

Plaintiff		Defendant		Date Case Initiated			Crime/accusation		Notes	Document Ref. No.
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<b>1870</b>										
Tucker	Edward	Walter	George	07	01	1870	Riding bicycle on pavement	Rd	Riding bicycle on paved area in the Market Place to the danger of pedestrians.	1870/001
Tucker	Edward	Taylor	Frederick	07	01	1870	Driving trucks along pavement	Rd	Driving trucks along the footpath on Priory Road to the inconvenience and danger of pedestrians. Taylor admitted the offence.	1870/002
Gleaves	Joseph	White	Joseph	12	01	1870	Constant personal abuse	It	Gleaves complained that White, a butcher, always called him names and gave vent to unpleasant verbal abuse whenever they encountered each other in public. White called John Maidment and Thomas Hancock as witnesses in his defence.	1870/003
Knight	John	Cattle	Samuel	17	01	1870	Assault	A	Knight claimed that Cattle, a labourer, had assaulted him and struck him violently on the body.	1870/004
Tucker	Edward	Browning Ball Francis Francis	William Alfred Edward Charles	17	01	1870	Leaving carts unattended in the street	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker observed a number of carts parked in St Thomas Street near the Exmouth Inn while the owners / drivers were inside drinking. Browning of Glastonbury, Ball of Wells, E Francis of Coxley and C Francis of Glastonbury admitted the offence. Each seems to have been fined 1/- and then 7/- in costs.	1870/005
Masters	Thomas	Boyce	John	20	01	1870	Assault	A	Masters, a mason, alleged that he had been attacked by Boyce, a labourer, and struck several times in the face. Boyce admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- . The alternative was 14 days in prison with hard labour. These sums appear to have been paid.	1870/006
Tucker	Edward	Adams	James	25	01	1870	Driving trucks on the footpath	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw Adams, who worked for W Cox the baker, driving trucks along the footpath in St John Street and Southover to the inconvenience of pedestrians. Adams admitted the offence; costs were assessed at 4/6d; no indication of a fine.	1870/007
Tucker	Edward	Lock	Frederick	02	02	1870	Driving truck along footpath	Rd	Henry Cox, baker, complained to police serjeant Tucker that Frederick Lock, also a baker, was seen driving a truck along the pavement in High Street to the inconvenience of pedestrians.	1870/008

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Tucker	Edward	Drewe Weare Creedy Richards Binsham	William George William Reuben Henry	02	02	1870	Obstructing footpath	O	Police serjeant Tucker spotted a group of young men obstructing the footway by Penniless Porch, making it difficult for pedestrians, particularly females, to get past them. At least one appears to have admitted the offence. There is no indication of a fine, but the costs of the case were assessed at 8/-.	1870/009
Tucker	Edward	Sage Price York Wills	Thomas Thomas Mary Charles	02	02	1870	Filthy state of privy, yard and drains	E	The defendants lived in properties in St Thomas Street owned by Mary Boulting, Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, had investigated the state of sanitation and found it unsatisfactory. Case adjourned until later meeting of magistrates. An entry in pencil suggests case costs of 6/-.	1870/010
Tucker	Edward	Lovell	George	02	02	1870	Cattle suffering from foot and mouth disease brought to market for sale	Lm	George Lovell, a farmer from Wedmore, had supposedly brought 12 head of cattle to Wells market for sale. These beasts were said to be suffering from foot and mouth disease and should not have been moved from the farm.	1870/011
Tomlinson	William	Pearce	James	04	02	1870	Wheeling barrow along footpath	Rd	PC Tomlinson accused James Pearce of wheeling a barrow full of pipes along a footpath on Priory Road intended for pedestrians. Pearce admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1870/012
Standard	James	Western Maule Green	William Edward John	08	02	1870	Wilful damage	Wd	Standard worked for Mr Hillier who owned a field at the bottom end of Tucker Street. Standard saw the defendants leaving the field and noted damage to the crop, to tiles on the cowshed and to the fence through which they left the field. A note on the documents indicates that the case was settled - presumably without a hearing.	1870/013
Teal	Margaret	Churhouse	Edward	10	02	1870	Assault	A	Teal, wife of Going (?) Teal, claimed that Churhouse had seized her violently and thrown her to the ground. The case is shown as settled - presumably without a hearing.	1870/014
Wells Corps of Volunteers		Gleaves	Joseph	10	02	1870	Refusal to pay dues	N	Gleaves was alleged to have refused to pay the fee of 10/- which was the contribution required from each volunteer to help cover the expenses of the Corps.	1870/015

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Tomlinson	William	Gray	Mr	23	02	1870	Riding bicycle on pavement	Rd	P C Tomlinson accused Gray of Pilton (no forename given) of riding a bicycle along the pavement in High Street. The case is marked as 'settled'.	1870/017
Tucker	Edward	Gaite	William	24	02	1870	Riding dangerously on the shafts of a cart	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw Gaite sitting on the shafts of a cart being pulled by a single horse. Tucker considered this to be a position that endangered both Gaite and other users of the highway.	1870/018
Tucker	Edward	Lane	James	12	03	1870	Horse and cart left in Sadler Street	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw a horse and cart parked in Sadler Street with no-one in charge of it. The vehicle was still in the same place more than 3 hours later. Lane of Cannards Grave came out of the Mitre and offered Tucker a drink to keep quiet about the matter.	1870/019
Perkins	William S	Drewe	Elizabeth	12	03	1870	Drunkenness	D	Perkins, who kept the Mermaid Inn, was called by his staff to deal with Elizabeth Drewe who had come into the pub and was clearly already drunk. When she was ejected she became very quarrelsome and abusive.	1870/020
Harris	William	Barber	George	31	03	1870	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Barber of Union Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 28 October 1869. The amount outstanding was 3/6d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1870/020a
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	31	03	1870	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 28 October 1869. The amount outstanding was 16/4d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1870/020b
Harris	William	??	Clothier	31	03	1870	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Clothier of Broad Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 28 October 1869. The amount outstanding was 4/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1870/020c

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Tucker	Edward	Russ Vonberg Barnes Lovegrove jnr Cox Baker	Frederick Martin Henry Erle John Walter Adolphus George	02	04	1870	Riding bicycles in a manner dangerous to other users of the highway	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw several persons riding bicycles in a dangerous and obstructive manner in High Street, Queen Street and Broad Street.	1870/021
Higgs	John	Coles	Walter	12	04	1870	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	Higgs claimed that he bought a dog from Coles and paid him 5/-. The intention was for Coles to keep the dog for a short time but when Higgs went to claim the dog, Coles said that it belonged to Mrs Puddy, the lady with whom he was living. Higgs claimed that he had handed over the money on the basis of false statements made by Coles regarding his ownership of the dog.	1870/022
Baker	Anna	Hawkins	Charles	14	04	1870	Theft of cider	T	Anna Baker, wife of John of West Horrington, bought a gallon of cider at the New Inn in St Thomas Street (price 1/-). She then left the bottle containing the cider by the door while she spoke to someone inside the pub. The cider and bottle disappeared. Baker accused Hawkins of the theft.	1870/023
Hawkins	James	Hedges	James	18	04	1870	Assault	A	Hawkins claimed that he was walking past the New Inn in St Thomas Street when Hedges, who had been sitting on the step of a house on the opposite side of the street, came over and launched an unprovoked assault on him. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Hedges, who admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 6/-.	1870/024

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Perry	George	Lock	Frederick	26	04	1870	Embezzlement	Em	Perry claimed that he employed Lock as a journeyman baker. One of Lock's responsibilities was to deliver bread to customers and either collect money from them or supply details of their debts to Perry's wife who kept the accounts. Perry claimed that Lock was receiving money from customers but reporting that they had not paid him.	1870/025
Allen	James	Connor	John	07	05	1870	Assault	A	Allen of Ashcott alleged that Connor of the Red Lion Inn, Bristol, had assaulted him and knocked him down.	1870/026
Taylor	W B	Palmer	Ann	07	05	1870	????	??	In a short letter Taylor states that he has enquired of Messrs Barnard and Garrod and the notice is good. The note is written on stationery from Queen's Cross Brewery in Wells. No further explanation is given.	1870/027
Sullivan	James	Berry	Edward	09	05	1870	Assault	A	Sullivan alleged that Berry assaulted him and struck him with several violent blows.	1870/028
Meek	Ellen	Puddy	George	19	05	1870	Non-payment of turnpike toll	N	Ellen Meek, on behalf of her husband, lessee of the Wells Turnpike at the Southover Gate, asserted that George Puddy of Cocklake had driven through the gate without paying, had shouted 'I'll be back' but had neither returned nor paid the toll of fourpence ha'penny.	1870/029
Lewis	Richard	Allen	James	19	05	1870	Drunkenness	D	Lewis, the keeper of the New Inn in St Thomas Street, claimed that Allen of West Horrington had come into his establishment in a drunken condition and, when ejected, had become abusive and quarrelsome.	1870/030
Merchant	Martha	Lacy	Henry	24	05	1870	Assault	A	Merchant claimed that Lacy, a labourer, had assaulted her and struck her a violent blow in the face. William Creedy of South Street was summoned to give evidence on her behalf.	1870/031

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Charles	Charles John	Lacy	Henry	07	06	1870	Assault	A	Charles complained that Lacy, a labourer, had put his fists in Charles' face and threatened to hit him. No one appeared when the case was called.	1870/033
Tucker	Edward	Baker	James	11	06	1870	Failure to control horse and waggon	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw a horse and waggon going down Sadler Street late at night. There appeared to be no person riding on or controlling the vehicle. Baker was found to be asleep (and drunk) in the back of the waggon. Baker admitted the offence.	1870/034
White	Joseph	Crandon Creese	Thomas Samuel	25	06	1870	Causing an affray	Af	PC White found Crandon and Creese fighting in the street close to the Fountain Inn. Crandon appears to have been the only one summoned to appear before the magistrates.	1870/035
White	Joseph	Maundrell Fry	Thomas Charles	25	06	1870	Causing an affray	Af	PC White was called to the Lamb Inn in St Thomas Street to stop fighting between Maundrell and Fry who had both refused to leave the premises even when asked to do so by Mrs Attwood, the landlady. The defendants were fined 10/6d with costs of 4/-.	1870/036
White	Joseph	Brown	Walter Emanuel	25	06	1870	Offence against licence	L	PC White visited the Exmouth Inn at 10 minutes past midnight and found a number of people still in the pub with glasses and cups of liquor on the tables. Brown, the landlord, appealed to White to ignore the offence. The case was settled on payment of 4/6d.	1870/037
Salisbury	Thomas	Brown	Walter	25	06	1870	Keeping a dangerous dog	Dd	Salisbury complained that, when walking along St Thomas Street, he had been severely bitten on the knee by Brown's dog. He had also heard other reports of the animal's ferocity and its tendency to chase children. The case was recorded as settled.	1870/038

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White	Joseph	Willmott	Thomas	11	07	1870	Sureties for the peace	Su	White, a butcher of Queen Street, claimed that Willmott had verbally abused him on a number of occasions and also threatened him with physical violence, several times challenging White to fight. Willmott was summoned to explain why he should not be bound over by offering sureties as to his future conduct. The case header document shows 'Wilful Damage' and appears to have originally had the same information as case 1870/039.	1870/040
Collins	Ann	Collins	Robert Cannings	19	07	1870	Application for order to protect assets	Mw	Ann Collins married Robert Cannings Collins, a maltster and brewer, on 1 January 1866. She lived with him as man and wife in several different locations up to August 1869 when he deserted her. She now sought to protect the property and assets which she acquired at that point and since that point from her husband and any creditors of her husband. She submitted an application for a protection order. The protection order was granted by the magistrates. Pencilled amendments to the application and to the order indicate that there was another application in 1872 on behalf of Emma Mary Ann Charlotte Silk against her husband, Daniel Silk (see 1872/043).	1870/040a
Tucker	Edward	Hawkins	James	22	07	1870	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Hawkins was accused of using profane and obscene language on Cathedral Green. Hawkins was ordered to pay the costs of the case; the sum involved appears to have been 6/6d.	1870/041

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Say	James Clement	Loxton	William John	16	08	1870	Ill-treatment of apprentice	It	Say claimed that he had been apprenticed by Wells Union some 6 years ago to Loxton, a shoemaker. As part of the indenture Loxton was to feed Say and pay him a small wage. Say alleged that he had had to leave Loxton's house because he was not being given sufficient food and was not being paid the agreed wages.	1870/043
Collins	Edwin Adolphus	Stevens Loxton Davis	Alfred Joseph George	16	08	1870	Theft of fruit	T	Collins claimed that Alfred Stevens had been caught by one of his employees (called Teal) stealing fruit from his garden adjoining the New Market. Stevens admitted the charge and his confession also implicated Loxton and Davis,	1870/044
Hoskins	CJ	[Justices]		26	08	1870	Criminal Justice Act	*	Letter from Mr Hoskins in Wincanton complaining that the justices had misused the Criminal Justice Act to convict Thomas Wilson on a charge of receiving stolen money. The status of Hoskins is not clear.	1870/045
Tucker	Edward	Crowcher	Thomas	31	08	1870	Furious riding	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker received a complaint that Crowcher had ridden furiously along Chamberlain Street. The case was dismissed as there was said to be no evidence. The complainant, Mr Sugden, was ordered to pay the costs of the case.	1870/046
Wilton	Richard	Crandon	William	01	09	1870	Eviction notice	Ev	Notice from Richard Wilton, acting as agent for Edwin Bartlett, giving notice of eviction to William Crandon from a dwelling in Southover. This is not the first notice of eviction to William Crandon.	1870/047
Taylor	Robert	Perham	Joseph	03	09	1870	Assault	A	Taylor complained that Perham, a carpenter, had threatened physical violence against him and pushed a fist into his face. The case was described as being settled.	1870/048



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Ball	Mary Ann	Ball	Henry	12	09	1870	Assault	A	Mary Ann Ball, wife of William Ball, claimed that Henry Ball, a labourer, had put his fist in her face and threatened to strike her. The defendant admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 9/6d. No indication is given of the relationship between plaintiff and defendant.	1870/050
Tucker	Edward	Moore	John	13	09	1870	Profane and obscene language	D Pr	Police serjeant Tucker observed the landlady of the Blacksmiths Arms, Mrs Sherlock, trying to keep John Moore out of the pub. He was drunk and threatening to strike Mrs Sherlock and then became abusive with extremely bad language and many profane oaths. Moore was fined 2/- with costs of 8/-. The case header documents indicates a charge of drunkenness, but the summons relates to profane and obscene language.	1870/051
White	Joseph	Francis	George	14	09	1870	Assault	A	PC White claimed that he saw George Francis assaulting his wife, Elizabeth, in Southover. Francis was warned that a policeman was present and then tried to punch White who was able to parry the full force of the blow. White asserted that Francis was drunk and was spoiling for a fight. Francis was fined 7/- with costs of 7/-.	1870/052
White	Joseph	Francis	George	14	09	1870	Profane and obscene language	Pr	After the attempted assault upon PC White, Francis resumed the quarrel with his wife during which many profane oaths were uttered by both parties. Francis was fined 3/- with costs of 7/-. At one point Francis apparently remarked that he did not care if he was summoned as he had plenty of money.	1870/052a

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Tucker	Edward	Ball	Alfred	14	09	1870	Releasing horse from the pound	Op	Police serjeant Tucker, also Hayward of the Common Pound, had a horse brought to him by a servant of Mr Dowling. The horse had been trespassing on land owned by Mr Dowling. Tucker instructed the horse to be taken to the pound, accompanied by a police constable. At the pound, Alfred Ball, the owner of the horse, had used force to secure the release of the horse from the PC and Mr Dowling's servant.	1870/054
Maundrell Brinnan	James Harry	Knight	John	14	09	1870	Non-payment of wages	N	Maundrell and Brinnan had contracted with Knight, a house and shop painter of Bristol, to tar telegraph poles on the Cheddar Valley Railway. After 3 days work they were told to stop and they would be paid the next day. The payment was not received as promised and was still outstanding. The amount of wages involved was 12/- for each man. Knight was ordered to pay the overdue wages, plus costs of 17/- and a fine of 2/-, a total of £2.3s.0d.	1870/055
Lemon	Elizabeth	Weeks	Thomas	17	09	1870	Assault	A	Lemon of Westbury alleged that Weeks of Priddy had assaulted her by both striking her and kicking her. The case appears to have been dismissed.	1870/056
[Clerk of the Peace]		[Town Clerk of Wells]		20	09	1870	Magistrates' administration	*	Note to town clerk from Edwin Lovell, clerk of the peace, regarding changes to procedures for the submission of accounts.	1870/057
[Town Clerk of Wells]		Smith	William	20	09	1870	Magistrates' accounts	*	Account from Wells Gaol for custody and subsistence of William Smith, together with a list of other costs relating to the prisoner's conviction. It is not clear who would pay these costs.	1870/058

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Tucker	Edward	Porter	James	07	10	1870	Indecent exposure	le	Acting on a complaint from Josiah Hayward, an earthenware dealer of Wells, police serjeant Tucker accused Porter, a grocer from Walton, of indecent exposure in Mill Pond Lane. It appeared that Porter had relieved himself against Hayward's wall opposite the door of Mr Russ. Porter was fined 2/6d with costs of 11/6d.	1870/060
Tucker	Edward	Western	John	13	10	1870	Indecent exposure	le	Police serjeant Tucker accused Western, a coal haulier, of indecent exposure in High Street close to the City Arms. Western was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1870/061
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	14	10	1870	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1870. The amount outstanding was 18/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/6d.	1870/061a
Harris	William	Brown	Robert	14	10	1870	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Brown of Silver Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1870. The amount outstanding was 4/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/6d.	1870/061b
Brice	Henry	Stock	Charles	17	10	1870	Eviction notice	Ev	Acting on behalf of the representatives of the late William Hamblin, Brice served notice to quit a tenement or dwelling house in Market Street on Charles Stock. It appears that the notice of eviction was prepared more than a month before the papers were actually served on Stock.	1870/062

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Tucker	Edward	Parker	Samuel	25	10	1870	Unlicensed sale of beer	L	See 1870/063. Louisa Davis asked Elsie Giles to buy her some beer from Parker's house and gave her a black bottle into which the beer could be poured. Giles bought the beer for 2 pence halfpenny. This transaction was used as evidence that Parker was retailing beer without a licence. Parker confessed and was fined 20/- with costs of 11/6d.	1870/064
Tyte	Cornelius	Russell	Flora	04	11	1870	Personation	Ps	Tyte, who resided in Sadler Street and acted as an assessor at the municipal elections, saw a voting paper in the name of Catherine Russell handed in by a lady whom he knew as Flora Russell. He accused Flora Russell of pretending to be Catherine Russell, but later asked for the case to be withdrawn.	1870/065
Cardwell	William	Webb Parsons	Alfred William	07	11	1870	Indecent exposure	le	Cardwell, an employee of Mr Tyack, shoemaker, saw the two defendants relieving themselves against Mr Tyack's wall, exposing themselves within a yard of a public footpath.	1870/066
Marsh	Frederick Nelson	Hackhurst	Edward	23	11	1870	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	Marsh, a tailor and draper of Priory Road, was approached by Hackhurst, an employee, to advance him the sum of 1/6d so that he could buy a pair of boots from Thorns. Marsh advanced the money but subsequently found that Hackhurst had no boots on order at Thorns. Hackhurst had not paid back the money and had not turned up for work since he had the advance, leaving contracted work incomplete. A warrant for the arrest of Hackhurst was issued.	1870/067

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Hatcher	Robert	Sweet	Robert	06	12	1870	Wilful damage	Wd	Hatcher, the landlord of the Full Moon, alleged that Sweet had come into the pub and demanded liquor. Hatcher had refused to serve him because Sweet was drunk. Sweet then became violent and abusive and hit a settle with his fist causing damage estimated at 5/6d. It had taken 45 minutes to remove Sweet from the pub. The case was recorded as being settled.	1870/069
Colston	William	Willcox	Abed	14	12	1870	Assault	A	Colston alleged that Willcox had assaulted him and struck him twice with his fists.	1870/070
Colston	William	Hawkins	Charles	14	12	1870	Assault	A	Colston claimed that Hawkins had assaulted him and struck him several times with his fists.	1870/071
Tucker	Edward	Baker	Caroline	20	12	1870	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker pursued a complaint made by George Barber of Union Street that Baker had broken several of his windows and had verbally abused him in private and in public using profane and obscene language. The case appears to have been settled and costs of 4/6d paid. Case header document indicates a charge of wilful damage, but summons refers only to the use of profane and obscene language.	1870/072
Tucker	Edward	Luff	Walter	20	12	1870	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker pursued a complaint from Charles Taylor that his sister had been abused and defamed in profane and obscene language by Luff, a gamekeeper in the employ of Mr Naish of Ston Easton. The case was noted as settled.	1870/073

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Harris	Thomas	Heal	Abraham Lewis	21	12	1870	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Harris, a wheelwright, complained that Heal, who had been indentured to him as an apprentice in 1865 for 7 years, had absented himself from work and had not returned.	1870/074
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Cardwell	Emma	Robins	Champeny	02	01	1871	Assault	A	Emma Cardwell was wife of James Cardwell, Robins was a labourer. Fined 5/- with costs of 11/-.	1871/001
Hoddinott	Arthur	Hatcher	Robert	06	01	1871	Offence against licence	L	PC Hoddinott went into the Full Moon Inn at almost 1130 pm and found two people still drinking (Robert Sweet and Elizabeth Drew - see 1871/003). Hatcher, the landlord, was charged with having his pub open for the sale and consumption of alcohol outside permitted licensing hours. He admitted the offence and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1871/002
Hoddinott	Arthur	Sweet Drew	Robert Elizabeth	06	01	1871	Offence against licence	L	See 1871/002. PC Hoddinott charged Sweet and Drew with being on licensed premises outside permitted licensing hours when they were neither servants nor residents in that house. Drew was fined 2/6d with costs of 5/6d while Sweet was required to pay costs of 5/6d but appeared to have no fine imposed, even though he had finished drinking his pot of beer in front of the police officer.	1871/003
James	Henry	Hawkins	John	10	01	1871	Assault	A	Hawkins was described as a coal hauler from East Horrington.	1871/004
Thorn	George Thomas	Pethybridge	Samuel	18	01	1871	Embezzlement	Em	Thorn, secretary of a local friendly society, claimed that Pethybridge, a previous secretary of the society, had been given 24/- to pass on to one of the members as sick pay, but had retained the money himself. Although Pethybridge had promised to pay back the money once the issue came to light, he had not done so.	1871/005

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Chapman	John	Lye	George	31	01	1871	Assault	A	Lye was from Wedmore. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/- for the assault.	1871/007
Henry	John	Parker	Samuel	01	02	1871	Unlicensed sale of alcohol	L	Henry, an excise officer, had purchased a pint of beer in the house of Samuel Parker, but Parker had no licence to retail alcohol.	1871/008
Foster	Robert	Sugden	Hon. Mrs	02	02	1871	Ferocious dog	Dd	Foster, a resident of Southover, had been walking his dog near Cathedral Green when it was attacked by Mrs Sugden's dog which was in the care of one of her servants. Mrs Sugden's dog was known to have attacked other dogs in the past.	1871/009
Dell	John	Boyce jnr	John	09	02	1871	Wilful damage	Wd	Dell, a resident of St Thomas Street and owner of several properties there, complained that, in one of those properties (tenanted by George Stokes), Boyce had been seen climbing over the wall and walking across the garden; there was no right of way and no path. Damage had been done to the wall to a value of more than 1d.	1871/010
Hatcher	Robert	Binsham	Henry	15	02	1871	Wilful damage	Wd	Hatcher, occupier of a field called Bell Close, complained that his wheelbarrow had been deliberately thrown into the stream by Binsham. Hatcher had paid someone 6d to retrieve the barrow which was damaged to a value greater than 1d. Binsham was fined 2/6d with costs of 10/- and a further 1d for the damage.	1871/011

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Tucker	Edward	Hewlett	Joel	02	03	1871	Indecent exposure	le	Police serjeant Tucker encountered Hewlett relieving himself near Jacob's Pump in Mill Lane. Case adjourned but Hewlett was probably required to pay costs of 12/7d.	1871/013
Keats	Thomas	Creeden	John	04	03	1871	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Keats, a wheelwright, complained that Creeden, an indentured apprentice, had absented himself from work without permission (see 1871/012). Case was dismissed.	1871/014
Hatcher	Robert	House	Samuel	06	03	1871	Fraud	Fr	Hatcher, landlord of the Full Moon Inn, had agreed that House could sell a load of coal for him. House sold the coal to Henry Jefford, a confectioner of Sadler Street, but retained 2/- for himself without the agreement of Hatcher. Note: there is no date on the documents; the date has been estimated in order to enable the data to be sorted.	1871/015
Cox	Ann	Vinnell	Frederick	22	03	1871	Bastardy	B	Ann Cox, a single woman of Priest Row, accused Vinnell of Doulting of being the father of her illegitimate child.	1871/016
Tucker	Edward	Western	Aaron	05	04	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker heard someone shouting and swearing in St John Street; the person concerned was Aaron Western, a coal hauler. The defendant was discharged on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1871/017
Tucker	Edward	James Chapman	John Thomas	05	04	1871	Riding bicycles on a public footpath	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw James, a mailcart driver, and Chapman, a farmer, riding bicycles along the public footpath forcing pedestrians onto the road. James was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-, while Chapman was fined 1/- with costs of 11/-.	1871/018



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Harris	William	Maynard	James	06	04	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Maynard of Broad Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 26 October 1870. The amount outstanding was 4/1d, excluding costs which were set at 2/3d.	1871/018b
Harris	William	Merchant	Martha	06	04	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Martha Merchant of South Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 26 October 1870. The amount outstanding was 3/6d, excluding costs which were set at 2/3d.	1871/018c
Harris	William	Hatcher	Alfred	06	04	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Hatcher of Southover had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 26 October 1870. The amount outstanding was 5/3d, excluding costs which were set at 2/3d.	1871/018d
Bush	John	Raines	James	08	04	1871	Assault	A	Raines was required to pay costs of 14/6d and also put forward a bond of £10 with respect to his future conduct towards John Bush.	1871/019
Tucker	Edward	Bennett	William	21	04	1871	Obstruction	O	Police serjeant Tucker had received a number of complaints about obstruction of Priory Road near the public weighbridge as a result of the parking of horses and carts. Bennett was accused of leaving 2 horses and carts unattended in Priory Road. Fined 5/- with costs of 11/-.	1871/020
Tucker	Edward	Francis	George	21	04	1871	Obstruction	O	Francis was accused of leaving 2 horses and carts unattended in Priory Road and causing an obstruction to other traffic. He was discharged on payment of costs of 5/6d.	1871/021

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Tucker	Edward	Western	John	21	04	1871	Obstruction	O	Western was accused of leaving a horse and cart unattended for more than an hour in Priory Road and causing an obstruction to other traffic. He was discharged on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1871/023
Russ	Samuel Perren	Oxley	Charles	22	04	1871	Leaving wife chargeable to parish	Ds	Russ, secretary to the Poor Law Guardians, accused Charles Oxley, poulterer and greengrocer, of failing to support his wife, Esther aged 40 (may possibly be 70?), and leaving her chargeable to the parish, even though he was physically and financially capable of maintaining and supporting her. He was ordered to pay his wife 1/- per week.	1871/024
Tucker	Robert	Vincent	Henry	28	04	1871	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Tucker, a boot and shoemaker, complained that Vincent, an indentured apprentice, had absented himself from his employment without permission and had not returned. Tucker was seeking compensation.	1871/025
White	Joseph	Woolford	George	01	05	1871	Furious driving	Rd	PC White saw Woolford from Leigh on Mendip driving a horse and cart down High Street at a furious pace and without reins to control the horse.	1871/026
Boulton	James William	Hill	Robert	03	05	1871	Assault	A	Hill was described as a coal hauler.	1871/027
Oxley	James	Maule	William	09	05	1871	Wilful damage	Wd	Oxley, a poulterer living in St Cuthbert Street, claimed that a tiled shed in his back garden had several tiles removed from it by Maule; the damage was estimated at around 1/-.	1871/028
Russell	James	Francis jnr	John	09	05	1871	Assault	A	Complaint made on behalf of John Russell, son of James Russell. Allegedly hit in the face by a stone thrown by Francis.	1871/029
Taylor	Richard	Porter	Thomas	20	05	1871	Assault	A	Case was noted as settled.	1871/030

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Sweet	Mary	Sweet	Thomas	30	05	1871	Assault	A	Husband attacked wife with poker. Wife requested arrest warrant be issued (no warrant in documentation).	1871/032
Hill	Gilbert	Moir	George W W	31	05	1871	Assault	A	Hill was from Dulcote, while Moir was described as a gentleman from Pilton. Hill called James Parsons, a labourer, and Mary Butt, both from Dulcote, as witnesses.	1871/033
Anning	Matilda	Anning	James	12	06	1871	Sureties for the peace	Su	Matilda Anning, who lived in Southover, claimed that her husband frequently ill-treated her and had threatened her with a knife, saying that he would murder her. As she left the house in fear, he threw a beer glass at her; she had not returned home since. She requested that James Anning be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her. A warrant for the arrest of James Anning was issued. The surname originally shown was 'Allen', then replaced by 'Angel' and then by 'Anning'.	1871/034

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Sage	Elizabeth Ann	Brindley	James	11	07	1871	Bastardy	B	Elizabeth Ann Sage, a single woman of St Thomas Street, accused Brindley, a marine store dealer, of being the father of her illegitimate child.	1871/036
Henry	John	Westcott	Michael	12	07	1871	Unlicensed dog	DI	Henry, an excise officer, accused Westcott of owning an unlicensed dog. Potential penalty was £5.	1871/037
Henry	John	Bennett	William	12	07	1871	Unlicensed horses	HI	Henry, an excise officer, accused Bennett of owning two horses for which he had no licence. Potential penalty was £20.	1871/038
Hancock	Mary Ann	Stock	Emma	14	07	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Hancock, servant to Edwin Collins of Broad Street, had been walking with Mr Collins' children in the field opposite Wells Union workhouse when Stock came up and starting abusing her using profane and obscene language in the presence of the children.	1871/039
Moore	Herbert George	Crandon	George	14	07	1871	Assault	A	The assault is said to have taken place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. No other information is given.	1871/040
Tucker	Edward	Bennett	John	17	07	1871	Unlicensed trading away from market	Um	Police serjeant Tucker came across a wide variety of hardware being offered for sale (and being sold) in a yard. The items were for sale in a place not licensed for market trading.	1871/041

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Jerrard	John	Bennett	John	24	07	1871	Unlicensed trading away from market	Um	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, complained that Bennett had been offering for sale items of hardware in a location not licensed for market trading. The wording of the witness testimony are almost identical to those used in case 1871/041. The case was withdrawn.	1871/043
Jerrard	John	Bennett	Mrs	25	07	1871	Assault	A	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, complained that he had been assaulted by the wife of John Bennett, dealer in hardware. He called James Tate and George Savage to support his allegation.	1871/044
Wills jnr Wills	James Joseph	Stewart	George Frank	31	07	1871	Stealing horses	T	Both Wills were horse dealers. Despite significant numbers of depositions and witness statements, the case was dismissed.	1871/045
Wills	Joseph	Wills jnr	James	01	08	1871	Assault	A	Violent assault with a pitchfork that caused a severe head wound.	1871/046
Perry	George	Midenter	John	01	08	1871	Embezzlement	Em	Perry, a baker, had employed Midenter for 3 years. One of Midenter's responsibilities was to collect money from customers and account for those sums to Perry. When he left Perry's employ it became apparent that he had taken money from several customers, including £5 from Miss Champeny in Westbury, but had not passed the money on to Perry.	1871/047
Tucker	Edward	Emery Parsons Fowler	Alfred Edward Frank	11	08	1871	Furious driving	Rd	The three defendants were seen driving a horse and cart at a furious pace along St Thomas Street, Sadler Street and St Cuthbert Street, endangering other road users. All admitted the offence, Emery was fined 2/6d and each of them was ordered to pay 4/- in costs.	1871/048

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Tucker	Edward	Rossiter	John	11	08	1871	Non-payment of market toll	N	Rossiter of Oakhill had failed to pay the toll due on a quantity of hurdles offered for sale in Wells market; the amount concerned was 6d.	1871/050
White	Joseph	White Clements Cardwell Price	Charles Mary Joseph James	15	08	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC White saw the defendants in St Thomas Street where they were quarrelling and the three men were fighting. All of them were using profane and obscene language. All admitted the charge.	1871/051
Gleaves	Joseph	Stoddart	Herbert	17	08	1871	Assault	A	Stoddart was a wine and spirit merchant from Burnham. The case header has a note saying 'not issued'.	1871/052
Stoddart	Herbert	Gleaves	Joseph	17	08	1871	Assault	A	The reverse case to 1871/052. Gleaves was described as being a resident of Vicar's Close.	1871/053
Hellier & Co		Hacker Hacker	Emma Edward	18	08	1871	Theft of hair	T	Thomas Salisbury, manager of Hellier's brush manufacturing business, complained that Emma Hacker had stolen some of the hair that was to be used in the manufacturing process, approximately 3.5 pounds. She did not deny the theft and later her husband offered to pay the firm for the hair; the offer was refused. An arrest warrant was issued for both Emma and Edward Hacker.	1871/054
Parsons	William	Habgood	Charles	19	08	1871	Assault	A	Habgood appears to have been required to put forward a bond of £30 (£10 from him and £20 from someone else) with respect to his future conduct.	1871/055
Parsons	Harry	Habgood	Charles	19	08	1871	Assault	A	Habgood appears to have had to pay 3/6d.	1871/056

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Tucker	Edward	Western	Aaron	13	09	1871	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police serjeant Tucker stopped a horse and cart in Broad Street. The cart was laden with coal and belonged to Aaron Western. The horse had several wounds, some of them under the collar - and was not fit for work. Western admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/- or 14 days in prison.	1871/058
Perry	George	Isaac	William	15	09	1871	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	Perry, a baker, had purchased a horse for £16 from Isaac and had paid him in full by cheque on the understanding that the horse was sound. However, when he took possession of the horse, he found that it was not sound, was badly broken winded, and not worth 40/-. He sought a warrant for Isaac's arrest on a charge of fraud.	1871/059
Stock	Emma	Ball	Frederick	18	09	1871	Assault	A	Emma Stock claimed that she was assaulted by Frederick Ball in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. She asserted that he had struck her several times with great violence and knocked her down resulting in her arm being seriously injured.	1871/060
Bartlett	William	Bartlett	Jacob Dudden	25	09	1871	Theft of papers	T	William Bartlett, a resident of Tucker Street, was awoken by his wife telling him that there was a burglar in the house. She saw Jacob Bartlett leaving the house with something bulky in his arms. William Bartlett alleged that a box containing his personal papers had been stolen, along with some other effects such as a shirt. The case was noted as settled.	1871/061

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Tucker	Edward	Potter	Robert John	02	10	1871	Offence against licence	L	Potter was accused of selling alcohol to George Nutty outside permitted licensing hours.	1871/063
Hoddinott	Arthur	White Clements	Charles Mary	10	10	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Hoddinott encountered White and Clements in St Thomas Street where they were quarrelling in the street and using profane and obscene language. In addition White also struck Clements several times.	1871/064
Tomlinson	William	Sweet Sweet Sweet	Robert John Eliza	10	10	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Tomlinson heard a disturbance in St John Street and found the defendants in the street, drunk and disorderly, singing and shouting loudly, and using profane and obscene language.	1871/065
Russ	Samuel Perren	Oxley	Charles	11	10	1871	Desertion of wife	Ds	Russ, clerk to the Board of Guardians of Wells Union, reported that the judgement made against Oxley in April (see 1871/024) had not been observed and Oxley had not made the weekly payments of 1/- to help support his wife. He was now ordered to pay £1.5s.0d plus costs; in the event of a failure to do this, the sums should be recovered by distraint of his assets and / or one month in prison.	1871/066
Tucker	Edward	Hill Hill Hill	George Robert Vernon	12	10	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker encountered the defendants in St. Thomas Street where they were all drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner with much use of profane and obscene language. Each was fined 2/6d with costs of 11/- split across them all.	1871/067
Tucker	Edward	Hill	George	12	10	1871	Unattended horse and cart causing an obstruction	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker found a horse and cart standing unattended in St Andrew Street close to the Fountain Inn; it remained there for some time representing an obstruction to traffic and a danger to other road users. Fined 2/- with costs of 7/-.	1871/068



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Fortune	John	James Raines	Maria Charles	12	10	1871	Offence against licence	L	PC Fortune entered the Goat Inn at around 4.00pm on a Sunday afternoon and met Eliza Wills who was coming out of the pub with a jug of cider that she had just purchased. James and Raines admitted selling alcohol outside permitted licensing hours; they were ordered to pay the costs of the case.	1871/070
Fortune	John	Boaden	William	12	10	1871	Offence against licence	L	PC Fortune entered the King's Head at around 10.45am on a Sunday morning and met William Drew who had just purchased some beer. Boaden, the landlord, was charged with selling alcohol outside permitted licensing hours; the case was dismissed.	1871/071
Harris	William	Drewe	William	13	10	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Drewe of Union Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 22 April 1871. The amount outstanding was 4/-, excluding costs which were set at 2/4d. Drewe admitted the offence and was ordered to pay with a possible penalty for default of 7 days in prison.	1871/071a
Harris	William	Woolley	James	13	10	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Woolley of St John Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 22 April 1871. The amount outstanding was 4/-, excluding costs which were set at 2/4d. Woolley was ordered to pay the sums immediately with a possible penalty for default of 7 days in prison.	1871/071b

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Harris	William	Potter	Robert John	13	10	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Potter had occupied premises for a period of 3 months and was therefore required to pay an appropriate portion of the poor rate assessment for the property which was set at £1.2s.8d. Potter was therefore required to pay 11/4d, excluding costs which were set at 2/6d. Potter was ordered to pay immediately with default potentially leading to 7 days in prison.	1871/071d
Harris	William	Hatcher jnr	Robert	13	10	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Robert Hatcher the younger had occupied premises for a period of 3 months and was therefore required to pay an appropriate portion of the poor rate assessment for the property which was set at £1.2s.8d. Hatcher was therefore required to pay 11/4d, excluding costs which were set at 2/6d. Hatcher was ordered to pay immediately with default potentially leading to 7 days in prison. Note: the dates of occupation given for Potter and Hatcher are the same. It is unclear whether they were occupying same property or different properties.	1871/071e

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Hillier	John	Pointing	James	20	10	1871	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr		
Tucker	Edward	Palmer	James	20	10	1871	Fish unfit for human consumption	E	Police serjeant Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, stopped Palmer, of Weston super Mare, who had a load of sprats intended for sale as food. Tucker discovered that the sprats were unfit for human consumption and had them destroyed. Palmer was fined 5/- with costs of £1.6s.9d.	1871/073
Tucker	Edward	Seller	Benjamin	20	10	1871	Fish unfit for human consumption	E	Police serjeant Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, stopped Seller, of Stoughton near Wedmore, who had a load of sprats intended for sale as food. Tucker discovered that the sprats were unfit for human consumption and had them destroyed. Seller was fined 2/6d with costs of 15/9d.	1871/074

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Hoddinott	Arthur	Cattle	Samuel	24	10	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Hoddinott, a resident of St Cuthbert Street, saw a crowd of people in the street where there had clearly been a fight. He told the combatants to go home; a man called Western did so, but Cattle refused, abused the officer and used profane and obscene language.	1871/076
Watts	John	Moore	Albert	26	10	1871	Sureties for the peace	Su	Watts, a fishmonger from Shepton Mallet, had been in Southover when Moore came up to him and began to abuse and threaten him with physical violence. Moore then followed Watts along St John Street, Broad Street and High Street, abusing him all the while and issuing more threats of violence. Watts appealed for Moore to be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards him. Moore was required to pay costs / fines of 7/6d, and put forward three bonds of £10 for 6 months, one himself and 2 from referees; the alternative was 14 days in prison.	1871/077
Tucker	Edward	Nutty	George	31	10	1871	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Tucker had ascertained that Nutty had purchased alcohol from the Full Moon Inn outside permitted licensing hours (see 1871/063 for case against the landlord). Nutty was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1871/078

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[Regina]		Baker	John	10	11	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Baker, of Croscombe, was accused of using profane and obscene language on the Palace Moat Path. Case was settled on payment of 2/6d.	1871/080
Serel	John Thomas	Hawkins	Charles	11	11	1871	Wilful damage	Wd	Hawkins was accused of breaking a pane of glass to the value of 1/6d.	1871/081
Tucker	Edward	Bennett	William	21	11	1871	Obstruction	O	Police serjeant Tucker found a horse and cart standing unattended in the Market Place; it remained there for more than an hour causing an obstruction to the movement of other traffic. The horse and cart belonged to Bennett, a coal hauler of Burcott Lane. Bennett was ordered to pay costs of 4/6d, although a proposed fine of 2/6d seems to have been deleted.	1871/082
Tripp	Benjamin	Small	John	21	11	1871	Breaking and entering	T	Tripp, a wheelwright resident in the Cheddar Valley Inn, where his father was landlord, claimed that the premises had been broken into overnight and items such as money and food had been taken. Small, a labourer who had worked for Tripp's father and knew both the house and the location of valuable items, was accused of the burglary. The defendant was discharged.	1871/083
Standard	Jane	Tripp	Benjamin	05	12	1871	Bastardy	B	This is a continuation of case 1871/079. There is a further summons to Benjamin Tripp, now described as wheelwright of Tucker Street rather than a millwright, and also a further summons to Henry Vowles and Thomas Richards (but not to Sarah Ann Tyrrell).	1871/084

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Jerrard	John	Cooke	Edwin	14	12	1871	Evading market toll	N		
<b>1872</b>										
Slocombe	Thomas	Ball	Alfred	05	01	1872	Larceny	T	Slocombe was a miller residing in Bleadney. He had asked an employee, Joseph Gould, to collect 3 hundredweight sacks of bran in Wells from Coles' mill. Apparently, one of the sacks had fallen from the cart between Portway and the cemetery and had supposedly been picked up by Ball, a labourer of South Street, who had been driving towards Wells with his waggon. Ball, it was claimed, had then sold the bran to Charles Fry, a haulier in St Cuthbert Street. Slocombe stated that the value of the bran was 6/- and the bag 2/-. The case appears to have been dismissed on the grounds that no evidence was offered.	1872/001
Toomer	John Henry	Gardner	John	08	01	1872	Embezzlement	Em	Toomer was the secretary of the Wells Tradesmens' Friendly Society, having taken over the role from Gardner. He had found evidence in the accounts that Gardner had shown payments being made to the Treasurer that were never received and the accounts showed a deficit of over £20. Gardner had supposedly admitted that there were errors in the accounts and had apparently offered a plan for the restitution of the money. Toomer, however, had refused to accept the plan and requested a warrant for Gardner's arrest. This warrant was issued.	1872/002

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Perkins	William Season	Selway	Joseph	16	01	1872	Assault	A	Perkins, an innkeeper, claimed that Selway, also an innkeeper, had grabbed him by the collar and pushed him to the ground.	1872/003
Perkins	William Season	George	Frederick	16	01	1872	Assault	A	Perkins, an innkeeper, accused George, described as a hotel keeper, of seizing his jacket and pushing him violently. The case was dismissed.	1872/004
Tucker	Edward	Francis	Charles	24	01	1872	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Tucker saw a laden coal cart in High Street drawn by a single horse; he followed it to the Southover turnpike and examined the horse which had a severe wound on its shoulder. Mr Evans, the vet, confirmed that the horse was not fit to be worked. Francis, a haulier from Glastonbury and the owner of the horse (although not the driver who was Matthew Emery), was charged with cruelty. It appears that he settled the case by paying 4/6d.	1872/005
Allen	Charles	Crandon	George	02	02	1872	Assault	A	Allen claimed that Crandon had seized him by the collar and pulled him violently about. The case was dismissed with costs.	1872/006
Boley	Elizabeth	Sealey	Sidney	02	02	1872	Assault	A	Sealey was a servant at Dr Purnell's.	1872/007
Barnard	Charles	Dudden	Silvester	01	03	1872	Assault	A	Barnard, a butcher, alleged that Dudden, a labourer, had struck him two violent blows in the face with a stick.	1872/008
Tucker	Edward	Mason Mason	Albert Henry	04	03	1872	Theft	T	The two defendants were found guilty of stealing a sausage made of ham, tongue and chicken with a value of 2/-, the property of Frederick Benjamin Wickenden. Albert was 14 years of age and Henry 10. As they were minors, they were not sent to jail but ordered to be whipped by police serjeant Tucker, Albert to receive 12 stripes and Henry 9.	1872/009
Nutty	John	Marshall Marshall	Thomas John	09	03	1872	Failure to complete work	Nc	Nutty was a quarryman and the Marshalls were working for him as labourers. They had apparently refused to complete the quarrying and stone breaking tasks for which they had supposedly contracted with Nutty.	1872/010

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Mapstone	Robert	Crandon	Thomas	30	03	1872	Assault	A	Mapstone lived in Wookey and he alleged that Crandon, the son of Robert Crandon, had struck him a violent blow on the head. The case was noted as settled.	1872/012
[Justices]		Ceralli Oram Selway Wilkins	Salvatore James Joseph Robert	03	04	1872	Appointment of Overseers of the Poor	*	The named individuals were required to show any reason why they should not be appointed to the posts of Overseers of the Poor.	1872/012a
Cox	Louisa	Cox	John	06	04	1872	Assault	A	John and Louisa were husband and wife. She asserted that he had attacked her and struck her several times. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1872/013
Porter	Robert	Brown	Aaron	06	04	1872	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Robert Porter, collector of rates, claimed that Brown had not paid the poor rate assessment of 2 November 1871. The amount outstanding was 4/1d.	1872/013a
Tucker	Edward	Williams	Robert	15	04	1872	Indecent exposure	le	Police serjeant Tucker arrested Williams, a labourer from Welleseley, for urinating in Union Street.	1872/014
Tucker	Edward	Wyatt	Garland	15	04	1872	Failure to control horse and cart	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker charged Wyatt with failure to control a horse and cart in Sadler Street by being too far from the vehicle to affect its movement. Wyatt was fined 2/- with costs of 7/-.	1872/015
Tucker	Edward	Crandon Sweet	Thomas Robert	15	04	1872	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Crandon and Sweet were also fighting in Broad Street as well as cursing and swearing and disturbing the peace.	1872/016
White	Joseph	Hutton	James	17	04	1872	Offence against licence	L	PC White charged Hutton with opening the Red Ox Tavern at 8.30am when it should not have been open until midday.	1872/017



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Tucker	Edward	Brown	Walter Emanuel	24	04	1872	Dangerous dog not muzzled	Dd	Police serjeant Tucker charged Brown with allowing a ferocious dog to run free and unmuzzled in St Thomas Street. Brown promised to muzzle the dog and was discharged on payment of costs of 5/6d.	1872/019
White	Joseph	Davis Collins	John Charles	24	04	1872	Offence against licence	L	PC White charged the defendants with drinking in the Red Ox Tavern outside licensed hours; see 1872/017. Both defendants were fined 2/6d each with costs of 4/- each.	1872/020
Knight	Edwin Henry	Moore Clements	William John	03	05	1872	Wilful damage	Wd	Damage to tiles of the Local Board. Moore was son of Albert Moore and Clements was residing with Albert Moore. Knight was the surveyor to the Wells Local Board. The defendants apparently confessed; costs were 6/-.	1872/021
Cornish	Mary Ann	Cox	Louisa	03	05	1872	Assault	A	Mary Ann Cornish, wife of John Cornish, coal hauler, complained that Louisa Cox, wife of John Cox, labourer, had struck her in the face. It appears that neither party attended the hearing.	1872/022
Snook	Frederick	Painter	Henry	06	05	1872	Embezzlement	Em	Obtained £2.18s.2d from George Stone of Wells in an attempt to defraud Mr Snook, a glass and china dealer of Frome. 2/6d paid.	1872/023
Snook	Frederick	Painter	Henry	10	05	1872	Embezzlement	Em	Various depositions on this case; see also 1872/023.	1872/024
Knight	James	Parfitt	Mary	13	05	1872	Offence against licence	L	PC Knight charged Mary Parfitt with opening Full Moon Inn at 8.30am when it should not have been open until midday.	1872/025
[Justices]		Bloxham	William George	23	05	1872	Appointment of Inspector of Weights and Measures	*	Justices confirming the appointment were: William Chester Berryman jnr, William Inman Welsh and John Belfour Plowman	1872/026
Knight	James	Rich (aka Marshall)	Ann	03	06	1872	Obscene language	Pr	PC Knight charged Rich, otherwise known as Marshall, with using obscene language in St Thomas Street.	1872/027
Fry	Ann	Rumsey	G	17	06	1872	Assault	A	Rumsey, a razor grinder, was accused of striking Ann Fry, a widow residing in St Thomas Street, with a kettle and with his fist. The incident occurred in St Thomas Street.	1872/028

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Jerrard	John	Allen	James	24	06	1872	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Allen was also accused of threatening behaviour towards Jerrard, a resident of Priory Road. Allen had come to see Jerrard and accuse him of "bullying" his sister by demanding that she pay her rent arrears.	1872/030
Ridley	Mary	Stock	Emma	01	07	1872	Assault	A	A warrant for the arrest of Emma Stock was issued on her being accused of an assault on Mary Ridley, wife of Matthew Ridley, which resulted in Ridley being struck with several blows and having one of her teeth knocked out.	1872/031
Armstrong	Jane	Armstrong	Charles	08	07	1872	Sureties against future conduct	Su	Charles and Jane were husband and wife. She applied that he be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her.	1872/032
Dredge	James	Smith	John	12	07	1872	Theft	T	Theft of a pair of boots from James Dredge, shoemaker. Smith was convicted and sentenced to 6 weeks in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1872/033
Williams	Sarah	Guppy	John	16	07	1872	Assault	A	Sarah Williams complained that Guppy, a labourer, had struck her several times and knocked her down. The incident took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1872/034
Gardner	James	Moore	William	16	07	1872	Absent from work	Ab	Moore was absent without leave from his work as a painter and decorator for James Gardner. Moore admitted the offence.	1872/035
Cock	Ann	Rumson	John	19	07	1872	Bastardy	B	Ann Cock was a single woman resident in St Thomas Street. Rumson was from Ilfracombe in Devon. It appears that Rumson had contributed to the maintenance of his child for a period of around 12 months after the birth, but had ceased to make the requisite payments. He was ordered to pay 2/6d per week until the child was 13 and to pay a lump sum of £4.10s.6d to cover the arrears.	1872/036
Pearce	George	Fry	Francis	22	07	1872	Dumping of stones and soil in street	E	Incident in Southover Street where Pearce and Fry both appear to be residents or owners.	1872/037

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Tomlinson	William	Pearse	Samuel	14	08	1872	Indecent exposure	le	PC Tomlinson charged Pearse of Binegar with relieving himself in the Market Place in full view of passers by.	1872/039
Tucker	Edward	Barber	James	16	08	1872	Improper construction of privy	E	Police serjeant Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, had already issued Barber with a notice of unsatisfactory construction and this had been ignored. The properties affected were in Southover.	1872/040
Tucker	Edward	Lane	Charles	16	08	1872	Improperly constructed privies	E	Police serjeant Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, had already issued Laner with a notice of unsatisfactory construction and this had been ignored. The properties affected were in St Thomas Street.	1872/041
Sage	Elizabeth Ann	Crandon	Robert	16	08	1872	Dangerous dog	Dd	Sage left her child, Emily, in the care of her mother in St Thomas Street. When she returned the child had been attacked and badly wounded by a dog owned by Robert Crandon. Sage claimed that she herself had been bitten by the dog on two occasions.	1872/042
Silk	Emma Mary Ann Charlotte	Silk	Daniel	20	08	1872	Protection order	Mw	Mrs Silk of Broad Street claimed that she had been deserted by her husband, Daniel, now resident in Glastonbury. She asserted that since his desertion she had built up a number of possessions which she wished to be protected from her husband and any creditors that he may have. Protection of these assets was awarded.	1872/043
Armstrong	Charles	Say	Charles	21	08	1872	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Armstrong claimed that Say was at his house in Priest Row and was drunk and abusive, using profane and obscene language and threatening to fight him.	1872/044
Callard	Samuel	Fortescue	Mrs	22	08	1872	Obtaining money on false pretences	Fr	Callard claimed that Mrs Fortescue had persuaded him to lend her money in order to retrieve some boxes belonging to her at Chewton Priory; she had said that she was a relative of Lady Waldegrave who lived there. However, the story was false, there were no boxes and she was no relative. Callard had had to pawn his watch to raise the money that he lent.	1872/045

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Way	John Christopher	[Justices]		03	09	1872	Application for licence to retail wines and spirits	La	Application for renewal of licence to retail wines and spirits in the High Street. Appears to be occasioned by new Act of Parliament. Application originally drawn up on 12 August, but pencilled amendments indicate a revised date of 3 September as a result of Way being sent details of the new Act.	1872/047
Stock	Elizabeth	Stock	Emma	05	09	1872	Theft of dress and shawl	T	Elizabeth Stock, wife of Charles Stock of High Street, alleged that her daughter, Emma, recently released from gaol, had gone to the family home and taken various items of clothing, including a new dress and shawl. These items had then been pawned. An arrest warrant for Emma Stock was issued.	1872/048
Morgan	Henry	Brooks jnr	Walter	05	09	1872	Assault	A	Morgan claimed that Brooks, son of a pork butcher, had assaulted him. He called Thomas Nelson and George Smith as witnesses on his behalf.	1872/049
Drummond	Mr	Anning Jenkins Sage Price	Edwin John Thomas William	07	09	1872	Theft of fruit	T	The four defendants were accused of stealing plums and pears from a garden belonging to the Bishop of Bath & Wells.	1872/050
Barber	James	Brook	John	08	09	1872	Eviction notice	Ev	Barber, the owner of a property in Southover, issued an eviction notice to the occupant, John Brook.	1872/051
Dunford	Frederick	Chinnock	Hugh	10	09	1872	Assault	A	Dunford alleged that Chinnock of East Pennard had assaulted him.	1872/052
Sherlock	George	Pearse	Henry	27	09	1872	Assault	A	George Sherlock alleged that Pearse had assaulted Sherlock's wife, Sarah, and struck her several violent blows.	1872/053
Sherlock	George	Pearse	Henry	27	09	1872	Assault	A	Sherlock alleged that Pearse had also assaulted him, as well as his wife (see 1872/053).	1872/054
Chapple	Susan	Mogford	Thomas	14	10	1872	Assault	A	Chapple alleged that Mogford had assaulted her and struck her several violent blows.	1872/055
[Justices]		Knight	John Willcox	14	10	1872	Approval of liquor licence	La	Approval for White Hart	1872/056
[Justices]		George	Frederick Charles	14	10	1872	Approval of liquor licence	La	Approval for Swan	1872/057

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[Justices]		Boyce	Thomas Tucker	14	10	1872	Approval of liquor licence	La	Approval for Somerset Hotel	1872/058
[Justices]		Wilkins	Robert	14	10	1872	Approval of liquor licence	La	Approval for Red Lion	1872/059
Porter	Robert	Grist	Charles	14	10	1872	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Robert Porter, collector of rates, claimed that Grist had not paid the poor rate assessment of 24 April 1872. The amount outstanding was 8/2d, with costs of 2/- in addition.	1872/059a
Turner	J Ribton	[Justices]		25	10	1872	Report on charitable relief and mendicity	*	Recommendations from a charitable body regarding ways of potentially relieving vagrancy and mendicity.	1872/060
Tomlinson	William	Francis	Charles	29	10	1872	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Tomlinson accused Francis of being drunk and using profane and obscene language in Southover. Francis admitted the offence and was fined a total of 13/-, including costs.	1872/061
Knight	James	Francis	Robert	02	11	1872	Leaving horse and cart in street	Rd	PC Knight found a horse and cart left for a long period in a public thoroughfare opposite Edward Collins' Beer House (The Angel). Robert Francis admitted the offence and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1872/062
Westcott	John	Crandon	Thomas	02	11	1872	Drunkenness	D	PC Westcott found Crandon in a drunken state in St Thomas Street; he was disorderly and refused to go home. Crandon admitted the offence and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1872/063
Sherlock	George	Stevens	John	04	11	1872	Assault	A	George Sherlock alleged that Stevens had assaulted Sherlock's wife, Sarah, and struck her several violent blows, knocking her down and causing her a permanent injury.	1872/064
Tucker	Edward	Isaacs	William	04	11	1872	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Tucker accused Isaacs, a horse dealer of West Harptree, of being drunk and disorderly, and refusing to leave the New Inn when requested to do so by the landlord.	1872/065
Tucker	Edward	Lisk	Matthew	08	11	1872	Driving without reins	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker alleged that Lisk was riding on a horse-drawn cart in Broad Street but had no reins with which to control the actions of the horse.	1872/066
Tucker	Edward	Teale	Edward	08	11	1872	Indecent exposure	le	Police serjeant Tucker accused Teale of exposing himself in St Andrew Street.	1872/067

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Main	Alfred	Payne	William	09	11	1872	Assault	A	Main accused Payne of assault. The costs / fines appear to amount to £2.2s.6d, presumably to be paid by Payne.	1872/069
Jerrard	John	Crandon	Frederick	09	11	1872	Theft of a hurdle	T	Jerrard accused Crandon of St Cuthbert Street of stealing a wooden hurdle to the value of 1/-. The case was adjourned until the December meeting.	1872/070
[Justices]		Bisgood	John	18	11	1872	Appointment of Inspector of Weights and Measures	*	Justices confirming the appointment were: William Dore, Albion Andrews and Thomas Purnell.	1872/071
Westcott	John	Webb	John	03	12	1872	Offence against licence	L	PC Westcott charged Webb, a publican, with allowing gaming to go on in his establishment. The case was dismissed.	1872/072
Westcott	John	Parfitt	Mary	03	12	1872	Offence against licence	L	Parfitt, the publican of the Full Moon, was accused of selling intoxicating liquor outside the permitted hours specified by the licence. Case dismissed on payment of costs of 6/6d.	1872/073
Tucker	Edward	Drew	Elizabeth	03	12	1872	Drunkenness	D	Drew was accused of being drunk and creating a disturbance in Southover.	1872/074
Tucker	Edward	Brown	Walter Emanuel	07	12	1872	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Tucker had attended a case in which John Vincent was found to be drunk in a field near Dulcote. Vincent claimed that he had been supplied with brandy at the Exmouth Inn in St Thomas Street. Tucker concluded that the brandy must have been sold when the pub was supposed to be shut and brought a case against Brown, the publican, for selling liquor outside licensed hours. The case was dismissed.	1872/075
Knight	James	Brown	Walter Emanuel	07	12	1872	Offence against licence	L	PC Knight had been passing the Exmouth Inn late at night when he had seen a number of people leaving the pub. Brown, the publican, claimed that he had been trying to get people to leave and was about to call the police to get them evicted.	1872/076
Knight	James	Hill	Sarah	07	12	1872	Drunkenness	D	PC Knight found Sarah Hill to be drunk and disorderly in St Cuthbert Street. She was fined 1/- with costs of 7/- or, if in default, to be sent to prison for 7 days.	1872/077

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Stokes	Henry	Bowell	Sidney	10	12	1872	Assault	A	Stokes claimed that he had been assaulted by Bowell who struck him several violent blows. The documents give the defendant's surname as Ball, but the summons was amended to Bowell.	1872/078
Stokes	Henry	Cornish	John	10	12	1872	Assault	A	Stokes claimed that he had been assaulted by Cornish who struck him several violent blows.	1872/079
Tucker	Edward	Francis	Robert	11	12	1872	Obstruction of the highway	O	Police serjeant Tucker claimed that he had found a donkey and cart outside the Angel Inn in Broad Street and it was still there some two hours later. Francis admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with total costs of 8/-.	1872/080
Tucker	Edward	Stock	Charles	11	12	1872	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Tucker found Stock in the Market Place where he was so drunk that he was unable to stand without support.	1872/081
Roach	Jane	Francis	Elizabeth	13	12	1872	Assault	A	Roach claimed that Elizabeth Francis, wife of George, had assaulted her.	1872/082
Raines	Charles	Wills	John	17	12	1872	Obtaining money on false pretences	Fr	Raines alleged that Wills had come to his house and asked him to buy a watch and gold chain; the latter was said to have been pawned for £7. Raines bought the watch and chain for £2, but then discovered that the chain was brass not gold and the watch was only worth 10/-.	1872/083
Welchman	William	Russell	Joseph	27	12	1872	Damage to highway	H	Welchman, surveyor of highways, claimed that Russell had been observed using a tipstick to slow down the descent of his horse and cart when coming down the hill towards Stoberry. This had caused substantial damage to the surface of the highway to the value of 5/-. Russell was fined 6/- with costs of 7/-.	1872/084

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Mansfield	Henry	Morgan	Henry	04	01	1873	Stealing a dog	T	Mansfield of St Cuthbert Street had a dog stolen. It was recovered from the house of William Morgan in Bedminster. Morgan claimed to have bought the dog from his brother, Henry, the accused.	1873/001
Vowles	Emma	Barnard	Charles	06	01	1873	Assault	A	Emma Vowles was the wife of Charles Vowles, a butcher. Barnard was also a butcher. Case was dismissed, as was request for sureties as to the future conduct of Barnard.	1873/002
Hubbard	Sarah	Binsham	Caroline	17	01	1873	Assault	A	Caroline Binsham was wife of John Binsham See also 1873/005.	1873/003
Fawcett	William	Hawkins	Joseph	18	01	1873	Absent from work without leave	Ab	Hawkins was an indentured apprentice to Fawcett, a currier in Priest Row. Hawkins had absented himself from work on a number of occasions and Fawcett was seeking compensation of 10/-.	1873/004
Binsham	Caroline	Hubbard	Sarah	18	01	1873	Assault	A	Sarah Hubbard was wife of Albert Hubbard. See 1873/003 for reverse case.	1873/005
Tomlinson	William	Pointing Vowles	Richard William	25	01	1873	Licensing Act	L	PC Tomlinson charged the defendants with being present on licensed premises (the White Hart) more than 30 minutes after closing time, despite having been requested to leave by the landlord. Fined 2/6d with total costs of 8/-, each therefore paid 6/6d.	1873/006
Knight	James	Parfitt	Mary	31	01	1873	Licensing Act	L	PC Knight found a number of people still drinking in the Full Moon at 11.25pm. Mary Parfitt, the landlady, was fined £1 with costs of 8/-, but given until the next meeting of the justices to pay it off.	1873/007
Parsons	George	Roe	Lot	01	02	1873	Assault	A	See 1873/013 for the reverse complaint.	1873/008



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Adlam	George	Bendall jnr	George	04	02	1873	Assault	A	see also 1873/011 The alleged incident took place in the Liberty and involved throwing snow at Adlam.	1873/010
Adlam	George	Brown jnr	Walter	04	02	1873	Assault	A	see also 1873/010 The alleged incident took place in the Liberty and involved throwing snow at Adlam.	1873/011
Tucker	Edward	White	William	06	02	1873	Riding without reins	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw a horse-drawn waggon proceeding along Portway with no-one guiding it. White was asleep in the cart. He was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- and further expenses of 4/-.	1873/012
Roe	Lot	Parsons	George	07	02	1873	Assault	A	Parsons was from Coxley. See 1873/008 for the reverse complaint.	1873/013
Knight	James	Lockyer	George	07	02	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	PC Knight stopped a coal waggon drawn by two donkeys in Queen Street. One of the donkeys was bleeding from a wound on the shoulder. Lockyer, of St Thomas Street, was found guilty and fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/014
Tucker	Edward	Francis jnr	Edward	08	02	1873	Local Govt. Act	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker stopped two horse-drawn carts in High Street that appeared to have no-one controlling their progress. The carts belonged to Edward Francis and were supposedly being guided by his son, Edward.	1873/015
Tucker	Edward	Morgan	Elijah Henry	08	02	1873	Local Govt. Act	E	Morgan of Wookey Hole had been ordered previously to erect water closets or privies on several properties that he owned in Wells. Morgan had failed to comply and police serjeant Tucker, in his capacity as inspector of nuisances, was pressing Morgan to act as instructed.	1873/016
[Regina]		Western	John	08	02	1873	Furious driving	Rd	Western was accused of driving a horse and cart at a furious pace along Tucker Street - and without reins. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/- and additional expenses of 1/-.	1873/017
Boaden	William	[Justices]		03	03	1873	Licence application	La	Boaden applied for a transfer of the alcohol licence for the King's Head in High Street to George Blacker of Dinder. Transfer was approved on a pro tem basis.	1873/018

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Westcott	John	Ball	Alfred	07	03	1873	Licensing Act 1872	D	PC Westcott accused Ball of being drunk and disorderly in the King's Head and refusing to leave when requested by Boaden, the landlord. Ball admitted the offence.	1873/020
Westcott	John	Churches West	Edward Henry	07	03	1873	Local Govt. Act	O	PC Westcott found two horse-drawn carts laden with coal standing unattended in Broad Street. They were causing an obstruction to traffic. Both defendants admitted the offence.	1873/021
Knight	James	Cornish	John	07	03	1873	Licensing Act 1872	D	PC Knight found Cornish to be drunk & disorderly and refusing to leave the Rose and Crown in St John Street. Cornish admitted the offence.	1873/022
Tucker	Edward	Western Bennett	John James	07	03	1873	Public Health Act 1872	E	Police serjeant Tucker accused Western and Bennett of dumping manure in West Street, annoying the residents and obstructing traffic. Tucker had previously cautioned the pair for a similar offence.	1873/023
Tucker	Edward	Sweet	John	07	03	1873	Public Health Act 1872	E	Police serjeant Tucker inspected the slaughterhouse in Southover of Sweet, a pork butcher. Live pigs were not being kept correctly, the slaughterhouse had not been cleaned within 3 hours of an animal being slaughtered and there was considerable accumulated filth.	1873/024
Tucker	Edward	Wareham	Henry	24	03	1873	Local Govt. Act	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker found several horse-drawn carts in New Street not being properly attended. Three carts belonged to Charles Wareham of Chewton Mendip and were in the care of Henry Wareham who was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/025

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Tucker	Edward	Wareham	Charles	24	03	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	See 1873/025 and 1873/025a. As the owner of the horses involved, Charles Wareham was accused of having knowingly sent an unfit horse out to work. Wareham was fined 20/- with costs of 30/- (presumably including vet bills) with an alternative of 7 days in prison.	1873/026
Tucker	Edward	Ford	Robert	24	03	1873	Failure to control horse-drawn carts	Rd	See 1873/025. Two of the carts that were not being properly controlled in New Street belonged to Jonathan Pearce of Chewton Mendip. They were in the care of Robert Ford who was fined 2/6 with costs of 7/- and further expenses of 2/-.	1873/027
Seal	Albion	Griffin	William	31	03	1873	Fraudulent removal of goods	Rg	Seal, landlord of a tenement in Southover, accused Griffin, who had rent arrears of £6 on a quarterly rental of £2, of clandestinely removing his goods and chattels to avoid them being sold under distraint to defray the rent arrears. Seal claimed that Griffin had been helped by Joseph Woodburn and these goods were now stored in a tenement in Union Street occupied by Henry Woodburn, a tenant of Thomas Tucker Boyce.	1873/028
Taylor	Henry	Ball	Edwin	01	04	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	Taylor, of the RSPCA, saw Ball in St Thomas Street working a horse that was unfit as a result of sores. Ball admitted the offence.	1873/029
Tucker	Edward	Cardwell	William	01	04	1873	Profane & obscene language	Pr	Cardwell and another man called Taylor appear to have been ejected from the Royal Oak near the Market Place. They began fighting in the street using much profane and obscene language. Cardwell was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/030
Taylor	Henry	Bennett	James	01	04	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	Seen in the Market Place by Taylor of the RSPCA, Bennett was accused of working a horse that was unfit by virtue of a number of wounds on its side and back. He was ordered to pay costs of 7/6d.	1873/031
Taylor	Henry	Allen	William	01	04	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	Taylor of the RSPCA saw Allen beating an ass with a stick in the Liberty.	1873/032

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Taylor	Henry	Crandon	Robert	02	04	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	Taylor of the RSPCA accused Crandon, a butcher, of cruelty to 4 calves that had been transported from Blagdon in extremely cramped conditions such that they could no longer stand when released.	1873/033
Tucker	Edward	Pearce	Jonathan	05	04	1873	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker charged Pearce of Chewton Mendip with driving a horse and cart at a furious pace along Wells High Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/- and further expenses of 2/-.	1873/034
Hill	John	Charles	John	22	04	1873	Assault	A	Hill was a marine store dealer. Neither party appeared.	1873/035
Hoggan	Emma	Ridley	Joseph	23	04	1873	Wilful damage	Wd	Ridley, a young boy, was accused of constantly slamming the gate at the home of the Revd. Oliver in Tor Street until, eventually, the gate broke. Ridley's mother attended court, admitted the offence and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-; in the event of default 7 days in prison.	1873/036
Knight	James	Ward	Ann	25	04	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	PC Knight spotted a donkey-drawn cart in Queen Street where the donkey was carrying several sores. Its owner, Ann Ward of Theale, was fined 1/- with costs of 7/- and additional expenses of 2/-.	1873/037
Knight	James	Western Collins Allen	Aaron George William	25	04	1873	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Knight accused the three defendants of leaving 4 carts unattended overnight in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction. Western and Allen were fined 1/- each with costs of 7/- (or 7 days in prison), Collins was ordered to pay costs of 4/6d.	1873/038
Knight	James	Walwyn	Alfred	25	04	1873	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Knight found a horse and cart standing unattended in Broad Street for more than an hour. The owner and driver, Walwyn, was in the Angel Inn and very much the worse for wear. Walwyn, from Oakhill, was fined 20/- with costs of 7/- and additional expenses of 2/6d.	1873/039
Knight	James	Binning	Henry	25	04	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	Binning, of Burcott, had been seen on Portway using a donkey to draw a loaded cart where the donkey was clearly unfit for work by virtue of a large wound on its shoulder. Binning was fined 1/- with costs of 8/6d.	1873/040

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Ball	John	Ball	Alfred	30	04	1873	Assault	A	Settled without a hearing. No indication of relationship between plaintiff and defendant.	1873/042
Westcott	John	Tyrrell	John	02	05	1873	Drunkennes	D	PC Westcott was asked for help by the landlord of the King's Head to remove a drunken and quarrelsome customer. Westcott forcibly removed Tyrrell with the assistance of another officer and charged him with drunkennes. Tyrrell was fined 3/6d with costs of 7/6d.	1873/043
Westcott	John	Parker	Robert	02	05	1873	Furious driving	Rd	Parker, of Shepton Mallet, was seen driving a horse and trap containing three people along High Street at a furious rate, endangering pedestrians and other traffic. Parker was fined 10/- with costs of 8/6d.	1873/044
Westcott	John	Tyrrell (aka Phipps)	Sarah Ann	02	05	1873	Obstructing the police in the execution of their duty	Op	When PC Westcott was removing John Tyrrell from the King's Head with the assistance of PC Knight (see 1873/043), Sarah Ann Tyrrell (aka Phipps) was seen to push PC Knight in an attempt to release her husband. She was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1873/045
Bisgood	John	Collins	Edwin	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	2 incorrect measures. Collins was landlord of the Rose and Crown in St John Street. May have had to pay costs of 4/6d.	1873/046
Bisgood	John	Rolls	William	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	4 incorrect measures. Rolls was landlord of the Royal Oak in the Market Place. He was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/047
Bisgood	John	Perkins	William	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	5 incorrect measures. Perkins was landlord of the Mermaid Inn in Tucker Street. He was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/048
Bisgood	John	Moore	Albert	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	1 incorrect measure. Moore kept a beer house in Southover. May have had to pay costs of 4/6d.	1873/049
Bisgood	John	Ball	Edwin	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	4 incorrect measures. Ball was landlord of the Coach and Horses in St Thomas Street. He was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/050

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Bisgood	John	Francis	James	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	2 incorrect measures. Francis ran a beer house in Broad Street. He was required to pay costs of 4/6d, but there was no indication of a fine.	1873/052
Bisgood	John	Parfitt	Mary	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	2 incorrect measures. Mary Parfitt was landlady of the Full Moon in Southover. She was fined 5/= with costs of 7/-.	1873/053
Bisgood	John	Cheeseman	Henrietta	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	10 incorrect measures. Henrietta Cheeseman was the landlady of the Crown Inn in Market Place. She was fined £1 with costs of 7/-.	1873/054
Bisgood	John	White	Thomas	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	6 incorrect measures. White was landlord of the Angel Inn in Broad Street. He appears to have paid 4/6d in costs but no fine.	1873/055
Stoward	Joseph	George Hippisley Moore Slade	Alfred James Herbert Frederick	10	05	1873	Harassment of an individual	It	Stoward claimed that he was subject to constant verbal abuse and defamation of his character by the four defendants. The defendants were required to pay costs of 8/-.	1873/056
Hillier	John	Chappell	John	22	05	1873	Refusal to work	Rw	Hillier, Capes & Hillier were brush manufacturers. Refusal of apprentice to carry out work as required by employer. Hillier subsequently notified the justices that differences with the two apprentices had been resolved (see also 1873/058).	1873/057
Hillier	John	Drew	Frank	27	05	1873	Absent from work without leave	Ab	Firm of Hillier, Capes & Hillier represented by Thomas Salisbury, manager of the business. See also 1873/057.	1873/058
Jerrard	Jerrard	Rolls	William	05	06	1873	Assault	A	Jerrard of Priory Road claimed that he was verbally and physically assaulted at his own front door by Rolls, a carpenter. Settled without a hearing.	1873/059
Johnston	John Irish	Brooks	Walter	06	06	1873	Profane & obscene language	Pr	Joseph and Walter Brooks, labourer and pork butcher respectively, were driving a pig down Chamberlain Street. The pig was exhausted so Johnston intervened, but received a volley of verbal abuse from Walter Brooks. The language would have been heard by passers by and young ladies from Mrs Sugden's academy. Walter Brooks was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1873/060

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Knight	James	Francis	John	07	06	1873	Furious driving	Rd	PC Knight saw Francis driving a horse and cart at a furious pace along St Andrew's Street to the danger of other road users. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1873/062
Knight	James	Gulliford	Alfred	07	06	1873	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Knight found two horses and carts unattended in Broad Street near the Angel Inn. Gulliford, the owner of the carts, was in the bowling alley of the Angel Inn. Knight claimed that the vehicles were causing an obstruction.	1873/063
Cocks	Daniel	Jessett	J	12	06	1873	Assault	A	Cocks, a bailiff, was attempting to distrain goods from Jessett's house when the latter assaulted him. Jessett was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1873/064
Tucker	Edward	Day	Charles	14	06	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Tucker saw Day driving a horse and cart along High Street where the horse was unfit for work by reason of the sores and wounds it bore. Fines and costs for Day amounted to £1.12s.6d, including fees for a veterinary examination.	1873/065
Armstrong	Charles	Say	Alfred	17	06	1873	Assault	A	Armstrong was a tailor, Say a labourer.	1873/066
Armstrong	Charles	Say	Henry	17	06	1873	Assault	A	Armstrong was a tailor, Say a painter.	1873/067
Bisgood	John	Ashman	Mary	19	06	1873	Incorrect scales and weights	Wm	Mary Ashman ran a butcher's shop in High Street. Case header document refers to Charles Lewis (probably in error; see 1873/072 for case involving Lewis).	1873/068
Bisgood	John	Parker	Jonas Lucas	19	06	1873	Incorrect scales and weights	Wm	Parker ran a butcher's shop. He was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/069
Bisgood	John	Barnard	Charles	19	06	1873	Incorrect scales and weights	Wm	Barnard ran a butcher's shop in High Street. He admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/070
Bisgood	John	White	John	19	06	1873	Incorrect scales and weights	Wm	White ran a butcher's shop in High Street. He admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/071
Bisgood	John	Lewis	Charles	19	06	1873	Incorrect scales and weights	Wm	Lewis ran a butcher's shop in High Street. He admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/072
Bisgood	John	Vowles	Charles	19	06	1873	Incorrect scales and weights	Wm	Vowles ran a butcher's shop in High Street. He admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/073

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[Mayor]		[Justices]		21	06	1873	Appeal for attendance	*	Mayor requests attendance of justices at hearing on 23 June because of heavy caseload.	1873/074
[Justices]		[Various]		21	06	1873	Appeals against Poor Rate	*	Notification of dates when appeals against Poor Rate will be heard.	1873/075
Fry	Francis	Green Green Herley Webb James	Isaac Robert Joel Thomas Frederick	21	06	1873	Wilful damage	Wd	Damage to grass, gates and fence to value of 5/- . Case was settled out of court.	1873/076
Tucker	Edward	Allen	James	21	06	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Tucker, on duty at the cattle market, saw a horse and cart, property of Allen, a farmer from Ashcott, where he considered the horse unfit for work by reason of wounds on its shoulder and back. Allen was fined 2/6d with costs which appear to amount to 19/-.	1873/077
Holloway	James	Hawkins, (aka Crump)	Joseph	28	06	1873	Stealing a plant	T	Holloway, a boot and shoemaker of St Thomas Street, accused Hawkins of Back Lane of uprooting and stealing a geranium from his front garden and damaging several other geraniums.	1873/078
Roe	Lot	Napper	Henry	05	07	1873	Assault	A	Roe was from Wedmore and Napper from Compton Dundon.	1873/079
Look	William Frederick	Dyer	William	08	07	1873	Larceny	T	Dyer, a gardener from Batheaston, had a horse and trap parked at the Crown Inn as did Mr Coombs of Doultling. It appears that when Dyer departed he took a new halter recently purchased by Mr Coombs. Dyer had promised to return the halter to Look, the landlord of the Crown Inn, but had not done so.	1873/080
Tucker	Edward	Ball	Alfred	08	07	1873	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Tucker had received a complaint from Mr Selway, landlord of the Star Hotel, that Ball was drunk and quarrelsome and would not leave the premises. Case was settled out of court.	1873/081
Tucker	Edward	Ball	Alfred	08	07	1873	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Westcott arrested Ball and Sidney Barrington for riotous and drunken behaviour in St Thomas Street. Ball was fined 2/6 with costs of 8/- . (see also 1873/083)	1873/082
Tucker	Edward	Barrington	Sidney	08	07	1873	Drunk & disorderly	D	See 1873/082. Barrington was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1873/083



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Charles	John	Hawkins Scott	James George	11	07	1873	Clandestine removal of goods to avoid distraint	Rg	Charles, a property owner, had Hawkins as a tenant with significant arrears of rent. He served a distress order on Hawkins enabling him to sell Hawkins' chattels and effects to defray the arrears of rent. However, Hawkins clandestinely moved assets to the value of around 30/- out of the property overnight with the assistance of George Scott. Scott was fined 8/-, while Hawkins was required to pay the rent arrears of £3, plus costs of 9/- and additional expenses of 3/-. It appears that Hawkins was unable to pay immediately but there was evidence that he was able to pay a substantial portion of the outstanding sum later in the year.	1873/085
Meek	Joseph	Fry	John	19	07	1873	Evading tolls	N	Meek was the operator of the turnpike gate at Southover. He claimed that John Fry had avoided paying the toll of 4½d for a horse and cart by obtaining a ticket at the Hartlake gate and passing it off at the Southover gate.	1873/086
Merrick	Joseph	Rice (aka Bird)	Nancy	22	07	1873	Drunk & disorderly	D	Merrick, landlord of the Lamb Inn in St Thomas Street, accused Rice (aka Bird) of drunken and riotous behaviour in his pub and of assaulting him once she had been removed into the street.	1873/087
Brice	Henry	Sage	Thomas	28	07	1873	Theft of fruit	T	Brice of St Thomas Street accused Sage, a labourer, also of St Thomas Street, of stealing apples from his orchard. Sage admitted the offence, having been caught red-handed by Brice's housekeeper, Mrs White.	1873/088

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[Secretary of State]		[Justices]		04	08	1873	Procedures re deserters	*	Changes to procedures regarding medical examinations	1873/089
Clothier	Maria	Scudamore	Mary Ann	07	08	1873	Obscene language	Pr	Maria Clothier was the wife of John Clothier of Broad Street. She claimed that Mary Ann Scudamore had come to her house in a drunken state and used profane and obscene language to the annoyance of residents and passers by.	1873/090
Palmer	Joseph	Richardson	Edwin	13	08	1873	Malicious trespass	Pt	Palmer accused Richardson, a labourer, of deliberately trespassing on his field, causing damage to a fence / hedge to the value of 1/- when getting into or out of the field.	1873/091
Knight	James	Ball	Alfred	14	08	1873	Furious driving	Rd	PC Knight saw Ball driving a horse and cart at a furious rate down St Thomas Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Ball was fined 10/6d.	1873/092
Tucker	Edward	Vining Phipps	Henry James	14	08	1873	Breach of peace	Dp	Police serjeant Tucker was advised that Vining and Phipps had been fighting in a field near Priory Road. Phipps was required to pay a total of 5/3d, Vining failed to appear at the hearing but was ordered to pay costs of 8/-.	1873/093
Meek	Joseph	Gulliford	Alfred	15	08	1873	Evading tolls	N	Meek, the operator of the Southover gate, accused Gulliford of evading the toll of threepence three farthings for a horse and cart. See also 1873/096	1873/094
Cox	Henry	Luscombe	Philip	15	08	1873	Absenteeism	Ab	Cox, a baker in High Street, had taken on Luscombe as a journeyman baker, but after one month he had walked out without notice and had not returned. Cox claimed that Luscombe's absence without notice had cost him at least 15/- and he was seeking redress.	1873/095
Meek	Joseph	Gulliford	Alfred	26	08	1873	Evading tolls - commitment	N	When case 1873/094 was heard, judgement was made against Gulliford for evading the toll. He was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- and given until 25 August to pay or to go to jail for 14 days. A committal order was raised to send him to jail but Gulliford paid the outstanding sum of 14/- (plus additional fees of 1/6d for the committal preparation) on the last day allowed.	1873/096

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Fry	Francis	Phillis Loxton	James Joseph	10	09	1873	Malicious trespass	Wd	Fry, a maltster, complained that his premises in Southover had been broken into and various items such as malt shovels, brushes and corn measures had been broken, while malt had also been strewn over the floor. Phillis of Southover and Loxton of Behind Walls were suspected of being the culprits.	1873/098
Howe	Ann Rhoda	Teal	Elizabeth	10	09	1873	Obscene language	Pr	Ann Rhoda Howe was a single woman living in St Thomas Street. Teal had abused her and made defamatory remarks about her using profane and obscene language that would have been heard by many other people.	1873/099
Milton	George	Oldfield	Kitty	15	09	1873	Theft of boots	T	Milton was a tailor living in Vicar's Close. He employed Kitty Oldfield as a domestic servant for around 6 weeks before sacking her for dishonesty. He subsequently discovered that 3 pairs of gentlemen's boots were missing and suspected Oldfield of taking them.	1873/100
Harris	Thomas	Cattell	Robert	16	09	1873	Absenteeism	Ab	Harris was a wheelwright in Southover. Cattell had been indentured as an apprentice in 1868, but had absented himself from work on a number of occasions. He had then left again and had not returned.	1873/101
Hopkins	Eliza	Francis	Phillis	26	09	1873	Drunk & disorderly	D	Eliza Hopkins was wife of Robert Hopkins, a labourer living in Southover. She claimed that she was verbally abused by a drunken Phillis Francis, wife of George Francis, haulier. (Uncertain whether Phillis is correct name for wife of George Francis [see e.g.1873/108 and others], unless there were two hauliers, both named George Francis).	1873/102
Knight	James	Sheppard	Sarah	30	09	1873	Profane & obscene language	Pr	PC Knight arrested Sheppard for cursing and swearing loudly in St Thomas Street where she lived. George Lockyer, coal haulier, was called as a witness.	1873/103

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Vowles	Charles	Slater	William	20	10	1873	Assault	A	Vowles was a butcher, Slater was a labourer.	1873/105
Knight	James	Wall	Thomas	30	10	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	PC Knight saw Wall hauling a load of coal in St Andrew Street using a horse and donkey where the donkey was unfit to work because of a large bleeding wound on its shoulder.	1873/106
Whitehead	John	Snooks Cardwell	John Joseph	03	11	1873	Assault	A	Whitehead was a labourer. Snooks and Cardwell both lived in St Thomas Street.	1873/107
Francis	Elizabeth	Cox	Louisa	03	11	1873	Obscene language	Pr	Elizabeth Francis was the wife of George Francis, haulier. She complained that Cox had come to her house and had abused her from the street using profane and obscene language. Settled out of court.	1873/108
Bisgood	John	Perry	George	04	11	1873	Selling bread other than by weight	Wm	The type of bread bought by the police officer from another force was one which had to be sold by weight. It was not sold by weight - and it was also short weight. Perry ran a bakery in High Street. He pleaded guilty to the offence.	1873/109
Bisgood	John	Duckett	George	04	11	1873	Selling bread other than by weight	Wm	The type of bread bought by the police officer from another force was one which had to be sold by weight. It was not sold by weight - and it was also short weight. Duckett was a baker in Priest Row.	1873/110
Bisgood	John	Cox	Henry	04	11	1873	Selling bread other than by weight	Wm	The type of bread bought by the police officer from another force was one which had to be sold by weight. It was not sold by weight - and it was also short weight. Cox was a baker in High Street.	1873/111
Bisgood	John	Armstrong	William	04	11	1873	Selling bread other than by weight	Wm	The type of bread bought by the police officer from another force was one which had to be sold by weight. It was not sold by weight - and it was also short weight.	1873/112
Taylor	William Bennett	Guppy	John	06	11	1873	Assault	A	Taylor was a brewer, Guppy was a labourer.	1873/113

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Tucker	Edward	Pearce	George	13	11	1873	Profane & obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker received complaints from residents that Pearce of Priory Road was shouting and swearing in the street. John Jerrard and Charles Cock were called as witnesses. Pearce appears to have been found guilty and required to pay 7/-.	1873/114
Tucker	Edward	Drew	William	13	11	1873	Profane & obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker received complaints from John Jerrard that Drew, a haulier of Priory Road, was shouting and swearing in the street. John Jerrard was called as a witness.	1873/115
Morgan	Henry	Brooks	Walter	19	11	1873	Assault	A	Morgan was a pork butcher. He accused both Walter and Joseph Brooks of assault (see also 1873/117).	1873/116
Morgan	Henry	Brooks	Joseph	19	11	1873	Assault	A	See 1873/116 - same incident	1873/117
Morgan	Henry	Brooks Brooks	Walter Joseph	22	11	1873	Assault	A	Morgan requested that summons be issued to 2 witnesses to support his case(s) against Walter and Joseph Brooks. The witnesses called were Charles Barnard and William Tucker.	1873/118
Cox	Henry	Luscombe	Philip	20	11	1873	Embezzlement	Em	Cox, a baker in High Street, had employed Luscombe as a journeyman baker before Luscombe left his employ. Cox complained that Luscombe had not correctly accounted for the monies that he had received from clients before leaving Cox's employ and that he (Luscombe) had kept at least some of the money for himself. The case was said to be settled.	1873/119
Charles	John	Loxton	William	26	11	1873	Clandestine removal of goods to avoid distraint	Rg	Charles, a property owner, had Loxton as a tenant with substantial arrears of rent. Loxton, aware that Charles was initiating distraint proceedings against him, clandestinely removed goods and chattels from his tenement in St John Street so that they could not be sold to defray the rent arrears. Loxton was ordered to pay the rent arrears of £5, together with Charles' costs (unspecified). It appears that a schedule of staged payments was agreed since there are receipts of payments from Loxton recorded well into 1875.	1873/120
RSPCA		[Various]		06	12	1873	Circular	*	Advice to magistrates on payment of damages and penalties in cases of animal cruelty.	1873/121

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[Regina]		Scudamore	Mary Ann	22	12	1873	Vagrancy	V	Mary Ann Scudamore was found to be living in an outhouse or passage. She had no visible means of support and could not give a good account of herself. She was convicted as 'an incorrigible rogue and vagabond' and was committed to be dealt with at the next quarter sessions in Taunton. An unusual feature of the case was the police officers Tucker and Knight had to put forward recognizances of £20 each - seemingly suggesting that their conduct during the case had in some way offended against correct practice..	1873/122
Langley	Emma	Gumm	Charlotte	24	12	1873	Assault	A		1873/123
Oxley	Elizabeth	Oxley	Jane	27	12	1873	Assault	A	No indication of relationship between plaintiff and defendant	1873/124
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Elsworth	Mary Ann	Elsworth	George	23	04	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	Mary Ann Elsworth had apparently complained about the behaviour towards her of her husband, George. George, a sawyer, was bound over for 6 months to keep the peace, particularly towards his wife, with a £5 recognisance in his own name and another £5 recognisance from Thomas Vining of Shepton Mallet, another sawyer.	1874/000a
Vowles	Joseph	Jelly	Benjamin	19	05	1874	Drunk in charge of a horse	D	Jelly, a groom from Frome, was found to be drunk in charge of a horse on the Glastonbury Road. Fines and costs came to 9/-.	1874/001
Bisgood	John	Talbot	John William	04	06	1874	Adulteration of foodstuffs	E	Bisgood, deputy chief constable, brought an accusation of foodstuff adulteration against Talbot, a trader in High Street. Police serjeant Joseph Vowles bought a quantity of redcurrant jam from Talbot, but, when tested, proved to have been adulterated with apples and other vegetable matter. Fines and costs totalled £1.11s.6d.	1874/002

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Vowles	Joseph	Francis	John	04	06	1874	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles saw Francis, of Southover, driving a horse and cart at a furious rate along Priory Road. Total of fines and costs 13/- (incorrect arithmetic shows 12/- on case documentation).	1874/004
Vowles	Joseph	Tucker	William	04	06	1874	Obstructing roadway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged Tucker, a pork butcher resident in Queen Street, with leaving a cart overnight in Queen Street and causing an obstruction to other traffic. Fines and costs totalled 9/-.	1874/005
Jerrard	John	Gane	George	05	06	1874	Evading payment of market toll	N	Gane had supposedly paid a toll of 3/4d for penning 44 pigs, but the correct amount should have been 3/6d. Gane refused to pay the additional 2d. John Sweet, a butcher residing in Southover, was called as a witness to support the complainant, Jerrard, collector of market tolls.	1874/006
Ball	Eliza	Fry	David	06	06	1874	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Eliza Ball, wife of Edwin Ball, a haulier living in St Thomas Street, complained that Fry, a coal haulier, also from St Thomas Street, had been using profane and obscene language in the street. Costs of the case appeared to amount to 9/-.	1874/007
[Justices]		Various		08	06	1874	Magistrates' papers	*	List of fines and costs related to a variety of cases.	1874/007a
Collins	William	Lewis	Charles	13	06	1874	Assault	A	Collins claimed that Lewis, a pork butcher, had assaulted him by striking him several times with a stake.	1874/007b
Knight	James	Stevens	John	17	06	1874	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Knight encountered Stevens, of South Street, causing a great disturbance in Broad Street; he was drunk and disorderly. Stevens was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1874/007c
Hatcher	Robert	Chamberlain	Henry	18	06	1874	Petty trespass	Pt	Hatcher, a resident of Southover, owned a plot of land called Bell Close. He claimed that Chamberlain of South Street had deliberately caused damage to the grass in that field to the value of 2d by wilfully trespassing on it.	1874/008

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Hatcher	Robert	Weare	Mark	18	06	1874	Petty trespass	Pt	Hatcher, a resident of Southover, owned a plot of land called Bell Close. He claimed that Weare of Guardhouse Lane had deliberately caused damage to the grass in that field to the value of 2d by wilfully trespassing on it.	1874/009
Hatcher	Robert	Parker	George	18	06	1874	Petty trespass	Pt	Hatcher, a resident of Southover, owned a plot of land called Bell Close. He claimed that Parker of South Street had deliberately caused damage to the grass in that field to the value of 2d by wilfully trespassing on it. The documents for this case include a poster that Hatcher had put on public display complaining that a number of people were trespassing on his land and offering a reward of 10/- for information leading to their conviction.	1874/010
Lewis	Ann Matilda	Guppy	John	19	06	1874	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Ann Matilda Lewis, wife of Robert Lewis of St Thomas Street, saw Guppy, a labourer, removing hay from a horse's nosebag while it was feeding and its owner was getting refreshment. She went out to remonstrate with him and he abused her verbally, using profane and obscene language. Guppy was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1874/011
Hillier & Co		Drew	William	19	06	1874	Apprentice refusing to work	Rw	Thomas Salisbury, manager of Hillier, Capes & Hillier, brush manufacturers, complained that Drew, an apprentice, had refused to obey the instructions of his superiors and carry out a particular task. The case was settled out of court.	1874/012
[Justices]		Various		22	06	1874	List of recognisances	*	In addition to a list of recognisances (none of which seem to relate to the cases shown above) there is also a postcard from Mr Carthy, a solicitor in Frome, with an urgent request for copies of depositions in the case of Regina v Ryde (not mentioned in the list of recognisances).	1874/013
Archer	Alfred George	George	James	25	09	1874	Keeping an unlicensed dog	DI	Archer was an excise officer. Costs appeared to amount to 8/-.	1874/014



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Wilkins	William	Morgan	Henry	09	10	1874	Petty trespass	Pt	Wilkins complained that two cows belonging to Morgan had trespassed on a field occupied by his mother by pushing through one of the hedges. He had tried to drive the cows towards the pound but had been prevented from doing so by Morgan and one of his men. Wilkins called James Russell as a witness in support of his case.	1874/016
Collins	Hannah	Collins	Henry	10	10	1874	Assault	A	Hannah Collins was wife of George Collins. Henry Collins was a labourer residing in Tucker Street. The relationship between plaintiff and defendant is not specified. Henry Collins called Caroline Fowler as a witness in support of his case.	1874/017
[Justices]		Various		12	10	1874	Magistrates' papers	*	List of fines and costs for a variety of cases	1874/017a
Vowles	Joseph	Perkins	Elizabeth Jane	15	10	1874	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles accused Perkins of opening her public house (name not given) earlier than permitted by licensing laws. Costs of the case appeared to be 8/-.	1874/018
Lewis	Charles	Barnard	Charles	19	10	1874	Wilful damage	Wd	Lewis, a butcher residing in High Street, claimed that Barnard, another butcher, had deliberately broken one of his windows by throwing stones at it. The cost of the damage was estimated at 4/10d.	1874/019
Gleaves	Joseph	Noad	Charles	20	10	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	Gleaves, a member of the vicars choral, complained that Noad, a bookseller continually made observations about Gleaves owing him money whenever they met in public. Gleaves was sufficiently upset by these allegations that he requested that Noad be bound over as to his future conduct towards him.	1874/020
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Edwin	20	10	1874	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles accused Ball, landlord of the Coach and Horses in St Thomas Street, of opening his establishment for the sale of alcohol at a time not permitted by the licensing laws, i.e. at 10.05am on Sunday morning. Ball admitted the offence and seems to have been fined £2 with costs of 8/-.	1874/021

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Vowles	Joseph	Francis Francis	Charles John	23	10	1874	Failure to control horses and carts	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles claimed that both defendants, both hauliers from Glastonbury, were seen driving horses and carts down Broad Street and Priory Road, but were so far behind their vehicles that they were not in a position to control them - to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Both men admitted the offence. Each seems to have been fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1874/023
Oxley	Elizabeth	Barnard	Charles	24	10	1874	Assault	A	Costs possibly set at 6/-	1874/024
Oxley jnr	Elizabeth	Barnard Barnard	Charles William	24	10	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	Elizabeth Oxley jnr, a poultrywoman, lived in High Street in a property rented from Charles Barnard. She claimed that Barnard and his son, William, had called on her and made multiple threats of physical violence if she did not leave the property by 5 November. She appealed that Barnard be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her. Charles Barnard was bound over for 6 months in the sum of £10 with respect to his future behaviour. Costs payable by the two defendants appear to have been £1.0s.6d and 18/- respectively.	1874/025
[Regina]		James	George	26	10	1874	Larceny	T	James, a labourer, and a juvenile, had apparently been convicted of theft. He appears to have pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labour and then to 5 years in a reformatory.	1874/026

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Barnard	Charles	Oxley jnr	Elizabeth	27	10	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	Charles Barnard, a butcher of High Street, complained that he and his wife had been verbally threatened by Elizabeth Oxley jnr in a way that could involve physical violence. He requested that she be bound over with respect to her future conduct. Both Elizabeth Oxley, a poultrywoman, and her husband, Henry, a poultryman, were bound over in the sum of £10 each for a period of 6 months.	1874/028
Barnard	Charles	Oxley snr	Elizabeth	27	10	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	Charles Barnard, a butcher of High Street, complained that he and his wife had been verbally threatened by Elizabeth Oxley snr in a way that could involve physical violence. He requested that she be bound over with respect to her future conduct. The outcome of this request was not apparent.	1874/029
Barnard	Eliza	Day	Harriett	29	10	1874	Assault	A	Eliza Barnard complained that Day had attacked her 3-year old boy, Alfred James, by throwing a quantity of lime in his eyes.	1874/030
Vowles	Joseph	Withers	William	29	10	1874	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Withers, of Southover, with being in the Golden Heart at a time (7.15am) when the establishment should have been closed according to the terms of the licence. Fines and costs totalled 8/-.	1874/031
Vowles	Joseph	Lewis	John	29	10	1874	Drunk and disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles found Lewis of Henton in the City Arms where he was drunk and behaving in a disorderly fashion. He was asked to leave, refused to do so and was removed by force.	1874/032

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Vowles	Joseph	Dore	James	29	10	1874	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles found that Dore, the landlord of the Golden Heart, had opened the pub for the sale of intoxicating liquor at a time prohibited by the terms of the licence. Dore appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1874/033a
Bishop	Bartholomew	Clear	Henry	02	11	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	Henry Clear of Farrington Gurney was bound over in the sum of £10 of his own money to keep the peace, particularly towards Bartholomew Bishop of Gurney Slade, for a period of 3 months (see also 1874/026a).	1874/033b
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	11	11	1874	Failure to control horse and cart	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Ball, a haulier from St John Street, with failing to control a horse and cart in Sadler Street, being at such a distance from the cart that he could not control its movement. Ball was fined £1 with costs of 9/-, but was unable or unwilling to pay the sums involved and therefore was sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1874/034
Vowles	Joseph	Rymes	James	04	12	1874	Drunkenness	D	Rymes was accused of being drunk and disorderly in New Street.	1874/034a
Hayward	Peter	Rossiter	James	12	12	1874	Cruelty to a horse	C	Total of fines and costs £1.4s.6d.	1874/035
Charles	John	Sutcliffe	Fanny	12	12	1874	Clandestine removal of goods	Rg	Charles, a landlord of a property in Union Street, was pursuing arrears of rent from Fanny Sutcliffe of around £8. He claimed that she had clandestinely removed her property from the accommodation in order to avoid distraint. Costs of the case appeared to be 15/-.	1874/035a
{justices]		Various		14	12	1874	Administration of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs; most relate to cases where the documents appear not to be available.	1874/036

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