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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	Churchouse	Edward	10	02	1870	Assault	A	Teal, wife of Going (?) Teal, claimed that Churchouse 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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Cardwell	Emma	Cardwell	James	14	02	1870	Assault	A	Emma Cardwell claimed that her husband, James, had assaulted and beaten her because lunch was not ready when he returned home. She alleged that he had beaten her frequently and caused her several serious injuries. She appealed for sureties as to his future conduct.	1870/016
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
Harris	William	Judd	Philip	31	03	1870	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Judd of Broad Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 28 October 1869. The amount outstanding was 4/1d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1870/020d

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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
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

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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
Allen	William	Allen	Thomas	07	06	1870	Breach of the peace	Dp	William Allen of Tor Street claimed that Thomas Allen and his wife, Eliza, had turned up at his house and had threatened him and his wife with physical violence. Thomas Allen had also burst open the door of the house. William Allen asked for sureties regarding the future conduct of Thomas Allen and advised that the latter was planning to leave Wells for Bristol. No indication is given of the family relationship between the two Allens.	1870/032
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

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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
Hill	William	Simmons	John	09	07	1870	Wilful damage	Wd	Hill claimed that he had seen a boy (Simmons) with a shovel leaving one of his father's fields near Dulcote. On checking the field he found that a bank had been significantly damaged by digging. He estimated the value of the damage as 2/6d. The boy admitted the offence. The case was recorded as settled. Initially the boy's surname was given in the case documents as 'Phillis', later changed to 'Simmons'.	1870/039
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

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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
Trim	Martha Jane	Scudamore	Mary Ann	08	08	1870	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Martha Jane Trim, wife of George Trim of High Street, alleged that Mary Ann Scudamore, wife of James Scudamore, had come to her house and verbally abused her. Scudamore had then supposedly delivered more verbal abuse later in the day in High Street using many profane oaths.	1870/042
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	C J	[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

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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
Tucker	Edward	Ball	Alfred	07	09	1870	Leaving cart in street	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker accused Ball of leaving a horse and cart unattended in the street for a considerable length of time. During this time Ball was drinking in the Golden Heart.	1870/049
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

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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
White	Joseph	Francis	Elizabeth	14	09	1870	Obscene language	Pr	Elizabeth Francis was quarrelling with her husband, George, in Southover. The row continued for some time with both of them using many profane oaths. Elizabeth Francis was fined 1/- with costs of 7/- for her use of profane and abusive language.	1870/053
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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Ball	Mary Ann	Ball	William	24	09	1870	Sureties for future conduct towards his wife	Su	Mary Ann Ball claimed that her husband, William, of Tucker Street, had frequently assaulted and beaten her. Recently he had threatened to "do for her before the night is out". As a result of this threat she feared for her life and had left home. She was now seeking for her husband to be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her. A warrant for the arrest of William Ball was issued.	1870/059
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
Tucker	Edward	Parker	Samuel	17	10	1870	Unlicensed sale of beer	L	Police serjeant Tucker had received information from Louisa Davis that Parker was retailing alcoholic beverages without a licence from his property in Southover. Tucker applied for and was granted a warrant to search Parker's premises. (See 1870/064 for the subsequent actions in this case).	1870/063

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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
Harris	Thomas	Stevens	John	06	12	1870	Wilful damage	Wd	Harris of Southover heard someone kicking his door and window shutters. He saw a crowd of boys in the street. He caught John Stevens and whipped him. Stevens then threw a stone at him and hit his leg and soon after another stone hit Harris' front door. Harris surmised that it was thrown by Stevens. The case was dismissed. The costs are shown as 6/6d, presumably to be paid by Harris.	1870/068

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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
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
Knight	John Willcox	Ball Ball	Frederick Charles	26	01	1871	Larceny	T	Knight, landlord of the White Hart, accused the Ball brothers of stealing hay from the loft in his yard (he had caught Charles Ball in the act of taking the hay away and the hay had been returned to Knight's loft). Both brothers were convicted and sentenced to one month in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1871/006
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

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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
Creeden	John	Keats	Thomas	01	03	1871	Ill-treatment of apprentice	It	Creeden, an apprentice indentured to Keats, a carpenter and wheelwright, complained of ill-treatment and physical violence from Keats. He was supported by a letter from the hospital at Bruton which placed him in the apprenticeship and which claimed that Keats was an habitual drunkard. The case was dismissed.	1871/012
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 Doultling of being the father of her illegitimate child.	1871/016

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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
Harris	William	Lukins	George	06	04	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Lukins of Union Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 26 October 1870. The amount outstanding was 4/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/3d.	1871/018a
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	Francis	Edward	21	04	1871	Obstruction	O	Francis was accused of leaving a horse and cart unattended for more than 3 hours in Priory Road and causing an obstruction to other traffic. He was discharged on payment of costs of 5/6d.	1871/022
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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Hillier & Co		Garland	Robert	22	05	1871	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	Thomas Salisbury of Hillier, Capes & Hillier, brush makers, complained that Garland, a journeyman employee, had taken agreed leave of one month but had then not returned. He had written to Hillier, Capes & Co asking for an advance of money to enable him to return. The firm had sent 10/- but Garland had neither returned to work nor repaid the money.	1871/031
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
Tucker	Edward	Keen	John	12	06	1871	Selling meat unfit for human consumption	E	Police serjeant Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances accused Keen, a butcher from Godney, of making available for sale meat that was unfit for human consumption. Several local vets and butchers appear to have been summoned to examine the carcass of a sheep that was displayed for sale on the premises of Edwin Augustus Collier - and they supported the view that the meat was not fit for human consumption. The costs (possibly including fine) appear to have amounted to £14.19s.0d.	1871/035
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

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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
Tucker	Edward	White	Charles	21	07	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker pursued a complaint made by Robert Lewis of St Thomas Street that White had approached him in the street and verbally abused him using profane and obscene language. White admitted the offence.	1871/042
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

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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
Tucker	Edward	Francis	George	11	08	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker charged Francis, a resident of Southover, with using profane and obscene language in a row with Mr Marsh in Priory Road. Frederick Marsh and George Perry were summoned as witnesses.	1871/049
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

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Parsons	Harry	Habgood	Charles	19	08	1871	Assault	A	Habgood appears to have had to pay 3/6d.	1871/056
Lewis	William Edward	James	Joseph	02	09	1871	Unlicensed horse	HI	Lewis, an excise officer, charged James with having a horse but having no licence for it. Potential penalty was £20. In addition, the documentation also includes reference to George Jefford, charged with having an unlicensed horse (settled) and Jeremiah Salisbury, charged with having an unlicensed carriage (also settled).	1871/057
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
Vowles	Joseph	Bartlett jnr Bush	William George	26	09	1871	Trespassing in search of rabbits	Pt	Vowles, a resident of Wells, owned land at Goodymoor. When he went there he found several people on his land hunting rabbits. He caught two of them, Bartlett and Bush. The case was noted as settled.	1871/062
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

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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
White	Joseph	Hill Hill Hill	George Robert John	12	10	1871	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC White encountered the defendants in St Thomas Street where they were all drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner, using profane and obscene language. This incident took place around 2 hours after that reported in case 1871/067. The forename of the third defendant differs from the previous case where the name was added later and, possibly, is in error. The fines and costs are not clear, although a fine of 2/6d each seems likely.	1871/069

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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
Harris	William	Oxley	James	13	10	1871	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Oxley of St Cuthbert Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 22 April 1871. The amount outstanding was 6/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/4d. No summons appears to exist for this case.	1871/071c
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

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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
Hillier	John	Pointing	James	20	10	1871	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	Hillier, part-owner of Hillier, Capes & Hillier, brush manufacturers, wanted to buy a horse to haul stone from Tudway's quarry to his factory. Pointing, a butcher and horse dealer, offered a horse but it was rejected. Pointing then brought another horse but because it was late in the evening Hillier could not see the animal properly. Pointing represented the horse as previously belonging to William Foxwell, a lime burner, and therefore well suited to pulling heavy loads. He also stated that if the horse was not sold immediately, it would be seized the following day in lieu of rent. Hillier, against the advice of his father, Henry, paid Pointing £4 only to discover that the horse was broken down and had been severely ill treated. There were several witnesses called by Hillier, but the case appears to have been dismissed. The documents for the case are wrapped in a further document dated April 1872 which appears to show Pointing as the plaintiff and Hillier as the defendant, although this document may be in error.	1871/072
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

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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
Parsons	Sarah	Bird	Edward	21	10	1871	Theft of a whip	T	Sarah Parsons, wife of Jacob Parsons of Meare, had been in Wells delivering turf to Mr Collins. During the delivery she lost her riding whip and returned to find it, being told by Collins that it had been picked up by Edward Bird, a labourer. Bird denied that he had found and taken the whip but some days later Sarah Parsons saw him with her whip. A warrant for Bird's arrest was issued.	1871/075
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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Standard	Jane	Tripp	Benjamin	06	11	1871	Bastardy	B	Jane Standard, a single woman, accused Tripp, a millwright, of being the father of her illegitimate female child. Called as witnesses were: Sarah Ann Tyrrell (of Soho in Wells), Henry Vowles (South Street) and Thomas Richards (Queen Street). There is a note on the Tyrrell summons saying 'dismissed' but it is not clear if this refers to Jane Standard's case.	1871/079
[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
Jerrard	John	Cooke	Edwin	14	12	1871	Evading market toll	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, alleged that Cooke had brought 20 or 30 sheep to market but had avoided paying the toll due of 1/6d per score. Costs of the case appear to have been 9/-.	1871/085

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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
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

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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
Higgins	John	Keates	Thomas	12	03	1872	Runaway apprentice	Ab	Higgins, a carpenter and wheelwright, had taken on Keates as an apprentice in 1866 for a 7-year term. Keates had recently left his employment without agreement and Higgins claimed that he had information that Keates was about to leave for America. He therefore requested that a warrant for Keates' arrest be issued.	1872/011
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

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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
Tucker	Edward	Morgan	Henry	18	04	1872	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Tucker charged Morgan with using a house or building as a slaughterhouse when the premises were not licensed for such use.	1872/018
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 LocalBoard. 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

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[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
Evans	George	Williams	Henry	18	67	1872	Absent from work	Ab	Williams, a shoing smith, absented himself from his work for George Evans, veterinary surgeon, without leave.	1872/029
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

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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
Webb	John	Hoyle	Nelson	29	07	1872	Wilful damage	Wd	A window was broken in Webb's property in High Street as was a cup on the window sill inside. The value of the damage was put at 16 pence. Hoyle was said to be a boy.	1872/038
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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Dunford	Frederick	Yeoman	Charles	26	08	1872	Assault	A	Dunford of East Pennard claimed that Yeoman had assaulted him and struck him several violent blows. Yeoman is initially referred to as Lowe but the name was later amended.	1872/046
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

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[Justices]		George	Frederick Charles	14	10	1872	Approval of liquor licence	La	Approval for Swan	1872/057
[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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Russ	Samuel Perren	Sparrow	James Barnard	08	11	1872	Neglect of child	Ds	Sparrow was accused of neglecting his child, Charles Barnard Sparrow, born earlier in 1872, with the result that the child needed to be supported by Wells Union. Sparrow was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1872/068
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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Bisgood	John	Cheeseman	Harriett	07	12	1872	Offence against licence	L	Bisgood reported that people were drinking in the Crown after midnight, but did not actually see any beer cups or glasses. Cheeseman, the publican, claimed that the people in the bar were her friends. The document containing this complaint was included with the documents for case 1872/080; on the reverse of this document there is also a reference to a Charles Heath(?) being drunk in the Market Place on Saturday 7th, but the actual date is uncertain.	1872/077a
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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Tucker	Edward	Sweet Sweet Drew	Robert John Elizabeth	30	12	1872	Drinking outside permitted hours	L	Police serjeant Tucker charged the defendants with being in a public house during hours when it should have been closed. The two Sweets admitted the offence, and seemed to be fined 3/6d each with total costs of 7/-. Drew was not present as she was apparently in prison for a separate offence.	1872/085

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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
Eades	Thomas	Hawkins	William	03	02	1873	Assault	A	Eades was a farmer from North Wootton, while Hawkins was a butcher. Witnesses: Charles Cock, John Keates, Joseph Perren.	1873/009

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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
Boyce	Thomas Tucker	Stevens	Alfred	05	03	1873	Larceny	T	Boyce, landlord of the Somerset Hotel, accused Stevens, a boy of all work in his employ, of stealing 5/- from the bar. Stevens claimed that he had got the money elsewhere. He was charged under Juvenile Offenders Act and sentenced to 14 days at Shepton Mallet prison followed by 5 years at a reform school at Red Hill in Surrey.	1873/019

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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
Tucker	Edward	Wareham	Henry	24	03	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	See 1873/025. Having stopped the horse-drawn carts in New Street, police serjeant Tucker found that at least one of the horses had major sores and diseased feet and was unfit for work. Wareham admitted the offence and was fined 30/- with costs of 9/-.	1873/025a
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

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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
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

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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
Westcott	John	Sweet	Robert	26	04	1873	Licensing Act 1872	L	PC Westcott was asked for help by the landlady of the Full Moon to remove a drunken and troublesome customer who refused to leave the premises. Westcott was able to get Sweet to leave, but charged him with being on licensed premises outside statutory licensing hours. Sweet was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1873/041
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	Drunkenness	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 drunkenness. Tyrrell was fined 3/6d with costs of 7/6d.	1873/043

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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
Bisgood	John	Tripp	William	06	05	1873	Incorrect cups or measures	Wm	4 incorrect measures. Tripp was landlord of the Cheddar Valley Inn in Tucker Street. He was fined 5/- with costs of 12/-.	1873/051
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

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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	Hiller, 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
Johnston	John Irish	Brooks	Joseph	06	06	1873	Cruelty to animals	C	See 1873/060. Arising from the same incident as in the other case Joseph Brooks was accused of cruelty for driving the pig to exhaustion. Case was dismissed by the magistrates.	1873/061
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

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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
[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

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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
Hallett	Mary	Willmott	Sarah	10	07	1873	Obscene language	Pr	Mary Hallett, wife of Henry Hallett and resident of South Street, was confronted in the street by Sarah Willmott, a single woman also residing in South Street, and subjected to a tirade of verbal, defamatory abuse. Elizabeth Tutton was called as a witness. Willmott was fined 2/6d with costs of 14/6d.	1873/084

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Charles	John	Hawkins Scott	James George	11	07	1873	Clandestine removal of goods to avoid distrain	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 4 ¹ / ₂ d 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
[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

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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
Dore	James	Hurley	John	01	09	1873	Theft	T	Dore was the landlord of the Golden Heart in St John Street. Hurley, a plasterer and tiler working at Wookey Hole, had stayed at the pub for two weeks before moving his lodging elsewhere. Dore accused him of stealing a purse of money and some of his wife's jewellery before leaving.	1873/097
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

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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
Bisgood	John	Stevens	William	09	10	1873	Maintenance order	Mo	Alfred Stevens, son of William Stevens, had been sent to reform school (see 1873/019). William Stevens was summoned to explain why he should not contribute to the maintenance of his son while at the reform school. It seems likely that Stevens was judged to have the ability to provide financial support for his son.	1873/104
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

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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
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

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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
[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
Bisgood	John	Perry	George	04	06	1874	Adulteration of foodstuffs	E	Bisgood, deputy chief constable, brought an accusation of foodstuff adulteration against Perry, a trader in High Street. PC William Tomlinson bought a quantity of bread from Perry, but, when tested, proved to have been adulterated with alum(?).	1874/003
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

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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
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

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[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
Carville	Louis	Hallett Clements Badman Crandon	George John Henry Henry	26	09	1874	Stealing apples from an orchard	T	Carville rented an orchard and complained that the four defendants had stolen a quantity of apples from it. Hallett lived in Southover, Clements and Badman in Silver Street and Crandon in St Cuthbert Street.	1874/015
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

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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
Vowles	Joseph	Say Francis	Daniel William	20	10	1874	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles found the defendants, both of St Thomas Street, in the Coach and Horses at 10.05am on a Sunday morning when the pub should only have allowed in overnight residents or travellers (see 1874/021). Both men admitted the offence. Each man seems to have been fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1874/022
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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Bishop	Bartholomew	Clear	James	26	10	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	James 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 1874/033b).	1874/026a
[Justices]		Various		26	10	1874	Petty sessions administration	*	List of fines and fees received. Some of the names do not appear in petty sessions cases for which documents are available.	1874/027
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
Walter	Silas	Smith	? (aka Frome Bob)	29	10	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	Walter, the landlord of the Railway Tavern, complained that Smith, alias Frome Bob, had verbally threatened him with physical violence, while at the same time holding a knife to emphasise his threat. Walter asked that Smith be bound over with respect to his future conduct. A warrant for the arrest of Smith was issued.	1874/033

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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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Hopkins	William	Barnard	William	02	12	1874	Assault	A	William Hopkins claimed that he was assaulted by William Barnard of High Street. Hopkins claimed that Barnard struck him with his fists and knocked him down. Harry Vowles of High Street was summoned to give evidence. Barnard was fined 1/- with costs of 13/6d. No indication is given of any link between this case and 1875/002, also involving the families of Barnard and Hopkins.	1875/001
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Barnard	Charles	Hopkins	William	07	12	1874	Sureties for the peace	Su	Charles Barnard claimed that William Hopkins had threatened to fight him and feared that bodily harm would be done to him. He requested that Hopkins be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct. The case was adjourned to January 1875.	1875/002
Charles	John	Williams	Henry	17	12	1874	Clandestine removal of goods to avoid distraint	Rg	John Charles had been renting a property in Union Street to Mrs Sutcliffe for nearly a year. She owed almost £8 in rent when her goods were clandestinely removed from the premises on 11 December 1874. Charles claimed that the goods were removed by Henry Williams of Union Street to prevent them being distrained by Charles in full / part payment for the arrears of rent built up by Mrs Sutcliffe. Williams was potentially liable to pay 7/6d, although the list of fines shows that costs awarded to have been 13/-.	1875/003
Salisbury	Thomas	Drew	William	02	01	1875	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Thomas Salisbury was the manager of Hillier, Capes, a firm of brush manufacturers. He complained that William Drew, an indentured apprentice to the firm, had absconded and left his employment without consent, causing the firm to sustain losses of 7/-.	1875/004
Russ	Samuel Perren	Francis	John	02	01	1875	Refusal to maintain daughter	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ was the clerk to the Guardians of the Workhouse. Eliza Francis, daughter of John Francis, haulier, was being maintained in the workhouse at the expense of the community as Francis had refused to take responsibility for looking after her. Russ requested that Francis be required to discharge his responsibilities.	1875/005
Tomlinson	William	Bennett	William	06	01	1875	Cruelty to a dog	C	PC Tomlinson brought a charge of cruelty against William Bennett, a haulier from West Street. He summoned as witnesses Charles Brown of Chamberlain Street and Samuel Sage, a mason of Tucker Street. Bennett admitted the offence and was fined 6/6d with costs of 14/6d.	1875/006
Tomlinson	William	Ball	Alfred	06	01	1875	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Tomlinson arrested Alfred Ball, a haulier, on a charge of being drunk in Priory Road where he was said to be guilty of riotous and disorderly conduct. Edward Henry Knight of Chamberlain Street was summoned as a witness. Ball appeared to be fined 2/6d with costs of 9/6d, but the list of fines suggests that the figures involved were 5/- and 12/-.	1875/007

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Justices		Various		11	01	1875	List of magistrates costs and fines	*	Summary of costs and fines	1875/008
Moor	Charles	Stokes	Henry	13	01	1875	Assault	A	Charles Moor accused Henry Stokes, a knife grinder of Union Street, of striking him in the face with his fist. The case was settled without a hearing.	1875/009
Walter	Silas	Estlicks	John	14	01	1875	Wilful damage	Wd	Silas Walter was the proprietor of The Railway Tavern. He claimed that John Estlicks had deliberately damaged a quart mug of the value of one shilling and a penny half-penny. He also claimed that Estlicks had promised to pay the damage but had not done so. He had seen Estlicks in Shepton Mallet and raised the summons. Note: the defendant's surname may be shown as 'Astlicks'.	1875/010
Vowles	Joseph	Western	John	21	01	1875	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles claimed that John Western, a haulier from West Street, had been responsible for a horse and cart in High Street but was at far too great a distance from the animal and vehicle to control its progress.	1875/011
Cock	Ann	Rumson	John	22	01	1875	Failure to keep up bastardy payments	N	Ann Cock had been awarded a payment of 2/6d per week from John Rumson in 1872 in order to support the female child of which he was the father. Rumson had made the payments regularly until August 1874. His failure to pay for several weeks led to arrears of £1.17s.6d which Rumson then appears to have been persuaded to pay.	1875/012
Creedy	Edward	Pearce	Henry	06	02	1875	Assault	A	Edward Creedy, a resident of St Cuthbert Street, complained that he had been assaulted by Henry Pearce, a labourer from Southover, who had struck him on the head and kicked him in the ribs. Creedy summoned George Stevens of South Street and Edwin Hardy of Priest Row to give evidence on his part. Fines and costs of the case appear to have amounted to at least £1.2s.6d.	1875/013
Salisbury	Thomas	Drew	William	08	02	1875	Absentee apprentice	Ab	William Drew failed to appear to answer the charge brought by Thomas Salisbury that he had absconded from his apprenticeship with Hillier Capes (see 1875/004). A warrant was therefore issued for Drew's arrest.	1875/014

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Marsh	Frederick Nelson	Radford	George	08	02	1875	Theft of money	T	George Radford, a young boy of 12, was convicted of stealing coin (specifically pennies) belonging to Marsh to the value of £2.4s.6d. Despite being only 12 and therefore regarded as a juvenile offender, the justices sentenced him to one calendar month in the common gaol at Shepton Mallet. The documentation also contains a schedule of expenses for the case.	1875/015
Phillips	Thomas	Phillips	James	12	02	1875	Theft	T	The only documentation is simply a schedule of expenses for the case. It appears to relate to a prosecution by Thomas Phillips, a photographer, of a juvenile offender for larceny. The name of the offender is shown as James Phillips in the documentation but as James Phillis on the case header.	1875/016
Cooper	James	Manley	James	18	02	1875	Assault	A	James Cooper claimed to have been assaulted by James Manley, a traveller, who supposedly struck him in the face with his fist. The documentation also refers to Thomas Manley, also a traveller, but all such entries have been struck out. Costs and fines of the case appear to have amounted to 12/-.	1875/017
Cooper	James	Light jnr	James	19	02	1875	Assault	A	James Cooper claimed that James Light the younger had assaulted him and struck him in the head with his fist.	1875/018
Jerrard	John	Bartlett	Thomas Dudden	05	03	1875	Sureties for the peace	Su	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells City Council. He had gone to Thomas Bartlett's premises in Portway to check if Bartlett had addressed the nuisances identified on a previous visit. Bartlett was extremely abusive and Jerrard requested that Bartlett be required to provide sureties as to his future conduct in his dealings with Jerrard. Case costs appear to have amounted to 6/6d.	1875/019

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Sugden	Henry Frank	Ball	Alfred	05	03	1875	Failure to display owner's name on commercial vehicle	Rd	Henry frank Sugden lived at Stoberry Park. He had become annoyed at Alfred Ball when the latter refused to allow Sugden to overtake him in St Cuthbert Street. In addition to taking out a summons for this offence (see 1875/021), Sugden had instructed his coachman to check if Ball was displaying the owner's name on the waggon which he was driving (as required by law). Ball admitted that the name of the owner of the vehicle was not visible; fines and costs totalled 7/-.	1875/020
Sugden	Henry Frank	Ball	Alfred	05	03	1875	Refusal to allow another vehicle to overtake	Rd	Henry Frank Sugden lived at Stoberry Park. Alfred Ball was a haulier of St John Street who had been driving a horse and waggon along St Cuthbert Street when Sugden wanted to overtake him. Ball refused to allow Sugden's coach to pass, so Sugden brought a prosecution for hindering his free passage. The defendant was discharged.	1875/021
Vowles	Joseph	Swain Hole	Stephen Joseph	05	03	1875	Theft of coal	T	Stephen Swain and Joseph Hole were both hauliers. Both were charged with stealing coal from the Vobster and Mellis Coal Company over a lengthy period of time. Several witnesses, including Eliza Perkins, the landlady of the Mermaid, were summoned to testify. The documents include a detailed statement of costs, including witness costs.	1875/022
Police		Swain Hole	Stephen Joseph	05	03	1875	Bail application	Ba	Stephen Swain was granted bail on surety of £50 from himself and £25 each from James Barnard Sparrow and George Francis. Joseph Hole was granted bail on surety of £50 from himself and £25 each from James Barnard Sparrow and George Francis.	1875/023
Sharland	John	Fry	Charles	06	03	1875	Assault	A	John Sharland claimed that he was assaulted by Charles Fry, a resident of St Thomas Street, who had hit him in the face with his fist.	1875/024
Swain	John	Ball	Alfred	06	03	1875	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Swain (acting) was called to the Railway Tavern to evict Alfred Ball who was drunk and acting in a disorderly and riotous manner. Ball had refused to leave the premises despite the efforts of the landlord and the police officer. Ball admitted the offence. Fines and costs appear to have been 7/-.	1875/025

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Justices		Various		08	03	1875	List of magistrates costs and fines	*	Summary of costs and fines	1875/026
Russ	Samuel Perren	Vincent	James	08	03	1875	Desertion of family	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ was the clerk to the Guardians of the Workhouse. James Vincent was an able-bodied adult capable of supporting himself and his family. However, he had abandoned his three children who had become chargeable to the community. The children were Frank aged 12, Gilbert 9 and Sarah Ann 6. All were in poor condition and the youngest had died soon after admission to the workhouse. Russ requested that Vincent be required to discharge his parental responsibilities.	1875/027
Sweet	Louisa	Vincent	John	23	03	1875	Bastardy	B	Louisa Sweet, a single woman of Southover, claimed that she had a bastard male child in June 1874 with John Vincent, a brushmaker of Union Street, as the putative father. Sweet called Maria Berry of St Cuthbert Street to testify on her behalf. Vincent denied he was the father and called upon Polly Farthing of Coxley to testify on his behalf.	1875/028
Justices		Various		28	03	1875	List of magistrates costs and fines	*	Summary of costs and fines	1875/029
Spuring	Mary	Western	Ann	30	03	1875	Assault	A	Mary Spuring accused Ann Western, a resident of West Street, of striking her with her fists and kicking her. Western (whose name is given in her own statement as Anna Maria) called Joseph Bennett, a haulier from Burcott Lane, to testify on her behalf.	1875/030
Russ	Samuel Perren	Foster	Robert	03	04	1875	Desertion of wife	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ was the clerk to the Guardians of Wells Union workhouse. He reported that Robert Foster, formerly of Coxley in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had left the parish and, as a result, his wife, Drusilla, had become chargeable to the common fund. Russ requested that Foster be apprehended and made responsible for the maintenance of his wife.	1875/031

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Jerrard	John	Boulton	Mary	09	04	1875	Obstruction of footpath	O	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells City Council. He claimed that Mary Boulton, a butcher, had obstructed the footpath on the south side of High Street by hanging the carcass of a calf over the footpath and had failed to move it for several hours after he instructed it to be taken down. Fines and costs for the case appear to have been 9/-.	1875/032
Justices		Various		12	04	1875	List of magistrates costs and fines	*	Summary of costs and fines	1875/033
Brown	Sarah	Badman	Henry	26	04	1875	Assault	A	Sarah Brown, wife of Aaron Brown, a carpenter residing in Southover, claimed that Henry Badman of South Street had assaulted her by pushing her off the pavement.	1875/034
Cock	Ann	Rumson	John	06	05	1875	Failure to keep up bastardy payments	N	Ann Cock had previously - and with some success (see 1875/012) - applied for John Rumson to bring his bastardy payments up to date. However, no payments had been made since January 1875 and an amount of £1.17s.6d was now owing.	1875/035
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	07	05	1875	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles arrested Alfred Ball, a haulier from St John Street, outside the Fountain Inn where he was drunk and disorderly and fighting with Edwin Ball and Sidney Bowell.	1875/036
Vowles	Joseph	Andrews	John	07	05	1875	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles arrested John Andrews of Queen Street for being drunk and incapable in St Andrew Street where he was unable to get out of a waggon without falling over. Costs and fines appear to have amounted to 7/-.	1875/037
Vowles	Joseph	Ball Bowell	Edwin Sidney	07	05	1875	Breach of the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles arrested Edwin Ball and Sidney Bowell for fighting in the street and causing a breach of the peace (see also 1875/036). Costs and fines appeared to amount to at least 12/6d.	1875/038
Vowles	Joseph	George	James	08	05	1875	Allowing animal to stray on highway	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged James George of St Thomas Street with allowing a donkey to stray onto the Bristol Road. Costs and fine appear to have been 5/6d.	1875/039

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Jerrard	John	Brooks Creedy	Joseph Edward	08	05	1875	Throwing nightsoil into street	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells City Council. He charged Joseph Brooks and Edward Creedy, both of whom lodged at the Cross Keys in Broad Street, with throwing dirt and nightsoil from a bedroom window into Broad Street. Jerrard also called William Tucker and Sarah Bown, wife of John Bown, both of Broad Street, as witnesses. Costs and fines amounted to at least 14/-.	1875/040
Justices		Various		10	05	1875	List of magistrates costs and fines	*	Summary of costs and fines for Andrews, Ball and Bowell	1875/041
Lippett	Charles	Allen	William	11	05	1875	Cruelty to a horse	C	PC Lippett accused William Allen, a labourer, of cruelly treating a horse by working it when it was clearly not fit for the tasks involved. The offence took place in Portway. William Green of Portway, a coachbuilder, was summoned to provide supporting evidence. John Francis was summoned to answer a charge of abetting the cruelty by allowing Allen to work the horse in an unfit condition. Fines and costs totalled £2.2s.0d.	1875/042
Russ	Samuel Perren	Perry	Walter	15	05	1875	Desertion of wife and family	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ was the clerk to the Guardians of Wells Union workhouse. He reported that Walter Perry, an able-bodied labourer of the In Parish of St Cuthbert, had left the parish and, as a result, his wife, Harriett, and their 3 children, all under 16, had become chargeable to the common fund. He requested that Perry be apprehended and made responsible for the maintenance of his wife and children.	1875/043

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Knight Hawkes	John Willcox James	Millard	Elizabeth	20	05	1875	Theft of clothing & bedding	T	Elizabeth Millard (referred to several times in the documentation as Miller) was a married woman with a child at her breast. She was charged with the theft of property from both John Willcox Knight and James Hawkes. The stolen objects included blankets, a jacket and a chemise. Millard was sent to Shepton Mallet but appears to have been bailed to appear for trial a week later, the sums involved being £50 from William Millard, her husband, and £25 each from William Dallimore and John Millard. Other individuals named, but with no further information: - Jane Elizabeth Knight - Martha Jane Hawkes (both of Wells) - Sylvia Hawkes (Glastonbury) - George Weston Wheeler - Joseph Vowles (police serjeant).	1875/044
Vowles	Joseph	Drew	Elizabeth	24	05	1875	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles arrested Elizabeth Drew of Burcot Lane for being drunk and disorderly in Southover where she was making a great noise. Costs and fine appeared to amount to 10/- or 14 days in prison.	1875/045
Archer	Alfred George	Oxley	Elizabeth	31	05	1875	Owning an unlicensed dog	DI	Alfred George Archer was an excise officer who had identified that Elizabeth Oxley owned a dog that had not been licensed in accordance with the requirements of the 1867 act. Oxley was fined 25/- with costs of 7/6d.	1875/046
Vowles	Joseph	Tucker	William	03	06	1875	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Tucker, landlord of The Cross Keys, with allowing gaming to take place on his premises in contravention of his licence. The gaming consisted of bowling and the playing of skittles. Tucker was required to pay costs of 8/- and a fine of £2.	1875/047
Vowles	Joseph	Watts	John	03	06	1875	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles accused John Watts, a fishmonger from Shepton Mallet, with driving a horse and cart at a furious pace along Cathedral Green and St Andrew Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Watts was fined £1 with costs of 8/-.	1875/048

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Vowles	Joseph	Phipps	James	03	06	1875	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles accused James Phipps of obstructing the highway as a result of leaving a horse and cart unattended in New Street for an hour and a half. The case was dismissed.	1875/049
Vowles	Joseph	Bennett	William	03	06	1875	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles accused William Bennett of obstructing the highway as a result of leaving a horse and cart unattended in New Street for an hour and a half. Bennett appears to have been fined 40/- with costs of 7/-, but this is not absolutely certain. Note: 40/- was probably the maximum fine that could have been applied, but a fine of this level for such an offence was unlikely.	1875/050
Vowles	Joseph	Woodburn	Frederick	03	06	1875	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles accused Frederick Woodburn, the licensee of The Blacksmiths Arms, of having his premises open for the sale of intoxicating liquor at 8.35am, i.e. outside the hours permitted by his licence. Woodburn appears to have been fined £2 with costs of 8/-.	1875/051
Vowles	Joseph	Lush Davis	William John	03	06	1875	Drinking out of hours	L	Police serjeant Vowles found William Lush of St Cuthbert Street and John Davis of St John Street in The Blacksmiths Arms at 8.35am when the pub should not have been open and they should not have been present, since they were not residents, travellers or staff. Lush and Davis were fined 7/3d each with costs of 6/3d each.	1875/052
Jerrard	John	Oxley	Elizabeth	11	06	1875	Defective privy	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He sought to prosecute Elizabeth Oxley for having a defective privy at No 15 High Street. The privy was leaking, gave off an offensive smell and the discharge from it was permeating the drawing room wall of the house next door. Henry Cox, also a resident of High Street, was called as a witness for the prosecution. The case appears to have been dismissed; it is not clear who was responsible for the costs of 9/-.	1875/053
Justices		Various		14	06	1875	List of magistrates costs and fines	*	Memorandum showing costs and fines for various cases, most of which do not appear to have petty sessions records.	1875/054

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Vowles	Joseph	Hayes	Lucy	17	06	1875	Fraud	Fr	Police serjeant Vowles accused Lucy Hayes, a single woman from Ashcott, of obtaining a cape valued at 17/6d and a jacket valued at 12/9d by fraudulent methods. He summoned Ann Baker of Meare to provide supporting evidence. Hayes was bailed until 24th June on the basis of a surety of £100 of her own money together with sureties of £40 each from Simon Hayes and James Cardwell (possibly £50 according to an alternative document). At that hearing Hayes was bailed to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions in Taunton on 29th June with sureties of £100 from her and of £50 each from Simon Hayes and Isaac Davis.	1875/055
Jerrard	John	Tucker Davis	William B Thomas	26	06	1875	Selling goods away from market place	N	John Jerrard was the collector of tolls for markets and fairs. He accused William B Tucker and Thomas Davis of exposing goods for sale in a field adjacent to Portway occupied by Thomas William Bartlett, i.e. in a location not licensed for such activity such as the Market Place. Jerrard called upon police serjeant Joseph Vowles and PCs John Swan, James Knight and William Tomlinson to provide supporting evidence.	1875/056
Jerrard	John	Davis	Thomas	26	06	1875	Selling goods away from market place	N	This case appears to be almost identical to 1875/056, but refers only to Thomas Davis, while 1875/058 refers only to William B Tucker. John Jerrard was the collector of tolls for markets and fairs. He accused Davis of exposing goods for sale from a caravan or hawker's cart in a field adjacent to Portway occupied by Thomas William Bartlett, i.e. in a location not licensed for such activity such as the Market Place.	1875/057
Jerrard	John	Tucker	William B	26	06	1875	Selling goods away from market place	N	This appears to be almost identical to 1875/056, but refers only to William B Tucker while 1875/057 refers only to Thomas Davis. John Jerrard was the collector of tolls for markets and fairs. He accused Tucker of exposing goods for sale from a caravan or hawker's cart in a field adjacent to Portway occupied by Thomas William Bartlett, i.e. in a location not licensed for such activity such as the Market Place.	1875/058

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Grenville	Henry	Rood	John	28	06	1875	Assault	A	Henry Grenville, a mason resident at No 24 Southover, claimed that John Rood of No 19 Southover, labourer, had assaulted him by catching hold of his collar and dealing him several blows to the nose and shoulder. The case was settled without a hearing.	1875/059
Hopkins	Ann	Turrell	Sarah Ann	29	06	1875	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Ann Hopkins, wife of William Hopkins of St Thomas Street, claimed that when Sarah Ann Turrell, wife of John Turrell of Southover, passed her in Priory Road, she made use of profane and obscene language and offended others in the street. The case was dismissed.	1875/060
Knight	James	Hole Turrell Green Brown Brook Gullick Badman Jenkins Brown Hallett Nutty Francis	Joseph James Frank John Joseph John Henry John Charles George Joseph Richard	02	07	1875	Wilful damage	Wd	PC Knight brought a charge against all the defendants of wilfully damaging a crop of hay in 'Rounds Close', the property of James Hill. The value of the damage caused was said to be £1. Witness testimony was provided by Alfred Hatcher jnr.	1875/061
Elsworthy	Mary Ann	Elsworthy	George	08	07	1875	Assault	A	Mary Ann Elsworthy of Chamberlain Street claimed that she was assaulted by George Elsworthy of Yarley Cross, Wookey, who had kicked her leg and struck her on the body with his fist. George Elsworthy was required to provide a surety of £10 of his own money, plus 2 other sureties of £5 each, and to keep the peace for 12 months, or go to prison in Shepton Mallet for 3 months.	1875/062
Vowles	Joseph	Clements	Eliza	08	07	1875	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Eliza Clements with being drunk and acting in a disorderly manner in Southover. Clements appears to have been sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1875/063

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Jerrard	John	Bartlett	Thomas William	15	07	1875	Offensive smell	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances. He claimed that Thomas William Bartlett of Portway had two barrels of pigwash standing outside his premises emitting an offensive odour and constituting a danger to public health. It appears that Bartlett paid the cost of the case, but also dealt with the pigwash, since the case was described as settled.	1875/064
Justices		Various		29	07	1875	Costs of cases	*	Costs to be borne by defendants	1875/065
Richards	Sidney Tom	Stoward	Joseph	31	07	1875	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Sidney Tom Richards, a resident of High Street, accused Joseph Stoward of St Cuthbert Street of using profane and obscene language in High Street. The defendant was discharged.	1875/066
Tomkings	Richard	Hawkins	William	05	08	1875	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Richard Tomkings, a resident of Queen Street, complained that William Hawkins of South Street had used profane and obscene language in Queen Street to the distress and annoyance of the residents. William Edwards of St Thomas Street was summoned to give evidence for the prosecution. The case was dismissed.	1875/067
Stott	Cornelius	White	James	07	08	1875	Theft of cart & harness	T	Cornelius Stott of Hinton in the parish of Wookey, yeoman, claimed that he had sold a horse to James White of Glastonbury, butcher. The transaction took place in The Mermaid Inn. After concluding the transaction, Stott went out of the inn for a short time, only to find on his return that the horse had gone. as had his cart and the associated harness set. Stott believed that White had taken them and had a warrant for his arrest issued.	1875/068
Bennett	Harriet	Drew	Elizabeth	09	08	1875	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Harriet Bennett was the wife of James Bennett of Burcott Lane. She complained that Elizabeth Drew, a resident of the same street, had used profane and abusive language in Burcott Lane and had directed personal abuse at her. Drew was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1875/069
Justices		Griffiths	George	16	08	1875	Statement of costs	*	Note of justices' clerk's fees and costs of copying depositions	1875/070

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Brooks	John	Fry	Francis	19	08	1875	Assault	A	John Brooks of Cathedral Green complained that Francis Fry, a brewer and also resident in Cathedral Green, had assaulted him and beaten him about the legs and body with a big stick. Fry, for his part, complained that Brooks had thrown a stone at him with the intent of causing him bodily injury. Brooks sought witness testimony from James Walters of Southover and Henry William Livett of Chamberlain Street. The case was described as settled.	1875/071
Alwood	Ann	Francis	George	23	08	1875	Assault	A	Ann Alwood, a resident of Southover, complained that she had been assaulted by George Francis, also of Southover, who had struck her in the face with his fist.	1875/072
Fry	Francis	Brooks	John	27	08	1875	Sureties for the peace	Su	Francis Fry, a brewer living in the City brewery on Cathedral Green, complained that John Brooks had threatened him and he feared that he would be subject to bodily assault. He requested that Brooks be required to put forward sureties to keep the peace. The case was described as settled.	1875/073
Knight	James	Francis	George	31	08	1875	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Knight charged George Francis with being drunk in Southover and behaving in a disorderly manner. Francis admitted the offence and appears to have been fined 2/6d with costs of 4/6d.	1875/074
Dredge	James	Hill	Mary	03	09	1875	Assault	A	James Dredge, a shoemaker from Broad Street, complained that Mary Hill, the wife of James Hill, a marine store dealer also resident in Broad Street, had assaulted him by pushing her fists into his face. James Hill called for Frederick Rolls of Foster's Court, Southover, to be summoned to testify on behalf of his wife. Mary Hill was bound over for a period of 6 months to keep the peace towards James and Eliza Dredge. A surety of £10 was required from her husband, together with two further sureties of £5 each from James Hutton and Albert Moore. John Hill was similarly bound over for 6 months and was required to put forward the same set of sureties as his wife.	1875/075

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Hill	John	Dredge	Eliza	07	09	1875	Assault	A	John Hill, marine store dealer of Broad Street, claimed that Eliza Dredge, wife of James Dredge, had assaulted him by thrusting a mop into his face. Hill summoned Albert Moor and Walter Brooks, both of High Street, to testify on his behalf, while Dredge called upon Edward Granger of Broad Street to support him. Eliza Dredge was bound over for a period of 6 months to keep the peace, particularly towards John and Mary Hill. A surety of £10 was required from her husband, James Dredge, together with two further sureties of £5 each from George Francis and Silas Walter of Southover. James Dredge was similarly bound over for 6 months and was required to put forward the same set of sureties as his wife.	1875/076
Stott	Charlotte	Sweet	Thomas	07	09	1875	Assault	A	Charlotte Stott of St John Street claimed that Thomas Sweet, also of St John Street, had assaulted her by rubbing a quantity of filth on her clothes. The case was settled without a hearing.	1875/077
Cook	John	Tucker	John	08	09	1875	Assault	A	John Cook of St Andrew Street, plasterer. complained that John Tucker, a resident of the same street, had hit him in the face with his fist. The incident took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. Cook summoned Joseph Woodburn of St Andrew Street, and Joseph Wakeham and Albert Cardwell, both of St Thomas Street, to testify on his behalf. The case was settled without a hearing.	1875/078
Brown	Charles	Hancock	Thomas	08	09	1875	Wilful damage	Wd	Charles Brown was secretary to the Wells Gas Light Company. He complained that Thomas Hancock of Bath Road had deliberately damaged a gas lamp belonging to the company; the lamp had a value not exceeding £5.	1875/079

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Bisgood	John	Badman	James	10	09	1875	Maintenance order	Mo	John Bisgood was the deputy chief constable of Somerset. He requested that James Badman, a labourer from Silver Street, be required to contribute to the cost of maintaining his son, Henry Badman, aged about 13, in the reform school at Kingswood in Gloucester. Henry Badman had been sent to reform school for a period of 5 years. James Badman was considered to have the ability to make a contribution to his son's maintenance. The magistrates issued an order for James Badman to pay 1/- per week, the sum payable at the end of each month, from the date of the decision until the expiry of Henry Badman's 5-year term at the school.	1875/080
Justices		Various		15	09	1875	Justices administration	*	Instruction to appoint new justice to licensing committee, list of costs / fines and request to present a petition to the magistrates before the next licensing committee.	1875/081
Jerrard	John	Watts	Alfred	22	09	1875	Selling fish unfit for human consumption	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances. He claimed that Alfred Watts, a fishmonger from Shepton Mallet, was exposing for sale from a cart in High Street fish that was potentially unfit for human consumption. Jerrard tried to inspect the suspect fish but Watts would not let him do so (see also case 1875/083).	1875/082
Jerrard	John	Watts	Alfred	22	09	1875	Assault	A	John Jerrard of New Street claimed to have been assaulted by Alfred Watts, a fishmonger from Shepton Mallet. Jerrard stated that Watts had pushed him in the chest with his arm. The defendant was discharged. See also case 1875/082.	1875/083
Jerrard	John	Moor	Albert	22	09	1875	Fish unfit for human consumption	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances. He claimed that certain flatfish set out for sale in the window of Albert Moor's shop in High Street were stinking and unfit for human consumption. He seized the fish concerned and took them before a magistrate who agreed that they should be destroyed. Moor was discharged with a caution and (presumably) required to pay the costs of the case of 7/6d.	1875/084

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Roach	Jane	Francis	Phillis	23	09	1875	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Jane Roach was the wife of George Roach, a foreman in the business of Snow & Co, timber merchants. They lived in Southover, as did Phillis Francis, wife of George Francis. Jane Roach complained that Phillis Francis had threatened her and used profane and obscene language in the public street. Francis appears to have been ordered to pay costs of 9/6d or spend 14 days in prison.	1875/085
Smith	George	Granger	Edward	27	09	1875	Search warrant	Sw	George Smith was lodging at a house in South Street. He had acquired 5 pullets for the sum of 9/- which he planned to keep in the garden. One evening he came home and found the pullets had gone. He enquired at neighbouring properties and formed the view that the pullets were being concealed at the property occupied by Edward Granger. He requested that a search warrant be issued.	1875/086
Vowles	Joseph	Western	Aaron	13	10	1875	Insufficient control over horses and carts	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Aaron Western, a haulier, with driving 2 horses and carts down St Andrew Street, where the second horse and cart were not attached to the first. Western was therefore not in control of both vehicles and presented a risk to other road users. He was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1875/087
Vowles	Joseph	Tucker	William	15	10	1875	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles accused William Tucker of causing an obstruction in Broad Street by leaving a cart parked there for almost two hours, longer than necessary for loading or unloading the vehicle. Tucker admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1875/088
Justices		Various		18	10	1875	List of costs & fines	*	Costs and fines for cases involving Watts, Western and Tucker.	1875/089
Carvile	Lewis	Moor	Everard	23	10	1875	Wilful damage	Wd	Lewis Carvile was the steward to Charles Clement Tudway. He complained that Everard Moor had been throwing stones in the street leading out of College Road, endangering residents and passers-by. The case was settled without a hearing, the costs being paid by Moor. Note: some references in the documentation call the defendant Herbert Moor, others Everard Moor.	1875/090

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Vowles	Joseph	Norman	Robert	29	10	1875	Infected livestock	Lm	Police serjeant Vowles, in his capacity as Inspector of Contagious Diseases in Animals, charged Robert Norman from Cannards Grave Farm in Shepton Mallet with knowingly bringing infected sheep to market. Vowles claimed that Norman had brought 20 sheep infected with sheep scab into Wells market. Norman appears to have been ordered to pay £5 to include costs (but elsewhere a more detailed list of costs suggests a lower figure).	1875/091
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Edwin	04	11	1875	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street with furious driving of a horse and cart along High Street and Sadler Street, endangering residents and passers-by. Ball was fined £2 with costs of 9/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1875/092
Luff	Ellen	White	Joseph	08	11	1875	Bastardy	B	Ellen Luff was a single woman living in Market Street. In March 1875 she was delivered of twins and named Joseph White as the father. A summons was issued for White to appear and respond to the paternity case. In the event, neither Luff nor White attended the hearing.	1875/093
Jerrard	John	White	John	09	11	1875	Selling meat unfit for human consumption	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances. In the butcher's shop of John White in High Street, Jerrard found a stinking and unwholesome piece of meat exposed for sale. He took away the meat, had it condemned by a magistrate as unfit for human consumption and destroyed, White was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-, or to serve 14 days in prison.	1875/094
Jerrard	John	Keen	George	09	11	1875	Assault	A	John Jerrard, Inspector of Nuisances, complained that Keen, an engine driver living in Broad Street, had assaulted him by taking hold of him in a rough manner and pulling him. Keen was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1875/095
Vowles	Joseph	Isgrove	Jacob	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Jacob Isgrove with setting off or throwing fireworks in Broad Street, endangering residents and passers-by. Isgrove was fined 20/- with costs of 8/- or to spend 14 days in prison with hard labour. It appears that Isgrove went to prison.	1875/096
Vowles	Joseph	Young	Charles	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Charles Young with setting off or throwing a firework in the Market Place, endangering residents and passers-by. Young was fined 10/- with costs of 11/-.	1875/097

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Vowles	Joseph	Lewis	Albert Charles	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Albert Charles Lewis, a resident of High Street, with setting off and throwing fireworks in that street, endangering residents and passers-by. Lewis was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1875/098
Vowles	Joseph	Slade	Frederick	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Frederick Slade, a resident of St Thomas Street, with letting off and throwing fireworks in that street to the danger of of residents and passers-by. Slade was fined 5/- with costs of 9/6d.	1875/099
Vowles	Joseph	Walters	James	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Walters, a resident of Southover, with setting off a firework in High Street, endangering residents and passers-by. Walters was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1875/100
Vowles	Joseph	Lovell	Henry	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Henry Lovell, a resident of Broad Street, with setting off fireworks in Sadler Street to the danger of residents and passers-by. Lovell admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1875/101
Vowles	Joseph	Jefford	John	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Jefford, a resident of Southover, with setting off fireworks in that street, endangering residents and passers-by. Jefford admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1875/102
Vowles	Joseph	Onion	James aka William	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Onion, also known as William Onion, with setting off fireworks in the Market Place. Onion appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1875/103
Vowles	Joseph	George	Henry	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Henry George, a resident of St Thomas Street, with setting off fireworks in Sadler Street. George was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1875/104
Vowles	Joseph	Dent	John	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Dent, a resident of Sadler Street, with setting off or throwing fireworks in Sadler Street, endangering residents and passers-by. Dent admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1875/105
Vowles	Joseph	Foot	Albert	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Albert Foot, a resident of Keward, with setting off fireworks in Union Street, endangering residents and passers-by. Foot admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1875/106

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Vowles	Joseph	White	William	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged William White, a resident of High Street, with setting off fireworks in High Street, endangering residents and passers-by. White admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1875/107
Vowles	Joseph	Crandon	Frederick	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Frederick Crandon, a resident of Market Street, with setting off fireworks in the Market Place, endangering residents and passers-by. Crandon admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1875/108
Vowles	Joseph	Cardwell	Ernest	10	11	1875	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Ernest Cardwell, a resident of St Thomas Street, with setting off a firework in that street. Cardwell was discharged on payment of the costs of 5/6d.	1875/109
Justices		Various		10	11	1875	Costs & fines	*	List of costs and fines for various cases	1875/110
Edwards	Henry	Unknown		11	11	1875	Theft	T	Henry Edwards acted as a butler to Captain Giles. He had a house in St Thomas Street occupied by his wife and children. They occasionally took in lodgers. A young man of 22-23 presented himself as a lodger, claiming to have been working in Bath for the last 4 years for S T Richards of Wells. The young man (name unknown) retired early on his first night in the house, but left between 5.00 and 6.00am. After his departure Edwards' wife found that many items were missing, including a small writing desk, medicine chest, books, clock, tablecloth, calico shirt etc, as well as some food. The total value of the items removed was around £5. Left in the room that he occupied was a handkerchief marked in ink with the name 'G M Stone'.	1875/111

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Porter	Thomas	Bennett	Isaac	12	11	1875	Search warrant	Sw	Thomas Porter was a gardener living in Silver Street. He claimed that between his leaving home at 7.00am to his returning at around 1.00pm a number of articles had been taken from his house without his knowledge or consent, including: clothes basket, flat irons, spectacle case, ornaments, small table, photographs, shirts. The value of the items taken was put at £2. Porter claimed that he had information that the stolen items could be found on the premises of Isaac Bennett in Southover. The application for a search warrant was turned down - apparently because Porter had not paid the applicable fees.	1875/112
Vowles	Joseph	Sperrin	Henry	12	11	1875	Wilful damage	Wd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Henry Sperrin of West Street with deliberately and wilfully extinguishing the light of a lamp on Cathedral Green. Charles Brown of Southover and Charles Spiller of Portway were summoned to give evidence on behalf of the prosecution.	1875/113
Justices		Various		15	11	1875	List of cases	*	List of cases for petty sessions of 15 November	1875/114
Justices		Various		15	11	1875	List of costs and fines	*	List of costs and fines for cases heard on 15 November. Several cases involving fireworks were adjourned until the next meeting.	1875/115
Price	Elizabeth	Sage	Caroline	18	11	1875	Assault	A	Elizabeth Price, wife of Thomas Price, complained that she had been assaulted by Caroline Sage of St Thomas Street. Sage allegedly had struck the complainant in the face with her fists. Costs and fines appear to have totalled 13/-.	1875/116
Sage	Elizabeth	Price	Thomas	20	11	1875	Assault	A	Elizabeth Sage, wife of Thomas Sage, complained that Price of St Thomas Street, had assaulted her by pushing his fist into her face. Costs and fines appear to have totalled 16/6d.	1875/117

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Oxley	Henry	Openshaw	Thomas Uriah	22	11	1875	Assault	A	Henry Oxley, a poulterer living in Tucker Street, claimed to have been attacked and wounded by Thomas Uriah Openshaw, a young boy and the son of Charles and Dorothy Openshaw who were neighbours of Oxley. Charles Openshaw had apparently come to Oxley's door and demanded to know what Oxley had been saying about Openshaw's wife and child. Openshaw accused Oxley of having mocked his son as being 'cock-eyed' and demanded to fight Oxley in the street. Oxley at first refused to become involved but was then sufficiently goaded to strike Openshaw. At this point Openshaw's wife and son became involved with the son, Thomas, slashing at Oxley with a pocket knife and gashing his finger. Witness statements from Jonathan Slater, a labourer resident in Tucker Street, and George Granger, a 14-year old errand boy who worked for Oxley and lived at his home (his own parents were in Shepton Mallet) supported Oxley's testimony.	1875/118
Vowles	Joseph	Earl	Richard	03	12	1875	Infected livestock	Lm	Police serjeant Vowles, in his capacity as Inspector of Contagious Diseases in Animals, charged Richard Earl of Butleigh with illegally leading / driving an ox along Priory Road when the animal was clearly suffering from foot and mouth disease. Edward Marsh, a drover from Glastonbury, was summoned to give evidence for the prosecution. Earl was fined 9/6d with costs of £4.10s.6d.	1875/119
Vowles	Joseph	Hill	George	04	12	1875	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged George Hill, publican of the Victoria beerhouse and Slab house, with obstructing the highway at Cathedral Green by leaving a waggon parked there for a period much longer than required to load or unload the vehicle. Hill was to pay costs of 9/- but no fine is mentioned.	1875/120
Justices		Various		12	12	1875	List of costs & fines	*	List of costs and fines related to various petty sessions cases.	1875/121
Collins	John Robert	Tripp	William	13	12	1875	Assault	A	John Robert Collins of St John Street complained that William Tripp, landlord of the Cheddar Valley Inn, had attempted to strike him. The case was settled without a hearing.	1875/122

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Police		Marsh	Frederick	24	12	1875	Suicide (attempted)	Sc	Frederick Marsh was a young man of around 16 years of age. He had been due to go to London, but had got very excited and irritated by members of his family - and he had also apparently been drinking. He had seemingly attempted to commit suicide by strangling himself with a scarf and his stepmother, Sarah Marsh, had called on two neighbours for assistance: John Martin of Priory Road, the serjeant major of the Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry, and John Collins, a plumber and glazier of St John Street. They took Marsh to the police station, although on the way there Marsh took out a knife and opened it.	1875/123
Miller	Jane	Loxton	Alice	29	12	1875	Assault	A	Jane Miller of 7 Union Street complained that Alice Loxton, daughter of William Loxton of Union Street, had assaulted her by throwing a dishcloth at her. Costs were recorded as 5/6d, but no indication as to who was to pay.	1875/124
Webb	Edward John	Stephens	John	30	12	1875	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Edward John Webb was the licensee of the Queen's Head beer and cider house in High Street. John Stephens, a haulier from Shepton Mallet, came into Webb's establishment, but was already drunk. Webb refused to serve him and asked him to leave. Stephens refused to leave and became abusive and disorderly. Webb called the police and when police serjeant Vowles appeared, Stephens left. Stephens was fined 5/- with costs of 15/- for refusing to leave licensed premises when requested to do so.	1875/125

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Justices		Various		08	01	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for several petty sessions cases	1876/001
Justices		Various		10	01	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for several petty sessions cases	1876/002
Bowell	John	Keates White White	Mary Ann John Harry	13	01	1876	Assault	A	John Bowell, a resident in the Market Place, complained that the three defendants had assaulted him by pushing him about. Mary Ann Keates was the licensee of the Royal Oak, while both John White and Harry White were resident in High Street. The case was dismissed.	1876/003

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Archer	Alfred George	Martin	John	18	01	1876	Owning an unlicensed dog	DI	Alfred George Archer was an excise officer. He claimed that John Martin was the owner of a dog for which he had not purchased a licence. Martin admitted the offence and was fined 25/- with costs of 9/-.	1876/004
Vowles	Joseph	Parfitt	Mary	02	02	1876	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Mary Parfitt, licensee of the Full Moon Inn in Southover, with keeping her premises open for the sale of intoxicating liquor beyond the permitted licensing hours. She had also permitted such liquor to be consumed on the premises outside the permitted hours, i.e. at 11.20pm. Parfitt admitted the offence and was fined 20/- with costs of 7/6d.	1876/005
Vowles	Joseph	Cornish Francis Scott Stevens Stevens	Richard Charles Joseph William Elizabeth	02	02	1876	On licensed premises outside licensing hours	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged all 5 defendants with being present on licensed premises, namely the Full Moon Inn in Southover, outside licensing hours (i.e. at 11.20pm) when they were not residents of the inn, staff or bona fide travellers. With the exception of Joseph Scott, who was a resident of Silver Street, all of the others lived in Southover. Fines and costs totalled 12/- for each defendant.	1876/006
Vowles	Joseph	Jones	John	08	02	1876	Infected animals	Lm	In his capacity as Inspector of Contagious Diseases in Animals, police serjeant Vowles brought charges against John Jones, a cattle dealer from the city of Cork in Ireland. Vowles accused him of knowingly bringing a heifer infected with foot and mouth disease into a field occupied by William Webb which lay next to a field in which a market or fair was being held and other animals were being offered for sale. Jones appears to have been fined £10 with costs of £1.14s.3d.	1876/007

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Vowles	Joseph	Puddy Harvey	George William	08	02	1876	Infected animals	Lm	In his capacity as Inspector of Contagious Diseases in Animals, police serjeant Vowles brought charges against George Puddy and William Harvey, cattle dealers from Wedmore. Vowles accused them of knowingly bringing 3 cows infected with foot and mouth disease into a field occupied by William Webb which lay next to a field in which a market or fair was being held and other animals were being offered for sale. John Rogers of Glastonbury and William Webb were summoned as prosecution witnesses. Puddy and Harvey and were fined £10 with costs of £2.12s.3d.	1876/008
Jerrard	John	Look	Frederick R	11	02	1876	Offence against licence	L	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances. He brought a charge against Frederick Look of The Crown Inn in the Market Place that Look was operating a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard in a building at the rear of his dwelling house without having obtained a licence to use the building in this way. Look was fined 20/- with costs of 8/-.	1876/009
Russ	Samuel Peren	Wills	Catherine	11	02	1876	Neglect of child	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ was clerk to the Wells Poor Law Guardians. He complained that Catherine Wills, a widow, had neglected to provide adequate food and clothing for her 3-year old son, Harry, and his health was suffering. He requested that Wills be ordered to discharge her parental responsibilities in full. Wills appears to have been sentenced to 2 months with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison.	1876/010
Justices		Various		14	02	1876	List of cases	*	List of cases to be heard at the petty sessions on 14 February 1876	1876/011
Justices		Various		14	02	1876	List of costs and fines	*	List of costs and fines resulting from cases heard at petty sessions on 14 February 1876.	1876/012
Walter	Silas	Mogford	Thomas	25	02	1876	Offence against licence	L	Silas Walter was the licensee of The Railway Tavern in Southover. Thomas Mogford, a resident of Southover, came into the tavern and quickly became quarrelsome and abusive, acting in a disorderly manner. Walter asked him to leave the premises but Mogford refused. The case was settled without a hearing.	1876/013

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Vowles	Joseph	Pointing Pointing North	Thomas Richard John	02	03	1876	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Joseph Vowles charged Thomas Pointing, Richard Pointing and John North, all of whom lived in St Thomas Street, with being on licensed premises at a time when the premises, in this instance, The Goat Inn, should have been closed. None of the defendants was resident at the inn, a member of staff or a bona fide traveller. Each of them was fined 5/- with costs of 7/4d each.	1876/014
Jerrard	John	Hooper	Charles	03	03	1876	Drawing truck along footway	Rd	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances. He brought a charge against Charles Hooper of St John Street that he had unlawfully drawn a truck along the footway in Princess Road. The case was described as settled.	1876/015a
Jerrard	John	Stevens	John	03	03	1876	Drawing truck along footway	Rd	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances. He brought a charge against John Stevens of Keward that he had unlawfully drawn a truck along the footway in Priory Road. The case was described as settled.	1876/015b
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	William	06	03	1876	Asleep while driving a waggon	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Allen of Tucker Street with being asleep while driving a waggon in Cathedral Green. Allen was found guilty and fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- or to spend 7 days in prison.	1876/016
Justices		Various		13	03	1876	List of cases	*	List of cases to be heard at the petty sessions on 13 March 1876	1876/017
Justices		Various		13	03	1876	List of costs	*	List of costs for several petty sessions cases including Jerrard v Hooper and Jerrard v Stevens.	1876/018
Brown	Charles	Wolley	James	18	03	1876	Absconding from work	Ab	Charles Brown was the secretary of the Wells Gas Light Company. James Wolley was a stoker employed by the company whose contract was due to expire at 8.00am on 12 March, but he walked out at 2.00pm on the previous day causing a loss of service to the company's customers. The case was struck out as neither party appeared at the hearing.	1876/019
Serel	Thomas	Morgan	Henry	23	03	1876	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Thomas Serel was collector of the poor rate for the In Parish of St Cuthbert. On 7 November 1874 Henry Morgan had been assessed as being required to pay a poor rate of £2.2s.6d. The payment was not made. The sum now due was assessed as £2.4s.6d, including a fee of 2/- for the Clerk to the Justices plus administrative costs of 6/-.	1876/020

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Vowles	Joseph	Potter	Fanny	25	03	1876	Drunk and disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Fanny Potter, wife of Thomas Potter of Little Elms near Wells, with being drunk and disorderly in Chamberlain Street and Portway. Fanny Potter was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- but given until 8th May to pay.	1876/021
Justices		Scourse	James	01	04	1876	Release request	RI	Draft of letter from unnamed magistrate requesting the governor of Shepton Mallet prison to release James Scourse from custody.	1876/022
Bisgood	John	Standard	James	06	04	1876	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood was Inspector under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. He brought charges against James Standard of Southover for selling tea that had been adulterated with small pieces of quartz and other rubbish (up to 11%), to the disadvantage of the purchaser (PC James Knight). The tea was analysed by Walter Stoddart of the Western Counties Laboratory in Bristol. Standard was fined £1 with costs of 10/-.	1876/023
Bisgood	John	Clark	Emma	06	04	1876	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood was Inspector under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. He brought charges against Emma Clark, wife of John Clark of Portway, for selling milk that had been adulterated with 20% water, to the disadvantage of the purchaser (police serjeant Vowles). The milk was analysed by Walter Stoddart of the Western Counties Laboratory in Bristol. Clark was fined £1 with costs of 14/-.	1876/024
Vowles	Joseph	Francis	Eli	06	04	1876	Obstruction of the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged Eli Francis of Coxley with obstructing the highway in Priory Road by leaving a waggon and horse parked there for longer than necessary to load or unload the vehicle. Francis was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1876/025
Vowles	Joseph	Crandon	James	06	04	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles complained that James Crandon, a resident of High Street, had been found drunk in the road leading from Tor Street to the Palace Moat. Crandon was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1876/026
Justices		Various		10	04	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for several petty sessions cases	1876/027
Hart	Caroline	Cornish	John	21	04	1876	Assault	A	Caroline Hart, who lived at No 12 Union Street, complained that John Cornish, a labourer from Southover, had struck her in the face with his fist. The case was described as settled.	1876/028

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Granvile	Martha	Standard	Thomas	21	04	1876	Assault	A	Martha Granvile complained that Thomas Standard, a mason resident in Portway, had assaulted her by striking her on the head with his fists and threatening her life. She requested that Standard be ordered to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards her. The case was dismissed. It is not clear who paid the costs of 9/6d.	1876/029
Humphrey	William John	Mountery	Frederick William	27	04	1876	Theft of money	T	William John Humphrey was the District Superintendent of GWR residing in Bradford on Avon. He claimed that Frederick William Mountery, formerly employed by GWR as the clerk in charge of Wells station, had stolen 19/7d in cash from the company. He requested that a warrant for Mountery's arrest be issued; such a warrant was issued. A post office telegraph message of 11 May sent from Paddington advised the magistrates of Wells that Mountery had died in London from heart disease.	1876/030
Justices		Various		28	04	1876	List of cases to be heard	*	List of cases concerning Weights and Measures where John Bisgood is plaintiff and defendants are respectively Woodburn, Francis and Hooper.	1876/031
Norton	Emily	Granvile	Martha	01	05	1876	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Emily Norton was the wife of George Norton and resided in Portway. She claimed that Martha Granvile, wife of Henry Granvile of St Cuthbert Street, had used profane and obscene language to her in Portway. Granvile, amongst other things, had called her a whore. Costs of the case appear to have been 6/6d, apparently born by Granvile.	1876/032
Bisgood	John	Woodburn	Frederick	02	05	1876	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood, Inspector of Weights and Measures, found that Frederick Woodburn, innkeeper of The Hearts of Oak Inn, was using 5 quart cups and 1 pint cup that gave short measure to the customer. Woodburn was fined 5/- with costs of 10/6d.	1876/033
Bisgood	John	Hooper	John	02	05	1876	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood, Inspector of Weights and Measures, found that, in his shop in St John Street, John Hooper was using 3 weights that were too light and therefore unfair to customers. Hooper was fined 1/- with costs of 8/6d.	1876/034

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Bisgood	John	Francis	John	02	05	1876	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood, Inspector of Weights and Measures, found that John Francis, a haulier residing in Southover, was using 9 different weights that were too light and therefore unjust to his customers. Francis was fined 1/- with costs of 13/-.	1876/035
Bisgood	John	Rolls	Sarah	04	05	1876	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood, Inspector of Weights and Measures, complained that Sarah Rolls, licensee of The Fountain Inn, had two pint cups which gave the customer short measure. Rolls admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 9/6d.	1876/036
Bartlett	Thomas William	Green	Robert	05	05	1876	Assault	A	Thomas William Bartlett, a farmer living in Portway, claimed that Robert Green, who also lived in Portway, had threatened him and attempted to punch him. Bartlett called upon Thomas Porter of Silver Street to give evidence on his behalf. The case was recorded as settled without a hearing.	1876/037
Bartlett	Thomas William	Green	Robert	05	05	1876	Throwing stones	Dp	Thomas William Bartlett, a farmer living in Portway, complained that Robert Green, also of Portway, was throwing stones or missiles endangering residents and passers-by. Green was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or to serve 7 days in prison.	1876/038
Jerrard	John	Ball	Alfred	15	05	1876	Evading market toll	N	John Jerrard as collector of market tolls claimed that Alfred Ball, a resident of St John Street. had brought an ass to market but refused to pay the toll due of 6d. Jerrard summoned William Drayton of Priory Road, Ann Card of Southover and William Crandon of Market Street to testify in his support. Ball was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-.	1876/039
Justices		Various		31	05	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs arising from petty sessions in May 1876.	1876/040

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Vowles	Joseph	Badman Clements Morgan Morgan	James Mary James Mary	03	06	1876	Causing an affray	Af	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Badman and Mary Clements of Silver Street, together with James and Mary Morgan of South Street, with causing an affray in Silver Street. Costs of the case appear to have been at least 9/-. As a result of the case James Badman was required to put forward two sureties of £5, one for himself and one for Mary Clements, to ensure that they kept the peace for the next 6 months, particularly towards James and Mary Morgan. James Morgan was similarly required to put forward two £5 sureties on behalf himself and his wife.	1876/041
Justices		Various		12	06	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs arising from petty sessions in June 1876.	1876/042
Buxton	Harry	Spiller	Thomas	15	06	1876	Assault	A	Harry Buxton of Keward complained that Thomas Spiller of Southover had thrown a piece of wood that struck him in the head. Spiller appears to have been fined 10/- with costs of 10/-.	1876/043
Viner	Ann Lambert	Selway	Martha	16	06	1876	Assault	A	Ann Viner of Chamberlain Street complained that she had been assaulted by Martha Selway, wife of John Selway and also of Chamberlain Street. Selway had allegedly pushed Viner. The case was settled without a hearing.	1876/044
Vowles	Joseph	Burlton Pointing	John Thomas	21	06	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Burlton of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert and Thomas Pointing of St Thomas Street with being drunk in The Coach and Horses Inn. The case appears to have been dismissed.	1876/045
Vowles	Joseph	Meek	Giles	21	06	1876	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Giles Meek, the licensee of The Coach and Horses Inn, with permitting drunkenness on his premises against the terms of his licence.	1876/046
Vowles	Joseph	Sweet	Thomas	26	06	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Thomas Sweet of St John Street with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street. Sweet admitted the offence and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1876/047
Vowles	Joseph	Mogford	Mary	04	07	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Mary Mogford, wife of Thomas Mogford, with being drunk and disorderly in Southover. She admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1876/048

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Vowles	Joseph	Francis	Edward	04	07	1876	Obstruction of the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edward Francis with obstructing the highway in Priory Road on two successive days by parking a timber carriage there. James Prior of St Thomas Street was summoned to provide supporting evidence. Francis admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 12/6d.	1876/049
Steer	Ebenezer	Brown	Sarah	05	07	1876	Theft of clothes	T	Ebenezer Steer, tailor, lived in Hodges Place off Southover. He obtained the services of Sarah Brown, wife of Aaron Brown of Southover, carpenter, to nurse his wife during her confinement. The two women did not get on and the employment was terminated after one week. Steer's wife then reported that one of her chemises was missing. Steer requested a search warrant for Brown's house and Sarah Brown was subsequently convicted of the theft of the chemise. She was sentenced to one month in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1876/050
Cleaves	William	Hancock	Charles	06	07	1876	Profane and obscene language	Pr	William Cleaves, gardener to Mrs Hagan, a resident of Tor Street, complained that Charles Hancock of St Thomas Street had used profane and obscene language in Tor Street. Hancock was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1876/051
Jerrard	John	Stott	James	08	07	1876	Refusal to pay market toll	N	John Jerrard was collector of market tolls for Wells. He claimed that James Stott, a farmer from Catcott near Bridgwater, had brought 30cwt of cheese to market which he had pitched and weighed. The weigher, Thomas Porter, authorised by Jerrard, had requested the toll due on the cheese which was 5/-. Stott refused to pay. Porter was summoned as a witness to testify for the plaintiff. Costs of the case appear to have been at least 11/-. There is no indication of the verdict.	1876/052
Stevens	Elizabeth Ann	Barnett	Harriett	13	07	1876	Assault	A	Elizabeth Ann Stevens, daughter of John Stevens of Silver Street, claimed that Harriett Barnett, wife of Charles Barnett of Silver Street, had struck her on the shoulder with a broom handle. The case appears to have been settled without a hearing.	1876/053

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Jerrard	John	Marshall	John	13	07	1876	Dumping of rubble	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He accused John Marshall of St Thomas Street of dumping stones, slate, lime and other rubbish in Back Lane off Milton Lane. Marsahll admitted the offence. Costs were at least 6/6d but the outcome of the case is not evident.	1876/054
Vowles	Joseph	White	John	14	07	1876	Drunk in charge of horse and cart	D	Police serjeant Vowles accused John White of Glastonbury with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart in Broad Street. White admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1876/055
Justices		Various		17	07	1876	List of actions	*	List of actions for petty sessions in July, including transfer of alcohol licences and applications for new licences, as well as cases to be heard.	1876/056
Justices		Various		17	07	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for petty sessions cases in July 1876	1876/057
Atkins	James Moles	Collins	Albert	22	07	1876	Absent apprentice	Ab	James Moles Atkins was a printer to whom Albert Collins, son of Giles Collins of Woodford in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had been apprenticed. Collins had absented himself from his employment and was refusing to return. Atkins claimed that he had suffered losses of £1 and that Collins was likely to abscond. Collins did indeed abscond as forecast by Atkins.	1876/058
Foster	Robert	Attwood	Richard	22	07	1876	Wilful damage	Wd	Robert Foster, marine store dealer, claimed that Richard Attwood of Burcott Lane, had wilfully damaged a hedge or fence belonging to Foster on land in the occupation of William Mogg. Foster assessed the damage to his property at 1/. Attwood admitted the offence.	1876/059
Vowles	Joseph	Sage	Caroline	03	08	1876	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Caroline Sage of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street. She admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- or to serve 7 days in prison.	1876/060
Vowles	Joseph	Potter	Fanny	03	08	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Fanny Potter, wife of Thomas Potter of Little Elms near Wells, with being drunk in St John Street. This was her second offence in 6 months. She admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1876/061

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Jerrard	John	Jenkins	John	11	08	1876	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Jerrard, as rate collector for the Council, accused John Jenkins of Southover of not paying the general district rate assessed at 5/3d. Jenkins was given until 30 August to pay.	1876/062
Jerrard	John	Abbot	Ellen	11	08	1876	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Jerrard, as rate collector for the Council, accused Ellen Abbot of Southover of not paying the general district rate assessed at 7/6d. Abbot was ordered to pay the outstanding amount plus costs of 2/6d.	1876/063
Vowles	Joseph	Cross (aka Cox)	George	11	08	1876	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged George Cross alias Cox with being drunk and disorderly in Priory Road. The defendant admitted the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 9/6d or 14 days in prison.	1876/064
Jerrard	John	Oxley	Elizabeth	11	08	1876	Unwholesome food	E	John Jerrard, as Inspector of Nuisances, accused Elizabeth Oxley of selling food not fit for human consumption. It was alleged that a man named Batt, who was an employee in Oxley's High Street fishmongery, had exposed for sale in St. Thomas' Terrace in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, some haddock which was unfit for human consumption. Oxley was fined 5/- with costs of 12/6d.	1876/065
Justices		Various		14	08	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines ad costs related to petty sessions cases heard in August 1876.	1876/066
Walters	Silas	Pearce	Henry	24	08	1876	Sureties for the peace	Su	Silas Walters, incumbent of the Railway Tavern, complained that Henry Pearce of Southover had threatened the lives of himself and his family. He requested that Pearce be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards Walters and his family. The case was settled without a hearing.	1876/067
Cross	George	Knight	James	01	09	1876	Assault	A	George Cross of Broad Street, pork butcher, complained that he had been assaulted by PC James Knight of Market Place who had allegedly thrown him down.	1876/068

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George	John	Richards	Charles	01	09	1876	Fraud	Fr	John George was a boot & shoe maker based in Broad Street. Charles Richards came into his shop claiming to have been sent for some boots by Bessie Lunnon, a servant of Mr Burgess of Henley. George had given him 3 pairs. Richards later came back with 2 of the pairs and a note, allegedly from Miss Lunnon, asking that her cousin (Richards) should have a pair of quarterboots and that boots should be supplied for another servant, Prudence. George let Richards have a pair of boots and gave him 4 pairs for Prudence to try. When George became concerned and checked with Miss Lunnon, none of the supposed requests were genuine. George put the cost of the boots supplied at £3.8s.6d and requested that an arrest warrant for Richards be issued.	1876/069
Vowles	Joseph	Cross	George	05	09	1876	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Cross of Broad Street with being drunk and disorderly in Broad Street. Mary Ann Hill, also of Broad Street, was summoned to give testimony in support of the plaintiff. Cross was fined 19/- with costs of 14/- or to serve one calendar month in prison.	1876/070
Hill	James	Roach Hatcher	Alfred Edward	05	09	1876	Wilful damage	Wd	James Hill from Dulcote complained that Alfred Roach and Edward Thatcher had been throwing stones at a cow house and had damaged tiles on its roof. The value of the damage was less than £5. The case was settled without a hearing.	1876/071
Vowles	Joseph	Langley	Simeon	06	09	1876	Obstruction of the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged Simeon Langley with obstructing the highway by leaving a timber carriage overnight in Queen Street. Langley admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1876/072
Brown	Charles	Davis	John	06	09	1876	Theft	T	Charles Brown complained that John Davis, a boy who was 10 years old, had stolen from him £6 in gold, about 2/- in silver and one gold shirt stud. Davis was bailed to appear the next day in court on a surety of £10 put forward by John Baker.	1876/072a

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Jerrard	John	Payne	William	07	09	1876	Evasion of market toll	N	John Jerrard, as collector of market tolls, complained that William Payne of Ashcott had brought 13 pigs to market in Wells and refused to pay the toll due of 7d. Jerrard summoned John Sweet of Southover and William Crandon of Market Street as witnesses. Payne was required to pay the toll of 7d plus costs of 11/6d.	1876/073
Jerrard	John	Ball	Alfred	09	09	1876	Insanitary stabling of a horse	E	John Jerrard, as Inspector of Nuisances, claimed that Alfred Ball of St John Street, had failed to action a previous notice requiring him to improve the stabling of a horse on premises in St John Street. The horse was apparently stabled in a back kitchen or workhouse which Jerrard assessed as being a nuisance and injurious to health. The case was dismissed.	1876/074
Jerrard	John	Brooks	Walter	09	09	1876	Unsound meat	E	John Jerrard, as Inspector of Nuisances, alleged that Brooks had exposed for sale in High Street a hock of pork that was unsound and unfit for human consumption. He summoned Mrs Isgrove and Mrs Mary Lee, both of Southover, to testify in support of his case. The outcome of the case is not apparent, although costs were at least 10/6d.	1876/075
Bisgood	John	Millard	Silvanus	09	09	1876	Adulterated food product	Wm	John Bisgood, Inspector of Food & Drugs, claimed that a quantity of arrowroot purchased from Silvanus Millard by police serjeant Vowles had been found to be adulterated with 50% cassava starch. Analysis had been carried out by William Stoddart of Western Counties Laboratory. Millard was fined £1 with costs of £1.2s.0d.	1876/076

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Vowles	Joseph	Cox	Henry	09	09	1876	Receiving stolen property	Rv	Police serjeant Vowles accused Henry Cox of receiving a pair of boots from George Richards (name given in earlier related case 1876/069 is Charles Richards) knowing them to have been stolen from John George. Cox claimed to have met Richards in Glastonbury when the latter was searching for a pawn shop in which to pawn a pair of boots. Cox helped Richards find the shop and pawned the boots for him for 1/6d. He then claimed to help Richards sell the pawn ticket to Mrs Paul. Vowles summoned Eliza Paul and Susan Paul to testify in support of his case, but they were reluctant to come to Wells, even though the Chief Constable, John Bisgood, intervened to arrange their travel. The case against Cox was eventually dismissed.	1876/077
Berryman	Alfred George	Phipps	Thomas	09	09	1876	Theft of poles	Sw	Alfred George Berryman, a farmer from Dulcote, had instructed two of his men to leave some witch elm poles in the lane at the bottom of Tor Hill. In the evening another of his men reported that the poles were no longer there. Berryman suspected that the poles had been taken by Thomas Phipps and stored either in his house in St Cuthbert Street or in premises which he occupied in Market Street. Berryman requested a search warrant.	1876/078
Justices		Various		11	09	1876	List of cases	*	List of cases to be heard at petty sessions on 11 September 1876.	1876/079
Justices		Various		11	09	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard on 11 September 1876	1876/080
Drayton	William	Parker	William Hodges	13	09	1876	Embezzlement	Em	William Drayton, a coal merchant, claimed that William Hodges Parker, his servant and a resident of St Thomas Street, had embezzled the sum of 1/- that had been given to him to pass on to Drayton. Parker was due to be sent to prison to await the hearing of the case but he was bailed until that time on a surety of £20 from himself and two sureties of £10 each from Jacob Barnes of High Street and George Slade of West Street.	1876/081

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James	Ann	Davis	Mary	18	09	1876	Obtaining goods and money with menaces	T	Ann James was a servant to Mr Hemsley of New Street. An unknown woman (later to be identified as Mary Davis) came to the door of Hemsley's house, supposedly selling lace. James refused to buy the lace but, having revealed that there was no-one else at home, she was ordered to bring her best dress and petticoat and whatever money she had, otherwise she would be bewitched and die on the stones on which she was standing. James, in fear, brought her dress and petticoat together with 1/4d and gave them to the woman. Police correspondence established that the woman was Mary Davis, who had convictions elsewhere for similar offences and who had already served time in Shepton Mallet prison.	1876/082
Moore	William	Barnard	William	23	09	1876	Assault	A	William Moore of High Street claimed that William Barnard, also of High Street, had assaulted him by throwing him down and then kicking him. He summoned John White, also of High Street to testify in his support. Barnard was fined 1/- with costs of 14/6d.	1876/083
Green	William	Justices		03	10	1876	Illegal charge	Ut	Letter from a William Green of Bristol & Exeter Railway requesting the magistrates to return the sum of 7/- related to the case of John McCain, as this was an illegal charge and he required the money urgently to balance his accounts.	1876/084
Vowles	Joseph	Tidball	Edwin	05	10	1876	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edwin Tidball of Woolavington with driving a horse and cart at a furious pace down Sadler Street endangering pedestrians and other road users. Costs of the case were 17/7d.	1876/085
Justices		Various		09	10	1876	List of cases to be heard	*	List of cases and licence applications to be heard in petty sessions on 9 October 1876	1876/086
Justices		Various		09	10	1876	List of fines and costs	*	Fines and costs related to cases heard on 9 October 1876	1876/087
Spurring	Mary	Hopkins	Robert	11	10	1876	Assault	A	Mary Spurring (possibly Sperring?) of West Street complained that Robert Hopkins of Southover had assaulted her and struck her with his fists. Hopkins was fined 2/6d with costs of 10/-.	1876/088

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Charles	John	Mogford	Thomas	16	10	1876	Failure to complete contract	Nc	John Charles, described as a gentleman of Broad Street, complained that he had entered into a contract with Thomas Mogford, a labourer resident in Southover, that Mogford would look after his house for two weeks commencing on 6 October for the sum of £1.4s.6d, but on 15 October Mogford reneged on his part of the contract without Charles' consent. Charles claimed that as a result he had incurred a loss of 10/- . The case was settled without a hearing.	1876/089
Charles	John	Mogford	Thomas	16	10	1876	Assault	A	John Charles, a gentleman of Broad Street, claimed that Thomas Mogford of Southover had assaulted him by using language likely to provoke a breach of the peace. The case was settled without a hearing.	1876/090
Tucker	William	Bennett	Harriett	27	10	1876	Drunk & disorderly	D	William Tucker was the licensee of The Cross Keys in Broad Street. Harriett Bennett came into Tucker's establishment when she was already drunk. Tucker refused to serve her any drink at which point she became very abusive and refused to leave the premises despite several requests to do so. Bennett was fined 10/- with costs of 10/- or to serve 14 days in prison. Note: the charge could also be interpreted as an offence against the licence granted to the inn because Bennett refused to leave the premises when requested to do so by the landlord.	1876/091
Tucker	William	Brooks	Elizabeth	27	10	1876	Drunk & disorderly	D	William Tucker was the licensee of The Cross Keys in Broad Street. Elizabeth Brooks of South Street was found drunk in Tucker's establishment. She became very disorderly in her behaviour when asked to leave and, despite several requests to do so, refused to leave the premises. Brooks was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- . Note: the charge could also be interpreted as an offence against the licence granted to the inn because Brooks refused to leave the premises when requested to do so by the landlord.	1876/092

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Brooks	Elizabeth	Tucker	William	27	10	1876	Assault	A	Elizabeth Brooks, wife of William Brooks of South Street, complained that she had been assaulted by William Tucker, licensee of The Cross Keys, who had knocked her down with his fists. The case was dismissed, the costs of 8/6d to be borne by the plaintiff.	1876/093
Brooks	Ellen Ann	Oxley jnr	James	28	10	1876	Assault	A	Ann Brooks, wife of Edward Brooks, carpenter, of Southover, complained that her daughter, Ellen Ann Brooks, had been assaulted by James Oxley jnr, aged about 14, the son of James Oxley of St Cuthbert Street.	1876/094
Vowles	Joseph	Rowley	John	02	11	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Rowley of St Thomas Street with being drunk in St Andrew Street. Rowley was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1876/095
Vowles	Joseph	Palmer	Thomas	02	11	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Thomas Palmer of Coxley with being drunk in High Street. Palmer admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1876/096
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	02	11	1876	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with being drunk and disorderly and refusing to leave The Red Ox tavern when requested to do so by PC Swain. Ball was fined £2 with costs of 10/6d, the sums to be obtained by distraint of possessions if necessary, or to serve 2 calendar months with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison.	1876/097
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	02	11	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with being drunk in the Market Place; this occurred 2 days after his previous offence. Ball was fined £1 with costs of 10/6d, the sums to be obtained by distraint of possessions, if necessary, or to serve one calendar month with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison.	1876/098
Vowles	Joseph	Gunning	Maria	02	11	1876	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Maria Gunning from Wookey Hole with being drunk in Portway. Gunning was fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d or to serve 14 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison.	1876/099
Vowles	Joseph	Sweet	Robert	06	11	1876	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Robert Sweet with being violently quarrelsome and disorderly, and also refusing to leave The Red Ox when requested to do so by the licensee, James Hutton. Sweet was fined 5/- with costs of 7/6d.	1876/099a

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Vowles	Joseph	Badman	James	06	11	1876	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Badman with being violently quarrelsome and disorderly, and also refusing to leave The Red Ox when requested to do so by the licensee, James Hutton. Badman was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d.	1876/100
Vowles	Joseph	Phipps	James	06	11	1876	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Phipps with being violently quarrelsome and disorderly, and also refusing to leave The Red Ox when requested to do so by the licensee, James Hutton. Phipps was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d.	1876/101
Vowles	Joseph	Hatcher	Alfred	06	11	1876	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Hatcher with being violently quarrelsome and disorderly, and also refusing to leave The Red Ox when requested to do so by the licensee, James Hutton. Hatcher was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d.	1876/102
Vowles	Joseph	Sweet	Charles	06	11	1876	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Charles Sweet with being drunk and disorderly in Lane's Court. Sweet admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1876/103
Vowles	Joseph	Perkins	Eliza Jame	06	11	1876	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Elizabeth Perkins with keeping her licensed premises, The Mermaid Inn, open for the sale of intoxicating liquor outside the permitted licensing hours, i.e. at 11.40pm. Perkins was fined 20/- with costs of 10/-.	1876/104
Vowles	Joseph	Collins	Matilda	06	11	1876	Found on licensed premises outside permitted hours	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Matilda Collins with being on licensed premises, namely The Mermaid Inn, outside permitted hours, i.e. at 11.40pm. Collins was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1876/105
Rapps	William	Bishop	James	06	11	1876	Assault on police constable	A	Police constable Rapps charged James Bishop of The Miners Arms in Chewton Mendip with assaulting him in the execution of his duty as a police officer. Rapps had been trying to persuade Bishop to leave The White Hart Inn as requested by the licensee, John Willcox Knight, when he was assaulted. Bishop was fined 40/- with costs of 9/6d	1876/106
Vowles	Joseph	Bishop	James	06	11	1876	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Bishop of The Miners Arms, Chewton Mendip with refusing to leave The White Hart Inn when requested to do so by the licensee, James Willcox Knight. Bishop was fined 20/- with costs of 7/-.	1876/107

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Serel	Thomas	Jessett	Henry	10	11	1876	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Thomas Serel, as assistant overseer of the poor, complained that Henry Jessett had failed to pay either of the last two poor rate assessments. Jessett owed 11/- which he was ordered to pay immediately plus a surcharge of 2/- and costs apparently of 6/6d.	1876/108
Justices		Various		13	11	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs (and the distribution of monies) arising from petty sessions cases heard on 13 November 1876.	1876/109
Taylor	Matilda	Baker Burlton	John John	14	11	1876	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Matilda Taylor, a widow living in Miller's Gardens off St Thomas Street, complained that John Baker of St Thomas Street and John Burlton of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert had used profane and obscene language in Miller's Gardens. The case was described as settled.	1876/110
Webb	Annie	Spurring	Mary	15	11	1876	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Annie Webb of West Street, wife of James Webb, labourer, complained that Mary Spurring had used profane and obscene language in West Street.	1876/111
Justices		Cox Ward		15	11	1876	Receipt of cash	*	Receipt of 16/- from the County Treasurer's Office in Wincanton in response to receiving receipted certificates from the magistrates in Wells in respect of the defendants noted.	1876/112
Welsh	Edwin	Bird	Lucy	16	11	1876	Theft of water	T	Edwin Welsh was an employee of Wells Water Co. He claimed that Lucy Bird was not someone who was contracted to have water supplied by the company, but she had illegally taken water from a pipe leading to a reservoir operated by the company. Bird, a resident of St Thomas Street, admitted the offence and was given a penalty of 1/- with costs of 9/6d.	1876/113
Garland	Robert	Higgin	Richard	18	11	1876	Theft of jacket and trousers	T	Robert Garland, a clog and patten maker, lived at No 24 St Cuthbert Street. Richard Higgin lodged with him at the same address. When Higgin left, Garland claimed that he had stolen his jacket and trousers and he had evidence that Higgin had pawned the trousers at Hillier's, the pawnbroker. A description of Higgin was provided suggesting that he was between 40-45 years old, of medium height, with black hair and a dark complexion.	1876/114

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Clements	Emily	Sperring	Jane	22	11	1876	Theft of clothes	T	Emily Clements was the wife of Henry Charles Clements and lived in Green's Place, Southover. She complained that Jane Sperring of West Street had lodged at her house for 5 months and during that time she (Clements) had lost several items of clothing and a watch. She also claimed that she had subsequently seen some of the items in Sperring's possession and Sperring had refused to return them. Sperring was arrested by police serjeant Vowles who summoned George Barnard to give evidence for the prosecution.	1876/115
Justices		Howe Sperring Higgin		29	11	1876	Receipt of cash	*	Receipt of £3.7s.8d from the County Treasurer's Office in Wincanton in response to receiving receipted certificates from the magistrates in Wells in respect of the defendants noted.	1876/116
Baker	John	Light	James	04	12	1876	Theft of money	T	John Baker, described as a carpenter, had been in The Hearts of Oak tavern where he had been sitting at a table writing a letter. He claimed that James Light had picked his pocket and stolen from him the sum of 4/8d. Light denied the accusation, but Eliza Maule who was helping out the landlady, Emma Woodburn, wife of Frederick Woodburn, the licensee, claimed that she had seen Light dip into Baker's pocket twice and take money from it.	1876/117
Mullins	Mary Ann	Chard	Edwin Hill	05	12	1876	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Mary Ann Mullins of High Street claimed that Edwi Hill Chard of Broad Street had disturbed the peace and annoyed the residents of High Street by knocking on her door. The complaint was withdrawn.	1876/118
Jerrard	John	Marsh Luff	Henry James	08	12	1876	Wilful damage	Wd	John Jerrard, in his role as collector of market tolls, complained that Henry Marsh, son of George Marsh of Parsons Buildings, and James Luff of Market Place, had wilfully damaged a door in the cattle market that was the property of Wells City Council. The damage was estimated at 1/-. Each defendant was fined 1/- with costs of 5/- each.	1876/119
Justices		Various		11	12	1876	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard in December 1876	1876/120

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Russ	Samuel Perren	Patch	Esau	04	01	1877	Theft of clothes	T	Samuel Perren Russ was the relieving officer for Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Esau Patch had absconded from the workhouse wearing clothes that belonged to the Guardians of Wells Union valued at 15/-. The costs of bringing the case were put at 9/-. Russ requested that a warrant for Patch's arrest should be issued.	1877/001
Vowles	Joseph	Crandon jnr	George	16	01	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged George Crandon the younger of St Thomas Street with being drunk & disorderly and refusing to leave The Goat Inn when instructed to do so by PC Tomlinson. Crandon was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1877/002
Vowles	Joseph	Tucker	William	16	01	1877	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Tucker of Broad Street with furious driving of a horse and cart in Portway to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. He summoned G C B Eagar of Shepton Mallet and John Green of Portway as witnesses. Tucker was fined 5/- with costs of 13/6d.	1877/003
Lewis	Robert	Burlton	John	24	01	1877	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Robert Lewis was the licensee of the New Inn in St Thomas Street. John Burlton from East Horrington was drunk and argumentative when he came into the pub and when asked to leave he refused to do so in contravention of the Licensing Act. Burlton was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1877/004
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	John	29	01	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Baker of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in that street. Baker admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/005
Vowles	Joseph	Hill	George	29	01	1877	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police serjeant Vowles charged George Hill of the Victoria Tavern Slab House with cruelty to an animal by working a horse that was clearly unfit.	1877/006
Jerrard	John	Morgan	George	08	02	1877	Selling in location not licensed for market trading	Um	John Jerrard was the collector of market tolls for Wells. He claimed that George Morgan of Easton had offered two pigs for sale in Princess Street, a location not licensed for market trading, thus attempting to avoid paying the applicable market toll. Morgan admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/- together with the toll of 6d.	1877/007

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Jerrard	John	Paynter	Henry	08	02	1877	Non-payment of market toll	N	John Jerrard was the collector of market tolls for Wells. He claimed that Henry Paynter from Frome had sold various items of hardware in the Market Place but had refused to pay the toll due of 2/-. Paynter admitted the offence and was required to pay the toll of 2/- plus costs of 10/8d.	1877/008
Justices		Various		12	02	1877	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard up to this time	1877/009
Vowles	Joseph	Sharland	John	05	03	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Sharland of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in Sadler Street. Sharland was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/010
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Edwin	05	03	1877	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street with furious driving of a horse and cart in High Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users.	1877/011
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	05	03	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with being drunk and disorderly in High Street and Broad Street. The offence took place on 17 February.	1877/012
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	05	03	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. The offence took place on 26 February.	1877/013
Adams	John	Ball	Alfred	05	03	1877	Removal of goods levied under County Court process	Op	John Adams was effectively a bailiff entitled to seize goods from Alfred Ball of St John Street under the jurisdiction of a county court order. Adams complained that Ball had removed a horse and harness that had been seized under this county court order. Ball's alleged offence took place on 2 March.	1877/014
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	John	05	03	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Baker of St Thomas Street with being drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner in St Cuthbert Street, Union Street and the Market Place. Baker was fined 33/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/015
Tayler	Henry	Hippisley Stokes	William Edric	08	03	1877	Cruelty to an ass	C	Henry Tayler was an inspector for the RSPCA from Yeovil. He claimed that William Hippisley and Edric Stokes had tied a string round the penis of an ass and tortured the animal. He summoned John Oxley of St Cuthbert Street and Charles Masters of Priory Road to give evidence on his behalf. Both defendants were apparently found guilty and had to pay 9/6d each in costs/fines.	1877/016

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Swayne	John	Cornish	Richard	09	03	1877	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Swayne (acting police serjeant) accused Richard Cornish of Southover of causing an obstruction in High Street by leaving a waggon and 2 horses in the street for over an hour, longer than was needed to load or unload the waggon.	1877/017
Clark	Catherine	Bailey	Sarah	15	03	1877	Assault	A	Catherine Clark, wife of Charles Clark, a chimney sweep, claimed that she had been assaulted by Sarah Bailey, the wife of James Bailey, a pedlar, late of Wells. Clark claimed that Bailey had struck her in the face with her fist.	1877/018
Salisbury	Thomas	Chamberlaine	Charles Edwin James Cook	22	03	1877	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Thomas Salisbury, the manager of Hillier & Hillier, brush manufacturers, claimed that Charles Chamberlaine who was apprenticed to the firm, had absented himself from work without consent and, as a result, the firm had incurred a loss of 1/-. He requested that Chamberlaine compensate the firm for this loss.	1877/019
Andow	Dina	Andow	John	24	03	1877	Assault	A	Dina Andow complained that her husband, John Andow, had returned home drunk and had struck both her and one of her children. She asked for a warrant to be issued for her husband's arrest because she feared that he would do her bodily injury. John Andow was bound over in the sum of £20 of his own money to keep the peace, particularly towards his wife, for a period of 6 months.	1877/020
Justices		Various		31	03	1877	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard up to this time	1877/021
Serel	Thomas	Bown Vile	John George	31	03	1877	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Thomas Serel was one of the Overseers of the Poor. He claimed that the two defendants, John Bown and George Vile, both of Broad Street, had not paid the poor rate that was assessed on 8 November 1876. Bown owed 11/- and Vile 9/- and each would be surcharged a further 2/- for their failure to pay the rate on time.	1877/022
Price	James	Stevens	John	04	04	1877	Assault	A	James Price of St Thomas Street claimed that John Stevens of Southover had assaulted him by striking him in the neck.	1877/023
Edwards	George	Stevens	John	04	04	1877	Assault	A	George Edwards of St Thomas Street claimed that John Stevens of Southover had assaulted him by striking him in the head with his fist.	1877/024

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Jerrard	John	Brooks	Walter	05	04	1877	Failure to whitewash slaughterhouse	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He claimed that he had served notice on Walter Brooks that, in accordance with a local bye-law, the slaughterhouse in High Street occupied by Brooks needed to be whitewashed. The whitewashing had not been carried out.	1877/025
Hawkins	Charles	Gardiner	Harriet	05	04	1877	Theft of dress materials	T	Charles Hawkins was the landlord of The Full Moon in Southover. He claimed that his wife, Sarah Jane, had commissioned Harriet Gardiner, then of St Cuthbert Street, to make her two dresses and had supplied the necessary materials and trimmings. Gardiner had not delivered the dresses nor returned the materials and had apparently left Wells. Hawkins claimed that he had seen some of the articles given to Gardiner in the shop of Hellier, the pawnbroker, and requested that a warrant be issued for Gardiner's arrest.	1877/026
Edwards	George	Sharland	Mary	07	04	1877	Assault	A	George Edwards, a labourer of St Thomas Street, complained that Mary Sharland, wife of John Sharland, had threatened him with assault and physical violence. He requested that she be bound over to keep the peace.	1877/027
Hillier Hillier	James Henry	Chamberlaine	Charles Edwin James Cook	09	04	1877	Sureties for performance of duties as apprentice	Su	James and Henry Hillier, brush manufacturers, accepted that Charles Chamberlaine could continue as an apprentice on the payment of £10 by his father, James Chamberlaine, a resident of Southover. In return Chamberlaine was ordered to perform his duties as an apprentice. If he should fail in these duties, the Hilliers could issue distress proceedings against his father to recover the sum of £10, and if such proceedings were not successful, then the apprentice himself could go to prison. See also case 1877/019.	1877/027a
Bendall	Elizabeth	Crandon	James	01	05	1877	Assault	A	Elizabeth Bendall claimed that James Crandon, a butcher of St Thomas Street, had assaulted her and hit her in the face with his fist. Crandon was fined 5/- with costs of 14/-.	1877/028
Curtis	Francis	Crandon	James	01	05	1877	Assault	A	Francis Curtis of Tor Street complained that James Crandon, a butcher of St Thomas Street, had assaulted him and struck him in the forehead with his fist. Crandon admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/029

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Jerrard	John	Hembry	Frederick R	09	05	1877	Evading payment of full toll	N	John Jerrard was the collector of tolls for Wells. Frederick Hembry of Wedmore was responsible for a number of sheep that were being put up for sale at the cattle market. Hembry stated that there were 20 sheep when, in fact, there were 22. Hembry's number would have attracted a lower toll payment. The case was noted as 'settled'.	1877/030
Jerrard	John	Criddle	John	09	05	1877	Exposing goods for sale but not in market	N	John Jerrard was the collector of tolls for Wells. John Criddle (shown on the case header as Chiddle) was a trader from Ashburton in Devon residing at the Sun Inn. Criddle was offering pictures for sale in High Street, a location not licensed for market trading. When Jerrard asked him to pay the toll due of 1/-, Criddle refused. Criddle summoned George Evans of Chamberlain Street to testify on his behalf, but was required to pay the toll of 1/- plus costs of 8/6d.	1877/031
Tucker	Mary	Morgan	Mary	12	05	1877	Assault	A	Mary Tucker, wife of George Tucker of Portway, a horse breaker, claimed that Mary Morgan, wife of James Morgan, a labourer, had verbally threatened her with murder on two successive days. She feared that Morgan would do her bodily injury.	1877/032
Moor	Albert	Venn	Edward	21	05	1877	Theft	T	Albert Moor claimed that Edward Venn had stolen items from him (there is no information as to what may have been stolen). Venn, a railway porter, had apparently left Wells but had been remanded in custody on a charge of larceny. Police serjeant Vowles summoned George Venn, a labourer from Westbury, and his son, Tom Venn, to give evidence on behalf of the prosecution.	1877/033
Davis	George	Isgrove	Thomas	21	05	1877	Assault	A	George Davis, labourer, claimed that Thomas Isgrove, also described as a labourer, had assaulted him by throwing gravel over him and then striking him with his fist. The case was settled without a hearing.	1877/034
Hart	Caroline	Stokes	Henry	25	05	1877	Bastardy	B	Caroline Hart of Union Street had given birth to a child out of wedlock and she claimed that Henry Stokes, also of Union Street, was the child's father.	1877/035

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Hewlett	Elizabeth	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	26	05	1877	Assault	A	Elizabeth Hewlett (shown on some documents under this name, on others as Sarah) claimed that Elizabeth Francis had assaulted her 6-year old son Walter by picking him up and dunking him in the river. The child had been extremely frightened by the experience and had not been well since. Hewlett called Charles Clark, a chimney sweep, to support her case, while Francis, wife of George Francis of Southover, called Eliza Trim of Southover and Joseph Eyles, a brushmaker also of Southover, to testify on her behalf.	1877/036
Criddle	John	Jerrard	John	29	05	1877	Assault	A	John Criddle, a trader from Ashburton, claimed that John Jerrard, the collector of tolls for Wells, had manhandled him and attempted to take two pictures from his grasp, before then putting him in custody (see case 1877/031). The case was withdrawn.	1877/037
Jerrard	John	Criddle	John	29	05	1877	Assault	A	John Jerrard, the collector of tolls for Wells, issued a counterclaim against John Criddle from Ashburton, claiming that Criddle had assaulted him (see case 1877/037). This case was also withdrawn.	1877/038
Coombs	Ann	Miller	Jane	31	05	1877	Assault	A	Ann Coombs, wife of George Coombs of Union Street, complained that Jane Miller, also of Union Street, had attempted to strike her. Miller seems to have been required to pay 5/6d. There is some confusion in the documents as to whether George Coombs or his wife, Ann, was the plaintiff.	1877/039
Miller	Jane	Coombs	George	31	05	1877	Assault	A	Jane Miller, wife of John Miller of Union Street, claimed that she had been assaulted by George Coombs, a baker, also resident in Union Street. Coombs had allegedly struck her with his fist and knocked her down. Coombs seems to have been fined 8/- with a penalty of 3/- and costs of 9/-, a total of £1.	1877/040
Vowles	Joseph	Bowell	Sidman	31	05	1877	Allowing horse to stray on highway	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Sidman Bowell of Southover with being the owner of a horse that he had allowed to stray and was found loose in St Andrew Street. Bowell was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/041

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Vowles	Joseph	Cornish	Richard	31	05	1877	Allowing horse to stray on highway	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Richard Cornish of Southover with being the owner of a horse that he had allowed to stray and was found loose in New Street. Cornish was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d.	1877/042
Vowles	Joseph	Lambert	Thomas	07	06	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Thomas Lambert of St John Street with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. Lambert was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/043
Vowles	Joseph	Cornish	Richard	08	06	1877	Allowing horses to stray on highway	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Richard Cornish of Southover with being the owner of two horses found to be straying on the Bristol Road. Cornish was fined 2/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/044
Hart	Caroline	Stokes	Henry	12	06	1877	Bastardy	B	See case 1877/035. This appears to be a duplicate case in terms of the form, although with one date crossed out and another inserted. In addition, there is a letter from Caroline Hart to J W Foster, the town clerk, advising him that she could not be in court for the hearing and therefore her name need not be read out. She was writing from an address at 54 Milk Street in Bath.	1877/045
Justices		Various		12	06	1877	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard up to this date.	1877/046
Fry	Francis	Court	James	30	06	1877	Non-completion of contract	Nc	Francis Fry of Cathedral Green agreed a contract with James Court of Easton, labourer, stipulating that Court would cut or mow 2 fields of grass amounting to 11 - 12 acres in return for payment of 4/- and 1 gallon of beer per acre. Fry claimed that Court mowed one of the fields and refused to carry out the work on the other. He claimed damages not exceeding £10. James Court summoned Samuel Hull of the Cheddar Valley Railway Station to testify on his behalf. Judgement was awarded in favour of Fry with Court being required to pay the sum of £1 with costs of 11/6d.	1877/047
White	James	Hatcher	Alfred	03	07	1877	Pound breach	Op	James White claimed that he had found a horse that was being pastured without his consent on land that he occupied. He had impounded the horse and taken it to the common pound from which Alfred Hatcher of Southover had then illegally released it. White summoned Thomas Russell of Southover to testify on his behalf. Hatcher was fined £1 with costs of 15/-.	1877/048

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Justices		Various		09	07	1877	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for the period up to 9 July.	1877/049
Ball	Alfred	Francis	Charles	16	07	1877	Assault	A	Alfred Ball, a haulier of St John Street, complained that Charles Francis, a haulier resident in Southover, had assaulted him and challenged him to fight. Ball summoned James Hutton of High Street to testify on his behalf.	1877/050
Tate	James	Lambert Chamberlain	Aaron Edward	19	07	1877	Wilful damage	Wd	James Tate of South Street complained that Aaron Lambert of St John Street and Edward Chamberlain of South Street, both described as boys, had wilfully damaged apples growing in his garden. The value of the apples destroyed was put at £1. The case was described as settled.	1877/051
Dyke	Edward	Moore Parfitt	Charles John	20	07	1877	Assault	A	Edward Dyke of Southover claimed that he had been assaulted at St Thomas' School by Charles Moore of St Thomas Street and John Parfitt who had painted his face. The case was settled without a hearing.	1877/052
Tripp	William	Trim Green	Henry Henry	23	07	1877	Theft of apples	T	William Tripp claimed that Henry Trim and Henry Green, both of Southover, had stolen apples from his orchard to the value of 1/-. The case was settled without a hearing.	1877/053
Vowles	Joseph	Brindley Brindley	James Elizabeth	01	08	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Brindley and Elizabeth Brindley, husband and wife, with being drunk and disorderly in Boulton's Close, St Thomas Street.	1877/054
Vowles	Joseph	Cox	Ann	01	08	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Ann Cox, wife of George Cox of St Cuthbert Street, with being drunk and disorderly in that street. Ann Cox was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/055
Perry	Tryphena	Rolls	Melbourn	06	08	1877	Theft of bread	T	Tryphena Perry was the wife of George Perry and kept a bakery shop. Melbourn Rolls of Southover had been in the habit of coming in to obtain bread for his employer, Joseph Boyce of Cherry Orchard. When Rolls asked for a loaf and said that it was for Mr Boyce, it was given to him. Tryphena Perry later found out that Boyce had given no authority for Rolls to obtain bread on his behalf, so Rolls had been acting on false pretences. The value of the loaf was 7d.	1877/056
Ashton	Maria	Wilton	James	07	08	1877	Assault	A	Maria Ashton, wife of James(?) Ashton, a plasterer, complained that she had been assaulted by James Wilton of Queen Street and struck a severe blow on the ear.	1877/057

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Taylor	Henry	Carver	Ann	08	08	1877	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Vowles brought a case on behalf of Henry Taylor, an inspector for the RSPCA. He charged Ann Carver of Westbury with cruelty to a horse by working it when it was clearly unfit to do so.	1877/058
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	09	08	1877	Obstruction of the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with obstructing the highway by leaving his cart in Market Street. Ball was required to pay costs of 7/-.	1877/059
Vowles	Joseph	Price Trollope	William Giles	09	08	1877	Obstruction of the footpath	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Price and Giles Trollope, both of St Thomas Street, with wilfully obstructing a public crossing and footpath in St Thomas Street.	1877/060
Perren	Joseph	Duck	John	11	08	1877	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Joseph Perren, a builder, claimed that John Duck had been apprenticed to him as a carpenter. However, in May 1877, he had absconded and not returned to Perren's employ. Perren requested that a warrant be issued for Duck's arrest.	1877/061
Justices		Various		13	08	1877	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard up to this date.	1877/062
Sparrow	Sarah	Hardwick	Elizabeth	21	08	1877	Theft of apples	T	Sarah Sparrow, the wife of John Barnard Sparrow, accused Elizabeth Hardwick of West Street of stealing apples from her husband's rented garden in Princess Road. She claimed that Hardwick had taken 12 apples worth 3d and had been stopped by John Slater, an employee of the Sparrows, who had taken the apples from her. The case was settled without a hearing.	1877/063
Sparrow	Sarah	Hardwick	Elizabeth	22	08	1877	Theft of potatoes	T	Sarah Sparrow, the wife of John Barnard Sparrow, accused Elizabeth Hardwick of West Street of stealing potatoes from her husband's rented garden in Princess Road. She claimed that Hardwick had dug up potatoes worth 3d.	1877/064
Passant	James	Boulton	Mary	25	08	1877	Unlicensed dog	DI	James Passant, an excise officer, claimed that Mary Boulton owned two dogs, but only held a license for one. Boulton appears to have been fined £1.5s.0d with costs of 10/6d.	1877/065

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Sweet	Mary	Sweet	Thomas	29	08	1877	Assault	A	Mary Sweet of St John Street claimed that her husband, Thomas Sweet, butcher, came home drunk and assaulted her violently. He was only prevented from striking her more blows by the intervention of Mrs Millard. Mary Sweet requested that an arrest warrant should be issued for her husband because she was fearful of sustaining bodily harm in her own home. Thomas Sweet was bound over to keep the peace, particularly towards his wife, Mary, for six months. He was required to put forward a surety of £10, together with a further surety, also of £10, from John Sweet.	1877/066
Taylor	Henry	Ball	Alfred	30	08	1877	Cruelty to animals	C	Henry Taylor, inspector for the RSPCA, accused Alfred Ball of St John Street of ill-treating two ducks. Taylor summoned John Charles of Broad Street, Albert Moore of High Street and Frederick Andrews, a general dealer from Glastonbury, to give evidence in support of his case. Ball was fined 15/6d with costs of £1.4s.6d.	1877/067
Justices		Various		31	08	1877	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard up to this date.	1877/068
Vowles	Joseph	Taylor	Edward	01	09	1877	Obstruction of the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edward Taylor of Walton with wilfully obstructing the highway in Queen Street with a horse and wagon. Taylor was fined 2/6d with costs of 11/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1877/069
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	Mary	01	09	1877	Drunkenness	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Mary Allen, wife of Thomas Allen of Tucker Street, with being drunk in Tucker Street. She was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1877/070
Sweet	Louisa	Pearce	Henry	04	09	1877	Verbal assault with threats of violence	A	Louisa Sweet of Green's Place, Southover claimed that Henry Pearce of Southover had threatened her with physical violence. The case was settled without a hearing.	1877/071
Barnard	George	Pearce	Henry	05	09	1877	Assault	A	George Barnard of Green's Place, Southover claimed that Henry Pearce of Southover had assaulted him and knocked him down with his fists. The case was settled without a hearing.	1877/072

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Maidment	Phillis	Maidment	John	08	09	1877	Assault	A	Phillis Maidment of South Street claimed that her husband, John Maidment, a blacksmith, had beaten her with his fists and threatened further physical violence if she did not bring back her rings (presumably pawned?). John Maidment was bound over to keep the peace, particularly towards his wife, Phillis, for six months. He was required to put forward one surety of £20 of his own money and two further sureties, each of £10 from Henry Pearce of Southover, labourer, and William Crandon of Market Street, butcher.	1877/073
Brampton	James	Sheppard	Charles	15	09	1877	Failure to fulfil contract	Nc	James Brampton, a wheelwright residing in Mill Lane, claimed that he had entered into a contract with Charles Sheppard, a blacksmith from Chewton Mendip, whereby Sheppard would be employed as a blacksmith at the rate of 21/- per week beginning on 10 September 1877. Sheppard had not turned up to fulfil his part of the contract and Brampton claimed that he had suffered losses not exceeding £10. Sheppard was instructed to pay damages of £1 and costs of 9/6d.	1877/074
Bisgood	John	Rodgers	Henry James	25	09	1877	Substandard food & drugs	Wm	John Bisgood was inspector under the sale of food and drugs act. He charged Henry James Rodgers, an innkeeper in the Market Place, with selling a pint of gin to police serjeant Joseph Vowles that was not of the nature, substance and quality required. Rodgers was fined 10/- with costs of £1.2s.6d.	1877/075
Bisgood	John	Davis	Henry	25	09	1877	Substandard food & drugs	Wm	John Bisgood was inspector under the sale of food and drugs act. He charged Henry Davis, an innkeeper in St Thomas Street, with selling a pint of gin to police serjeant Joseph Vowles that was not of the nature, substance and quality required. Davis was fined £2 with costs of £1.2s.6d.	1877/076
Showering	Mary	Porter	Thomas	29	09	1877	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Mary Showering, wife of John Showering of Silver Street, complained that Thomas Porter, also of Silver Street, had used profane and abusive language in the street. In addition, he had verbally threatened physical violence to Mrs Showering.	1877/077

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Showering	Mary	Porter	Thomas	01	10	1877	Wilful damage	Wd	Mary Showering complained that Thomas Porter had maliciously broken 13 panes of glass in the window of her husband's house. He had also issued further verbal threats against her involving physical violence. She requested that a warrant for Porter's arrest should be issued.	1877/078
Vowles	Joseph	Brindley	Elizabeth	03	10	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Elizabeth Brindley, wife of Thomas Brindley of St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly in that street. Costs of the case appear to have been 10/6d, presumably to be borne by the defendant.	1877/079
Vowles	Joseph	Walters	Silas	03	10	1877	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Vowles charged Silas Walters, a beerhouse keeper in Southover, with using profane and obscene language in Southover. Walters was fined 5/- with costs of 13/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1877/080
Francis	John	Bennett jnr	James	04	10	1877	Pound breach	Op	John Francis of Southover claimed that he had found a horse that was being pastured without his consent on land that he occupied. He had impounded the horse and taken it to the common pound from which James Bennett the younger of Burcott had then illegally released it.	1877/081
Francis	John	Francis	Robert	04	10	1877	Pound breach	Op	John Francis of Southover claimed that he had found a horse that was being pastured without his consent on land that he occupied. He had impounded the horse and taken it to the common pound from which Robert Francis of Coxley had then illegally released it.	1877/082
Francis	John	Francis	Eli	04	10	1877	Pound breach	Op	John Francis of Southover claimed that he had found a horse that was being pastured without his consent on land that he occupied. He had impounded the horse and taken it to the common pound from which Eli Francis of Coxley had then illegally released it.	1877/083
Jerrard	John	Lewis	Charles	05	10	1877	Failure to whitewash slaughterhouse	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He claimed that he had served notice on Charles Lewis that, in accordance with a local bye-law, the slaughterhouse in High Street occupied by Lewis needed to be whitewashed. The whitewashing had not been carried out. Lewis was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1877/084

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Jerrard	John	Barnard	Charles	05	10	1877	Failure to whitewash slaughterhouse	E	Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He claimed that he had served notice on Barnard that, in accordance with a local bye-law, the slaughterhouse in High Street occupied by Barnard needed to be whitewashed. The whitewashing had not been carried out. Barnard admitted his failure to carry out the work and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1877/085
Jerrard	John	Parker	Jonas	05	10	1877	Failure to whitewash slaughterhouse	E	John Jerrard was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He claimed that he had served notice on Jonas Parker that, in accordance with a local bye-law, the slaughterhouse in High Street occupied by Parker needed to be whitewashed. The whitewashing had not been carried out. Parker admitted his failure to carry out the work and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1877/086
Justices		Various		08	10	1877	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs of cases heard to this date	1877/087
Nancarrow	George Bennett	Bennett	James	08	10	1877	Theft of paper	T	George Bennett Nancarrow was a clerk in Burgess & Co's paper mills. He stated that 62 bundles of paper were sent to a Mr James Lipton, using the waggons of John Francis to move the paper to the Somerset & Dorset railway station. Lipton claimed that he had only received 60 bundles. Nancarrow stated that he had received information that the missing bundles may be found in or about the house of James Bennett of Burcott Lane. He requested that a search warrant for these premises should be issued.	1877/088
Vowles	Joseph	Watts	John	30	10	1877	Drunk in charge of horse and cart	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Watts, a fishmonger from Shepton Mallet, with driving a horse and cart along Tor Street while in a state of drunkenness. Watts admitted the offence and was required to pay 9/-.	1877/089
Bisgood	John	Higgins	Henry	30	10	1877	Substandard food & drugs	Wm	John Bisgood was inspector under the sale of food and drugs act. He charged Henry Higgins, a shopman to the Wells & Wookey Cooperative Society in High Street, with selling a quarter pound of arrowroot to police serjeant Joseph Vowles that was not of the nature, substance and quality required. Analysis showed that it was adulterated with 50% cassava starch. Higgins admitted the offence and was fined £2 with costs of £1.6s.0d.	1877/090

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Vowles	Joseph	Francis	George	30	10	1877	Obstruction of the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged George Francis of Southover with obstructing the highway in Portway by wilfully leaving a waggon parked there. Francis admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/091
Vowles	Joseph	Warman Davis	Elizabeth Ann Jane	31	10	1877	Manslaughter	Ms	Police serjeant Vowles charged Elizabeth Ann Warman with manslaughter and Jane Davis with being an accessory before the fact. Warman was admitted to the Wells Union workhouse in August 1877 and was delivered of a healthy baby boy soon afterwards. After a short time she was discharged from the workhouse at her own request and apparently went to live with her sister, Jane Davis. Davis had four children of her own and her husband was in prison, so she was having difficulty maintaining them, even without the burden of her sister and child. Warman claimed that she had not enough milk to feed her child and eventually had to return to the workhouse where the staff were astonished at how emaciated and neglected the baby, George Albert, had become. The baby died soon after the return to the workhouse and charges were brought against his mother and aunt. Witness testimony was supplied by Joseph Hall, master of the workhouse; Martha Harper, a nurse; William Hatcher, the relieving officer; Mary Ann Boyce, the next door neighbour of Jane Davis in St Cuthbert Street; John Wiseman, a member of the Vicars Choral; Henry William Livett, a surgeon.	1877/092
Justices		Rolls	Melbourn	31	10	1877	Statement of costs	*	This is an undated statement of costs and shows that Melbourn Rolls had paid 14/10d. It is not clear what the complaint was or who might have raised it. Rolls was involved in an earlier case, 1877/056. but it is not clear if there is a connection to it.	1877/093
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Edwin	08	11	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in Broad Street. Ball admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/094
Justices		Various		08	11	1877	Notes on petty sessions cases	*	Notes on cases heard up to this point, e.g. Watts, Higgins, Francis and Ball as defendants	1877/095

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Justices		Taylor	Charles Wiliam	08	11	1877	Certificate of expenses	*	Certificate of expenses for costs incurred in prosecuting Charles William Taylor for a misdemeanour.	1877/096
Vowles	Joseph	Stevens	John	08	11	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Stevens of South Street with being drunk and disorderly in Broad Street. Stevens was fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d.	1877/097
Middle	James	Payne	John	19	11	1877	Assault	A	James Middle of Priddy claimed that John Payne, a labourer, also from Priddy, had knocked him down with his fist. He called Sylvester Brock of Priddy, a mason, to testify on his behalf. The case was settled without a hearing.	1877/098
Vowles	Harry Joseph	Moore	Albert	27	11	1877	Sureties for the peace	Su	Harry Joseph Vowles, a butcher, claimed that Albert Moore, a fishmonger, had abused him and used extremely threatening language to him on more than one occasion. He feared that Moore would do him bodily injury and requested that Moore be bound over to keep the peace by being required to put forward sureties to this effect. Moore summoned Harry White of High Street and William Hawkins of South Street to give evidence on his behalf.	1877/099
Hopkins	Sarah Godsell	Francis	Charles	03	12	1877	Bastardy	B	Sarah Godsell Hopkins, a single woman residing in Southover, claimed that the father of her bastard child born in October 1877 was Charles Francis who lived in Union Street. Hopkins summoned Maria Ashton of Southover, wife of James Ashton, to give evidence on her behalf, while Francis called Alfred Bowell, a carpenter of Broad Street, to be his witness. The magistrates determined that Francis was the putative father of the male child and ordered him to pay 2/6d per week to Hopkins until the child reached the age of 13. In addition, he was required to pay £1.14s.0d for the costs of obtaining the bastardy order and £1.1s.0d for the services of the midwife.	1877/100
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	James	05	12	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Allen with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. The case was adjourned to January 1878.	1877/101

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Vowles	Joseph	Allwood	Ann	05	12	1877	Taking in too many lodgers	XL	Police serjeant Vowles charged Ann Allwood, the keeper of a common lodging house in Southover, with taking in more lodgers than she was permitted by the regulations. The limit on her lodging house was 22 and she had taken in 40. Allwood was fined £1 with costs of 7/-.	1877/102
Vowles	Joseph	Jones	Alfred	05	12	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Jones of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in that street.	1877/103
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	James	05	12	1877	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Allen with refusing to leave The White Hart when requested to do so by the licensee, John Willcox Knight. The alleged offence occurred on a different date from case 1877/101. Allen was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1877/104
Vowles	Joseph	Harris	Frank Ernest	05	12	1877	Discharge of firearm in a public place	Fm	Police serjeant Vowles charged Frank Ernest Harris with discharging a cannon in a public place near the Palace Moat.	1877/105
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	William	05	12	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Allen of Tor Street with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. Allen was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/106
Vowles	Joseph	Foote	Thomas	05	12	1877	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Thomas Foote of South Street with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place and High Street. Foote was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/107
Toomer	John Henry	Moore	Albert	07	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that Albert Moore of High Street was failing to ensure that his son, Thomas, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis.	1877/108
Justices		Various		10	12	1877	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard up to this date.	1877/109
Toomer	John Henry	Hawkins jnr	James	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that James Hawkins the younger of St Thomas Street was failing to ensure that his daughter, Sarah, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Hawkins was fined 5/- which appears to have been paid eventually.	1877/110
Toomer	John Henry	Shears	John	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that John Shears of St Cuthbert Street was failing to ensure that his daughter, Annie, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Shears was fined 5/-.	1877/111

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Toomer	John Henry	Walters	Silas	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that Silas Walters of Southover was failing to ensure that his daughter, Lucy, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Walters was fined 5/-.	1877/112
Toomer	John Henry	Oxley	James	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that James Oxley of St Cuthbert Street was failing to ensure that his daughter, Elizabeth, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Oxley was fined 5/- but the sum was recorded as not being paid.	1871/113
Toomer	John Henry	Turner	James	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that James Turner of Morgan's Court, St Thomas Street was failing to ensure that his daughter, Anna Maria, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Turner was fined 5/- and paid 2/6d on account.	1877/114
Toomer	John Henry	Miller	John	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that John Miller of Union Street was failing to ensure that his son, Albert, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Miller was fined 5/-.	1877/115
Toomer	John Henry	Dingle	William	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that William Dingle of St Cuthbert Street was failing to ensure that his daughter, Emma Eliza, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. The case was dismissed.	1877/116
Toomer	John Henry	Moore	Albert	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that Albert Moore of High Street was failing to ensure that his son, Thomas, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Moore was fined 5/-. Note: this appears to be a duplicate of case 1877/108	1877/117

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Toomer	John Henry	Perry	Walter	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that Walter Perry of South Street was failing to ensure that his ward, Agnes Oldfield, a child aged between 5 and 13, and for whom he was acting as guardian, was attending school on a regular basis. Perry was fined 5/-, but the sum was recorded as not being paid.	1877/118
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	George	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that George Francis of Southover was failing to ensure that his son, Alfred, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Francis was fined 5/-.	1877/119
Toomer	John Henry	Comeley	Thomas	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that Thomas Comeley of St Thomas Street was failing to ensure that his ward, Thomas Pike, a child aged between 5 and 13, and for whom he was acting as guardian, was attending school on a regular basis. Comeley was fined 5/-.	1877/120
Toomer	John Henry	Maul	Edwin	11	12	1877	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, a member of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that Edwin Maul of High Street was failing to ensure that his daughter, Alice, a child aged between 5 and 13, was attending school on a regular basis. Maul was fined 5/-.	1877/121
Justices		Various		17	12	1877	List of fines	*	List of fines levied under the Elementary Education Act of 1876; see cases 1877/110 - 1877/121 inclusive.	1877/122
Wilton	John	Standard	Thomas	27	12	1877	Assault	A	John Wilton of Queen Street complained that Thomas Standard of St Thomas Street had struck him in the eye with his fist. Standard appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1877/123

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Vowles	Joseph	Phipps	James	08	01	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Phipps of Southover with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street on Christmas Day 1877. Phipps was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1878/001
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Coles	George Frederick	Standard	Thomas	08	01	1878	Assault	A	George Frederick Coles of The King's Head Inn in High Street claimed that Thomas Standard had assaulted him on 26 December 1877. See also case 1878/005. The case against Standard was dismissed.	1878/002
Coles	George Frederick	Collins	John	08	01	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	George Frederick Coles, the licensee of The King's Head Inn in High Street, complained that John Collins, a gardener resident in Tucker Street, had refused to leave the premises when Coles requested him to go, thus breaching the terms of the Licensing Act. Collins was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1878/003
Bisgood	John	Davis	Henry	08	01	1878	Refusal to sell product for analysis	Wm	John Bisgood was an inspector under the sale of food and drugs act. Police serjeant Vowles tried to buy a pint of gin in The Fountain Inn so that it could be analysed. He offered to pay the required price of 2/6d, but the landlord, Henry Davis, refused to sell it to him. Davis was fined £5 with costs of 9/-.	1878/004
Vowles	Joseph	Standard	Thomas	08	01	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Thomas Standard of St Cuthbert Street with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. See also case 1878/002. Standard was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1878/005
Vowles	Joseph	Price	James	08	01	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Price of St Thomas Street with an offence against the Licensing Act by refusing to leave The Goat Inn in St Thomas Street when requested to do so by PC Tomlinson. Maria Louisa Raines of St Thomas Street was summoned as a witness for the plaintiff. Price was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/6d.	1878/006
Vowles	Joseph	Bennett	William	08	01	1878	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Bennett, a coal haulier, with being in charge of a horse and cart in Portway, but not being in a position to control the movement of either, as he was too far away from the horse. Bennett was required to pay costs of 6/6d.	1878/007
Vowles	Joseph	Burlton	John	08	01	1878	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Burlton of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert with obstructing the highway in Broad Street by the wilful and negligent parking of a cart. Burlton was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1878/008

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Vowles	Joseph	Pearce	Henry	08	01	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Henry Pearce of Southover with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street on Christmas Day. Pearce was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1878/009
Justices		Various		14	01	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs of cases heard up to this point.	1878/010
Cox	George Henry	Davis	William	18	01	1878	Theft of jacket	T	George Henry Cox was a wheelwright who lodged at the house of Thomas Ball. Recently, William Davis had also come to lodge at the same house and shared a room with Cox and another man. Cox had left for work early one morning and when he returned at lunchtime Davis had gone and so had Cox's reefer jacket that was hung on a peg on the bedroom wall. Cox later established that a man called Webb had bought the jacket from Davis. Cox requested that an arrest warrant be issued for Davis.	1878/011
Stokes	Charlotte	Francis	Charles	29	01	1878	Wilful damage	Wd	Charlotte Stokes, wife of Henry Stokes of Union Street, complained that Charles Francis, a haulier from Southover, had come into her husband's house and, using foul and abusive language, had deliberately broken a decanter, 2 tumblers, a settle, a lamp and a trivet. The value of the damaged goods was at least 10/-. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/012
Vowles	Joseph	Cornish	John	06	02	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Cornish of Southover with being drunk and disorderly in that street at 1.00am. Cornish admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1878/013
Justices		Various		11	02	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs of cases heard up to this point.	1878/014
Brock	Edwin	Lewis	Ann Matilda	11	02	1878	Wilful damage	Wd	Edwin Brock of Back Lane, mason, complained that Ann Lewis, wife of Robert Lewis, licensee of The New Inn, had deliberately spoiled a piece of bread and 3 baked faggots by throwing them into the fireplace (presumably Brock was attempting to eat them at the time). The value of the items spoiled was estimated at 5d.	1878/015
Lewis	Robert	Brock	Edwin	13	02	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Robert Lewis, the licensee of The New Inn, claimed that Brock, a mason from Back Lane, was quarrelsome and disorderly and refused to leave the premises when requested to do so by Lewis. Lewis summoned William Burr, a carter from Gurney Slade, to give evidence in his support.	1878/016

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Alloway esq.	Robert Marmaduke	Hancock	Thomas	16	02	1878	Throwing stones	It	Robert Marmaduke Alloway of Chamberlain Street complained that Hancock, a labourer of Bath Road, had been throwing stones at people in Union Street.	1878/017
Loxton	Joseph	Boyce	John	25	02	1878	Assault	A	Joseph Loxton of South Street, labourer, complained that John Boyce, a labourer from St Thomas Street, had assaulted him and struck him in the mouth with his fist.	1878/018
Vowles	Joseph	Puddy Puddy	George Henry	02	03	1878	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Vowles charged George Puddy of Blackford and Henry Puddy of Crickham with ill-treating cows in Wedmore and at the cattle market in Wells. Vowles summoned James Dix, a farmer from Westbury, to testify for the prosecution. George Puddy was fined £2 with costs of 9/-, while Henry Puddy was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1878/019
Vowles	Joseph	Bishop	Harriett	07	03	1878	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Harriett Bishop, wife of James Bishop of The Miners Arms, Chewton Mendip, with furious driving of a horse and trap along New Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Bishop admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1878/020
Vowles	Joseph	Hanney	Edward	08	03	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edward Hanney of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Hanney was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- or to spend 14 days in prison.	1878/021
Vowles	Joseph	Cardwell	William	08	03	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Cardwell of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly. Cardwell was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1878/022
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	08	03	1878	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with obstructing the highway in that street by wilful and negligent parking of a cart. Ball was fined 10/- with costs of 9/6d.	1878/023
Justices		Various		11	03	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs of cases heard up to this point.	1878/024
Toomer	John Henry	Various		13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer was a member of the School Attendance Board and was attempting to enforce the provisions of the Education Act of 1876. The name of the father / guardian being prosecuted for not sending a child in their care to school is shown as the defendant. Their address and the name of the child involved is given in the 'Notes' column together with information related to the outcome of the case.	1878/025

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Toomer	John Henry	Chalker	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St. Thomas Street, Amelia Chalker, aged 11. William Chalker was fined 5/-.	1878/025a
Toomer	John Henry	George	James	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	No 24, St Thomas Street, Ann George, aged 10. The prosecution appears to have been withdrawn.	1878/025b
Toomer	John Henry	Dingle	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street. William Dingle, aged 8. The case was withdrawn on 8 April.	1878/025c
Toomer	John Henry	Loxton	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Henry James Loxton, aged 8. The entry is deleted, so the prosecution is assumed to be withdrawn.	1878/025d
Toomer	John Henry	Hawkins	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	No 9 South Street, Harriett Hawkins, aged 12. The case was adjourned until 8 April when it was withdrawn.	1878/025e
Toomer	John Henry	Andow	John	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	No 23 South Street, Emma Andow, aged 11. John Andow was fined 5/-.	1878/024f
Toomer	John Henry	White	Albert	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	No 15 St Thomas Street, Samuel Roland Parker, aged 8. Albert White, assumed to be the child's guardian, was fined 5/-.	1878/025g
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Morgan's Court, St Thomas Street, George Drew, aged 9. William Drew admitted the offence but the prosecution was withdrawn.	1878/025h
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Morgan's Court, St Thomas Street, Charles Drew, aged 12. William Drew admitted the offence and was fined 5/-.	1878/025i
Toomer	John Henry	Bartlett	George	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	No 22 St Cuthbert Street, Mary Ann Bartlett, aged 12. George Bartlett was fined 5/-.	1878/025j
Toomer	John Henry	Marsh	John	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	No 7 St Cuthbert Street, Frances Mary Marsh, aged 11. John Marsh admitted the offence and was fined 5/-.	1878/025k
Toomer	John Henry	Fowler	Henry	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Tucker Street, Alice Fowler, aged 12. Henry Fowler was fined 5/-.	1878/025l
Toomer	John Henry	Hippisley	Samuel	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Dell's Court, St Thomas Street, Edward Hippisley, aged 12. Samuel Hippisley was fined 5/- and ordered to pay forthwith (most of the others were given a week in which to pay).	1878/025m
Toomer	John Henry	Burgoyne	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Morgan's Court, St Thomas Street, John Burgoyne, aged 11. The entry is deleted, so it is assumed that the prosecution was withdrawn. There is no case document to match case no 1878/025n.	1878/025n
Toomer	John Henry	Allen	John	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Miller's Gardens, St Thomas Street, Walter Allen, aged 12. John Allen admitted the offence and was fined 5/-.	1878/025o

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Toomer	John Henry	Stevens	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	No 44 Southover, Frederick Joseph Stevens, aged 12. The case was adjourned until 8 April when it was withdrawn.	1878/025p
Toomer	John Henry	Chamberlain	James	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	No 24 South Street, Edward Chamberlain, aged 12. James Chamberlain was fined 6d with costs of 4/6d.	1878/025q
Toomer	John Henry	Crandon	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Francis Crandon, aged 8. William Crandon was fined 5/-.	1878/025r
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	William	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	33 St Thomas Street, Ellen Francis, aged 9.	1878/025s
Toomer	John Henry	Bird	Edward	13	03	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Lane's Court, St Thomas Street, Elizabeth Bird, aged 12.	1878/025t
Vowles	Joseph	Sharland	John	28	03	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Sharland of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in that street. Vowles summoned Robert Lewis, the licensee of The New Inn, to provide supporting testimony. Sharland was fined 5/- with costs of 9/6d or to serve 7 days in prison.	1878/026
Vowles	Joseph	Cornish	John	28	03	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Cornish of Southover with refusing to leave The Railway Tavern in Southover when requested to do so by Vowles himself. It seems that Cornish's wife appeared at the hearing and admitted the offence on his behalf. Cornish was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1878/027
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	James	28	03	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Allen of Hayden in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. Allen was fined £1 with costs of 8/-.	1878/028
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	John	28	03	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Baker of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street. Baker was fined £1 with costs of 7/-.	1878/029
Vowles	Joseph	Dowling	Francis	28	03	1878	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Francis Dowling of South Street with being too far away from his horse and cart in High Street to control the movement of the animal and the cart which it was drawing. Dowling was required to pay the costs of the hearing which were set at 4/6d.	1878/030
Vowles	Joseph	Clements	Charles	28	03	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Charles Clements of Southover with being drunk and disorderly in the same street. Clements was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1878/031

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Justices		Various		08	04	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs of cases heard up to this point. Also includes details of transfers of alcohol licences as follows: - Goat Inn from Raines to Duckett - Mermaid from Marshall to Hoskins - Red Ox from Hutton to Hutton - Mitre from Hill to Rogers - Railway Tavern from Walters to Clarke	1878/032
George	Frederick Charles	Pocock	Joseph	25	04	1878	Absenteeism	Ab	Frederick Charles George was the licensee of the Swan Hotel and Joseph Pocock was an ostler at the hotel. Frederick George claimed that Pocock had left his work without consent and, as a result, he, George, had sustained damages not exceeding £10. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/033
George	Frederick Charles	Pocock	Joseph	25	04	1878	Drunkenness	D	Frederick Charles George was the licensee of the Swan Hotel and Joseph Pocock was an ostler at the hotel. Frederick George claimed that Pocock had been found drunk and incapable on the premises, and was not in condition to carry out his duties. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/034
Police		Weeks Stock	Thomas Joseph	05	05	1878	Rape	R	Ann Merrifield was a single woman of Welch's Green. She had been out in Wells until relatively late in the evening and was last in The Nag's Head in South Street. She claimed that she was sober when she left the inn and set off to walk home. She was overtaken by William House and his wife in the Bristol Road and walked with them towards Milton. From the turning towards Milton she was followed by several men who assaulted her just as she reached Milton Lodge. She asserted that she had been raped by at least two of the men in a two-hour ordeal during which she struggled violently to escape. Police serjeant Vowles stated that, on the basis of information he had received, he had good reason to believe that Thomas Weeks and Joseph Stock, both of Priddy, had been involved and requested a warrant for their arrest be issued.	1878/035

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Police		Weeks Stock	Thomas Joseph	06	05	1878	Memorandum of bail requirements	*	List of names of individuals to be bailed and their bondsmen for the case of the rape of Ann Merrifield (see 1878/035). There is also a list of potential witnesses in the case. Joseph Stock was bailed in the sum of £100, plus £50 each from James Brock of Priddy, foreman at the lead mines, Alfred Stock from Priddy, a labourer, and James Hale of Priddy, a farmer.	1878/036
Tripp	Ann	Moore	Ann	06	05	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Ann Tripp was the daughter of William Tripp, the licensee of The Cheddar Valley Inn. She claimed that Ann Moore, wife of Albert Moore, a fishmonger living in High Street, had been noisy and quarrelsome. When requested to leave the premises, she refused to do so, thereby being in breach of the Licensing Act. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/037
Pike	Elsie	Price	William	07	05	1878	Assault	A	Elsie Pike, wife of George Pike of St Thomas Street, claimed that William Price of St Thomas Street, labourer, had assaulted her by pushing her across the street. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/038
Vowles	Joseph	Brown	Robert	07	05	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Robert Brown of East Horrington with being disorderly, noisy and quarrelsome and refusing to leave The Crown Inn when requested to do so by PC Bridge. Henry James Rodgers, licensee of The Crown Inn, was summoned to give evidence for the plaintiff. Brown was fined 5/- with costs of 11/6d.	1878/039
Vowles	Joseph	Sharland Sharland Moore	John Mary Charles	07	05	1878	Sureties for the peace	Su	Police serjeant Vowles accused John Sharland and his wife, Mary, and Charles Moore, all of St Thomas Street, of fighting in St Andrew Street. He requested that each of them be required to put forward sureties to ensure that they kept the peace. Costs of 9/- in total were to be paid by the defendants.	1878/040
Police		Speed	Stephen	08	05	1878	Rape	R	Stephen Speed of Priddy had apparently been summoned to answer a charge of raping Ann Merrifield (see 1878/035 and 1878/036). He requested that Thomas Bishop and Edward Bishop of Horse Race, Rookham, be summoned to give evidence on his behalf.	1878/041

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Police		Dunford	Sidney	08	05	1878	Rape	R	Sidney Dunford of Priddy had apparently been summoned to answer a charge of raping Ann Merrifield (see 1878/035 and 1878/036). He requested that Thomas Bishop and Edward Bishop of Horse Race, Rookham, be summoned to give evidence on his behalf.	1878/042
Green	Elizabeth	Hawkins	Sarah	10	05	1878	Assault	A	Elizabeth Green, a widow resident in Southover, claimed that Sarah Hawkins, wife of Charles Hawkins, the licensee of The Full Moon in Southover, had assaulted her by striking her in the face with her fists. She also summoned Elizabeth Spillard, wife of Thomas Spillard, a carpenter living at No 28 Southover, to testify on her behalf. Sarah Hawkins appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 12/6d. Note: in one document the forenames of the Spillards are given as Sarah and George, but are then crossed out and replaced by Elizabeth and Thomas.	1878/043
Hawkins	Sarah Jane	Green	Elizabeth	11	05	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Sarah Hawkins, wife of Charles Hawkins, licensee of The Full Moon Inn in Southover, complained that Elizabeth Green, a widow living in Southover, had come into the inn, already drunk, very quarrelsome and using extremely bad language. Sarah Hawkins had asked her to leave and Green had refused. Hawkins summoned Joseph Vincent and James Grant, both of Southover, to support her case.	1878/044
Hawkins	Sarah Jane	Green	Thomas	11	05	1878	Assault	A	Sarah Hawkins, wife of Charles Hawkins, licensee of The Full Moon Inn in Southover, claimed that Thomas Green had threatened her with physical violence and requested that he be required to find sureties to keep the peace towards her. The timing of this verbal assault relative to case 1878/044 and the relationship between Thomas and Elizabeth Green (son & mother?) are not clear. The costs of this case appear to have been £1.1s.6d, but there is no indication as to who would pay them.	1878/045
Police		Stock	Joseph	11	05	1878	Rape	R	Preparatory papers for the hearing of the case against Joseph Stock for the rape of Ann Merrifield, including lists of witnesses, costs of witnesses and bonds for those witnesses to appear at the trial scheduled for August 1878.	1878/046
Justices		Various		13	05	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard to date	1878/047

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Sweet	Robert	Hatcher	Alfred	13	05	1878	Assault	A	Robert Sweet of Southover claimed that Alfred Hatcher, also of Southover, had pushed another man which caused Sweet to be knocked into the fireplace of The Golden Heart and be badly scalded.	1878/048
Sweet	John	Pointing	James	18	05	1878	Assault	A	John Sweet of Southover claimed that James Pointing, a butcher of St Thomas Street, had assaulted him by striking him in the face with his fists.	1878/049
Hillier Hillier	John Henry	Thomas	John Robert	27	05	1878	Absentee apprentice	Ab	John and Henry Hillier, brushmakers, claimed that John Robert Thomas had been apprenticed to them in 1876 for a period of 7 years. Earlier in May he had left work without their consent and did not return for 2 weeks. They claimed that, as a result of his absence, they had incurred losses of £1.	1878/050
Brooks	Joseph Frederick	Ball	Alfred	27	05	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Joseph Brooks, the licensee of The Golden Heart, claimed that Alfred Ball of St John Street had been violent, quarrelsome and disorderly in his pub, so he had asked him to leave. Ball had refused to do so and was therefore in breach of the Licensing Act. Costs of the case were at least 8/6d.	1878/051
Hobbs	Elizabeth	Porter	Thomas	28	05	1878	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Elizabeth Hobbs of 12 Silver Street complained that Thomas Porter, also of Silver Street, had used profane and obscene language in that same street.	1878/052
Collins	Edwin Schilling La Thanque	Crandon Willicombe	Florence Elizabeth	29	05	1878	Theft of peaches	T	Edwin Collins, son of E A Collins, claimed that Florence Crandon and Elizabeth Willicombe, the latter of Market Street, had stolen a quantity of peaches from his father's garden with a value of 6d. Crandon and Willicombe appear to have been sisters. They were each required to pay 3/6d to cover the costs of the case.	1878/053
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	03	06	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street. He also summoned Joseph Frederick Brooks, the licensee of The Golden Heart in St John Street to testify against Ball.	1878/054
Vowles	Joseph	Clements	Charles	05	06	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Charles Clements of Southover with being drunk and disorderly in Southover. Clements was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1878/055
Justices		Various		10	06	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard to date	1878/056

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Stevens	Elizabeth	Brooks	Elizabeth	12	06	1878	Assault	A	Elizabeth Stevens of South Street complained that Elizabeth Brooks, wife of William Brooks, also of South Street, had assaulted her and hit her with her fists.	1878/057
Vowles	Joseph	Cox	Ann	18	06	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Ann Cox, wife of George Cox of St Cuthbert Street, with being drunk and disorderly in Tucker Street. Cox was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1878/058
Russell	Martha	Smith	George	25	06	1878	Assault	A	Martha Russell, a widow living in Priest Row, complained that her brother, George Smith, had come round to her house and verbally abused her youngest sister. He then turned on Martha Russell and struck her and one of her lodgers. She requested that Smith be required to put forward sureties to maintain the peace towards her.	1878/059
Lawrence	George	Sheppard	Henry	01	07	1878	Theft of mail	T	The documents available give the names of witnesses in the case Regina (represented by George Lawrence) v Henry Sheppard. They also list those involved in providing bail for Sheppard together with the amounts involved. It appears that Sheppard was accused of stealing post containing postage stamps to the value of 6/-. It seems that Sheppard was either employed in the post office or was a sub-postmaster.	1878/060
Spry	Stephen	Cook	Henry	04	07	1878	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Stephen Spry, a paper maker from Wookey Hole, was a deacon at the Independent Chapel in Union Street. He complained that Henry Cook, a carpenter from Southover, was constantly disturbing the congregation by singing in a very loud voice and moving violently around the room. He called on John Seward, a confectioner living in High Street, for additional testimony to support his case. The costs of the case were 11/-, but it is not clear who was required to pay them.	1878/061
Vowles	Joseph	White	Sarah	05	07	1878	On licensed premises outside licensing hours	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Sarah White, wife of John White of St Thomas Street, with being on licensed premises outside licensing hours. She was found coming out of The Exmouth Inn on St Thomas Street at 11.10am carrying intoxicating liquor which she had just purchased and, as she was not an inmate, servant or lodger, she should not have been on the premises. White was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1878/062

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Vowles	Joseph	Brown	William Emanuel	05	07	1878	Selling liquor outside licensing hours	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Brown, the licensee of The Exmouth Inn, with selling intoxicating liquor outside permitted licensing hours. Brown was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1878/063
Vowles	Joseph	Porter	Thomas	05	07	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Thomas Porter of Silver Street with being drunk and disorderly in that street. The costs of the case were 9/6d; it is possible that Porter was committed to prison.	1878/064
Edwards	Harry William	Parfitt	Joseph	08	07	1878	Assault	A	Harry Edwards of St Thomas Street claimed that he was assaulted by Joseph Parfitt, a labourer living in Queen Street. Edwards stated that Parfitt had thrown a stone at him and hit him in the face with his fist. Parfitt was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1878/065
Justices		Various		08	07	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard to date. Also lists game licences issued to Messrs Collier, Moore and Oxley and two temporary transfers of alcohol licences.	1878/066
Clarke	John	Drew	Elizabeth	19	07	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Clarke, the licensee of The Railway Tavern, complained that Elizabeth Drew was drunk and disorderly in Southover and was guilty of using foul and abusive language. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/067
Hippisley	James	Wickham	Charles	22	07	1878	Assault	A	James Hippisley of St Thomas Street claimed that Charles Wickham, a tailor also resident in St Thomas Street, had punched him and knocked him down. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/068
Hopkins	Sarah Godsell	Francis	Charles	22	07	1878	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Sarah Godsell Hopkins of Southover complained that Charles Francis, a straw dealer also resident in Southover, had used profane and obscene language towards her. Francis was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-. Note: see also case 1877/100 for details of the relationship between these individuals.	1878/069
Wickham	Ann	Hippisley	James	22	07	1878	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Ann Wickham, wife of John Wickham of St Thomas Street, complained that James Hippisley, a labourer also living in St Thomas Street, had used foul, abusive and obscene language towards her. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/070

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Vowles	Joseph	Sage	Elizabeth	29	07	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Elizabeth Sage, wife of Thomas Sage of St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly in Tor Street. It appears that Sage was only required to pay costs of 4/6d.	1878/071
Hewlett	Sarah	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	29	07	1878	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Sarah Hewlett of Southover complained that Elizabeth Sarah Francis, wife of George Francis of Southover, had used profane and obscene language towards her. Francis was fined 2/6d with costs of 11/-.	1878/072
School Attendance Committee		Various		29	07	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	List of children who had not been attending school regularly and against whose parents action would be taken. See case 1878/078 for the associated action.	1878/073
Knight	James	Drew	Elizabeth	05	08	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Knight charged Elizabeth Drew of Priest Row with being drunk and disorderly in Southover. Drew was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1878/074
Stock	Elizabeth	Sweet	Mary	06	08	1878	Wilful damage	Wd	Elizabeth Stock of St John Street claimed she had been told that Mary Sweet, wife of Thomas Sweet, also of St John Street, had gone into her house and broken a pan with a value of 2/3d. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/075
Mardon	John	White	Thomas	06	08	1878	Assault	A	John Mardon of South Street claimed he had been assaulted by Thomas White, a cattle dealer from Coxley, who had struck him in the head with his fist. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/076
Knight	James	Merrifield	John	08	08	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	PC Knight charged John Merrifield of Coxley with being violent and quarrelsome and refusing to leave The Golden Heart when requested to do so by the licensee, Joseph Frederick Brooks and PC John Bridge. Knight also summoned Brooks to provide additional testimony for the prosecution. Merrifield was fined 1/- with costs of 10/-.	1878/077
Toomer	John Henry	Various		08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer of St Thomas Street was an officer of the School Attendance Board and was attempting to enforce the provisions of the Education Act of 1876. The name of the father / guardian being prosecuted for not sending a child in their care to school on a regular basis is shown as the defendant. Their address and the name of the child involved are given in the 'Notes' column together with information related to the outcome of the case.	1878/078

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Toomer	John Henry	Buck	George	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Elizabeth, aged 10. George Buck was fined 3/-.	1878/078a
Toomer	John Henry	Chalker	William	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Amelia, aged 12. The case against William Chalker was adjourned until 9 September and then 11 November.	1878/078b
Toomer	John Henry	Sage	Thomas	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Emily, aged 9. The case against Thomas Sage was adjourned until 9 September and then 11 November.	1878/078c
Toomer	John Henry	Barnett	Charles	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, Mary Ann, aged 11. Charles Barnett was fined 3/-.	1878/078d
Toomer	John Henry	Crandon	William	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Florence, aged 10. The case against William Crandon was adjourned until 9 September and then 11 November.	1878/078e
Toomer	John Henry	Hawkins	William	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Caroline, aged 7. William Hawkins was fined 3/- to be paid on 17 August.	1878/078f
Toomer	John Henry	Maul	Edwin	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Ellen, aged 6. The case against Edwin Maul was adjourned until 9 September and then 11 November.	1878/078g
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, George, aged 9. William Drew failed to appear, so fine of 3/- remained unpaid.	1878/078h
Toomer	John Henry	Chamberlain	James	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Edward, aged 12. James Chamberlain was fined 3/- to be paid on 17 August.	1878/078i
Toomer	John Henry	Marsh	George	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Henry, aged 11. George Marsh was fined 3/- to be paid on 17 August.	1878/078j
Toomer	John Henry	Clements	Mary	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, James, aged 10. The case against Mary Clements was adjourned until 9 September.	1878/078k
Toomer	John Henry	Hanney	William	08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, James, aged 11. William Hanney was fined 3/- to be paid on 17 August.	1878/078l
Toomer	John Henry	Various		08	08	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	List of parents being prosecuted and outcomes of the cases. See 1878/078.	1878/079
Knight	James	Sweet	Mary	09	08	1878	Drunkenness	D	PC Knight charged Mary Sweet, wife of Thomas Sweet of St John Street, with being drunk and incapable in St John Street.	1878/080
Justices		Various		12	08	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard to date.	1878/081

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Duckett	George	Zeal	James	12	08	1878	Theft of money	T	George Duckett, the landlord of The Goat Inn, also ran a farming business and sold milk. He employed James Zeal to sell and deliver milk, but claimed that, on a number of occasions, Zeal had accepted payment from customers, but had appropriated the money for his own use, rather than handing it over to Duckett. Duckett requested an arrest warrant be issued for Zeal's apprehension but the case was settled without a hearing. Note: the defendant's name could be Teal rather than Zeal.	1878/082
Hillier Hillier Hiller Salisbury	John Henry Arthur Robert Davis Thomas	Wickham Pocock James	Henry Thomas Joseph William Robert	12	08	1878	Refusing to carry out tasks assigned	Rw	The Hilliers and Thomas Salisbury, owners of a brushmaking company, claimed that Henry Wickham, Joseph Pocock and William James, all apprenticed to the business, had refused to carry out the tasks of removing turnings from a portion of the mill. They claimed that the business had suffered damages amounting to 1/- for each of the apprentices involved. The case was recorded as settled.	1878/083
Westcott	John	Barrett	George	19	08	1878	Theft of cash box and coins	T	PC Westcott apprehended George Barrett for the theft of a cash box and some coins. He summoned Mary Gregory, wife of James Gregory, a travelling showman, and Dorcas Hill, an assistant travelling hawker, to give evidence against Barrett. It also appears that Barrett had two previous convictions, one for stealing 4 rabbit skins and one for stealing a woollen scarf, for which he had respectively served 7 days and one month in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1878/084

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Stuckey & Co		Johnson Matthews	John James	21	08	1878	Forgery	Fy	Edward Harte, the manager of Stuckey's Bank in Wells cashed a cheque for £60 on a market day. He subsequently discovered the cheque to be a forgery and from information he received he identified the likely forgers as James Matthews of Bristol and Richard Johnson (referred to in other documents as John Johnson) of Cambridge Heath near London. Matthews was arrested soon after and police serjeant Vowles was sent to London to arrest Johnson who lived at Cambridge Heath. Vowles summoned several witnesses to testify against Matthews and Johnson: Henry Puddy and Richard Embury, cattle dealers from Wedmore; Sidney Edwards, licensee of The Hare Inn on Cambridge Heath Road near London; Ernest York of Rodney Stoke, a farmer and cattle dealer; Henry Pearce, keeper of a public house at Litton.	1878/085
Stuckey & Co		Johnson Matthews	John James	21	08	1878	Certificate of fees and costs	*	Certificate of fees and costs, for example, justices' clerks, witnesses etc, for this specific case.	1878/086
Stuckey & Co		Johnson Matthews	John James	21	08	1878	List of witnesses and recognizances	*	List of witnesses for this specific case.	1878/087
Clarke	John	Ball	Alfred	27	08	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	John Clarke, the licensee of The Railway Tavern, complained that Alfred Ball of St John Street was violent, noisy and quarrelsome and refused to leave the tavern when requested to do so by Clarke. Ball was fined 10/- with costs of 10/-, later reduced to 5/6d.	1878/088
Francis	John	Dowling	Frank	28	08	1878	Embezzlement	Em	Francis, a dealer in hay and straw resident in Southover, had employed Dowling for some time as a clerk to make out bills to his customers and collect the money owing on Francis' behalf. Francis claimed that Dowling had made out a bill to a Mr Tasker and had collected the money but had not given it to Francis. Dowling claimed that Francis had told him that if Dowling collected 30/-, then, provided that he gave Francis 20/-, he could keep the remainder.	1878/089
Justices		Various		28	08	1878	Committee meetings	*	Notification of committee meetings covering town hall heating and scavenging	1878/089a
Justices		Various		09	09	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs of cases heard to that date.	1878/090

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Bisgood	John	Vowles	Joseph	09	09	1878	Receipt	*	Acknowledgement from John Bisgood, Inspector of Weights and Measures, of the receipt of 10/- from police serjeant Vowles for comparing, adjusting and stamping the market weights. Note: the document is undated and as a result the date assigned is arbitrary and determined by the position of the document in the bundle.	1878/091
[Justices]		Foster	Reginald Lowbridge	09	09	1878	Appointment of Town Clerk	*	Application letter from Reginald Lowbridge Foster for the post of town clerk that had become vacant as the result of the death of his father, W J S Foster, notice of meeting, and confirmation of appointment.	1878/092
Smith	Charles	Pearce	Henry	16	09	1878	Assault	A	Charles Smith of South Street complained that Henry Pearce of Southover had assaulted him, striking him several times in the head and face. Pearce appears to have been fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d.	1878/093
Payne	William	Pitman	Henry	27	09	1878	Theft of purse	T	William Payne claimed that he had been riding on horseback from Green Ore into Wells with Henry Pitman sitting behind him on the horse. Payne said he had his purse on his left-hand side and he felt it there when passing the Stoberry toll. Pitman got off the horse at the top of New Street and walked into town while Payne tied up the horse. They then met at The White Hart for a pint of beer before going on to Mr Vonberg's shop where Payne purchased an umbrella and found that he had no purse from which to pay for it. Pitman gave him a sovereign from his own pocket, but Payne took him to the police station and had him charged with theft. Pitman was searched by police serjeant Vowles who found on him more money than Pitman claimed to have. Pitman eventually pleaded guilty to the theft of the purse and £2.2s.6d and was sent to prison at Shepton Mallet for 2 months with hard labour.	1878/094

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Vowles	Joseph	Hurley	Louisa	04	10	1878	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Louisa Hurley, wife of Timothy Hurley, with being drunk at The Railway Tavern in Southover. The case was not pursued and there is no specific date shown on it. The date has been assigned to fit with the timing of other records for the month of October.	1878/095
Vowles	Joseph	Burr	George (aka Robert)	04	10	1878	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged George Burr of Gurney Slade, also known as Robert Burr, with being drunk in Priest Row. Burr was fined 5/- with costs of 12/- or, if in default, 7 days imprisonment.	1878/096
Bisgood	John	Rogers	Robert	04	10	1878	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood was Inspector of Weights & Measures. He went to Robert Rogers' shop in High Street and found that the weighing machine in use was to the customers' disadvantage at 14lb, 28lb and 56lb. Rogers was fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d.	1878/097
Bisgood	John	Higgins	Henry	04	10	1878	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood was Inspector of Weights & Measures. He went to the Co-operative Stores in High Street where Henry Higgins was the manager. Bisgood found one large pair of scales and two small scales that disadvantaged the purchaser and also a weight that was not stamped which he took away. Higgins was fined 5/- with costs of 9/6d.	1878/098
Bisgood	John	Brooks	Walter	04	10	1878	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood was Inspector of Weights & Measures. He went to Walter Brooks' shop in High Street and found a large set of scales that disadvantaged the purchaser. He also found 3 weights that were too light. Brooks was required to pay costs of 9/6d but there is no mention of a fine.	1878/099
Vowles	Joseph	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	04	10	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Elizabeth Sarah Francis, wife of George Francis of Southover, with being drunk and disorderly in Southover. She was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1878/100

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Vowles	Joseph	Baker	John	04	10	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Baker of St Thomas Street with refusing to leave licensed premises when asked to do so by the licensee, John Clarke, and by PC John Bridge. Baker was said to be violent, quarrelsome and noisy in The Railway Tavern. John Clarke was called as a witness for the prosecution. The costs of the case appear to have been 11/6d. The case was dismissed.	1878/101
Vowles	Joseph	Bennett	Henry	04	10	1878	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Henry Bennett, a sawyer, with being drunk in The Railway Tavern. Bennett was fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d, or, if in default, to serve 14 days in prison. It seems that Bennett had apparently defaulted, since the paperwork to send him to prison had been prepared, but a last-minute payment saved Bennett from gaol.	1878/102
Vowles	Joseph	Clarke	John	04	10	1878	Permitting drunkenness on his premises	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Clarke, the licensee of The Railway Tavern, with permitting drunkenness on his premises. Costs of the case appear to have been 14/6d.	1878/103
Vowles	Joseph	Sweet	Robert	04	10	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Robert Sweet of Southover with being drunk and disorderly in Southover. Sweet was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- or, if in default, to serve 7 days in prison.	1878/104
Francis	John	Allen	William	04	10	1878	Theft of coal	T	John Francis was a coal haulier resident in Southover and employed by Messrs. Burgess to transport coal from the Somerset & Dorset railway station to the mills at Wookey Hole. Francis employed William Allen and had done for several years without any problems. However, on this occasion he was following Allen as he drove the horse and cart loaded with coal towards its destination. He then saw Allen stop the cart and unload a large lump of coal at Thomas Bartlett's house. Francis assessed the weight of the lump at around 56lbs or more. He confirmed with Bartlett that the coal was on his premises. The coal that appeared to have been stolen was the property of Messrs. Burgess.	1878/105

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Brown	Charles	Drew	William	07	10	1878	Public health notice	E	Charles Brown was Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He had checked premises in St Thomas Street belonging to William Drew in May 1878 and found them to be so overcrowded as to be potentially injurious to the health of the inmates. When inspected again, it was evident that Drew had done nothing to comply with the previous instruction. An order was issued requiring Drew to take action to abate the nuisance. Costs of the case were 11/-.	1878/106
Vowles	Joseph	Clarke	John	09	10	1878	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Clarke, the licensee of The Railway Tavern, with unlawfully and knowingly lodging and harbouring a thief or reputed thief and allowing thieves or reputed thieves to assemble on his premises. The case was adjourned to 11 November. Costs of the initial hearing were 13/6d.	1878/107
Vowles	Joseph	Moore	Albert	09	10	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Albert Moore, a fishmonger of High Street, with being drunk and disorderly at The Swan Vaults, The Mitre Tavern and, finally, in St Cuthbert Street. Moore was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1878/108
Bendall	William Newport	Drummond Jenkins Foster Oxley	James John Robert James	09	10	1878	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall was a collector for the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority. The defendants were in default and had not paid the general district rate due on 1st April 1878. James Drummond of the Market Place owed 18/5d, John Jenkins of Southover 3/91/2d, Robert Foster of St John Street 3/3d and James Oxley of St Cuthbert Street 5/5d. All were required to pay an additional 2/6d for costs. Jenkins and Foster were recorded as discharged, while both Drummond and Oxley appear to have paid the sums owing.	1878/109
Drayton	William	Burgess	Isaac	11	10	1878	Petty trespass	Pt	William Drayton of Priory Road complained that Isaac Burgess, a bill poster from Shepton Mallet, had deliberately stuck up 3 posters on Drayton's own private advertising board. This defaced Drayton's own posters. Burgess was required to pay costs of 8/-.	1878/110
Justices		Various		14	10	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard to that date	1878/111
Perren	Alfred	Pearce	Henry	15	10	1878	Assault	A	Alfred Perren of Grove Lane claimed that Henry Pearce of Southover had struck him in the face with a stick. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/112

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Russ	Samuel Perren	Perry	Walter	15	10	1878	Desertion of family	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ was the clerk to the Guardians of the Wells Union workhouse. He complained that Walter Perry, an able-bodied labourer, capable of maintaining his family by working, had deserted them and, as a result, his wife, Harriett, and their four children under the age of 16 had become chargeable to the parish. Russ requested that a warrant be issued for Perry's arrest. Perry seems to have been arrested and convicted since he was committed to prison for 6 weeks.	1878/113
Brooks	John Frederick	Ball	Alfred	19	10	1878	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	John Frederick Brooks, the licensee of The Golden Heart in St John Street, complained that Alfred Ball, a resident of St John Street, had come into his pub already drunk and became quarrelsome and disorderly when Brooks refused to serve him some beer. Brooks requested that Ball leave the premises and he refused to go, an offence against the Licensing Act. The case was shown as settled. Note: in earleir cases in 1878 the name of the licensee is given as Joseph Frederick Brooks.	1878/114
Police		Sheppard Sheppard	Clara John	22	10	1878	Theft of boots	T	Leah Hancock, a servant at The White Hart Inn, claimed that she had put a pair of her boots in the Tap Room in mid-morning. When she went to get them in mid-evening, they were gone. She asserted that two strangers, apparently man and wife, had been sat close to where her boots had been and at one point the woman had left the premises with a bag, returning about half an hour later. George Weston Wheeler, the manager of Hellier's pawnbrokers, confirmed that a pair of boots had been pawned by a woman named Clara Sheppard and the boots were identified as those belonging to Hancock. PC Knight arrested the two defendants at The Nag's Head public house.	1878/115
Vowles	Joseph	Lloyd	George	26	10	1878	Letting off fireworks	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged George Lloyd of Priest Row with throwing or setting off fireworks in Priory Road. Lloyd was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1878/116

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Palmer	Cornelius James	Gyngell	George	31	10	1878	Sureties for the peace	Su	Cornelius James Palmer, living at No 7 Mill Lane, complained that George Gyngell, described as a pyrotechnist, and also of Mill Lane, had abused him several times in the street and had previously threatened him with physical violence. Palmer claimed that the insults were intended to make him cause a breach of the peace. He requested that Mary Ann Scott and Eliza Marsh, both of Mill Lane, be summoned to testify for the prosecution. He requested that Gyngell be required to put forward sureties with respect to his future conduct. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/117
Ricketts	George	Roach	Alfred Ernest	31	10	1878	Theft of lead	T	George Ricketts, a carpenter of South Street, claimed that Alfred Roach from Southover had stolen 24lbs of lead from him with a value of about 3/-. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/118
Wickham	Joseph Cornish	Ball	Edwin	02	11	1878	Assault	A	Joseph Wickham, a brushmaker of St Thomas Street, claimed that Edwin Ball, a haulier, and also of St Thomas Street, had struck him in the face with his fist. The case was settled without a hearing.	1878/119
Vowles	Joseph	Sandy	Edgar	05	11	1878	Letting off fireworks	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edgar Sandy of No 21 Union Street with letting off fireworks on Cathedral Green. Sandy was required to pay 4/6d costs.	1878/120
Vowles	Joseph	Cock	Sidney	05	11	1878	Letting off fireworks	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Sidney Cock of No 21 Union Street with letting off fireworks on Cathedral Green. Cock was required to pay 4/6d costs.	1878/121
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	06	11	1878	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with being drunk and disorderly in that street. Ball was required to pay costs of 11/6d or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. The latter appears to have been the sentence applicable.	1878/122
Vowles	Joseph	Bunn	Edward	06	11	1878	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edward Bunn of Meare with cruelty to an animal by kicking a horse that was in his charge. The incident took place in High Street. Bunn was required to pay 9/- costs.	1878/123

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Vowles	Joseph	Allen Bennett	William Henry	06	11	1878	Breach of the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Allen of Tucker Street and Henry Bennett of Burcott Lane with fighting in High Street. They were each required to pay 7/6d. Note: Bennett was given the forename 'Joseph' on the case header and summons, but the summons was later amended to show 'Henry'.	1878/124
Knight	James	Nutty Russell	Henry William	08	11	1878	Letting off fireworks	Dp	PC Knight charged Henry Nutty of St John Street and William Russell of Priest Row with letting off fireworks in Mill Lane. The defendants were required to pay costs of 4/6d each.	1878/125
Knight	James	Hole	Joseph	08	11	1878	Letting off fireworks	Dp	PC Knight charged Joseph Hole of Tucker Street with letting off fireworks in High Street. Hole appears to have had to pay costs of 5/6d.	1878/126
Abbott	Chedwyn Henry	Pointing	James	09	11	1878	Assault	A	Chedwyn Henry Abbott claimed that James Pointing of St Thomas Street had assaulted him at The King's Head Inn in High Street, striking him several times about the face with a stick and hitting him under the chin with his fists. Abbott summoned Herbert Cox, the boots at The Star Hotel in High Street, to give evidence on his behalf. Costs of the case were shown as 12/6d. For this case and case 1878/128 Pointing was required to pay a total of £1.1s.6d.	1878/127
Abbott	Chedwyn Henry	Pointing	James	09	11	1878	Wilful damage	Wd	Chedwyn Henry Abbott claimed that James Pointing of St Thomas Street had wilfully damaged Abbott's hat, the property of his master, William James Rogers. Pointing had supposedly struck the hat with a stick at The King's Head Inn in High Street (see also case 1878/127).	1878/128
Justices		Various		11	11	1878	List of fines and costs	*	List of fines and costs for cases heard to this date. Note: there are several cases that seem to have been brought under the Education Act by John Toomer that do not appear in the individual petty sessions records.	1878/129
Vowles	Joseph	Burlton	John	30	11	1878	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Burlton of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert with obstructing the highway in Broad Street by the wilful and negligent parking of a horse and cart. Burlton was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-. Note: Burlton seems to appear in at least one other case under the name of Burrington.	1878/130

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Toomer	John Henry	Tucker	Robert	05	12	1878	Employing under-age child	Ed	John Henry Toomer, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that Robert Tucker, shoemaker, had taken into his employ a young boy named Henry Grainger of South Street, aged 11, who had not finished his education and had not obtained a certificate demonstrating his proficiency in reading, writing and arithmetic as required by the Education Act of 1870.	1878/131
Bisgood	John	Brown	Walter	05	12	1878	Weights & measures	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable of Somerset, charged Walter Brown, the licensee of The Exmouth Inn in St Thomas Street, with selling to police serjeant Vowles a pint of gin that had been adulterated with water and was therefore not of the standard required. Brown was fined 10/- with costs, including chemical analysis, of £1.	1878/132
Toomer	John Henry	Various		05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer of St Thomas Street was an officer of the School Attendance Board and was attempting to enforce the provisions of the Education Acts of 1870 and 1876. The name of the father / guardian being prosecuted for not sending a child in their care to school on a regular basis is shown as the defendant. Their address and the name of the child involved is given in the 'Notes' column together with information related to the outcome of the case.	1878/133
Toomer	John Henry	Tutton	Joshua	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	27 St Cuthbert Street, Robert Tutton, aged 10.	1878/133a
Toomer	John Henry	Willicombe	Alfred	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	12a Tucker Street, Charles Willicombe, aged 7.	1878/133b
Toomer	John Henry	Allen	James	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Frederick Allen, aged 7.	1878/133c
Toomer	John Henry	Crossman	Sarah	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	24 Priest Row, Elizabeth Crossman, aged 8.	1878/133d
Toomer	John Henry	Walter	Silas	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Lucy Jane Walter, aged 12.	1878/133e
Toomer	John Henry	Oxley	James	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Kate Oxley, aged 6.	1878/133f
Toomer	John Henry	Bedford	Walter Thomas	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, Henry Bedford, aged 12.	1878/133g

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Toomer	John Henry	Abbott	Henry	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Ida Abbott, aged 8.	1878/133h
Toomer	John Henry	Hanney	William	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Lucy Hanney, aged 6.	1878/133i
Toomer	John Henry	Burgoyne	William	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, John Burgoyne, aged 12.	1878/133j
Toomer	John Henry	Tucker	Robert	05	12	1878	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Henry Grainger, aged 11. Tucker was prosecuted for employing a child who had not completed his elementary education (see case 1878/131). No separate document for 1878/133k	1878/133k
White	Edwin	White	Thomas	07	12	1878	Sureties for the peace	Su	Edwin White, a farmer from Coxley, claimed that Thomas White, a butcher also from Coxley, had threatened bodily harm to him on several occasions. He asked that Thomas White be required to provide sureties as to his future conduct.	1878/134
Vowles	Joseph	Harris	Leopold William	07	12	1878	Obtaining goods by false pretences	Fr	Police serjeant Vowles asserted that Leopold William Harris had knowingly obtained a series of articles by false pretences, including two gold watches. Vowles summoned Charles Edmund Foxwell of High Street, shoemaker, and Joseph Johnson of Broad Street, grocer, to give evidence for the prosecution.	1878/135

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Vowles	Joseph	Raines Raines Raines	James Maria Louisa Charles	06	01	1879	Dangerous dog	Dd	Police serjeant Vowles charged the 3 defendants, James Raines, Maria Louisa Raines and Charles Raines, all of St Thomas Street, with being the owners of a dangerous dog which was not kept under proper control. James Raines called upon Mrs Bendall, wife of Albert Bendall, and Mrs Whitehorn, wife of George Whitehorn, both of St Thomas Street, to give evidence on behalf of the defendants. The costs of the case were 13/6d.	1879/001
Cornish	Richard	Ball	Alfred	07	01	1879	Assault	A	Richard Cornish, a timber haulier from Portway, claimed that Alfred Ball of St John Street, had assaulted him without provocation.	1879/002
Vowles	Joseph	Sage	Caroline	08	01	1879	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Caroline Sage of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in High Street on 26 December 1878.	1879/003

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Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Edwin	08	01	1879	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in Tor Street. Ball was fined 5/- with costs of 7/6d.	1879/004
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	08	01	1879	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball of St John Street with wilfully obstructing the highway in St John Street by unlawful parking of a cart.	1879/005
Justices		Savage	Henry	21	01	1879	Theft of watches	T	Certificate of costs amounting to 11/6d for the case against Henry Savage for stealing 4 watches. There appears to be no record in petty sessions documentation of an earlier case against Henry Savage	1879/006
Police		Sperring	Henry	28	01	1879	Burglary from S&D railway station	Be	Police serjeant Vowles reported that there had been a break-in at the railway station of the Somerset and Dorset Railway and cash and other goods had been stolen. Vowles claimed that information received pointed to Henry Sperring as the likely culprit. He summoned Sarah Jane Bright and Thomas Charles Ball as witnesses for the prosecution. A statement of costs for the case suggests that a number of additional witnesses were also involved.	1879/007
Vowles	Joseph	Cornish	John	30	01	1879	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Cornish with cruelty to a horse by working it when it was clearly unfit to do so.	1879/007a
Tomlinson	William	Cornish Francis Cornish	John George Charles	04	02	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	PC Tomlinson charged John Cornish and George Francis of Southover and Charles Cornish of Portway, all described as labourers, with refusing to leave the licensed premises of The Exmouth Inn run by Walter Emanuel Brown when requested to do so by the landlord and then by PC Tomlinson. Brown was called as a witness for the prosecution.	1879/008
Comeley	Hannah	Lewis	Robert	05	02	1879	Assault	A	Hannah Comeley of St Thomas Street claimed that Robert Lewis, a publican, also from St Thomas Street, had assaulted her. The case was settled without a hearing.	1879/009
Knight	John Thorley	House	George	13	02	1879	Non-completion of contract	Nc	John Thorley Knight, an ironmonger based in the Market Place, claimed that George House, a labourer, had failed to fulfil the conditions of a contract between them and had not delivered the work which had been agreed. Knight claimed damages of 5/-.	1879/010

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Hippisley	Allen	Jones	Albert	13	02	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	Allen Hippisley, a publican, claimed that Albert Jones, a labourer from St Thomas Street, had been disorderly in his establishment and refused to leave the premises when requested. The case was settled without a hearing.	1879/011
Bendall	William Newport	Various		04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Bendall charged various ratepayers with failing to pay the general rate that had been set on 7 October 1878. The following entries show the individual in default, the address and the amount owing.	1879/012
Bendall	William Newport	Ball	John	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	South Street, rate arrears 3/-. The case against John Ball was recorded as settled.	1879/012a
Bendall	William Newport	Jenkins	John	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Southover, rate arrears 3/6d, plus costs of 2/6d to be paid within 7 days or distress proceedings to be initiated against John Jenkins.	1879/012b
Bendall	William Newport	Cornish	John	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Southover, rate arrears 3/6d. The case against John Corniush was recorded as settled.	1879/012c
Bendall	William Newport	Haskins	John	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	St John Street, rate arrears 5/6d plus costs of 2/6d. The case against John Haskins was recorded as settled.	1879/012d
Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	John	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	St Cuthbert Street, rate arrears 5/- plus costs of 2/6d, plus surcharge of 2/6d. John Marsh was recorded as having paid the outstanding debt after hearing.	1879/012e
Bendall	William Newport	Scott	Mrs	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	St Cuthbert Street, rate arrears 2/6d. Mrs Scott, a widow, was excused by the magistrates.	1879/012f
Bendall	William Newport	Allen	James	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Market Street, rate arrears 2/6d. The case against James Allen was recorded as settled.	1879/012g
Bendall	William Newport	Perkins	Elijah	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Silver Street, rate arrears 3/- plus costs of 2/6d. Elijah Perkins was ordered to pay by 15 March.	1879/012h
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	St Cuthbert Street, rate arrears 5/- plus costs of 2/6d. The case against James Oxley was recorded as being settled.	1879/012i
Bendall	William Newport	Price	James	04	03	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	St Thomas Street. Rate arrears 2/- plus costs of 2/6d. The case against James Price was recorded as settled.	1879/012j
Sanders	William Henry	Western	John	05	03	1879	Cruelty to animals	C	William Henry Sanders, an inspector for the RSPCA, accused John Western, a haulier from Little Elm, of ill-treating a horse in Tucker Street by working it when it was clearly unfit to do so. Western was fined 5/- with costs of 25/6d, including vet's fees of 10/6d.	1879/013

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Vowles	Joseph	Cattle	Joseph	10	03	1879	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Joseph Cattle, a labourer from Coxley, with being responsible for a horse and cart proceeding through Wells, but being so far away from the vehicle that he had no control over its direction and movement. Cattle was fined 1/- with costs of 10/-.	1879/014
Charles	John	Mogford	Thomas	13	03	1879	Profane and obscene language	Pr	John Charles, a resident of Broad Street, complained that Thomas Mogford of Southover, had been using profane and obscene language in Broad Street.	1879/015
Gulliford	Francis	Tucker	William	13	03	1879	Assault	A	Francis Gulliford, a contractor, claimed that William Tucker, a publican, had kicked him. Gulliford called upon Dinah Hoskins to give evidence on his behalf, while Tucker called upon Walter Brooks, a butcher, to testify in his support. The case was settled without a hearing.	1879/016
Masters	Sophia	Hembury (aka Pym)	George	19	03	1879	Assault	A	Sophia Masters, wife of Edward Masters of West Street, complained that George Hembury alias Pym had assaulted her, striking her with his fists and kicking her. In addition, he had made verbal threats of bodily violence. A warrant was issued for his arrest.	1879/017
[Justices]		Kenning Toomer Oxley Wiseman Hemsley Gibbs Fry Gooch	James John Henry Joseph Clarke John James Newman Henry Bright Peter William	04	04	1879	Nominees for the roles of Overseers of the Poor	*	The magistrates informed the individuals listed that they had been nominated to take on the roles of Overseers of the Poor for the Liberty of St Andrew.	1879/018
Bridge	Esther	Rowe	William	04	04	1879	Assault	A	Esther Bridge, wife of John Bridge, police constable, claimed that William Rowe, a clerk from South Street, had assaulted her. The case was settled without a hearing.	1879/019
Welsh	Edwin	Stevens	John	06	04	1879	Cruelty to a donkey	C	Edwin Welsh complained that John Stevens, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had been seen kicking a donkey in New Street.	1879/020

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Bridge	John	Hatcher	Henry	18	04	1879	Driving on footway	Rd	PC Bridge charged Henry Hatcher, a labourer from Southover, with driving a horse and cart along the footway in Southover. Hatcher was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- 5/- was paid immediately, the remainder to be paid by the following Saturday.	1879/021
Vaughan	Walter Rossiter	Brooks	Joseph	21	04	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	Walter Rossiter Vaughan, a publican, complained that Joseph Brooks had been found to be drunk on his premises and had then been guilty of disorderly behaviour. When asked to leave the premises, Brooks had refused to do so. Brooks was fined 5/- with costs of 10/- 5/- was paid immediately, with the remainder to be paid within 14 days.	1879/022
Hulse	Frank	Ball	Alfred	29	04	1879	Assault	A	Frank Hulse complained that he had been assaulted by Alfred Ball of St John Street. The case was settled out of court.	1879/023
Toomer	John Henry	Various		30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Toomer of St Thomas Street was an officer of the School Attendance Board and was attempting to enforce the provisions of the Education Acts of 1870 and 1876. The name of the father / guardian being prosecuted for not sending a child in their care to school on a regular basis is shown as the defendant. Their address and the name of the child involved are given in the 'Notes' column together with information related to the outcome of the case. Note: the date for initiation of the proceedings is assumed as the case documentation simply shows 'April 1879' and does not give a specific date.	1879/024
Toomer	John Henry	Hatcher	Alfred	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Frank. Alfred Hatcher was fined 5/- and this amount was recorded as paid.	1879/024a
Toomer	John Henry	Willicombe	Alfred	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Tucker Street, Charles. Alfred Willicombe was excused and told to apply to the guardian to pay the fees.	1879/024b
Toomer	John Henry	Willicombe	Alfred	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Tucker Street, Elizabeth. Alfred Willicombe was excused and told to apply to the guardian to pay the fees.	1879/024c
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	George	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Alfred. George Francis was fined 5/- but this sum was not paid, nor the additional commitment fee of 1/6d.	1879/024d

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Toomer	John Henry	Comely	Thomas	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Thomas Pike. The case was adjourned to the petty sessions sitting of 9 June for the production of a certificate of examination.	1879/024e
Toomer	John Henry	Maul	Edwin	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Ellen. Edwin Maul was required to pay a total of 2/6d, including costs.	1879/024f
Toomer	John Henry	Maul	Edwin	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Alice. See case 1879/024f.	1879/024g
Toomer	John Henry	Crandon	William	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Florence. William Crandon ws required to pay the sum of 5/-, including costs, or, if in default, to be sentenced to 7 days imprisonment. The amount was not recorded as paid.	1879/024h
Toomer	John Henry	Crandon	William	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Francis. See case 1879/024h.	1879/024i
Toomer	John Henry	Oxley	James	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Kate. James Oxley was ordered to pay 2/6d, including costs. This sum was not recorded as paid. A commitment fee of 1/6d was added.	1879/024j
Toomer	John Henry	Tutton	Joshua	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, John. The case against Joshua Tutton was adjourned to the petty sessions sitting of 9 June.	1879/024k
Toomer	John Henry	Tutton	Joshua	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, George. The case against Joshua Tutton was adjourned to the petty sessions sitting of 9 June.	1879/024l
Toomer	John Henry	Tutton	Joshua	30	04	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Robert. The case against Joshua Tutton was adjourned to the petty sessions sitting of 9 June.	1879/024m
Hill	James	Trim Hatcher Francis	Ernest Frank Albert	06	05	1879	Wilful damage	Wd	Hill claimed that the three defendants, Ernest Trim, Frank Hatcher and Albert Francis, all apparently boys or youths, had deliberately damaged a crop in one of his fields. The case was settled out of court.	1879/025
Vowles	Joseph	Hole	John	06	05	1879	Drunk in charge of horse and cart	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Hole, a labourer from Wookey, with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart in St Andrew Street. Hole was fined 10/- with costs of 12/-.	1879/026
Vowles	Joseph	Sage	Caroline	06	05	1879	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Caroline Sage, spinster, with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street. Sage was convicted and sentenced to 14 days in prison.	1879/027
Baker	James	Richards	Sidney Tom	15	05	1879	Wilful damage	Wd	James Baker claimed that Sidney Tom Richards, a painter and paperhanger, had deliberately allowed his poultry to get into Baker's garden and eat his cabbage plants. Baker valued the damage at 1/-.	1879/028

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Duckett	James	Radford Radford	Alice Gilbert	21	05	1879	Wilful damage	Wd	James Duckett, a retired farmer of Priory Road, claimed that Gilbert and Alice Radford of New Street had deliberately destroyed a quantity of tulips in his garden.	1879/029
Taylor	Matilda	Taylor	Isaac	27	05	1879	Assault	A	Matilda Taylor of St Thomas Street claimed that she had been assaulted and beaten by Isaac Taylor, also of St Thomas Street (the relationship between them is not stated). She feared further bodily harm in the future. Isaac Taylor was bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace towards Matilda Taylor (and others) for a period of 6 months.	1879/030
Vowles	Joseph	House	Samuel	31	05	1879	Vagrancy	V	Police serjeant Vowles charged Samuel House with obtaining money by false pretences and with begging. According to a curate, Henry Maynard Bernard, House, previously an inmate of Wells Union, had come to his house in Sadler Street saying that Rev Foster of New Street had given him 1/- and promised him further help if House could get a recommendation from the vicar, Mr Beresford, or the curate. Bernard gave House a card of introduction and 1/- towards helping House to recover some furniture that had supposedly been left to him. House had clearly spun a similar yarn to Canon Mead, whose butler, William Holloway, had advised that House was an impostor and inveterate beggar; despite this, Canon Mead had given him 6d. Bernard had eventually ascertained that House had no furniture and that such money as House had received was fraudulently obtained. House was convicted and given a prison sentence of 2 months.	1879/031
Vowles	Joseph	Rodgers	Henry James	03	06	1879	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Henry James Rodgers of the Market Place with having his licensed premises open for the sale of intoxicating liquor outside licensing hours, i.e. at 11.00am on a Sunday. Rodgers was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-, but there was to be no endorsement of his licence.	1879/032

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Vowles	Joseph	Guppy Burlton	Edward Elizabeth	04	06	1879	On licensed premises out of hours	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Edward Guppy, a labourer from the Bath Road, and Elizabeth Burlton, wife of John Burlton, a labourer from East Horrington, with being on licensed premises operated by Henry James Rodgers at a time when these premises should have been closed (see case 1879/032). Guppy and Burlton were required to pay the costs of the case which amounted to 5/6d.	1879/033
Vowles	Joseph	Morgan	Lucy	04	06	1879	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	Police serjeant Vowles charged Lucy Morgan of Easton with being responsible for a horse and cart proceeding along Queen Street but, by negligence, not being in a position to control its direction and movement. PC Knight provided evidence for the prosecution. Lucy Morgan was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/- 5/- was paid immediately with the remainder to be paid by the following Thursday.	1879/034
Wilton	John	Cornish Cornish Cornish Moore	John Richard Charles Albert	05	06	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	John Wilton was the landlord of the Foresters' Arms in Broad Street. He claimed that the Cornishes (John Cornish from Southover, and Richard Cornish and Charles Cornish from Tucker Street) and Albert Moore of High Street had become quarrelsome and disorderly in his establishment and had refused to leave when asked to do so by Wilton and his wife.	1879/035
Rayner	William	Oxley	Henry	23	06	1879	Assault	A	William Rayner, described as a photographic artist, claimed that he had been assaulted by Henry Oxley, a poultry dealer. Rayner called Charles Vowles of Portway Farm to testify on his behalf. Oxley appears to have been fined 2/6d with costs of 14/6d.	1879/036

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Smith	Ellen	Dixon	Horace	28	06	1879	Bastardy	B	Ellen Smith had a bastard child where the putative father had been named as Horace Dixon of 3 Albert Terrace, Albert Square, Clapham Road, Middlesex. Ellen Smith had been awarded a payment of 3/6d per week for the maintenance of the child, together with the costs of bringing her case to court and a sum to cover the costs of giving birth. She now claimed that Dixon had made no payments of any kind and she was owed 30 weeks maintenance arrears as well as the one-off costs. The total outstanding was £5.5s.0d for maintenance, £2.19s.6d for the costs of her bastardy case and £1.1s.0d for expenses incurred in the birth - a total of £9.5s.6d.	1879/037
Parfitt	John	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	28	06	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	John Parfitt was the licensee of The Railway Tavern. Elizabeth Sarah Francis, the wife of George Francis of Southover, had been drunk and disorderly in The Railway Tavern and refused to leave the premises when asked to do so by Parfitt. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or to serve 14 days in prison if in default.	1879/038
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	James	28	06	1879	Maintenance order	Mo	Police serjeant Vowles reported that William Candy, a boy of 13, had been detained in the Somersetshire Industrial School for Boys at Bath and would remain there until he reached the age of 18. In the meantime Vowles claimed Candy's stepfather, James Allen of Market Street, was capable of making a financial contribution to his stepson's upkeep at the school. Allen was ordered to pay 2/- per week with effect from 7 June 1879.	1879/039
Vowles	Joseph	Woodburn	Frederick William	30	06	1879	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Frederick William Woodburn, publican at The Hearts of Oak, with having the beerhouse open for the sale of intoxicating liquor outside the legal licensing hours, i.e. at 7.30am on a Sunday morning. The defendant was discharged.	1879/040

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Waters	Sarah Godsell	Francis	Charles	01	07	1879	Bastardy	B	Sarah Godsell Waters, previously Hopkins, but now married, had brought a bastardy case against Charles Francis, the putative father of her child, in December 1877. At that point a judgement was awarded in her favour that Francis would contribute 2/6d per week plus the sum of £1.1s.0d for the costs of the birth. She claimed that Francis had fallen behind with the payment and now owed £1.7.6d for 11 weeks of arrears. Three months later on 26 September 1879 she pressed the court again for Francis to resume the payments which were now £2.17s.6d or 23 weeks in arrears. Note: The surname is spelt 'Walters' in the informations, but the 'L' has been crossed out, and in other places the surname is spelt 'Waters'.	1879/041
Knight	James	Maul	Edwin	02	07	1879	On licensed premises out of hours	L	PC Knight (acting serjeant) charged Edwin Maul, a labourer from South Street, with being on licensed premises outside legal licensing hours, i.e. at 7.30am on a Sunday morning in The Hearts of Oak beerhouse. The defendant was discharged (see also case 1879/040).	1879/042
Toomer	John Henry	Various		02	07	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Toomer of St Thomas Street was an officer of the School Attendance Board and was attempting to enforce the provisions of the Education Acts of 1870 and 1876. The name of the father / guardian being prosecuted for not sending a child in their care to school on a regular basis is shown as the defendant. Their address and the name of the child involved are given in the 'Notes' column together with information related to the outcome of the case	1879/043
Toomer	John Henry	Hawkins	William	02	07	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Florence. William Hawkins was ordered to pay 5/-.	1879/043a
Toomer	John Henry	Turner	James	02	07	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Morgan's Court, St Thomas Street, Henry. James Turner was ordered to pay 5/-.	1879/043b
Toomer	John Henry	Turner	James	02	07	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Morgan's Court, St Thomas Street, Anna Maria. See case 1879/043b.	1879/043c
Toomer	John Henry	Crandon	William	02	07	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Francis. William Crandon was ordered to pay 5/-.	1879/043d
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	George	02	07	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Albert. George Francis was ordered to pay 5/-.	1879/043e

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Toomer	John Henry	Grainger	Melina	02	07	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Henry. Melina Grainger was ordered to pay 3/-.	1879/043f
Toomer	John Henry	Cox	Joseph	02	07	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Annie. The case against Joseph Cox was adjourned.	1879/043g
Bisgood	John	Burlton	John	03	07	1879	Maintenance order	Mo	John Bisgood was deputy chief constable of Somerset. He noted that Mary Elizabeth Burlton, aged around 13, had been detained in the Limpley Stoke Reformatory School and would remain there for 3 years. An order was made for John Burlton of East Horrington to contribute to the maintenance of his daughter while she was at the school. However, it appears that Burlton ignored the maintenance order as he was brought to court again in October and ordered to pay 2/- per week for the maintenance of his daughter.	1879/044
Cook	George Edward	Lee	Ann	07	07	1879	Eviction from rented premises	Ev	George Edward Cook had let a tenement of a house and garden to Ann Lee in Southover for an annual rent of £12. He served notice on Lee in March 1879 that he wished to recover possession of the property three months after that date. Lee had refused to cede possession of the property and still refused to do so.	1879/045
George	Frederick Charles	Pocock	Joseph	07	07	1879	Absenteeism	Ab	Frederick Charles George, a publican, claimed damages of 5/- as a result of his employee, Joseph Pocock, absenting himself from work on 19 and 20 June.	1879/046
Vincent	Henry	Hammond	Thomas	08	07	1879	Sureties for the peace	Su	Henry Vincent, a tailor, claimed that Thomas Hammond had made various threats against him and he feared that Hammond would do him bodily injury. Vincent therefore requested that Hammond be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards him.	1879/047
Toomer	John Henry	Crandon jnr Cardwell	George William	10	07	1879	Profane and obscene language	Pr	John Toomer claimed that George Crandon the younger and William Cardwell had used obscene language in St Thomas Street.	1879/048
Vowles	Joseph	Day	John	17	07	1879	Vagrancy	V	Police serjeant Vowles appears to have taken from John Day, aged 69, a pedlar's certificate valid until 13 August 1879 which for some reason (not explained) had become forfeit.	1879/049

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Syme	Alexander	Croker?	Miss/Mrs?	22	07	1879	Theft of clothes	T	Alexander Syme complained that an unknown woman had come to his house, stayed all day and all night and left the next morning taking with her a black woollen shawl and a red skirt. Syme did not know the name of the woman, but thought the surname might have been Croker, He was able to give a description and requested a warrant for her arrest be issued.	1879/050
Vowles	Joseph	Stephens	Emma	29	07	1879	Theft of clothes	T	Police serjeant Vowles had remanded Emma Stephens of Bristol on a charge of stealing a shawl and skirt from Alexander Syme (see 1879/050). Syme had then stated that Mary Ann Sawyer of Pennyhill Road in Bristol was a material witness and should be summoned to give evidence.	1879/051
Bridge	John	Sage	Caroline	05	08	1879	Drunkenness	D	PC Bridge summoned Caroline Sage, a spinster, to answer a charge of being drunk in a public place, namely the Liberty of St Andrew.	1879/052
Wilson	??	Francis	William	05	08	1879	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Wilson (acting serjeant) summoned William Francis (aka Joseph Rossiter), a labourer from Coxley, to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Francis was fined 40/- plus costs.	1879/053
Coles	Frederick George	Simmons	John	05	08	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	Frederick George Coles, a publican in High Street, summoned John Simmons, a labourer, to answer a charge of being drunk and refusing to leave licensed premises when requested to do so by the landlord.	1879/054
Eyles	Joseph	Roach	Frederick	06	08	1879	Assault	A	Joseph Eyles of Southover complained that Frederick Roach, a sawyer, also of Southover, had threatened him with physical violence. Eyles called upon Maria Jenkins, wife of John Jenkins of Southover, to testify on his behalf, while Roach summoned John Showering and his wife Mary, and Mary Cornish, all of Southover, to be his witnesses.	1879/055
Police		Millard	Frederick	07	08	1879	Theft of scarves	T	Frederick Millard of Union Street was accused of stealing two scarves. He was bailed until the next sitting of the petty sessions court on the provision of two sureties of £10 each from John Millard of Union Street and Thomas Millard of South Street.	1879/055a

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Russ	Samuel Perren	Vile	Charles	09	08	1879	Maintenance order	Mo	Samuel Perren Russ was clerk to the Guardians of the Poor of Wells Union. Elizabeth Vile was poor, old and unable to work to maintain herself and had therefore been taken into the workhouse. Charles Vile was her son and lived in Wells. He was also able-bodied and capable of earning a living by working. The court determined that Charles Vile should pay 1/- per week to assist in his mother's upkeep so long as she was unable to support herself and needed to be maintained by the parish.	1879/056
Drayton	William	Bedford	Walter	11	08	1879	Theft of coal	T	William Drayton, a coal merchant, claimed that Walter Bedford, an employee, had been stealing coal from him on a regular basis for the last several weeks. Several witnesses were called: Elizabeth Parker, Anna Larcombe, Ann Callow, Martha Russell, Mary Keates, Henry John Bedford. it is not clear on whose behalf they would testify.	1879/057
Parfitt	John	Dix	Henry	11	08	1879	Assault	A	John Parfitt complained that Henry Dix, a plasterer of South Street, had assaulted him and struck him. Parfitt summoned William Parfitt, a painter from Chamberlain Street and Frederick Roach, a sawyer from Southover to testify on his behalf, while Dix called upon George Smith of St Cuthbert Street and Nathaniel Lumber of South Street to be his witnesses. Costs of the case seem to have been 9/6d and it appears that each side may have had to pay 4/9d.	1879/058
Gould	William	Hatcher	Alfred	14	08	1879	Assault	A	William Gould, a labourer from Southover, claimed that he had been assaulted by Alfred Hatcher, also a labourer from Southover.	1879/059
Gould	George Edwin	Montfort	G A R	23	08	1879	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	George Edwin Gould claimed that G A R Montfort represented himself as being in business as a stamp manufacturer based in New Cut, Bristol, and, using this pretence, had obtained from Gould the sum of 3/8d (presumably for the promised supply of some product).	1879/060
Creedy	Jane	Brook	Elizabeth	23	08	1879	Assault	A	Jane Creedy, a spinster of South Street, claimed tha she had been assaulted by Elizabeth Brook, wife of William Brook, a plasterer of South Street. The two parties involved were required to each pay half of the costs of the case, i.e. 4/9d each.	1879/061

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Fry	Francis	Cornish	Richard	30	08	1879	Releasing horses en route to pound	Op	Francis Fry, a maltster, claimed that he had taken possession of some horses that were being illegally pastured on his land and was having them taken to the local pound, when Richard Cornish, a cartman, had intervened and released the animals before they reached the pound. Cornish called upon Albert Brine, a brush manufacturer living in Portway, and William Mogg, a baker from High Street, to testify on his behalf.	1879/062
Hillier & Salisbury		Berry	George	01	09	1879	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Messrs. Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers, claimed the sum of 9d in damages for George Berry, an apprentice, being absent from work without consent on 19 August 1879.	1879/063
Hillier & Salisbury		Pocock	Joseph	01	09	1879	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Messrs. Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers, claimed the sum of 6d in damages for Joseph Pocock, an apprentice, being absent from work without consent on 19 August 1879.	1879/064
Hillier & Salisbury		Tutton	Martha	01	09	1879	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Messrs. Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers, claimed the sum of 6d in damages for Martha Tutton, an apprentice residing in St Cuthbert Street, being absent from her work without consent on 19 August 1879.	1879/065
Hillier & Salisbury		Wickham	Henry Thomas	01	09	1879	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Messrs. Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers, claimed the sum of 1/- in damages for Henry Thomas Wickham, an apprentice living in St Thomas Street, being absent from work without consent on 19 August 1879.	1879/066
Court	Mary	Ashton	Simon	06	09	1879	Assault	A	Mary Court, a widow, complained that she had been assaulted by Simon Ashton, a plasterer of South Street. Ashton was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-. Note: the defendant's name is originally shown as James Ashton, but is then changed in pencil on the summons to Simon Ashton.	1879/067
Hill	George	Hawkins	Charles	08	09	1879	Assault	A	George Hill, of the Slab House, complained that Charles Hawkins, a resident of St Thomas Street, had struck him in the face with his fist. The case was settled without a hearing.	1879/068

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Summers	John	Ball	Alfred	09	09	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	John Summers, a beerhouse keeper in St John Street, complained that Alfred Ball, a labourer of St John Street, had been drunk and disorderly on his licensed premises and had refused to leave when asked to do so by Summers, the landlord. Summers called William Oldfield, a plasterer living in South Street, and James York, a labourer living in St John Street, as material witnesses on his behalf.	1879/069
Foster	Robert	Maidment	Arthur	13	09	1879	Wilful damage	Wd	Robert Foster, a marine store dealer, complained that Arthur Maidment, a resident of South Street, had deliberately damaged a window in Foster's property.	1879/070
Hillier & Salisbury		Luckham	George	23	09	1879	Theft of hair / hairbrush	T	George Luckham was an employee of Messrs. Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers. It was claimed that he had stolen some French hair from stock and got another employee to make him a brush using that hair. Luckham had then supposedly taken the brush home. He had been accused of the theft by the foreman, Henry Swainson, and had brought the brush in from his home. William Russell, an apprentice, and William Henry Chappell, who had made the brush, also testified. The case against Luckham was dismissed but he was required to pay the costs of 18/-. There is some uncertainty as to whether the defendant's surname was Luckham or Luckman as both appear in the documents.	1879/071
Western	Eliza	Sparrow	James	01	10	1879	Dangerous dog	Dd	Eliza Western, wife of Aaron Western, a labourer living in Tucker Street, complained that James Sparrow of St Cuthbert Street owned a dangerous dog which he failed to control. The case was settled out of court.	1879/072
Brown	Henry	Hanney Howlett	Edward William	07	10	1879	Assault	A	Henry Brown, a labourer living in East Horrington, claimed that Edward Hanney, a labourer of St Thomas Street, and William Howlett, a labourer living in Southover, had assaulted and kicked him. The case was settled out of court.	1879/073
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	John	07	10	1879	Drunkenness	D	PC Knight found John Baker drunk in a public place on 24 September. Police serjeant Vowles therefore charged Baker with drunkenness.	1879/074

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Wickham	Charles	Crandon	James	07	10	1879	Assault	A	Charles Wickham, a tailor of St Thomas Street, complained that James Crandon, a labourer also of St Thomas Street, had assaulted him. The costs of the case appear to have been 9/-.	1879/075
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	John	08	10	1879	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Baker, a baker from St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The incident took place on 3 October.	1879/076
Toomer	John Henry	Various		08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Toomer of St Thomas Street was an officer of the School Attendance Board and was attempting to enforce the provisions of the Education Acts of 1870 and 1876. The name of the father / guardian being prosecuted for not sending a child in their care to school on a regular basis is shown as the defendant. Their address and the name of the child involved are given in the 'Notes' column together with information related to the outcome of the case.	1879/077
Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Samuel Gibbons, aged 13. The case against Samuel Gibbons was adjourned to check that child was now attending school.	1879/077a
Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Frederick James Dowling, aged 10. The case against Samuel Gibbons was adjourned to check that child was now attending school.	1879/077b
Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Alfred Gibbons, aged 7. The case against Samuel Gibbons was adjourned to check that the child was now attending school.	1879/077c
Toomer	John Henry	Oxley	James	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Kate Oxley. The case against James Oxley was adjourned to 17 November.	1879/077d
Toomer	John Henry	Bartlett	George	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, George Henry Bartlett. The case against George Bartlett was adjourned to 17 November.	1879/077e
Toomer	John Henry	Richards	Stephen	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Walter Richards. The case against Stephen Richards was withdrawn.	1879/077f
Toomer	John Henry	Walters	Silas	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Charles Walters. Silas Walters was fined 5/-.	1879/077g
Toomer	John Henry	Allen	James	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Frederick Allen. James Allen was fined 5/-.	1879/077h
Toomer	John Henry	Crandon	William	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Francis Crandon.	1879/077i

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Toomer	John Henry	Crandon	William	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Florence Crandon.	1879/077j
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	William	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Mill Lane, Eliza Francis, aged 14. The case against William Francis was adjourned pending the production of a certificate showing her age. Note: at 14 she would be too old to be covered by the Education Acts.	1879/077k
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	William	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Mill Lane, Ellen Francis Note: the child's name was struck through on the summons	1879/077l
Toomer	John Henry	Hippisley	Samuel	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Edward Hippisley. Samuel Hippisley was recorded as paying costs of 2/6d.	1879/077m
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	William	08	10	1879	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Alfred Francis. William Francis was fined 6d plus costs of 4/6d.	1879/077n
Vowles	Joseph	Trollope Hewlett	Giles William	08	10	1879	Committing a breach of the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Vowles charged Giles Trollope, a labourer from St Thomas Street, and William Hewlett, a labourer from Southover, with committing a breach of the peace by fighting in the street.	1879/078
Brown	Charles	Charles	John	09	10	1879	Public health nuisance	E	Charles Brown was the Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He summoned John Charles of Broad Street as the landlord for a number of properties in South Street and St John Street where the sanitation was defective. Three summons were issued for different groups of houses. In all three cases there were said to be insufficient water closets or privies, and in two cases the existing sanitation arrangements were defective and injurious to health. The hearing was adjourned to 17 November.	1879/079
Bendall	William Newport	Various		09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall, acting as collector for Wells, charged various ratepayers with failing to pay the general rate that had been set on 7 April 1879. The following entries show the individual in default, their address and the amount owing.	1879/080
Bendall	William Newport	Thorn	George	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	George Thorn, Union Street, 5/- owed. George Thorn was allowed to continue and the costs were remitted.	1879/080a
Bendall	William Newport	Bown	John	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	John Bown, Broad Street, 11/- owed. John Bown was recorded as paying 13/6d, including costs of 2/6d	1879/080b
Bendall	William Newport	Abbott	Ellen	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Ellen Abbott, Southover, 5/- owed. Ellen Abbott was recorded as paying 7/6d, including costs of 2/6d	1879/080c

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Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Alfred Hatcher, Southover, 9/- owed. Alfred Hatcher was recorded as paying 11/6d, including costs of 2/6d	1879/080d
Bendall	William Newport	Jenkins	John	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	John Jenkins, Southover, 3/6d owed. Distraint proceedings were initiated against John Jenkins.	1879/080e
Bendall	William Newport	Scott	Mrs M	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Mrs Scott, Market Street, 2/6d owed. Mrs Scott was ordered to pay the outstanding debt..	1879/080f
Bendall	William Newport	Standard jnr	James	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	James Standard the younger, Market Street, 2/6d owed. Distraint proceedings were initiated against James Standard the younger.	1879/080g
Bendall	William Newport	Francis	Robert	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Robert Francis, Market Street, 2/6d owed. Distraint proceedings were initiated against Robert Francis.	1879/080h
Bendall	William Newport	Crandon	William	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	William Crandon, Market Street, 2/6d owed. Distraint proceedings were initiated against William Crandon.	1879/080i
Bendall	William Newport	Davis	Thomas	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	The summons against Thomas Davis was not served, although 2/6 said to be owed. Davis had left Wells.	1879/080j
Bendall	William Newport	Allen	James	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	James Allen, Market Street, 2/6d owed. Distraint proceedings were initiated against James Allen.	1879/080k
Bendall	William Newport	Collins	James	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	James Collins, Tucker Street. 3/6d owed. James Collins was recorded as paying 6/-, including costs of 2/6d.	1879/080l
Bendall	William Newport	Drew	Henry	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	Henry Drew, Town Hall Buildings, 3/6d owed. Henry Drew was recorded as paying 6/-, including costs of 2/6d. of 2/6d	1879/080m
Bendall	William Newport	Huish	William	09	10	1879	Non-payment of rates	N	William Huish, St Thomas Street, 2/9d owed. William Huish was noted as still to pay the outstanding debt.	1879/080n
Fowler	Frank	Masters	Ernest	11	10	1879	Assault	A	Frank Fowler, a farmer and cattle dealer from the Frome area, complained that he had been assaulted and struck by Ernest Masters, a cattle dealer from Rodney Stoke. The case was adjourned to 17 November.	1879/081
Hill	Obed	Crandon Crandon	George James	13	10	1879	Assault	A	Obed Hill of Bath Road complained that George Crandon and James Crandon, both labourers from St Thomas Street, had assaulted him. Hill called George Teal of St Thomas Street to act as a witness on his behalf. It appears that George Crandon received a sentence of 6 weeks in prison and James Crandon one calendar month.	1879/082

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Whitehead	Jane	Moore	William	23	10	1879	Assault	A	Jane Whitehead of St Thomas Street complained that William Moore of High Street had assaulted and pushed her in the Liberty of St Andrew. Albert Moore of High Street (whose relationship to the defendant is not explained) called upon Elias Parsons, a butcher's boy from High Street, and James Oxley junior, a labourer from St Cuthbert Street, to be summoned as witnesses for the defence. The case was dismissed.	1879/083
Gibbs	Henry Bright	Kelway	John	27	10	1879	Dangerous dog	Dd	Henry Bright Gibbs, a tailor of Sadler Street, complained that John Kelway of Chamberlain Street was the owner of a dangerous dog that was not under proper control. Gibbs' case seems to have been supported by several witnesses. Costs were awarded against Kelway and amounted to 30/-.	1879/084
Gooding	Henry	Russell	Henry	28	10	1879	Assault	A	Henry Gooding, a turf cutter from Meare, complained that Henry Russell, also a turf cutter from Meare, had assaulted him when they were in Wells. Gooding also called George Aveley, a mason of Ashcott Road, and Henry Cox, a packer on the railway living in Meare, as material witnesses on his behalf.	1879/085
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	William	31	10	1879	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Allen, a shoemaker from Horrington, with being drunk in a public thoroughfare. Allen was found there by PC Tomlinson and John Summers, an innkeeper of St John Street, was also called as a witness. Allen was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1879/086
Knight	James	Creedy	Edward	31	10	1879	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Knight charged Edward Creedy of South Street with being drunk and disorderly in a public place. Creedy was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1879/087
Vowles	Joseph	Parfitt	John	31	10	1879	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Parfitt, the licensee of The Railway Tavern in Southover, with having his premises open for the sale of intoxicating liquor outside the stipulated licensing hours. Parfitt was fined £1 with costs of 8/-.	1879/088
Vowles	Joseph	Harvey	Charles	31	10	1879	On licensed premises out of hours	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged Charles Harvey of Silver Street with being on licensed premises, specifically John Parfitt's Railway Tavern, outside statutory licensing hours, i.e. at 11.25pm. Harvey was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1879/089

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Whittle	Mary Ann	White	Thomas	03	11	1879	Assault	A	Mary Ann Whittle, a married woman, complained that she had been assaulted by Thomas White, a butcher from Coxley. White was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1879/090
Lumber	William	Brooks	Joseph	03	11	1879	Assault	A	William Lumber, a farmer from Marchey Farm, claimed that Joseph Brooks, a butcher in High Street, had attacked him and struck him. Lumber called as witnesses Albert Lewis, a pork butcher of High Street, Jacob Barnes, an ironmonger of High Street, George Stevens, a labourer from South Street and William Parker, a butcher of High Street. Brooks was fined 10/ and costs amounted to 14/6d.	1879/091
Chappell	Walter	Ball	Alfred	06	11	1879	Assault	A	Walter Chappell of St Cuthbert Street complained that he had been seized and shaken by Alfred Ball, a labourer from St John Street. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1879/092
Vowles Vowles	John Henry	Sweet Phipps	Robert James	06	11	1879	Trespass	Pt	John Vowles, a farmer, complained that Robert Sweet and James Phipps, both described as labourers from Southover, had trespassed on his land seeking to kill game and rabbits without his consent. No-one appeared at the hearing.	1879/093
Vowles	Joseph	Parfitt	John	10	11	1879	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Vowles charged John Parfitt, a beerhouse keeper of Southover, with operating a common lodging house without the necessary registration or licence under the Public Health Act of 1875. Vowles called upon Thomas Bosanquet and John Bryce as material witnesses in support of his case. Parfitt was required to pay the costs of the case of 20/6d.	1879/094
Bridge	James	Perry	George	11	11	1879	Drunkenness	D	PC Bridge charged George Perry from Priddy with being drunk in The White Hart in Sadler Street, the licensed premises of George Duckett, and refusing to leave those premises when requested to do so by the landlord. Duckett was summoned as a witness. Perry was fined 1/- with costs of 9/6d.	1879/095
Vowles	Joseph	Bennett	William	12	11	1879	Obstructing the highway	O	Police serjeant Vowles charged William Bennett, a haulier, with obstructing the highway at West Street by leaving a timber carriage and a waggon parked there overnight. Bennett was fined 5/- with costs of 10/6d.	1879/096

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Bisgood	John	Crandon	William	28	11	1879	Maintenance order	Mo	John Bisgood was deputy chief constable of Somerset. He noted that Frank Crandon, aged around 9, had been detained in the Somersetshire Industrial Home for Boys at Tiverton and would remain there until he was 16 years of age. The boy's father, William Crandon, a drover from Market Street, was deemed to be able to contribute to the maintenance of his son while at the school. Crandon was ordered to make a contribution of 6d per week.	1879/097
Brooks	Joseph Frederick	Dredge Roach	Frederick Fredrick Percival	01	12	1879	Theft of money	T	Joseph Frederick Brooks, the licensee of the Golden Heart in St John Street, complained that Frederick Dredge and Frederick Percival Roach had stolen a sovereign from his bar. Brooks claimed that Dredge had asked for a pint of rum and put a sovereign on the bar. Brooks had put the change of 18/10d on the bar and turned to fill a bottle with the rum; when he turned back he claimed that both the sovereign and the change had gone. He asked Dredge to turn out his pockets and claimed that he saw a sovereign there before it was removed by Roach who then refused to return it and claimed that he had not got it. The prosecution decided not to pursue the case.	1879/098
Lewis	Robert	Brown	Henry	04	12	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	Robert Lewis, an innkeeper in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, complained that Henry Brown, a labourer from East Horrington, had become drunk and disorderly in his bar and had then refused to quit the premises when asked to do so by the landlord.	1879/099
Bridge	John	Ball	Alfred	05	12	1879	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	PC Bridge charged Alfred Ball, a labourer from St John Street, with being unlawfully drunk on the premises of Sarah Hutton, the licensee of The Red Ox, and then refusing to quit the premises when requested to do so by the landlord. PC Bridge called upon Sarah Hutton to testify as a material witness.	1879/100

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Bisgood	John	Crandon	William	27	12	1879	Maintenance order	Mo	John Bisgood was deputy chief constable of Somerset. He noted that Florence Ellen Crandon, aged around 12, had been detained in the Limpley Stoke Reformatory School and would remain there until she reached the age of 17. Bisgood requested that William Crandon, the child's father, be brought before the court to show why he, as an able-bodied man capable of working, should not be required to contribute to the maintenance of his daughter for the remainder of her stay at Limpley Stoke.	1879/101
Connock	Mary	Francis	Elizabeth Phillis	27	12	1879	Theft of coal	T	Mary Connock of Southover, wife of John Connock, claimed that Elizabeth Francis, wife of George Francis, also of Southover, had stolen around 16lbs of coal belonging to John Connock. The case was settled outside court.	1879/102