

the meantime he would see if he could not get it put off till next day; and he said afterwards that the Judge could not put it off any longer, but would for an hour and a half. Taylor persuaded her and the witnesses to go over the way to a public-house, as the case before the Court would take an hour and a half for two hours, and it would be foolish to stay. They were against going, and he persuaded them to go. When they went to the house they sat in a window opposite to the Court to see Taylor come out, as he said he would call them down. He went with them first, then left them, and said he would go with Mause to watch for them, and see that all was going on right. He returned once in about a quarter of an hour, and sat down for ten or three minutes. While he stopped he talked all against the Court, and said he wished him punished, &c. "We don't like to leave the Court," he said. "You go; I'll be sure to look for you; don't leave the door." Remained in the public-house when Mause went away. After Mause departed Taylor told us not to go down, as it was of no use. Mause and Taylor called the witnesses down, and they saw Taylor and Mause going into the Court. They came down instantly, and when they met Taylor, he said with an oath, "It's all over." From the time Taylor called them down till they saw him he could not have had time to go into Court. Witness went into Court, not believing he had been acquitted. There was another case on when witness went into Court. Attended afterwards at the police-office, to get paid for the parish. Mr. Scott attended the office on behalf of witness and the parish.

Susanna Snowdon examined—Attended the Old Bailey on the 10th of April, about ten o'clock. The prisoner was called on to the witness stand, and then he and Mr. Mause went to write a note, to put into Court. He read this note to the witnesses. About an hour after Taylor came, and said there was a nice fire over the way, and Mrs. Bath had better get a warm her child. Witness said it would not do to leave the place without some person standing to watch the Court. Mause said he would do it, as he knew more about it than the witnesses. Taylor went with his wife somewhere up the Old Bailey, and the witnesses went to the public-house. Taylor called and produced some papers of which he had spoken. He stayed until Mause came, and Taylor asked how things were done. Mause said another case had come on. Taylor then observed, they would make a pretty mess of it, if he was acquitted. Witness proposed to go away, and Taylor said he would see about it. Mause went away, and shortly after called Taylor. Saw Taylor in about a minute again. He said the witnesses were wanted, and when we reached the door of the public-house he cried, "The man's acquitted—you are too late." No time was lost in going from the moment he called them. Witness told him it was his doing, and heard persons say, in the presence of Taylor, that he was only five minutes out of the place when the man was acquitted.

Mary Bath, examined—Knows W. Walker, and knew Ann Williams. They lived in the same house. Saw Wm. Walker with her. Saw them go out to be married; they returned and lived together as man and wife. Was in the public-house on the 10th of April, and left it on the 11th of Mause or Taylor, between twelve and one. Never complained of her child or herself being cold.

William Field examined—Was the short-hand writer in the new court of the Old Bailey. Remembers Walker's case called on the 10th of April, about ten o'clock. The prisoner was placed at the bar, witnesses called, and none answering, the prisoner was acquitted. This took place all at once. Only can judge of the time of day by the number of cases he had taken. Knows of no application for a delay of the trial. Does not know Mause. Believes he acts as an attorney at the Old Bailey.

John Joseph Macdonald examined—Was at Hatton-garden police-office when Mrs. Walker attended there with the parish officers. Reported the proceedings, and was sworn in the court. Had known Taylor generally before that day. The report is a correct statement of what took place. Furnished the report that evening to the Times office. It is a true and faithful report of what passed at the police-office. The newspaper report is a copy of the manuscript. The manuscript report was written the day of the transactions at the police-office. The name of Taylor was in his notes. Heard Mr. Laing, the magistrate, say he had nothing to do with the imputation against Taylor. Mr. Laing stopped Mr. Scott, and said he had nothing to do with the means used by Walker's acquittal.

Thomas Mallett examined—Is one of the clerks of the Hatton-garden police-office. Remembers Mrs. Walker's attendance with the parish officers. The Times report is correct as to the facts that appeared before the Magistrate, but with more than that reported before him. Nothing respecting Mr. Cruikshanks took place. Has no recollection of Mr. Cruikshanks being named; his recollection is so strong on this point, that he may say it was not mentioned. Thinks one of the persons in the office began to state that the witnesses at the Old Bailey had been kept out of the Court through the subject of a constable. Mr. Scott was going to enlarge on the practice, when the Magistrate pronounced it irrelevant. Thinks Mrs. Walker spoke of this matter before Scott. Does not believe that the circumstances respecting the constable were detailed so particularly as in the report. The character of the facts, however, was not different. Thinks the substance of the report, so far as regards Taylor, true. Believes the constable's name was not mentioned.

John Scott examined—Attended in April last at Hatton-garden office, on the part of the parish. Mrs. Walker was there. Heard the report for the first time, in court to-day. The substance is like what took place, but Taylor was never mentioned, in his hearing, at all. Walker's wife made a statement which the magistrate interrupted. Walker's wife was saying that a constable had carried the witnesses away from the prosecution of her husband, and witness was directing the magistrate's attention to the statement, when he was interrupted. Did not mention Taylor's name, nor did he know it when he went to the office. This closed the evidence for the defence.

Sergeant Axtens, in reply, commented on the testimony of the evidence for the defendants, and argued that the instrumentality of Taylor was not proved, and that, if it were not, the jury must find for the plaintiff. He contended that Mause, not Taylor, was the principal agent in the affair, and that, even if the charge could be established against the plaintiff, a guilty motive must be proved to have existed in his mind before a decision could be given for the defendant.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, in summing up, observed that the defence of the libel rested on two points; the first of which was, whether or not what had been advanced against the plaintiff was true; and the second, whether the report of what had happened at the police office was or was not a correct report. Upon the latter point, as it did not properly belong to the record, he would pronounce no opinion. He would be shortly called on to do so in another case. If the libel were true it formed a good justification. His Lordship took a survey of the evidence, from which, notwithstanding some little discrepancies in the testimony of some of the witnesses, he was of opinion that it had appeared the plaintiff and Mause had joined in a trick to defeat justice in a case of peculiar cruelty to the injured person. If Taylor were innocent he should have justified himself by evidence—he should have called Mause. If the jury thought it was entirely accidental on the part of plaintiff, then they should give him a verdict; the damages in any case to be but nominal; but if they considered it a fraud of the constable, then they should find for the defendant.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant on the last issue.

HIGH COURT OF ADMIRALTY, Nov. 20. THE MARGARET. Dr. JENNER said he had presented a petition from part of the proprietors of the ship the MARGARET, under the circumstances. In the year 1827 she was fitted out at the port of Hull for a voyage, as it was said to Riga, but the petitioners not being quite satisfied that every thing was fair, insisted upon having a bond for 5000. from the other proprietors, as security for her safe return to the port of Hull, which was given. It was now ascertained that the ship had returned from that voyage some time since, and was gone on another, without the knowledge of the petitioners; they, therefore, prayed that the Court would order the parties who had given the bond to appear, and show what had become of her, and where she was gone.

The Court granted the order as prayed. Several other cases of no interest were then disposed of; and the Court having gone through the whole of the business, adjourned.

DECLARATION OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CLERGY. We, the undersigned Clergy of the County of Nottingham, sensible of the blessings we enjoy under the good and glorious Constitution of our country in Church and State, and firmly attached to the Protestant Religion, of which that Constitution is the safeguard, resolve and pledge ourselves to uphold the same by all the means which we can legally exert. Feeling impressed with the conviction that it is the design of the Roman Catholics to subvert the Established Church, and finally to substitute their own, we deem it expedient to publish a declaration of our sentiments.

GUILDHALL.—Henry Ginter, a young man who was recently employed at Apothecaries'-hall, and was taken before the Lord Mayor last week on suspicion of being concerned in the late extensive robbery at that establishment, was yesterday charged before Mr. Alderman FAREBROTHER with assaulting Mr. Hennell, the head clerk at the Hall, and other persons. Mr. Hennell stated that he was conversing with the treasurer near the entrance to the Hall on the previous afternoon, when the prisoner came in, and after addressing some threats of violence to the treasurer, he seized witness by the collar. Witness laid hold of him in a similar way, and was immediately struck by him. Two or three persons came to his assistance, who were also assaulted.

The prisoner's Solicitor asked whether the prisoner did not come for the purpose of applying to be reinstated in his situation, or to have such a character as would enable him to obtain a place elsewhere? Mr. Alderman FAREBROTHER would not allow the question to be answered. It was impossible to tell what the prisoner's intentions were, if he did not mention them. Prisoner's Solicitor replied, he would ask if his client did not state these to be his objects? Mr. Hennell said he did not, but began with abusing, threatening, and assaulting them.

Mr. Field, the treasurer, said he could not have had such an intention, because he knew that the Committee had decided, the day before, that he should not be reinstated. Solicitor—Was he not a little intoxicated? Mr. Field—I believe he was. Solicitor—This young man, who has decent connections, and has lately been married, feels some irritation at being turned away, but he is extremely sorry for what he has done, and promises not to go near the Hall again. I have been speaking with the gentleman. Alderman FAREBROTHER—If the gentlemen are satisfied with an apology, I will not object. Neither Mr. Hennell nor Mr. Field appearing satisfied, the Alderman directed the constable to be sworn.

The officer asked him if he saw the assault? The officer answered, he did not. Then, said the Solicitor, you have done wrong. You are liable to an action for taking charge, when you did not see the peace broken. So he is, remarked the Magistrate, but what damages would your client get—the smallest coin ever seen in the realm. But, being a personal action, the constable would be liable to costs, said the Solicitor. Very true, and he would pay them by going to prison, probably, retorted the Alderman.

After some conversation among the parties, the defendant entered into his own recognizance in 100l. to keep the peace to all his Majesty's subjects for one year. FRAUDS IN THE COAL TRADE. UNION-HALL.—Yesterday Mr. HONE, the sitting Magistrate, was occupied from one o'clock until six in the afternoon, in the investigation of serious charges against Mr. Jones, a coal merchant, residing in Prince's-street, Commercial-road. The cases in this instance differed from those recently heard at this office, inasmuch as the former related to bribes given by the defendants to labouring coal-meters, for yielding to certain irregularities; the present charges were for sending out sacks deficient in measure.

The summons issued against the defendant having been read, he pleaded "not guilty." Mr. Tourquand, one of the principal land coal-meters, who has been indefatigable since his appointment in discovering the abuses in the coal trade, on his being sworn, stated that on the 4th inst., in passing near the Stags at Lambeth, he observed a coal-meter bring out an empty sack from a house, which he threw on the ground. Witness said the sack was short of the usual dimensions, upon which the porter said he had nothing to do with it. Witness then procured a measure, with which he ascertained the sack was deficient in length; and on subsequently measuring more that were in the cart, he discovered that eleven of them were short of the proper dimensions. Witness then directed the individual, at whose house the coal was in the course of delivery, to put the fraudulent sacks on one side, first having marked each of them, in order to distinguish them. The sacks were afterwards removed to the principal coal-meter's office, and are the same now produced. Witness called at the defendant's house on the 10th inst., upon which occasion the latter called him aside and entreated that he would not take any further notice of the matter, in reply to which witness expressed his determination to bring the matter before the magistrates; upon which the defendant said that they were old sacks.

It was here contended by the defendant's Solicitor, that the sacks in question were originally of the legal dimensions, but that they had shrunk considerably, owing to exposure to the weather and other unforeseen causes. Mr. HONE—The public are not to be defrauded in this manner. The defendant, when he observed that his sacks were not capable of containing the legal quantity, should have had them lengthened to the proper size, or destroyed them altogether, and got new ones in their stead. George Jones, an inspector of weights and measures, was then called, and on measuring the sacks in question, he found the deficiency as follows:—the first sack deficient two inches in length, the second one inch and three quarters, the third three inches, and the fourth three inches. It was stated that the legal measure of a coal-sack was four feet four inches in length, by two feet two inches in breadth. The defendant, as well as several other coal merchants who were present, said that the sacks would not be found wanting in measurement, if they were measured with the standard. This instrument was accordingly procured; but the sacks were still ascertained to have been deficient in length.

The defendant's Solicitor contended that no fraud was intended, alleging that a Mr. Green, the purchaser of the coals, having ordered a chaldron, that is twelve sacks, his client added another sack, making it thirteen, aware that there might have been a little deficiency. The Magistrate observed that the case was completely established against the defendant, and accordingly fined him 20s. on each sack, making the penalty 4l., together with costs. The Solicitor who attended for the coal-meter here observed that he had another charge of a similar nature against the defendant, by which it would appear that the fraud was carried on to a great extent against the public by this particular defendant.

The summons was then read, charging the defendant with the alleged offence, to which he pleaded "Not Guilty." Mr. Tourquand, on again being sworn, stated that subsequently to the above transaction he went to the defendant's wharf on the 6th inst., and observed a waggon partly loaded with coals. The men were loading the vehicle without the presence of a coal-meter, and they took four or five sacks from a pile that lay upon the wharf. It being evident to witness that the sacks remaining on the pile were short in dimensions, he directed the meter, who had just then arrived, to measure them in his presence, when it appeared there were nine sacks remaining on the pile, which were deficient, some of them as much as six inches in length. Upon ascertaining the deficiency, the defendant came up, and begged witness not to take notice of the matter. Witness then insisted that the sacks on the waggon should be taken off, for the purpose of measuring them. Twenty-one full sacks were then emptied and measured, when all were found to be deficient in length, except one, some of them six inches, and others six inches and a half. On discovery of the deficiency in the sacks, the defendant said that it was of little consequence, as the coals were going to a retailer, and repeated his entreaty that witness would not notice the affair. Witness added, that he directed the labouring meter to take possession of the sacks until they were sent for. There were 29 sacks deficient in all.

The witness was cross-examined, but did not vary in the slightest degree from his previous statement. He admitted that coal merchants were in the habit of warehousing their coals. It was here contended by the defendant, that the coals in question were not intended for any dealer or customer, but that his men were carrying them into his warehouse from the barge. Titterton, a coal-meter, proved the deficiency in the 29 sacks. After they were measured, the defendant said he would have the sacks taken off his premises, and that they should not come again until they were put to rights. Witness then left the wharf for a short period, and on his return the sacks were gone. On his expressing surprise at the circumstance, the defendant said that he had taken advantage of his absence and sent the sacks off to the premises. Witness remarked that he had committed himself by so doing, upon which the defendant said that he should stand by what he had done, adding that he did it to avoid the penalty.

Mr. Tourquand stated that on subsequently calling at the defendant's wharf, he observed several sacks lengthened with large pieces at top and bottom. In his cross-examination, Mr. Tourquand admitted that nine sacks were empty out of the twenty-nine that he had measured. Mr. HONE said that, with regard to the empty sacks, although they were found on the premises, yet he should not convict upon them. The coal-meter's Solicitor submitted, that the circumstances of the nine sacks being found on the premises deficient was conclusive that it was the intention of the defendant to have used them.

Mr. HONE, however, did not conceive the empty sacks came under the meaning of the Act. The defendant again repeated that the twenty sacks found deficient in length, were intended to be placed in the warehouse, whereas Mr. Tourquand, on the other hand, swore positively that the defendant had at the time the deficiency was discovered, distinctly asserted that they were intended for a coal-retailer. Mr. HONE—When Mr. Tourquand called at your wharf on the 4th, and discovered the deficiency in the four sacks that you have been convicted for, you had sufficient time between that and the 6th, to have had those deficient sacks either lengthened to the proper size or taken away altogether. A defence has been set up which has very little weight indeed with me—namely, that the sacks were not intended for either a retailer or customer; even allowing that to be the fact, you had no right to use those fraudulent sacks; and, as the case has been fully proved, I shall fine you 20s. on each of the twenty sacks deficient, making the penalty in the whole 20l., in order to restrain you and others belonging to the trade from practising such impositions on the public. The defendant urged that he had witnesses in attendance who would prove that the coals were intended to have been placed in the warehouse, adding that he never contemplated a fraud on the public. There was another charge against the defendant for sending coals out of his premises without a meter's ticket; but the principal coal-meters agreed to withdraw it, and the defendant stating that he should not appeal against the above convictions.

Mr. Somers, the coal merchant, was fined 20s. for an assault on one of the officers.

SONNETS.—We understand from the farmers that great havoc is every where made and making by these mischievous animals. They were never seen in such great numbers before. A gentleman of veracity informed us, a day or two ago, that he killed upwards of four hundred, in and about his field, in one day, and that the next morning they appeared as numerous as ever. They are seen constantly swimming backwards and forth across the Wabash, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers. It is a new fact to us, in the natural history of these animals, that they should swim rivers from a mile to a mile and a half in width.—New York Paper.

ANECDOTE.—The following anecdote was related to us by a nephew of Dr. Walcott, now resident in this city, who was knowing to the circumstances. We transcribe them with great pleasure, as they have not been published, and serve to throw additional light on the character of that great man.—When the Doctor, better known as Peter Pindar, was very old, he had lost the sight of one eye entirely, and the other was nearly obscured by cataract; and a surgeon of considerable eminence repeatedly urged him to submit to the operation of couching. The Doctor asked his nephew what he would advise. "Oh! Doctor," said he, "at your time of life I would not think of undergoing so uncertain and painful an operation." The Doctor appeared to coincide; but a few days after this gentleman called in and found the Doctor with a bandage round his head, writing and groaning in great agony. "For heaven's sake, Doctor, what is the matter?" "Oh! don't you think that surgeon has been here and poked my eye out?" It is possible that you consented to an operation? Yes, he persuaded me to have a trial made upon my right eye; but since I moved for the instrument slip without any impatience or complaining he endured the pain, and never expressed any thing like acrimony when the surgeon called again and requested liberty to operate upon the remaining eye. At this demand he exclaimed with a voice of thunder—"No, Sir, a farthing rush-light is better than no light at all."—New Orleans Courier.

DEATH BY FIRE.—We have to record an appalling instance of the death, by fire, of a daughter, aged about twelve, of Thomas Lee, merchant tailor of this city. About seven o'clock on Sunday evening, as she was sitting in a rocking chair, in the second story of her father's house, in Daniel-street, and, as is supposed, asleep, she fell over the fender into the fire, and the flames caught her clothes. She instantly ran up stairs into the third story, where was a girl about her own age, who was too much alarmed to render her any assistance. Her clothes were almost entirely burnt off, and she fell, uttering shrieks of agony, down the stairs, and out of the front door into the street. At this time she was completely enveloped in flames, which illuminated the whole street, and her piteous cries aroused the neighbourhood. A gentleman who was passing at the time caught her in his arms, and, to his own injury, pressed her to his breast, and partially succeeded in staying the flames, but not having an overcoat, could not subdue them. As the soonest means of granting relief he ran to a pump hard by, but stumbled and fell. Another gentleman caught her up and took her to the pump, and a person happening to be there with a pail, the flames were quenched. The agonised being was taken back to the house, and the body presented a most dreadful appearance. Her clothes were almost entirely burnt off, and she fell, uttering shrieks of agony, down the stairs, and out of the front door into the street. At this time she was completely enveloped in flames, which illuminated the whole street, and her piteous cries aroused the neighbourhood. 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