheppard	William	25	05	1857	Drunkenness	D	Sheppard, a sawyer, was accused of being drunk in the Liberty. He was reprimanded and the case dismissed on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1857/077
Rogers	William	Allen	James	25	05	1857	Drunkenness	D	Allen, a glazier, was accused of being drunk in the Liberty. He was reprimanded and the case dismissed on payment of costs of 3/6d.	1857/078
[Justices]		Various		25	05	1857	Minutes of meeting	*	Minutes of Petty Sessions on 25 May.	1857/079
Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	Francis	Thomas	26	05	1857	Assault	A	Elizabeth Sarah Francis was the wife of George Francis, coal hauler. Thomas Francis was a labourer. No indication of the relationship between plaintiff and defendant.	1857/080
Oatley	Sarah	Curry	Elizabeth	03	06	1857	Assault	A	Sarah Oatley, a single woman, claimed that Elizabeth Curry, landlady of the City Arms, had pushed her downstairs. Case was dismissed. Complainant to pay costs of 5/-.	1857/081
Rogers	William	Fry	John	04	06	1857	Drunkenness	D	Fry, a shoemaker, appears to have been one of a number of people, most of them apparently drunk, to have been involved in a quarrel or brawl in Wells High Street. He was fined 12/-, possibly because it was not his first offence. In addition, he was also required to provide sureties as to his future conduct for 1 month.	1857/082
Rogers	William	Fry + others	John	04	06	1857	Assault	A	When John Fry was arrested (see case 1857/082), several others involved in the disturbance tried to rescue him. In particular, his mother, Eliza Fry, wife of Henry Fry, Eliza Dredge, wife of Frederick Dredge, shoemaker, and Isaiah Boyce. All were fined and ordered to pay costs.	1857/083

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Phipps	Elizabeth	Churchouse	Mary	22	06	1857	Assault	A	Elizabeth Phipps was a single woman, while Mary Churchouse was the wife of Edward Churchouse.	1857/085
Fry Salmon	Charles Henry	Hale	Richard	23	06	1857	Leaving master's employ	Ab	Fry and Salmon ran a business as millers and corn factors and employed Hale in husbandry. He failed to turn up for his assigned role in the harvest.	1857/086
Furlong	Charles	[Justices]		25	06	1857	Repayment of amount incorrectly claimed	*	Letter from Bristol district paymaster requesting repayment of 1/-. Money sent in postage stamps on 25 June.	1857/087
[Justices]		Various		01	07	1857	Convictions against licencees	*	List of convictions against licence and under Beer Act	1857/088
Sweet	Ann	Creedy	Major	11	07	1857	Assault	A	Ann Sweet was a widow, Major Creedy was a butcher. Case was deemed not to be proven and therefore dismissed.	1857/089
Loxton	Rosamond Alice	Churchouse	Mary	20	07	1857	Assault	A	Rosamond Alice Loxton was an infant, Mary Churchouse was the wife of Edward Churchouse.	1857/090
Boug	Charles	Brookman	William	21	07	1857	Drunkenness	D	Brookman was a baker.	1857/091
Boug	Charles	Armstrong	Ann	21	07	1857	Drunkenness	D	Ann Armstrong was the wife of Charles Armstrong, tailor.	1857/092
Rogers	William	Fry	Henry	23	07	1857	Drunkenness	D	Fry was described as a shoemaker.	1857/093
Dredge	Priscilla	Stephens	George	29	07	1857	Assault	A	Priscilla Dredge was a single woman. Stephens was a labourer. He was convicted of throwing a shirt sleeve into her face. He was fined 6d with costs of 11/-, or 14 days in prison. He was given until the following Monday in order to pay.	1857/094
Boug	Charles	Ball	James	31	07	1857	Cruelty to animals	C	Ball, a coal hauler, was accused of ill-treating one of his donkeys and the blood of the animal could be seen in Sadler Street and Bath Road.	1857/095
Clements	Ann	Clements	Thomas	06	08	1857	Assault	A	Domestic dispute between husband and wife.	1857/096

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Boug	Charles	Wilton	Richard	12	08	1857	Offence against licence	L	Wilton was accused of keeping his inn open for the sale of alcoholic liquor beyond the statutory licensing hours and also of allowing notoriously bad characters, e.g. prostitutes, to use his establishment, the Globe. He was found guilty and fined a total of £3.1s.0d.	1857/098
Boug	Charles	White Giles	Joseph William	12	08	1857	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Boug accused White and Giles of cruelty to horses and donkeys who were being worked with major sores near saddles and collars. Defendants were found guilty.	1857/099
Brown	George	Edwards	William	13	08	1857	Drunkenness	D	PC Brown accused Edwards, a labourer, of being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1857/100
Parsons	Joseph	Kittson	Robert	14	08	1857	Leaving his work	Ab	Parsons, a brush manufacturer, accused Kittson of absenting himself from work. An arrest warrant was issued.	1857/101
Rogers	William	White	Joseph	14	08	1857	Cruelty to animals	C	White was seen with a waggon drawn by two horses on the Glastonbury road. One of the horses was found to have serious sores under the saddle. White was found guilty of cruelty, but there was no indication of fines or costs, although the alternative in the event of a default was given as one month in prison.	1857/102
Anderson	William	Walker	Alexander	17	08	1857	Absconding	Ab	Anderson ran a drapery and grocery business. He employed Walker as a travelling salesman. Walker was given a supply of tea and other groceries and sent off to sell them. He failed to return with the unsold goods and proceeds of sale. An arrest warrant was issued.	1857/103

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Rogers	William	Hawkins	Henry	21	08	1857	Offence against licence	L	Two men were found in Broad Street at 1.30am on a Sunday morning with beer in their possession. They had just bought it from the Bell in Portway. Hawkins, the landlord, was charged with selling beer during prohibited hours. He was fined 5/- for a second offence with costs of 20/-. If in default, the alternative was one month in prison; the sums were paid.	1857/105
Rogers	William	Keates	Thomas	26	08	1857	Offence against licence	L	PC Rogers accused Keates, landlord of the Golden Heart, of remaining open beyond permitted licensing hours to serve guests who were neither travellers nor residents. Keates was found guilty; fine appears to have been 1/- with costs of 10/6d.	1857/106
Buck	Abraham	Locke	William	29	08	1857	Evasion of toll	N	Locke was a dealer in potatoes and brought a load into Wells to sell them, but refused to pay the toll of 4d demanded by Buck. Case was settled without a hearing.	1857/107
Sayer	Sarah	Francis	Elizabeth	31	08	1857	Assault	A	Sarah Sayer was a single woman, Elizabeth Francis was the wife of George Francis, coal hauler. Case was settled without a hearing.	1857/108
Thorley	Joseph	Grist	Ellen	31	08	1857	Minutes of meeting	T	Ellen Grist, a spinster, had been accused of taking a watch and gold ring from Thorley. The property was recovered when Thorley visited Joseph Burr, a member of the Vicars Choral.	1857/109
Sydenham	George	Brown	Eliza	05	09	1857	Drunkenness	D	Eliza Brown was said to be married, but no details of her husband were given.	1857/110

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Green	Elizabeth	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	15	09	1857	Assault	A	Elizabeth Green was the wife of George Green, labourer, and Elizabeth Sarah Francis was the wife of George Francis.	1857/112
Boug	Charles	Johnson	George	01	10	1857	Selling obscene publications	Pr	Henry Olive, working in Everett's shop in the Liberty, was approached by Johnson who wanted to sell him a book, supposedly by Aristotle. However, the book turned out to be an obscene publication, as did others in Johnson's possession when he was arrested by Boug. Johnson agreed to hand over all the publications in his possession and was discharged.	1857/113
Fry	Francis	Bird	James	01	10	1857	Assault	A	Fry was a maltster, Bird was a mason.	1857/114
Boug	Charles	Wallin	Edward	02	10	1857	Offence against Turnpike Act	O	Wallin, of Ashwick, was accused of leaving a horse and cart unattended for a long period in Water Lane.	1857/115
Turvill	P C	Adams	William	05	10	1857	Drunkenness	D	Adams was described as a yeoman from Sedgemoor.	1857/116
Turvill	P C	Eades	Thomas	05	10	1857	Drunkenness	D	Eades was described as a yeoman from North Wootton.	1857/117
Dallas	James	Creedy	Major	06	10	1857	Assault	A	PC Dallas had gone to the Angel, a public house run by Creedy, to find the owner of a cart parked in the street. Creedy, also a butcher, had allegedly assaulted Dallas while he was carrying out his duties.	1857/118
Dallas	James	Fry	Henry	06	10	1857	Assault	A	See case 1857/118. Fry, a shoemaker of Water Lane, was accused of inciting Creedy to assault PC Dallas and threatening to join in the attack himself.	1857/119
Boug	Charles	Stephens	John	09	10	1857	Offence against Turnpike Act	O	Stephens, a butcher from Westbury, was accused of leaving his horse and cart unattended outside the Red Ox beer house for more than an hour and a half.	1857/120
Boug	Charles	Perry	Thomas Davidge	09	10	1857	Offence against licence	L	Perry, landlord of the King's Arms, was accused of keeping a disorderly house in which many people seemed to be drunk and there was fighting. Boug noted that this was far from Perry's first offence.	1857/121

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Dallas	James	White jnr	John	13	10	1857	Offence against Turnpike Act	O	White was accused of leaving a horse and cart unattended opposite the Angel in Water Lane. White himself was in the Angel - this was the trigger for the incident leading to Creedy's alleged assault on PC Dallas (see 1857/118 and 1857/119).	1857/123
Boug	Charles	Walwin	Edward	15	10	1857	Offence against Turnpike Act	O	Walwin, a coal hauler from Shepton Mallet, was accused of a leaving a horse and cart unattended for more than 3 hours outside the Three Kings Inn.	1857/124
Dredge	Priscilla	Stephens	George	17	10	1857	Arrest warrant	Aw	Warrant for arrest of George Stephens for non-payment of fine/costs (see 1857/094). Stephens was to be detained and serve 14 days in prison.	1857/125
Overseers of the Poor		Chapman	Mary Maria	17	10	1857	Vagrancy	V	Application to move Mary Maria Chapman to her legal place of settlement, presumably because she was a chargeable burden to the Overseers of the Poor. John Chapman (link to defendant not specified) was summoned before the magistrates to provide information before they took their decision.	1857/126
Perham	Martha	Fry	William	11	11	1857	Firearms offence	Fm	Martha Perham was the wife of Samuel Perham, labourer, and lived in East Wells. Fry was also described as a labourer. He had allegedly twice discharged a gun within 50 feet of the public highway (gun was actually fired on a public footpath next to the highway).	1857/127
Sweet	Charles	Pearce	James	16	11	1857	Assault	A	Neither plaintiff nor defendant appeared. Both were described as labourers from East Wells.	1857/128

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Brown	James Sims	Winter Vowles	Nimrod Charles	23	11	1857	Assault	A	Brown was a cordwainer, while Winter was a cabinet maker and Vowles a butcher. It seems likely that there was a fine of 2/- and costs of £1.0s.6d.	1857/129
Wangford	William	Walwyn	Alfred	26	11	1857	Assault	A	Wangford was a serjeant in the Grenadier Guards, while Walwyn was described as a coal hauler from Ashwick. There was a table of costs amounting to 17/6d.	1857/130
Wangford	William	Walwyn	Alfred	26	11	1857	Wilful damage	Wd	Wangford accused Walwyn of wilful damage to his greatcoat to the value of 30/- (see also case 1857/130).	1857/131
Boug	Charles	Phipps jnr	Thomas	07	12	1857	Drunkenness	D	Discharged on payment of 2/- costs.	1857/132
Foster	Robert	Creyghton	Mary	15	12	1857	Assault	A	Foster was a dairyman of Wookey Hole, while Mary Ann Creyghton was the wife of Alexander Creyghton, a stoker. Case was dismissed (see also 1857/134).	1857/133
Creyghton	Mary	Foster	Robert	16	12	1857	Assault	A	Mary Ann Creyghton was the wife of Alexander Creyghton, a stoker. Foster was a dairyman of Wookey Hole. Case was dismissed (see also 1857/133).	1857/134
Churchouse	Mary Ann	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	23	12	1857	Assault	A	Mary Ann Churchouse was the wife of Edward Churchouse, coal hauler, and Elizabeth Sarah Francis was the wife of George Francis, also a coal hauler. It appears that Churchouse had to pay 7/- and Francis 2/- (see also 1857/136).	1857/135

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Barber	James	Fry Fry	John William	21	01	1858	Assault	A	Both defendants were shoemakers.	1858/001
Marshall	Thomas	Dudderidge	James	06	02	1858	Assault	A	Marshall was a labourer and Dudderidge was a painter.	1858/002
[Regina]		Guardians and Overseers of Poor & Highway Surveyor		20	02	1858	Waste near Palace moat	E	Notice of nuisance around Palace moat.	1858/003
Boyce	Thomas Tucker	Oxley snr Oxley	Matthew Charles	23	02	1858	Malicious damage	Wd	Case involved a claim that Oxley snr and his son had cut down a hedge belonging to Boyce. Case was dismissed.	1858/004
Thomas	Joshua	Mullins	Edwin	26	02	1858	Assault	A	Mullins, a tailor, was said to have assaulted a police constable in the course of his duty. Case was dismissed.	1858/005
Dallas	James	Carey Carey	John Joseph	26	02	1858	Cruelty to animals	C	Both defendants, Joseph the master and John the worker, came from Coxley. Charged with working a horse with sores on its shoulders. Paid costs of 7/6d; no conviction.	1858/006
Brown	George	Francis	John	26	02	1858	Offence against Turnpike Act	Rd	PC Brown encountered a horse and cart near Keward Bridge with no one in control. He found John Francis about half a mile away. Francis claimed to have been searching for the horse and cart for 2 hours. Brown claimed that Francis was drunk. Paid 8/-.	1858/007
Sydenham	George	Watts	Joseph	19	03	1858	Offence against licence	L	Watts, beerhouse keeper of the Globe, was accused of operating outside permitted licensing hours. Fined 1/- with costs of 12/-.	1858/008
Dallas	James	Watts	Joseph	19	03	1858	Refusing to admit constable	Op	PC Dallas tried to obtain entry to the Globe as he had heard noises at midnight. Initially, he was unable to get in, but was eventually told that the people there were lodgers (although all were fully dressed).	1858/009
Dallas	James	Cox	George	19	03	1858	Offence against licence	L	Cox, alehouse keeper of the New Inn in East Wells, was accused of opening his premises for drinking outside permitted licensing hours. Fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1858/010

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Cox	Harry	Judd	Philip	30	04	1858	Assault	A	Cox was a labourer, Judd a coal hauler. Adjourned to 20 May, if costs of 7/6d paid; meanwhile, then there would be no conviction.	1858/012
Dallas	James	Keates	Thomas	05	05	1858	Offence against licence	L	Keates was the landlord of the Golden Heart. No conviction for unlawful opening hours, but fined 1/- with 13/- costs for selling hay on a Sunday; paid.	1858/013
Dallas	James	Cox	Mrs	05	05	1858	Refusing to admit constable	Op	Mrs Cox was the landlady of the New Inn in East Wells. PC Dallas claimed that he was kept back by Mrs Cox until those who were drinking outside hours got out of the building. Fined 1/- with costs of 22/-.	1858/014
Dallas	James	Cox	George	05	05	1858	Offence against licence	L	PC Dallas alleged that Cox, the landlord of the New Inn in East Wells, had his establishment open outside permitted licensing hours. Not convicted.	1858/015
Berry	James	Brooks	George	10	05	1858	Assault	A	Berry, a letter carrier living in St Cuthbert Street, heard Brooks banging with a poker on his window shutters and door at 1am. Brooks was drunk and abusive and threatened physical violence. A warrant for Brooks' arrest was issued.	1858/016
Marshall	Hugh Graham	Bendall	Albert	15	05	1858	Cruelty to animals	C	Marshall, described as a gentleman, alleged that his dog had been seriously injured by a blow from Bendall, a carpenter. Bendall was fined 1/- with costs of 9/6d or 14 days in prison.	1858/017
Foster	?	Poole	Charlotte	21	05	1858	Drunkenness	D	Summons only; fined 3/-.	1858/018
Sayers	?	Sweet Sweet	John Eliza	02	06	1858	Drunkenness	D	Summons only for both husband and wife.	1858/019
Boug	Charles	White	John	10	06	1858	Furious driving	Rd	White, a butcher, was accused of driving his horse and cart at a furious rate in High Street.	1858/020
Boug	Charles	Creedy	Major	10	06	1858	Furious driving	Rd	Creedy, a butcher, was accused of driving a horse and cart through Wells at a furious rate.	1858/021
Boug	Charles	Vaughan	Fanny	10	06	1858	Obstructing highway	O	Vaughan was accused of leaving a donkey and cart for upwards of 5 hours in Priston Row. Vaughan was wife of Joseph Vaughan of Easton, a mason. Paid 4/6d, but was not convicted.	1858/022
Boug	Charles	Fry	Henry	10	06	1858	Rescuing prisoner from custody	Op	Henry Fry, shoemaker, was accused of rescuing William Fry (his son?) from lawful police custody.	1858/023

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Boug	Charles	Fry	William	11	06	1858	Drunkenness	D	Summons only. Probably linked to case 1858/023.	1858/025
Boug	Charles	Nutty	William	16	06	1858	Offence against Turnpike Act	Rd	Nutty, a labourer, was said not to be in control of a donkey and cart passing from the Sherston Arms Inn to the Somerset Hotel. Ordered to pay 8/-.	1858/026
Boug	Charles	Hutton	James	16	06	1858	Offence against licence	L	Hutton, beerhouse keeper of the Red Ox Tavern, was accused of having his establishment open outside permitted licensing hours (i.e. at 5am on a Sunday morning). Ordered to pay 8/-.	1858/027
Boug	Charles	Mogford jnr	Thomas	16	06	1858	Cruelty to dog	C	John Hillier complained to the police that his dog had been injured by Mogford, a butcher.	1858/028
									[Not credible]	1858/029
Kelly	Jane	Spurlock	Ann	21	06	1858	Pawning goods belonging to complainant	T	Kelly claimed that Spurlock had taken various items of clothing from her and had pawned them. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1858/030
									[Not credible]	1858/31
Trickey	William	Hopkins	William	29	06	1858	Wilful damage	Wd	Trickey, a mason, claimed that Hopkins, a carpenter, had seized his hat in the Queen's Head beerhouse and had then cut it into pieces. Neither party appeared at the hearing - case dismissed.	1858/032
Walbrook	Robert	Brett	William	03	07	1858	Assault	A	Both men were brushmakers. Case was dismissed as charge was not pursued.	1858/033
Sydenham	George	Veale	Edward	06	07	1858	Drunkenness	D	Fine and costs came to 9/-.	1858/034
Churchouse	Edward	Sweet	John	16	07	1858	Search warrant	Sw	Potential theft of a pair of black cloth trousers. Both men were resident in Southover.	1858/035
James	Sophia	Sage	John	16	07	1858	Wilful damage (to apples)	Wd	James, a widow, saw Sage throwing stones at an apple tree in her garden in East Wells in order to dislodge some fruit. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1858/036
Dallas	James	Ashman	Benjamin	16	07	1858	Drunkenness	D	PC Dallas accused Ashman, a labourer, of being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1858/037
Loxton	Rosamond	Francis	George	30	07	1858	Assault	A	Loxton, a widow, claimed that she was struck in the back with a whip wielded by Francis, a coal hauler. Fined 5/-, plus costs of 8/-.	1858/038

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Dallas	James	Sweet	John	13	08	1858	Drunkenness	D	Sweet, a pork butcher, apparently had to pay 5/-.	1858/040
Trimmer	Jane	Gosney	John	24	08	1858	Assault	Sa	Jane, wife of John Trimmer, a gardener, claimed that Gosney had put a hand on her and kissed her. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1858/041
Dallas	James	Nutty	George	30	08	1858	Offence against licence	L	Nutty, proprietor of the Bull's Head beerhouse, was accused of serving alcohol outside permitted licensing hours. Fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1858/042
Harvey	Mary	Harvey	Job	06	10	1858	Assault	A	Husband assaulting wife.	1858/043
Parsons	Joseph	Standert	Mary Ann	07	10	1858	Leaving master's service without leave	Ab	Apprentice brushmaker failing to turn up for work. See also 1859/030 where the surname is shown as 'Standard'.	1858/044
Parsons	Joseph	Brown	Elizabeth	07	10	1858	Leaving master's service without leave	Ab	Apprentice brushmaker failing to turn up for work. See also 1859/030 where the forename is given as 'Eliza'.	1858/045
Boug	Charles	Hill	John	13	10	1858	Cruelty to animals	C	Hill, a butcher, was accused of hitting a bullock with a stick. Fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison.	1858/046
Churchouse	Mary Ann	Sweet	Eliza	15	10	1858	Assault	A	Mary Ann Churchouse, wife of Edward Churchouse, a coal hauler, accused Eliza Sweet, wife of John Sweet, butcher, of holding a fist in her face and threatening to strike her. There was also a summons issued to Eliza Sweet for being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1858/047
Boug	Charles	Boyce	George	15	10	1858	Drunkenness	D	Boyce, a potato dealer of Westbury, was accused of being drunk. Ordered to pay costs of 9/-, of which 5/- was paid immediately.	1858/048
[Regina]		Cook	James	23	10	1858	Drunkenness	D	Committed to spend time in the stocks as a result of failure to pay fine of 5/-.	1858/049
Small	Mary Ann	Clements	Eliza	26	10	1858	Assault	A	Small, a single woman, claimed that she was in the Full Moon Inn when she was assaulted by Clements, wife of Charles Clements, labourer.	1858/050

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Barber	James	Standard Scott	James James	30	10	1858	Application for warrant	Ev	Application under Small Tenement Act for eviction for non-payment of rent.	1858/052
Gough	John Knight	Pearce	George	02	11	1858	Wilful damage	Wd	Gough, a yeoman from Eastwater, accused Pearce of breaking the bridle on his horse. The damage was estimated at 3/-. Pearce refused to pay and after the hearing failed to pay the fine and costs awarded against him. As a result, he was sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1858/053
Taylor	William	Ball Salmon Salmon Pearce Scott Scott Small	Edwin William Marcus James James John John	08	11	1858	Stealing apples	T	Taylor, a brewer, alleged that a group of boys had been stealing apples from his orchard near the bottom of Tucker Street.	1858/054
Corp	James	Churchouse	Edward	09	11	1858	Highways Act	Rd	Corp was driving down Southover in the dark and collided with a cart that Churchouse had left out in the road. Corp was thrown out of his vehicle and injured while his cart was also damaged. He proposed to use John Sweet as a witness (see 1858/035 as an example of previous history between Sweet and Churchouse). Costs amounted to at least 12/6d and there may also have been a fine involved.	1858/055
Dredge	Ann	Allen	Thomas	18	11	1858	Assault	A	Dredge was the wife of Joel Dredge, a sawyer, while Allen was a mason. He threatened to strike her in a dispute over payment for a quart of beer.	1858/056
Budge	John	Fowles	William Henry	22	11	1858	Assault	A	Surname of defendant could possibly be Vowles, but is clearly and consistently shown as Fowles. Budge was a cabinet maker who accused Fowles of threatening to strike him with a stick.	1858/057
Baker	Sidney	Oxley	Henry	27	11	1858	Assault	A	Baker was a printer and Oxley a labourer.	1858/058
Sydenham	George	Sweet Sweet	John Eliza	29	11	1858	Drunkenness	D	Sweet, a butcher, and his wife were charged with drunkenness - again! (see, amongst others, 1858/019)	1858/059

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Boug	Charles	Peach	Mary Ann	30	11	1858	Offence against Alehouse Act	L	PC Rideout visited the Three Kings Inn just after 4pm and found several people still in there - and drunk. Peach, the landlady, was accused of selling alcohol outside the permitted licensing hours.	1858/061
Boug	Charles	Hawkins	Henry	30	11	1858	Offence against Beerhouse Act	L	PC Rideout had visited the Bell beerhouse in Portway at 10.15am and found men drinking. Hawkins, the proprietor, was charged with selling alcohol outside the permitted licensing hours. Fined 10/- with costs of 6/-.	1858/062
Ring	Martin	Moon	James	03	12	1858	Assault	A	James Moon, a coal hauler of Little London, Oakhill, was accused of assaulting Ring, a maltster / brewer. Moon was fined 5/- with costs of 11/-.	1858/063
Boug	Charles	Moon	James	04	12	1858	Cruelty to animals	C	Moon, a coal hauler of Little London, Oakhill, was charged with cruelly beating a horse. Moon was ordered to pay 8/6d.	1858/064
Rideout	John	Francis	George	04	12	1858	Obstructing highway	O	PC Rideout found three carts parked in Southover in a position where they might cause an accident. Francis said that he intended to leave the carts there overnight. Francis paid 6/6d.	1858/065
Boug	Charles	Francis	John	04	12	1858	Obstructing highway	O	PC Rideout found a cart laden with coal parked in Southover; the cart belonging to John Francis remained there overnight and represented a hazard to other traffic. Francis paid 6/6d.	1858/066
[Regina]		Brown	John	06	12	1858	Cruelty to a horse	C	Brown was accused of stabbing a horse belonging to Joseph Parsons, brush manufacturer, with a pair of scissors.	1858/067
Bowell	John	Oxley jnr	Matthew	10	12	1858	Assault	A	Oxley was described as a fishmonger, Bowell a tailor. Convicted, fined 1/- with costs of 11/6d. Paid 12/6d.	1858/068
Bowell	John	Plenty	George	10	12	1858	Aiding and abetting in execution of assault	A	Plenty, a yeoman, was accused by Bowell, a tailor, of aiding and abetting the assault by Oxley, by extinguishing the gaslight. (see 1858/068)	1858/069
Edwards	William Collins	Wills	John	23	12	1858	Assault	A	Edwards was a gardener, Wills probably a horse dealer.	1858/070
[Regina]		Fry	Harry	29	12	1858	Drunkenness	D	Fry, a shoemaker, was fined 5/- including costs.	1858/071

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Pitman	Charles	Hill	John	29	12	1858	Theft of money	T	Pitman claimed that he had employed Hill to deliver and receive parcels in his business as a carrier between Wells and Bath. Hill had failed to account for monies received in discharging his duties as a delivery driver.	1858/073
Cardwell	Ann	Cardwell	Charles	29	12	1858	Assault	A	Defendant's assault on his mother came when he was drunk and was not the first occasion on which he had assaulted her. Bound over for 3 months with 2 sureties of £10 regarding future conduct towards his mother.	1858/074
Slade	Charles	Hawkins	William	29	12	1858	Assault	A	Slade, an innholder, claimed that he was assaulted by Hawkins, a butcher.	1858/075
{Justices}		Various		29	12	1858	Payment accounts	*	List of payments to witnesses	1858/076

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[Regina]		Hill	John	06	01	1859	Drunkenness	D	Hill was a coal haulier from Ashwick. Fined 5/- including costs. Paid.	1859/001
[Regina]		Hill	Albert	06	01	1859	Drunkenness	D	Hill was a coal haulier from Ashwick. Fined 5/- including costs. Paid. Not same person as 1859/001.	1859/002
Day	James	Mead	John	07	01	1859	Assault	A	Day, an ostler, claimed that Mead, an innkeeper, had kicked him and struck him on the head. The case was noted as settled. Day paid 2/- costs.	1859/003
[Regina]		Moore	John	07	01	1859	Drunkenness	D	Moore was a carpenter.	1859/004
[Regina]		Willmott	John	10	01	1859	Drunkenness	D	Willmott was a labourer.	1859/005
[Regina]		Bird	Elizabeth	10	01	1859	Drunkenness	D	Wife of James Bird, mason. Fined 5/- including costs.	1859/006
Mead	John	Day	James	10	01	1859	Assault	A	Settled out of court. Mr Mead paid 2/- costs. See also 1859/003.	1859/007
[Regina]		Bird	Ann	11	01	1859	Drunkenness	D	Spinster. Dismissed; insufficient evidence.	1859/008
Oram	William	Norman	John	17	01	1859	Assault	A	Oram, a tollgate keeper, claimed that he was assaulted by Norman, a yeoman from Wedmore. Norman was convicted and fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d. The testimony of Oram refers to George Green as the assailant, but other documents refer to Norman.	1859/009

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[Regina]		Moore	John	18	01	1859	Drunkenness	D	Moore was a carpenter.	1859/011
[Regina]		Moore	John	18	01	1859	Drunkenness	D	Drunk on day after 1859/011.	1859/012
Fry	Henry	Allen	Edwin	25	01	1859	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Allen, born in Wookey in 1838, to parents Samuel and Charlotte, had frequently failed to turn up for work as an apprentice shoemaker.	1859/013
Purnell	Richard William	Collins Maule Bowell	Henry Frederick Sidney	29	01	1859	Turnpike Act	Rd	Insufficient control of horses drawing waggons resulting in a collision in which Purnell was thrown from his gig. The three defendants were all coal haulers, probably working for John Francis.	1859/014
Allen	James	Small	Henry	08	02	1859	Assault	A	Allen, a plumber and glazier, alleged that he was assaulted by Small, a carpenter. The case was dismissed.	1859/015
Boug	Charles	Ball	James	11	02	1859	Cruelty to animals	C	Driving three donkeys that police serjeant Boug considered were unfit to work. Convicted and fined 10/- with costs of 9/-; given 2 weeks to pay.	1859/016
Forbes	William	Ramsay	Charles	11	02	1859	Non-payment of toll	N	Pretending to carry mail in order to claim exemption from toll.	1859/017
Slade	Charles	Clements	Eliza	12	02	1859	Wilful damage	Wd	Slade, innkeeper of the Golden Heart, asked Charles Clements and his wife to leave the premises when it got to midnight. They did so reluctantly, then Eliza pulled back the window shutter and broke 5 panes of glass with her hands and by throwing loaves of bread at the glass. Slade assessed the cost of the damage at 3/4d. The defendant was ordered to pay a total of 9/10d.	1859/018
Stephens	Ann	Clements Clements	Charles Eliza	12	02	1859	Assault	A	Stephens, a single woman, claimed that Clements and his wife, Eliza, assaulted her by seizing her and throwing her violently to the ground. A fine & costs totalling of 5/- appears to have been levied.	1859/019
Boug	Charles	Badman	James	14	02	1859	Obstructing footpath	O	Badman, a labourer, was accused of obstructing the footpath in High Street.	1859/020
[Regina]		Green	Elizabeth	14	02	1859	Drunkenness	D	Green was wife of George Green, labourer. Case header shows 'Churchouse' as the plaintiff, but the name of the plaintiff is not mentioned in the documentation. 'Churchouse' is also a most unlikely plaintiff as both Edward and his wife, Mary Ann, were just as likely to be drunk themselves. (see 1859/023)	1859/021

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[Regina]		Churchouse	Mary Ann	17	02	1859	Drunkenness	D	Churchouse was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-. The case header shows 'Smith' as the plaintiff, but there is no mention of the plaintiff's name in the remaining documentation.	1859/023
Hayes	Mary Ann	Hayes	John	24	02	1859	Assault	A	Husband assaulting and ill-treating wife.	1859/024
Forbes	William	Ramsay	Charles	25	02	1859	Non-payment of toll	N	Summons related to case 1859/017. Ramsay was fined 1/- with costs of 6/6d.	1859/025
Curry	Elizabeth	Parsons	John	04	03	1859	Assault	A	Betsy Curry (previously Elizabeth Cardwell), wife of George Curry, innkeeper, accused Parsons, a labourer, of grabbing her arm and throwing her violently down the stairs.	1859/026
Sydenham	George	Rich	Sarah	06	03	1859	Drunkenness	D	Rich, wife of John Rich jnr, was accused by PC Sydenham of being drunk. She was fined 5/- with costs of 10/- and given one week to pay.	1859/027
[Regina]		[Justices]		17	03	1859	Criminal Justice Act payments	*	March Sessions 1859; internal administrative document	1859/028
Pratt	William	Willmott	John	17	03	1859	Assault	A	Pratt claimed that he was struck on the nose by Willmott's fist. Willmott was fined £1 with costs of 8/6d.	1859/029
Parsons	Joseph	Standard Oatley Brown Showering Brooke	Mary Ann Mary Eliza Theresa Ann Caroline	17	03	1859	Leaving work without permission	Ab	All five defendants were described as apprentices and all were accused by Parsons, a brush manufacturer, of leaving their work without his consent. The witness statement from Parsons shows 'Buck' as one of the defendants, whereas the summons shows 'Brooke'.	1859/030
Dallas	James	Williams Williams	? ?	18	03	1859	Cruelty to animals	C	Two donkeys, said to be owned by William Williams, were being used to draw carts laden with coals, despite large sores on their backs. The forenames of the two defendants were not known, although one of them was shown to be the daughter of William Williams. Costs of 6/6d were ordered to be paid.	1859/031
[Regina]		Bird	Harry	18	03	1859	Creating a disturbance	Dp	Accused of creating a disturbance in East Wells. Cautioned & dismissed. Bird was the son of James Bird, a mason.	1859/032

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Winsor	Elizabeth	Anderson	William	26	03	1859	Assault	A	Winsor was the wife of Henry, patten maker, while Anderson was a grocer and draper. He is alleged to have kicked Winsor twice. Fined 6d, costs 10/-.	1859/034
Pearce	Henry	Creighton	Emily	05	04	1859	Assault	A	Convicted; fined 2/6, costs 8/-, to be paid immediately or to go to prison for 7 days.	1859/035
Dallas	James	Lockyear	Charles	06	04	1859	Leaving waggon in public street	O	Convicted; fined 5/-, costs 9/- to be paid immediately "or distress" (seizure of personal property to satisfy a demand).	1859/036
Boug	Charles	Parker	George	07	04	1859	Indecent exposure	le	Fined 2/6d with costs of 5/-.	1859/037
Barnard	Charles	Willmott	John	22	04	1859	Cruelty to animals	C	Beating a horse owned by Charles Barnard. Convicted; 14 days hard labour.	1859/038
Dallas	James	Buck	John	25	04	1859	Alehouse information	L	Allowing drinking to go on outside licensing hours in the Sherston Arms. Ordered to pay 6/6d.	1859/039
Barber	James	Standard	James	14	05	1859	Warrant to evict tenant	Ev	Eviction notice for a property in Silver Street where Standard was Barber's tenant.	1859/040
Barber	James	Scott	James	14	05	1859	Warrant to evict tenant	Ev	Eviction notice for a property in Silver Street where Scott was Barber's tenant.	1859/041
Marshall	Hugh Graham	Ongley	?	14	05	1859	Forgery	Fy	Marshall, assistant manager of a local bank, claimed that a person had come into the bank, averred that he had lost his luggage and his money and asked to cash a cheque drawn on his account at Coutts. Marshall had cashed the cheque which was signed in the name of Ongley but later discovered that it was a forgery.	1859/042
Francis	George	Webb Syers	Charles Webb	16	05	1859	Search Warrant	Sw	Francis, a coal hauler resident in Southover, claimed that he had £40 in his house in £5 notes. During his absence the house was forcibly entered and the money stolen. Francis suspected that Webb, who had been working for him, but who had not been at work that day, was the culprit and that the money would be found in the house where Webb was lodging with Sarah Syers (Sayers?). A search warrant was issued.	1859/043
Pearse	Elizabeth	Moore	John	16	05	1859	Disturbing the peace	Dp	For knocking at Miss Pearse's door contrary to the statute.	1859/044
Parsons	Joseph	Groom	James	17	05	1859	Leaving work without permission	Ab	Frequent absence from work without prior consent.	1859/045
Maynard	Hannah	Robertson	?	17	05	1859	Assault	A	Maynard was wife of James Maynard, tailor. No forename given for defendant.	1859/046

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Cook	William	Curry	George	18	05	1859	Assault	A	Curry, an innkeeper, appeared, but Cook, a yeoman, did not. The case was dismissed.	1859/048
Oram	William	Bartlett	Joseph	18	05	1859	Evasion of toll	N	Bartlett claimed exemption from toll because he was supposedly going to and from milking his cows.	1859/049
Sweet	Eliza	Churchhouse	Mary Ann	19	05	1859	Wilful damage	Wd	Caused damage to house valued at 2/-.	1859/050
Rawlings	James	Churchhouse	Mary	20	05	1859	Using profane language	Pr	PC Rawlings charged Churchhouse with shouting and cursing and causing a disturbance in Southover.	1859/051
Allen	Mary	Dyer	John	23	05	1859	Assault	A	Discharged on payment of 6/6d costs, allowed until 5 o'clock this evening. Mary was wife of John Allen.	1859/052
Parsons	Elizabeth	Lacy	Maria	30	05	1859	Assault	A	Convicted; fined 1/-, costs 10/-; to be paid immediately or 7 days imprisonment at Shepton Mallet. Elizabeth was wife of James Parsons; Lacy was described as spinster.	1859/053
Hayes	Hannah	Gleaves	Elizabeth	02	06	1859	Insulting and abusive language	Pr	Sureties for the peace	1859/054
Harris	Keturah	Gleaves	Elizabeth	03	06	1859	Assault	A	Gleaves was wife of Joseph, a member of Vicars Choral.	1859/055
Dallas	James	Bartlett	?	06	06	1859	Drunkenness	D	Bartlett was being accused of drunkenness and it was suggested he should be bound over for 2 months in the sum of £10.	1859/056
Fowler	Caroline	Pearcey	Edward	07	06	1859	Assault	A	Neither party appeared. Caroline was wife of George Fowler, millwright.	1859/057
Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	De Grass	John	20	06	1859	Assault	A	Case dismissed. Plaintiff had already paid in 6/6d, but was required to pay a further 7/6d in costs.	1859/058
Berryman	William Chester	Small	John	25	06	1859	Theft of wool	T	George Hares, an employee of the Berrymans, saw Small coming out of a warehouse with some wool which he had stolen from it.	1859/059
Parsons	Joseph	Johnson	Aaron	29	06	1859	Leaving apprentice role without consent	Ab	Apprentice information. Johnson was sometimes known as Burley.	1859/060
Dean & Chapter		Fry Sage Marshall	William John Frederick	29	06	1859	Damaging monuments	Pt	Cautioned and, on promising not to commit a similar offence, discharged. Damage to monument within cathedral.	1859/061
Rawlings	James	Hedges	James	01	07	1859	Assault on PC in execution of his duty	A	Convicted; fined 10/-, costs 9/-, to be levied by distress or to go to gaol for 1 month; committed to prison.	1859/062

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Gibbons	William	Allen	William	07	07	1859	Assault	A	Fined 1/-, costs 12/-; or imprisonment at Shepton Mallet for 1 month.	1859/064
[Regina]		Sweet	John	07	07	1859	Drunkenness	D	Fined 5/-, costs 6/-.	1859/065
[Regina]		Sweet	Eliza	07	07	1859	Drunkenness	D	Fined 5/-, including costs.	1859/066
Creese	Robert	Edwards	Ellen	10	07	1859	Stealing apples	T	Creese saw Edwards standing on a wall to pick apples in the orchard of his neighbour in East Wells, Thomas Raines.	1859/067
Dudderidge	James	Boulting	James	13	07	1859	Assault	A	Fined 5/-, costs 11/-; to be paid immediately or to go to prison for 7 days.	1859/068
[Justices]				21	07	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W I Welsh to W J S Foster re lunatics	1859/069a
[Justices]				29	07	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W I Welsh to W J S Foster re lunatics	1859/069b
[Justices]				30	07	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W I Welsh to W J S Foster re lunatics	1859/069c
[Justices]				30	07	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from Thos. Serel to W I Welsh	1859/069d
[Justices]				01	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Re lunatics wandering	1859/069e
[Justices]				01	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from Thos. Serel to W I Welsh re lunatics	1859/069f
[Justices]				02	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W I Welsh to W J S Foster	1859/069g
[Justices]				02	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from Thos. Serel re lunatics	1859/069h
[Justices]				08	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W I Welsh to W J S Foster re jurisdiction over wandering lunatics	1859/069i
[Justices]				08	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W J S Foster, Town Clerk, re laying addressee's letters before mayor	1859/069j
[Justices]				16	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W J S Foster to W I Welsh re lunatics	1859/069k
[Justices]				16	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W J S Foster to Sir G C Lewis, Secretary of State re lunatics	1859/069l
[Justices]				16	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Draft letter from Town Clerk, W J S Foster to Secretary of State	1859/069m
[Justices]				19	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Letter from W I Welsh to W J S Foster	1859/069n
[Justices]				20	08	1859	Lunatics	*	Reply from Whitehall to W J S Foster re wandering lunatics	1859/069o
Bennett	Eliza	Terrell	Elizabeth	23	07	1859	Assault	A	Dismissed on payment of costs of 7/6d.	1859/070
Maundrell	Sarah	Wills jnr	Charles	23	07	1859	Assault	A	Wells [or Wills], a chimney sweep, was convicted; fined 1/-, costs 7/6d, or to be imprisoned at Shepton Mallet for 7 days. Maundrell was wife of Thomas, a labourer.	1859/071
Chard	William	Hale	William	28	07	1859	Assault	A	Hale, a ganger on Somerset Central Railway, was alleged to have beaten Chard with a whip.	1859/072

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Curry	George	Vincent	Ann	01	08	1859	Theft	T	Curry, the publican of the City Arms, alleged that various items had been stolen from his house, particularly bedding, by his charlady, Ann Vincent of Tucker Street. Curry was seeking a search warrant for Vincent's house.	1859/074
Dallas	James	Allen	James	03	08	1859	Rescuing horse en route to pound	Op	Failed attempt to stop horse being brought to the pound in Southover. Defendant dismissed on payment of costs of 4/6d and promising not to offend in future.	1859/075
Taylor	Thomas	Whitcombe	George	03	08	1859	Assault	A	Taylor, a brewer, alleged that he had been assaulted by Whitcombe, a stone mason. The case was noted as settled.	1859/076
Dredge	Priscilla	Tilley (otherwise Card)	Eliza	01	08	1859	Assault	A	Dredge accused Card of hitting her about the head and body. The case was noted as being settled.	1859/077
Gait	James	Oram	William	04	08	1859	Unlawfully demanding turnpike toll	Ut	Gait was a yeoman farmer, with land on either side of a turnpike gate of which Oram was the operator.	1859/078a
Gait	James	Oram	William	04	08	1859	Unlawfully demanding turnpike toll	Ut	Case for opinion of Queen's Bench	1859/078b
Gait	James	Oram	William	04	08	1859	Unlawfully demanding turnpike toll	Ut	Case for opinion of Queen's Bench	1859/078c
Gait	James	Oram	William	04	08	1859	Unlawfully demanding turnpike toll	Ut	Notice to justices to state a case	1859/078d
Gait	James	Oram	William	23	08	1859	Unlawfully demanding turnpike toll	Ut	Letter from Saul Hobbs to W J S Foster	1859/078e
Gait	James	Oram	William	17	08	1859	Unlawfully demanding turnpike toll	Ut	Case for opinion of Queen's Bench (copy?)	1859/078f
Gait	James	Oram	William	16	08	1859	Unlawfully demanding turnpike toll	Ut	Notice of recognisances (Gait v Oram)	1859/078g

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Jesse	Mary	Bendall	Sophia	05	08	1859	Assault	A	Mary was wife of Thomas Jesse of East Wells, a gardener, while Sophia was wife of William Bendall, a carpenter. Case was dismissed.	1859/080
Rolls	Jane	Bird	Ann	11	08	1859	Assault	A	Fined £1, costs 10/-, or 14 days imprisonment. Jane was wife of William Rolls, carpenter, while Ann Bird was a spinster.	1859/081
Larcombe	Hannah	Brook	Caroline	22	08	1859	Assault	A	Hannah was wife of George Larcombe, labourer, while Caroline Brook was a single woman.	1859/082
Larcombe	Hannah	Webb	Mary Ann	22	08	1859	Assault	A	Hannah was wife of George Larcombe, labourer, while Mary Ann Webb was a widow.	1859/083
Brook	Caroline	Larcombe	George	25	08	1859	Assault	A	Caroline Brook was a single woman, Larcombe a labourer. See also 1859/082.	1859/084
Churchouse	Mary Ann	Sweet	Eliza	25	08	1859	Assault	A	Mary Ann was wife of Edward Churchouse, Eliza was wife of John Sweet.	1859/085
Francis	Ann	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	30	08	1859	Defamation	Df	Ann was wife of John Francis, Elizabeth Sarah was wife of George Francis. Both lived in Southover. Ann was allegedly called 'Major Creedy's bloody whore'. Elizabeth Sarah was bound over in the sum of £10 for 6 months.	1859/086
Brock	Sarah	Elliott	Eliza	02	09	1859	Defamation	Df	Brock was a single woman, Eliza was the wife of George Elliott of East Wells, a labourer. Brock was allegedly called a 'bunting whore' amongst others. The case was dismissed with Brock ordered to pay 6/- in costs.	1859/087
Bendall	William	Bendall	George	06	09	1859	Assault	A	Convicted; fined 1/-, costs 9/-. William was a carpenter, George a coal haulier. No indication of their relationship is given.	1859/088
Eades	Jemima	Allen	William	26	09	1859	Assault	A	Heard in defendant's absence; fined 10/-, costs 9/-.	1859/089

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Clements	Ann	Clements	Thomas	28	09	1859	Assault	A	Husband assaulting and ill-treating wife.	1859/091
Perham	Samuel	Marshall	Frederick	05	10	1859	Assault	A	Settled out of court. Perham was a milkman, Marshall a labourer.	1859/092
Rawlings	James	Moon	Simon	07	10	1859	Using obscene and profane language	Pr	Moon, of Shepton Mallet, was a pig dealer. He seems to have been found guilty and have paid a total of 20/-.	1859/093
Rawlings	James	Money	James	07	10	1859	Selling beer during prohibited hours	L	Money appears to have paid a total of 13/6d.	1859/094
Rawlings	James	Baker Allen	Charles Thomas	10	10	1859	Causing an affray	Dp	Fighting in the street. Both defendants were labourers.	1859/095
Ayres	George	Ring	Martin	14	10	1859	Assault	A	Both men were labourers; fine 1/-, costs 11/-.	1859/096
Dredge	Ann	Moyson	Mary Ann	14	10	1859	Assault	A	Convicted; fined 2/6d, with costs of 10/- or 7 days in prison. Ann Dredge, wife of Joel Dredge, sawyer, Moyson was a spinster.	1859/097
Humphrey	Ruth	Champeny Tucker	William Edwin	17	10	1859	Wilful damage	Wd	Champeny was a cheese dealer and Tucker a farmer, both from Blackford. They were accused of breaking panes of glass at a turnpike toll to the value of 2/6d. Defendants each appear to have been fined 10/-, plus costs of 6/- each and a share of the damage at 1/3d. There may also have been some other costs added later.	1859/098
Humphrey	Ruth	Champeny	William	17	10	1859	Assault	A	In a separate action to 1859/098 Champeny was convicted of assault on the toll collector; fined £1, with costs of 9/- and a service fee of 1/3d.	1859/099
Boug	Charles	Ball	James	03	11	1859	Cruelty to animals	C	Working donkeys to haul loads of coal when animals were unfit to work because of sores. Fined 5/-, with costs of 8/-, or 7 days imprisonment.	1859/100
Buck	Abraham	Sheppard	Henry	03	11	1859	Profane language	Pr	Buck, collector of market tolls, took money from a hawker called Henry Sheppard who roundly abused him. Buck requested sureties as to Sheppard's future conduct but the defendant failed to appear.	1859/101

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Thorn	George	Scott	George	07	11	1859	Assault	A	Both men were shoemakers. Case was dismissed.	1859/103
Hopkins	William	Filer	James	07	11	1859	Assault	A	Hopkins was a haulier, Filer a labourer. Case was settled out of court.	1859/104
Bendall	William	Bendall	George	10	11	1859	Wilful damage	Wd	Wilful damage to the gate of William Bendall's property in Tor Lane. William was a carpenter, George a coal haulier. No indication of their relationship was given. Case was adjourned.	1859/105
Bendall	William	Bendall	George	10	11	1859	Sureties for the peace	Su	Bond of £20 from the defendant, plus 2 other sureties of £10 each. Defendant also paid 9/6d for costs and recognizances.	1859/106
Rawlings	James	Fry	William	14	11	1859	Obscene language	Pr	To be imprisoned for 14 days.	1859/107
Brown	George	Hedges	James	14	11	1859	Obscene language	Pr	Convicted; fined 10/- with costs of 8/-, or, if in default, 7 days imprisonment.	1859/108
Webb	John	Gibbs	Thomas	15	11	1859	Assault	A	Webb was plasterer and tiler, Gibbs was a brushmaker. Pleaded guilty, convicted. Fined 2/6d, with costs of 7/-, or 7 days imprisonment.	1859/109
Hodges	James	Creedy	Major	26	11	1859	Assault	A	Hodges was described as a servant, Creedy a butcher. Discharged on payment of costs of 8/6d. Paid.	1859/110
Dallas	James	Francis	George	01	12	1859	Turnpike Act	Rd	No-one in charge of wagon at turnpike gate. Pleaded guilty and fined 10/- with costs of 19/-. Francis was found to be in the Sherston Arms.	1859/111
Rawlings	James	Frampton	Alfred	03	12	1859	Assault	A	Threatening a police constable. Fined 12/- with costs of 8/-. Paid by Mr. Foxwell.	1859/112
Charles	William	Brine	John	08	12	1859	Notice to quit	Ev	Charles, a landlord with many properties, served an eviction notice on Brine for a property in St Cuthbert Street where Brine was a tenant.	1859/113
Vowles	John	Court	Edward	10	12	1859	Wilful damage	Wd	Vowles, innkeeper of the Coxley Pound Inn, had sent some gas pipes to Wells with William Francis, but Francis reported that Court had thrown stones at the pipes and broken them. The damage was estimated at about 3/-.	1859/114
Seymour	?	Allen	James	22	12	1859	Offence under Highways Act	Rd	Discharging a firearm in Back Lane. Costs of the case appear to have been 7/-.	1859/115
Thomas	Tom	Wills	John	28	12	1859	Assault	A	Thomas was a dealer in ore, Wills a horse dealer.	1859/116

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