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**1880**

Knight	James	Brown	Mary Ann	08	01	1880	Drunkenness	D	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged Mary Ann Brown, the wife of Robert Brown, with being drunk in a public place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Costs of the case were 6/6d.	1880/001
Knight	James	Baker	John	08	01	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged John Baker, a baker of St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly in a public place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was adjourned.	1880/002
Rodgers	Henry James	Weeks	William	08	01	1880	Wilful damage	Wd	Henry James Rodgers, a publican, complained that William Weeks, a mason from Priddy, had deliberately damaged walls in a passage and yard belonging to Rodgers. The cost of the damage was estimated to be 1d.	1880/003
Kerslake	Eliza Mary	Kerslake	William	17	01	1880	Sureties for the peace	Su	Eliza Mary Kerslake of No 19 Union Street complained that her husband, William Kerslake, a tailor, had on a number of occasions issued threats against her such that she feared he would do her severe bodily harm. She requested that he be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards her.	1880/004
Hillier & Salisbury		Pocock jnr	Joseph	23	01	1880	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Messrs. Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers, claimed the sum of 2/- in damages for Joseph Pocock the younger, an apprentice brush turner, being absent from work without consent for two days.	1880/005
Hillier & Salisbury		Wickham	Henry Thomas	23	01	1880	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Messrs. Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers, claimed the sum of 2/- in damages for Henry Thomas Wickham, an apprentice brush turner, being absent from work without consent for two days.	1880/006
Vowles	Joseph	Simmons Allen Parfitt Nutt Francis	John Gilbert Joseph Joseph Richard	26	01	1880	Gaming	G	Police Serjeant Vowles charged the defendants with playing a game of chance called pitch and toss in a place to which the public had access. Each of the defendants was fined 7/6d to include the costs of the case which, in total, amounted to £1.1s.0d.	1880/007
Vowles	Joseph	Ball	Alfred	27	01	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Alfred Ball with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare on 17 January.	1880/008

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Keates	Louisa	Ball	Alfred	27	01	1880	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	Louisa Keates complained that on 26 January Alfred Ball was found to be drunk on licensed premises belonging to Charles Keates, had become disorderly and then refused to leave the premises when requested to do so by the landlord.	1880/009
Vowles	Henry	Trollope Price Sheppard	Giles William Robert	03	02	1880	Trespass	Pt	Henry Vowles, described as a foreman, complained that the three defendants, Giles Trollope, William Price and Robert Sheppard, all described as labourers, had trespassed on land belonging to John Vowles in search of game and conies.	1880/010
Brown	Charles	Chapman	Henry	05	02	1880	Wilful damage	Wd	Charles Brown, a surveyor employed by Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that Henry Chapman of 12 Union Street had deliberately and wilfully cut and damaged a lime tree in Priory Road, a tree that was the property of the said Wells Urban Sanitary Authority.	1880/011
Brown	Charles	Sweet	John	06	02	1880	Unwholesome meat	E	Charles Brown was the Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He complained that John Sweet, a butcher from Southover, had in his slaughterhouse six sheep carcasses which were intended for human consumption but which were unwholesome and therefore not suited for that purpose. The carcasses had been seized and destroyed. George Evans, veterinary surgeon, was to be called as a material witness for the prosecution. Sweet was fined £12 with costs of £2.10s.6d - recorded as duly paid.	1880/012
Brown	Charles	Sweet	John	06	02	1880	Keeping horse in slaughterhouse	E	Charles Brown was the Inspector of Nuisances for Wells. He noted in his examination of John Sweet's slaughterhouse (see case 1880/012) that a horse was being kept in that building contrary to the Public Health Act.	1880/013
Vowles	Joseph	Francis	George	06	02	1880	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged George Francis, a haulier resident in Southover, with obstructing the thoroughfare in Southover by virtue of negligent parking of a waggon.	1880/014
Vowles	Joseph	Stevens	John	06	02	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Stevens, a labourer from Shepton Mallet, with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare.	1880/015

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Bridge	John	Pennell Marsh	Aaron John	23	02	1880	Obstructing a footpath	O	PC Bridge charged Aaron Pennell and John Marsh with wilfully obstructing a footpath in High Street. Each defendant was required to pay 4/9d, including costs.	1880/016
Mitchell	Archibald	Hopkins	James	01	03	1880	Cruelty to a pony	C	Archibald Mitchell, an inspector for the RSPCA, complained that James Hopkins of Southover was guilty of cruelty to a pony by working it when it was clearly unfit. The costs of the case amounted to at least 10/-.	1880/017
Mitchell	Archibald	Wall	Thomas	02	03	1880	Cruelty to a mare	C	Archibald Mitchell, an inspector for the RSPCA, complained that Thomas Wall of Street had ill-treated a mare by working it when it was clearly unfit.	1880/018
Meredith	William Thomas	Green	George	04	03	1880	Cruelty to a horse	C	William Thomas Meredith complained that George Green, a labourer from West Pennard, had ill-treated a horse by beating it with a rope.	1880/019
Bendall	William Newport	Various		04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall charged various ratepayers with failing to pay the general rate that had been set on 6 October 1879. The following entries show the individual in default, their address and the amount owing. In addition to the amounts shown as outstanding, all those listed as not having paid the general rate were to be surcharged the sum of 2/6d to cover costs.	1880/020
Bendall	William Newport	Abbott	Ellen	04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	Southover. Ellen Abbott was shown as owing 4/2d, plus 2/6d for costs.	1880/020a
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	Southover, 7/6d outstanding, plus 2/6d for costs. The documentation does not include a summons for Alfred Hatcher.	1880/020b
Bendall	William Newport	Cornish	John	04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	Southover. John Cornish was shown as owing 2/11d, plus 2/6d for costs.	1880/020c
Bendall	William Newport	Collins	James	04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	Tucker Street. James Collins was shown as owing 2/11d, plus 2/6d for costs.	1880.020d
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	St Cuthbert Street. James Oxley was shown as owing 4/2d, plus 2/6d for costs.	1880/020e
Bendall	William Newport	Watson	Peter	04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	Vicar's Close. Peter Watson was shown as owing 8/4d, plus 2/6d for costs.	1880/020f

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Bendall	William Newport	Price	James	04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	St Thomas Street, 2/6d outstanding plus 2/6d for costs. The documentation does not include a summons for James Price.	1880/020g
Bendall	William Newport	Crandon	William	04	03	1880	Non-payment of rates	N	Market Street, 2/1d outstanding, plus 2/6d for costs. The summons for William Crandon appears in duplicate, but declared as 'not issued' since defendant had paid outstanding rates and costs of 2/6d. Note: in the summary list William Crandon's address is given as St Cuthbert Street.	1880/020h
Toomer	John Henry	Various		05	03	1880	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 other information related to the case. No details of the outcome are shown in the documentation for any of the cases.	1880/021
Toomer	John Henry	Allen	Edward	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Albert Allen. The defendant was named as Edward Allen.	1880/021a
Toomer	John Henry	Stevens	George	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Edwin Stevens. The defendant was named as George Stevens.	1880/021b
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	George	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Alfred Francis. The defendant, George Francis, was described as a labourer.	1880/021c
Toomer	John Henry	Oxley	James	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Kate Oxley. The defendant was named as James Oxley.	1880/021d
Toomer	John Henry	Loxton	William	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Agnes Loxton. The defendant was named as William Loxton.	1880/021e

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Toomer	John Henry	Hawkins	William	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street. Caroline Hawkins. The defendant, William Hawkins, was described as a labourer.	1880/021f
Toomer	John Henry	Hatcher	Alfred	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Emily Hatcher. The defendant, Alfred Hatcher, was described as a labourer.	1880/021g
Toomer	John Henry	Andow	John	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Emma Andow. The defendant, John Andow, was described as a labourer.	1880/021h
Toomer	John Henry	Trenchard	John	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	High Street, Lucy Trenchard. The defendant was named as John Trenchard.	1880/021i
Toomer	John Henry	Trenchard	John	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	High Street, John Trenchard (not mentioned on summons). The defendant was named as John Trenchard.	1880/021j
Toomer	John Henry	Trenchard	John	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	High Street, Frederick Trenchard (not mentioned on summons). The defendant was named as John Trenchard.	1880/021k
Toomer	John Henry	Savage	William	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Bessie Savage. The defendant was named as William Savage.	1880/021l
Toomer	John Henry	Hammond	Thomas	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Albert Wesley. The defendant was named as Thomas Hammond.	1880/021m
Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Samuel Gibbons. The defendant was named as Samuel Gibbons.	1880/021n
Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Frederick James Dowling (illegitimate). The defendant was named as Samuel Gibbons.	1880/021o
Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Alfred Henry Dowling (illegitimate). The defendant was named as Samuel Gibbons.	1880/021p
Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Walter Gibbons. The defendant was named as Samuel Gibbons.	1880/021q

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Toomer	John Henry	Edwards	George	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Henry Edwards. The defendant was named as George Edwards.	1880/021r
Toomer	John Henry	Slater	John	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Frances Slater. The defendant was named as John Slater.	1880/021s
Toomer	John Henry	Granger	George	05	03	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Henry Granger. The defendant was named as George Granger.	1880/021t
White	Thomas	Cornish	Richard	06	03	1880	Wilful damage	Wd	Thomas White, a butcher from Coxley, complained that Richard Cornish, a haulier resident in Southover, had deliberately destroyed White's hat by kicking it around the room in The Royal Oak in the Market Place. White claimed the cost of the damage was 6/-. He also called on Louisa Keates of The Royal Oak to give evidence in support of his complaint. Note: Cornish is initially described as being from Bruton but this was subsequently amended.	1880/022
Hawkins	Sarah Jane	Cornish	John	10	03	1880	Sureties for the peace	Su	Sarah Jane Hawkins, a married woman, complained that John Cornish of Southover had repeatedly threatened her with physical violence. She asked that he be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards her.	1880/023

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Johnson	George Henry Sacheverell	Hill	George	13	03	1880	Fraud	Fr	Complaints were made by William Holloway that George Hill obtained money under false pretences from James Lowman, the money actually belonging to the Dean of Wells (the plaintiff), and that Lowman had obtained the money from Holloway himself, so there was also a complaint against Lowman. The method of obtaining the money appears to have been documents / instruments that were forged or doctored by those committing the fraud. The case appears to have gone to the Somerset Summer Assizes of 1880 where a certificate of costs was presented for £4.9s.6d, including the costs of bringing a witness, Mary Ann Lee, from Crockham Vicarage in Westerham near Edenbridge in Kent. Note: there is no information given to identify William Holloway, James Lowman or George Hill, their trades, positions or places of residence.	1880/024
Morgan	John	Unknown man	???	16	03	1880	Theft of 2-wheeled trucks	T	John Morgan claimed that an unknown man (of whom he was able to provide a limited description) had stolen from him a pair of two-wheeled trucks. A warrant was issued for the arrest of this individual.	1880/025
Hatcher	Henry	Pearce	Henry	24	03	1880	Assault	A	Henry Hatcher, a labourer from Southover, complained that he had been assaulted by Henry Pearce, also a labourer resident in Southover.	1880/026
Lewis	Charles	Hallett Radford Day Stevens	Daniel Gilbert Edward Edwin	25	03	1880	Wilful damage	Wd	Charles Lewis, a pork butcher in the High Street, complained that the defendants, Daniel Hallett, Gilbert Radford, Edward Day and Edwin Stevens, all described as labourers, had wilfully damaged windows in his property. He estimated the cost of the damage at 4/-. Lewis called upon John Marchant, a labourer, as a material witness on his behalf.	1880/027
Vowles	Joseph	Comer	John	27	03	1880	Cruelty to a calf	C	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Comer, a tailor from Yarley in the parish of Wookey, with ill-treating a calf by transporting it in a cart with all four feet tied together. Charles Sharland, a railway porter, was called as a witness for the prosecution.	1880/028

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Vowles	Joseph	Comer	John	27	03	1880	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Comer, a tailor from Yarley in the parish of Wookey, with the use of profane and obscene language in public.	1880/029
Vowles	Joseph	Lumber	Nathaniel	27	03	1880	Owning unlicensed dog	DI	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Nathaniel Lumber, a labourer of South Street, with owning a dog for which he had no licence.	1880/030
Hulse	Ann	Hulse	Frank	30	03	1880	Sureties for the peace	Su	Ann Hulse of 10 South Street claimed that her husband, Frank Hulse, a patten maker, had assaulted and beaten her, and made a number of threats of further physical violence. She asked that he be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards her. Frank Hulse was bound over for 6 months in the sum of a £10 bond from himself and £5 from each of John Mardon, a fitter, and John Chappell, a bailiff.	1880/031
Vowles	Joseph	Sweet	Thomas	31	03	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Thomas Sweet, a butcher of St Cuthbert's Place, with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare.	1880/032
Justices		Various		03	04	1880	Nominations for the Overseers of the Poor for the Liberty of St Andrew	*	The following individuals were nominated for the roles of Overseers of the Poor for the Liberty of St Andrew: Frederick Richards, John Henry Toomer, Henry William Fry, Sidney Tom Richards, William Gooch, Augustus Walter, Henry Bright Gibbs.	1880/033
Bown	Jane	Snooks	Alfred	12	04	1880	Bastardy	B	Jane Bown, a single woman resident in Tucker Street, gave birth to an illegitimate child on 13 February 1880 where she claimed the father to be Alfred Snooks, a labourer of Lower Milton. Snooks had evidently not come forward with any arrangement for the maintenance of the child, so Bown asked for the petty sessions court to rule on the issue. She called Jane Gully, a spinster and also living in Tucker Street, to testify on her behalf.	1880/034



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Justices		Brayley	James	27	04	1880	Maintenance order	Mo	James Brayley was the father of a 12-year old boy, Henry John Brayley, who had been detained on the training ship 'Formidable' at Portishead under the Industrial Schools Act of 1866. It had been determined that James Brayley had sufficient ability to contribute towards his son's maintenance and he was required to attend court to show why he should not have to make such a contribution.	1880/035
Toomer	John Henry	Various		10	05	1880	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 are given in the 'Notes' column together with other information related to the case. No details of the outcome are shown in the documentation for any of the cases.	1880/036
Toomer	John Henry	Edwards	George	10	05	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Henry Edwards. The defendant was named as George Edwards.	1880/036a
Toomer	John Henry	Hawkins jnr	James	10	05	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Sarah Hawkins. The defendant was named as James Hawkins the younger.	1880/036b
Toomer	John Henry	Savage	William	10	05	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Florence Savage. The defendant was named as William Savage.	1880/036c
Toomer	John Henry	Moore	Albert	10	05	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	High Street, Thomas Moore. The defendant was named as Albert Moore.	1880/036d
Toomer	John Henry	Loxton	Joseph	10	05	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, James Loxton. The defendant was named as Joseph Loxton. The documentation includes letter from St Joseph's RC School explaining that, with minor exceptions, James Loxton had been attending school since 17 February last.	1880/036e

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Toomer	John Henry	Vincent	Joseph	10	05	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Gilbert Vincent. The defendant was named as Joseph Vincent.	1880/036f
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	George	10	05	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Alfred Francis. The defendant was named as George Francis. The documentation includes a letter from St Joseph's RC School explaining that Alfred Francis had been attending school since 4 February last and recent absences had been approved by the head teacher.	1880/036g
Toomer	John Henry	Phipps	William	10	05	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Tucker Street, Annie Phipps. The defendant was named as William Phipps.	1880/036h
Vowles	Joseph	Harris	Henry	29	04	1880	Vagrancy	V	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Henry Harris, a labourer from Torquay, with vagrancy having found him begging in New Street at the home of Miss Bown. Other witnesses called for the prosecution were: Emily Bown, a spinster from New Street at whose door Harris was begging; Rev. Joseph Stubbs, vicar of St Thomas, whose name Harris was quoting as someone who had helped him; John Summers, licensee of The Rose & Crown beerhouse who, according to Harris' petition, had subscribed 5/-; William Robins, butler to the Revered F C Drake at Woodbury, who had recommended to his employer's wife that Harris be turned away as he had encountered him spinning the same yarn two years before. Evidence brought by police Serjeant Vowles showed that Harris had only just been released from Devizes prison. Harris was sentenced to three calendar months in prison at Shepton Mallet with hard labour.	1880/037
Vowles	Joseph	Pearce	Henry	01	05	1880	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Henry Pearce, a groom, with obstructing the passage of traffic in High Street by displaying a horse for show or for hire. Pearce was fined 5/- with costs of 6/6d.	1880/038

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Duckett	George	Brock Bowell Bishop jnr Bishop	James Sidney James James	04	05	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	George Duckett, the licensee of an inn in Sadler Street, complained that James Brock, a labourer from Priddy, had been unlawfully drunk on his premises and his companions, Sidney Bowell, a labourer living in South Street, James Bishop the elder, a labourer from The Miners Arms in Priddy and James Bishop the younger, a lunatic asylum attendant, had all become disorderly. None of them was prepared to leave the inn when he requested them to do so.	1880/039
Davis	George	Ware	Frank	05	05	1880	Assault	A	George Davis of St Thomas Street complained that Frank Ware, a labourer from St Thomas Street, had assaulted John Davis (the link between George and John Davis is not explained). Ware (referred to in the summons as Sage) called upon Sidney Tucker of St Thomas Street to give evidence on his behalf.	1880/040
Foxwell	Charles Edmund	Lush	William	07	05	1880	Wilful damage	Wd	Charles Foxwell, a bootmaker, complained that William Lush of Union Street had deliberately damaged a wall on Foxwell's property. The damage was assessed at one penny.	1880/041
Vowles	Joseph	Cattle	Joseph	25	05	1880	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Joseph Cattle, a labourer from Coxley, with not being in a position to control the movement and direction of a horse and cart which he was responsible for driving along the Glastonbury Road. Cattle was found guilty and fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1880/042
Bridge	John	Francis	Albert	28	05	1880	Furious driving	Rd	PC Bridge charged Albert Francis, a labour living in Southover, with furious driving of a horse and cart along St John Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- and a surcharge for the commitment of 1/6d, a total of 14/6d.	1880/043
Knight	James	Brown	Henry	18	06	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged Henry Brown, a labourer from East Horrington, with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place.	1880/044

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Knight	James	Parsons	John	18	06	1880	Cruelty to a horse	C	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged John Parsons, a turf dealer from Meare, with ill-treating a horse by working it when it was clearly unfit. Edwin Welsh of New Street was called as a witness for the prosecution.	1880/045
Knight	James	Ashford Duck	Walter George	18	06	1880	Cruelty to a horse	C	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged Walter Ashford, a labourer of Down Head, with ill-treating a horse by working it when it was clearly unfit. He also charged George Duck, also of Down Head, and the owner of the horse, with allowing it to be worked in an unfit condition.	1880/046
Knight	James	Phipps	Thomas	23	06	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged Thomas Phipps, a hawker, with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare.	1880/047
Toomer	John Henry	Hippisley	Allan	03	07	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Henry Toomer, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Allan Hippisley of St Thomas Street had failed to send his child, Jesse Hippisley, to school on a regular basis.	1880/048
Bridge	John	Francis Francis	Robert George	26	07	1880	Horses straying on highway	H	PC Bridge charged Robert Francis, described as a cartman, with being the owner of a horse that was found straying on the highway in Chamberlain Street. He also charged George Francis, another cartman, with being the owner of two horses that were found straying in Ash Lane.	1880/049
Knight	James	Ridley	James	26	07	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Knight charged James Ridley from Tor Street with being drunk and disorderly in the Liberty of St Andrew.	1880/050
Knight	James	Burlton	John	05	08	1880	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Knight charged John Burlton, a labourer from East Horrington, with obstructing the highway by virtue of parking a horse and cart there for an unreasonable length of time.	1880/051
Stock	Elizabeth	Chapman	Cherry	21	08	1880	Assault	A	Elizabeth Stock, a widow residing in St John Street, claimed that she had been assaulted by Cherry Chapman, the wife of William Chapman, a labourer, also living in St John Street.	1880/052

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Oldfield	William	Granville	Walter	23	08	1880	Assault	A	William Oldfield of No 10 South Street claimed that he had been assaulted in The King's Arms Inn in St John Street by Walter Granville, a mason resident in St John Street, who had struck him in the eye with his fist.	1880/053
Bridge	John	Bendall	Mary	25	08	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bridge charged Mary Bendall, a widow from Shepton Mallet, with being drunk and disorderly in Southover. The costs of the case were set at 9/-.	1880/054
Vowles	Joseph	Cribb	Louisa	01	09	1880	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Louisa Cribb, the wife of Charles Cribb, a carrier from Wookey, with obstructing the highway in High Street by leaving a pony and cart parked there for an unreasonable length of time.	1880/055
Vowles	Joseph	Moore	William	01	09	1880	Cruelty to a cat	C	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Moore of High Street with ill-treating a cat by throwing a large stone at it and hitting it on the head. Mary Sweet, wife of Thomas Sweet, and Mary Jane Bartlett, both of Market Street, were summoned as material witnesses for the prosecution.	1880/056
Vowles	Joseph	Scudamore	James	01	09	1880	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Scudamore, a carrier, with obstructing the highway in High Street by leaving a horse and waggon and also a horse and cart parked there for an unreasonable length of time. Scudamore appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 4/6d.	1880/057
Grainger	Melina	Francis	Richard	02	09	1880	Wilful damage	Wd	Melina Grainger, a married woman living in Southover, complained that Richard Francis, a labourer, also resident in Southover, had wilfully damaged a window in her house.	1880/058
Vowles	Joseph	Binning	Henry	07	09	1880	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Henry Binning, a carrier from Draycott, with obstructing the highway in High Street by leaving a donkey and cart parked there for an unreasonable length of time.	1880/059
Vowles	Joseph	Francis	Elizabeth	07	09	1880	Obscene language	Pr	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Elizabeth Francis, a married woman living in Southover, with using obscene language in Southover. Francis was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1880/060

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Vowles	Joseph	Oxley jnr	Elizabeth	07	09	1880	Furious driving	Rd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Elizabeth Oxley the younger with furious driving of a horse and cart in Priory Road to the danger of pedestrians and other road users.	1880/061
Vowles	Joseph	Burlton	John	07	09	1880	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Burlton, a labourer from East Horrington, with obstructing the highway in St Thomas Street by leaving a pony and cart parked there for an unreasonable length of time.	1880/062
Tucker	William	Symes	Mary	07	09	1880	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	William Tucker, a licensee operating in St John Street, complained that Mary Symes, a married woman living in Southover, was drunk and disorderly on his premises and refused to leave these premises when requested to do so by Tucker himself.	1880/063
Toomer	John Henry	Watson	Peter	09	09	1880	Non-payment of poor rate	N	John Henry Toomer, one of the Overseers of the Poor, claimed that Peter Watson of No 24 Vicars Close had not paid a poor rate assessment of 10/- and would be surcharged 2/6d over and above the basic outstanding amount.	1880/064
Guardians of Wells Union		Allen	William	13	09	1880	Bastardy	B	Emily Guppy and her illegitimate child, James, had become chargeable to Wells Union in May 1880 and were still chargeable at this point. The Guardians of Wells Union initiated a claim that William Allen, a mason and the putative father, should contribute to the maintenance of his child.	1880/065
Vowles	John	Duckett Charles	George William	13	09	1880	Trespass	Pt	John Vowles, farmer, claimed that George Duckett, a publican, and William Charles, a butcher, had illegally trespassed on his land in search of coney and other game without seeking his consent. Each of the defendants was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1880/066

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Lewis	Robert	Baker	Joseph	17	09	1880	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	Robert Lewis, a publican, complained that Joseph Baker, a labourer from West Horrington, was unlawfully drunk on his premises in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert and refused to leave these premises when requested to do so by Lewis himself. Lewis called upon Herbert Moore, a mason of St Thomas Street, to provide evidence on his behalf. Baker appears to have been fined 5/- with costs amounting to 13/6d.	1880/067
Cox	Herbert	Moore	William	03	10	1880	Assault and wounding	A	Herbert Cox complained that William Moore of High Street had assaulted and deliberately wounded him with the aim of disfiguring him. The case appears to have involved several witnesses, including: James Collier jnr, a draper's apprentice; Esther Collier, a married woman; William Fairbanks, a surgeon; George Owen Risdon, a surgeon, and police Serjeant Vowles. The costs of the case appear to have reached £2.6s.6d. The magistrates appear to have dismissed the charge brought by Cox.	1880/068
Toomer	John Henry	Various		05	10	1880	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 are given in the 'Notes' column together with other information related to the case. No details of the outcome are shown in the documentation for many of the cases.	1880/069
Toomer	John Henry	Trim	George	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Gertrude Trim. There is a pharmacist's note indicating that at least one of George Trim's daughters had an infectious skin disease requiring treatment with an ointment.	1880/069a

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Toomer	John Henry	Trim	George	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Kate Trim. There is a pharmacist's note stating that at least one of George Trim's daughters had an infectious skin disease requiring treatment with an ointment.	1880/069b
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	George	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Alfred Francis. George Francis was required to pay the sum of 5/-.	1880/069c
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, George Drew. There is a note from the head of the Catholic School stating that William Drew's sons, George and Henry, had an infectious disease which meant that they had to be sent home from school for a time.	1880/069d
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Henry Drew. There is a note from the head of the Catholic School stating that William Drew's sons, George and Henry, had an infectious disease which meant that they had to be sent home from school for a time.	1880/069e
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	Robert	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Robert Francis. There appears to be a pharmacist's note indicating that the child's absence from school was due to suffering from an itch for some time and his father, also named Robert Francis, had purchased some ointment to treat it.	1880/069f
Toomer	John Henry	Bedford	Walter	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, William Bedford. Walter Bedford was required to pay the sum of 2/6d.	1880/069g
Toomer	John Henry	Hobbs	William	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, Harry Hobbs. No further information regarding the case against William Hobbs was given.	1880/069h
Toomer	John Henry	Richards	Stephen	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Walter Richards. Stephen Richard was required to pay the sum of 2/6d.	1880/069i
Toomer	John Henry	Kenniston	Henry	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Henry Anning (or Kenniston). No further information regarding the case against Henry Kenniston was given.	1880/069j



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Toomer	John Henry	Oxley	James	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Louisa Kate Oxley. James Oxley was required to apy the sum of 5/-. Kate Oxley was said to have been re-admitted to the Central School in September 1880.	1880/069k
Toomer	John Henry	Chapman	William	05	10	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Henry Chapman. William Chapman was fined 6d with costs of 4/6d.	1880/069l
Knight	James	Bedford	John	07	10	1880	Throwing stones in the street	Dp	PC Knight accused John Bedford of throwing stones in Southover, endangering pedestrians and other road users. Bedford appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1880/070
Knight	James	Francis	George	07	10	1880	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged George Francis, a haulier, with being too far away from the horse and waggon that he was taking through the Out Parish of St Cuthbert to be able to control the direction and movement of the horse. Francis was fined £1 with costs of 9/-.	1880/071
Knight	James	Cornish	John	07	10	1880	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged John Cornish, a haulier, with being too far away from the horse and waggon that he was taking through the Out Parish of St Cuthbert to be able to control the direction and movement of the horse. Cornish was fined £1 with costs of 9/-.	1880/072
Police		Hayes	Florence	15	10	1880	Obtaining money and goods under false pretences	Fr	It appears that Florence Hayes had obtained 7/- and a woollen shawl from Lucy Johnson, wife of the Dean of Wells, under false pretences. Additional witnesses included: Mary Ann Elizabeth Platts, a widow residing at Stoberry Park; Rhoda Parfitt, a spinster. The costs of the case appear to have been 16/6d.	1880/073
Lane	Archibald	Francis	Isaac	25	10	1880	Assault	A	Archibald Lane, a farm labourer from Dulcote, claimed that Isaac Francis, a brush maker living in St Thomas Street, had assaulted him. He also called upon Frank Lilley, a labourer from Dulcote, to be a material witness on his behalf.	1880/074
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	John	02	11	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Baker of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly on the licensed premises of Allan Hippisley.	1880/075

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Vowles	Joseph	Anney	George	05	11	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged George Anney, a labourer, with being drunk and disorderly on the licensed premises of Henry James Rodgers. Note: it is possible that the surname of the defendant may have been Arney or Hanney.	1880/076
Rodgers	Henry James	Clothier Anney	Samuel George	05	11	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	Henry James Rodgers, a licensed victualler, complained that Clothier, a mason, had been drunk and disorderly on his premises. He also added that a similar charge applied to George Anney (see case 1880/076).	1880/077
Coombs	Mary	Baker	Susan	08	11	1880	Assault	A	Mary Coombs, a spinster living in Southover, claimed that Susan Baker, also a spinster resident in Southover, had assaulted her.	1880/078
Maidment	Phillis	Maidment	John	08	11	1880	Assault	A	Phillis Maidment, a married woman living in South Street, complained that her husband, John Maidment, a blacksmith, had assaulted her.	1880/079
Hippisley	Edwin	Maul	Edward	19	11	1880	Removal of goods to prevent distraint	Rg	Alfred Chapman, an accountant and agent for Edwin Hippisley, complained that Edward Maul had removed goods and chattels from a tenement in South Street that Maul was renting from Edwin Hippisley. The reason for removing the goods was to prevent the goods being distrained in order to pay Maul's rent arrears. Maul was now said to be living in Southover and had locked away the goods to prevent Hippisley or his agent taking control of them.	1880/080
Padfield	Edward	Bird	Edward	26	11	1880	Theft of water	T	Edward Padfield, a representative of Wells Water Company, claimed that Edward Bird, a resident of St Thomas Street who was not a customer of the company, had been taking water from pipes located on the premises of The Coach and Horses Inn where the supply was from the Wells Water Company reservoir. Padfield summoned Allan and Elizabeth Hippisley, the licensees of the inn to provide supporting testimony.	1880/081

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Baker	James	Dorse	Henry	30	11	1880	Assault	A	James Baker, a labourer of East Horrington, complained that he had been assaulted by Henry Dorse (Daws?), also a labourer from East Horrington.	1880/082
Vaughan	Walter Rossiter	Scudamore	Thomas	01	12	1880	Wilful damage	Wd	Walter Rossiter Vaughan, a licensed victualler, complained that Thomas Scudamore, a carrier, had wilfully damaged some of the walls in premises belonging to Vaughan. The case was settled out of court.	1880/083
Toomer	John Henry	Various		06	12	1880	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 are given in the 'Notes' column together with other information related to the case. Details of the outcome are shown for those cases where this information is available.	1880/084
Toomer	John Henry	Richards	Stephen	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Walter Richards. No summons appears to have been issued to Stephen Richards to answer this charge.	1880/084a
Toomer	John Henry	Green	Elizabeth	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Charles Green. There is no further information on the case against Elizabeth Green.	1880/084b
Toomer	John Henry	Parker	George	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Charles Parker. There is no further information on the case against George Parker.	1880/084c
Toomer	John Henry	Day	George	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Edward Day. There is no further information on the case against George Day.	1880/084d
Toomer	John Henry	Onion	John	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, John Onion. There is no further information on the case against John Onion the elder.	1880/084e
Toomer	John Henry	Bowell	Sydenham	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Albert Bowell. There is no further information on the case against Sydenham (Sidney) Bowell.	1880/084f

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Toomer	John Henry	Vincent	Henry	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Stret, Henry Vincent. There is no further information on the case against Henry Vincent the elder.	1880/084g
Toomer	John Henry	Price	James	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Rosina Price. There is no further information on the case against James Price.	1880/084h
Toomer	John Henry	Tilson	John	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, guardian of Isa Abbott. There is no further information on the case against John Tilson.	1880/084i
Toomer	John Henry	Price	James	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Ellen Price. There is no further information on the case against James Price.	1880/084j
Toomer	John Henry	Marshall	Frederick	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Jane Marshall. There is no further information on the case against Frederick Marshall.	1880/084k
Toomer	John Henry	Spencer	Henry	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, guardian of Elizabeth Spencer (or Atwell). There is no further information on the case against Henry Spencer.	1880/084l
Toomer	John Henry	Savage	William	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Thomas Savage. There is no further information on the case against William Savage.	1880/084m
Toomer	John Henry	Ball	Edwin	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Henry Ball. There is no further information on the case against Edwin Ball.	1880/084n
Toomer	John Henry	Williams	James	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Robert Williams. There is no further information on the case against James Williams.	1880/084o
Toomer	John Henry	Edwards	George	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Henry Edwards. There is no further information on the case against George Edwards.	1880/084p
Toomer	John Henry	Price	James	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St thomas Street, Frank Price. This child's name appears to have been deleted from the summons, but there is no further information on the case against James Price.	1880/084q
Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Frederick Gibbons (or Dowling). There is no further information on the case against Samuel Gibbons.	1880/084r

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Toomer	John Henry	Gibbons	Samuel	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Joseph Gibbons. This child's name appears to have been deleted from the summons, but there is no further information on the case against Samuel Gibbons.	1880/084s
Toomer	John Henry	Loxton	William	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Union Street, Agnes Loxton. There is no further information on the case against William Loxton.	1880/084t
Toomer	John Henry	Stevens	George	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Edwin Stevens. There is no further information on the case against George Stevens.	1880/084u
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	George	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Alfred Francis. There is no further information on the case against George Francis.	1880/084v
Toomer	John Henry	Francis	Robert	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Robert Francis. There is no further information on the case against Robert Francis the elder.	1880/084w
Toomer	John Henry	Trim	George	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Gertie Trim. There is no further information on the case against George Trim.	1880/084x
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Eliza Drew. There is no further information on the case against William Drew.	1880/084y
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Albert Drew. There is no further information on the case against William Drew.	1880/084z
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Henry Drew. There is no further information on the case against William Drew.	1880/084aa
Toomer	John Henry	Drew	William	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, George Drew. This child's name appears to have been deleted from the summons but there is no further information on the case against William Drew.	1880/084ab
Toomer	John Henry	Dingle	William	06	12	1880	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Emma Dingle. There is no further information on the case against William Dingle.	1880/084ac
Police		Hill	George	07	12	1880	Drunkness	D	George Hill was charged with being drunk on the premises of The White Hart.	1880/085

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Collins	Sarah	Payne	William	07	12	1880	Bastardy	B	Sarah Collins, a single woman living in Priest Row, submitted a claim that William Payne, a mason resident in St Thomas Street, was the father of her illegitimate female child born in October 1880. Sarah Collins was seeking maintenance payments for the child. The case was adjourned until February 1881.	1880/086
Horn	George	Hewlett Bishop	William Thomas	08	12	1880	Drunk & disorderly	D	George Horn claimed that William Hewlett of Southover and Thomas Bishop were drunk and disorderly in The Mitre Vaults and refused to leave the premises when requested to do so.	1880/087

**1881**

Toomer	John Henry	Wood	Bishop	01	01	1881	Assault	A	John Henry Toomer claimed that Bishop Wood of Bath Road had unlawfully assaulted him without provocation. Toomer also claimed that James Raines, an innkeeper of St Thomas Street, had issued a series of threats against him and he feared that Raines would attempt to do him bodily injury (see also 1881/002). Wood summoned the following individuals to testify in his defence: John Thomas, a carpenter of St Thomas Street; James Henderson, an attendant at the county lunatic asylum; George Davis, a groom of St Thomas Street; William Brown, a soldier of St Thomas Street.	1881/001
Toomer	John Henry	Raines	James	04	01	1881	Sureties for the peace	Su	John Henry Toomer had accused James Raines of issuing threats against him and feared bodily violence from him (see 1881/001). He requested that Raines be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct. Raines, an innkeeper of St Thomas Street, was required to put forward £20 as a bond against his future conduct, particularly towards Toomer, for the next 6 months.	1881/002
Vowles	Joseph	Wood	Bishop	04	01	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Bishop Wood of Bath Road with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare.	1881/003

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Vowles	Joseph	Hanney	Edward	04	01	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Edward Hanney, a labourer resident in St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare. Hanney was fined 5/- with costs of 9/6d.	1881/004
Vowles	Joseph	Trollope	Andrew	04	01	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Andrew Trollope, a labourer living in St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly in a public place. Trollope was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/6d.	1881/005
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	Caroline	04	01	1881	Profane & obscene language	Pr	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Caroline Baker of Southover with using profane and obscene language in Southover. Baker was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/6d.	1881/006
Vowles	Joseph	Plaister	Arthur	04	01	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Arthur Plaister with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare.	1881/007
Parfitt	John	Francis	George	06	01	1881	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	John Parfitt, a beerhouse keeper, claimed that George Francis was acting in a disorderly manner on his premises and refused to leave the premises when requested to do so by Parfitt himself. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 8/6d.	1881/008
Police		Plaister	Arthur	08	01	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Arthur Plaister was charged with being drunk & disorderly in a public thoroughfare. He summoned John Maidment of South Street to give evidence on his behalf. See also case 1881/007.	1881/009
Justices		Various		12	01	1881	List of fines & costs	*	List of fines and costs for petty sessions cases heard up to this point.	1881/010
Wickenden	William Henry	Tucker	Sidney Albert	18	01	1881	Theft of money	T	William Henry Wickenden claimed that Sidney Albert Tucker, an apprentice, had stolen 18/6d in cash that belonged to him.	1881/011
Bown	Jane	Snooks	Alfred	29	01	1881	Bastardy	B	Jane Bown had won a case to obtain maintenance for her illegitimate child from the putative father, Alfred Snooks, a labourer from Lower Milton. This had occurred in May 1880 (see case 1880/034). Bown petitioned the magistrates to order Snooks to pay the arrears into which he had fallen; the outstanding sum was 14/-, equal to 7 weeks of payments.	1881/012
Vowles	Joseph	Hole	Joseph	01	02	1881	Profane & obscene language	Pr	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Joseph Hole, a labourer living in Southover, with using obscene language in Southover.	1881/013

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Knight	James	Francis	Harriet	10	02	1881	Drunkenness	D	PC Knight (acting Serjeant) charged Harriet Francis, a married woman living in Southover, with being drunk on the licensed premises of John Parfitt.	1881/014
Justices		Baker	John	13	02	1881	Sureties for the peace	Su	John Baker, a baker, was required to put forward a bond of £10 as a guarantee of his future conduct for the next 12 months. In addition, William Baker, also a baker, was required to stand as surety for John Baker and was also required to provide a bond of £10.	1881/015
Russ	Samuel Perren	Richards Richards Richards Richards	Stephen Edmund John Richard Joseph Edwin John Reuben	04	03	1881	Desertion of parents and family members	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ was the clerk to the guardians of Wells Union. He complained that Stephen Richards and Emma Richards, aged 60 and 53, respectively, had become chargeable to the In Parish of St Cuthbert in January 1881 and there was no prospect of them being able to support themselves by working, especially as Stephen Richards suffered from chronic bronchitis and asthma (as attested by a GP). Russ requested that the sons of Stephen and Emma Richards, 3 of whom lived in Bedminster (Stephen Richards, John Richards and Joseph Richards), 1 in Totterdown (Edwin Richards) and one in Wells (Reuben Richards, a basket maker) be summoned to show why they should not support and maintain their parents, as they were all capable of earning a living by working.  The initial certificate of chargeability also mentions that two children, namely Walter Richards aged about 12 and Emma Richards aged about 4, had also become chargeable to the parish at the same time. However, there is no further mention of them in the subsequent documentation.	1881/016
Cox	Susan	Allen	William	07	03	1881	Assault & wounding	A	Susan Cox was said to have been attacked and maliciously wounded by William Allen, a labourer living in Tucker Street. A warrant for Allen's arrest was issued.	1881/017
Stephens	Elizabeth	Vincent	Mary	07	03	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	Elizabeth Stephens of South Street claimed that Mary Vincent, a married woman also living in South Street, had deliberately damaged a jug that belonged to her. She estimated the damage at 1/-.	1881/018



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Brown	Charles	Tidcombe Styles	Thomas Elizabeth Ann	18	03	1881	Defective drainage	E	Charles Brown, Inspector of Nuisances, claimed that Thomas Tidcombe of Midsomer Norton and Elizabeth Ann Styles of Bedminster, as owners of the house at No 19 South Street, had neglected their responsibility to provide proper drainage. He asserted that the drainage was defective and potentially injurious to health. Tidcombe and Styles appear to have been required to pay 15/- as well as acting to bring the drainage up to the required standard.	1881/019
Justices		Various		31	03	1881	Appointment of Overseers of the Poor	*	The individuals nominated as Overseers of the Poor were required to attend the petty sessions court and put forward any reasons why they should not be appointed. The nominees were: - John Henry Toomer, - Thomas James Russell, clerk, Harry Fry, butler, - Frederick Sidney Richards, - Augustus Walter, jeweller of High Street, - Sidney Tom Richards.	1881/020
Vowles	Joseph	Webb	William	29	04	1881	Offence against licence	L	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Webb, a licensed victualler operating The Railway Hotel, with having his premises open for the sale of intoxicating liquors between the hours of 10.00pm and 11.00pm, when, by law, the premises should have been closed.	1881/021
Vowles	Joseph	Hewson	William	29	04	1881	Offence against licence	L	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Hewson with being unlawfully found on the licensed premises of William Webb at a time when the premises should have been closed for the sale of intoxicating liquor.	1881/022
Vowles	Joseph	Boyce	Frederick	29	04	1881	Offence against licence	L	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Frederick Boyce, a farmer from Coxley, with being found on the licensed premises of William Webb during hours when the premises should, by law, have been closed.	1881/023

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Bendall	William Newport	Various		05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	William Newport Bendall, the school attendance officer, was instructed by Messrs Holloway and Tate of the School Attendance Board to issue summons against 43 defendants for failing to comply with the provisions of the Education Acts of 1870 and 1876 and associated local by-laws. The name of the parent / 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. No other information on the outcome of the cases appears to be available.	1881/024
Bendall	William Newport	Brayley	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Francis Brayley. The defendant was James Brayley.	1881/024a
Bendall	William Newport	Brayley	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Albert Brayley. The defendant was James Brayley.	1881/024b
Bendall	William Newport	Brayley	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Walter Brayley. The defendant was James Brayley.	1881/024c
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Frank Hatcher. The defendant was Alfred Hatcher.	1881/024d
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Emily Hatcher. The defendant was Alfred Hatcher.	1881/024e
Bendall	William Newport	Walters	Silas	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, William Walters. The defendant was Silas Walters.	1881/024f
Bendall	William Newport	Bowell	Sydenham	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Albert Bowell. The defendant was Sydenham Bowell.	1881/024g
Bendall	William Newport	Francis	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Alfred Francis. The defendant was George Francis.	1881/024h

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Bendall	William Newport	Francis	Robert	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Robert Francis. The defendant was Robert Francis the elder.	1881/024i
Bendall	William Newport	Francis	Robert	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, George Francis. The defendant was Robert Francis the elder.	1881/024j
Bendall	William Newport	Ball	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Tucker Street, Frederick Ball. The defendant was William Ball.	1881/024k
Bendall	William Newport	Hole	Henry	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Henry Hole. The defendant was Henry Hole the elder.	1881/024l
Bendall	William Newport	Kynaston	Henry	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Henry Anning. The defendant was Henry Kynaston.	1881/024m
Bendall	William Newport	Trim	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Ernest Trim. The defendant was George Trim.	1881/024n
Bendall	William Newport	Allen	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Frederick Allen. The defendant was James Allen.	1881/024o
Bendall	William Newport	Phipps	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Tucker Street, Eliza Phipps. The defendant was William Phipps.	1881/024p
Bendall	William Newport	Phipps	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Tucker Street, Annie Phipps. The defendant was William Phipps.	1881/024q
Bendall	William Newport	Gully	John	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Tucker Street, Eliza Gully. The defendant was John Gully.	1881/024r
Bendall	William Newport	Francis	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St John Street, Annie Francis. The defendant was William Francis.	1881/024s
Bendall	William Newport	Stevens	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Edwin Stevens. The defendant was George Stevens.	1881/024t

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Bendall	William Newport	Maidment	John	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Arthur Maidment. The defendant was John Maidment.	1881/024u
Bendall	William Newport	Richards	Stephen	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Walter Richards. The defendant was Stephen Richards.	1881/024v
Bendall	William Newport	Allen	Edward	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Albert Allen. The defendant was Edward Allen.	1881/024w
Bendall	William Newport	Allen	Edward	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Emily Allen. The defendant was Edward Allen.	1881/024x
Bendall	William Newport	Morgan	Mary Ann	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Frederick Morgan. The defendant was Mary Ann Morgan.	1881/024y
Bendall	William Newport	House	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Mary Jane House. The defendant was George House,	1881/024z
Bendall	William Newport	Hallett	Henry	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Albert Hallett. The defendant was Henry Hallett.	1881/024aa
Bendall	William Newport	Hallett	Henry	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Sarah Hallett. The defendant was Henry Hallett.	1881/024ab
Bendall	William Newport	Marden	John	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Bessie Marden. The defendant was John Marden.	1881/024ac
Bendall	William Newport	Marden	John	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Lucy Marden. The defendant was John Marden.	1881/024ad
Bendall	William Newport	Ball	Frederick	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Rose Ball. The defendant was Frederick Ball.	1881/024ae
Bendall	William Newport	Drew	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Eliza Drew. The defendant was William Drew.	1881/024af

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Bendall	William Newport	Drew	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Albert Drew. The defendant was William Drew.	1881/024ag
Bendall	William Newport	Drew	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Harry Drew. The defendant was William Drew.	1881/024ah
Bendall	William Newport	Drew	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, George Drew. The defendant was William Drew.	1881/024ai
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, William Bartlett. The defendant was George Bartlett.	1881/024aj
Bendall	William Newport	Tutton	Joshua	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, John Tutton. The defendant was Joshua Tutton.	1881/024ak
Bendall	William Newport	Sheers	John	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Alice Sheers. The defendant was John Sheers.	1881/024al
Bendall	William Newport	Sheers	John	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Alfred Sheers. The defendant was John Sheers.	1881/024am
Bendall	William Newport	Cox	Joseph	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Annie Cox. The defendant was Joseph Cox.	1881/024an
Bendall	William Newport	Cox	Joseph	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Ada Cox. The defendant was Joseph Cox.	1881/024ao
Bendall	William Newport	Cox	Joseph	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, Mary Ann Cox. The defendant was Joseph Cox.	1881/024ap
Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	Walter	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, William Bedford. The defendant was Walter Bedford.	1881/024aq
Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	Walter	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, Keturah Bedford. The defendant was Walter Bedford.	1881/024ar

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Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	Walter	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, Solomon Bedford. The defendant was Walter Bedford.	1881/024as
Bendall	William Newport	Parker	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Harry Parker. The defendant was George Parker.	1881/024at
Bendall	William Newport	Parker	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Charles Parker. The defendant was George Parker.	1881/024au
Bendall	William Newport	Collins	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Ada Collins. The defendant was George Collins.	1881/024av
Bendall	William Newport	Collins	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Mary Collins. The defendant was George Collins.	1881/024aw
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, William Oxley. The defendant was James Oxley.	1881/024ax
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Kate Oxley. The defendant was James Oxley.	1881/024ay
Bendall	William Newport	Crossman	Sarah	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Elizabeth Crossman. The defendant was Sarah Crossman.	1881/024az
Bendall	William Newport	Parker	John	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Frank Parker. The defendant was John Parker.	1881/024ba
Bendall	William Newport	Marshall	Frederick	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Herbert Marshall. The defendant was Frederick Marshall.	1881/024bb
Bendall	William Newport	Marshall	Frederick	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Mary Marshall. The defendant was Frederick Marshall.	1881/024bc
Bendall	William Newport	Edwards	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Henry Edwards. The defendant was George Edwards.	1881/024bd

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Bendall	William Newport	Edwards	George	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Sarah Edwards. The defendant was George Edwards.	1881/024be
Bendall	William Newport	Turner	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Henry Turner. The defendant was James Turner.	1881/024bf
Bendall	William Newport	Turner	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Florence Turner. The defendant was James Turner.	1881/024bg
Bendall	William Newport	Bird	Edward	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Edward Bird. The defendant was Edward Bird.	1881/024bh
Bendall	William Newport	Price	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Rosina Price. The defendant was James Price.	1881/024bi
Bendall	William Newport	Price	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Frank Price. The defendant was James Price.	1881/024bj
Bendall	William Newport	Williams	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Rosa Williams. The defendant was James Williams.	1881/024bk
Bendall	William Newport	Williams	James	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Alice Williams. The defendant was James Williams.	1881/024bl
Bendall	William Newport	Savage	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Florena Savage. The defendant was William Savage.	1881/024bm
Bendall	William Newport	Hanney	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Lucy Hanney. The defendant was William Hanney.	1881/024bn
Bendall	William Newport	Hanney	William	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Kate Hanney. The defendant was William Hanney.	1881/024bo
Bendall	William Newport	Fry	Charles	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Ellen Fry. The defendant was Charles Fry.	1881/024bp

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Bendall	William Newport	Fry	Charles	05	05	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Dorinda Fry. The defendant was Charles Fry.	1881/024bq
Bendall	William Newport	Collins	James	05	05	1881	Non-payment of general rates	N	William Newport Bendall charged James Collins, a labourer living in Tucker Street, with non-payment of the general rate that was due for payment on 4 October 1880; the amount owing was 4/1d with a surcharge for costs of 2/6d.	1881/025
Vowles	Joseph	Rogers	William James	06	05	1881	Offence against licence	L	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William James Rogers, a hotel proprietor, with having his premises, The Mitre Vaults, open for the sale of intoxicating liquors at a time (i.e. 12.45am) when, according to regulation, they should have been closed.	1881/026
Vowles	Joseph	Collins	Edward	06	05	1881	Offence against licence	L	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Edward Collins, a licensed publican, with having his premises open for the sale of intoxicating liquors at a time when, according to regulation, they should have been closed.	1881/027
Vowles	Joseph	Rodway House	George George	06	05	1881	Offence against licence	L	Police Serjeant Vowles charged George Rodway, a fireman, with being on licensed premises operated by William James Rogers at a time when the premises should have been closed for the sale of intoxicating liquors. In addition, he charged George House, a labourer, with the same offence in respect of the licensed premises of Edward Collins.	1881/028
Vowles	Joseph	Phipps Hole	James Joseph	06	05	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Phipps and Joseph Hole, both labourers, with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare. Each of the defendants was fined 10/- with costs of 11/-.	1881/029
Hillier	John	Drew Cox jnr Day	Charles John Edward	07	05	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	John Hillier, a brush manufacturer, complained that Charles Drew and John Cox the younger, both of Market Street, and Edward Day of St Cuthbert Street had wilfully damaged the rhubarb crop which he was nurturing in his garden. Hillier assessed the damage at 2/6d.	1881/030



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Simmons	Simon	Bailey	George	16	05	1881	Assault	A	Simon Simmons complained that he had been assaulted by George Bailey, a labourer from Shepton Mallet. Bailey was bound over to keep the peace and fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1881/031
Simmonds	Simon	Stone	Gabriel	16	05	1881	Sureties for the peace	Su	At the same time as case 1881/031 Simon Simmonds of West Horrington complained that he had been subject to a variety of threats from Gabriel Stone, a farmer from Shepton Mallet. Simmonds feared that Stone would do him some bodily injury, so appealed for Stone to be bound over with respect to his future conduct. John Green, railway guard, was summoned as a witness to support Simmonds' complaint. Stone apparently did not appear at the hearing scheduled for 13 June 1881 and on 21 June 1881 a warrant for his arrest was issued. Stone was eventually apprehended on 8 August 1884 and, supported by his brother, Gideon Padfield Stone, requested bail which was granted on each of them putting forward a bond of £20.	1881/031a
Bird	Lucy	Hippisley	Bertha	21	05	1881	Assault	A	Lucy Bird complained that Bertha Hippisley of St Thomas Street had assaulted Ernest Bird by striking him with a stone. Lucy Bird also called upon Eliza Wallis, a married woman living in St Thomas Street, to testify on her behalf, while Bertha Hippisley summoned John Buck, a pensioner living in St Thomas Street, to be a material witness to her case. It appears that Hippisley was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1881/032

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Vowles	Joseph	Hawkins Hulse	William Ann	31	05	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Hawkins, a labourer resident in South Street, and Ann Hulse, the wife of Frank Hulse, also of South Street, with being drunk and disorderly in a public thoroughfare; the two defendants were involved in separate incidents. Oliver Gooding, a shoemaker of St John Street, was summoned to support the plaintiff's case against Hawkins, while Hawkins called upon Henry Bennett, a haulier of Burcott Lane, and Emma Nutty, a married woman of St John Street. to support his case. Hawkins was required to pay costs of a minimum of 10/6d, while Ann Hulse was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1881/033
Vowles	Joseph	Western	Aaron	31	05	1881	Throwing stones in the street	Dp	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Aaron Western of Tucker Street with throwing a stone in the street to the danger of passers by. Western was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1881/034
Vowles	Joseph	Hanney	George	02	06	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged George Hanney, a labourer living in St Thomas Street, with effecting wilful damage to a window in the property of Charles West. The cost of the damage was assessed at 8d. Henry Bensham of South Street was called as a material witness for the prosecution. The costs of the case were set at 11/-.	1881/035
Baker	Dorothy	Collins	Sarah	02	06	1881	Assault	A	Dorothy Baker, a spinster, claimed that she was assaulted by Sarah Collins, a spinster of Priest Row, Collins pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 2/- with costs of 5/-.	1881/036
McKenzie	William	Allen Lockyer Pearce Walters Foote	Walter Frank William Albert Albert	07	06	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	William McKenzie, a gardener, complained that the defendants, Walter Allen, Frank Lockyer, William Pearce, Albert Walters and Albert Foote, had maliciously damaged plants in a garden belonging to Mary Platt. The cost of the damage was estimated to be 3/6d. The parties did not appear at the hearing.	1881/037

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Aplin	George William	Maine	James	07	06	1881	Cruelty to pigs	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector from Bridgwater, claimed that James Maine, described as a dealer from Somerton, had cruelly ill-treated 25 pigs by conveying them in a vehicle that subjected them to unnecessary pain and suffering.	1881/038
Aplin	George William	Chapman	William	07	06	1881	Cruelty to a mare	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector from Bridgwater, claimed that William Chapman, a farmer from Theale, had ill-treated a mare by forcing the horse to work when it was clearly unfit to do so. Chapman was fined 1/- with costs of 11/-.	1881/039
Aplin	George William	Champeny	Clement	07	06	1881	Cruelty to a mare	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector from Bridgwater, claimed that Clement Champeny, a farmer from Theale and the owner of the mare said to have been ill-treated by William Chapman, was culpable for requiring the mare to work when the horse was clearly unfit to do so. Champeny pleaded guilty to the offence and appears to have been fined £4 with costs of £1.10s.0d.	1881/040
Aplin	George William	Taylor	John	07	06	1881	Cruelty to a cow	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector from Bridgwater, claimed that John Taylor, described as a dealer from Rodney Stoke, had cruelly ill-treated a cow. Taylor was fined £1 with costs of £1.18s.6d.	1881/041
Simmons	Simon	Bailey	George	13	06	1881	Sureties for the peace	Su	Simon Simmons had accused George Bailey, a labourer from Shepton Mallet, of assault. Bailey had been fined and was bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace, particularly towards Simmons of Horrington, for a period of 12 calendar months. See case 1881/031.	1881/042
Gay	Thomas Robert	Ball	Edwin	27	06	1881	Assault	A	Thomas Robert Gay, a bailiff, complained that Edwin Ball, a haulier living in St Thomas Street, had assaulted him while in the execution of his duty as a representative of the Wells County Court.	1881/043

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Collins	Edwin S L	Ball	Edwin	27	06	1881	Assault	A	Edwin S L Collins a bailiff, complained that Edwin Ball, a haulier living in St Thomas Street, had assaulted him while in the execution of his duty as a representative of the Wells County Court. Collins summoned the following individuals in support of his complaint: Charles Barnett, a carter for the railway company; Alfred Chapman, a clerk; and John Wiseman of Vicars Close.	1881/044
Collins	Edwin S L	Ball	Edwin	27	06	1881	Sureties for the peace	Su	Edwin S L Collins complained that Edwin Ball, a haulier of St Thomas Street, had made a number of threats against him and he feared that Ball would cause him bodily harm. He requested that Ball should be required to find sureties to keep the peace towards him. Ball was bound over in the sum of £10 of his own money and £10 surety provided by John Andrews to keep the peace, particularly towards Edwin Collins, for the next 6 months.	1881/045
Parfitt	John	Phipps	James	28	06	1881	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	John Parfitt, a beerhouse keeper, claimed that James Phipps, a labourer, had been found unlawfully drunk on his premises and had refused to leave, even when requested to do so by Parfitt himself.	1881/046
Vowles	Joseph	Chappell Poulteney	Walter George	28	06	1881	Breach of the peace	Dp	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Walter Chappell, a plasterer resident in St Cuthbert Street, and George Poulteney of High Street with disturbing the peace by fighting in a public place. Each of the defendants was required to pay 6/-.	1881/047
Vowles	Joseph	Lowman	Joseph	28	06	1881	Obscene language	Pr	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Joseph Lowman, an innkeeper, with using profane and obscene language in a public place. Vowles also called William James Rogers, licensee of The Mitre Hotel, as a material witness for the prosecution.	1881/048
Vowles	Joseph	Francis	George	30	06	1881	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged George Francis, a haulier living in Southover, with obstructing the highway by parking his horse and cart outside The Coach and Horses and leaving it unattended for an excessive length of time. Francis was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1881/049

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Vowles	Joseph	Allen	James	30	06	1881	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Allen, a farmer from Ashcott, with leaving his horse and cart unattended in Chamberlain Street for an excessive length of time, obstructing the highway. Allen was fined 2/- with costs of 9/-.	1881/050
Aplin	George Henry	Drew	William	01	07	1881	Cruelty to wild birds	C	George Henry Aplin complained that William Drew, a labourer living in Market Street, had in his possession a number of wild birds, namely 6 blackbirds, against the provisions of the Wild Birds Protection Act. Note: it is not clear what link, if any, existed between George Henry Aplin and George William Aplin, RSPCA inspector from Bridgwater.	1881/051
Webb	Edward John	Perrin	Joseph	05	07	1881	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Edward John Webb, an innkeeper, complained that Joseph Perrin, a carpenter resident in St Cuthbert Street, was guilty of disorderly conduct on his premises and refused to leave when requested to do so by Webb himself.	1881/052
Webb	John	Perrin	Joseph	05	07	1881	Assault	A	John Webb complained that he had been assaulted by Perrin, a carpenter. Note: No indication is given of the relationship between John Webb in this case and Edward John Webb from another case on the same date also involving Joseph Perrin.	1881/053
Lemon	Walter	Vincent	Frank	11	07	1881	Assault	A	Walter Lemon of Polsham claimed that he was assaulted by Frank Vincent of Southover who had struck him a blow with his fist. Lemon called Thomas Millard to give supporting testimony for his case.	1881/054

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Foster	Reginald L	Shields	John	14	07	1881	Profane & obscene language	Pr	Reginald Lowbridge Foster, the clerk to the magistrates, noted that John Shields, a registered pedlar, had been found guilty of using profane and obscene language in a public place in Wells. Shields had been sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour and his pedlar's licence had been forfeited. The notes from Foster are actually written on the torn copy of the pedlar's licence. There was also a note indicating that Shields had been convicted in Shaftesbury for acting as a pedlar in a district for which he had no certification.	1881/055
Coles	George Frederick	Crandon	Robert	20	07	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	George Frederick Coles, an innkeeper, claimed that Robert Crandon, a butcher living in St Thomas Street, had deliberately driven a flock of sheep into a field near Portway that was in the occupation of Coles. The sheep had done damage to the grass estimated by Coles at 7/6d. Damages of 5/- appear to have been awarded with a further 12/- in costs.	1881/056
Vowles	Joseph	Francis Francis Cornish Cornish	George Robert Richard John	21	07	1881	Allowing horses to stray on the public highway	H	Police Serjeant Vowles charged the four defendants, George Francis, Robert Francis, Richard Cornish and John Cornish, with each being the owner of one of the four horses found to be straying on the Bristol Road in the early hours of the morning. All four defendants were described as hauliers and, with the exception of John Cornish who was from East Wells, the others all lived in Southover. The costs for George Francis were shown as 7/- and for each of the others as 8/-.	1881/057
Vowles	Joseph	Andrews	John	25	07	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Andrews of Queen Street with being drunk and disorderly in the same street. PC Channing had also suggested that Andrews had used profane and obscene language and attempted to assault him as the arresting officer. Andrews appears to have been required to pay the sum of 7/-.	1881/058

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Brown	Thomas	Ware Trollope	Frank Andrew	25	07	1881	Assault	A	Thomas Brown of East Horrington claimed that Frank Ware and Andrew Trollope, both of St Thomas Street, had assaulted him. The defendants called Ellen Davis, a spinster living in South Street, to be a witness on their behalf. The costs of the case were shown to be 9/6d with a possible fine/extra costs of 5/-.	1881/059
Brown	Thomas	Trollope	Giles	25	07	1881	Assault	A	Thomas Brown of Horrington claimed that he had been assaulted and struck by Giles Trollope from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1881/060
Wicks	Thomas	French	Henry	28	07	1881	Obscene language	Pr	Thomas Wicks, a resident of Sadler Street, complained that Henry French, a bill poster from Frome, had used obscene language in Sadler Street. He called upon Thomas Cook, an accountant from Croscombe, to support his testimony. French appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 12/6d.	1881/061
Miller	Mary	Moore	Thomas	29	07	1881	Profane & obscene language	Pr	Mary Miller, the wife of Thomas Miller of South Street, complained that Thomas Moore, the son of Albert Moore of High Street, had used profane and obscene language in South Street.	1881/062
Grenvill	Henry	Ball	Frederick	30	07	1881	Assault	A	Henry Grenvill, a mason of St John Street, complained that Frederick Ball, a labourer from St Cuthbert's Place, had assaulted him and struck him in the face with his fists. Grenvill called Elizabeth Thorn of No 8 Union Street to give evidence on his behalf. The costs of the case were at least 5/-.	1881/063
Boyce	Eliza	Allen	William	02	08	1881	Assault	A	Eliza Boyce, a spinster of West Street, complained that William Allen, a labourer living in Tucker Street, had struck her with his fists. She summoned Augustus Boon, a labourer from Silver Street, as a material witness on her behalf.	1881/064
Masters	John Cary Flower	Pearce	Henry	02	08	1881	Assault	A	John Cary Flower Masters of High Street claimed that Henry Pearce, a labourer living in Southover, had threatened him with physical violence.	1881/065

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Masters	John Cary Flower	Pearce	Henry	02	08	1881	Profane & obscene language	Pr	John Cary Flower Masters of High Street claimed that Henry Pearce, a labourer living in Southover, had used profane and obscene language in High Street. Masters called upon Augustus Walter and William Drayton to give testimony in support of his case. The costs of the case were at least 8/-.	1881/066
Channing	Thomas	Andrews	John	05	08	1881	Assault	A	PC Channing charged John Andrews of Queen Street with striking him in the chest while he (Channing) was carrying out his duties as a police officer. Andrews was required to pay 8/- for the costs of the case..	1881/067
Bincham	Susan	Marshall	Frederick	08	08	1881	Assault	A	Susan Bincham of St Thomas Street complained that Frederick Marshall, also of St Thomas Street, had threatened her with physical violence. The case was settled without a hearing.	1881/068
Sperring	Mary	Loveridge	Hester	08	08	1881	Theft of money	T	Mary Sperring was a widow who lodged with Mrs Attwood in her lodging house in Southover. Sperring claimed that she had counted her money in the evening, found that she had eight shillings and ninepence halfpenny and wrapped it up in her handkerchief before going to bed. She claimed to have seen the handkerchief peeping out of her pocket when she went to bed. Hester Loveridge, the other lodger sharing the room, came home later, somewhat tipsy, and sat on Mary Sperring's bed for a short while. Loveridge left the lodging house fairly early the next morning saying that she was going to Glastonbury. Elizabeth Gill, an assistant at the lodging house, confirmed the basic details of Sperring's story and Loveridge's departure. She stated that no other person could have got into that part of the house. Mary Sperring discovered her handkerchief and money were missing after Loveridge had gone. Loveridge was later arrested by PC Channing at Green Ore and taken back to Wells. The prisoner was discharged. Costs of the case were 11/-.	1881/069



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Rodgers	Henry James	Green	John	10	08	1881	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Henry James Rodgers, the licensee of The Crown Inn, complained that John Green of Southover was drunk on his premises and refused to leave when asked to do so by Rodgers.	1881/070
Rodgers	Henry James	Scudamore	James	10	08	1881	Assault	A	Henry James Rodgers, the licensee of The Crown Inn, complained that he had been threatened, struck and kicked by James Scudamore, a labourer. Scudamore was required to pay 7/-.	1881/071
Rodgers	Henry James	Maul	Edwin	10	08	1881	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Henry James Rodgers, the licensee of The Crown Inn, complained that Edwin Maul, a labourer resident in Southover was drunk on his premises and refused to leave when asked to do so by Rodgers. Maul was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d; a distress process was initiated.	1881/072
Showering	John	Tucker	Samuel	15	08	1881	Assault	A	John Showering claimed that he had been standing at his front door in Southover with his wife and the Brown family when Samuel Tucker's wife came out and said that her husband had turned her out of the house. Samuel Tucker himself came home from the pub and went into the house with his wife, only to come out again and accuse Showering's wife of speaking ill of his wife. Words were exchanged with Showering who intervened to protect his wife. After a brief respite while Showering walked away to defuse the situation, he and Tucker began to fight in the middle of the road. Tucker knocked Showering off his feet and as he fell he hit his head on the curbstone causing a severe head wound, as evidenced by the testimony of George Risdon, a doctor. Other testimony was taken from Mary Showering, John's wife; Robert Brown, a neighbour; and Charles Hawkins of The Full Moon Inn. Tucker was charged with common assault and released on bail against bonds of £10 each from himself, George Weston Wheeler and Charles Hawkins.	1881/073

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Ball	James	Vincent	Frank	16	08	1881	Assault	A	James Ball, a labourer living in St John Street, complained that he had been assaulted and struck by Frank Vincent, a labourer residing in Southover. The case was settled without a hearing.	1881/074
Coombs	Mary	Pearce Start	Henry Caroline	26	08	1881	Assault	A	Mary Coombs of South Street claimed that she had been assaulted and beaten by Henry Pearce, a groom residing in Southover, and Caroline Start, a single woman, also living in Southover. Pearce was required to pay £1.2s.6d with Start paying 7/6d.	1881/075
Vowles	Joseph	Francis	Robert	03	09	1881	Permitting animals to stray on the highway	H	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Robert Francis, a haulier living in Southover, with allowing a horse to stray onto the highway in Sadler Street. Francis was fined 2/6d plus costs.	1881/076
Vowles	Joseph	Francis	Robert	03	09	1881	Permitting animals to stray on the highway	H	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Robert Francis, a haulier living in Southover, with allowing a horse to stray onto the highway in Bristol Road. Francis was fined 2/6d plus costs.	1881/077
Tomlinson	William	Francis	Robert	08	09	1881	Permitting animals to stray on the highway	H	PC Tomlinson charged Robert Francis, a haulier living in Southover, with allowing one of his horses to stray onto the highway in the Bristol Road.	1881/077a
Bendall	William Newport	Various		08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	William Newport Bendall, the school attendance officer, issued summons against a number of parents for failing to comply with the provisions of the Education Acts of 1870 and 1876 and associated local by-laws. The name of the parent / 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 other information related to the case. Where the summons was not acted upon by the parent, it seems to have been replaced by a warrant for payment and, in the event of non-payment, by a distress order. Where a warrant for payment was issued, no information on the name of the child was included.	1881/078

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Bendall	William Newport	Turner	James	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Henry Turner. James Turner was fined 2/6d.	1881/078a
Bendall	William Newport	Sage	Thomas	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Emily Sage. Thomas Sage was fined 2/6d.	1881/078b
Bendall	William Newport	Binsham	Edward	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Frederick Binsham. Edward Binsham was fined 2/6d.	1881/078c
Bendall	William Newport	Spencer	Henry	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Elizabeth Spencer. Henry Spencer was fined 2/6d.	1881/078d
Bendall	William Newport	White	Albert	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, William White. Albert White was fined 2/6d.	1881/078e
Bendall	William Newport	Moore	George	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Florence Moore. George Moore was fined 1/-.	1881/078f
Bendall	William Newport	Francis	George	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	George Francis of Southover was required to pay the sum of 6/6d (fine of 5/- plus 1/6d for the cost of issuing the warrant). A distress warrant appears to have been issued on 8 October.	1881/078g
Bendall	William Newport	Walters	Silas	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silas Walters of Southover was required to pay the sum of 6/6d (fine of 5/- plus 1/6d for the cost of issuing the warrant).	1881/078h
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Alfred Hatcher of Southover was required to pay the sum of 4/- (fine of 2/6d plus 1/6d for the cost of issuing the warrant).	1881/078i
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Alfred Hatcher of Southover was required to pay the sum of 4/- (fine of 2/6d plus 1/6d for the cost of issuing the warrant).	1881/078j
Bendall	William Newport	Green	Elizabeth	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Elizabeth Green of Southover was required to pay the sum of 4/- (fine of 2/6d plus 1/6d for the cost of issuing the warrant). A distress warrant appears to have been issued on 8 October.	1881/078k

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Bendall	William Newport	Allen	Edward	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Emily Allen. Edward Allen was fined 2/6d.	1881/078l
Bendall	William Newport	Hallett	Henry	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Kate Hallett. The case against Henry Hallett was dismissed.	1881/078m
Bendall	William Newport	Hallett	Henry	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Sarah Hallett. Henry Hallett was fined 2/-.	1881/078n
Bendall	William Newport	House	George	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Mary Jane House. George House was fined 2/6d.	1881/078o
Bendall	William Newport	Day	George	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	South Street, Edward Day. After several adjournments the case against George Day appears to have been dismissed in November 1881.	1881/078p
Bendall	William Newport	Boon	William	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, Lucy Boon. William Boon was fined 2/-.	1881/078q
Bendall	William Newport	Perry	Walter	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, Emma Oldfield. Walter Perry was fined 1/-.	1881/078r
Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	Walter	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Silver Street, William Bedford. Walter Bedford was fined 2/6d.	1881/078s
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Cuthbert Street, William Bartlett. George Bartlett was fined 5/-.	1881/078t
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, Kate Oxley. James Oxley was fined 2/6d.	1881/078u
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Priest Row, William Oxley. James Oxley was fined 2/6d.	1881/078v
Bendall	William Newport	Parker	George	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	George Parker of South Street was required to pay the sum of 6/6d (a fine of 5/- plus 1/6d for issue of the warrant). Distress proceedings may have been initiated on 7 October.	1881/078w

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Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	John	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Mary Bartlett. John Bartlett was fined 1/-.	1881/078x
Bendall	William Newport	Drew	William	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, George Drew. William Drew was fined 2/6d.	1881/078y
Bendall	William Newport	Drew	William	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Harry Drew. The case against William Drew was adjourned until 10 October.	1881/078z
Bendall	William Newport	Williams	James	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Robert Williams. The case against James Williams was dismissed.	1881/078aa
Bendall	William Newport	Luckham	Edmund	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Edmund Luckham. Edmund Luckham the elder was fined 1/-.	1881/078ab
Bendall	William Newport	Chalker	William	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Cecilia Chalker. William Chalker was fined 1/-.	1881/078ac
Bendall	William Newport	Chalker	William	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Ada Chalker. William Chalker was fined 1/-.	1881/078ad
Bendall	William Newport	Chalker	William	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	St Thomas Street, Emily Ann Chalker. William Chalker was fined 1/-.	1881/078ae
Bendall	William Newport	Baker	Mrs	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Southover, Albert Baker. The case against Mrs Baker was dismissed.	1881/078af
Bendall	William Newport	Wilton	John	08	09	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Broad Street, William Wilton. The case against John Wilton was dismissed.	1881/078ag
Tomlinson	William	Francis	Robert	08	09	1881	Permitting animals to stray on the highway	H	PC Tomlinson charged Robert Francis, a haulier living in Southover, with allowing one of his horses to stray onto the highway in the Bristol Road. Francis was fined 2/6d plus costs.	1881/079

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Tomlinson	William	Andrews	John	08	09	1881	Drunk in charge of a pony and cart	Rd	PC Tomlinson charged John Andrews, a market gardener living in Queen Street, with being drunk in charge of a pony and cart in Sadler Street. Andrews was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1881/080
Sparrow	Sarah	Oxley jnr	James	09	09	1881	Theft of a skylark	T	Sarah Sparrow, widow, complained that James Oxley the younger had stolen from her a skylark valued at one sovereign and kept the bird in a state of confinement.	1881/080a
Hatcher	Alfred	Bennett	Henry	12	09	1881	Assault	A	Alfred Hatcher, a labourer living in Southover, claimed that he was walking along Newmarket when someone hit him hard on the left ear, knocking him onto the pavement. He recognised his assailant as Henry Bennett, a haulier living in Burcott Lane. Bennett supposedly said that the blow was because Hatcher had beaten someone called Allen. The case was settled without a hearing.	1881/081
Justices		Various		12	09	1881	List of fines & costs	*	List of fines and costs for petty sessions cases heard up to this point.	1881/082
Salisbury	Thomas	Luckham	George	24	09	1881	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Thomas Salisbury, one of the owners of Hillier & Salisbury, brushmakers, claimed that George Luckham, one of their apprentices, had absented himself from work without consent. Salisbury claimed that Luckham's absence had cost the business 2/- and requested that Luckham be ordered to fulfil his duties for the remaining term of his apprenticeship. Luckham claimed that he had been ill and was supported by his mother, Elizabeth, although Henry Swainson, a foreman in the business, said that he had seen Luckham out in the town between 8.00pm and 9.00pm on one of the days that he had claimed to be ill. Luckham was ordered to pay 2/- to his employers and 8/- for the costs of the case.	1881/083

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Trollope	Andrew	Brown	Henry	26	09	1881	Assault	A	Andrew Trollope, a labourer, complained that he had gone into The Exmouth Inn and been immediately approached by Henry Brown, a labourer from East Horrington, with whose brother Trollope had recently had a fight which led to Trollope being fined. Brown allegedly taunted him about this fight and then struck Trollope between the eyes, knocking him down. According to Trollope, Brown then proceeded to drag him around the floor by his best Sunday coat, tearing it in several places, before hitting him again and then pouring a kettle of water over him. Brown went outside and when Trollope appeared, knocked him down again and landed further punches and kicks. At that point the police intervened. Note: Brown's forename appears to be shown as 'Hinsey'.	1881/084
Simmons	Samuel John Catcott	Brown Trollope	Henry Andrew	26	09	1881	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Samuel John Catcott Simmons, the licensee of The Exmouth Inn, complained that Henry Brown, a labourer from East Horrington, and Andrew Trollope, a labourer from St Thomas Street, had been quarrelling on his premises and had become disorderly, with bad language used by both participants. He requested them to leave the premises but they refused to do so, thereby infringing the Licensing Act. Brown was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-, Trollope was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1881/085
Richards	Walter	Phipps	James	26	09	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged James Phipps of Southover with being drunk and disorderly and using bad language in South Street. A witness, Emily Day, a resident of South Street, claimed that Phipps was too drunk to stand and had to be assisted by two other people, falling into her shutters and violently kicking the front door of Mrs Clarke. Phipps was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1881/086

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Channing	Thomas	Andrews	John	26	09	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Channing charged John Andrews, a labourer from Queen Street, with being drunk and disorderly in that same street, as well as using obscene language. Andrews' wife eventually dragged him off the street after he had refused Channing's request to keep quiet and go home. Andrews was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1881/087
Justices		Various		26	09	1881	List of fines & costs	*	This list of fines and costs seems to refer exclusively to the cases brought against parents who were not sending their children to school. See case 1881/078. There also seem to have been cases against parents for whom there are no summons in evidence, e.g. Robert Francis, George Day.	1881/088
Maidment	Phillis	Maidment	Seth John	27	09	1881	Assault	A	Phillis Maidment complained that her estranged husband, Seth John Maidment, had assaulted their son, Arthur Maidment who lived with his father. Phillis Maidment claimed that her son had suffered extensive bruising after being beaten by her husband. Seth John Maidment admitted to his neighbour, Mary Emma Symes, that he had beaten his son for not attending school. Arthur Maidment admitted that he had often missed school and on this occasion it was because he was sent for beer by Mrs Symes. The case was dismissed with the complainant being required to pay the costs of 10/-.	1881/089



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Parfitt	Rhoda	Organ	Elizabeth	30	09	1881	Theft of a towel	T	Rhoda Parfitt, the sister of John Parfitt, licensee of The Railway Tavern in Southover, ran the rest of the house as a lodging house. She claimed that she had seen one of her towels on a settle in the lodger's room, but on her next visit the towel had disappeared. She claimed that Elizabeth Organ, who was staying in the lodging house, had taken it. Testimony from the groom at the tavern, George Truman, suggested that Organ had been seen in the traveller's kitchen with a towel and he had later stumbled over a towel in the passageway. Mary Perkins, wife of Elijah Perkins of Southover, also claimed to have seen Organ with a towel in the traveller's room. The case was dismissed. Note: the documents are undated; the date has been allocated on the basis of the document's position in the bundle.	1881/090
Richards	Walter	Burke	Sarah	02	10	1881	Drunkenness	D	PC Richards arrested Sarah Burke, a stranger to Wells, for being drunk in a public place. Burke was fined 1/- with costs of 2/6d. She was unable to pay and was sent to prison.	1881/091

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Edwards	Charles	Reynolds	Frances	03	10	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	PC Edwards arrested Frances Reynolds and charged her with wilful damage and being drunk and disorderly. According to Rhoda Parfitt, the sister of John Parfitt, licensee of The Railway Tavern in Southover, Reynolds had come into the tavern accompanied by two men and was soon seen in a compromising position. When Rhoda Parfitt's mother attempted to remonstrate with her, Reynolds insulted her and then attacked Parfitt herself. Reynolds was requested to leave the premises but refused and was forcibly evicted. Reynolds then deliberately broke a window pane valued at 1/3d. Rhoda Parfitt requested that an arrest be pursued and Reynolds was duly arrested outside her lodging house where the proprietor had thrown her and her baby out. Reynolds was very drunk and incapable of walking without assistance. Reynolds was fined 5/- plus costs or 7 days in prison for being drunk and disorderly and 7 days in prison for wilful damage. Reynolds was sent to prison.	1881/092
Edwards	Charles	Palmer	Thomas	03	10	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Rhoda Parfitt, the sister of John Parfitt, licensee of The Railway Tavern in Southover, complained that, when she was evicting Frances Reynolds from the tavern (see case 1881/092), Palmer tried to impede her and threatened to strike her. He had been drinking, but was not drunk, although he created a considerable disturbance for several minutes before moving away. Rhoda Parfitt reported him to the police and PC Edwards arrested Palmer near Cathedral Green where he was very drunk and attempted to resist arrest. Palmer was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d or to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour. Palmer was sent to prison.	1881/093

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Vowles	Joseph	Bennett	William	07	10	1881	Driving without reins	Rd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Bennett, a haulier living in Tucker Street, with driving a horse and cart in Wookey Hole Lane without any reins to guide the horse or without any accompanying guide to control the movement of the horse. Bennett was found guilty and fined £1 with costs of 8/6d.	1881/094
Vowles	Joseph	Bennett	William	07	10	1881	Furious driving	Rd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Bennett, a haulier living in Tucker Street, with furious driving of a horse and cart. Bennett was found guilty and fined 10/- with costs of 4/6d.	1881/095
Justices		Various		10	10	1881	List of fines & costs	*	List of fines and costs for petty sessions cases heard up to this point.	1881/096
Meaden	Rebecca	Spratt	Elizabeth	12	10	1881	Theft of a shawl	T	Rebecca Meaden, wife of Henry Meaden of Evercreech, a baker, claimed that she had had her shawl stolen when she was attending the County Court in Wells. She suspected that it had been taken by Elizabeth Spratt who was sat not far from her. Police Serjeant Vowles had actually seen Spratt come out of the Court and walk up Sadler Street to The Nag's Head. When she came out from the inn, she appeared to have a bundle under her cloak. Vowles challenged her and found the shawl which Spratt claimed that she had picked up outside the Court and was going to hand it in. Testimony from Edith Lowman, the wife of Joseph Lowman, the licensee of The Nag's Head, indicated that Spratt had brought the shawl into The Nag's Head and left it there, returning after more than an hour, when she took it away again, only to be stopped by police Serjeant Vowles. Spratt was fined 10/- with costs of £1.4s.6d.	1881/097

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Vowles	Joseph	Francis	Robert	12	10	1881	Non-payment of court fines and costs	N	Robert Francis had failed to pay fines and costs that were levied upon him for failing to send his children to school on a regular basis (see case 1881/078). As a result, distress proceedings were initiated to sell sufficient of his assets to recover the monies outstanding. Police Serjeant Vowles reported that he had been unable to fined goods and chattels belonging to Francis that would cover the outstanding debt. He reported that the outstanding balance was 17/-.	1881/098
Coles	George Frederick	Knight	Albert	21	10	1881	Assault	A	George Frederick Coles, an innkeeper, claimed that his son had been unreasonably kept in school by his teacher and was very late home for his meal. Coles went to see the teacher, Albert Knight, and, after a heated discussion, Coles claimed that Knight, later assisted by his wife, had forcibly tried to prevent him leaving the premises and in the process had carried out a physical assault, pulling at his whiskers and tearing his waistcoat. The case was settled without a hearing.	1881/099
Knight	Albert	Coles	George Frederick	21	10	1881	Assault	A	Albert Knight, a schoolmaster, claimed that George Coles, an innkeeper and the father of one of his pupils, Charles Coles, had threatened to assault him and exhibited potentially violent behaviour towards him. Coles had come to see Knight over keeping his son in school for an extended period of time. Knight claimed that Coles had been very excited, gesticulating wildly, shouting and holding his fists as though to strike at Knight. Knight stated that he had first ordered Coles to leave the premises, but, when he refused, Knight had then sent for the police. From that point on he tried to keep Coles on the school premises. He admitted using physical means to do so, grabbing his whiskers and his collar, but was eventually persuaded to let him go rather than risk a scene in the school yard. The case was settled without a hearing.	1881/100

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Appleby	Elizabeth Ellen	Higgins	William	31	10	1881	Assault	Sa	Elizabeth Ellen Appleby, wife of Sidney Appleby of Wilton Hill, complained that she had been assaulted by William Higgins, a plumber who was carrying out some painting work at her house. She claimed that Higgins had made advances to her and had grabbed hold of her, squeezing and fondling her, until she broke away saying that her husband was coming. Neither party appeared at the hearing and police Serjeant Vowles was ordered to try and persuade Mrs Appleby to testify. The case was eventually dismissed at the December petty sessions.	1881/101
Aplin	George William	Lovell	Edwin	05	11	1881	Cruelty to a horse	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector, claimed that Lovell, a cattle dealer from Bristol, had been working a horse to draw a cart where the animal was suffering from numerous sores and was clearly unfit to be working. Aplin insisted on taking the horse into a stable and on having it examined by a local vet. Lovell was fined £1 for cruelty together with costs of £1.18s.5d, including stabling and vets fees.	1881/102
Lowman	Joseph	Brock	James	07	11	1881	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Joseph Lowman, the licensee of The Nag's Head, complained that James Brock, a labourer from Priddy, had behaved in a disorderly fashion and become very quarrelsome. Lowman had asked Brock to leave the premises but Brock had refused and become very abusive. After a second request to leave produced more abuse, Brock was removed by the police. Brock was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1881/103

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Lowman	Joseph	Brock	James	07	11	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	Joseph Lowman, the licensee of The Nag's Head, stated that James Brock, a labourer, had been evicted from his inn for disorderly and quarrelsome behaviour (see case 1881/103). Just outside, Brock had fallen and accidentally broken a window valued by Lowman at 3/-. Lowman insisted that Brock pay for the damage and Brock did so. However, he returned a short time after and demanded his money back. Lowman gave him the money and then after Brock had left he heard the sound of a window pane being broken and saw Brock running away. Brock's act was also seen by a Mrs Chalker. The case was settled out of court.	1881/104
Collins	Henry Wallis	Bennett	Joseph	07	11	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	Henry Wallis Collins, the licensee of The Mermaid Inn, claimed that Joseph Bennett had been acting in a disorderly manner on his premises and had deliberately broken a one-pint china glass. When told by Collins that he would have to pay for the damage - the pot was estimated to be worth 6d - Bennett became very abusive. The case was settled out of court.	1881/105
Collins	Dinah	Bennett	Joseph	09	11	1881	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Dinah Collins, wife of Henry Wallis Collins, licensee of The Mermaid Inn, complained that Joseph Bennett, a labourer, had been acting in a disorderly manner in her house. When asked to leave, he became very abusive and used disgusting language to her. When she asked him to leave a second time he used even worse language and when she tried to push him out of the door, he then struck her on the side of the face with his fist. Eventually, he was taken away by his wife. Bennett was found guilty and fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1881/106
Channing	Thomas	Sage Brindley	Caroline Elizabeth	10	11	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Channing found Caroline Sage and Elizabeth Brindley drunk and acting in a disorderly fashion in Boulting Court off St Thomas Street. They were both found guilty and fined 5/- each with costs of 8/- each.	1881/107
Justices		Various		14	11	1881	List of fines & costs	*	List of fines and costs for petty sessions cases heard up to this point.	1881/108

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Bennett	Edith	Moore	Ann	17	11	1881	Assault	A	Edith Bennett, wife of William Bennett, claimed that she was walking down Back Lane past Ann Moore's house when the latter rushed out and abused her, accusing her of stifling her own child. They appear to have both adopted threatening postures with clenched fists in a head-to-head standoff before Edith Bennett went on her way with Moore supposedly following for a short distance shouting and cursing. The case seems to have been dismissed.	1881/109
Lovegrove	John Way	Dodd	Charles	18	11	1881	Theft of a concertina	T	John Way Lovegrove described himself as a fancy dealer. He had been sent a concertina to get repaired and had entrusted the repair to Charles Dodd, a piano tuner. After a time Lovegrove began to get concerned that the concertina had not been returned, but every time that he met Dodd the latter would promise that the concertina would be returned in a day or so. Eventually, it came out that Dodd had pawned the concertina - estimated value of 10/6d - at Hillier's pawn shop (confirmed by George Weston Wheeler, the manager) for 1/- and had then given the pawn ticket to Mary Ann Whittle, the wife of William Whittle, a butcher, as credit for a purchase of meat. Police Serjeant Vowles recovered both the pawn ticket and the concertina. The charge against Dodd was reduced from theft to illegal pawning.	1881/110
Richards	Walter	Crandon	William	21	11	1881	Vagrancy	V	PC Richards went to an outhouse in a field in the occupation of Robert Foster as he had been advised that someone was there. He found William Crandon asleep in the outhouse. Crandon had 1/11d in his pocket. Crandon was found guilty of vagrancy and fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to spend 7 days in prison.	1881/111

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Vincent	Joseph	Stemms	Henry	21	11	1881	Assault	A	Joseph Vincent, a labourer lodging at The Full Moon Inn, claimed to have been assaulted outside the tavern by Henry Stemms, a labourer lodging in South Street. The two men had been exchanging banter in the inn about Vincent's forthcoming wedding to which Vincent assured Stemms that he would NOT be invited. When Vincent left the inn, he claimed that Stemms assaulted him, striking him between the eyes and knocking him down. John Ball, also a labourer, said that he had seen the defendant going into his own bedroom about an hour before the assault, while Lucy Brown, a single woman, said that she had seen Stemms knock Vincent to the ground. The complainant was required to pay 9/6d towards the cost of the case, the defendant 2/-.	1881/112
Beesley	William Henry	Hall	Joseph	28	11	1881	Wilful damage	Wd	William Henry Beesley, master of Wells Union workhouse, claimed that Joseph Hall had been recently admitted as a pauper inmate. The day after the admission Beesley discovered that Hall had torn his own trousers to shreds, supposedly because they were thin and cold. Beesley complained that he was forced to recover this wilful damage by providing Hall with trousers from the stores.	1881/113
Richards	Walter	Leroi	Rachel	30	11	1881	Drunkenness	D	John Parfitt, landlord of The Railway Tavern, complained that Rachel Leroi, wife of Henry Leroi (see case 1881/115), was drunk on his premises and had to be removed. George McCartney, a hawker, carried her out, being hit in the ear with a cup for his pains. PC Richards ensured that Leroi was transported to the police station as she was incapable of walking.	1881/114
Police		Leroi	Henry	30	11	1881	Vagrancy	V	Leroi was found begging on the highway. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 21 days in prison with hard labour.	1881/115



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Aplin	George William	Lane	James	03	12	1881	Cruelty to a cow	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector, claimed that James Lane, a dealer from Shepton Mallet, had ill-treated a cow by making it walk to market when its udder was swollen and distended because it had not been properly milked. Aplin's testimony was supported by police Serjeant Vowles and George Evans, a veterinary surgeon. Lane and William Lawrence, his employee, claimed that the cow had been milked the previous afternoon and was milked again by William Bennett, her new owner, immediately after he had bought her and her calf at the market. Bennett further stated that the cow had given milk the next day and had suckled her calf.	1881/116
Police		Moran	Maria	07	12	1881	Drunk & disorderly	D	Maria Moran, a tramp, was found to be drunk and disorderly on the highway. She was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to spend 7 days in prison with hard labour. She went to prison.	1881/117
Police		Phillips	Caroline	08	12	1881	Drunkenness	D	Caroline Phillips was found to be drunk in High Street. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a fine of 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to spend 7 days in prison with hard labour. She went to prison.	1881/118
Collins	Edwin S L	Hatcher	Alfred	09	12	1881	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, as an officer of the School Attendance Committee, claimed that Alfred Hatcher, a labourer living in Southover, had not been sending his son, Frank, to school for some time. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Boys' Central School, stated that Frank Hatcher had not attended his school since 6 May 1881. Hatcher was ordered to send his son to St Thomas' School.	1881/119

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Short	Ellen Jane	Moran	Henry	12	12	1881	Aggravated assault	A	Ellen Jane Short, wife of William Short, umbrella maker, was staying at Mrs Allwood's lodging house in the married couples room. Also in the room was Henry Moran whose wife was in prison (see case 1881/116). When Ellen Jane Short was undressing her husband, who was drunk, Moran accused her of getting his wife locked up. He then got out of bed and assaulted her, beating her around the head with a chamber pot and, after it had broken, then with the handle. She was covered in blood but managed to get downstairs where she was eventually made safe by the police. Moran's assault was witnessed by Harriet Francis, wife of Robert Francis, who was also staying at Mrs Allwood's.	1881/120
Justices		Various		12	12	1881	List of fines & costs	*	List of fines and costs for petty sessions cases heard up to this point.	1881/121
Channing	Thomas	Lee	John	17	12	1881	Drunkenness	D	PC Channing found John Lee in a drunken condition in High Street. Lee was taken into custody and then discharged with a caution.	1881/122
Richards	Walter	Moore	William	19	12	1881	Assault on police	A	PC Richards was called to the house of William Moore in High Street. Moore's father, who lived in the same house, complained that his son frequently beat him. Richards found William Moore in the street, where a crowd was gathering, and tried to persuade Moore to go back into the house. Moore refused and took exception to Richards' approach, then assaulted him, ripping the cape from his back and hitting him in the face. PC Richards was then assisted by PC Channing and PC Edwards, and together they got Moore into custody.	1881/123
Vowles	Joseph	Taylor	Alfred	21	12	1881	Vagrancy	V	Police Serjeant Vowles was also relieving officer for Wells Union workhouse. He was on duty when Alfred Taylor came into the police station and asked for a night's lodging in Wells Union, claiming that he had come from Radstock. Vowles denied him relief, having seen him the previous evening at William Webb's lodging house, The Railway Hotel.	1881/124

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Coulthard	Joseph	Wilson	Edward	29	12	1881	Vagrancy	V	Joseph Coulthard, the butler at the Bishop's Palace, complained that Edward Wilson had come to the side door of the Palace and asked for relief which Coulthard refused. Wilson then tried the front door and, after a second refusal, would not go away but remained there making a noise until taken away by the police. Wilson was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1881/125
Richards	Walter	Webb	Henry	29	12	1881	Drunkness	D	PC Richards found Henry Webb drunk and asleep in Chamberlain Street. He took him into custody with the assistance of another constable. Webb was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1881/126

**1882**

									Note: the cases shown below with case numbers of 1882/00 or 1882/000 were all found in bundles of documentation some time after the main group of cases were recorded and assigned numbers.	
Bendall	William Newport	Tucker	William	07	01	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Tucker of St John Street, Wells, was charged with failing to pay the general district rate levied in April 1881. The charge was brought by William Newport Bendall, the Collector for the City and Borough of Wells. The amount outstanding was recorded as £1.9s.4d with additional costs of 7/-. It was acknowledged that Tucker had formally disputed the amount of the rate being charged to him.	1882/00a
Bendall	William Newport	Bown	John	07	01	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	John Bown of Broad Street, Wells, was charged with failing to pay the general district rate levied in April 1881. The charge was brought by William Newport Bendall, the Collector for the City and Borough of Wells. The amount outstanding was recorded as 14/8d with additional costs of 7/-. The case is noted as settled, indicating that Bown has probably paid the debt.	1882/00b

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Justices		Various		09	01	1882	Cases to be heard at petty session court	*	List of cases to be heard at petty sessions court on 9 January. With one exception, none of them appear as cases in 1881. The individual cases are therefore listed below with such additional information as can be gleaned from the pencilled notes on the document.	1882/000
Police		Lane	James	09	01	1882	Cruelty to animals	C	See case 1881/116. The case against James Lane was adjourned.	1882/000a
Police		Hawkins	Mrs	09	01	1882	Sureties for the peace	Su	There is no information on the case against Mrs Hawkins.	1882/000b
Police		Francis	John	09	01	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1882/000c
Police		Green	Francis	09	01	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	Francis Green was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1882/000d
Police		Hallett	George	09	01	1882	Sureties for the peace	Su	George Hallett was required to put forward a surety of 7/6d against his good behaviour for 12 months.	1882/000e
Police		Hanney	George	09	01	1882	Profane and obscene language	Pr	There is no information on the case against George Hanney	1882/000f
Police		Trollope	Andrew	09	01	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	Andrew Trollope appears to have been sentenced to 14 days in prison.	1882/000g
Water Company		Teale	Elizabeth	09	01	1882	Theft of water	T	There is no information on the case against Elizabeth Teale.	1882/000h
Police		Merryfield	John	09	01	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Merryfield appears to have been described as a lunatic	1882/000i
Council		Tucker	William	09	01	1882	Non-payment of district rate	N	This is a potential duplicate of case 1882/00a	1882/000j
Council		Bown	John	09	01	1882	Non-payment of district rate	N	This is a potential duplicate of case 1882/00b. It was described as settled out of court.	1882/000k
Police		Sharland	Mary	09	01	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	There is no information on the case against Mary Sharland.	1882/000l
Police		Moore	John	09	01	1882	Drunkenness	D	John Moore was required to pay 10/- including costs.	1882/000m
Collins	E S L	Bedford	Walter	16	01	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that A E Cooke, principal teacher at the Infants Central School, had reported that Solomon Bedford had only recorded 90 attendances at school in the three months ended 13 January. Apparently, this, and the failure of the child to attend school on 9 January, was deemed unsatisfactory. The case appears to have been dismissed.	1882/001

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Collins	E S L	Bedford	Walter	16	01	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that William Bedford had only made 46 attendances for the 3 months up to 23 December 1881. Walter Bedford appears to have been fined 1/-.	1882/002
Collins	E S L	Hewlett	Mrs Samson	16	01	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that Walter Hewlett had only made 66 attendances for the 3 months up to 23 December 1881. Mrs Samson Hewlett appears to have been fined 1/-.	1882/003
Collins	E S L	Perkins	Elijah	16	01	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher at the Girls' Central School, had recorded that Ellen Perkins had only attended school on 54 occasions in the 3 months ending 25 December 1881. This appears not to have been satisfactory and Elijah Perkins was fined 2/-.	1882/004
Collins	E S L	Sheers	John	16	01	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher at the Girls' Central School, had recorded that Alice Sheers had only attended school on 83 occasions in the 3 months ending 25 December 1881. This was not satisfactory and John Sheers was fined 2/-.	1882/005
Collins	E S L	Hammond	Mr	16	01	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Teresa Baynes, the principal teacher at the Catholic School, had reported that William Albert Westley had only made 1 attendance at school in the four months up to 22 December 1881. Mr Hammond was presumably acting in the role of guardian; there is no indication of the outcome of the case.	1882/006

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Richards	Walter	Allen	James	16	01	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards found James Allen, a labourer from Hayden, in a drunken condition in St Thomas Street. Allen became disorderly and abusive when Richards tried to persuade him to go home. Eventually, Richards handed him over to a soldier to take him home. Allen failed to appear at the hearing and was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1882/007
Burnman	George	Manly	Robert	24	01	1882	Assault and battery	A	George Burnman, a blacksmith, was staying with his wife, at Mrs Attwood's lodging house. He claimed that he heard a noise from the kitchen and when he went to investigate he found his wife on the floor and being beaten by Ann Manly, the wife of Robert Manly, a traveller. Burnman tried to intervene but was assaulted by Robert Manly, knocked to the floor and kicked violently. Manly pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and was fined 2/6d with costs of 6/-.	1882/007a
Collins	E S L	Bedford	Walter	25	01	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher at the Girls' Central School, had reported that Kate Bedford had only attended school on 78 occasions in the 3 months ending 25 December 1881. This was not considered satisfactory. The case appears to have been dismissed.	1882/008

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Tucker	Jane	Tucker	William	02	02	1882	Aggravated assault	A	Jane Tucker complained that her husband, William Tucker, a publican, had physically abused her. One evening he had struck her a blow in the right eye, and then on the following afternoon he had punched her first in the bosom and then had hit her in the left eye. At that point she had left the house and gone to the police. She complained that the discord between them had arisen because William Tucker was co-habiting with another woman. Tucker was fined £2 with costs of 6/-. In addition he was required to put forward sureties of £20 to guarantee his conduct for the next 6 months. Furthermore, the magistrates ordered him to pay Jane Tucker 10/- a week towards her upkeep, ruled that she no longer needed to live with him and gave her custody of the children aged under 10 years from their marriage, namely, Alice Jane, aged around 9, and William, aged 11 months.	1882/009
Bendall	William Newport	Parker Davis	George Edward	09	02	1882	Wasting water by failing to repair a tap	E	William Newport Bendall was the manager of Wells Waterworks Company, supplier of water to Edward Davis, a labourer, and George Parker, a carpenter, both of whom lived in Priest Row. Bendall complained that a tap on their premises had been allowed to run for some time and, despite being cautioned for wasting water, they had taken no action to repair it. The case appears to have been dismissed.	1882/010
Collins	E S L	Gibbons	Samuel	10	02	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that Frederick James Gibbons had attended no classes in the period up to 3 February during which the school was open on 40 occasions. Samuel Gibbons of Union Street was fined 5/-.	1882/011

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Collins	E S L	Oxley	James	10	02	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that Kate Oxley had only attended school on 23 occasions in the month ending 3 February when the school had been open on 40 occasions. James Oxley of South Street appears to have been fined 2/6d.	1882/012
Collins	E S L	Oxley	James	10	02	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Teresa Baynes, the principal teacher at the Catholic School, had reported that William Oxley had only made 10 attendances at school in the month up to 3 February. James Oxley of South Street appears to have been fined 2/6d.	1882/013
Justices		Various		13	02	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/014
Fowler	John	Reakes	Harry	18	02	1882	Theft of a heifer	T	John Fowler, a cattle dealer from Maesbury, complained that Harry Reakes, a drover from Gurney Slade, had stolen a heifer from him in Wells with a value of thirteen pounds. Fowler did not proceed with the case.	1882/015
Tucker	William	Francis	William	27	02	1882	Threatening assault	A	William Tucker, a butcher, had put in train distress proceedings against William Francis, a plaisterer, to recover arrears of rent owed to him by Francis. Tucker had been in The King's Arms, where John Peach was the licensee, when Francis had come in and complained about Tucker sending the bailiffs into his house. He threatened Tucker with physical violence and had to be restrained by his wife and the landlord.	1882/016



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Tucker	William	Francis	William	27	02	1882	Theft of butcher's trucks	T	William Tucker, a butcher, claimed that William Francis, a plasterer, had stolen two butcher's trucks from him valued at 30/-. Francis claimed that Tucker had sold him the trucks about 6 weeks previously in exchange for a load of wood. The case involved a series of lengthy depositions about the location of the trucks and who had used them when and for what purpose. Witnesses, other than Tucker and Francis included: Jane Tucker, wife of William Tucker; Frank Hulse, pattern clog maker, who had become Tucker's landlord when he was effectively forced to leave The King's Arm as a result of distress proceedings; Ann Hulse, wife of Frank Hulse; William Brown, a carpenter; John Peach, the new landlord of The King's Arms; Thomas Gibbs, a brush maker; Charles Lewis, pork butcher on whose premises Tucker had claimed to store his trucks; Reuben Richards, basket maker. There appeared to be no clear substantiation of ownership of the trucks. It appears that the case was dismissed with Tucker paying £1.4s.6d in fees.	1882/017
Justices		Tucker	Jane	03	03	1882	Perjury	Pj	A statement from John Clode, the managing clerk to Mr Foster, clerk to the justices, appears to indicate that Jane Tucker, wife of William Tucker and a witness in the case between William Tucker and William Francis, is to be prosecuted for perjury in her statement in that case. The perjury case appears to have been dismissed. Note: the case header document refers to William Tucker and Ann Hulse rather than Jane Tucker. Further, the witness statements seem to relate entirely to the Tucker v Francis theft case (see 1882/017) and have no relevance to a perjury case against Jane Tucker.	1882/018

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Hulse	Ann	Hulse	Frank	04	03	1882	Assault	A	Ann Hulse claimed that her husband, Frank Hulse, had been drinking and then had assaulted her, kicking her out of bed and then beating her with his fists. Their lodger, William Tucker, had intervened to help her and the police had been called. After they had gone, Hulse had supposedly assaulted his wife again, this time dragging her around the room by her hair and striking her with his fists. William Tucker and Alice Hulse, the daughter of the house, intervened again and the police were called for a second time. William Oldfield, another lodger, provided testimony on behalf of Ann Hulse. The case against Frank Hulse was dismissed.	1882/019
Hulse	Frank	Tucker	William	04	03	1882	Assault	A	Frank Hulse, a patten clog maker, had been in his home when his wife, Ann, returned at the same time as their lodgers, William Tucker and his wife, Jane. There had been some disagreement between Hulse and the others and he had gone out into the garden to escape, only for his wife to follow him to continue the argument. It appears that Hulse had struck his wife who fell to the ground with him on top of her. She called for help and Tucker had gone to her assistance, striking Hulse one or more blows in the process. Hulse then accused Tucker of assault. Witness testimony was provided by William Henry Brown, a neighbour; Alice Hulse, daughter of Frank and Ann; Jane Tucker, wife of William Tucker.	1882/020

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Radford	Sophia	Radford	Charles Alfred	07	03	1882	Aggravated sexual assault	Sa	Sophia Radford claimed that her husband, Charles Radford, had come home drunk and attempted to have intercourse with her. She had tried to fight him off but he was too strong and violently forced his hand inside her womb. He held her down and kept his hand in her for several minutes until their lodger came home and disturbed them. She complained that she had been in considerable pain ever since. Charles Radford was sentenced to 2 calendar months in prison with hard labour. The magistrates also appeared to have issued a separation order, releasing Sophia Radford from co-habiting with her husband.	1882/021
Richards	Walter	Hatcher	George	07	03	1882	Drunkenness	D	PC Richards found George Hatcher from North Load, Glastonbury at the end of Mill Lane. Hatcher was drunk, in a dishevelled condition and fell over into the gutter when Richards was speaking to him. Hatcher pleaded guilty to the charge.	1882/022
Collins	E S L	[Various]		07	03	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, requested that summons be issued against 3 parents for failing to ensure their children attended school on a regular basis. The entries below identify the responsible parent, the parental address and the child involved.	1882/023
Collins	E S L	Bedford	Walter	07	03	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	2 Silver Street, William Bedford, aged 12. William Bedford had recorded no attendances at the Boys' Central School in the 2 months ending 3 March. Walter Bedford pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d.	1882/023a
Collins	E S L	Allen	James	07	03	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, Frederick Allen, aged 9. Frederick had recorded 30 attendances in a period when the school was open 78 times. It appears that the case against James Allen of Market Street was dismissed.	1882/023b
Collins	E S L	Allen	James	07	03	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Market Street, George Allen, aged 7. George had recorded 40 attendances in a period when the school had been open for 78. It appears that the case against James Allen of Market Street was dismissed.	1882/023c

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Collins	E S L	Parker	John	07	03	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Frank Parker, 42 South Street, had recorded 31 attendances out of a possible 78 at the Boys Central School. John Parker was fined 1/-.	1882/023d
Aplin	George William	Thorn	William	08	03	1882	Cruelty to a cow	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector, claimed that William Thorn, a farmer from Horrington, had ill-treated a cow by failing to milk it thoroughly before taking it to market. Aplin claimed that the cow had been left un milked for too long and, as a result, the udder, was hard, hot, swollen and distended making it very difficult for the animal to walk. His view was supported by George Evans, veterinary surgeon. Thorn and people who worked for him, such as Ann Chapman and John Durham, claimed that the cow had been milked appropriately and had produced a large quantity of milk before being taken to market. Thorn was fined £2 with costs and service fees amounting to £1.2s.6d.	1882/024
Aplin	George William	Plumley	William	08	03	1882	Cruelty to a sheep	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector, complained that William Plumley, a labourer from North Wootton, had ill-treated a sheep by beating the animal. Plumley pleaded guilty and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1882/025
Justices		Various		13	03	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/026
Vowles	Joseph	Perry	James	18	03	1882	Drunkenness	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Perry with being drunk in Southover. Perry pleaded guilty and was fined 1/6d with costs of 3/6d.	1882/027
Brown	Samuel	Gait	James	25	03	1882	Assault	A	Samuel Brown, a farmer from Sage's Farm in Chewton Mendip, complained that James Gait, also a farmer from Chewton Mendip, had assaulted him in Wells. Brown called upon William James Rogers, hotel proprietor, to testify on his behalf.	1882/028

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Morgan	Samuel	Moore	Thomas	25	03	1882	Assault	A	Samuel Morgan, a chimney sweep, complained that he had encountered Thomas Moore in Market Street. Moore, a labourer, had confronted him and complained that Morgan had been seen striking a pony as he drove past Moore. Morgan defended his right to strike his own pony, but then Moore struck him in the face. Morgan claimed not to have returned the blow.	1882/029
Bendall	George	Price	John	27	03	1882	Assault	A	George Bendall, a labourer, claimed that Harry Francis had mischievously knocked on his door with a stick at about 5.00am. Bendall had chased after him and caught him, and supposedly was about to admonish him and send him home, when John Price intervened. Price had been close to Bendall and Francis and intervened on the boy's behalf, striking Bendall with his fists and knocking him down. William Cannon, a grocer's assistant, had also seen the incident and stated he had seen Bendall strike Francis and also tried to hit Price. Price was sentenced to 1 calendar month in prison with hard labour and ordered to pay Bendall 10/- with costs of 7/6d, with a further two weeks in jail if he failed to pay these sums.	1882/030
Vowles	Joseph	Savage	Ellen	28	03	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Ellen Savage, a married woman, with being drunk and disorderly in Southover. Savage pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or, if in default, to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1882/031
Morgan	Frances	Hopkins	James	28	03	1882	Assault	A	Frances Morgan complained that she had been assaulted by James Hopkins, a labourer. Hopkins pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1882/032
Richards	Walter	Godfrey	Henry	29	03	1882	Furious driving	Rd	PC Richards complained that he had seen Henry Godfrey, a bus driver, driving his carriage at a furious rate to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Godfrey pleaded guilty and appears to have been fined 4/- (reduced from 7/-).	1882/033

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Collins	Edwin S L	[Various]		01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board presented a list of parents who had failed to ensure their children attended school on a regular basis. The names and addresses of the responsible parent / guardian and information about the children involved are given in the records which follow.	1882/034
Collins	Edwin S L	Maul	Edward	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that Edward Maul's daughter, Ellen, aged 10, had only recorded 94 attendances over a period when the school was open on 117 occasions. Edward Maul, a resident of Southover, was fined 2/6d.	1882/034a
Collins	Edwin S L	Drew	William	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that William Drew's son, Henry, aged 12, had not attended school at all over the 3 months to the end of March 1882 when the school was open on 118 occasions. William Drew of Market Street was fined 2/6d.	1882/034b
Collins	Edwin S L	Drew	William	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that William Drew's daughter, Elizabeth, aged 8, had only recorded 32 attendances over a period when the school was open on 117 occasions. William Drew of Market Street was fined 2/6d.	1882/034c
Collins	Edwin S L	Loxton	William	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that William Loxton's daughters, Agnes, Maggie and Amelia, aged 12, 10 and 7, had only recorded 58, 83 and 89 attendances respectively over a period when the school was open on 117 occasions. William Loxton's wife, who lived in Union Street, seems to have attended the hearing and appears to have been fined 1/4d for each of the 3 children.	1882/034d

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Collins	Edwin S L	Sheers	John	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, had reported that Alice Sheers, aged 12, had only made 77 attendances in the 3 months up to 31 March while the school had been open on 117 occasions. John Sheers of St Cuthbert Street was fined 4/-.	1882/034e
Collins	Edwin S L	Perkins	Elizabeth	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that Elizabeth Perkins' daughter, Ellen, aged 7, had only recorded 61 attendances over a period when the school was open on 117 occasions. The case against Elizabeth Perkins was not pursued.	1882/034f
Collins	Edwin S L	Robbins	Charles	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that Charles Robbins' son, Charles, aged 9, had only recorded 58 attendances over a period when the school was open on 118 occasions. Charles Robbins, a resident of New Street, was fined 2/6d.	1882/034g
Collins	Edwin S L	Walters	Silas	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that Silas Walters' son, William, aged 9, had only recorded 83 attendances over a period when the school was open on 118 occasions. Silas Walters, a resident of Southover, was fined 3/-.	1882/034h
Collins	Edwin S L	Bedford	Walter	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that Walter Bedford's son, William, aged 12, had only recorded 16 attendances over a period when the school was open on 118 occasions. Walter Bedford, a resident of Silver Street, was fined 2/-.	1882/034i

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Collins	Edwin S L	Bedford	Walter	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that Walter Bedford's daughter, Kate, aged 10, had only recorded 80 attendances over a period when the school was open on 117 occasions. Walter Bedford, a resident of Silver Street, was fined 2/-.	1882/034j
Collins	Edwin S L	Bowell	Sidney	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that William Barnes, principal teacher of St Thomas Boys' School, had reported that Sidney Bowell's son, Albert, aged 10, had only recorded 37 attendances over a period when the school was open on 46 occasions. Sidney Bowell, a resident of Southover, was fined 2/6d.	1882/034k
Collins	Edwin S L	Binsham	Edward	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, had reported that Frederick Binsham, aged 8, had only made 74 attendances in the 3 months up to 31 March while the school had been open on 119 occasions. Edward Binsham of St Thomas Street was fined 3/-.	1882/034l
Collins	Edwin S L	Binsham	Edward	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Sarah Amy Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, had reported that Alice Binsham, aged 7, had only made 103 attendances in the 3 months up to 31 March while the school had been open on 118 occasions. The case against Edward Binsham of St Thomas Street was dismissed.	1882/034m
Collins	Edwin S L	Parker	John	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that John Parker's son, Frank, aged 11, had only recorded 47 attendances over a period when the school was open on 118 occasions. John Parker of South Street was fined 3/-.	1882/034n



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Collins	Edwin S L	Moore	Albert	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that Albert Moore's daughter, Alice, aged 11, had only recorded 37 attendances over a period when the school was open on 68 occasions. Albert Moore of High Street was fined 3/-.	1882/034o
Collins	Edwin S L	Hull	Samuel	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Ellen Dawe, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that Samuel Hull's daughter, Mary, aged 9, had only recorded 76 attendances over a period when the school was open on 117 occasions. Samuel Hull of Tucker Street was fined 2/6d.	1882/034p
Collins	Edwin S L	Hammond	Mary A	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that William Barnes, principal teacher of St Thomas Boys' School, had reported that Mrs Mary Hammond's son, William Albert Westley, aged 11, had only recorded 46 attendances over a period when the school was open on 77 occasions. Mrs Hammond of Southover was too ill to attend the hearing and was represented by "some woman", but was fined 2/6d.	1882/034q
Collins	Edwin S L	Day	George	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that George Day's son, Edward, aged 10, had only recorded 107 attendances over a period when the school was open on 118 occasions. George Day, who lived in St Cuthbert Street, attended with his son, who was cautioned that he would be sent to the Industrial School.	1882/034r

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Collins	Edwin S L	Cornish	John	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Sarah Amy Bendall, principal teacher of St Thomas Girls' School, had reported that John Cornish's daughter, Martha, aged 9, had only recorded 91 attendances over a period when the school was open on 118 occasions. John Cornish's wife, a resident of St Thomas Street, seems to have attended the hearing and appears to have been fined 2/6d.	1882/034s
Collins	Edwin S L	White	Albert	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Sarah Amy Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, had reported that Sarah White, aged 7, had only made 87 attendances in the 3 months up to 31 March while the school had been open on 118 occasions. Albert White of St Thomas Street was fined 1/-.	1882/034t
Collins	Edwin S L	Spencer	Henry	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Sarah Amy Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, had reported that Elizabeth Spencer, aged 11, had only made 92 attendances in the 3 months up to 31 March while the school had been open on 118 occasions. Henry Spencer of St Thomas Street was fined 2/6d.	1882/034u
Collins	Edwin S L	Allen	James	01	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board claimed that James Allen's sons, Frederick and George, were not attending school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Allen, a resident of Market Street, was fined 2/6d for each of his two children. Note: James Allen is not listed in the summary document compiled by Collins and referred to in 1882/034 above.	1882/034v
Herring	Robert	White	John	01	04	1882	Wilful damage	Wd	Robert Herring, a shopkeeper, claimed that John White, a butcher, had deliberately damaged the glass in one of his windows. Herring put the damage at 2/-. The case was marked as being settled without a hearing.	1882/035

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Lansdowne	Joseph	Moore	Thomas	05	04	1882	Assault	A	Joseph Lansdowne, a labourer, claimed that he had been assaulted by Thomas Moore, also described as a labourer. Harry Parker, a labourer living in Priest Row, was called as a witness. Moore was fined 5/- with costs of 10/6d.	1882/036
Richards	Walter	White	Albert	06	04	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Albert White with being drunk & disorderly in a public thoroughfare. White was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1882/037
Bendall	William Newport	[Various]		08	04	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall, described as the collector for and on behalf of the urban sanitary authority of Wells, compiled a list of individuals to be summoned for non-payment of the general district rate of 6 October 1881. The individual cases are dealt with in the following records.	1882/038
Bendall	William Newport	Isgrove	Joseph	08	04	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Bendall claimed that Joseph Isgrove of South Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 6 October 1881. He owed 3/6d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. Isgrove appears to have been granted more time within which to pay.	1882/038a
Bendall	William Newport	Walters	Silas	08	04	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Bendall claimed that Silas Walters of Southover had not paid the general district rate levied on 6 October 1881. He owed 7/7d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. The case is marked as 'settled'.	1882/038b
Bendall	William Newport	Maule	Edwin	08	04	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Bendall claimed that Edwin Maule of Southover had not paid the general district rate levied on 6 October 1881. He owed 4/1d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. The case is marked as 'settled'.	1882/038c
Bendall	William Newport	Drewe	William	08	04	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Bendall claimed that William Drewe of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 6 October 1881. He owed 2/11d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. A distress warrant was to be issued in order to try and identify assets that could be sold in order to raise money to clear the debt.	1882/038d

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Bendall	William Newport	Ball	George	08	04	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Bendall claimed that George Ball of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 6 October 1881. He owed 2/11d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs.	1882/038e
Bendall	William Newport	Collins	Martha	08	04	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Bendall claimed that Martha Collins of Tucker Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 6 October 1881. She owed 4/1d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. The case is marked as settled.	1882/038f
Bendall	William Newport	White	Albert	08	04	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Bendall claimed that Albert White of St Thomas Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 6 October 1881. He owed 3/2d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. Bendall demanded that the arrears be paid within 14 days, otherwise a distress warrant would be issued.	1882/038g
Sage	Frank	Oxley	Elizabeth	08	04	1882	Assault	A	Frank Sage, a labourer resident in St Thomas Street, claimed that he had been out with friends in Guardhouse Lane when they met Elizabeth Oxley, a spinster who lived in High Street. Oxley was accompanied by her servant, Rhoda Ford, and a dog. According to Sage, Oxley had picked up the dog and thrust it into his face and when he put up his hand to protect himself, the dog had bitten it. His companions, Charles Parker and William Hippisley, also asserted that Oxley had struck Sage herself. Oxley and Rhoda Ford claimed that Sage and his friends had been teasing them, rattling sticks against the wall to irritate the dog and picking up stones to throw at it.	1882/039
[Justices]		Various		11	04	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/040

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Cornelius	Robert	Bull	George	18	04	1882	Assault	A	Robert Cornelius, an engine fitter who worked at Sheldon's, claimed he had been assaulted and struck in the face and mouth by George Bull, a carpenter who lived in Priest Row and also worked for Sheldon's. Cornelius claimed that Bull had ridden past him on his bicycle in High Street and accused him of stealing a screw from the bicycle. Cornelius denied it and called Bull a liar, at which point Bull got off his bicycle, knocked Cornelius to the ground and then rode off. The case was marked as settled without a hearing.	1882/041
Channing	Thomas	Vincent	James	19	04	1882	Drunkenness	D	PC Channing charged Vincent, a labourer living in St Thomas Street, with being drunk in St Thomas Street. Vincent pleaded guilty to the charge. Vincent was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1882/042
Allwood	Ann	Harris	William	21	04	1882	Wilful damage Assault Indecent exposure	Wd A le	Ann Allwood ran a lodging house in Southover where William Harris had recently become a lodger. One evening Harris came home drunk, took various items of crockery off the table, took them to his room and broke them. Ann Allwood assessed the damage at 8d. Harris was required to pay 8d in damages and 2/- in costs or to serve 7 days in prison. Later that same evening Harris entered his landlady's room by pushing violently on the door as she was reluctantly opening it. She fell and damaged her head on the floor. Harris was bound over in the sum of £20 to answer a charge of assault in a later petty sessions. After seeing Ann Allwood fall and injure herself, Harris went out into the street in a state of undress. Harris admitted the charge of indecent exposure and was sentenced to one calendar month in prison with hard labour.	1882/043

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Aplin	George William	Taylor	John	22	04	1882	Cruelty to a cow	C	George William Aplin was an RSPCA inspector based at Bridgwater. He asserted that John Taylor, a farmer from Draycott, had cruelly ill-treated a cow by overstocking her and failing to milk her in a timely fashion when seeking to sell her at Wells market. George Evans, veterinary surgeon, and Joseph Vowles, police Serjeant, stated, that, in their opinion, the cow had been overstocked for some 16 hours, her udder and teats were badly swollen, milk was leaking from her udder and the calf with her was muzzled so that it could not drink her milk. Several farmers were called as witnesses, including: William Taylor, the defendant's son, George Weeks of Westbury, Charles Weston from Charterhouse, William Thorn of Westbury, George Burnett from Weare, Thomas Luke from Meare, Frederick Corp from Easton, William Tilley of Huntspill. In general, the opinion of the farmers was that there was nothing really wrong with the cow, her udder was not particularly swollen, it was quite soft and some leakage of milk was not unusual when she had only recently calved. However, Taylor was found guilty of cruelty and was fined £3 with costs of £1.15s.3d and fees of £1.1s.0d, a total of £5.16s.3d.	1882/044
Aplin	George William	Maine	John	22	04	1882	Cruelty to pigs	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector from Bridgwater, charged John Maine, a pig dealer from Somerton, with cruelty to his pigs by overcrowding them on a waggon when transporting them to market in Wells. Police Serjeant Vowles had seen the pigs being transported and claimed that some of the pigs were lying on the others because there was no room for them to stand. Vowles was supported by George Evans, veterinary surgeon. George Moon, a farmer from Clapton, bought most of the pigs and said that they were in good condition; all agreed that none of the pigs was injured in any way. Maine was fined 10/- with costs of 9/6d and vets fees of 10/6d, a total of £1.10s.0d.	1882/045

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Moore	George	Collins	William	22	04	1882	Theft of a rule	T	George Moore, a mason, claimed that William Collins had stolen a four-flap two-foot rule that belonged to him. Collins claimed that he had been given the rule by Mrs Allwood. However, Collins subsequently appeared to change his story and claim that he bought the rule from a blacksmith near Oakhill. The case was dismissed, but Moore was to have his rule returned.	1882/046
Bendall	William Newport	Harrison	Doulby A	26	04	1882	Offence against Wells Market Act	Um	William Newport Bendall, collector of tolls for Wells, claimed that Doulby Harrison, described as a travelling auctioneer, had been running an illegal auction because it was not in a market location or in a recognised shop or domestic premises. The sale was taking place in one of two vehicles parked in Priest Row; there was a connection between the two vehicles, one of which was a domestic vehicle, the other held the stock for sale. Harrison and his associates claimed that because of the link between the two vehicles the auction was actually taking place on domestic premises. The magistrates evidently did not agree because Harrison was fined £3 with costs of £1.13s.0d.	1882/047
Richards	Walter	Francis aka Rossiter	William	26	04	1882	Drunkenness	D	PC Richards saw William Francis alias Rossiter, a labourer from Coxley, drunk and incapable in Priory Road. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1882/048
Richards	Walter	Francis	George	27	04	1882	Horse straying on highway	H	PC Richards charged George Francis, a haulier living in Southover, with allowing a horse to stray on the highway. Francis pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- plus costs of 4/-.	1882/049
Richards	Walter	Francis	Robert	27	04	1882	Horse straying on highway	H	PC Richards charged Robert Francis, a haulier living in Southover, with allowing a horse to stray on the highway. Francis pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- plus costs of 4/-.	1882/050

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Dodd	Edward James	Vincent	Frank	28	04	1882	Assault	A	Edward James Dodd of Priest Row claimed that he had been walking towards St Cuthbert's Church when he encountered Frank Vincent, a labourer living in Southover. Vincent was with a group of men and had his back to Dodd as he approached. Vincent was making water and, as Dodd drew level with him, Vincent turned and peed over Dodd. Vincent was fined 2/6d with costs of 10/6d.	1882/051
Collins	E S L	Hammond	Mary Ann	28	04	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that William Barnes, principal teacher of St Thomas Boys' School, had reported the child in Mary Ann Hammond's care in Southover, Albert William Westley, had only recorded 26 attendances over a period when the school was open on 36 occasions. Note: in other documents the child is referred to as William Albert Westley.	1882/052
Webb	Edward John			29	04	1882	Licence transfer application	La	Edward John Webb had obtained a licence to sell beer at The Queen's Head in High Street in September 1881. He now applied to transfer the licence to Harry Sebastian Moore.	1882/053
Collins	E S L	Allen	James	01	05	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that James Allen's son, George, had only recorded 14 attendances over a period when the school was open on 36 occasions.	1882/054
Collins	E S L	Allen	James	01	05	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that James Allen's son, Frederick, had only recorded 18 attendances over a period when the school was open on 36 occasions. James Allen of Market Street was fined 2/6d.	1882/055
Collins	E S L	Parker	John	01	05	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that John Parker's son, Frank, had only recorded 8 attendances over a period when the school was open on 36 occasions. John Parker of South Street was fined 3/-.	1882/056



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Collins	E S L	Drew	William	01	05	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin S L Collins of the School Attendance Board noted that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Boys' Central School, had reported that William Drew's son, Henry, had only recorded 4 attendances over a period when the school was open on 36 occasions. William Drew of Market Street was fined 3/-.	1882/057
Aplin	George William	Mapstone	Robert	05	05	1882	Cruelty to a cow	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector from Bridgwater, charged Robert Mapstone, a farmer from Glastonbury, with cruelty to a cow. The cow had been taken to market and her udder was overstocked with milk, causing her unnecessary pain. Her calf had been penned separately from her, but was too weak to suck on her because it had not been fed for so long. Evidence for the prosecution was given by George Evans, a vet, and police Serjeant Vowles. Mapstone was fined 10/- with costs of £1.4s.6d.	1882/058
Aplin	George William	Hurd	Frank	05	05	1882	Cruelty to a calf	C	George William Aplin, an RSPCA inspector from Bridgwater, charged Frank Hurd with ill-treatment of a calf. Hurd pleaded guilty and was fined £2 with costs of 13/6d.	1882/059
Oxley	Edward Percy	Gleaves	Thomas L	05	05	1882	Assault	A	Edward Percy Oxley, a Cathedral chorister, complained that he had been standing in Vicars' Close with some friends when Thomas Gleaves, described as a clerk, came up to him and struck him. Saying "I'll give it to you, you young rascal, for insulting my father", Gleaves struck him several more times and left him lying on the ground. Gleaves appears to have been required to pay a fine and costs totalling £1.9s.0d.	1882/060
Justices		Various		08	05	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/061
Collins	E S L	Drew	Mrs William	12	05	1882	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Edwin Schilling La Thanque Collins complained that the wife of William Drew had used profane and obscene language towards him. The case was adjourned for a month. When it was heard, Mrs Drew was fined 10/-, including costs.	1882/062

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Richards	Walter	Tinsley	Henry	12	05	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Henry Tinsley with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street where he was shouting profane and obscene insults at several females. Richards had taken him into custody as he was barely able to walk because he was so drunk. The case was dismissed.	1882/063
Richards	Walter	List Buckley	Charles George	17	05	1882	Causing an affray	Af	PC Richards was summoned to Broad Street where a crowd of around 150 people had gathered to watch Charles List of St Benedict Street and George Buckley of the Sun Inn, Union Street fighting in the street. As Richards forced his way through the crowd to separate them, they both fell down and continued struggling on the pavement. List was required to pay 9/6d and Buckley 11/6d.	1882/064
Allwood	Ann	Clement	Charles	18	05	1882	Drunkenness	D	Ann Allwood ran a lodging house in Southover where Charles Clement had been a lodger for some time. One day he left the house as normal around 7.30am but returned at about 11.00am in a state of complete drunkenness. Mrs Allwood suggested that he go to bed, but Clement went out into the street. He began beating his chest violently, lay down in the road, seemingly tried to crawl under the wheels of the Somerset & Dorset waggon but the driver pulled up in time, and then went down to the river and fell in before returning to the lodging house. Clement was fined 1/- with costs of 4/6d.	1882/065
Richards	Walter	Walters	Bridget	19	05	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards reported that he had found Bridget Walters sitting drunkenly on the pavement in St John Street where she had attracted a crowd of people. Richards tried to persuade her to go home and her husband came with two children to collect her. However, she became abusive and violent and Richards was obliged to take her into custody. Bridget Walters was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1882/066

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Shepherd	Joseph Hughes	Owens	Thomas	19	05	1882	Begging	V	Joseph Hughes Shepherd, a shopkeeper, claimed that Thomas Owens had come into his shop and asked him to buy some pins or, at least, to give him 1d. Shepherd refused both requests and Owens, a Welshman, began to threaten violence on the first Somerset man that he met. Shepherd handed him over to the police as a vagrant. Owens was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1882/067
Beesley	Mrs	Summers	Mary	24	05	1882	Refusal to work	Rw	Mrs Beesley was the matron at the Wells Union workhouse. She instructed the laundress to give Mary Summers, an inmate, some needlework to be done. Summers repeatedly refused to carry out the work. Summers was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour. The costs of the case were 7/6d.	1882/068
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	Charles	25	05	1882	Furious driving	Rd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Charles Baker, a bus driver, with furious driving of the bus in Tucker Street. Vowles claimed that Baker was driving the horses as fast as they would go and, although he tried to stop the bus by shouting and signalling to Baker, he was ignored. Baker was fined 5/- with costs of 5/- or to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1882/069
Tutton	Elizabeth	Tutton	Joshua	30	05	1882	Assault	A	Elizabeth Tutton claimed that her husband, Joshua, had beaten her violently and pushed her out of the house. He asserted that she had been seeing a young man 5 nights per week. Joshua Tutton pleaded guilty, but the case appears to have been dismissed on his paying the costs of 3/-.	1882/070
Richards	Walter	Tutton	Joshua	30	05	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	Joshua Tutton, a labourer, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in St Cuthbert Street. Tutton admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d. Note: it is not clear whether Tutton was found to be drunk and disorderly before or after the incident with his wife, but the dates mentioned in the previous case suggest that the drunk and disorderly offence came afterwards.	1882/071

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Hoban	John	Moore	Charles	30	05	1882	Wilful damage	Wd	John Hoban, a travelling hawker, claimed that he had sold two pictures to Charles Moore, who took him into a small house (not a public house, according to Hoban), allegedly to pay him. Inside they quarrelled with Moore claiming that he had already paid. Hoban then asserted that Moore had struck him and then deliberately kicked 3 pictures out of his hand, breaking the glass. Hoban assessed the damage at 3/9d. Moore pleaded not guilty but was convicted; he was fined 1/-, plus damages of 3/9d and costs of 7/6d, or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. Moore paid the sums involved.	1882/072
Bale	Walter	Vincent	Frank	30	05	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale was on duty in Broad Street where he found Frank Vincent of Southover who was cursing and swearing and uproariously drunk. Vincent did not appear at the hearing, although the summons had been correctly served. Vincent was sentenced to serve one month in prison with hard labour.	1882/073
Bale	Walter	Sweet Sweet	Thomas Mary	30	05	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale was called to St Cuthbert's Place, Market Street where a drunken Thomas Sweet was using bad language and hreatening to use his butcher's knife on Allen Sweet. Bale also found Thomas Sweet's wife, Mary, in a similar drunken state and also using foul and abusive language. Bale was able to get the couple to return home with the help of neighbours. Charles Vile and Sarah Turrell provided witness statements. Thomas Sweet pleaded not guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly, but was convicted and fined 10/- with costs of 12/6d. Mary Sweet pleaded guilty to the same charge and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d.	1882/074

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Bale	Walter	Cornish	John	30	05	1882	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Bale charged John Cornish, a haulier, with leaving his horse and timber carriage for an excessive period of time outside the Angel Inn in Broad Street and causing an obstruction to other traffic and to pedestrians. Contradictory witness statements were provided by Eunice Harris, wife of Thomas Harris, weighbridge keeper, and Charles John Charles, a butcher. Cornish pleaded not guilty but was convicted and fined 5/- with costs of 9/3d. Note: Bale's statement refers to the carriage being in Priory Road rather than Broad Street.	1882/075
Bale	Walter	Cornish	Richard	30	05	1882	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Bale charged Richard Cornish, a haulier, with leaving his horse and timber carriage for an excessive period of time outside the Angel Inn in Broad Street and causing an obstruction to other traffic and to pedestrians. A witness statement and complaint were provided by Mrs Harris, wife of the weighbridge keeper. Cornish pleaded not guilty but was convicted and fined 5/- with costs of 10/9d. Note: Bale's statement refers to the carriage being in Priory Road rather than Broad Street.	1882/076
Channing	Thomas	Bird	Ann	01	06	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Channing was called to go to Mrs Allwood's lodging house in Southover where he found Ann Bird to be drunk. She was persuaded to go outside and her brother came to take her away but she soon returned and created a considerable disturbance. She was arrested and was violent and abusive all the way to the police station. Ann Bird was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1882/077

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Parfitt	John	Shannon	Mary Ann	01	06	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Parfitt was the landlord of the Railway Tavern in Southover and he complained that Mary Ann Shannon had been in his house from quite early in the day and was extremely drunk. Parfitt threw her out on a number of occasions but she kept returning. Eventually PC Bale was called and he found Shannon lying on the pavement, where she was complaining that Parfitt had stolen her boots. Shannon was taken into custody and fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d or to serve 7 days in prison.	1882/078
Bale	Walter	Francis	Robert	04	06	1882	Horse straying on highway	H	PC Bale found a mare straying in Gate Lane. The mare belonged to Robert Francis, a haulier living in Southover. He pleaded guilty to the offence.	1882/079
Drummond	Sarah	Drummond	James	05	06	1882	Protection order	Po	Sarah Drummond married James Drummond in 1862 and had seven children by him, all bar one of whom had now died. In 1878 James Drummond had deserted her and had made no contribution to her maintenance since that time, although he appeared to be still living in Wells as a gardener. Sarah Drummond was now applying for an order to protect the assets that she had built up since her husband had deserted her. She was granted the protection order by the magistrates.	1882/080
Collins	E S L	Drew	William	05	06	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that William Drew's son, Henry, had only made 14 attendances during May when the school was open on 34 occasions. Drew of Market Street was fined 5/-.	1882/081
Collins	E S L	Bedford	Walter	05	06	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that Walter Bedford's son, William, had only made 19 attendances during May when the school was open on 34 occasions. Bedford of 2 Silver Street was fined 2/6d.	1882/082

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Collins	E S L	Harris	Thomas	05	06	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that Thomas Harris' son, Albert, had only made 6 attendances during May when the school was open on 34 occasions. Mrs Harris, a resident of Priory Road, attended rather than her husband and was fined 2/6d.	1882/083
Bendall	William Newport	Parker	George	09	06	1882	Non-payment of water charges	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Co, complained that George Parker and his wife, who lived in Priest Row, were using their domestic water supply for commercial purposes and refusing to pay the appropriate rate for their water consumption. Mrs Parker operated as a laundrywoman and took in washing from 3 or 4 other families. Bendall claimed that Parker had promised to pay the higher rate but was now refusing to do so. The case appears to have been dismissed; however, the summons of 9 June contains a column of figures which may imply the Parker was required to pay the sum of 7/-.	1882/084
Lewis	Ann	Maundrell	Thomas	10	06	1882	Theft of faggots	T	Ann Lewis, the landlady of the New Inn in St Thomas Street, claimed that Thomas Maundrell had been in the public house virtually all day. In the evening she had put 12 faggots in the oven but when she came to check on them, 7 of them were missing. George Hill claimed to have seen Maundrell putting some faggots under the table. Maundrell admitted that he was guilty of the charge. He was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d.	1882/085

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Beesley	William Henry	Carter	Mary Ann	10	06	1882	Refusal to work	Rw	William Beesley was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Mary Ann Carter was an inmate who had been in and out of the workhouse with her 2 children over the last 5 months during which she had discharged herself on at least 3 occasions. Beesley told her that if she was coming back into the workhouse, then she would need to work and assigned her to the laundry. Carter refused to do the work, the police were summoned and Carter was eventually sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1882/086
Justices		Various		12	06	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/087
Maidment	John	Symes	Mary Ann	21	06	1882	Threatening assault	Su	John Maidment, a blacksmith living in Mill Lane, complained that his next door neighbour, Mary Ann Symes, had approached him when he was in his garden and accused him of stealing a flower from her garden. When he denied the accusation she allegedly threatened him with murder if he did not return the flower. He requested that she be required to put forward sureties to keep the peace towards him. The case was marked as settled.	1882/088
Maidment	John	Symes	Mary Ann	21	06	1882	Wilful damage	Wd	John Maidment, a blacksmith living in Mill Lane, complained that Mary Ann Symes, his next door neighbour, had come to his front door and deliberately kicked it twice, damaging the latch and apse, damage assessed by Maidment at 6d. He offered the view that Symes was drunk. The costs of the case were assessed at 8/-.	1882/089



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Clothier Boon	Maria Augustus	Moore	Thomas	21	06	1882	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Maria Clothier, wife of John Clothier, living in Market Street, complained that she and her lodgers had been at home when the bell was rung and the door burst open. Augustus Boon, one of her lodgers, ran out and saw Moore running away around the corner. He chased after him and grappled with him. Thomas Moore was fined 5/- with costs of 11/-. Note: This document refers to Augustus Moon, but the documents for the assault case involving Albert Moore all relate to Augustus Boon.	1882/090
Clothier	Maria	Moore	Albert	21	06	1882	Assault	A	Maria Clothier, wife of John Clothier and living in Market Street, had come out of her house after the incident involving Thomas Moore (see case 1882/090). Her lodger, Augustus Boon, was struggling with Thomas Moore. Moore's father, Albert, then arrived and demanded to know who was fighting with his son. He got involved in a scuffle with Boon in the course of which he landed a backhanded swing against the head of Maria Clothier, a 76-year old lady, who was trying to drag Boon away from the fight. Maria Clothier was knocked down and had to be carried indoors. Albert Moore was fined 10/- with total costs and fees of 19/-.	1882/091
Bale	Walter	Mogford	Thomas	26	06	1882	Obscene language	Pr	PC Bale was in the process of persuading a carter to move a vehicle that was causing an obstruction in High Street when Thomas Mogford came up to him and abused him in obscene terms. Mogford was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1882/092
Channing	Thomas	Allen	James	26	06	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Channing found James Allen, a plumber from Hayden, to be drunk in St Thomas Street. Allen was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- or to serve 14 days in prison.	1882/093

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Vowles	Joseph	Mogg	William	26	06	1882	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Mogg, a baker, with parking a cart on High Street outside his shop and causing an obstruction to traffic (notably to Mr Bisgrove, the deputy chief constable with whom Vowles was travelling). The cart was not being loaded or unloaded and there was no horse attached. Mogg was found guilty but discharged on payment of costs of 8/-.	1882/094
Vowles	Joseph	Church	Eli	26	06	1882	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Church from the brewery in Holcombe with leaving a waggon in High Street and obstructing the traffic. It appears that Church's waggon was parked immediately opposite Mogg's cart (see case 1882/094) and was therefore causing a complete blockage of the road - and therefore to the passage of the deputy chief constable. Church was found guilty, but discharged on payment of costs of 8/-.	1882/095
Police		Padfield	Alfred	26	06	1882	Drunkenness	D	Alfred Padfield, a labourer residing in Mrs Allwood's lodging house in Southover, was found to be drunk in Broad Street. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 2/6d with costs of 3/6d.	1882/096
Channing	Thomas	Padfield	Alfred	28	06	1882	Drunkenness	D	PC Channing found Alfred Padfield, drunk and asleep on the pavement in St Andrew Street. Padfield had no idea where home was and was incapable of walking, so Channing took him into custody. Padfield was fined 10/- with costs of 3/6d.	1882/097

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Cox	Ann	Cox	George	29	06	1882	Assault	A	A group of workers from Mendip Paper Mills were having a drink in The Queens Head. Ann Cox had ordered a beer and invited her husband, George, a sawyer, to have a drink. He refused so she threw the beer over him. He then ran towards her and struck her in the head with some force. She fell and broke her leg. George Cox was required to pay £2.3s.0d, including doctor's fees of £1.11s.0d plus further costs of 10/-. In addition he was also required to put forward a £10 bond of his own money and 2 further bonds of £5 each (provided by John Ball of South Street, a pitt sawyer, and Thomas Potter of Little Elm, a labourer).	1882/098
Millington	John	Poulteney	George	29	06	1882	Non-payment of toll	N	John Millington, formerly of Southover, was toll collector at the Southover turnpike gate and he complained that George Poulteney, a butcher, had ridden his horse through the gate without paying the required toll of 1d. Millington had subsequently called into Poulteney's premises to ask for the toll and Poulteney had refused to pay. Poulteney was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1882/099
Bird	Lucy	Hawkins	Edward	03	07	1882	Assault	A	Lucy Bird, wife of Edward Bird of St Thomas Street, claimed that from her house she saw her son fighting in the street with two other men. She went out to rescue him and asserted that she approached Edward Hawkins, placed her hand on his shoulder and asked him to let her son go. She claimed that he then struck her on the head with his fist. Other witnesses, notably Kate Hippisley and Elizabeth Paine, testified that Bird struck Hawkins first, with Paine asserting that Hawkins was not fighting but trying to separate Bird's son from George Hanney (see also case 1882/101 re Hanney). The case against Hawkins seems to have been dismissed. The costs of the case are not clear, nor who would be responsible for paying them.	1882/100

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Richards Vowles	Walter Joseph	Hanney	George	03	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly Assault	D A	PC Richards was called to a disturbance in St Thomas Street where George Hanney was drunk and fighting in the street with 3 other men. Richards tried to persuade him to go home and Hanney went off with some other men but when Richards followed a few minutes later Hanney turned on him and became very abusive and provocative. Richards decided to take him into custody, but Hanney then became very violent. Even when pinned on the ground he kicked Richards several times and Richards was also impeded in his duty by two women who tried to free the prisoner (see case 1882/102). It was not until police Serjeant Vowles came to Richards' assistance that they were able to manhandle Hanney to the police station. Hanney was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d for being drunk and disorderly, and was sentenced to 1 calendar month in prison for assaulting a police officer. Hanney was released from Shepton Mallet on 25 July on payment of the fine of 5/- and costs which now amounted to 7/6d.	1882/101
Richards	Walter	Sage Sage	Jane Elizabeth	03	07	1882	Assault on a police officer	A	PC Richards claimed that he was in the process of arresting George Hanney (see case 1882/101) and endeavouring to get handcuffs on a struggling prisoner when he was assaulted by Jane and Elizabeth Sage, both single women from St Thomas Street, who pulled him away from Hanney. Richards asserted that at one point Hanney was completely free and, had it not been for the fact that he was drunk, could easily have escaped. Richards summoned Frederick Russ, a surveyor's clerk, and Caleb Boyce, a gardener from East Wells, to testify for the prosecution. Both women were found guilty of the charge. Each of them was fined 10/- and each had to bear costs of 19/-.	1882/102

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Richards	Walter	Bird Sage Hawkins	Edward Frank Edward	03	07	1882	Affray	Af	PC Richards charged the 3 defendants, Edward Bird, Frank Sage and Edward Hawkins, with committing an affray in St Thomas Street where they were said to be fighting with George Hanney (see case 1882/101). All the defendants were described as labourers resident in St Thomas Street. Sage and Hawkins appear to have been ordered to pay 7/6d each, but Bird only 2/-.	1882/103
Card	Selina	Brown	Charles	03	07	1882	Indecent assault	Sa	Selina Card was married to William Card, a grenadier guard away from home on active service in Dublin. She was out with some friends in Wells and they were drinking at The Crown Inn. Brown was with them and when they left to go to The King's Head he went with them. On leaving that inn he suggested to her that they go for a walk but she refused. He then tried to grab her and they had a tussle which led to him falling to the ground and dragging her with him. He tried to get his leg between hers and gets his hand up her clothes. He had got no further than her knee when she was able to summon help from George Berry, a brushmaker, and others who were passing by. Brown ran off and Mrs Card was able to get to the house of Edwin Adolphus Collins, the auctioneer, who took her in. Brown was arrested by PCs Richards and Bale who took him into custody. Brown was fined £5 including costs and allowed to pay £2 initially with the remainder due within a fortnight. If in default, he would serve 1 month in prison.	1882/104

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Collins	E S L	Seal	Ezekiel	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an official of the School Attendance Board, noted that A E Cooke, principal teacher of the Girls' Central School, had reported that Ezekiel Seal's daughter, Mary Ann, had only recorded 8 attendances over a period when the school had been open 38 times. A copy of a birth certificate for Mary Ann Seal is included within the documents, presumably procured by the girl's parents to prove that she was already 13 years of age and therefore not subject to the provisions of the Education Acts with respect to school attendance.	1882/105
Collins	Edwin S L	Foote	Thomas	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that A E Cooke, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that Thomas Foote's daughter, Agnes, had only made 13 attendances during June when the school was open on 38 occasions. Thomas Foote, a resident of South Street, was fined 1/-.	1882/106
Collins	Edwin S L	Moore	Albert	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that A E Cooke, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that Albert Moore's daughter, Alice, had not attended school at all during June when the school was open on 38 occasions. Albert Moore, a resident of High Street, was fined 1/-.	1882/107
Collins	Edwin S L	Francis	Robert	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that Robert Francis' son, George, had only made 9 attendances during June when the school was open on 38 occasions. Robert Francis, a resident of Southover, was fined 2/6d.	1882/108

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Collins	Edwin S L	Baker	Caroline	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that Caroline Baker's' son, Frederick, had only made 5 attendances during June when the school was open on 38 occasions. The case against Caroline Baker, a resident of Southover, was dismissed.	1882/109
Collins	Edwin S L	O'nion	John	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that John O'nion's son, John, had only made 29 attendances during June when the school was open on 38 occasions. John O'nion's wife, recorded as living at 34 Southover, attended but the case was dismissed.	1882/110
Collins	Edwin S L	Stevens	George	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that George Stevens' son, Edward, had only made 11 attendances during June when the school was open on 38 occasions. George Stevens, a resident of South Street, was fined 1/-.	1882/111
Collins	Edwin S L	Bedford	Walter	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that Walter Bedford's son, William, had only made 3 attendances during June when the school was open on 38 occasions. Walter Bedford, a resident of 2 Silver Street, was fined 2/6d.	1882/112
Collins	Edwin S L	Day	George	03	07	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that George Day's son, Edward, had only made 27 attendances during June when the school was open on 38 occasions. The case against George Day, living at No 10 St Cuthbert, was dismissed after being adjourned for a month.	1882/113

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Knight	John Thorley	Brown	George	04	07	1882	Indecent exposure	le	John Thorley Knight was walking from his home to Sadler Street when he came across George Brown, described as a tramp, standing in the middle of the road and peeing. At Knight's intervention one of Brown's companions persuaded him to move to the side of the road where he again began peeing. A young man and woman who were in the vicinity complained and Knight called the police and had Brown taken into custody.	1882/114
Channing	Thomas	Hole	Joseph	04	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Channing was called to Mrs Allwood's lodging house in Southover where she asked him to put Joseph Hole out on the street because he was extremely drunk. Hole became very abusive and Channing threatened to lock him up but he was taken away by some friends. Hole did not appear at the hearing; he was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1882/115
Russ	Samuel Perren	Dingle	William	04	07	1882	Desertion of wife	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ, clerk to the Guardians of the Poor, claimed that William Dingle, aged 53, had deserted his wife, Mary, aged 65, and she had now become chargeable to the parish as she was unable to maintain herself. Dingle, on the other hand, appeared to be capable of working and maintaining his wife. Dingle was discharged on payment of the costs of 6/6d. Note: On the chargeability statement Dingle is shown with a forename of John, in all other documents his forename is given as William.	1882/116
Richards	Walter	Smith	Mary	05	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards found Mary Smith, described as a tramp, to be completely drunk near the Star Hotel. She was abusive and foul-mouthed and, when sentenced to one calendar month in prison with hard labour for being drunk and disorderly, her obscene language in response earned her a further two weeks in prison.	1882/117



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Richards	Walter	Whalen Whalen	Thomas Jane	05	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards was called to The Golden Hart to deal with Thomas and Jane Whalen, described as tramps, who were both drunk and disorderly and very abusive towards the landlord, Walter Vaughan. The couple had spent the afternoon drinking in The Full Moon in Southover and had threatened the landlord, Charles Hawkins, with violence when Hawkins tried to intervene as the man began beating the woman. When PC Richards evicted the couple from The Golden Hart, they were incapable of walking and, even with the assistance of PCs Channing and Bale, he was unable to get them to the police station without the aid of a stretcher. The case against Jane Whalen was dismissed, but Thomas Whalen, who had been disorderly and foul-mouthed throughout, was sent to prison for 7 days with hard labour.	1882/118
Richards	Walter	Fry	Charles	08	07	1882	Assault on a police officer	A	PC Richards was trying to handcuff a prisoner called George Hanney (see case 1882/101) with a large crowd of about 40 or 50 people around him. Charles Fry was charged with assaulting a police officer by trying to push the crowd onto and over Richards as he knelt on the ground trying to get handcuffs on a drunk and struggling Hanney. Witness testimony was provided by Frederick Slade and Frederick Russ. Fry entered a plea of not guilty but was fined 2/6d with costs of 11/-.	1882/119
Justices		Various		10	07	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/120
Drummond	James	Ball	Edward	12	07	1882	Assault	A	James Drummond, a gardener, claimed that he was drinking in The Angel Inn with a friend when Edward Ball, a coal haulier residing in St Thomas Street, had come into the pub, walked straight up to him and struck him in the face with his handkerchief which contained something solid. Drummond had jumped up and Ball then tore his collar and shirt before the two men were separated.	1882/121

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Griffin	John Henry			12	07	1882	Licence transfer application	La	John Henry Griffin, the current licence holder, applied to transfer the licence for The Sun Inn in Union Street to Thomas William Walker who had recently moved from Stratford near London.	1882/122
Bale	Walter	Savage	Ellen	14	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale was called to The Queen's Head by the landlord, Harry Johnson Moore, in order to evict Ellen Savage who was drunk and making a nuisance of herself. Bale was eventually able to get her outside and, with some assistance, into a vehicle to take her to the police station, but even in the van she put up considerable resistance. Savage was fined 10/- with costs of 4/6d or to serve 14 days in prison.	1882/123
Oram	James	Caldwell	Hugh G	17	07	1882	Fraud	Fr	James Oram, a hairdresser, complained that Hugh Caldwell had obtained the sum of two pounds in cash from him under false pretences. No specific details of the type of fraud are given.	1882/124
Bale	Walter	Isgrove aka Scott	Thomas	17	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	P C Bale charged Thomas Isgrove alias Scott, a labourer from Little Elm, Wells, with being drunk & disorderly in High Street. The incident occurred on 8 July. Isgrove / Scott did not appear at the hearing.	1882/125
Bale	Walter	Bennett Bennett	Joseph William	17	07	1882	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Bale charged the two defendants, Joseph Bennett and William Bennett, both hauliers from Burcott Road, with leaving their carts unattended for a lengthy period in St Andrew Street opposite The Fountain Inn, causing an obstruction for other road users and pedestrians. Each defendant was fined 2/6d with costs of 10/-.	1882/126
Bale	Walter	Nutty	Joseph	17	07	1882	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Bale charged Joseph Nutty, a carter resident in Southover, with leaving his cart standing in St Andrew Street for a lengthy period opposite Silas Fletcher's house, causing an obstruction for other road users and pedestrians. Nutty claimed that he had been waiting for the Bennetts but pleaded guilty to the charge. Bale called Silas Fletcher, gentleman, and Henry Davies as witnesses for the prosecution. Nutty was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d.	1882/127

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Webber	John	Hatcher Hatcher Hatcher	Walter Harry Albert	17	07	1882	Assault	A	John Webber was an engine driver who lodged in Southover with Albert Gain (Gane?), a platelayer. They had been at the door when Walter Hatcher and Harry Hatcher came down the road. According to Webber, it was clear that the Hatchers were looking for him (although no reason was given). Walter Hatcher supposedly assaulted Webber and Harry joined in. Gain went to Webber's assistance and then Albert Hatcher, who lived nearby, came out to join in the fight. At the hearing Albert Hatcher failed to appear, Harry Hatcher pleaded guilty to the charge of assault while Walter Hatcher pleaded not guilty. Harry Hatcher was fined 5/- plus costs of 7/-. Walter Hatcher was fined 5/- plus costs of 10/- and Albert Hatcher was fined 7/6d plus costs of 10/-.	1882/128
Hatcher	Walter	Webber	John	17	07	1882	Assault	A	Walter Hatcher, a papermaker, claimed that he and his brother, together with Frederick Parker, had been walking down Southover when they saw John Webber standing in a doorway. Hatcher asserted that he had said to his brother that the chap in the doorway was one of those people involved in the row that there had been in the street the day before. He did not think that Webber had heard what he said, but evidently Webber had because Webber had then supposedly come out and struck Hatcher on the face and arm, knocking him down, at which point his brother came to help him. The case against Webber was dismissed. The costs of the case were 7/6d.	1882/129

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Gane	Alfred	Hatcher	Albert	18	07	1882	Assault	A	Alfred Gane, a platelayer, who lived at No 76 Southover, claimed that he had been assaulted by Albert Hatcher. Gane had been at his front door with John Webber, his lodger, when Walter and Harry Hatcher came down the street and got into an argument with Webber which they deliberately provoked. They assaulted Webber, Gane went to his assistance and Albert Hatcher came out of his house nearby and struck both Webber and Gane. Gane claimed that he had had no previous contact with the Hatchers other than to pass the time of day. Hatcher was fined 1/- plus costs of 9/-.. See also case 1882/128.  Note: In case 1882/128 Gane is shown as Gain and has the forename Albert. Here he is called Alfred and signs himself accordingly.	1882/130
Sharp	Jeremiah	Isgrove aka Scott	Thomas	22	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	P C Sharp charged Thomas Isgrove alias Scott, a labourer from Little Elm, Wells, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. The incident occurred on 22 July. Isgrove / Scott did not appear at the hearing.	1882/131
Richards	Walter	Green	Francis	24	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards found Francis Green, a labourer living in Southover, to be drunk in St John Street. Green was also making a great noise and disturbing the neighbourhood.	1882/132
Richards	Walter	Dingle	Mary	26	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards found Mary Dingle in St Cuthbert Street where she was kicking and beating on William Dingle's door while cursing and swearing in obscene language. Richards got her away from the house and left her near Mr Beresford's but when he went back a little later she had gone back to William Dingle's house and was kicking the door again and threatening him with violence. Richards took her into custody noting that she was drunk. See also case 1882/116.	1882/133

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Vowles	Joseph	Puddey	George	29	07	1882	Livestock movement order (Contagious Diseases Animals Act)	Lm	Police Serjeant Vowles charged George Puddey, a cattle dealer of Blackford, Wedmore with moving 14 yearling heifers into the district without a proper movement licence. Vowles also called as witnesses Richard Stambury, a cattle dealer from Crickham, and George Toogood, a drover from Wedmore. Puddey was ordered to pay £2 plus costs of £1.10s.0d.	1882/134
Bale	Walter	Griffiths	Elizabeth	29	07	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale charged Elizabeth Griffiths with being drunk in Southover and using extremely bad language which had prompted a number of residents to complain. The case was dismissed on payment of costs of 7/6d.	1882/135
Police		Padfield	Mary	01	08	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	Mary Padfield, a tramp, was charged with being drunk & disorderly in High Street. Padfield pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d or to serve 7 days in prison.	1882/136
Police		Perry	Ann	02	08	1882	Drunkenness	D	Ann Perry of Bath was charged with being drunk in Cathedral Green. Perry pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d - these sums were paid.	1882/137
Bale	Walter	Miller	John	03	08	1882	Drunkenness	D	PC Bale charged John Miller with being drunk in Princes Street. Miller pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 2/6d with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1882/138
Aplin	George William Habershon	Parfitt	John	04	08	1882	Cruelty to a pony	C	George Aplin, an RSPCA inspector, brought a case against John Parfitt as a result of information provided to him by George White, a blacksmith. White had hired a pony and trap to Parfitt to go to Glastonbury. When Parfitt returned White could hear him beating the pony with the whip and the animal was in such a poor state that it could hardly walk. White needed to have it examined by the vet, George Evans, to check the damage to it. White's statement suggests that Parfitt had been to see him to settle the case, but a note in the margin indicates that Parfitt was fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d.	1882/139

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Bale	Walter	Spencer	Angelina	08	08	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale found Angelina Spencer of Silver Street in a drunken condition outside a house in that street. He tried to persuade her to go into the house but she responded in an abusive and vulgar manner. Her husband suggested that she should be locked up. Her hearing was adjourned for a month because her pregnancy caused her to be confined. The case against her was dismissed.	1882/140
Bale	Walter	Murphy	Patrick	09	08	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale charged Patrick Murphy, a tramp, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Murphy pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d or to serve 7 days in prison. The defendant went to prison.	1882/141
Wells Water Co.		Willcox	George	11	08	1882	Wasting water by failing to repair a tap	E	Edwin Welsh, a solicitor acting for the Wells Water Co, complained that George Willcox, a solicitor's clerk, who had been the occupant of No 25 Vicars' Close had failed to report a tap requiring repair with the result that water had been running out to waste for some time, possibly even several weeks. Willcox was fined 5/- plus costs of 9/-.	1882/142
Cook	Henry John	Tucker	William	14	08	1882	Licence transfer application	La	Henry John Cook was the occupier of The King's Arms public house. Prior to him William Tucker had held the permanent licence. Cook claimed that he had requested Tucker to apply for the necessary notices of transfer, but Tucker had refused to do so. The magistrates granted the transfer of the licence to Cook.	1882/143
Bale	Walter	Crandon	William	14	08	1882	Drunkness	D	PC Bale charged William Crandon with being drunk in Southover. The case was dismissed and the defendant let off with a caution.	1882/144
Justices		Various		14	08	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/145

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Radford	Sophia	Radford	Charles	19	08	1882	Aggravated assault Drunk & disorderly	A D	Sophia Radford claimed that her husband, Charles Radford, had come home drunk and she was frightened of him because he had threatened her life on a number of occasions since he had been released from prison (for a violent assault on his wife; see 1882/021). When she appeared not to cooperate with his wishes, he kicked her in the leg and subsequently hit her over the head with a bottle. She took refuge with her daughter in another room and in the morning called the police. PC Richards advised her to go to the clerk to the justices and take out a warrant against her husband, but, as they were on their way to the police station, Radford overtook them. He was still very drunk and began abusing his wife using very bad language. Radford was then taken into custody. He was sentenced to 3 calendar months in prison for the aggravated assault on his wife and a further month in prison for being drunk and disorderly, in both cases with hard labour.	1882/146
Bale	Walter	Isgrove aka Scott	Thomas	19	08	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	Thomas Isgrove alias Scott had failed to turn up to court for the hearing of two charges against him for being drunk and disorderly (see cases 1882/125 and 1882/131). A warrant for his arrest was issued and he was duly apprehended. He was ordered to pay a total of £1.14s.9d to cover the fines and costs for the two earlier indictments and the process of issuing and following up the arrest warrant.	1882/147

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Herring	Robert	Parker	Rowland	22	08	1882	Theft of a knife	T	Robert Herring, a shopkeeper in High Street, claimed that a knife had been stolen from his shop window. Albert White, a labourer resident in St Thomas Street, had found a knife in the possession of his stepson, Rowland Parker, aged 11, who claimed that he had picked it up on the way to the Slab House Club. White, who admitted that his stepson had been convicted of stealing a watch two years previously, was unhappy with the boy's story, took the knife from him and handed it in to the police. PC Channing later arrested Parker who claimed he had been put up to the theft by other boys, one of whom was called Hippisley. Parker was sentenced to six strokes of the birch.	1882/148
Hawkins	Charles	Ward	Mary Ann	23	08	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	Charles Hawkins, a publican, claimed that Mary Ann Ward was drunk and disorderly on his premises and refused to leave when requested to do so. Ward pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d or to serve 7 days in prison. The defendant went to prison.	1882/149
Brown	Charles	Whittle	William	26	08	1882	Unlicensed slaughterhouse	E	Charles Brown, inspector of nuisances for Wells, complained that William Whittle, a butcher, had used a shed as a slaughterhouse and no licence had been obtained to use the shed for this purpose. The case against Whittle was dismissed.	1882/150
Police		Smith	John	30	08	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Smith, a tramp, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. He pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d or to serve 7 days in prison. The defendant went to prison.	1882/151
French	J G	Stuart	Mary Ann	31	08	1882	Begging / hawking	V	J G French claimed that Mary Ann Stuart had come to his house begging or seeking to hawk goods. He sent her away, but she claimed that her licence gave her a right to come to his house. 3/- was apparently paid the following day, supposedly by police Serjeant Vowles.	1882/152



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Channing	Thomas	Chalker	William	05	09	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Channing was on duty in St Thomas Street and heard a noise in Boulton's Court where he found William Chalker in a drunken state and acting in a disorderly manner. He was eventually taken away by his wife and another woman. Chalker was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1882/153
Channing	Thomas	Francis	George	05	09	1882	Animals straying on highway	H	PC Channing charged George Francis, a haulier from Southover, with allowing a horse to stray onto the highway. The offence took place on 23 July 1882. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 5/-.	1882/154
Bale	Walter	Francis	George	05	09	1882	Animals straying on highway	H	PC Bale charged George Francis, a haulier from Southover, with allowing one of his horses to stray onto the highway. The offence took place on 3 September. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 5/-.	1882/155
Vowles	Joseph	Allwood	Ann	06	09	1882	Infringement of lodging house by-laws	XL	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Ann Allwood, a lodging house keeper in Southover, with failing to separate beds for married couples with solid partitions between beds within the same room. The case was dismissed; the summons appears to indicate that Allwood would need to pay the costs of the case, but in the list of fees and costs the sum to be paid seems to be crossed out.	1882/156
Police		Parfitt	John	06	09	1882	Infringement of lodging house by-laws	XL	John Parfitt, a lodging house keeper, was charged with failing to separate beds for married couples with solid partitions between beds within the same room. The case was dismissed but the petty sessions list of 9 October indicates that Parfitt had to pay costs of 7/-.	1882/157

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Bendall	William Newport	Parker	George	07	09	1882	Non-payment of appropriate water rates	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Co, complained that Geprge Parker and his wife, who lived in Priest Row, were using their domestic water supply for trade purposes and refusing to pay the appropriate rate for their water consumption (see also case 1882/084). Bendall claimed that because Mrs Parker was running a laundry business from the premises, they should be paying a commercial tariff and they now owed the company 9/- for the last two quarters. George Parker claimed that when he had moved into the premises he had agreed with the landlord, George Smith, that he would pay 1d per week for water and there was no stipulation as to what the water would be used for. Now that he was renting from Mrs Russell Smith, the agreement was on the same footing. Parker appears to have been fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1882/158
Collins	E S L	Boyce	Albert	11	09	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Albert Boyce of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Lucy, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. S.A. Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, noted that Lucy Boyce had made 30 attendances over a period when the school was open on 38 occasions. Boyce was fined 3/6d. However, he failed to pay this sum and in March 1883 was committed to prison for 7 days with hard labour.	1882/159
Collins	E S L	Binsham	Edward	11	09	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Edward Binsham of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Alice Maud, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. S.A. Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, noted that Alice Maud Binsham had made 19 attendances over a period when the school was open on 38 occasions. Edward Binsham appears to have been fined 3/6d.	1882/160

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Collins	E S L	Fry	Charles	11	09	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Charles Fry of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Ellen, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. S.A. Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, noted that Ellen Fry had made 32 attendances over a period when the school was open on 38 occasions. Fry appears to have been fined 2/6d.	1882/161
Collins	E S L	Baker	Caroline	11	09	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Caroline Baker of Southover had failed to ensure that her son, Frederick, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Boys' Central School, noted that Frederick Baker had made 4 attendances over a period when the school was open on 35 occasions.	1882/162
Collins	E S L	White	Albert	11	09	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Albert White of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Sarah, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. S.A. Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, noted that Ellen Fry had made 33 attendances over a period when the school was open on 38 occasions. Albert White appears to have been fined 3/6d but was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1882/163
Collins	E S L	Maul	Edwin	11	09	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Edwin Maul of Southover had failed to ensure that his daughter, Ellen, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. L. C. Turner, principal teacher at the Girls' Central School, noted that Ellen Maul had made 26 attendances over a period when the school was open on 35 occasions. Edwin Maul appears to have been fined 3/6d.	1882/164

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Collins	E S L	Stevens	George	11	09	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that George Stevens of South Street had failed to ensure that his son, Edward, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Boys' Central School, noted that Edward Stevens had made 18 attendances over a period when the school was open on 35 occasions. George Stevens appears to have been fined 3/6d.	1882/165
Collins	E S L	Francis	Robert	11	09	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Robert Francis of Southover had failed to ensure that his son, George, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Boys' Central School, noted that George Francis had made 11 attendances over a period when the school was open on 35 occasions.	1882/166
Collins	E S L	Moore	Albert	11	09	1882+H22	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Albert Moore of High Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Alice, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. L.C. Turner, principal teacher at the Girls' Central School, noted that Alice Moore had made no attendances over a period when the school was open on 35 occasions. Albert Moore was fined 5/-.	1882/167
Justices		Various		11	09	1882	Charge sheet for petty sessions court	*	Charge sheet for petty sessions court on 11 September 1882.	1882/168
Justices		Various		11	09	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/169
Justices		Various		11	09	1882	List of alehouse licences and beerhouse licences	*	List of licencees for alehouses and beerhouses together with the amounts payable for the licences.	1882/170
Lewis	Ann			11	09	1882	Licence transfer application	La	Ann Lewis, licensee of The New Inn in St Thomas Street, submitted an application to the justices to transfer the licence to James Smith of Tthe Red Lion in Shepton Mallet with effect from 9 October 1882.	1882/171

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Hippisley	Allan			13	09	1882	Licence transfer application	La	Allan Hippisley, licensee of The Coach and Horses in St Thomas Street, submitted an application to the justices to transfer the licence to Isaac Francis, also of St Thomas Street, with effect from 9 October 1882.	1882/172
Vowles	Joseph	Cooper	Eliza	18	09	1882	Drunkenness	D	Police Serjeant Vowles found Eliza Cooper to be drunk and incapable. She admitted the offence and was discharged with a caution.	1882/173
Cox Theobald	Robert Wingfield James Jesse			21	09	1882	Licence transfer application	La	Robert Wingfield Cox and James Jesse Theobald, licensees of establishments in Market Place and High Street, submitted applications to the justices to transfer the licences of both premises to Robert Wingfield Cox and Edward Algernon Crosse with effect from 9 October 1882.	1882/174
Richards	Walter	Nutty Foote	Joseph Albert	29	09	1882	Obscene language	Pr	PC Richards charged Joseph Nutty of South Street and Albert Foote of Market Lane with using obscene language in St John Street. Each appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 8/6d.	1882/175
Gould	William	Pearce	Henry	29	09	1882	Assault	A	William Gould, a labourer, claimed that Henry Pearce, also a labourer, had assaulted him. Neither party appeared at the hearing, so the case was struck out.	1882/176
Police		Plaster	John	29	09	1882	Drunkenness	D	John Plaster was found to be drunk and incapable in High Street. He pleaded guilty to the offence. Plaster was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in prison.	1882/177
Police		Francis	William	03	10	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	William Francis was charged with being drunk and disorderly. He was fined 10/- with costs of 3/6d.	1882/178
Police		Parfitt	John	03	10	1882	Permitting drunkenness at his inn	L	John Parfitt was charged with permitting drunkenness at his beer house, The Red Lion. William Francis had apparently gone into Parfitt's house, having already been drinking elsewhere. He became disorderly and when refused drink he began to drink other customers' beer. The police were called and Francis was eventually turned out. Witnesses included Silas Walters and Simon Ashton, both of Southover. A note in the margin suggests that the case was dismissed but the petty sessions list of 9 October seems to show Parfitt as havng to pay costs of the case.	1882/179

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Richards	Walter	Watts	John	03	10	1882	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Richards charged John Watts, a fishmonger from Shepton Mallet, with obstructing the highway in High Street by leaving a horse and cart parked outside The King's Head for an unreasonable length of time. Watts was fined £1 with costs of 5/-.	1882/180
Loud	George Edwin	Sweet	Ellen	03	10	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Loud found Ellen Sweet of St Thomas Street to be drunk and disorderly in Lane's Court. He had received several complaints about her behaviour. Sweet pleaded guilty and was discharged on payment of costs, said in one instance to be 7/6d, in another 8/-.	1882/181
Richards	Walter	Francis Bennett	Eli James	03	10	1882	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Richards charged Eli Francis and James Bennett, both hauliers from Coxley, with wilfully obstructing the passage of traffic in Broad Street by parking a horse and cart there for an unreasonably long period while they were in The Angel Inn. The defendants pleaded guilty and each was fined 2/6d with costs of 5/-.	1882/182
Collins	E S L	Francis	Robert	04	10	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Robert Francis of Southover had failed to ensure that his son, George, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Boys' Central School, noted that George Francis had made 16 attendances over a period when the school was open on 50 occasions.	1882/183
Collins	E S L	Moore	Albert	04	10	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Albert Moore of High Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Alice, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. L.C. Turner, principal teacher at the Girls' Central School, noted that Alice Moore had made no attendances over a period when the school was open on 40 occasions. Albert Moore was fined 5/-.	1882/184

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Collins	E S L	Baker	Caroline	04	10	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Caroline Baker of Southover had failed to ensure that her son, Frederick, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Boys' Central School, noted that Frederick Baker had made 19 attendances over a period when the school was open on 50 occasions. Mrs Baker was fined 2/6d.	1882/185
Collins	E S L	Sparrow	Mrs	04	10	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Mrs Sparrow of St Cuthbert Street had failed to ensure that her daughter, Harriet, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. L.C. Turner, principal teacher at the Girls' Central School, noted that Harriet Sparrow had made 33 attendances over a period when the school was open on 40 occasions. Mrs Sparrow was fined 2/6d.	1882/186
Collins	E S L	Sparrow	Mrs	04	10	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Mrs Sparrow of St Cuthbert Street had failed to ensure that her daughter, Alice, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. L.C. Turner, principal teacher at the Girls' Central School, noted that Alice Sparrow had made 32 attendances over a period when the school was open on 40 occasions. Mrs Sparrow was fined 2/6d.	1882/187
Collins	E S L	Vernoum	D	04	10	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that D Vernoum of No 2 Portway had failed to ensure that his son, David, attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. William Barnes, principal teacher at the St Thomas Boys' School, noted that David Vernoum had made 31 attendances over a period when the school was open on 40 occasions. D Vernoum was fined 2/6d.	1882/188
Police		Brooks	John	05	10	1882	Drunkenness	D	John Brooks of Shepton Mallet was charged with being drunk in St Andrew Street. Brooks pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d.	1882/189

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Police		Brooks	Eliza	05	10	1882	Drunk in charge of a horse and cart	Rd	PC Lord found Eliza Brooks to be drunk in charge of a horse and cart in St Andrew Street. She was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d.	1882/190
Loud	George Edwin	Hopkins	Robert	06	10	1882	Drunkenness	D	PC Loud charged Robert Hopkins with being drunk in Priory Road. Hopkins was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1882/191
Loud	George Edwin	Hopkins	Robert	06	10	1882	Horse straying on highway	H	PC Loud found a horse straying between Priory Road and Southover. A few minutes later a drunken Robert Hopkins, described as a gas foreman from Southover, appeared, supported by another man because he was so drunk that he could not walk unaided (see case 1882/191). Hopkins claimed the horse and its cart to be his. He was charged with allowing the horse to stray and was fined 1/- with costs of 5/-.	1882/192
Loud	George Edwin	Morgan	John	06	10	1882	Drunk on licensed premises	D	PC Loud found John Morgan, a chimney sweep, outside The Fountain Inn with some other chimney sweeps. Loud asserted that Morgan was drunk and requested them to move on, but, as he was called away to another incident, he saw Morgan going back into The Fountain Inn. He requested the landlady not to serve Morgan any further drink. Although Morgan pleaded not guilty and John Brooks and wife stated that Morgan was not drunk, he was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1882/193
Loud	George Edwin	Davis	Henry	06	10	1882	Permitting drunkenness at his inn	L	PC Loud charged Henry Davis with permitting customers to become drunk on his premises, The Fountain Inn. Loud had found John Morgan to be drunk outside the pub (see case 1882/193) and two witnesses in that case, John Brooks and his wife, were also arrested for being drunk (see cases 1882/189 and 1882/190). Davis, the landlord, was fined £2 with costs of £1.2s.0d.	1882/194
Richards	Walter	Gale (aka Gill)	Joseph	06	10	1882	Furious driving	Rd	PC Richards charged Joseph Gale alias Gill with furious driving of a pony and cart along Priory Road, endangering pedestrians and other road users. Gale was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1882/195



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Bendall	William Newport	Allen	William	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that William Allen of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 2/11d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. The case was described as settled.	1882/196
Bendall	William Newport	Collins	Malthia	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Malthia Collins of Tucker Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. She owed 4/1d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. The case was described as settled.	1882/197
Bendall	William Newport	Dingle	William	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that William Dingle of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 8/9d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. The case was described as settled.	1882/198
Bendall	William Newport	Hippisley	Allan	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Allan Hippisley of St Thomas Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 5/8d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. A distress warrant was issued in order to recover the outstanding debts.	1882/199
Bendall	William Newport	Isgrove	Joseph	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Joseph Isgrove of South Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 3/6d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. Distress proceedings were initiated in order to recover the sums owing.	1882/200
Bendall	William Newport	Francis	George	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that George Francis of Southover had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 4/1d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. The case was described as settled.	1882/201

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Bendall	William Newport	Walters	Silas	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Silas Walters of Southover had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 7/7d for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. Distress proceedings were to be initiated but there is a note to indicate that the distress warrant was not to be issued.	1882/202
Bendall	William Newport	Chamberlain	Agnes	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Agnes Chamberlain (formerly Agnes Hodges) of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. She owed 2/11 for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. The case was described as settled.	1882/203
Bendall	William Newport	Standard	James	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that James Standard of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 2/11 for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. Distress proceedings appear to have been initiated but an entry of 'nil' may indicate that Standard's goods and chattels may have realised nothing.	1882/204
Bendall	William Newport	Drewe	William	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that William Drewe of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 2/11 for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. Distress proceedings were initiated to recover the outstanding debts.	1882/205
Bendall	William Newport	Ball	Frederick	06	10	1882	Non-payment of rates	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Frederick Ball of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate levied on 3 April 1882. He owed 2/11 for the rates and would be charged a further 2/6d for costs. Distress proceedings were initiated to recover the outstanding debts.	1882/206
Justices		Various		09	10	1882	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of cases heard at petty sessions sitting of 9 October 1882.	1882/207

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Beesley	William	Cox	Stephen Henry	11	10	1882	Drunkenness Assault	D A	William Beesley was master of Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Stephen Henry Cox, an inmate of the workhouse had become drunk and disorderly. He had then assaulted Beesley. Cox was found guilty and sentenced to 21 days in prison with hard labour.	1882/208
Isgrove	Ellen	Spencer	Angelina	14	10	1882	Obscene language	Pr	Ellen Isgrove, a married woman living in Silver Street, claimed that, returning from work at Wookey Mill, she had been subject to a tirade of abuse from Angelina Spencer, also a married woman living in Silver Street. Spencer had apparently claimed that Isgrove had been bad-mouthing her at the Mill and called her a string of offensive names. Mrs Barnard of Silver Street was summoned as a witness. The case was struck out as neither party appeared at the hearing.	1882/209
Keeling	Mary	Moore	Ann	23	10	1882	Assault	A	Mary Keeling, wife of Joseph Keeling of Southover, claimed that she had been drinking in The King's Head with Mrs Berridge when Ann Moore, wife of Albert Moore, fishmonger, had come up to her and deliberately knocked the beer into her face. Ann Moore had then struck her several times in the face and accused her of drinking with her husband. The case was settled without a hearing.	1882/210
Bale	Walter	Cox	Susan	27	10	1882	Drunkenness	D	PC Bale charged Susan Cox of St John Street with being drunk in St John Street. Susan Cox was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1882/211
Wilhan	George	Poole	Thomas Tucker Taylor	01	11	1882	Cruelty to a horse	C	George Wilhan, an RSPCA representative, claimed that Thomas Poole of the Commercial Hotel in Bridgwater had been working a horse as part of a pair drawing a wagonette where the horse was clearly unfit to do so. The horse was unfit because of damage to its toe, a finding confirmed by George Evans, a veterinary surgeon. Poole was fined £1 with costs of 15/-.	1882/212

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Collins	Frederick	Sage	Thomas	03	11	1882	Assault	A	Frederick Collins and Thomas Sage from East Wells were both labourers working on a building in Tucker Street. Collins claimed that Sage had been provoking him and when he was picking up a mortar board Sage had come up to him and struck him violently on the nose. The case appears to have been settled without a hearing.	1882/213
Police		Chandler	Robert	06	11	1882	Drunkenness	D	Robert Chandler was charged with being drunk in the Market Place. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was discharged with a caution.	1882/214
Harte	Edward	Perry	Henry	06	11	1882	Non-payment of dues	N	Edward Harte was a captain in the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Prince Albert Somersetshire Light Infantry. On behalf of his commanding officer, Colonel Henry Arthur Fownes Luthell, he complained that Henry Perry, a member of the Battalion, had failed to pay a fine of 30/- incurred under the rules of the Battalion. The case was marked as 'settled'.	1882/215
Harte	Edward	Bown	John	06	11	1882	Non-payment of dues	N	Edward Harte was a captain in the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Prince Albert Somersetshire Light Infantry. On behalf of his commanding officer, Colonel Henry Arthur Fownes Luthell, he complained that John Bown, a member of the Battalion, had failed to pay a fine of 30/- incurred under the rules of the Battalion. The case was not pursued and was declared to be settled.	1882/216

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Collins	Edwin S L	Various		07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Based upon reports submitted by the principal teachers at schools catering for pupils between 5 and 13, Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, issued summonses to those parents where the children were deemed to have an inadequate record of attendance. The name of the parent / guardian involved is shown as the defendant, while information on the parental address, the child and the outcome of the case is given in the Notes column. Note: There is an entry in the summary list compiled by Collins for John Wilton of Broad Street and his 10-year old son, George, but there is no corresponding summons in the petty session case documentation..	1882/217
Collins	Edwin S L	Francis	Robert	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that Albert Knight, the head teacher at the Boys' Central School had reported that Robert Francis' son, George, aged 7, had only recorded 30 attendances in the month to the end of October when the school was open on 40 occasions. Robert Francis, a resident of Southover, was fined 5/-.	1882/218
Collins	Edwin S L	Foote	Thomas	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that L C Turner, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that Thomas Foote's daughter, Agnes, aged 12, had only recorded 14 attendances in the month to the end of October when the school was open on 40 occasions. Thomas Foote, residing at No 12 South Street, was fined 1/-.	1882/219
Collins	Edwin S L	Sheers	John	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that L C Turner, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that John Sheers' daughter, Alice, aged 12, had only recorded 15 attendances in the month to the end of October when the school was open on 40 occasions. John Sheers did not appear at the hearing, but the case against him was dismissed.	1882/220

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Collins	Edwin S L	Woodburn	Frederick	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that L C Turner, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that Frederick Woodburn's daughter, Mary, aged 10, had only recorded 32 attendances in the month to the end of October when the school was open on 40 occasions. Frederick Woodburn, a resident of High Street, was fined 1/-.	1882/221
Collins	Edwin S L	Moore	Albert	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that L C Turner, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that Albert Moore's daughter, Alice, aged 12, had not attended school at all during 5-month period to the end of October when the school was open on 188 occasions. Collins noted that he had frequently seen Alice minding her father's shop in High Street, but had yet to catch her serving customers. Collins noted that at the last petty sessions court, there had been two charges against Moore and he had been fined the maximum of 5/- for each offence. However this had made no difference to his behaviour. He therefore recommended that four summons be issued, one for each week in October. Moore, of High Street, was fined 5/- against each summons.	1882/222 1882/223 1882/224 1882/225
Collins	Edwin S L	Seal	Ezekiel	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that L C Turner, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that Ezekiel Seal's daughter, Alice, aged 11, had only recorded 16 attendances in the month to the end of October when the school was open on 40 occasions. Ezekiel Seal, a resident of Milton Hill, was fined 1/6d.	1882/226

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Collins	Edwin S L	Seal	Ezekiel	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that L C Turner, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that Ezekiel Seal's daughter, Annie, aged 9, had only recorded 17 attendances in the month to the end of October when the school was open on 40 occasions. Ezekiel Seal, a resident of Milton Hill, was fined 1/6d.	1882/227
Collins	Edwin S L	Seal	Ezekiel	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that L C Turner, the head teacher at the Girls' Central School had reported that Ezekiel Seal's daughter, Ellen, aged 5, had only recorded 15 attendances in the month to the end of October when the school was open on 40 occasions. Ezekiel Seal, a resident of Milton Hill, was fined 1/6d.	1882/228
Collins	Edwin S L	Tucker	George	07	11	1882	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Board, noted that William Barnes, the head teacher at St Thomas Boys' School had reported that George Tucker's, Harry, aged 7, had only recorded 26 attendances in the month to the end of October when the school was open on 40 occasions. George Tucker, a resident of St Thomas Street, was fined 1/-.	1882/229
Police		[Various]		07	11	1882	Letting off fireworks	Dp	Charges were laid against a number of individuals for setting fire to or throwing fireworks in a public place. The individual charges and outcomes are set out below.	1882/230
Police		Barnard	Charles	07	11	1882	Throwing or kicking a firework	Dp	Charles Barnard, a butcher, was seen kicking a firework along the pavement in High Street. Witnesses included Alfred Andow, a groom and gardener from Priest Row, Charles Cock from High Street and Henry Charles Norton also from High Street. Two police constables also testified that they had seen Barnard throwing a squib. Barnard was fined 2/6d with costs of 12/6d.	1882/230a
Police		Lovell	Harry	07	11	1882	Throwing a firework	Dp	Harry Lovell of Broad Street pleaded guilty to the charge, but the case was dismissed.	1882/230b
Police		Allen	James	07	11	1882	Throwing a firework	Dp	James Allen of Tucker Street pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1882/230c

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Police		Collins	George	07	11	1882	Throwing a firework	Dp	George Collins of Priory Road was charged with throwing a firework in High Street. His brother appeared and pleaded guilty on his behalf. George Collins was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1882/230d
Police		Chapman	Henry	07	11	1882	Throwing a firework	Dp	Henry Chapman of Union Street was charged with throwing a firework in High Street. He pleaded guilty, but the case against him was dismissed.	1882/230e
Police		Woodburn	Francis	07	11	1882	Setting off a firework	Dp	Francis Woodburn of High Street was charged with setting off a firework in High Street. The case against him was dismissed.	1882/230f
Police		Bartlett	Thomas	07	11	1882	Setting off a firework	Dp	Thomas Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was charged with setting off a firework in High Street. The case against him was dismissed.	1882/230g
Police		Acock	James	07	11	1882	Throwing a firework	Dp	James Acock of Broad Street was charged with throwing a firework in High Street. Acock was found guilty and fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1882/230h
Police		Lush	Henry	07	11	1882	Throwing a firework	Dp	Henry Lush of Broad Street was charged with throwing a firework in High Street. Lush was seen by PC Bale and was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-.	1882/230i
Police		Payne	Albert	07	11	1882	Throwing a firework	Dp	Albert Payne of Priory Place was charged with throwing a firework in High Street. The case against him was dismissed.	1882/230j
Loud	George E	Francis	Elizabeth	09	11	1882	Obscene language	Pr	PC Loud charged Elizabeth Francis, wife of Robert Francis, a resident of Southover, with using profane and obscene language in Southover. She had been particularly abusive towards her husband. She pleaded not guilty to the charge and the case was dismissed.	1882/231
Channing	Thomas	Burlton	John	09	11	1882	Refusing to quit licensed premises	L	PC Channing charged John Burlton, a labourer from East Horrington, with refusing to leave licensed premises, i.e. The New Inn in St Thomas Street, when requested to do so by Channing himself. Burlton was being disorderly and was requested to leave the premises. The case against Burlton was dismissed.	1882/232



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Wickham	Charles	Burlton	John	10	11	1882	Assault	A	Charles Wickham, a tailor from St Thomas Street, had gone in to The New Inn in St Thomas Street and had encountered John Burlton, a limeburner from East Horrington. Wickham claimed that Burlton had initially insulted him, then threatened him and finally butted him 3 times in the stomach. William Allen of West Horrington was summoned as a witness for the defence. Burlton was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1882/233
Loud	George E	Hole	Frank	11	11	1882	Driving without reins	Rd	PC Loud charged Frank Hole of Westbury with driving a waggon without using reins or having a guide to control the movement of the horse. Loud noted that Hole had picked up the reins when he saw another vehicle coming in the other direction. Hole was fined 1/- with costs of 5/6d.	1882/234
Justices		Various		13	11	1882	Charge sheet for petty sessions court	*	Charge sheet for petty sessions court on 13 November 1882.	1882/235
Justices		Various		13	11	1882	List of fees and costs	*	List of fees and costs for petty sessions cases heard to date	1882/236
Beesley	William Henry	Harris	Joseph	18	11	1882	Fraudulently obtaining relief	Fr	William Beesley was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Joseph Harris, a labourer from Glastonbury, had applied to the relieving officer for relief as he claimed he could not work and support himself without means. He was told that he needed to provide a doctor's certificate which he eventually secured and was admitted to the workhouse. On being searched by the porter, Charles Blizzard, it was discovered that Harris had in his possession the sum of £3.7s.11/2d and a watch. It was argued that he did have the means to support himself and his attempt to obtain relief was fraudulent. Harris was fined 5/- with costs of £1.1s.2d.	1882/237

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Parfitt	John	Moore	Ann	27	11	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Parfitt, the licensee of The Red Lion, complained that Ann Moore, the wife of Albert Moore, fishmonger, had caused trouble at his inn. She had become drunk and quarrelsome and when Parfitt's sister refused to serve her any more drink she became very abusive and difficult. She refused to leave when asked to do so by the landlord and was eventually removed by the police. Ann Moore was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1882/238
Brown	Charles	Whittle	William	27	11	1882	Unclean slaughterhouse	E	Charles Brown, inspector of nuisances, had visited William Whittle's slaughterhouse some days after a bullock had been killed there. The remains of that process were still evident along with other accumulated filth. Whittle was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1882/239
Brown	Charles	Whittle	William	27	11	1882	Cruelty to a cow	C	Charles Brown, inspector of nuisances, complained that William Whittle had kept a cow in his slaughterhouse for much longer than necessary to prepare the animal for slaughter, contravening the local bye-laws and treating the animal cruelly. Whittle appears to have been ordered to pay a fine of 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1882/240
Loud	George Edwin	Pearse	Henry	28	11	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Loud charged Henry Pearse with being drunk and disorderly in High Street where he was unable to walk straight and was using very bad language. Pearse was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or to spend 14 days in prison.	1882/241
Miller	Thomas	Green	John	01	12	1882	Assault	A	Thomas Miller, an ostler at The Star Inn, complained that he had been assaulted by John Green from Wedmore. Green was staying overnight at The Star Inn and Miller had looked after his horse. When Green came to leave, Miller was waiting to receive the ostler's fee, but, on hearing why Miller was waiting, Green struck him twice. Green was fined 10/- with costs of 10/-.	1882/242

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Lovell	Sarah Jane	Cattle	Augusta	01	12	1882	Assault	A	Sarah Jane Lovell, wife of Henry William Lovell of Broad Street, glazier, complained that Augusta Cattle had come to her house, accused her of abusing Cattle's mother, called her a whore and then struck her. The case appears to have been settled without a hearing.	1882/243
Collins	E S L	Various		04	12	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, listed parents who had failed to ensure that their children attended school on a sufficiently regular basis. The individual cases are set out in the subsequent records. There was an additional entry in Collins' table; this related to Edwin Ball and his son, Henry, who appears to have missed school on a large number of occasions; however, the entry is struck through, possibly because the child may have reached the age of 13.	1882/244
Collins	E S L	Ball	Edwin	05	12	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his son, Thomas, aged 10, had attended school with sufficient frequency. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that Thomas Ball had made 32 attendances over a period in which the school was open on 40 occasions. Edwin Ball appears to have been fined 1/-.	1882/244a
Collins	E S L	Collins	Edward	05	12	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Edward Collins of Broad Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Florence, aged 12, had attended school with sufficient frequency. L C Turner, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, reported that Florence Collins had made 24 attendances over a period in which the school was open on 39 occasions. Edward Collins appears to have been fined 1/-.	1882/244b

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Collins	E S L	Hatcher	Alfred	05	12	1882	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Collins, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Alfred Hatcher of Southover had failed to ensure that his daughter, Emily, aged 10, had attended school with sufficient frequency. L C Turner, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, reported that Emily Hatcher had made 31 attendances over a period in which the school was open on 39 occasions. Alfred Hatcher appears to have been fined 1/-.	1882/244c
Bisgood	John	Oxley snr	Elizabeth	05	12	1882	Unjust weight	Wm	John Bisgood, the deputy chief constable and inspector of weights and measures, charged Elizabeth Oxley the elder with having an unjust 14lb weight in her shop as part of her business. She claimed that the weight was never used and only employed as a doorstep. Bisgood noted that the weight was not by the door on his visit. Oxley was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- and the weight was forfeited.	1882/245
Justices		Various		11	12	1882	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of cases heard at petty sessions sitting of 11 December 1882.	1882/246
Vowles	Joseph	Hole	Henry	12	12	1882	Theft of lead	T	PC Bale arrested Henry Hole of Southover for being in possession of lead which was believed to be stolen. Hole's initial statement to police Serjeant Vowles indicated that he could not account for the lead, but on the following day he chose to make a full statement which caused Vowles to remand him pending further enquiries. The offence was then determined to have occurred within the area covered by the police in Shepton Mallet, so Hole was handed over to the authorities there.	1882/247
Aplin	G W H	Francis	Edward	13	12	1882	Cruelty to a horse	C	George Aplin, an officer of the RSPCA, complained that Edward Francis of Coxley, had ill-treated a horse by making it work when it was in an unfit state. Francis appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 19/6d.	1882/248

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Tattle	John	Burlton	John	13	12	1882	Assault	A	John Tattle of Horrington claimed that John Burlton, also of Horrington, had assaulted him in The Coach & Horses. Burlton had supposedly accused Tattle of taking his custom away, which Tattle denied. He then spat in Tattle's face and struck him twice in the head with his fists. Neither party appeared at the hearing so the case was struck out.	1882/249
Channing	Thomas	Pearson	John	14	12	1882	Indecent exposure	le	PC Channing found John Pearson to be drunk in High Street and exposing himself in the presence of females as he passed water into the street. Pearson was committed to prison for 14 days.	1882/250
Richards	Walter	Pearce	Henry	18	12	1882	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Henry Pearce, a labourer, with being drunk and disorderly near Barnard's shop (butcher) in High Street. Pearce had been making a considerable noise and there had been several complaints. Richards appears to have persuaded Pearce to calm down and go home, but Pearce still appears to have been charged with an offence. Pearce appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 8/-. The case header document indicates that the offence was 'Assault' but this does not reflect the details of the case.	1882/251
Channing	Thomas	Taylor	Ann	21	12	1882	Drunkenness	D	PC Channing found Ann Taylor, a tramp, sitting on a step in Southover with 2 children late at night. He found that she was drunk so locked her up for the night. She was dismissed with a caution.	1882/252
Loud	George Edwin	Moore	Harry	23	12	1882	Offence against licence	L	PC Loud had been on patrol in the vicinity of The Queens Head at around 3.30am. He had seen a light and had heard voices. When he got in, he found the landlord and Charles Gardiner and some beer. Gardiner claimed that he was a cousin of the landlord and had gone there to discuss some work that he was going to do for him and they had chattered on for a long time. He claimed to have ordered and paid for the beer before 11.00pm. The case was dismissed / withdrawn.	1882/253

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Godfrey	Frederick	Hawkins	John Henry	27	12	1882	Assault	A	Frederick Godfrey, a mason residing in Glastonbury but temporarily lodging in Wells, complained that he had been assaulted by John Henry Hawkins. Godfrey stated that he had gone to The Queen's Head run by William Moore, together with Jane Stokes, a single woman of South Street. While there Hawkins had challenged him to sing a song and when Godfrey seemed reluctant, Hawkins struck him and knocked him down. When Godfrey got up there was a struggle between the two men which led the landlord to tell Godfrey to leave. He did so, together with Jane Stokes, but as they were walking home, Hawkins attacked Godfrey again, knocking him to the ground and beating him while he was down. Godfrey required medical attention from Dr Lovell (Henry Bolingbroke Seymour Lovell) because of the severe cuts that he had sustained. Jane Stokes gave evidence for the prosecution and William Hopkins of Wookey for the defence. Godfrey was instructed to pay 13/6d to Dr Lovell, while Hawkins was fined 2/6d with costs of 6/6d.	1882/254

**1883**

Serel	Edward A	Various		02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel was instructed by the School Attendance Committee to pursue action under the Elementary Education Act against several parents / guardians who were not ensuring that their children attended school on a regular basis. The parents were named as: George Day, Matilda Anning, Ezekiel Seal, Mrs Spencer and Sarah Sparrow, with the children affected being Edward Day, Henry Anning, Ellen, Annie and Alice Seal, Elizabeth Hatwell and William Sparrow. Note: the letter is actually dated 4 January 1883, but the date of the start of the proceedings is shown as 2 January since the summons to be issued to the individual parents were prepared on that date.	1883/001
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Serel	Edward A	Day	George	02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged George Day of St Cuthbert Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, Edward, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, recorded that Edward Day had made 19 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 38. The case against George Day was dismissed but he was cautioned.	1883/001a
Serel	Edward A	Kenniston	Charlotte	02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Charlotte Kenniston of 64 Southover under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that Henry Anning attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, recorded that Henry Anning had made 17 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 38. Charlotte Kenniston was fined 1/6d. Note: originally the case was to be brought against Matilda Anning (see case 1883/001).	1883/001b
Serel	Edward A	Seal	Ezekiel	02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Ezekiel Seal of Milton Hill under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Ellen, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. A E Cooke, the principal teacher at the Central Infants School, recorded that Ellen Seal had made 17 attendances in the previous month. Ezekiel Seal was fined 2/6d.	1883/001c
Serel	Edward A	Seal	Ezekiel	02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Ezekiel Seal of Milton Hill under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Alice, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, the principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that Alice Seal had made 18 attendances in the previous month. Ezekiel Seal was fined 2/6d.	1883/001d

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Serel	Edward A	Seal	Ezekiel	02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Ezekiel Seal of Milton Hill under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Annie, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, the principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that Annie Seal had made 18 attendances in the previous month. Ezekiel Seal was fined 2/6d.	1883/001e
Serel	Edward A	Spencer	Mrs	02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Mrs Spencer of Mill Lane under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that Elizabeth Hatwell attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, the principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that Elizabeth Hatwell did not attend school on any occasion in the previous month. The summons appears not to have been served on Mrs Spencer.	1883/001f
Serel	Edward A	Spencer	Mrs	02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Mrs Spencer of Mill Lane under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that her son, Henry, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. The summons appears not to have been served on Mrs Spencer.	1883/001g
Serel	Edward A	Sparrow	Sarah	02	01	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Sarah Sparrow of St Cuthbert Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that her son, William (born 12 November 1877), attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. A E Cooke, the principal teacher at the Central Infants School, recorded that William Sparrow had made 20 attendances in the previous month. Sarah Sparrow was fined 3/-.	1883/001h
Bendall	William Newport	Brayley	James	05	01	1883	Non-payment of water rate	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of Wells Waterworks Company, claimed that James Brayley of Southover had failed to pay the quarterly charge of 1/6d to Wells Waterworks Company for the supply of water up to Christmas 1882. The case was noted as settled.	1883/002



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Bendall	William Newport	Vile	George	05	01	1883	Non-payment of water rate	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of Wells Waterworks Company, claimed that George Vile of Sadler Street had failed to pay two quarters rent totalling 9/- to Wells Waterworks Company for the supply of water up to Christmas 1882. The case was noted as settled.	1883/003
Bendall	William Newport	Parker	George	05	01	1883	Non-payment of water rate	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of Wells Waterworks Company, claimed that George Parker of Priest Row had failed to pay the quarterly charge of 3/- to Wells Waterworks Company for the supply of water up to Christmas 1882. The case was noted as settled.	1883/004
Bendall	William Newport	Scott	Mrs	05	01	1883	Non-payment of water rate	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of Wells Waterworks Company, claimed that Mrs Scott of Mill Lane had failed to pay the quarterly charge of 2/- to Wells Waterworks Company for the supply of water up to Christmas 1882. The defendant did not appear in court and an order was issued to initiate distress proceedings against her to recover the debt plus the associated costs.	1883/005
Bendall	William Newport	Parfitt	John	05	01	1883	Non-payment of water rate	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of Wells Waterworks Company, claimed that John Parfitt of Southover had failed to pay the quarterly charge of 5/- to Wells Waterworks Company for the supply of water up to Christmas 1882. The case was noted as settled.	1883/006
Bendall	William Newport	Hawkins	James	05	01	1883	Theft of water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of Wells Waterworks Company, claimed that the wife of James Hawkins of St Thomas Street had unlawfully taken a quantity of water from the company by filling her kettle from a tap belonging to Charles Cock, a tap that she had no right to use. The defendant was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1883/007
Padfield	Edward	Walters	Silas	06	01	1883	Non-payment of gas account	N	Edward Padfield, secretary of the Wells Gaslight & Coke Company, claimed that Silas Walters of Southover had an outstanding debt on his gas account of 17/6d. The defendant was given until Lady Day to pay the sum owing which, including costs, amounted to £1.7s.6d.	1883/008

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Padfield	Edward	Dingle	William	06	01	1883	Non-payment of gas account	N	Edward Padfield, secretary of the Wells Gaslight & Coke Company, claimed that William Dingle of St Cuthbert Street had an outstanding debt on his gas account of £1.8s.0d. The defendant was given until Lady Day to pay the sum owing which, including costs, amounted to £1.18s.0d.	1883/009
Tutton	Martha	Lush	Henry	06	01	1883	Theft of brushes	T	Martha Tutton and Henry Lush both lodged with Mrs Hodges at No 27 St Cuthbert Street. Both worked for Hillier and Salisbury's, brush manufacturers. Martha Tutton contracted to deliver a certain quantity of brushes to Hillier's and claimed to have done all the necessary work in a room within Mrs Hodges house - and with some assistance from Henry Lush. However, not all of the brushes were returned to Hillier's - and then Lush, who had told Tutton that he would deliver the final bundle, disappeared. Tutton issued an arrest warrant for him and Lush was finally arrested in Yeovil in late August 1883. He appears to have pleaded guilty and was fined 10/- with costs of £1.0s.11d. Emily Jane Standard, wife of James Standard and a neighbour of Mrs Hodges in St Cuthbert Street, and Henry Swainson, foreman at Hillier's, were called as witnesses.	1883/010
Bale	Walter	Johnson	Thomas	06	01	1883	Begging in the street	V	PC Bale saw Thomas Johnson visiting several shops around the Market Place. He established that Johnson was begging but also found that he appeared to be drunk. Johnson was charged with drunkenness, but pleaded not guilty, although he did admit to the charge of begging. Johnson was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1883/011
Justices		Various		08	01	1883	Information from petty sessions sitting	*	List of cases to be dealt with at sitting of petty sessions court with the outcome shown in the majority of cases. Relevant information from these proceedings is included in the cases affected.	1883/012

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Beesley	Henry	Sandford	James	11	01	1883	Refusal to work	Rw	Henry Beesley was the master of Wells union workhouse. James Sandford had been admitted to the workhouse the previous evening and had then approached Beesley during the course of the morning and stated that he wanted to leave. Beesley indicated that Sandford could not leave until the next morning, at which point Sandford became abusive and then refused to go back to work. Sandford was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour. Note: in other cases Beesley is shown as having the forename of William. It seems likely that he was William Henry Beesley.	1883/103
Vowles	Joseph	Hockey	George	26	01	1883	Furious driving	Rd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged George Hockey, a butcher from Wookey, with furious driving of a horse and cart, endangering pedestrians and other road users. Hockey was found guilty and fined £1.5s.0d with costs of 8/6d.	1883/014
Swain	J	Lister	James	29	01	1883	Driving overweight cart	Rd	Police Serjeant Swain charged James Lister, a haulier from Glastonbury, with driving a cart which had tyres less than 4" wide on a public road where the weight of the cart and its load exceeded one ton and ten hundredweight. The complaint was initiated by Samuel Vowles, surveyor to the Wells Turnpike Trust. Thomas Harris, operator of the weighbridge in Wells, was summoned to give evidence for the prosecution (also called for cases involving John Williams and Henry Spragg - see cases 1883/016 and 1883/017). Lister pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/8d.	1883/015

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Swain	J	Williams	John	29	01	1883	Driving overweight cart	Rd	Police Serjeant Swain charged John Williams, a labourer from Glastonbury, with driving a cart which had tyres less than 4" wide on a public road where the weight of the cart and its load exceeded one ton and ten hundredweight. Samuel Vowles, surveyor to the Wells Turnpike Trust was responsible for making the complaint. Thomas Harris, weighbridge operator, recorded the weight of the cart as 39cwt. Williams was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/8d.	1883/016
Swain	J	Spragg	Henry	29	01	1883	Driving overweight cart	Rd	Police Serjeant Swain charged Henry Spragg, a labourer from Glastonbury, with driving a cart which had tyres less than 4" wide on a public road where the weight of the cart and its load exceeded one ton and ten hundredweight. Samuel Vowles, surveyor to the Wells Turnpike Trust, was responsible for making the complaint. Thomas Harris, weighbridge operator, recorded the weight of the cart as 39cwt. Spragg was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/8d.	1883/017
Wells Union		Norman	Mary Ann	30	01	1883	Refusing to work Assault	Rw A	Mary Ann Norman was charged with refusing to carry out the tasks assigned to her in the workhouse. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 6 weeks in prison with hard labour. Whilst in court Norman then appears to have assaulted Emily Mellish. For this offence she was sentenced to 6 weeks in prison with hard labour, the two terms of imprisonment to be consecutive.	1883/018
Padfield	Edward	Goose	John	30	01	1883	Non-payment of gas account	N	Edward Padfield, secretary of the Wells Gaslight & Coke Company, claimed that John Goose, a cabinet maker, late of Wells but now residing in Norwich, had an outstanding debt on his gas account of 5/-. Goose was requested to pay the sum of 11/6d for the summons to be withdrawn, but seems not to have done so, since Padfield then initiated distress proceedings to recover the debt.	1883/019

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Bale	Walter	Seebrook	Edward	31	01	1883	Vagrancy Assault on police officer	V A	PC Bale had been called to a disturbance at the Cheddar Valley Inn. Edward Seebrook had apparently gone to the inn and begged for money, but had been refused by Ann Tripp, the landlady. He had then created a furore outside the inn using very bad language. Bale had tried to persuade Seebrook to go away quietly, but eventually had to take him into custody. In High Street Seebrook had suddenly assaulted Bale and the two became involved in a struggle on the ground. Seebrook was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour for vagrancy and a further month in prison with hard labour for assaulting a police officer.	1883/020
Bale	Walter	Seebrook	Elizabeth	31	01	1883	Assault on police officer	A	PC Bale was attempting to arrest Edward Seebrook and take him to the police station. The two were struggling on the ground and Bale claimed that the defendant (possibly Seebrook's wife) had kicked him several times when he was on the ground. Elizabeth Seebrook appears to have been sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1883/021
Padfield	Edward	Webb	E J	31	01	1883	Non-payment of gas account	N	Edward Padfield, secretary to the Wells Gaslight & Coke Company, complained that E J Webb, an insurance agent, formerly of Wells but now residing in Weston-super-Mare had an outstanding debt of £3.9s.6d on his gas account. Webb was requested to pay £3.15s.0d and the summons would be withdrawn.	1883/022
Padfield	Edward	Loxton	F W	31	01	1883	Non-payment of gas account	N	Edward Padfield, secretary to the Wells Gaslight & Coke Company, complained that F W Loxton of Broad Street had an outstanding debt of £1.18s.6d on his gas account. Loxton settled the account in full.	1883/023
Bale	Walter	Maidment	Phillis	03	02	1883	Drunkenness	D	PC Bale charged Phillis Maidment with being drunk in Gate Lane. Maidment pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d.	1883/024

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Vowles	Joseph	Foster	Robert	06	02	1883	Illegal purchase of lead	Ip	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Robert Foster, a dealer in metals, with buying a quantity of lead (7lbs) that was below the statutory limit for purchases of this commodity. Henry Hole, a labourer, was summoned to provide evidence for the prosecution. Foster pleaded not guilty, but was fined 1/- with costs of 12/6d and was ordered to maintain a register of purchases.	1883/025
Serel	Edward A	Hatcher	Alfred	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Alfred Hatcher of Southover under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Alice, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, the principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that Alice Hatcher had made 29 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 39. Alfred Hatcher was fined 2/6d.	1883/026
Serel	Edward A	Hatcher	Alfred	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Alfred Hatcher of Southover under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Emily, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, the principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that Emily Hatcher had made 27 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 39. Alfred Hatcher was fined 2/6d.	1883/027
Serel	Edward A	Gane	Alfred	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Alfred Gane of No 76 Southover under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, Frederick, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, recorded that Frederick Gane had made 28 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 39. A decision in the case was adjourned to see if the child attended school more regularly.	1883/028

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Serel	Edward A	Clements	Henry	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Henry Clements of Southover under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, Thomas, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, recorded that Thomas Clements had made 25 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 39. The case appears to have been adjourned.	1883/029
Serel	Edward A	Clements	Henry	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Henry Clements of Southover under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Louisa, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. A E Cooke, the principal teacher at the Central Infants School, recorded that Louisa Clements had made 12 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 39. The case appears to have been adjourned.	1883/030
Serel	Edward A	House	George	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged George House of South Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Emma, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. A E Cooke, the principal teacher at the Central Infants School, recorded that Emma House had made 10 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 39. George House was later fined 2/6d.	1883/031
Serel	Edward A	House	George	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged George House of South Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Catherine, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Sarah Amy Bendall, the principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, recorded that Catherine House had made no attendances in the previous period during which the school was open for 30 attendances. George House was later fined 2/6d.	1883/032

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Serel	Edward A	House	George	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged George House of South Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Mary Jane, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, the principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that Mary Jane House had made 13 attendances in the previous period during which the school was open for 39 attendances. George House was later fined 2/6d.	1883/033
Serel	Edward A	Day	George	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged George Day of St Cuthbert Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, Edward, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, recorded that Edward Day had made 21 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 39. George Day was fined 5/-.	1883/034
Serel	Edward A	Francis	Robert	06	02	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Robert Francis of Southover under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, George, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, recorded that George Francis had made 23 attendances in the previous month out of a possible 39. Robert Francis was fined 5/-.	1883/035
Justices		Various		12	02	1883	Record of receipts for petty sessions court	*	Record of receipts resulting from the cases heard at the most recent sitting of the petty sessions court on 12 February.	1883/036



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Parfitt	Caleb	Hamblin Hamblin	Mary Jane England	15	02	1883	Theft of umbrellas	T	PC Parfitt arrested Mary Jane Hamblin for the theft of 2 silk umbrellas and her son, England Hamblin, was charged with being an accessory after the fact. The umbrellas had been left outside No 4 Priory Villas by John Marsh, a cheese dealer and occupier of the house, and Edward Welchman who was visiting. Mary Jane Hamblin had been begging for bread at Mr Drayton's house at No 3 Priory Road and Frances Baker, the servant who had refused her request for bread, saw her then walk up the path at Mr Marsh's towards the portico where the umbrellas were standing, leaving her son at the gate. PC Parfitt had been advised that Hamblin and her son had gone up the Bath Road towards The Britannia Inn. When he caught up with them, Hamblin's husband indicated that the umbrellas could be found in a quarry just off the road. Mary Jane Hamblin pleaded guilty to the theft and her son pleaded not guilty to his charge. The costs of the case were 19/-.	1884/037
Police		Moon	Seth	19	02	1883	Vagrancy	V	Seth Moon was found to be begging in Grove Lane. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1883/038

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Sharpe	Jeremiah	Morgan	Lucy	19	02	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Sharpe charged Lucy Morgan, a hawker from Easton, with being drunk and disorderly near Wells cemetery. Robert Tripp, a labourer from Wookey, was called to give evidence for the prosecution and stated that Morgan had been drinking in the The Mermaid. Hugh Durston, a blacksmith from Westbury, had been accompanying Morgan when PC Sharpe had seen them by the cemetery and he stated that Morgan had not been drunk. Edward Allen claimed to have seen Morgan about an hour before in The Bull's Head when she was not drunk, while Louisa Wall of Westbury said that Morgan had been in her house at Easton about 30 minutes after Sharpe had met her and she was not drunk. The case was adjourned until April and the defendant seems to have been found not guilty. Costs of the case appear to have been £1.1s.6d.	1883/039
Bale	Walter	Walters	Charles	24	02	1883	Vagrancy	V	PC Bale found Charles Walters begging in High Street. He had clearly been drinking and had only 3d in coppers. Walters was charged with vagrancy and fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d. As he was unable to pay, he was sent to prison for 7 days.	1883/040
Beesley	Henry	Tiley Summers Howe	Lilley Mary Catherine	27	02	1883	Fighting in the workhouse	Af	Henry Beesley was master of Wells Union workhouse. Hannah Hall, one of the inmates, reported that Mary Summers had initiated a fight with Lilley Tiley who had a child in her arms at the time the fight began. Charlotte Oxley, another inmate, claimed that Catherine Howe had been issuing threats to give Summers a good hiding.	1883/041
Richards	Walter	Tucker Hiscox	Swinford Arthur	04	03	1883	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Richards charged Swinford Tucker and Arthur Hiscox, both of Shepton Mallet, with using obscene language in St Thomas Street. Tucker and Hiscox had evidently been drinking with some other young men and were using offensive language in the street. Testimony was given by John Allen of Tucker Street, George Granger, Samuel Hallett, Charles Griffiths, a cooper, and Francis Pearse, much of it inconclusive. Each defendant was fined 5/- plus costs of 10/- each.	1883/042

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Sharpe	Jeremiah	Barr	Harriet	06	03	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Sharpe charged Harriet Barr with being drunk & disorderly. Barr was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1883/043
Vowles	Joseph	Bennett	William	06	03	1883	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Bennett of Tucker Street with cruelty to a horse by working it when it was in an unfit state. Bennett was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1883/044
Vowles	Joseph	Bennett	James	06	03	1883	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Bennett of Burcott Lane with cruelty to a horse by working it when it was clearly in an unfit state. Bennett was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1883/045
Brown	Charles	Charles	William	06	03	1883	Meat unfit for human consumption	E	Charles Brown, Inspector of Nuisances, charged William Charles, a butcher, with having meat in his slaughterhouse that was unfit for human consumption. Charles claimed that he had recognised that the meat, namely 2 sheep and one pig, may have come from diseased animals and he had offered it to Harry White to feed his pigs. While the meat was condemned as unfit for human consumption and was ordered to be destroyed, the case against Charles was deemed not to be proven.	1883/046
Serel	Edward A	House	George	07	03	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged George House of South Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Mary Jane, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, the principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that Mary Jane House had made 15 attendances in the previous period during which the school was open for 26 attendances. George House was fined 2/6d.	1883/047
Serel	Edward A	House	George	07	03	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged George House of South Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Catherine, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Sarah Amy Bendall, the principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, recorded that Catherine House had made 13 attendances in the previous period during which the school was open for 36 attendances. George House was fined 2/6d.	1883/048

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Justices		Various		12	03	1883	Record of receipts for petty sessions court	*	Record of receipts resulting from the cases heard at the most recent sitting of the petty sessions court on 12 March. There was also a record of a temporary transfer of the licence for the Mitre Hotel from Mr Rogers to Emily Hill.	1883/049
Parfitt	Caleb	Woodville	Charles	22	03	1883	Drunkenness	D	PC Parfitt charged Charles Woodville with being drunk and incapable. Woodville was discharged with a caution.	1883/050
Cook	Mark	Ball	John	29	03	1883	Theft of £5 note	T	Mark Cook had been in The Golden Hart with John Sweet, a butcher. Sweet gave Cook a £5 note drawn on Stuckey's Bank to pay for some goods that he had bought from him. Cook could not give Sweet the necessary change and was unable to obtain change from the landlord. John Ball seized the money from Cook's hand claiming that he would get change and disappeared from the inn. Ball changed the money at The Bull's Head in Queen Street run by William Parfitt. When Ball returned to The Golden Hart he refused to give back the £5 saying that he was only prepared to offer £4. He resisted all attempts to persuade him to give the money back and he was then arrested by police Serjeant Vowles. En route to the police station Ball then promised to give back all the money to Cook and repeated this assertion several times in the police station. The case was eventually dismissed.	1883/051
Bale	Walter	Litcott	Mark	29	03	1883	Drunken in charge of a horse and cart	Rd	PC Bale charged Mark Litcott, a coachman from Dulcote employed by E Lovell of Dinder, with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart in High Street. Litcott was driving very fast and the trap cannoned into a barrow of bricks being wheeled by a young boy who narrowly escaped injury. PC Bale ran after the horse and trap and arrested Litcott in the Market Place where the horse had stopped. Litcott pleaded guilty but the case appears to have been dismissed, possibly with the defendant paying the costs of 7/-.	1883/052

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Vowles	Joseph	Richmond	Richard	05	04	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Richard Richmond of Shepton Mallet with being drunk and disorderly. Evidence from PC Holland and PC Kellaway stated that they thought that Richmond was drunk and certainly smelled of drink. Richmond himself claimed to have been taken ill in Vaughans where there was a crowd of people smoking and drinking. He was supported by testimony from Albert Feltham, a labourer from Shepton Mallet, who claimed to have been with Richmond all afternoon. Richmond appears to have pleaded not guilty but was fined 2/6d with costs of 13/-.	1883/053
Serel	Edward A	Drew	William	05	04	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged William Drew of Market Street under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Elizabeth, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, the principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that Elizabeth Drew had made 26 attendances in the previous period during which the school was open for 36 attendances. William Drew was fined 5/-.	1883/054
Serel	Edward A	Bowell	Sydenham	05	04	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel charged Sydenham Bowell of Southover under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, Albert, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. William Barnes, the principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, recorded that Albert Bowell had made 26 attendances in the previous period during which the school was open for 36 attendances. Sydenham Bowell was fined 2/6d.	1883/055
Bendall	William Newport	Various		06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that a number of residents had failed to pay the general district rate of 2 October 1882. The individual cases are dealt with separately in the following entries.	1883/056

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Bendall	William Newport	Millard	John	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that John Millard of Union Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Millard owed 3/9d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 7/3d. The case was noted as settled.	1883/056a
Bendall	William Newport	Parker	Sarah	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that Sarah Parker of Union Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Parker owed 2/6d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 6/-. The case was noted as settled.	1883/056b
Bendall	William Newport	Wilton	John	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that John Wilton of Broad Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Wilton owed £1.0s.5d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of £1.3s.11d. The case was noted as settled.	1883/056c
Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	William	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that William Bedford of Priest Row had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Bedford owed 3/9d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 7/3d. The case was noted as settled.	1883/056d
Bendall	William Newport	Trimm	George	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that George Trimm of Southover had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Trimm owed 3/4d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 6/10d. Trimm was to pay the following day.	1883/056e
Bendall	William Newport	Hanney	Edward	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that Edward Hanney of Southover had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Hanney owed 2/11d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 6/5d. It appears that Hanney did not pay, as distress proceedings were initiated against him to recover the monies owed from the sale of his assets.	1883/056f

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Bendall	William Newport	Griffin	George	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that George Griffin of St John Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Griffin owed 6/8d with a further 9/4d owing from previous assessments plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 19/6d. The case was noted as settled.	1883/056g
Bendall	William Newport	Drew	William	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that William Drew of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Drew owed 2/1d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 5/7d. Drew did not appear and distress proceedings were initiated against him to recover the debt.	1883/056h
Bendall	William Newport	Sparrow	Mary	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that Mary Sparrow of St Cuthbert Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Sparrow owed 6/8d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 10/2d. Distress proceedings were to be initiated after the sitting of the petty sessions court on 9 April.	1883/056i
Bendall	William Newport	Moore	William	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that William Moore of Priest Row had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Moore owed 2/1d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 5/7d. The case was noted as settled.	1883/056j
Bendall	William Newport	Yeeles	J W	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that J W Yeeles of Bath Ford, Bath had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Yeeles owed 6/8d. The summons was not served on Yeeles, indicating that the case was withdrawn. There is no summons to match this specific reference number, only the entry in Bendall's summary list, see 1883/056.	1883/056k

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Bendall	William Newport	Turner	James	06	04	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector to the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that James Turner of St Thomas Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 2 October 1882. Turner owed 2/6d plus costs of 3/6d making a total of 6/-. Distress proceedings were initiated to recover the sums owing.	1883/0561
Justices		Various		09	04	1883	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes from petty sessions court of 9 April 1883. Relevant details are included in the appropriate individual cases.	1883/057
Hole	Frank	Brook Brook	William Elizabeth	11	04	1883	Assault	A	Frank Hole, a labourer living in Southover, claimed that he had been assaulted by William Brook, a painter resident in Silver Street, and also by Brook's wife, Elizabeth. Hole stated that he had parked the wagon belonging to his employer, Mr Chapman, a haulier, in the square at Southover but Brook's son started pulling it around. Hole had chased the boy away but then was confronted by Elizabeth Brook who claimed that he had been knocking her son about and immediately struck Hole in the face. Brook then came out and hit Hole several times more. Hole's account was supported by testimony from Mrs Chapman. William Brook was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- (or 10/- according to a separate document), while Elizabeth Brook was not fined but required to pay costs of 9/-.	1883/058
Brown	Sarah	Evin	Mrs	17	04	1883	Assault	A	Sarah Brown, wife of Aaron Brown of Mill Lane, claimed that she had gone to Mrs Evin's house to look after her own son. She asserted that Mrs Evin had abused her verbally, called her a thief and, when she left, followed her down the street and pushed her into the roadway. The incident was seen by PC Richards. Evin was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1883/059
Police		Reakes	George	17	04	1883	Drunkenness	D	George Reakes was charged with being drunk in High Street. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 2/6d with costs of 3/6d; both sums were recorded as paid.	1883/060



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Vowles	Joseph	Grant	Daniel	21	04	1883	Cruelty to heifers	C	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Daniel Grant of Wedmore with cruel treatment of a number of heifers. Grant appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 8/- (or 20/- according to a different document).	1883/061
Richards	Walter	Isgrove	Joseph	23	04	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Joseph Isgrove, a labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Costs of the case appear to have been 8/-. Isgrove was dismissed with a caution.	1883/062
Richards	Walter	Woolly	Mary	23	04	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Mary Woolly with being drunk and disorderly in Queen Street, and using foul and abusive language. Woolly did not appear in court but was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1883/063
Bisgood	John	Hopkins	Mary Ann	27	04	1883	Unjust scales	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged Mary Ann Hopkins of St Thomas Street with using a set of scales for trade purposes that did not weigh correctly. The case was withdrawn.	1883/064
Bisgood	John	Hopkins	Mary Ann	27	04	1883	Unjust weight	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged Mary Ann Hopkins of St Thomas Street with using a 1lb weight that weighed 3 drachms too light and was not appropriately stamped. Hopkins was fined 1/- with costs of 9/6d.	1883/065
Bisgood	John	Harvey	William James	27	04	1883	Unjust scales	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged William James Harvey of Queen Street with using a set of scales for trade purposes that did not weigh correctly. Harvey appears to have been fined 2/6d with costs of 9/6d.	1883/066
Bisgood	John	Harvey	William James	27	04	1883	Unjust weight	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged William James Harvey of Queen Street with using a 2lb weight that weighed incorrectly. Harvey was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/6d.	1883/067
Bisgood	John	Harvey	William James	27	04	1883	Unstamped weight	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged William James Harvey of Queen Street with using a 7lb weight that was unstamped. The case was withdrawn.	1883/068

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Bisgood	John	Hale	Richard	27	04	1883	Unjust weight	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged Richard Hale of St Thomas Street with using a half-pound weight that weighed incorrectly. Hale was fined 1/- with costs of 9/6d.	1883/069
Bisgood	John	Whittle	William	27	04	1883	Unjust weight	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged William Whittle of Queen Street with using a 1lb weight that weighed incorrectly. Whittle was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/6d.	1883/070
Bisgood	John	Bartlett	George	27	04	1883	Unjust weight	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street with using a 2lb weight that weighed incorrectly. In addition there were a further 8 weights that were deemed to be unjust. Bartlett was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/6d.	1883/071
Bisgood	John	Lowman	Joseph	27	04	1883	Unjust weight	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable (and inspector of weights and measures), charged Joseph Lowman of Sadler Street with using a 1lb weight that weighed incorrectly. Lowman was fined 1/- with costs of 9/6d.	1883/072
Justices		Bowell	Sydenham	27	04	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Kelway, justice of the peace, stated that Sydenham Bowell had been sentenced to a fine of 1d and costs of 2/5d for failing to send his son, Albert, to school. Bowell had been given a week within which to pay but had not done so. Kelway therefore sentenced Bowell to 7 days in prison, unless the outstanding sum (now 5/6d because of the cost of 3/- for the commitment to prison) be paid earlier.	1883/073
Padfield	Edward	Lawrence	??	29	04	1883	Non-payment of gas account	N	Edward Padfield, secretary to the Wells Gas Company, claimed that Mr Lawrence, formerly of Wells but now residing in Birmingham, had an outstanding debt of £1.7s.0d on his gas account. It appears that the police were unwilling to proceed with the charge and attempt to serve a summons since the address given in Birmingham was not sufficiently specific to enable them to locate the property.	1883/074

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Simmons	Simon	Ham	Victoria	30	04	1883	Theft of money	T	Simon Simmons of Tor Street had met Victoria Ham in High Street late in the evening. She allegedly asked him if she could stay the night with him, as she had no money for lodgings and her little girl was too tired to go on to Shepton Mallet that night. Simmons agreed and Ham spent the night at his house. Although she and her little girl were supposedly sleeping on the sofa downstairs while Simmons was upstairs in bed, Simmons admitted that he had had sex with Ham. When Ham was about to leave early the next morning, Simmons discovered that he was missing 7/- from his trouser pocket. He accused Ham of stealing it, an accusation which she denied and then left the house. Simmons followed her but had not caught her before she met PC Bale who took her back to meet Simmons. At the police station Ham was searched but the money missed by Simmons was not in her possession, only a small amount of money given to her by her sister, Mrs Crouch in Glastonbury, on the previous day. The case was dismissed with Simmons being required to pay the costs.	1883/075
Gibson	Edgar Charles	Ryley	Owen	01	05	1883	Begging Drunkenness	V D	Edgar Charles Gibson, a clerk in holy orders, saw Owen Ryley lying in the street. Ryley begged him for help but Gibson refused him, seeing that Ryley appeared to be drunk. Ryley then followed him home but was refused admittance by Gibson's servant. Ryley was charged with drunkenness and vagrancy and pleaded guilty on both counts. He was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour for vagrancy.	1883/076
Vowles	Joseph	Cornish	Richard	01	05	1883	Drunk in charge of two horses	Rd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Richard Cornish of Coxley with being drunk in charge of 2 horses on the public highway on the Glastonbury Road. Testimony for the prosecution was provided by James Wates Atkins and George Francis. Cornish appears to have been fined 10/- with costs of 11/-.	1883/077

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Richards	Walter	Ball	Edwin	04	05	1883	Furious driving	Rd	PC Richards accused Edwin Ball of driving a horse and cart at a furious rate along St Andrew Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Ball was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1883/078
Webb	William	Vowles Hole	William John	07	05	1883	Drunk & disorderly Assault	D A	William Webb was the landlord of The Railway Inn. He complained that William Vowles and John Hole were drunk and disorderly on his premises with much swearing and cursing. They refused to leave the inn when he ordered them out and Vowles allegedly struck him and knocked him down. In the scuffle three chairs and a vase were broken. When they were evicted from the pub, Webb claimed that they returned and smashed panes of glass in the door. He put the costs of the damage at 20/-. Hole was fined £2 including costs, while Vowles was fined £1 for each offence, again including costs.	1883/079
Richards	Walter	Ford	Thomas	08	05	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Thomas Ford of East Harptree with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. The defendant did not appear at the hearing. In his absence he was fined 1/- with costs of 10/-.	1883/080
Richards	Walter	Grenville	Walter	08	05	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Walter Grenville of Croscombe with being drunk and disorderly by the Bishop's Palace moat. Grenville was fined 1/- with costs of 10/-. It is possible that he was unable or unwilling to pay as there is a note against his name in the notes of the petty sessions sitting that indicates 14 days in prison.	1883/081
Richards	Walter	Allen	James	08	05	1883	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Richards charged James Allen, a plumber of Hayden, with using obscene language in High Street. Allen was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1883/082
Bale	Walter	Francis	William	08	05	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale charged Francis, described as a labourer from Coxley, with being drunk and disorderly, and using bad language, in Broad Street. Francis was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-	1883/083

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Vowles	Joseph	Martin	Eli	10	05	1883	Moving cattle without necessary licence	Lm	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Eli Martin of East Compton with moving cattle into the city and borough of Wells from Bristol without the necessary licence required by the Contagious Diseases Animals Act of 1878. Martin had apparently bought a cow and calf at Bristol Market and asked Charles Rogers of Glastonbury Drove to deliver them to East Compton. Rogers had told him that he would be unable to do that and they agreed that Rogers would leave the cattle in Wells with John Henry Bown. The licence that Martin held did not permit the cattle to be transported through Wells. The fines and costs for Martin totalled £2.11s.4d.	1883/084
Vowles	Joseph	Bown	John Henry	10	05	1883	Moving cattle without necessary licence	Lm	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Henry Bown, a farmer of Wells, with being complicit in the movement of cattle without the necessary licence under the Contagious Diseases Animals Act of 1878. Bown had accepted cattle destined for East Compton from Bristol on a temporary basis (see the case against Eli Martin, 1883/084). The case against Bown was dismissed.	1883/085
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	James	10	05	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Allen from Hayden with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place and, later, in The Lamb Inn in St Thomas Street. Allen was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or, if in default, to spend 17 days in prison.	1883/086
Horn	George	Viney	John	14	05	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	George Horn, the manager of the Mitre Hotel Vaults, claimed that he refused to sell John Viney of Brighton a pint of ale since he had already had sufficient to drink. Viney became very abusive and was eventually evicted from the pub. Horn had also called the police who took Viney into custody. Viney was eventually sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1883/087

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Police		Cooper	Charles	14	05	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Charles Cooper was charged with being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was supposedly sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour. However, the notes of petty sessions cases on 15 May suggest that he was discharged.	1883/088
Justices		Various		15	05	1883	Information from petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of petty sessions sitting on 15 May. Information from these notes is incorporated in the summaries of the relevant cases.	1883/089
Vowles	Joseph	Paul	Henry	05	06	1883	Keeping wild birds in captivity	C	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Henry Paul of Southover with unlawfully capturing and keeping in his possession a number of wild birds, i.e. 6 blackbirds and 5 thrushes, against the provisions of the Wild Birds Protection Act. Paul claimed that he did not know he was committing an offence and that the birds had been given to him. Paul was ordered to pay 7/6d, including costs.	1883/090
Vowles	Joseph	Hawkins Taylor	Charles Isaac	05	06	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged Charles Hawkins and Isaac Taylor, both of St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly on 17 May. They were making a great noise, shouting and singing songs from the Salvation Army repertoire with Taylor playing a concertina. Vowles warned they would be arrested if they continued but he found them an hour later in The Queen's Head doing exactly the same. Both appear to have pleaded not guilty to the charge, but were fined 5/- each plus costs of 8/- each, or if in default, 14 days in prison. Isaac Taylor was recorded as going to gaol.	1883/091
Vowles	Joseph	Hobbs	Gilbert	05	06	1883	Furious riding	Rd	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Gilbert Hobbs, a farmer from East Horrington with furious riding of a horse in High Street and Sadler Street, where he deliberately seemed to set his horse at members of the Salvation Army, including children, who were lucky to escape injury. Hobbs pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with total costs of 9/-.	1883/092

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Vowles	Joseph	Perry	James	05	06	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Vowles charged James Perry of Southover with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street on 12 May. Vowles was going to arrest him but two young men said that they would take him home; he resisted their efforts and they were forced to carry him. Perry pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay 10/- including costs of 8/-.	1883/093
Serel	Edwin Athelstane	Francis	Robert	05	06	1883	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged Robert Francis of Southover with failing to ensure that his daughter, Alice, attended school as frequently as required by law. A E Cooke, principal teacher at the Central Infants School, recorded that in the period to 31 May Alice Francis had only made 20 appearances when the school had been open for 30 attendances. At the hearing on 11 June Robert Francis was fined 5/-.	1883/093a
Serel	Edwin Athelstane	Oxley	James	05	06	1883	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged James Oxley of Tor Street with failing to ensure that his daughter, Kate, attended school as frequently as required by law. Blanche Brett, principal teacher at the Roman Catholic School, recorded that in the period to 25 May Kate Oxley had only made 10 appearances when the school had been open for 38 attendances. James Oxley did not appear at the hearing on 11 June.	1883/093b
Serel	Edwin Athelstane	Oxley	James	05	06	1883	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edwin Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged James Oxley of Tor Street with failing to ensure that his son, William, attended school as frequently as required by law. Blanche Brett, principal teacher at the Roman Catholic School, recorded that in the period to 25 May William Oxley had only made 8 appearances when the school had been open for 38 attendances. James Oxley did not appear at the hearing on 11 June.	1883/093c

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Police		Hill	George	11	06	1883	Drunk in charge of a horse and cart	Rd	George Hill was charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart on the public highway. Hill pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 10/- with total costs of 10/-.	1883/094
Police		Fagan	Sabrina	11	06	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Sabrina Fagan, a tramp, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1883/095
Justices		Various		11	06	1883	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes from petty sessions court of 11 June 1883. Details specific to individual cases are shown as part of the notes for the cases affected.	1883/096
Bale	Walter	Cox	Ann	27	06	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale charged Ann Cox of Portway with being drunk and disorderly in Queen Street. Cox had been drunk and was evicted from The Bull's Head Inn run by William and Amelia Parfitt. She then caused a great noise in the street and used extremely bad language. Witness testimony was obtained from Amelia Parfitt, the landlady, and William Harvey, a grocer resident in Queen Street. Cox was fined 2/6d with total costs of 15/- or, if in default, to spend 14 days in prison. Cox was allowed to pay 10/- immediately with the balance being due in 14 days.	1883/097
Richards	Walter	Ball	Edwin	27	06	1883	Horse straying on highway	Rd	PC Richards found a horse belonging to Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street straying on the Bristol Road near the turnpike gate. He returned the horse to Ball who admitted that it belonged to him. Ball was summoned to appear before the magistrates but failed to do so, leading to the issue of an arrest warrant. The fine was set at 2/6d with costs of 7/6d.	1883/098
Richards	Walter	Francis	Robert	27	06	1883	Horse straying on highway	Rd	PC Richards found a horse belonging to Robert Francis of Southover straying on the Bristol Road near the turnpike gate. He returned the horse to Francis who admitted that it belonged to him. Francis pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay 8/-, including costs.	1883/099
Richards	Walter	Baker	Joseph	27	06	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Joseph Baker, a labourer from West Horrington, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Baker was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1883/100



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Richards	Walter	Taylor	Isaac	27	06	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Isaac Taylor of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in that same street. Taylor was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1883/101
School Attendance Committee		Day	George	02	07	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	George Day of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to send his son, Edward, to school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, reported that Edward Day had made 13 attendances out of a possible 38 in the most recent period. The charge against Day appears to have been dismissed.	1883/102
School Attendance Committee		Wilton	John	02	07	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	John Wilton's son, George Richard Wilton, had been suspended from school for not making any morning attendances over a particular period after he had been awarded his school certificate. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central Boys' School reported that George Wilton had made no attendances over a period when the school was open for 38 attendances. Wilton, a resident of Broad Street, was fined 5/-.	1883/103
School Attendance Committee		Francis	Robert	02	07	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Robert Francis of Southover was charged with failing to send his son, George, to school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, reported that George Francis had made 11 attendances out of a possible 38 in the most recent period. The case against Robert Francis was adjourned in order to assess the child's attendance record over the next review period.	1883/104
School Attendance Committee		Francis	Robert	02	07	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Robert Francis of Southover was charged with failing to send his daughter, Alice, to school sufficiently often. A E Cooke, principal teacher at the Central Infants School, reported that Alice Francis had made only 1 attendance out of a possible 38 in the most recent period. The case against Robert Francis was adjourned in order to assess the child's attendance record over the next review period.	1883/105

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School Attendance Committee		Collins	Edwin	03	07	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edwin Collins of Broad Street was charged with failing to send his daughter, Florence, to school sufficiently often. L C Turner, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, reported that Florence Collins had only made 28 attendances out of a possible 38 attendances in the most recent period. Edwin Collins was fined 5/-.	1883/106
Richards	Walter	Paul	James Robert	03	07	1883	Assault Drunkenness	A D	PC Richards charged James Robert Paul with assaulting Mary Tucker, wife of George Tucker of St Thomas Street, and with being drunk in the Market Place. Mary Tucker had been walking home with Martha Bishop, wife of Thomas Bishop. She had been working at The Swan and when she was between The Nag's Head and The White Hart she had met Paul. She had wished him good evening, at which point he hit her in the face, knocked off her hat and then kicked her when she went to pick it up. PC Watts had then apparently arrested Paul for this assault and they were met by PC Richards in the Market Place where they had to carry a drunken and resisting Paul to the police cells. Paul appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 5/6d.	1883/107
Russell	James	Robson	Percy	03	07	1883	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	James Russell was the manager at Everett and Holloway's grocery store. Percy Robson had turned up at the shop claiming to be lodging at Mrs Thompson's and wishing to place a grocery order. He wanted to pay by cheque which he claimed did not require a signature since it was payable on demand. The cheque for £3.18s.0d was approved by Mr Holloway and Robson left the shop with the change from his order amounting to £2.8s.8d. When Russell came to present the cheque at the bank it was said to be a forgery.	1883/108

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Burgoyne	William	Burgoyne	Louisa	07	07	1883	Assault	A	William Burgoyne complained that he was assaulted by his wife, Louisa Burgoyne, as he went to work as a fireman at Wookey. She was demanding money from him, since he had left her some 6 weeks previously and was said to be giving her payments of around 7/- per week. William Burgoyne's complaint of assault was supported by John Chamberlain who had been with him when his wife had collared him. Louisa Burgoyne was required to provide 2 sureties of £10 each to secure her good conduct over the next 6 months, with the potential penalty of 6 calendar months in prison if she should break the conditions of the bond.	1883/109
Lovell	William Robert	Richards	Walter	09	07	1883	Assault	A	William Robert Lovell claimed that PC Richards had unlawfully assaulted him. He claimed that he had gone to a Salvation Army meeting in Priory Road for which he had a ticket, but was refused admission by the captain, Elizabeth Carter. As he argued with her, he claimed that he was grabbed by PC Richards who tore his collar and damaged it beyond repair. A number of witnesses were called by each side. The case against PC Richards was dismissed at the petty sessions sitting on 10 September 1883. The complainant was ordered to pay costs of £2.8s.0d.	1883/110
Justices		Various		09	07	1883	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Cases tried at petty sessions hearing of 9 July 1883. Details specific to individual cases are noted against those particular cases.	1883/111
Blizzard	Charles	Blake Blake	Charles George	10	07	1883	Refusing to work	Rw	Charles Blizzard, porter at the Wells Union workhouse, complained that Charles Blake and George Blake were admitted to the workhouse two days previously but had now refused to carry out the work assigned to them. Charles Blake was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour, while George Blake, a markedly younger man, was discharged.	1883/112

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Osborn	Henry Edmond	Sperring	John	14	07	1883	Cruelty to a cow	C	Henry Osborn of the RSPCA charged John Sperring, a cattle dealer from Priddy, with cruelty to a cow. Supporting testimony was provided by George Evans, veterinary surgeon. Sperring was fined £1 plus costs of £1.0s.6d, including vet's fees.	1883/113
Police		Davies	James	16	07	1883	Drunkenness	D	James Davies was charged with being drunk in High Street, He was found guilty and fined 2/6d with costs of 3/6d, or if in default, to serve 7 days in prison.	1883/114
Bartlett	William	Keen	Robert	20	07	1883	Non-payment of wages	N	William Bartlett had been employed by Robert Keen, a draper, for about 1 year and was paid 2/- per week. He asserted that on Saturday he had given Keen notice that he was leaving his employ and then left on the following Tuesday. Keen claimed that he had not been given any notice of Bartlett's departure and refused to pay him. Keen was ordered to pay 2/- with costs of 4/-.	1883/115
Collins	Edwin Adolphus	Parsons	William	28	07	1883	Profance and obscene language	Pr	Special constable Collins charged William Parsons, a labourer from Coxley, with using obscene language in public. Parsons pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1883/116
Bale	Walter	Hatcher	Alfred	31	07	1883	Drunkenness	D	PC Bale charged Alfred Hatcher of Southover with being drunk in High Street where he was using obscene language and challenging anyone to fight him. He was eventually led away by three other men. Hatcher appears to have pleaded not guilty but was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1883/117
Bale	Walter	Moore Francis Marshall	Thomas Albert John	03	08	1883	Obstructing the footway	O	PC Bale charged Thomas Moore of High Street, together with Albert Francis and John Marshall of East Wells, with standing and loitering on the footway in Priory Road for a long time, blocking the way for other pedestrians. The defendants were part of a larger group of young men standing on the footpath but when PC Bale asked them to move on, they were very negative in their response. Moore and Marshall pleaded not guilty, but were each fined 1/- with costs of 8/- . Francis did not appear at the hearing and was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-.	1883/118

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Bale	Walter	Ball	Frederick	07	08	1883	Drunk & disorderly Wilful damage	D Wd	PC Bale charged Frederick Ball, a labourer living in Southover, with being drunk and disorderly in Queen Street. Ball was found guilty and fined 5/- with total costs of 7/- (although in another document he is shown as being fined 5/- with costs of 10/-). In addition, Ball was charged with malicious damage to sewage street lamps where the cost of the damage was assessed at 3/-. For this offence Ball was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-. In sum Ball was ordered to pay £1.9s.0d.	1883/119
Bendall	William Newport	Emery	Edwin	07	08	1883	Theft of water	T	William Newport Bendall, manager of Wells Water Company, claimed that Edwin Emery, a traveller living in St Thomas Street, had unlawfully fixed a pipe to a service pipe at The New Inn to draw water from it without paying Wells Water Company. The case was withdrawn. Costs were put at 8/10d.	1883/120
Bale	Walter	Andrews Ball	John John	07	08	1883	Rescuing prisoner from arrest	Op	PC Bale had arrested Frederick Ball for being drunk and disorderly (see 1883/119). Ball resisted arrest and Bale called upon a young man named Charles Brown to assist. While they were struggling, John Andrews, Ball's brother-in-law, sought to intervene and drag Ball away. Soon after, John Ball arrived and assisted Andrews to drag Frederick Ball away to Andrews' house in Queen Street. Frederick Ball escaped out of the back door, but was then arrested an hour later at his own home. John Andrews and John Ball were charged with obstructing the process of law and required to pay costs of 18/- each, plus a fine of 2/6d for Andrews and 1/- for Ball. Walter Bedford, a labourer from Priest Row and Henry Oxley, a poulterer from Tucker Street, were summoned as witnesses for the prosecution.	1883/121

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Vowles	Joseph	Parfitt	John	09	08	1883	Lodging house offence	Lh	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Parfitt, keeper of a lodging house in Southover, with breaking local bye-laws by allowing an unmarried couple to sleep in the same bed in a room reserved for married couples and, further, on a separate night, allowing a boy more than 10 years old to sleep in the same bed as the unmarried couple. The unmarried couple were John Wills of Southover and Jane Adams Clarke of Glastonbury; the boy appears to have been her son. Parfitt appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 9/- for each offence, a total of £1.	1883/122
Brown	Charles	Whittle	William	10	08	1883	Failing to clean floor of slaughterhouse	E	Charles Brown, Inspector of Nuisances, charged William Whittle, a butcher, with failing to clean the floor of his slaughterhouse in the manner prescribed by the local bye-laws. Whittle was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1883/123
Davis	Henry			13	08	1883	Licence transfer	La	Davis, currently holder of the licence for The Fountain Inn applied to the justices to transfer the licence to Dunkerton, a blacksmith from Shepton Mallet.	1883/124
Justices		Various		13	08	1883	Petty sessions listings	*	Cases tried at petty sessions hearing of 13 August 1883. Details specific to individual cases are noted against those particular cases.	1883/125
Collins	Clara	Onion	George	18	08	1883	Indecent exposure	le	Clara Collins was a servant in the house of John Serel, grocer. She had taken the children to the moat and was sitting with them under a tree when George Onion, described as a platelayer, appeared and exposed himself to her in an offensive manner. The case was dismissed for lack of corroborative evidence, but Onion was severely cautioned as to his behaviour. The costs of the case were 5/-.	1883/126

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Peach	John Henry	Collins	Frederick	21	08	1883	Assault	A	John Henry Peach, a farmer from Coxley, complained that Frederick Collins had assaulted him. Peach and his wife had gone to The Angel Inn run by his wife's sister, together with her husband, Frederick Collins. According to Peach, Collins' mother made a remark about Mrs Peach which Peach claimed was a lie. Collins objected to his mother being called a liar and struck Peach in the eye with his fist. Peach called William Lovelace, shoemaker, as a witness on his behalf. The case was settled out of court (see also case 1883/134 as a possible description of the same incident).	1883/127
Vowles	Joseph	Francis	Elizabeth	23	08	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles reported that PC Bale had found Elizabeth Francis behaving in a drunk and disorderly fashion after being asked by the landlord to leave The Angel in Broad Street. Francis was ordered to pay 6/- and given 2 weeks within which to pay, but it appears that she did not do so, being committed to prison for 7 days on 6 September.	1883/128
Bale	Walter Henry	Hale	Thomas	27	08	1883	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Bale charged Thomas Hale from Westbury with blocking the highway by leaving a horse and cart parked on it for an extended period of time. Hale was fined 5/- with costs of 11/6d.	1883/129
Carter	Elizabeth	Millard	Henry	29	08	1883	Disturbing a meeting	Dp	Elizabeth Carter, captain of the Salvation Army, complained that Henry Millard, a gardener living in Union Street, had disturbed a meeting held in Priory Road by singing different tunes, laughing and shouting in a loud voice during the service. She also complained that Millard had called her a liar and used obscene language to her. Millard claimed that the disturbance had been caused by a stranger who had been sat behind him.	1883/130

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Parker	Arthur	Lovelace	William	31	08	1883	Sureties for the peace	Su	Arthur Parker, a painter, complained that William Lovelace, a shoemaker, had used language towards him that was likely to lead to a breach of the peace. Parker was apparently in Priory Road in the company of William and Walter Chappell and Edward Powell. Lovelace and some friends came up to them and Lovelace supposedly offered to buy a round of drinks, saying that Parker would not want one, being a teetotaler because he used French letters. Parker requested that Lovelace be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct. Parker also summoned both Chappells to provide testimony on his behalf. The case was settled out of court.	1883/131
Granville snr	Henry	Granville jnr	Henry	31	08	1883	Application for child to attend industrial school	Ed	Henry Granville the elder applied to send his son, Henry Granville the younger, to an industrial school. The boy, who was aged 10, was sleeping at his aunt's and was supposed to come home for his meals. However, he had not been home for 3 weeks and was spending his time driving cattle and doing odd jobs. The boy promised to behave better and the justices agreed to review the situation if the boy did not hold to his promise. No date given in documentation, so date of 31 August has been assigned to enable document to be located at suitable place in sequence.	1883/132
Richards	Walter	Hopkins	James	04	09	1883	Furious riding	Rd	PC Richards charged James Hopkins, a labourer living in Southover, with furious riding of a horse, endangering pedestrians and other road users. Hopkins pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 5/6d.	1883/133
Peach	John Henry	Collins	Mrs	08	09	1883	Sureties for the peace	Su	John Henry Peach, a farmer from Coxley, complained that Mrs Collins, the wife of the landlord of The Angel Inn had used insulting language about his wife, calling her a soldier's whore and her child a bastard. Peach requested that Mrs Collins be required to put forward sureties to ensure her future conduct. The case appears to have been settled out of court (see also case 1883/127 which may relate to the same incident).	1883/134



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Vincent	Henry			10	09	1883	Game licence	La	Henry Vincent, a fishmonger in Union Street, had applied for a licence to buy game from authorised sources and to sell on the game from his house and shop in Union Street. The licence was granted with an expiry date of 31 July 1884.	1883/134a
Justices		Various		10	09	1883	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Cases tried at petty sessions hearing of 10 September 1883. Details specific to individual cases are noted against those particular cases.	1883/135
Lovegrove	John Way	Hill	Eliza	14	09	1883	Theft of jewellery	T	John Way Lovegrove was a general dealer in fancy goods based in High Street. Eliza Hill had come into his shop looking for cheap bead bracelets. She purchased a bracelet but after she left the shop Lovegrove claimed that he missed a ring, a bracelet, a pair of earrings and a brooch. The next day Lovegrove went with PC Bale to George Hill's house in Dulcote where Eliza Hill was in service. PC Bale was given permission to search Eliza Hill's possessions where he found the missing jewellery. She claimed that they must have fallen into her basket. Eliza Hill was fined 5/- with costs of 5/6d or to spend 7 days in prison.	1883/136
Gould	William	Moore	Thomas	14	09	1883	Assault	A	William Gould, a labourer, claimed that he had been standing in High Street talking to Mr Brooks when Thomas Moore, a fishmonger, approached them and suddenly assaulted Gould by striking him in the eye. Gould claimed that he had no knowledge of why he would have been attacked in this way. Moore appears to have been ordered to pay 14/- or to spend one month in prison; it seems that Moore was sent to prison.	1883/137
Vowles	Joseph	Baker	John	18	09	1883	Drunkenness	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Baker of St Thomas Street with being drunk on licensed premises called The New Inn operated by James Smith. Baker was fined 2/6d with costs of 10/-.	1883/138

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Vowles	Joseph	Smith	James	18	09	1883	Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises	L	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Smith, the licensee of The New Inn in St Thomas Street, with permitting drunkenness on his premises. Vowles cited the case of John Baker (see case 1883/138); he also suggested that Smith himself had been drunk. The case against Smith appears to have been dismissed.	1883/139
Redwood	Charles	Mogford	Thomas	19	09	1883	Obscene language	Pr	PC Redwood charged Thomas Mogford of Southover with using obscene language in Broad Street. Mogford had been part of a group of people standing on the pavement that PC Redwood asked to move on. Mogford had refused to move and became belligerent, abusing the police officer for several minutes. William Gould, labourer, confirmed PC Redwood had been abused by Mogford. Mogford was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1883/140
Redwood	Charles	Pearce	George	19	09	1883	Drunkenness	D	PC Redwood charged George Pearce of Southover with being drunk in High Street. Pearce had been so drunk that he was incapable of standing and walking, and had to be taken away by someone called Millard. Pearce was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1883/141
Osborn	Henry Edmond	Browning	John	25	09	1883	Cruelty to a mare	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, a representative of RSPCA from Clevedon, claimed that John Browning, described as labourer from Glastonbury, had been in charge of a horse and cart drawing a heavy load of stone. As the vehicle passed along Broad Street in the direction of Priory Road, Osborn claimed he could see that the horse was limping badly. When he inspected the mare he found that it was suffering a badly suppurating wound. Osborn established that the horse was owned by William Browning (see case 1883/143).	1883/142

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Osborn	Henry Edmond	Browning	William	25	09	1883	Cruelty to a mare	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, a representative of RSPCA from Clevedon, claimed that William Browning, a haulier from Glastonbury, was the owner of a mare which he had worked knowing that the mare was unfit to do so. William and John Browning were jointly ordered to pay the sum of £2, including costs of £1.7s.6d (fine for John Browning was 2/6d, and for William Browning 10/-).	1883/143
Bale	Walter	Hopkins	James	28	09	1883	Keeping dog without licence	DI	PC Bale charged James Hopkins, a resident of Southover, with keeping a dog without a licence. Hopkins pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay a total of 14/-.	1883/144
Vowles	Joseph	McCarthy	Thomas	01	10	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Thomas McCarthy with being drunk and disorderly in Southover where he was arrested by PC Richards for drunkenness. When he was brought into the police station McCarthy became very difficult and used obscene language in haranguing the officers. McCarthy was fined with costs of 6/6d, but appears not to have paid since he was committed to prison for 21 days with hard labour.	1883/145
Crandon	Maria	Crandon	John	01	10	1883	Assault	A	Maria Crandon, a single woman living at No 14 St Thomas Street, claimed that John Crandon had assaulted her and damaged her thumb. John Crandon was lodging with Eliza Vowles further down St Thomas Street below The Goat Inn. Maria Crandon claimed that John Crandon had provoked an argument between them by calling her obscene names and had then struck at her several times, damaging her thumb with one blow as she tried to protect herself. Maria Crandon had supporting testimony from George Bartlett, a mason living in St Cuthbert Street, and from Eliza Vowles. Charles Raines, the uncle of John Crandon, testified on his behalf, claiming that his nephew had only acted in self-defence, while a fellow lodger, John Hoare, also supported him. John Crandon was fined 2/6d with costs of 18/6d. No indication is given as to whether the two Crandons were related.	1883/146

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Police		White	William	02	10	1883	Vagrancy	V	William White was charged with begging in the street. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1883/147
Woonton	William	Cattle	Johanna	02	10	1883	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Woonton charged Johanna Cattle with using profane and obscene language in St John Street. Cattle was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or to spend 7 days in prison.	1883/148
Hawkins	Eliza	Teale	Hannah	03	10	1883	Spreading scandalous rumours	Df	Eliza Hawkins, wife of Henry John Hawkins, a plasterer living in Tor Street, complained that Hannah Teale, wife of George Teale, had been spreading defamatory and unfounded rumours about her. Hawkins, who kept a lodging house, stated that it was being rumoured that she had been having an affair with a man called Isaac Francis and that her husband had caught them together and given her a good thrashing. Hawkins asserted that Francis had never even been in her house. She claimed to have traced the rumour to Hannah Teale who had supposedly relayed the story to Hannah Freestone, a widow living in Tor Street. Teale had allegedly apologised to Hawkins and claimed that she had never mentioned her name. The outcome of the case was not clear as the costs of 5/- were apparently remitted.	1883/149
Bendall	William Newport	Knight	Edwin H	03	10	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Borough Council, claimed that Edwin Knight of Union Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 3 April 1883. Knight owed £2.0s.4d plus costs of 5/- making a total of £2.5s.4d. The case was recorded as settled.	1883/150a
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	03	10	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Borough Council, claimed that William Whittle of Queen Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 3 April 1883. Whittle owed £1.4s.0d plus costs of 5/- making a total of £1.9s.0d. The case was recorded as settled.	1883/150b

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Bendall	William Newport	Slade	Stephen	03	10	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Borough Council, claimed that Stephen Slade of St Thomas Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 3 April 1883. Slade owed 10/8d plus costs of 5/- making a total of 15/8d. The case was recorded as settled.	1883/150c
Bendall	William Newport	Davis	Edward	03	10	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Borough Council, claimed that Edward Davis of Priest Row had not paid the general district rate notified on 3 April 1883. Davis owed 4/4d plus costs of 5/- making a total of 9/4d. The case was recorded as settled.	1883/150d
Bendall	William Newport	Parker	Sarah	03	10	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Borough Council, claimed that Sarah Parker of Union Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 3 April 1883. Parker owed 4/- plus costs of 5/- making a total of 9/-. The case was recorded as settled.	1883/150e
Bendall	William Newport	Bennett	James	03	10	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Borough Council, claimed that James Bennett of Burcot Lane had not paid the general district rate notified on 3 April 1883. Bennett owed 6/4d plus costs of 5/- making a total of 11/4d. The case was recorded as settled.	1883/150f
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	Sarah Elizabeth	03	10	1883	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Borough Council, claimed that Sarah Elizabeth Oxley of High Street had not paid the general district rate notified on 3 April 1883. Oxley owed £1.13s.8d plus costs of 5/- making a total of £1.18s.8d. It appears that Oxley must have made some payment since, at the time of the petty sessions sitting on 9 October the sum said to be owing was £1.8s.4d. As this sum was not paid distress proceedings were initiated to recover the sum of £1.15s.10d including costs.	1883/150g 1883/150h
Sharpe	Jeremiah	Cattle	Johanna	04	10	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Sharpe charged Johanna Cattle with being drunk and disorderly in Sadler Street. Cattle seems to have pleaded guilty or been found guilty. Cattle was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/- or to spend 7 days in prison.	1883/151

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School Attendance Committee		Day	George	04	10	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	George Day of New Street was charged under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, Edward, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, recorded that Edward Day, aged 12, had made no attendances in the previous month out of a possible 38. Edward Day was shown as having passed standard 2 in full. The case against George Day appears to have been dismissed.	1883/152
School Attendance Committee		Granville	Henry	04	10	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Henry Granville of St John Street was charged under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, also named Henry, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. Albert Knight, the principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, recorded that Henry Granville, aged 9 or 10, had made no attendances in the previous month out of a possible 38. Henry Granville was shown as not having reached any educational standard. The case against Henry Granville the elder appears to have been dismissed.	1883/153
School Attendance Committee		White	Albert	04	10	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Albert White of St Thomas Street was charged under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, William, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that William White, aged 7, had made 25 attendances in the recent period where the school was open on 40 occasions and had passed standard 1.	1883/154
School Attendance Committee		Ball	Frederick	04	10	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Frederick Ball of St John Street was charged under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Rosa, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, reported that Rosa Ball, aged 9, had made 23 attendances in the recent period where the school was open on 38 occasions. The case was adjourned to the petty sessions hearing of November and then to December when Ball was ordered to appear before the magistrates.	1883/155

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School Attendance Committee		Ball	Frederick	04	10	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Frederick Ball of St John Street was charged under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his daughter, Kate, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. L C Turner, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, reported that Kate Ball, aged 12, had made 0 attendances in the recent period where the school was open on 38 occasions. The case was adjourned to the petty sessions hearing of November and then to December when Ball was ordered to appear before the magistrates.	1883/156
School Attendance Committee		Bowell	Sydenham	04	10	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Sydenham Bowell of Southover was charged under the Elementary Education Act with failing to ensure that his son, Albert, attended school on a sufficient number of occasions. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that Albert Bowell, aged 12, had made 30 attendances in the recent period where the school was open on 40 occasions and had passed standard II. Bowell appears to have been fined 1/- according to one document and 2/6d according to another.	1883/157
Coles	George Frederick	James	John Henry	06	10	1883	Breaking and entering	Be	George Frederick Coles, the licensee of The King's Head, complained that John Henry James, a convicted thief from Bristol, had got into his coach house, presumably for nefarious purposes. Coles had found James just after midnight and at that point James had not committed any other offence. James was, however, under police supervision as a consequence of his previous offences, but had failed to advise the police of his whereabouts. James was remanded in custody until the next petty sessions hearing. The case brought by Coles did not proceed, but James appears to have been committed for trial on other charges.	1883/158
Police		Churches	Philip	06	10	1883	Drunk in charge of a horse and cart	Rd	Philip Churches was charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart. He pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 4/6d.	1883/159

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Barnard	Eliza	Card	Mary	07	10	1883	Theft of money	T	Eliza Barnard, wife of Charles Barnard, butcher, claimed that Mary Card, aged 13, her servant girl, had stolen money from a cupboard in her bedroom. Barnard stated that Mary Card had stolen £1 from her earlier in the week but she had forgiven her. Now she found that around 25/- in silver had been taken. Other than her family, only Mary Card had access to the room from which the money had been taken. Barnard had searched Mary Card's person and found two half-crowns and a florin wrapped up in a handkerchief. She had also searched Mary Card's box and found two more half-crowns, 4 florins and one shilling. Card offered unconvincing stories as to how she had come by the money. Despite that, the case against her was dismissed and the costs of 7/- were paid by Barnard.	1883/160
Hill	Louisa	Hill	Edwin	08	10	1883	Request to send child to Industrial School	Ed	Louisa Hill, mother of Edwin Hill, formally requested that her son, aged 13, should be sent to an Industrial School as she was unable to control him; his behaviour was described as 'incorrigible'. The youth had been seen by William Henry Vowles, son of police Serjeant Joseph Vowles, destroying flowers on graves in a churchyard, in particular the grave of a child of Mrs Hill; apparently this was not the only occasion of such an incident. There appears to have been some difficulty in finding an establishment with capacity to take him, but a place was secured at Somerset Industrial School in Bath where Hill would be required to remain until he was 16 years of age.	1883/161
Justices		Various		08	10	1883	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Cases tried at petty sessions hearing of 8 October 1883. Details specific to individual cases are noted against those particular cases.	1883/162



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Raines	Mary Ann	Clapp	George	10	10	1883	Theft of money	T	Mary Ann Raines was a cook at The Swan Hotel. She had two purses in an unlocked drawer in the kitchen. One purse contained 3 coins, one American and one French. Raines claimed that this purse had been stolen. Frank Rendell, boots at the hotel, stated that he had been offered one of the coins by George Clapp, the under-boots. Clapp admitted the theft and was fined 2/6d with costs of 4/6d.	1883/163
Bale	Walter	Smart Luff	Henry Walter	16	10	1883	Letting off gunpoweder	Fm	PC Bale accused Henry Smart and Walter Luff with setting off a cannon loaded with gunpowder in Southover. Smart was required to pay 5/- in costs while Luff appears to have been found not guilty and discharged.	1883/164
Parfitt	John			23	10	1883	Licence transfer application	La	John Parfitt, the licensee of The Railway Tavern in Southover, applied to the magistrates to transfer his licence to William Weston. John Bisgood, the deputy chief constable, advised Weston that he would object to the transfer since he did not consider Weston a fit and proper person to run an inn. Police Serjeant Vowles also objected since, in his view, Weston was dealing in stolen goods by purchasing rabbits that had undoubtedly been poached. PC Redwood also provided testimony that the Westons had been complicit in serving beer out of licensing hours to an already drunken Joseph Hole. Despite these objections the licence transfer appears to have been granted.	1883/165

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Ware	Elizabeth Ann	Ware	Hyder	30	10	1883	Assault	A	Elizabeth Ann Ware complained that she had been assaulted by her husband, Hyder Ware. She claimed that he had been drunk, cursed her vehemently and pushed her out of the house. She had apparently rented the house for some time before she met her husband and all the possessions in the house belonged to her. Hyder Ware did not attend court in response to the summons taken out by his wife. He was arrested and taken to prison, He was released on the basis of a surety of £20 that he was required to put forward, plus two additional sureties of £10 each; these were provided by Henry Vincent, a fishmonger, and George Frederick Coles, a publican, who also appear to have jointly paid the costs of the case.	1883/166
Vowles	Joseph	Ware	Frederick	31	10	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Frederick Ware with being drunk and disorderly. Ware pleaded guilty and was fined £1 with costs of 4/6d.	1883/167
Beesley	William Henry	House	Samuel	01	11	1883	Refusal to work	Rw	William Henry Beesley was the master of Wells Union workhouse. He complained that Samuel House had refused to work on breaking up the stone heap and used such bad language that they had to send away a young boy, William Sperring, who had been detailed to work with him. House claimed that he had refused to do the work because he was physically incapable of carrying it out. Both charges against House were dismissed.	1883/168
Card	William	Coles	George Frederick	03	11	1883	Assault	A	William Card, a corporal in 2nd Grenadier Guards, complained that George Frederick Coles, the licensee of The King's Head, had assaulted him. Card claimed that there had been some disagreement over a broken beer glass for which he had paid and Coles then raised the issue of a breakage that had taken place some 2 years before. Matters became heated and Card was asked to leave. The case against Coles was dismissed (see also case 1883/172).	1883/169

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Bale	Walter Henry	Allen	Charles	05	11	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale charged Charles Allen of Tor Street with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. Allen was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1883/170
Police		Palmer Thomas	Thomas George	05	11	1883	Begging	V	Thomas Palmer and George Thomas were charged with begging on the public highway. Both pleaded guilty and were sentenced to prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1883/171
Coles	George Frederick	Card	William	05	11	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	George Frederick Coles, the licensee of The King's Head, complained that William Card had become disorderly on his premises by cursing Coles' wife and refused to leave when requested to do so. Card of Draycott, a corporal in the 2nd Grenadier Guards, did eventually leave after further disagreement with Coles and then vented his anger with Coles in the street. Card was fined 1/- with costs of 15/-; these costs appear to have been paid by his commanding officer and the military requested a copy of Card's conviction which was supplied on 12 November.	1883/172
Redwood	Charles	Richards	Thomas	05	11	1883	Drunkness	D	PC Redwood found Thomas Richards to be drunk and incapable in New Street. He was locked up and released the next day. Richards was found guilty and required to pay a fine of 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1883/173
Vowles	Joseph	Weston	John	05	11	1883	Indecent exposure	le	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Weston of Little Elm with indecent exposure. Weston was found guilty and required to pay a fine of 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1883/174
Vowles	Joseph	Morgan	John	05	11	1883	Drunkness	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Morgan with being drunk in the Market Place. Morgan was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1883/175
Richards	Walter	Young	Ann	05	11	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards accused Ann Young of Shutters Bottom of being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. Young pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1883/176
Bale	Walter	Ball	John	05	11	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale charged John Ball with being drunk and disorderly. Ball was found guilty and fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1883/177
Bale	Walter Henry	Hanney	Edward	05	11	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bale charged Edward Hanney of Southover with being drunk and disorderly. Hanney was found guilty and fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1883/178

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Bale	Walter	Godfrey	Henry	05	11	1883	Furious driving	Rd	PC Bale charged Henry Godfrey, a bus driver, with driving his bus, pulled by two horses, along High Street at a furious pace, endangering pedestrians and other road users. Godfrey was fined 2/6d with costs of 5/-.	1883/179
Serel	Edward A	Various		05	11	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Notes on the hearings against parents who were charged with failing to send their children to school sufficiently frequently. The notes are undated but appear to relate to November 1883. There are some differences in outcome between these notes and the petty sessions hearing of 12 November.	1883/180
Serel	Edward A	Francis	Robert	05	11	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that Robert Francis of Southover had not ensured that his son, George, aged 9, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, reported that George Francis had made 20 attendances over a recent period in which the school was open on 40 occasions. Robert Francis appears to have been fined 5/-.	1883/180a
Serel	Edward A	Bowell	Sydenham	05	11	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that Sydenham Bowell of Southover had not ensured that his son, Albert, aged 11, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that Albert Bowell had made 31 attendances over a recent period in which the school was open on 40 occasions. Sydenham Bowell appears to have been fined 5/-.	1883/180b
Serel	Edward A	Hatcher	Alfred	05	11	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that Alfred Hatcher of Southover had not ensured that his daughter, Emily, aged 11, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. L C Turner, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, reported that Emily Hatcher had made 29 attendances over a recent period in which the school was open on 40 occasions. Alfred Hatcher appears to have been fined 5/-.	1883/180c

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Serel	Edward A	Francis	William	05	11	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that William Francis of Mill Lane had not ensured that his daughter, Annie, aged 12, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Annie Francis had reportedly missed school on at least 14 occasions in the most recent period. William Francis appears to have been fined 5/-. There is no summons for this case, only the entry in Serel's summary list.	1883/180d
Serel	Edward A	Price	James	05	11	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that James Price of St Thomas Street had not ensured that his daughter, Ellen, aged 12, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Sarah Ann Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Ellen Price had made 34 attendances over a recent period in which the school was open on 45 occasions. James Price appears to have been fined 5/-.	1883/180e
Serel	Edward A	Turner	James	05	11	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that James Turner of St Thomas Street had not ensured that his daughter, Florence, aged 10, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Sarah Ann Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Florence Turner had made 34 attendances over a recent period in which the school was open on 45 occasions. James Turner appears to have been fined 5/-.	1883/180f
Serel	Edward A	Price	Thomas	05	11	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that Thomas Price of St Thomas Street had not ensured that his daughter, Elizabeth, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Serel's complaint against Price seems to have been a wider one of habitual neglect. Thomas Price appears to have been fined 5/-.	1883/180g

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Bendall	William Newport	Hopkins	Robert	07	11	1883	Non-payment of water rate	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, claimed that Robert Hopkins of Southover had failed to pay the sum of 5/- that was due on midsummer day 1883 for the supply of water. The entry on the petty sessions list of 12 November indicates that distress proceedings were initiated, but a separate entry on the same line appears to show the case as settled.	1883/181
Bendall	William Newport	Parfitt	John	07	11	1883	Non-payment of water rate	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, claimed that John Parfitt had failed to pay the sum of 5/- that was due on midsummer day 1883 for the supply of water. Parfitt appears to have been allowed a week in which to pay and there appears to be an entry indicating that 12/6d was paid.	1883/182
Collins	Frederick	Toomer	John Henry	08	11	1883	Assault	A	Frederick Collins, a mason living at No 2 Back Lane, claimed that John Henry Toomer, a solicitor's clerk, had assaulted Thomas Collins, a child and the son of the complainant. The case was settled out of court.	1883/183
Richards	Walter	Taylor	Edward	08	11	1883	Throwing missiles	H	PC Richards charged Edward Taylor with throwing a missile into a crowd attending a Salvation Army procession. Richards was unable to be specific about the nature of the missile but claimed that it narrowly missed his face before knocking off the hat of James White. Thomas Standard and Samuel Clothier, both masons, supported Richards' testimony, but Lionel Lewis, an ironmonger, and Samuel Harris, a driver living in Bath, both claimed that Taylor did not throw a missile. The case was initially adjourned but then appears to have been heard in December 1883. Taylor appears to have been fined 5/- with total costs of £1.8s.2d.	1883/184

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Vowles	Joseph	Plaster	John	09	11	1883	Drunk on licensed premises	D	Police Serjeant Vowles charged John Plaster of Chilcote near Wells with being drunk on licensed premises, namely The New Inn in St Thomas Street run by James Smith. Vowles had found Plaster in the Tap Room in a drunken sleep with a full glass of cider in front of him. Plaster was found guilty and fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1883/185
Vowles	Joseph	Smith	James	09	11	1883	Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises	L	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Smith, the licensee of The New Inn in St Thomas Street, with permitting drunkenness on his premises (see case 1883/185). Smith's daughter, aged about 13, said that she had supplied Plaster with the cider that Vowles had found on the table. Smith himself had been absent because he was attending to his wife who was ill. Smith was fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d.	1883/186
Collins	Edwin			09	11	1883	Licence transfer application	La	Edwin Collins, the licensee of The Angel Inn, applied to the magistrates to transfer the licence to Isabella Collins.	1883/187
Vowles	Joseph	Lee	William	12	11	1883	Failure to report to police	Nr	Police Serjeant Vowles charged William Lee, an inmate of Wells Union since late July, with not reporting his presence to the police in Wells, an action which he was obliged to take as the holder of a convict's licence for previous offences. Lee admitted that he should have reported to the police but claimed that he had been ill.	1883/188
Justices		Various		12	11	1883	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes from petty sessions court of 12 November 1883. Details specific to individual cases are shown as part of the notes for the cases affected.	1883/189
Allwood	Mrs	Turner	Robert	26	11	1883	Wilful damage	Wd	Mrs Allwood claimed that Robert Turner had wilfully broken two cups belonging to her with a value of 6d. However, as she was ill, she was unable to attend the hearing and chose not to press the charges against Turner who was discharged.	1883/190

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Police		Turner	Robert	27	11	1883	Drunkenness Vagrancy	D V	Robert Turner was found to be begging in High Street, attempting to obtain a lodging for the night. He apparently contemplated committing a felony in order to be locked up for the night but was dissuaded from doing so. He was eventually arrested by the police for drunkenness.	1883/191
Mills	Arthur	Hatcher	Alfred	29	11	1883	Assault	A	Arthur Mills, a stone cutter living at No 2 Market Street, complained that he had been assaulted by Alfred Hatcher of Southover. Mills claimed that he had been walking in the Salvation Army procession up St Cuthbert Street with Hatcher behind him. Mills asserted that Hatcher kept deliberately kicking his heels and, when he turned around to complain, Hatcher struck him in the face with his fist. The case was settled without a hearing.	1883/192
Vowles	Joseph	Allen	Emma	03	12	1883	Theft of a purse	T	Police Serjeant Vowles charged Emma Allen, a married woman, with stealing a purse belonging to Annie Davis, wife of Edward George Davis, cabinet maker. Annie Davis had gone to George's shop to buy a paper, had taken out her purse, put it on the paper and waited for George to serve her. Allen had come into the shop with a small child, bought an item and went out. Davis then discovered that her purse was missing. Police Serjeant Vowles and Annie Davis went to Emma Allen's house where, eventually, Allen admitted the theft and confessed to burning the purse and the pawn tickets that it contained. Allen returned the money but was still prosecuted at Davis' insistence, being fined 5/- with costs totalling £1.	1883/193



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Chamberlain	Maud	Williams	Charles	04	12	1883	Indecent assault	Sa	Maud Chamberlain, the wife of Frederick Chamberlain, a barber in Union Street, complained that Charles Williams, late of Southampton, had committed an indecent assault on her. Williams had apparently come to Chamberlain's shop in the evening when her husband was out and persuaded her to open the door which she had locked. Once inside, he began by asking her to shave him and then moved on to suggest that she had sex with him. He assaulted her physically, but when she resisted, he seemed to give up, but when he produced a monkey from his jacket, she panicked and rushed to the back of the house where she fell down. Williams helped her up and then left the house. Under cross-examination Maud Chamberlain admitted that she had been married for less than a week, that she had a previous conviction for the theft of a ring from an employer and that she had had sexual relations with other men. The case against Williams was dismissed with Chamberlain incurring costs of 8/-.	1883/194
Beesley	William Henry	Loxton	Emily	05	12	1883	Assault	A	William Henry Beesley was master of Wells Union workhouse. He complained that Emily Loxton, an inmate, had been late in answering the morning bells for prayers and breakfast, had refused to obey his orders to go to the lock-up when instructed and had kicked him in the shins. Loxton claimed that she was late because she had to look after her child in the nursery since there was no-one there and that Beesley had manhandled her. Beesley's testimony was supported by Charles Blizzard, the porter. Loxton was given 3 days in prison with hard labour.	1883/195

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Redwood	Charles	Hopkins	William	06	12	1883	Furious driving	Rd	PC Redwood saw William Hopkins, a labourer living in Southover, driving a pony and cart at a furious rate down High Street, endangering pedestrians and other road users. Redwood followed Hopkins into Southover and found him parked in front of his own house. Hopkins pleaded not guilty and claimed that he was trying to keep the pony back. On the summons the forename of the defendant is changed from William to James in the heading but not elsewhere. Hopkins was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- or, if in default, to spend 7 days in prison.	1883/196
Redwood	Charles	Hole	Joseph	06	12	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Joseph Hole of Southover with being drunk and disorderly in Queen Street. Hole pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-. Hole appears not to have paid and was sent to gaol.	1883/197
Osborn	Henry Edmond	Garland	William	06	12	1883	Cruelty to a cow	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, an officer of the RSPCA, claimed that William Garland, a labourer from Godney, was seen to be cruelly beating a cow. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 9/- remitted.	1883/198
Redwood	Charles	Puddy	John	06	12	1883	Drunkenness	D	PC Redwood saw John Puddy in the Market Place distinctly the worse for drink. He ascertained that Puddy from Wedmore was in charge of a horse and trap and intended to drive home that evening. Redwood charged Puddy with being drunk in the Market Place. Puddy was fined 10/- plus costs.	1883/199

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Redwood	Charles	Puddy	John	06	12	1883	Assault on police officer	A	Having determined that JOhn Puddy was drunk (see case 1883/199) PC Redwood refused to allow him to drive the horse and trap to Wedmore. Puddy got into the trap and attempted to drive off but PC Redwood held the horse's head in order to prevent him doing so. At this point Puddy slashed Redwood across the hand with his whip. He was then detained and taken to the police station. Puddy was fined £1 plus costs; the total costs over the two cases came to £1 making total payment required of £2.10s.0d.	1883/200
Police		Moore	Ann	06	12	1883	Drunk & disorderly	D	Ann Moore, wife of Albert Moore, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in a public street. She did not appear at the hearing on 10 December.	1883/201
Collins	Isabella	Francis	Elizabeth	07	12	1883	Wilful damage	Wd	Isabella Collins, the licensee of The Angel Inn, complained that Elizabeth Francis had deliberately broken a cup with a value of 7d. George Pearce stated that he had seen Elizabeth Francis come into the inn, pick up a cup and deliberately throw it at her husband; the cup shattered to pieces. Francis was fined 5/- with total costs and damages of a further 5/-. She did not pay and was sent to gaol.	1883/202
Richards	Walter	Allen	James	08	12	1883	Drunk in charge of horse and cart	Rd	PC Richards charged James Allen with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart which was seen proceeding down Sadler Street and High Street. Allen was fined 2/6d with costs of 3/6d.	1883/203
Justices		Various		10	12	1883	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes from petty sessions court of 10 December 1883. Details specific to individual cases are shown as part of the notes for the cases affected.	1883/204

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Vowles	Joseph	Parfitt	James	21	12	1883	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	Police Serjeant Vowles charged James Parfitt with obtaining money by false pretences. Parfitt was using a petition to solicit money from people, claiming that he had lost a valuable horse worth more than £500 which had either been shot or poisoned. Those giving money included Nicholas Berriman Downing, a paper maker from Wookey, and the wife of Revd. Samuel Shrimpton, Wesleyan minister. Parfitt was found guilty and sentenced to 3 calendar months in prison.	1883/205
Hanney	George	Guppy Simmons	Emily Ann	24	12	1883	Theft of purse	T	George Hanney, a labourer living in St Thomas Street, had been drinking in The Golden Hart in St John Street. He had got into conversation with Emily Guppy and Ann Simmons and had bought them drinks. They invited him to their lodgings at Mrs Ball's in St John Street, once their landlady had gone out. Hanney had checked his purse before leaving the inn and claimed there was 17/6d in it. In the lodging house he undressed and got into bed with Simmons, having put his purse in his trousers near the bed. Very soon afterwards Ball, the landlord, came in and ordered Hanney to get out, but he was unable to find his purse. He called the police and when the purse was found, it was empty. Guppy and Simmons both denied the theft of the money and pleaded not guilty. However, Simmons then claimed that she had seen Guppy steal and hide the cash. Both were convicted and sent to prison for one calendar month with hard labour.	1883/206
Redwood	Charles	Jackson	John	31	12	1883	Begging on the highway	V	PC Redwood found John Jackson begging on the highway. Jackson pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 21 days in prison.	1883/207

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Richards	Walter	Taylor	Edwin	31	12	1883	Sureties for the peace	Su	PC Richards claimed that Edwin Taylor had threatened to shoot him within the week. The incident occurred when Taylor was returning to his lodgings with Mrs Loxton in Broad Street when he was the worse for drink. Richards' testimony was supported by Mrs Sarah Thomas, the sister of Mrs Loxton. Taylor was fined 5/- with costs of 6/-. He was also required to put forward sureties of £20 on his own account and obtain sureties of £10 each from Joseph Shepherd, a tailor, and William Henry Brown of South Street.	1883/208
Serel	Edward A	Various		31	12	1883	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, reported that there were no special cases of non-attendance to bring to the attention of the Committee. However, he also noted that he had been unable to see the attendance books for the Central Girls' School or the Central Infants School since the teachers had not marked them up before they left for the Christmas holidays.	1883/209

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Brown	Charles	Body	William	06	02	1884	Insanitary condition of dwelling houses	E	Charles Brown, inspector of nuisances, complained that William Body of Huntspill had failed to carry out previous orders to improve the sanitation of the cottages in Market Street occupied by the Moores and the Tuttons. Body was ordered to bring the sanitation of the cottages up to the required standard and was fined 5/- with costs of 9/8d. The case documentation initially shows the defendant to be William Drew, but the name is later struck out and replaced by William Body in some of the documents.	1884/001

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Brown	Charles	Lane	Charles	06	02	1884	Insanitary condition of dwelling houses	E	Charles Brown, inspector of nuisances, complained that properties in St Thomas Street in the occupation of Charles Lane and others were in such an insanitary condition as to be injurious to health. Lane was given one month to bring the properties up to an acceptable standard for human habitation.	1884/002
Rogers	Henry James	Baker	J?	29	02	1884	Wilful damage	Wd	Henry James Rogers, landlord of The Crown Inn, complained that Baker, who lived next door to his premises and had a right of access into the yard of The Crown Inn, had deliberately smashed a lock on one of the gates. Note: the documents relating to this case are very badly damaged and extremely fragile. The information above is a best attempt to glean facts about the case without damaging the documents further, so there is some uncertainty about the nature of the complaint and the circumstances surrounding it. The date assigned to the case so that records can be sorted is unlikely to be absolutely correct but it does appear that the incident took place in February 1884	1884/002a
Hawkins	Harriet	Swain	Albert	11	03	1884	Bastardy	B	Harriet Hawkins, a single woman of South Street, claimed that she had had a bastard child delivered in October 1883. She named the father as Albert Swain, formerly of Wells, and asked that he be summoned to attend a hearing regarding this matter.	1884/003

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Plenty	Stephen	Raines Raines	Charles Maria	03	04	1884	Dangerous dog	Dd	Stephen Plenty, a labourer of St Thomas Street, claimed that his son Alfred, aged 6, had been badly bitten on the hand by a collie dog belonging to Charles Raines and his wife, Maria Raines who lived near The Fountain Inn. He asserted that the dog was dangerous and not kept under proper control. Testimony that the dog had jumped at the child and knocked him over was provided by Laura George, a single woman of East Wells, and Ann Gillet, wife of George Gillet of Cocks Court. Testimony from the boy himself suggested that he had a piece of cake in his hand and it may have been the cake that the dog was trying to get when it bit the boy. The case was dismissed for want of evidence.	1884/004
Vowles	Joseph	Pulman	Robert	09	04	1884	Lunacy	Lu	Police serjeant Vowles found Robert Pulman wandering around the Town Hall. He had the man examined by Dr Fairbanks who diagnosed him as suffering from lunacy. Pulman's son, William, declined to take charge of his father, and it was determined that Pulman should be committed to the lunatic asylum.	1884/004a
Brown	Charles	Body	William	16	04	1884	Insanitary condition of dwelling houses	E	See case 1884/001. William Body did not appear to answer the charge on 6 February and no work seems to have been done to improve the sanitation of the properties in Market Street. The fine of 5/- with costs of 9/8d seems to be reiterated - having evidently not been paid - with the document first being dated 10 March and then 16 April.	1884/005

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Redwood	Charles	Andrews	John	22	04	1884	Drunk & disorderly Assault on police officer	D A	PC Redwood received instructions to watch John Andrews as it was thought that he might be causing trouble. PC Woolley had seen Andrews earlier in the day and stated that the defendant was clearly intoxicated. PC Redwood, in plain clothes, saw Andrews turned away from a Salvation Army barracks and begin shouting and swearing in the street. When he approached Andrews and confronted him, Andrews became very abusive and then struck Redwood with his fist. Andrews was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour for being drunk and disorderly and a further 14 days with hard labour for assaulting a police officer.	1884/006
Brown	Charles	Oxley	Joseph Clarke	30	04	1884	Insanitary condition of dwelling houses	E	Charles Brown, inspector of nuisances, complained that Joseph Clarke Oxley of Vicars Close was responsible for the dwelling house at No 4 Market Place which was in such an insanitary condition as to be injurious to health. The case was adjourned until the next sitting of the petty sessions court when it was adjourned again. Eventually, costs of 6/6d were awarded against Oxley - presumably with an order to take action.	1884/007
Justices		Various		12	05	1884	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of petty sessions sitting of 12 May. Details relevant to individual cases are shown in the entries for the cases affected. Cases involving the following defendants do not have separate case documentation: Silas Walters, Charles Hill, John Baker, Thomas Scott alias Isgrove, Caroline Scott, Frederick Chamberlain, George Haskins, Thomas Palmer and Ann Cox.	1884/008



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Lane	Mary	Allen	Henry	17	05	1884	Assault	A	Mary Lane, a married woman, complained that she had been assaulted by Henry Allen, a painter. Apparently, Emily Allen, a single woman and her next door neighbour in Tor Street, had come in to complain that she had been beaten by her brother Charles. She was still in the Lane household when Henry Allen came to the door and threatened Mary Lane with violence if she didn't let Emily come home immediately. He then pulled Mary Lane off the doorstep and into the street, at which point Henry Lane, Mary's husband, came to the door and Allen supposedly attacked him. In addition to Emily Allen, Mary Lane also called John Barnard and Mrs Francis, both of Tor Street, as witnesses on her behalf. Allen pleaded not guilty but was fined 5/- with costs of 10/6d.	1884/009
Lane	Henry	Allen Allen Allen	William Charles Henry	17	05	1884	Assault	A	As a consequence of case 1884/009 Henry Lane, an upholsterer from Tor Street, claimed that he had been assaulted by William Allen, Charles Allen and Henry Allen, all described as painters. The defendants were fined a total of £1.10s.6d with costs adding a further £1.13s.0d.	1884/010
Lane	Mary	Allen	William	17	05	1884	Obscene language	Pr	Mary Lane claimed that William Allen, a painter living in Tor Street, had used obscene language in that same street when throwing insults at her. The case was withdrawn and the costs remitted.	1884/011
Allen	Henry	Lane	Henry	17	05	1884	Assault	A	See case 1884/010. Henry Allen, a painter living at No 7 Tor Street, complained that he had been assaulted by Henry Lane, an upholsterer and his next door neighbour in Tor Street. Allen claimed that Lane had come out of his house, grabbed him by the throat and struck him, after which there had been a struggle with the Lanes until Allen's father, William, came out and ended the row. The case was dismissed with costs of 7/6d.	1884/012

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Allen	Charles	Lane	Henry	17	05	1884	Assault	A	Charles Allen, a painter living at No 7 Tor Street, claimed that he had been assaulted by Henry Lane. See also case 1884/010. Charles Allen's case was dismissed with costs awarded against Allen of 7/6d.	1884/013
Murrow	James	Wickham	Joseph	20	05	1884	Assault	A	James Murrow, a cabinet maker of St Thomas Street, claimed that he had been assaulted by Joseph Wickham of also St Thomas Street. Murrow asserted that Wickham came up to him where he was working and, without a word, shoved both fists in his face and threatened to knock his block off. It appears that Emma Wickham, wife of Charles Wickham, also of St Thomas Street, may have appeared for the defence. Wickham seems to have been liable for costs of 7/6d. See also cases 1884/015 and 1884/021 where the same two parties were involved.	1884/014
Murrow	James	Wickham	Joseph	20	05	1884	Obscene language	Pr	In addition to the charge of assault (see case 1884/014), James Murrow also accused Joseph Wickham of using obscene language in a public courtyard. Wickham seems to have incurred costs of 8/6d.	1884/015
Cox Crosse	Robert Wingfield Edward Algernon			22	05	1884	Licence transfer application	La	Robert Wingfield Cox and Edward Algernon Crosse, licensees of two premises, one in the Market Place and the other in High Street, applied to the magistrates to transfer both licences to Edward Algernon Crosse and Lionel Crosse with effect from 9 June 1884.	1884/016
Osborn	Henry Edmond	Collard	Henry	26	05	1884	Cruelty to a cow	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, an officer of the RSPCA, complained that Henry Collard, a cattle dealer from Temple Coombe, had ill-treated a cow by allowing it to become grossly overstocked with milk resulting in a distended, hard and sore udder. Collard was fined £1 with costs, including veterinary fees, of £1.6s.0d.	1884/017

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Russ	Samuel Perren	Dingle	William	27	05	1884	Desertion of wife	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ complained that William Dingle had made his wife, Mary, aged 66, chargeable to the parish with effect from January 1884 by deserting her for another woman, a baker. Mary Dingle was incapable of supporting herself and would therefore continue to be dependent on the support of the parish. Russ applied for William Dingle to be required to pay some of the costs for his wife's support. The case was dismissed as the defendant was shown to have no means to fund such support.	1884/018
Osborn	Henry Edmond	Larder	Joseph	29	05	1884	Cruelty to a cow	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, an officer of the RSPCA, complained that Joseph Larder, a farmer from Wedmore, had been ill-treating a cow by allowing it to become grossly overstocked with milk, resulting in a hugely distended udder. Larder was fined £1 with costs, including veterinary fees, of £1.1s.6d.	1884/019
Redwood	Charles	Francis Francis	Robert Harriet	30	05	1884	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Redwood encountered Robert Francis and Harriet Francis, his wife, in Broad Street outside The Angel Inn. They were shouting and swearing at each other using obscene language. Redwood tried to persuade them to go home, whereupon Harriet Francis cursed him roundly and refused to follow his instruction. Each was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- for Robert Francis and 9/- for Harriet Francis. If they defaulted on payment they would serve 14 days in prison, but they were allowed one week within which to pay.	1884/020
Wickham	Joseph	Murrow	James	31	05	1884	Defamation	Df	Joseph Wickham, a lime merchant living in St Thomas Street, complained that James Murrow, also of St Thomas Street, was spreading aggravated defamatory information about Wickham's wife, Ellen, namely that she had had illegitimate children and got rid of them, and had immoral relationships with students. Wickham requested that Murrow be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct. Murrow denied that he had made such accusations. The case appears to have been dismissed with Wickham made responsible for the costs of 8/6d.	1884/021

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Vowles	Joseph	Puddy	George	03	06	1884	Illegal livestock movement	Lm	Police Serjeant Vowles charged George Puddy, a farmer living at Blackford near Wedmore, with moving 44 pigs into the district without obtaining the necessary movement licence required by law. Puddy pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1884/022
Redwood	Charles	Mogford	Thomas	04	06	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood saw a clearly drunken Thomas Mogford, a resident of Southover, going into The Hearts of Oak. He advised the landlord not to serve Mogford any drink. Soon after, Mogford reappeared on the pavement in High Street shouting abuse at the landlord at the top of his voice for refusing to serve him any drink. PC Redwood charged Mogford with being drunk and disorderly. Mogford was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1884/023
Police		Harris	William	06	06	1884	Drunkenness	D	William Harris, a tramp, was charged with being drunk in a public street. Harris pleaded guilty and was discharged with a caution.	1884/024
Police		Batt	William	06	06	1884	Drunkenness	D	William Batt, a tramp, was charged with being drunk in a public street. Batt pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 3/6d with an alternative of 7 days in gaol. Batt went to gaol for 7 days.	1884/025
Richards	Walter	Woolley	Mary	06	06	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards found Mary Woolley of Southover to be drunk in Queen Street. She was abusive and using obscene language. She was charged with being drunk and disorderly and fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or, if in default, to serve 14 days in prison. The defendant did not appear at the hearing so the case seems to have been dealt with in July.	1884/026
Police		James	William	18	06	1884	Drunkenness	D	William James of Hayden was charged with being drunk on Cathedral Green. He was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in prison. The sums outstanding were paid but not until 30 June.	1884/027

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Summers	Annie Angelina	Chapman	Frederick	23	06	1884	Bastardy	B	Annie Angelina Summers, daughter of John and Angelina Summers, who ran The Rose & Crown in St John Street, claimed that Frederick Chapman, a coal merchant and son of Herbert Chapman, was the father of her illegitimate child. She asserted that they had been going out together since 1882 and that they had had sex on several occasions around the time that the child was conceived. In addition to her parents, she had witness support from Mary Ann Smith, wife of George Smith, a gardener living in St John Street, Sarah Ball, wife of Charles Ball, and Adelaide Woodland, a single woman. Chapman denied that he was the father and called Oliver Gooding, a shoemaker from South Street, as his witness. Judgement was awarded against Chapman who was ordered to pay 2/6d a week to support the child until the age of 13 and also 19/- for the costs involved in processing the bastardy claim. Chapman gave notice that he would appeal the judgement at the Quarter Sessions in October 1884 and he and his father, Herbert, were required to put forward sureties of £20 each to ensure that he met the conditions imposed upon him regarding maintenance payments.	1884/028
Summers	John			23	06	1884	Licence transfer application	La	John Summers, the licensee of The Rose & Crown in St John Street, applied to transfer the licence for the retail sale of beer to Edward George Harris of Burnham, a house decorator, the transfer to be effective from 11 August.	1884/029
Parsons	George			01	07	1884	Licence extension application	La	George Parsons, the licensee of The Nag's Head Inn, applied for a one-hour licence extension to accommodate a special dinner that took place every 5 years. The application was refused.	1884/030
Bennett	Mr			01	07	1884	Licence transfer application	La	Mr Bennett applied for a temporary transfer of the licence for The White Hart Inn to be effective from 1 July. The application was granted.	1884/031

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Crosse	Edward Algernon	Allen	Henry	02	07	1884	Drunkenness Begging in the street	D V	Edward Algernon Crosse, a wine and spirits merchant, had encountered Henry Allen, a man from Bristol, in the evening when he saw that Allen was intoxicated and begging in the street. He saw Allen again the following day in Sadler Street where he was again begging, trying first to persuade Crosse to buy a book from him and then appealing for alms with a sob story about his 3 children. Allen had also been begging in The Angel Inn. Allen was fined 10/- with costs of 4/6d for drunkenness with a 14-day prison sentence for default, while two charges of begging were dropped.	1884/032
Taylor	Matilda	Sealey	Walter	02	07	1884	Assault	A	Matilda Taylor, a widow living in St Thomas Street, complained that she had been assaulted by Walter Sealey, her next door neighbour. About 10.00 in the evening she had heard a commotion outside and found Sealey and his wife tussling together. Taylor told Sealey that he should not be treating a woman in this way. Sealey then put his fists in her face, called her an old witch and said he would nail a horseshoe to his door to prevent her coming in. Sealey was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or, if in default, to spend 14 days in prison.	1884/033
Woodburn	Frederick William	Oxley	Elizabeth	04	07	1884	Dangerous dog	Dd	Frederick Woodburn, a publican, complained that Elizabeth Oxley of St Thomas Street was the owner of a dangerous dog that was not kept under proper control. Woodburn's son, Frank, had been with some other boys looking in the window of Miss Oxley's shop when Oxley's dog ran out and bit him on the leg. The bite required treatment from Dr Livett. According to PC Walter Richards and PC Charles Redwood, there had been several complaints about the dog, not helped by the fact that the dog was usually loose. The magistrates ordered the dog to be destroyed.	1884/034

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Maggs	Thomas	Speed	Ann	07	07	1884	Causing a road accident	Rd	Thomas Maggs, a coal haulier, was leading his pony and cart en route from Priddy to Wells and was on the left-hand side of the road when he was knocked down by the horse and cart driven by Ann Speed of Priddy which he claimed was on the wrong side of the road and travelling too fast. He claimed that the wheel of her cart ran over his back. He was helped by his wife who had been walking along the path on the right-hand side of the road, and by Frances Heale, wife of George Heale, a labourer from Priddy. Frances Heale confirmed Maggs' version of events. Ann Speed blamed Maggs for the accident and claimed that he had been in the middle of the road. Ann Speed was fined 2/- with costs of 16/6d.	1884/035
Police		Grant	John	08	07	1884	Drunk on licensed premises	D	John Grant of Exeter was charged with being drunk on the licensed premises of William Weston. Grant was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in gaol. As Grant appeared to have no goods, he was sent to prison.	1884/036
Redwood	Charles	Paul	James	10	07	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged James Paul with being drunk and disorderly in Tor Street. He had seen a crowd of boys had gathered and went to investigate what was happening. He found an intoxicated Paul shouting loudly and behaving in a disorderly manner. Paul claimed that he was upset because a pail of water had been thrown over him. Paul was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d or, if in default, to serve 14 days in prison. Paul went to gaol.	1884/037
Clarke	George			14	07	1884	Licence transfer application	La	George Clarke applied to the justices to transfer the licence for The White Hart to William J Bennett, an auctioneer, with effect from 11 August. The application was granted. See also case 1884/031 dated 1 July 1884.	1884/038
Justices		Various		14	07	1884	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of petty sessions sitting on 14 July. Information relevant to specific cases is included with those cases.	1884/039

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Trimm	Mary Ann	Hembury	Hester	22	07	1884	Assault	A	Mary Ann Trimm, a single woman living in Southover, claimed that she had been assaulted by Hester Hembury, a single woman living in Mill Pond Lane. Neither party appeared at the hearing so the case was struck out.	1884/040
Redwood	Charles	Lane	Augustus	28	07	1884	Assault on police constable	A	PC Redwood heard a disturbance in St Thomas Street and found that a large crowd had gathered. He requested that they disperse and gave them some time to do so. However, a young man called Hippisley, fuelled by drink, became abusive and, despite being allowed some time to cool down and go home, he became more abusive. PC Redwood then arrested him and was proposing to take him into custody when Augustus Lane, who had clearly been drinking and had previously been very confrontational to the police officer, ran up and struck Redwood in the head, knocking him down. Lane then assumed a fighting pose, challenging Redwood to get up and take him on. James Smith, landlord of The New Inn, caught Lane and held him until Redwood had got up and was able to take Lane, resisting fiercely, back to the police station. Lane was fined £5, including costs, or, if in default, to serve 2 calendar months in prison.	1884/041
Redwood	Charles	Moore	Harriet	29	07	1884	Drunkenness	D	PC Redwood encountered Harriet Moore, a tramp, in the Market Place. She was drunk and asked to stay in the police station overnight. Police Serjeant Vowles and PC Redwood sent her away but soon afterwards Redwood found her under the Town Hall. Moore was charged with drunkenness and locked up for the night.	1884/042



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Serel	Edward A	[Various]		01	08	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, reported on those parents who had failed to ensure that their child attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. The individual cases are dealt with separately below. Note: Serel's list shows an entry for Henry Williams, son of James Williams of St Thomas Street, but there is no summons in respect of this child, but only for Williams' daughter, Amy. Note: the letter from Serel is actually dated 28 July, but all the summons to the parents are dated 1 August, so in order to keep the documents together, the date on the letter has been modified in this file record (but not on the document itself).	1884/043
Serel	Edward A	Binsham	Edward	01	08	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel noted that Edward Binsham of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his son, Frederick, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that Frederick Binsham, aged 11 and who had reached standard II, had made no attendances over the most recent period when the school had been open on 39 occasions. Edward Binsham was fined 5/-.	1884/043a
Serel	Edward A	Williams	James	01	08	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel noted that James Williams of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Amy, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. S A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Amy Williams, aged 10 and who had reached standard II, had made 31 attendances over the most recent period when the school had been open on 43 occasions. Amy's mother appeared at the hearing and was cautioned since this was the first occasion on which the family had been summoned on this charge.	1884/043b

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Serel	Edward A	Ball	Frederick	01	08	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel noted that Frederick Ball of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Rosa, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. S A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Rosa Ball, aged 12 and who had reached standard I, had made 18 attendances over the most recent period when the school had been open on 43 occasions. Frederick Ball did not appear at the hearing and was fined 5/-.	1884/043c
Serel	Edward A	Price	Thomas	01	08	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel noted that Thomas Price of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Eizabeth, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. S A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Elizabeth Price, aged 12 and who had reached standard 0, had made 22 attendances over the most recent period when the school had been open on 43 occasions. Thomas Price did not appear at the hearing and was fined 5/-.	1884/043d
Serel	Edward A	Snook	John	01	08	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel noted that John Snook of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his son, William, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that William Snook, aged 9 and who had reached standard III, had made 23 attendances over the most recent period when the school had been open on 39 occasions. John Snook's wife appeared at the hearing and the case was dismissed.	1884/043e
Serel	Edward A	Walters	Silas	01	08	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel noted that Silas Walters of South Street had failed to ensure that his son, William, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that William Walters, aged 12, had made no attendances over the most recent period when the school had been open on 39 occasions. Silas Walters was fined 5/-.	1884/043f

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Serel	Edward A	Bowell	Sydenham	01	08	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel noted that Sydenham Bowell of Southover had failed to ensure that his son, Albert, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that Albert Bowell, aged 12 and who had reached standard II, had made no attendances over the most recent period when the school had been open on 39 occasions. Sydenham Bowell was fined 1/-.	1884/043g
Redwood	Charles	Hippisley	William	01	08	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood had been called to a disturbance in St Thomas Street (see case 1884/041). In dealing with the crowd that had gathered Redwood was given some abuse by a young man called Hippisley who, according to Redwood, was drunk and disorderly. Hippisley pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-. J.S. Stubbs, the vicar at St Thomas' Church, wrote a character reference to the magistrates indicating that Hippisley was employed at his son's farm and had now vowed not to enter a public house again and to give up drink entirely.	1884/044
Redwood	Charles	Hippisley	Samuel	01	08	1884	Assault on police constable	A	PC Redwood had been called to a disturbance in St Thomas Street (see case 1884/???). In dealing with the crowd that had gathered Redwood claimed that he was assaulted by Samuel Hippisley, the father of William Hippisley (see case 1884/041 and 1884/044). Samuel #Hippisley pleaded guilty to the assault and was fined £1 with costs of 9/-, or, if in default, to serve one calendar month in prison. J. S Stubbs, vicar at St Thomas' Church, wrote a character reference for Hippisley who he had employed as a gardener for the last 6 months (Hippisley had previously worked for Mrs Hodkinson for 14 years and, before that, at Milton Farm).	1884/045

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Knight	James	Bartlett	Mary Ann	07	08	1884	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant Knight charged Mary Ann Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street with cruelty to a horse by working the animal when it was unfit to do so. Mary Ann Bartlett pleaded guilty and was fined £1.4s.6d with other costs of 15/6d, making a total of £2 to be paid.	1884/046
Knight	James	Bartlett	George	07	08	1884	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant Knight charged George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street with cruelty to a horse by working the animal when it was unfit to do so. George Bartlett pleaded guilty and was required to pay costs of 7/6d.	1884/047
Smith	James	Lane	Augustus	07	08	1884	Sureties for the peace	Su	James Smith, the licensee of The New Inn in St Thomas Street, was closing up when a woman came up to ask for beer. Augustus Lane, who was present, asserted that if Smith were to serve her, then he would take out a summons against him for an offence against his licence. Smith sent the woman away and also evicted Lane, at which point Lane issued a number of threats. Smith feared that Lane would cause him bodily injury and requested that Lane be required to provide sureties as to his future conduct. The case against Lane was dismissed with Smith paying the costs of 4/6d.	1884/048
Justices		Various		11	08	1884	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of petty sessions sitting on 11 August. Information relevant to specific cases is included with those cases.	1884/049
Padfield	Edward	Whittle	William	13	08	1884	Non-payment of gas bill	N	Edward Padfield, secretary of the Wells Gas Company, complained that William Whittle, a butcher, had neglected to pay an outstanding gas bill of £1.17s.7d. The case was described as being settled.	1884/050
Stickland	Frederick William	Allen	James	18	08	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Stickland charged James Allen, a plumber of Hayden, with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. Allen was fined 5/- with costs of 10/- or, if in default, to serve 14 days in prison.	1884/051
Richards	Walter	Weare	Thomas	19	08	1884	Obstruction of the highway	O	PC Richards charged Thomas Weare, a butcher, with leaving a horse and cart for an unreasonably long time in a position which obstructed the passage of traffic. Weare was required to pay costs of 5/6d and the case was withdrawn.	1884/052

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Redwood	Charles John	Lovlace Mortimer	William George	19	08	1884	Affray	Af	PC Redwood charged William Lovelace, a shoemaker from Wells, and George Mortimer, a paper maker from Wookey Hole, with causing an affray in Portway. Redwood had seen both men at a political meeting in Wells and had heard Lovelace challenging Mortimer to a fight for £10. He had warned them against proceeding, but some time later had found them scrapping in Portway. He had tried to part them and persuade them to go home; Mortimer was willing to go, but Lovelace was insistent on fighting.	1884/053
Richards	Walter	Dawse	John	21	08	1884	Furious driving	Rd	PC Richards charged John Dawse of East Horrington, a haulier, with driving a horse and cart at a furious rate in Sadler Street, endangering pedestrians and other road users. Dawse pleaded guilty and was required to pay a fine of 1/- and costs of 8/-.	1884/054
Redwood	Charles John	Mapstone	Thomas	21	08	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Thomas Mapstone of St Cuthbert Street with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. Mapstone appears to have been found not guilty and the case was withdrawn, but Mapstone was ordered to pay costs of 6/6d.	1884/055
Barnard	Charles	Charles	William	28	08	1884	Assault	A	Charles Barnard, a butcher, claimed that he had been assaulted by William Charles, another butcher.	1884/056
Osborn	Henry Edmond	Webber	John	04	09	1884	Cruelty to a dog	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, an official of the RSPCA, claimed that John Webber, a photographer resident in High Street, had cruelly ill-treated a dog. He also requested that the following be summoned to provide evidence in support of his case: Frank Woodburn of High Street; James Collins of Southover; Eliza Maul of Mill Lane. Webber seems to have been required to pay fines and costs amounting to £1.19s.6d, the fine being 1/-, the costs 17/6d and the damages payable to Mr Hill £1.1s.0d.	1884/057
Police		Parker	Henry	04	09	1884	Begging in the street	V	Henry Parker was charged with begging in the highway. William Newman of the Wilts & Dorset Bank also complained that Parker had been begging at the bank. Parker pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1884/058

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Justices		Various		08	09	1884	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of petty sessions sitting on 8 September 1884. Details related to individual cases are shown in the entries for the specific cases.	1884/059
Police		Masters	George	12	09	1884	Drunkness	D	George Masters was charged with being drunk and incapable in West Street. Masters pleaded guilty and was dismissed with a caution.	1884/060
Sharp	Jeremiah	Granville	Walter	20	09	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Sharp of Wookey charged Walter Granville, a mason resident in Croscombe, with being drunk and disorderly near the Palace Moat. Granville was ordered to pay 14/-, made up of a fine of 5/- and costs of 9/-.	1884/061
Padfield	Edward	Cardwell	Fanny	20	09	1884	Non-payment of gas bill	N	Edward Padfield, secretary of the Wells Gas Company, complained that Fanny Cardwell of St Thomas Street had neglected to pay an outstanding gas bill of 16/10d for the period between Lady Day and Midsummer. The amount outstanding appears to have been paid in October, together with fine and costs amounting to 8/-.	1884/062
Osborn	Henry Edmond	Bennett	James	27	09	1884	Cruelty to a mare	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, an officer of the RSPCA, complained that James Bennett, a haulier, had been cruelly ill-treating a mare by working the horse when it was clearly unfit. Bennett pleaded guilty and was fined 1d, with costs of 10/- and veterinary fees of 10/6d.	1884/063

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Vile	Emily	Barnard	William	27	09	1884	Assault	A	Emily Vile was the wife of Charles Vile, a chimney sweep living at No 12 South Street. She had gone to Barnard's butcher's shop in High Street and bought some meat for which she paid with a 6d piece, but was only given change for 3d by Mrs Barnard. A dispute arose and William Barnard, the son of Mrs Barnard, became involved. The argument moved to the pavement outside the shop and Barnard supposedly pushed Mrs Vile in the chest which caused her to fall into the road and her little child to be pushed into the gutter. The incident was seen by PC Redwood who intervened and defused the argument. PC Redwood supported the case of Mrs Vile. William Barnard was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1884/064
Brougham	Hon H C	Smalling Hallet Price Harvey Onion	Albert Albert Frank Edward John	27	09	1884	Theft of apples	T	The five defendants were charged with stealing 2 pecks of apples to the value of 1/6d, the property of the Honourable H C Brougham. Albert Smalling lived in St John Street, Albert Hallet in South Street, Frank Price in St Thomas Street and both Edward Harvey and John Onion in Southover. Evidence for the prosecution was provided by William Stokes of South Street.	1884/065

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Serel	Edward A	Various		29	09	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, reported on those parents who had failed to ensure that their child attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Although there were 8 parents on Serel's list, only 3 summons were issued and these are detailed separately. These three were by no means the worst offenders in terms of the number of times that the child was absent from school. Summons were not issued for: James Allen of South Street for his son, Frederick, aged 12, who missed 40 attendances; William Stiles of Town Hall Buildings for his daughter, Kate, aged 12, who missed 40 attendances; William Hobbs of Portway for his daughter, Annie, aged 12, who missed 26 attendances; Silas Walters of South Street for his son, William, aged 12, who missed 40 attendances; and Charles Fry of St Thomas Street for his son, Henry, aged 12, who missed 24 attendances.	1884/066
Serel	Edward A	Packer	George	29	09	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel reported that George Packer of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his son, William, aged 12, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. William was said to have missed 40 attendances in the most recent period. The case against Packer was adjourned for a month in order for Packer to obtain a doctor's certificate in respect of his son.	1884/066a
Serel	Edward A	Ball	Edward	29	09	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel reported that Edward Ball of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his son, Tom, aged 11, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that Tom Ball made 27 attendances over the most recent period when the school was open on 38 occasions. The case against Edward Ball was dismissed.	1884/066b



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Serel	Edward A	Hippisley	Allan	29	09	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel reported that Allan Hippisley of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Mary, aged 10, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. S A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Mary Hippisley had made 29 attendances over the most recent period when the school was open on 39 occasions. The case against Allan Hippisley was dismissed.	1884/066c
Evans	George	Isgrove	James	02	10	1884	Wilful damage	Wd	George Evans claimed that James Isgrove had wilfully broken a dish belonging to him and valued at 4d in their lodging house. Isgrove pleaded guilty and the case was dismissed on his paying the costs of 3/- plus 4d for the dish.	1884/067
Police		Taylor	Emma	02	10	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	Emma Taylor, a tramp, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1884/068
Redwood	Charles	Allen	Oliver	04	10	1884	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Redwood charged Oliver Allen of South Street with using obscene language in High Street. Allen was ordered to pay 8/- for fines and costs.	1884/069
Richards	Walter	White	John	04	10	1884	Obscene language	Pr	PC Richards charged John White, a butcher from Tor Street, with using obscene language in St Thomas Street. White was ordered to pay 9/- for fines and costs.	1884/070

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Bendall	William Newport	Collins	Edwin Adolphus	08	10	1884	Breach of local bye-laws	Br	William Newport Bendall, collector of market tolls, claimed that Edwin Adolphus Collins, an auctioneer, had started to sell animals at auction before the specified time of 12 noon. The time for commencing an auction was set by a local bye-law in order to ensure that the market was over (or nearly so) before the auction began. Collins did not deny that he had begun the auction before 12 noon but questioned the validity of the local bye-law. Judgement was awarded against Collins and he was fined 1/- with costs of £1.16s.0d. Collins then instituted a process to take his appeal to the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court which required him to put forward a bond of £20. Bendall called the following witnesses in support of his case: George Thorn of Wells, gentleman; Robert Lax of Polsham, farmer; Stuckey Frith of Polsham, farmer; Albert Teek of Launchley; James Sealey of Westbury, farmer; Albert Berryman of Dulcote, farmer.	1884/071
Bendall	William Newport	Various		08	10	1884	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 18 April 1884. The individual cases are listed below. A summons was also prepared for Joseph Dennis of Broad Street for an amount owing of 8/6d, but this entry was struck through.	1884/072
Bendall	William Newport	Kynaston	Mr	08	10	1884	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that Mr Kynaston of Southover owed 3/6d for the general district rate of 18 April 1884. The case was noted as settled.	1884/072a
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	08	10	1884	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that William Whittle of Queen Street owed 18/- for the general district rate of 18 April 1884. An order was issued for distress proceedings to be initiated.	1884/072b
Bendall	William Newport	Standard snr	James	08	10	1884	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that James Standard of St Cuthbert Street owed 4/- for the general district rate of 18 April 1884. A warrant was apparently issued.	1884/072c

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Bendall	William Newport	Bennett	Joseph	08	10	1884	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that Joseph Bennett of Tucker Street owed 3/3d for the general district rate of 18 April 1884. The case was noted as settled.	1884/072d
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	Miss	08	10	1884	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that Miss Oxley of St Thomas Street owed 3/9d for the general district rate of 18 April 1884. The case was noted as settled.	1884/072e
Bendall	William Newport	Knight	Edwin Henry	08	10	1884	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that Edwin Henry Knight of Union Street owed £1.1s.3d for the general district rate of 18 April 1884. The case was noted as settled.	1884/072f
Bendall	William Newport	Woodburn	Frederick	08	10	1884	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that Frederick Woodburn of High Street owed 13/9d for the general district rate of 18 April 1884. There is no indication of the outcome of the case.	1884/072g
Serel	Thomas	Whittle	William	09	10	1884	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Thomas Serel, acting as an assistant overseer of the Poor, complained that William Whittle of High Street had neglected to pay the poor rate assessment of 14 May 1884 and was also in arrears from previous rates. Whittle owed 18/- for the rate levied in May 1884 and a further 19/5d from previous rates; together with costs of the overseers, the amount outstanding was now £1.19s.11d. Note: the address for William Whittle differs from that for his non-payment of the general district rate (see case 1884/072b).	1884/073
Justices		Various		13	10	1884	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of petty sessions sitting of 13 October. Details related to individual cases are included in the entries for the specific cases affected.	1884/074
Knight	James	Graham	James	16	10	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged, James Graham, a tramp, with being drunk and disorderly. Graham pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1884/075

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Moon	James	Merrick	Joseph	16	10	1884	Obstructing the highway	O	James Moon, a carpenter and joiner from Town Hall Buildings, complained that Joseph Merrick had obstructed the highway in front of his premises by dumping a load of lime and leaving it there for two days which Moon considered an unreasonable length of time. Merrick pleaded not guilty but was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1884/076
Redwood	Charles	Western	John	25	10	1884	Drunk and disorderly in charge of a horse	Rd	PC Redwood found John Western of Little Elm propped up against his horse in Portway. He was drunk and incapable of getting home on the horse. He was charged with being drunk and disorderly and fined 10/- with costs of 5/6d; the summons shows the same total sum, but with a fine of 7/6d and costs of 8/-	1884/077
Brooks	Walter	Cox	Thomas	27	10	1884	Theft of dog	T	Walter Brooks of High Street complained that Thomas Cox of Glastonbury had stolen a dog from him with a value of 30/-. A warrant for Cox's arrest was issued. At the hearing Cox pleaded guilty and was fined £1 with costs of 11/-; the dog was also to be returned to Brooks. Cox was unable or unwilling to pay and went to gaol, while Brooks paid costs amounting to 8/6d.	1884/078
Carpenter	Henry	Hancock	James	28	10	1884	Assault	A	Henry Carpenter, a labourer living in Beryl Cottage in Bristol Road, claimed that he had been assaulted by James Hancock, a labourer from East Wells, who threw an apple at him and hit him in the back when he was walking along in a Salvation Army procession. Thomas Price, a labourer living in East Wells, gave evidence for the prosecution. Hancock pleaded not guilty but the case was adjourned and, when eventually heard, the defendant agreed to pay the costs of the case.	1884/079

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Stickland	Frederick	Hewlett Stevens Moore	Charles Edward Thomas	31	10	1884	Setting off fireworks	Dp	PC Stickland saw the three defendants come up Guardhouse Lane into South Street where Charles Hewlett and Edward Stevens set off some gundpowder in the middle of the road. There had been several complaints from residents about fireworks being set off in this way. Hewlett and Stevens both pleaded guilty, but Thomas Moore pleaded not guilty. Each of the defendants was fined 1/- with costs of 2/10d. Note: On the summons the Hewlett's forename is changed from Charles to William.	1884/080
Gibbons	Samuel	Francis	Henry	03	11	1884	Assault	A	Samuel Gibbons, a mason living in Union Street, complained that he had been assaulted by Henry Francis of The Coach and Horses Inn in East Wells. Gibbons stated that he had been walking along with the Salvation Army when he was struck from behind by someone's fists. He did not see clearly who it was but Alfred Payne, a labourer from No 72 High Street, who had been walking near the back of the procession claimed that he had seen Francis deliberately strike Gibbons. Francis admitted that he had collided with Gibbons but claimed he had been pushed. Both Paine and Frederick Berry, a labourer from Union Street, stated that they thought Francis had deliberately struck Gibbons because they had seen no pushing. William Cameron, a labourer from No 33 St Thomas Street, had been walking with Francis and he claimed that they had been pushed and Gibbons had not been struck on purpose. Francis was fined 2/6d with costs of 11/-.	1884/081
Police		Linch	John	04	11	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Linch, a vagrant, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded guilty and was discharged with a caution.	1884/082
Justices		Various		06	11	1884	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of petty sessions sitting of 6 November. Details relating to specific cases are included in the entries for the relevant cases.	1884/083

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Redwood	Charles	Stone	Frederick	15	11	1884	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Redwood charged Frederick Stone, a brewer's carter from Shepton Mallet, with obstructing the highway in Broad Street by parking a horse and cart there for an unreasonable length of time. Stone was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1884/084
Redwood	Charles	Pittard	Thomas	15	11	1884	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Redwood charged Thomas Pittard, a brewer's carter from Shepton Mallet, with obstructing the highway in Broad Street by parking a horse and cart there for an unreasonable length of time. Pittard was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1884/085
Redwood	Charles	Francis	George	15	11	1884	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Redwood charged George Francis, a haulier from Southover, with obstructing the highway in St Cuthbert Street by parking a horse and cart there for an unreasonable length of time. Francis was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1884/086
Richards	Walter	Wookey	John	17	11	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged John Wookey with being drunk and disorderly. Wookey pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 3/6d and subsistence fees of 1/4d, a total of 5/10d.	1884/087
Police		Palmer	Thomas	17	11	1884	Begging in the street	V	Thomas Palmer, a vagrant, was charged with begging in the street. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1884/088
Redwood	Charles	Luff Westley Francis Loxton Green	William Albert Alfred Henry Charles	18	11	1824	Obstructing the footpath	O	PC Redwood charged all five defendants with obstructing the footpath in High Street and preventing people from getting past. Redwood had initially found the group in Broad Street and moved them on, but they re-grouped twice more on High Street despite warnings from Redwood. When served with a summons, William Luff tore it up. The other defendants were Albert Westley, Alfred Francis, Henry Loxton and Charles Green. A fine of 1/- with costs of 8/- was ordered according to a note in the margin of the case document, but the list of petty sessions cases for 8 December indicates the fine was 10/-.	1884/089

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Beesley	William Henry	Summers	Mary	21	11	1884	Refusal to work	Rw	William Henry Beesley was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Mary Summers was an inmate whose father paid 2/6d per week to maintain her there. She had been allocated a shirt to make/repair by the laundress, Emily Mellish. Summers did not wish to do the work and claimed that because her father was paying for her keep in the workhouse she could do as much or as little work as she chose. She refused to continue with the shirt which remained unfinished. The case was dismissed.	1884/090
Serel	Edward A	Various		24	11	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, reported on those parents who had failed to ensure that their child attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Although there were 9 parents on Serel's list, only 4 summons were issued and these are detailed separately. Summons were not issued for: William House of St Thomas Street for his son, Thomas, who missed 34 attendances; Henry Foot of Keward for his son, Thomas, who missed 22 attendances; Samuel Gibbons of Union Street for his son, Alfred, who missed 8 attendances (a warning notice was issued); James Williams of St Thomas Street for his daughter, Amy, who missed 10 attendances (a warning notice was issued); and George Voke of Priddy for his daughter, Beatrice, for whom no information was given.	1884/091
Serel	Edward A	Ball	Edward	24	11	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that Edward Ball of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his son, Tom, attended school with sufficient frequency. William Barnes, principal teacher of St Thomas Boys' School, reported that Tom Ball had made 29 attendances in the most recent period in which the school was open on 38 occasions. Edward Ball did not appear at the hearing and was ordered to pay 2/6d.	1884/091a

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Serel	Edward A	Bowell	Sydenham	24	11	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that Sydenham Bowell of Southover had failed to ensure that his son, William, attended school with sufficient frequency. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that William Bowell had made 19 attendances in the most recent period in which the school was open on 38 occasions. Sydenham Bowell was ordered to pay 2/6d.	1884/091b
Serel	Edward A	Ball	Frederick	24	11	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that Frederick Ball of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Rosa, attended school with sufficient frequency. Sarah A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Rosa Ball had made 18 attendances in the most recent period in which the school was open on 28 occasions. Frederick Ball did not appear at the hearing and was ordered to pay 2/6d plus 3/-.	1884/091c
Serel	Edward A	Price	Thomas	24	11	1884	Failure to send child to school	Ed	Edward Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, noted that Thomas Price of St Thomas Street had failed to ensure that his daughter, Elizabeth, attended school with sufficient frequency. Sarah A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Elizabeth Price was said to have made only 10 attendances in the most recent period in which the school was open on 28 occasions. The case against Price was dismissed.	1884/091d
Brown	Charles	Sandford	J	24	11	1884	Dumping of dust and rubbish on highway	E	Charles Brown, the City surveyor, claimed that J Sandford, a vendor of turf from Meare, had spilled dust and rubbish from a cart onto the road in a public street and had failed to remove the spillage. The case was dismissed with a caution.	1884/092
Redwood	Charles	Baker	John	02	12	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged John Baker, a baker resident in St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly in that same street. Baker was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1884/093



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Smith	James	Edwards	George	04	12	1884	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	James Smith was the licensee of The New Inn in St Thomas Street. George Edwards lived in Lane's Court and was at Smith's inn. He had been drinking, had apparently thrown beer over a woman in the pub and become extremely noisy. When Edwards went into the kitchen with his wife, Smith asked him to leave the premises and Edwards refused, although he did leave after some argument and after a further 10 minutes had passed. Edwards was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1884/094
Police		Evans	Kate	04	12	1884	Begging in the street	V	Kate Evans was charged with begging in the street. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1884/095
Bendall	William Newport	Hopkins	Robert	04	12	1884	Non-payment of rent for water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, complained that Robert Hopkins of Southover had neglected to pay the sum of 10/- due to Wells Water Company on 29 September as water rent. The case appears to have been settled.	1884/096
Bendall	William Newport	Hawkins	Charles	04	12	1884	Non-payment of rent for water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, complained that Charles Hawkins of Southover had neglected to pay the sum of 12/- due to Wells Water Company on 29 September as water rent. Including costs, the amount outstanding appeared to be 19/-.	1884/097
Bendall	William Newport	Wilton	John	04	12	1884	Non-payment of rent for water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, complained that John Wilton of Broad Street had neglected to pay the sum of 14/- due to Wells Water Company on 29 September as water rent. The case was shown as settled.	1884/098
Bendall	William Newport	Francis	William	05	12	1884	Non-payment of rent for water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, complained that William Francis of Mill Lane had neglected to pay the sum of 3/- due to Wells Water Company on 29 September as water rent. The case was shown as settled.	1884/099

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Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	Walter	05	12	1884	Non-payment of rent for water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, complained that Walter Bedford of Priest Row had neglected to pay the sum of 3/- due to Wells Water Company on 29 September as water rent. The case was shown as settled.	1884/100
Bendall	William Newport	Brayley	James	05	12	1884	Non-payment of rent for water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, complained that James Brayley of Southover had neglected to pay the sum of 3/- due to Wells Water Company on 29 September as water rent. Including costs, Brayley was shown as owing 5/6d.	1884/101
Bendall	William Newport	Brayley Hutchinson	James Richard	05	12	1884	Wasting water	E	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, complained that James Brayley and Richard Hutchinson, both of Southover and both customers of Wells Water Company, had made no attempt to have a defective tap on their premises repaired, with the result that substantial amounts of water had been wasted. The case was dismissed.	1884/102
Justices		Various		08	12	1884	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Notes of petty sessions sitting of 8 December. Details relevant to specific cases are shown against the individual cases concerned.	1884/103
Standard	Jane	Phipps	Thomas	11	12	1884	Assault	A	Jane Standard complained that Thomas Phipps had committed two violent assaults on their daughter, Jane Standard, aged 9. The girl stated that in the first assault Thomas Phipps had deliberately kicked her on the chin. In the second assault he had held her between his legs, stuffed a handkerchief in her mouth and lit a spill which he held in her face until it burned her. Emily Hoskins and Richard Tomkins, both neighbours, provided evidence for the prosecution. Phipps was sentenced to 2 months with hard labour for the first offence and 1 month with hard labour for the second.	1884/104

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Redwood	Charles	Green	George Thomas	13	12	1884	Drunk & disorderly Assault Wilful damage	D A Wd	PC Redwood had been in plain clothes when he saw a large crowd in Broad Street with George Thomas Green at its centre gesturing and swearing very loudly. Redwood tried to get him to calm down and go home, but Green refused. Redwood decided that Green was drunk and tried to take him into custody. Green resisted violently, grabbed PC Redwood by the collar, wrestled him to the ground and began kicking him. Green then wilfully tore Redwood's trousers (which he claimed were new). Police Serjeant Knight and PC Sharp then arrested Green. Green was fined 10/- (3/4d for each of 3 charges) plus costs of 9/6d, plus damages of 10/8 for the ruined trousers, or, if in default, to serve 7 days in prison for each of the charges.	1884/105
Crandon	John	Ball	Edwin	20	12	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Crandon complained that Edwin Ball, a coal haulier of St Thomas Street, had become very disorderly on licensed premises known as The Goat Inn and had refused to leave the premises when requested to do so. Ball was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-, but given a fortnight within which to pay.	1884/106
Collier	Esther	Perren	Joseph	22	12	1884	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Esther Collier, a fishmonger, complained that Joseph Perren, a builder living in St Cuthbert Street, had publicly used obscene language to her in High Street. She called up Charles West, a smith from Priddy, and Thomas Willmot, a labourer from St John Street, to give evidence on her behalf. The case was noted as settled.	1884/107

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Richards	Walter	Scott (aka Isgrove)	Thomas	29	12	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Thomas Scott alias Isgrove, described as a labourer of St Thomas Street, with being drunk and disorderly in that same street. Richards had gone to The Goat Inn because he could hear loud shouting and swearing in the street outside. There he found Thomas Scott and his wife, Caroline (see case 1884/109), to be drunk and causing a scene using extremely bad language. Both swore at Richards when he asked them to move on and go home. Thomas Scott was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or to go to prison for 14 days.	1884/108
Richards	Walter	Scott (aka Isgrove)	Caroline	29	12	1884	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Caroline Scott alias Isgrove with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street (see also case 1884/108 for her husband, Thomas Scott alias Isgrove). Caroline Scott was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1884/109
Stickland	Frederick	Norman	Mary Ann	30	12	1884	Drunkenness	D	PC Stickland found Mary Ann Norman in Deanery Road lying on the pavement in front of Fry's shop. She was drunk and entirely incapable. She was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to spend 7 days in prison; she went to prison.	1884/110

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Miller	Thomas	Paine	Albert	30	12	1884	Assault	A	Thomas Miller claimed that Albert Paine had assaulted him and knocked him down with his fist. Paine admitted knocking Miller down but claimed self-defence. Miller had been outside The Star Hotel attempting, together with his brother Fred, to calm his horse which was very restive because of the Salvation Army band that was marching past. When the band returned, they were still playing and Miller was still trying to calm the horse. Paine, who was with the Salvation Army, stopped to talk to Miller and they walked 3 or 4 yards together. There appeared to be some form of altercation with Miller pushing Paine away twice and then Paine striking Miller in the face and knocking him down. On the plaintiff's side there was testimony from Thomas Miller, Frederick Miller, his brother and an ostler at The Star Inn, and Thomas Lansdown, an employee at The Star Inn. For the defence there was testimony from James Price, a stoker at Wookey Mill, John Smart, a carver of No 25 South Street, and John Burrige, a carpenter of No 9 Union Street.	1884/111
Bendall	William Newport	General		31	12	1884	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company Limited, complained that certain individuals had not made payment for the water supplied to them by 25 December as required by their agreements. The individuals in default and the amounts owing are noted in the following entries.	1884/112

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Bendall	William Newport	Brown	Sarah	31	12	1884	Non-payment of water rent	N	Aaron Brown of Mill Lane was noted as owing 3/- and, according to Bendall, had made promises to pay. The summons had been served on Mrs Sarah Brown who apparently accepted responsibility for the debt. At the hearing on 9 February 1885 an order was issued for the outstanding debt of 3/- plus costs of 2/6d to be paid within 14 days. In the event of non-payment a distress warrant was to be issued. Note: the initial documents showed the defendant as Aaron Brown, but the summons issued on 5 February 1885 had this name crossed out and replaced by Mrs Sarah Brown.	1884/112a
Bendall	William Newport	Brown jnr	Charles	31	12	1884	Non-payment of water rent	N	Charles Brown the younger of Mill Lane was recorded as owing 1/6d. The wife of Charles Brown appeared at the hearing on 9 February 1885 and stated that her husband had not paid because he had not received the bill for the water rent. An order was issued for the outstanding debt of 1/6d plus costs of 4/6d to be paid promptly within 14 days.	1884/112b
Bendall	William Newport	Thomas	James	31	12	1884	Non-payment of water rent	N	James Thomas of Priory Place was recorded as owing 2/6d for the water rent. The case was recorded as settled prior to the scheduled hearing on 9 February 1885. Note: most documents for this case refer to R Thomas, but on the summons issued on 5 February 1885 the forename is corrected to James.	1884/112c

**1885**

Police		Baker	John	01	01	1885	Drunkenness	D	John Baker was charged with being drunk and incapable. No information is given with respect to the arresting officer or the specific date of the prosecution. Baker was fined 7/6d with costs of 3/6d. The total sum of 11/- is recorded as being paid.	1885/001
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Stickland	Frederick W	Plaster	James	01	01	1885	Drunkeness	D	On 27 December 1884 PC Stickland found James Plaster of West Horrington, labourer, lying on the pavement by a wall at the top of Tor Street. Plaster was drunk and with some help from PC Stickland got as far as The Britannia Inn before falling over and refusing to go any further. Plaster was then arrested and charged with being drunk in a public place (i.e. St Thomas Street). Plaster was not fined but was required to pay costs of 8/-.	1885/002
Richards	Walter	Cox	Ann	01	01	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	On 27 December 1884 PC Richards found Ann Cox in a drunken state outside The Rose & Crown in St John Street where she was using bad language with a large number of people around her. He eventually persuaded her husband to come out of the inn and take her home. Ann Cox was charged with being drunk and disorderly and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/- or to spend 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1885/003
Bendall	William Newport	Dickson	Charles P	01	01	1885	Non-payment of water bill	N	William Newport Bendall, manager to the Wells Water Company, claimed that Charles P Dickson of Queen Street, brewer, had failed to pay the bill of £5 for water charges issued on 29 September 1884. The case was recorded as settled. In addition to paying the outstanding bill Dickson appears to have been charged a further sum of 2/6d.	1885/004
Wells Union		Rolls	Thomas	05	01	1885	Wilful damage to workhouse clothing	Wd	Thomas Rolls, an inmate of the workhouse, was charged with deliberately and wilfully damaging workhouse clothing by tearing up his trousers, coat and vest. Rolls pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month in gaol with hard labour.	1885/005
Police		Hill	George	07	01	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	George Hill was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Southover on 6 January 1885. Hill pleaded guilty and was fined 10/- with costs of 3/6d including 1/- for subsistence. Failure to pay would lead to 14 days in prison. Hill evidently did not pay as a commitment document was issued at which point Hill paid the sum of 15/6d, the additional amount of 2/- being to cover the cost of issuing the commitment.	1885/006

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Francis	Isaac John	Fry	Charles	07	01	1885	Warrant for eviction	Ev	On 7 January Isaac John Francis as the landlord gave notice to Charles Fry, tenant, that he required vacant possession of the cottage, stable and premises in St Thomas Street which Fry was renting from him on the basis of an agreement of 13 September 1884. Fry was given until 19 January to vacate the property, otherwise a warrant would be issued authorising the police to take possession of the property on behalf of the landlord. Fry had not given up possession of the property so a warrant for eviction was duly issued.	1885/007
Osborn	Henry E	Bewley	Alfred	08	01	1885	Cruelty to a cow	C	Henry E Osborn, RSPCA inspector, claimed that while he was waiting for a train at the Somerset & Dorset railway station in Wells he heard the sound of blows and found Alfred Bewley and George Fox beating cows with nailed sticks in the station yard. When approached, Bewley threw his stick away over the railings, but Osborn retrieved it. Osborn claimed that the cows were bleeding as a result of being beaten. Bewley of No 3 Union Court, Still House Lane, Bedminster was required to pay 19/6d in fines and costs.	1885/008
Osborn	Henry E	Fox	George	08	01	1885	Cruelty to a cow	C	Henry E Osborn, RSPCA inspector, claimed that while he was waiting for a train at the Somerset & Dorset railway station in Wells he heard the sound of blows and found Alfred Bewley and George Fox beating cows with nailed sticks in the station yard. Osborn claimed that the cows were bleeding as a result of being beaten. Fox of No 4 Albert Place, Bedminster, a drover, was required to pay 19/6d in fines and costs.	1885/009
Richards	Walter	Brooks	William	09	01	1885	Obscene language	Pr	PC Walter Richards charged William Brooks of Silver Street with using obscene language in Broad Street on 3rd January 1885. Brooks pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/- . Brooks appears to have paid 5/- immediately and was given a week within which to pay the remainder; the outstanding balance of 4/- seems to have been paid in two separate instalments of 2/- each.	1885/010



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Richards	Walter	Morgan	Lucy	09	01	1885	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Walter Richards charged Lucy Morgan of Easton near Wells with obstructing the highway in Queen Street on 5th January 1885 by leaving a horse and cart stationed there for a long and unreasonable time. Lucy Morgan was subsequently discharged.	1885/011
Richards	Walter	Ball	Edwin	09	01	1885	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Walter Richards charged Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street with obstructing the highway in Queen Street on 5th January 1885 by leaving a horse and waggon stationed there for a long and unreasonable time. Ball was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-, but was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1885/012
Justices		Various		12	01	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting of 12 January 1885. Details relevant to specific cases are shown against the individual cases concerned.	1885/013
Stickland	Frederick W	Hodges	Hugh	20	01	1885	Obstruction of highway	O	PC Frederick Stickland charged Hugh Hodges of Godney, farmer, with wilfully obstructing the highway in Priory Road on 13 January by leaving an unattended horse and cart there for an unreasonable length of time. At the hearing on 9 February Hodges pleaded guilty to the offence. No fine was imposed but he was required to pay the costs of 8/6d.	1885/013a
Redwood	Charles John	Lumber	Thomas	20	01	1885	Obstruction of highway	O	PC Charles Redwood charged Thomas Lumber of Henton near Wookey, farmer, with wilfully obstructing the highway in High Street on 15 January by leaving an unattended horse and cart there for an unreasonable length of time. At the hearing on 9 February Lumber pleaded guilty to the offence. No fine was imposed but he was required to pay the (reduced) costs of 6/6d. Note: the forename of the defendant was shown as William on the original charge form but was modified to Thomas on the summons.	1885/013b

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Redwood	Charles John	Oxley	Elizabeth	20	01	1885	Furious driving	Rd	Pc Charles Redwood charged Elizabeth Oxley of St Thomas Street, poultry dealer, with furious driving in High Street on 17 January. At around 8.45pm Redwood saw Elizabeth Oxley galloping down High Street in her horse and cart at a very fast pace. He held up his hand to demand that she stopped but she put her tongue out at him and continued. She then collided with a man named Hawkins and knocked him against a shop front. This caused Oxley to stop and when Redwood approached her she spat at him. At the hearing on 9 February Elizabeth Oxley was fined 6d plus costs of 8/- making a total of 8/6d. She was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1885/013c
Guardians of the Poor		Summers	Mary	23	01	1885	Wilful damage	Wd	The Guardians of the Poor at Wells workhouse complained that on 16 January Mary Summers, an inmate of the workhouse, had wilfully damaged a door on the premises by deliberately kicking it. The value of the damage was estimated at 1/-. The case was recorded as settled without a hearing.	1885/013d
Collins	Isabella			24	01	1885	Licence transfer application	La	Isabella Collins held a licence for the sale of beer at The Angel Inn in Broad Street. The licence was granted to her on 8 September 1884. On 24 January 1885 she submitted an application to transfer the licence to Walt Brooks, milk seller, with effect from 9 February 1885. Notice of the application for the licence transfer was served on police serjeant James Knight as superintendent of police and Thomas Serel as overseer of the poor. The transfer was allowed to proceed on payment of the fee of £1.10s.0d.	1885/013e

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Osborn	Henry Edmond	Phelps Savage	James Simon	27	01	1885	Cruelty to two cows	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, an inspector for the RS{CA, charged James Phelps of Westbury-sub-Mendip, farmer, and Simon Savage of Westbury-sub-Mendip, cattle dealer, with cruelty to two cows on 6 January by failing to relieve the cows of their milk. At Wells market on 6 January at around 11.00am Osborn had seen two cows each accompanied by a muzzled calf; the cows both had severely distended udders. Osborn established that Simon Savage was responsible for the cows which he had bought from James Phelps the previous day and was now looking to sell them at the market. Osborn got Savage to have both cows milked so that their discomfort was assuaged while still leaving some milk for the calves; significant amounts of milk were taken from both cows. At the hearing on 9 February Arthur Phelps, son of James Phelps, testified that he had milked both cows at around 10.00am the previous day and that both calves had been allowed milk from their mothers at around 4.00pm. PC William Woonton stated that he had seen the cows in the market at around 10.00am and asked that the calves be allowed to take milk from their mothers and they did so. Testimony was also given by Thomas Hayes and Walter Hayes, drovers, who had collected the cows from Phelps' farm and brought them to market, and by John Churches who stated that it was wrong not to have milked the cows fully since 10.00am the previous morning, particularly as they were big milkers. The magistrates appear to have discharged James Phelps but fined Simon Savage £1.0s.0d plus costs of £1.15s.6d, including veterinary fees of £1.0s.6d. On 9 March the veterinary fees were noted as paid.	1885/013f

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Osborn	Henry Edmond	Dowling	George	27	01	1885	Cruelty to a gelding	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, an inspector for the RSPCA, charged George Dowling of Wedmore, dealer, with cruelty to a gelding on 16 January and working the animal when it was clearly not in a fit condition. Osborn had seen Dowling in a sprung cart being pulled by the gelding in Sadler Street. The horse appeared very lame and Osborn found that it had a badly deformed leg. He asked Dowling how far he had driven the horse and was told that they had gone from Wedmore to Shepton Mallet and were on the return trip. Osborn considered that this was far too far given the state of the animal and referred the horse to William Evans, veterinary surgeon, who supported his view. At the hearing on 9 February Dowling was fined 1d plus costs of £1.2s.6d making a total of £1.2s.7d. Dowling did not appear at the hearing on 9 February when the judgement was passed and he was given 14 days within which to pay the fine and costs.	1885/013g
Redwood	Charles John	Clark	Thomas	03	02	1885	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Charles Redwood charged Thomas Clark of Paulton, farmer, with wilfully obstructing the public highway by leaving an unattended waggon on it for an unreasonable length of time on 19 January. At the hearing on 9 February Clark pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 6d plus costs of 10/- making a total of 10/6d.	1885/013h
Redwood	Charles John	Tovey	Benjamin	03	02	1885	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Charles Redwood charged Benjamin Tovey of Midsomer Norton, labourer, with wilfully obstructing the public highway by leaving an unattended pony and trap on it for an unreasonable length of time on 20 January. At the hearing on 9 February Tovey pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 6d plus costs of 10/- making a total of 10/6d.	1885/013i

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Redwood	Charles John	Plenty	Stephen	03	02	1885	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Charles Redwood charged Stephen Plenty of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street on 24 January. Plenty did not appear at the hearing on 9 February when Redwood testified that he had seen Plenty behaving drunkenly at around 11.00pm and had heard him using bad language to a woman whose surname was Boyce. Plenty was found guilty of the offence and fined 5/- plus costs of 8/- making a total of 13/-. In the event of default Plenty would serve 14 days in prison.	1885/013j
Redwood	Charles John	Fowler	James	07	02	1885	Using profane/obscene language	Pr	PC Charles Redwood charged James Fowler of Wells, labourer, with using obscene language in St Thomas Street on 5 February. Redwood reported that he had heard Fowler using obscene and misogynistic language in St Thomas Street at around 11.45pm. Fowler repeated the insults several times and when approached by Redwood he used further obscene language. Redwood noted that Fowler had been drinking. Fowler was fined 5/- plus costs of 8/- making a total of 13/-. He was given one week within which to pay.	1885/013k
Redwood	Charles John	Green	John	07	02	1885	Drunkenness	D	PC Charles Redwood charged John Green of Wells, labourer, with being drunk in Broad Street on 6 February. At the hearing on 9 February Green pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d plus costs of 8/- making a total of 10/6d. He was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1885/013l

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Redwood	Charles John	Brooks	Walt	07	02	1885	Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises	L	PC Redwood charged Walt Brooks, beerhouse keeper, with permitting drunkenness to occur on his licensed premises, The Angel Inn, on 6 February. This constituted an offence against the conditions of his licence. PC Redwood had visited The Angel at around 10.15pm and saw John Green (see case 1885/xxxx) in the kitchen with a man named Scudamore. He noted that there was a pint cup on the table between them and he saw both men take a drink from it; both men appeared to be sober. When Redwood returned to the inn at around 11.15 he saw a drunken John Green being led along and supported by Scudamore. Redwood then went to see the beerhouse keeper, Walt Brooks and upbraided him for allowing Green to become drunk, saying that he would have to report the incident. Brooks replied that Green had apparently had only drunk 3 pints of cider. At the hearing on 9 February Walt Brooks' wife, Maria, testified that around 10.40pm her son had said that there was an order from the kitchen for a pint of cider. She had drawn it and taken it into the kitchen where Green and Scudamore were sitting. When she became aware that the cider was for Green she told him that he had had enough and took the cider away after he had had a mouthful. She also recalled hearing her husband talking to Green and asking him where he had been drinking with Green replying that he had been cutting hay and been given drink there. As it could not be shown that Green had been allowed to become drunk on Brooks' premises, the case against him was dismissed.	1885/013m
Justices		Various		09	02	1885	List of cases heard	*	Summary list of cases heard or scheduled to be heard on 9 February. The list simply gives the names of the defendants and the outcome of each case.	1885/013n
Chappell	Thomas	Chappell	Eliza	18	02	1885	Obscene language	Pr	Thomas Chappell of Wells, a painter, complained that Eliza Chappell of Tucker Street, wife of Walter Chappell, also a painter, had been guilty of using obscene language on 18 February in St Cuthbert Street. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/014

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Collins	Edwin Adolphus	Dix	Charles	26	02	1885	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Edwin Adolphus Collins, auctioneer, claimed that Charles Dix, a labourer, had disturbed the occupants of his house by unlawfully ringing on his doorbell. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/015
Russ	Samuel Perren	Beaven	Henry Hooper	28	02	1885	Desertion of family	Ds	<p>Samuel Perren Russ, clerk to the guardians of the Wells Union complained that Henry Hooper Beaven, a resident of Wells within the last 6 months, but now living in Marylebone, London, had deserted his young children and, as a result, they had now become chargeable to the Wells Union. Beaven had gone to London to seek work, but had found it impossible to get enough work to maintain his family. He had turned for help to the Paddington Union who had transferred two of his children, Louisa, aged 10, and Gertrude, aged 8, to the Wells Union. Beaven's wife was working in London as a wet nurse and caring for their other child, but had been ill for several weeks and incurred doctor's fees. On 25 January Beaven wrote to Russ to explain his position, but when no resolution had been achieved by 26 February Russ requested a warrant for Beaven's arrest for desertion. Police sergeant Knight was sent to London to arrest Beaven and appears to have done so on 3 March. In the meantime Beaven had written again to Russ on 2 March informing him that he had secured assistance from a church organisation to obtain a passage to America and was intending to move to Chicago with his family. He asked Russ to arrange for his daughters to be suitably clothed and sent to London so that the family could depart as planned.</p> <p>Beaven appeared before the magistrates on 9 March but the findings of the hearing are not detailed. The testimony of police sergeant Knight appears to tail off in mid-sentence while that of the defendant covers few of the relevant facts. No indication of the outcome of the case is evident.</p>	1885/016

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Richards	Walter	Cox	Ann	03	03	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Walter Richards charged Ann Cox, wife of George Cox, sawyer, with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street on 28 February 1885. PC Richards tried to persuade her to moderate her language and to go home, but it was some time before she could be taken away by another woman. Ann Cox pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or, in the case of default, to serve 7 days in prison. Ann Cox was given two weeks within which to pay.	1885/017
Osborn	Henry Edmond	White	Edward	04	03	1885	Cruelty to a heifer	C	Henry Osborn, an inspector for the RSPCA, accused Edward White, a cattle dealer, of cruelty to a heifer on 7 February 1885 for failing to ensure that it was relieved of its milk at an appropriate time, resulting in a hugely distended udder and great discomfort for the animal. In addition to testimony from Henry Osborn, witnesses for the prosecution included Mr Evans, veterinary surgeon, police sergeant James Knight and PC Charles Redwood. Testimony for the defence was provided by Frank Stubbs to whom the animal belonged (and who was also accused of cruelty - see case ref. 1885/019). White was fined £1 plus costs, including veterinary fees, of £1.12s.6d. If he defaulted on the payment, then distress proceedings would be initiated within one month of the judgement.	1885/018
Osborn	Henry Edmond	Stubbs	Frank	07	03	1885	Cruelty to a heifer	C	Henry Osborn, an inspector for the RSPCA, accused Frank Stubbs, farmer, of cruelty to a heifer on 7 February 1885 for failing to ensure that it was relieved of its milk at an appropriate time, resulting in a hugely distended udder and great discomfort for the animal. Stubbs, as the owner of the heifer, claimed that there was a young calf that had access to the milk and the heifer had not been milked in order to allow the calf to feed from its mother. However, on the basis of the evidence submitted (see details of case ref 1885/018), Stubbs pleaded guilty and was required to pay costs of 7/-.	1885/019



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Justices		Various		09	03	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting of 9 March 1885. Details relevant to specific cases are shown against the individual cases concerned.	1885/020
Capel	Annie	Pike	Elsie	11	03	1885	Illegal pawning of item	T	Annie Capel of South Street, a single woman, accused Mrs Elsie Pike of taking one of her dresses from her bedroom door and pawning it without her knowledge. The two ladies lived in the same house in South Street and had access to the same room. Elsie Pike had admitted that she had taken the dress, valued at 10/- by Annie Capel, and had got Emily Allen, aged 13, to take it to Hilliers' Pawnbrokers and pawn it for 2/6d in the name of Annie Capel. George Weston Wheeler, manager of the pawnbroker's shop, confirmed that the dress had been pawned for 2/6d in the name of Annie Capel. Elsie Pike admitted to Annie Capel that she had received 2/6d for the dress and had spent the money; she then promised to repay the money to Annie Capel but failed to do so. Elsie Pike was fined 2/- with costs of 7/- or to spend 7 days in prison. Pike went to gaol for 7 days.	1885/021
Bendall	William Newport	White	John	13	03	1885	Clandestine removal of goods	Rg	William Newport Bendall of No 2 Tor Street claimed that John White, late of Tor Street, butcher, had clandestinely removed goods and chattels from the property which he was renting from Bendall in order to avoid distress proceedings aimed at recovering rent arrears. A subsequent note from Bendall indicated that the case had been settled following an intervention by Alderman Kelway out of sympathy for Mrs White.	1885/022
Padfield	Edward	Whittle	William	23	03	1885	Non-payment of gas account	N	Edward Padfield, manager of Wells Gasworks, claimed that William Whittle of Queen Street had failed to pay an outstanding gas bill of £1.17s.7d. Whittle was allowed to pay the outstanding amount, plus costs of 5/-, in order to avoid proceedings in court. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/023

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Messrs Hillier & Salisbury		Bartlett	William James	23	03	1885	Terms of apprenticeship	Ab	Messr Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers, sought to enforce the terms of the apprenticeship of William James Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street by ensuring that he attended as required and performed the work set for him. The case was noted as settled.	1885/024
Redwood	Charles	Western	John	23	03	1885	Drunk in charge of a horse and cart	D	PC Charles Redwood accused John Western of Little Elm near Wells, coal haulier, of being drunk in charge of a horse and cart in St John Street on 19 March 1885. Western pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-. Western paid 10/- and was granted a further two weeks within which to pay the balance.	1885/025
Redwood	Charles John	Baker	John	27	03	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Charles Redwood charged John Baker of St Thomas Street, baker, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street on 17 March 1885. In addition to being drunk, Baker also used a good deal of bad language while he was shouting in the street. Baker was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- or, in the event of default, to serve 14 days in prison.	1885/026
Walker	Thomas William	Fry	Ernest	28	03	1885	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Thomas William Walker, publican of The Sun Inn, claimed that on 25 March 1885 Ernest Fry of Union Street was acting in a disorderly manner on his premises and when he requested Fry should leave Fry refused to do so, in contravention of the Licensing Act. Fry pleaded guilty and was required to pay the costs of the hearing which amounted to 7/- (see also case ref 1885/028).	1885/027
Richards	Walter	Fry	Ernest	28	03	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Ernest Fry of Union Street, blacksmith, with being drunk and disorderly in a public highway on 25 March 1885. Fry pleaded guilty and was required to pay the costs of the hearing amounting to 7/- (see also case ref 1885/027).	1885/028

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Redwood	Charles	Scott (aka Isgrove)	Thomas	30	03	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Thomas Scott alias Isgrove (Note: one of the documents erroneously gives his surname as Cock) with being drunk and disorderly on 28 March 1885. Scott pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d plus a further 2/- for his subsistence while in the cells. Scott paid 2/- immediately and was given a fortnight in which to pay the remainder. A further 3/- was paid on 3 April 1885, with the balance then due for payment on the following Saturday (11 April).	1885/029a
Redwood	Charles	Dear	Henry	30	03	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Henry Dear, a tramp, with being drunk and disorderly in Southover on 29 March 1885. Dear pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in prison.	1885/029b
Isgrove	Caroline	Hill	Rowland	07	04	1885	Assault	A	Caroline Isgrove of St Thomas Street, wife of Thomas Isgrove alias Scott, accused Rowland Hill of Priest Row, milk seller, of physically assaulting her in The Coach and Horses in St Thomas Street. Caroline Isgrove claimed that she had gone into the pub to get her husband, but, as he was not ready to leave, she had to sit and wait for him. To the irritation of her husband, she was chatted up by Hill but when William Pearce came in, together with Nellie Pearce, Hill's sweetheart, Hill took off his coat and waistcoat and hit Caroline Isgrove in the face, pulled her hair and made other physical assaults on her. Isgrove's husband was held back by the landlord, Mr Francis, while this assault was taking place. Caroline Isgrove claimed that she was sober, being teetotal (although see case 1884/109), but that Hill was drunk. Isgrove noted that those people in the room throughout the incident were Mr Francis (the landlord), James Pearce, Isaac Taylor, Rowland Hill, her husband and herself. The case was adjourned.	1885/030

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Stickland	Frederick William	Perrin	Joseph	09	04	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Stickland accused Joseph Perrin of St Cuthbert Street, carpenter, of being drunk and disorderly in High Street on 4 April 1885. Stickland had encountered Perrin at around 7pm in the Market Place when Perrin had already had too much to drink and by 9pm when Perrin was seen outside Mrs Collier's in High Street he was drunk and abusive. He threatened to fight PC Stickland and caught hold of William Brown, a bystander. Perrin was fined 5/- with costs of 11/6d.	1885/031
Redwood	Charles John	Ball	Edwin	09	04	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street, haulier, with being drunk and disorderly on 5 April 1885 in St Andrew Street. Redwood found Ball making a considerable noise in the Market Place, tried to persuade him to go home but when Ball was near the Cathedral he drunkenly tried to challenge a man called Hanney to a fight, repeating the invitation several times. At this point PC Redwood arrested him. Ball was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1885/032
Bendall	William Newport	[Various]		09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City and Borough of Wells, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 6 October 1884. The individual cases are listed below. In a list prepared on 7 April entries for Miss Thorn of Union Street (3/9d), John Trimm of Southover (5/-) and Mary Hawkins of Priest Row (2/10d) were crossed out and noted as 'Excused'. John Bown of Broad Street is recorded as having paid the sum outstanding of 12/10d, while the entry for E H Knight of Union Street (£1.17s.9d) is simply struck through with no explanation.	1885/033
Bendall	William Newport	Harrison	J P	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that J P Harrison owed 7/8d for properties in St John Street and Priory Road, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 11/2d. The case was noted as settled.	1885/033a

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Bendall	William Newport	Standard	J	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that James Standard of St Cuthbert Street owed 5/- plus costs of 3/6d. The case was shown as settled. The entry for this case in the petty sessions list of 13 April is struck through.	1885/033b
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that William Whittle of Queen Street owed £1.2s.5d, plus costs of 3/6d, giving a total of £1.5s.11d. A warrant for distress proceedings was requested, adding a further cost of 2/- for oaths.	1885/033c
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street owed 10/7d, plus costs of 3/6d, giving a total of 14/1d. A warrant for distress proceedings was requested, adding a further cost of 2/- for oaths.	1885/033d
Bendall	William Newport	Bennett	James	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that James Bennett of Burcot Lane, Wells owed 5/11d, plus costs of 3/6d giving a total of 9/5d. The case was noted as settled.	1885/033e
Bendall	William Newport	Western	Harry	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that Harry Western of Tucker Street owed 4/1d, plus costs of 3/6d giving a total of 7/7d. The case was noted as settled.	1885/033f
Bendall	William Newport	Griffin	George	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that George Griffin of St Thomas Street owed 15/-, plus costs of 3/6d, giving a total of 18/6d. The case was noted as settled.	1885/033g
Bendall	William Newport	Fowler	James	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that James Fowler of St Thomas Street owed 6/3d, plus costs of 3/6d, giving a total of 9/9d. The case was noted as settled.	1885/033h
Bendall	William Newport	Slade	Stephen	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that Stephen Slade of St Thomas Street owed 10/-, plus costs of 3/6d, giving a total of 13/6d. The case was noted as settled.	1885/033i
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	09	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall noted that James Oxley of Tor Street owed 5/-, plus costs of 3/6d, giving a total of 8/6d. The case was shown as settled.	1885/033j
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Stickland	Frederick William	Coombs	Edwin	13	04	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Stickland arrested Edwin Coombs of Croscombe on !! April on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street near The Exmouth Inn. He and PC Redwood had difficulty in getting Coombs back to the police station. Both claimed that Coombs had bitten them, had struggled to escape and had used abusive language. Coombs was eventually fined 5/- with costs of 5/6d.	1885/035
Stickland	Frederick William	Foxwell	Mark	13	04	1885	Assault on police officer	A	PC Stickland complained that on 11 April he had been assaulted in the course of carrying out his duties by Mark Foxwell of Croscombe. Stickland, together with PC Redwood, had been arresting Edwin Coombs for being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street (see 1885/035). Foxwell then tried to intervene and release Coombs, attempting to grab the police officer and to free Coombs from his grip. Foxwell pleaded not guilty to the charge of assault but was convicted and fined 5/- with costs of 11/- or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. Foxwell is recorded as paying the fine and the associated costs.	1885/036

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Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	13	04	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	On 9 April William Newport Bendall, collector for the City and Borough of Wells (and also referred to as the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority) had summoned William Whittle of Queen Street to a hearing with the magistrates regarding his failure to pay the general district rate set on 6 October 1884 (see case ref 1885/033c). Whittle had been approached for payment several times before, had promised to pay but had failed to do so. Whittle's wife seems to have appeared at the hearing and also seems to have paid the sum of 7/6d. The amount owing was then shown as £1.0s.5d, plus 1/6d for the issue of the distress warrant, giving an amount outstanding of £1.1s.11d. A distress warrant was issued demanding the outstanding sum be paid forthwith or goods to the value of the outstanding debt would be seized.  The documentation indicates that a similar warrant was to be issued to George Bartlett (see case ref 1885/033d), but there is no corresponding documentation evident in the papers.	1885/037
Police		Shield	John	16	04	1885	Hawking without a licence	V	On 16 April 1885 John Shield, a tramp, was charged with hawking without a licence, an offence against the Pedlars Act. Shield was fined 10/- with costs of 3/6d or to spend 14 days in prison. Shield appears to have been committed to prison.	1885/038
Police		Gilder	Charles	18	04	1885	Hawking without a licence	V	On 18 April Charles Gilder was charged with hawking without a pedlar's certificate. He was dismissed with a caution.	1885/039

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Richards	Walter	Cannaifar	Ephraim George	22	04	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Ephraim George Cannaifar with being drunk and disorderly in New Street on 21 April. Richards had found Cannaifar and his wife with a razor grinding barrow in New Street, both making a noise and using bad language. Cannaifar admitted having been at the Bishop's Palace to see William Payne, the Bishop's gardener. Richards locked up the defendant overnight. Cannaifar was fined 1/- with costs of 4/6d plus a further 1/- for his subsistence while in custody. Cannaifar paid the sums involved. Note: the surname is unclear and may be Pannaifar.	1885/040
Brooks	William	Oxley	Elizabeth	27	04	1885	Theft of money	T	William Brooks claimed that on 25 April 1885 Elizabeth Oxley of St Thomas Street, poulterer, had stolen from him the sum of 13/6d in cash. There is no indication of the outcome of the case.	1885/041
Russ	Charles Perren	Richards	Reuben	28	04	1885	Desertion of family	Ds	On or around 25 July 1884 Reuben Richards was said to have unlawfully run away and left his wife, Frances, aged around 37, and his three children, Fanny Augusta (7), Edward John (4) and Emily Louisa (2), who all became chargeable to the Wells Union. A warrant for the arrest of Reuben Richards was issued but it was not until April 1885 that he was captured. At the hearing Richards pleaded guilty to deserting his family. He was required to pay costs of 6/-, plus 4d for subsistence and was also required to put forward a bond of £10 on his own recognisance.	1885/042
Knight	James	Boulton	Mary	29	04	1885	Owning unlicensed dog	DI	Police sergeant Knight charged Mary Boulton of High Street, butcher, with owning a dog older than 6 months for which she had no licence. She claimed that she had one dog for which she had a licence but Knight was certain that there were two dogs on the premises because he had seen them on a number of occasions. Mary Boulton did not appear at the hearing where she was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1885/043



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Allen	Victor	Knight	Albert	07	05	1885	Assault	A	Victor Allen, a schoolboy of 11 years of age, accused Albert Knight, schoolmaster, of assaulting and beating him on 30 April 1885. The hearing of the case was adjourned. See also case ref 1885/053.	1885/044
Ashton	Simon	Williams	James	07	05	1885	Assault	A	Simon Ashton, plasterer, claimed that on 2 May 1885 he had been assaulted and beaten by James Williams of St Thomas Street, a lime burner.	1885/045
Richards	Walter	May	Mary	11	05	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Mary May with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place on 9 May 1885. He had heard her making a great noise and found a large crowd gathered around her. He took her away and got her down to the police station. She was sentenced to 7 days in prison.	1885/046
Justices		Various		11	05	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the petty sessions cases to be heard on 11 May 1885, but gives no information as to the outcome of any of the cases. The defendants in the cases listed were: Mary Boulton (1885/043), Elizabeth Oxley (1885/041), Albert Knight (1885/044), James Williams (1885/045) and Mary May (1885/046)	1885/047
Richards	Walter	Ford	Thomas	12	05	1885	Begging on the streets	V	PC Richards claimed that Thomas Ford had been found begging on the streets of Wells. Ford was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1885/048

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Burke	Margaret	Burke	Martin	16	05	1885	Assault	A	Margaret Burke complained that her husband, Martin Burke, livery stable keeper, had assaulted her and beaten her repeatedly with his riding whip on 15 May 1885. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. She had gone to see him at his livery stable in the yard of The White Hart to ask for money. The couple had been living apart for two months and Martin Burke was now living with Lucy Morgan, described by Margaret Burke as a bad character. During the period of separation Martin Burke had given his wife small amounts of money of around 5/- per week, but she claimed that she now had no money left and had gone to him to ask for cash. He had refused to give her any more money and had then assaulted her both with his fists and with his riding whip. John Bennett, landlord of The White Hart, admitted that he had seen Burke strike his wife but could not attest to the nature of the instrument used or the reasons for the incident. Margaret Burke asked the justices for a judicial order of separation. The justices granted this order, meaning that she was no longer obliged to live with Martin Burke as man and wife and, in addition, instructed Burke that he should pay his wife 6/- per week to enable her to live. The justices considered this sum to be within Burke's means taking into account his income, pension, property (he was said to own four horses during the hunting season) and his outgoings for the rent of the yard at The White Hart.	1885/049
Messrs Hillier & Salisbury		Haskins	William Thomas	18	05	1885	Absenting himself from work without permission	Ab	Messr Hillier & Salisbury, brush manufacturers, sought to claim the sum of 2/6d from their apprentice, William Thomas Haskins of Broad Street, because he had failed to turn up for work on 4 and 5 May without obtaining leave to do so.	1885/050

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Police		Reakes	George	18	05	1885	Drunkeness	D	George Reakes was charged with being drunk and incapable on 16 May 1885. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 1/- with costs of 5/6d, including subsistence of 2/6d during his time in the cells. He was allowed 7 days within which to pay or to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour. He had no goods against which distress proceedings could be pursued to obtain the sum owed.	1885/051
Hobbs	Elizabeth	Oxley	Henry	18	05	1885	Obscene language	Pr	Elizabeth Hobbs of Portway complained that Henry Oxley of Tucker Street, described as a dealer, had used obscene language to her in Portway on 18 May 1885. She claimed that she had accosted him because he had called one of her daughters a whore. Oxley had then responded by calling her a 'great barrel' and 'great shithouse'. Hobbs' testimony was supported by Jane Phipps, wife of Thomas Phipps of St Cuthbert Street, fishmonger. Oxley was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- and a further sum of 1/- for a witness, making a total of £1, which was recorded as being paid.	1885/052

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Allen	Charles	Knight	Albert	18	05	1885	Assault	A	Charles Allen of 15 South Street, labourer, complained that his son, Victor, aged 11, had been assaulted by Albert Knight, schoolteacher, and as a result his side had been damaged. This case had been adjourned from 7 May 1885 (see case ref 1885/044). Albert Knight pleaded not guilty. Victor Allen had apparently been caned at school by Albert Knight for doing only one of the four sums that he had been set. He had been caned on his backside, but claimed that afterwards he had had a pain in his side and was unable to walk properly. He was examined by Dr Risdon who noted that an abscess had begun to form on the boy's hip as if something had been rubbing on it; he also noted that the boy was generally in poor health. The hearing established that Victor Allen was made to play the fiddle in public by his father to earn money, that he had been beaten on a number of occasions by his father, including being given a black eye, that his father did not always feed him and he needed to be given food at school, and that there had been a couple of incidents at school where he had taken a tumble. No indication of the outcome of the hearing appears in the documents.	1885/053

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Redwood	Charles	Mackay	Henry	21	05	1885	Vagrancy	V	PC Redwood complained that he had been passing the Central School at around 4.10am when he heard a noise and, on investigation, found Henry Mackay on the premises. Mackay claimed that he 'had come in for a warm' having spent the earlier part of the night walking around in Wells. Redwood locked him up in the police cells, noting that he had the sum of 10/- in his pockets, and went back to the school where he found that there were fingermarks in the dust on the schoolmasters' desks; these desks were open. David Thomas, plumber, attested that he had cleaned out the fire and created a good deal of dust on the previous evening at around 6.30pm. Edward Henry Knight, son of Albert Knight, schoolmaster, admitted that he had closed the schoolroom the previous evening and locked it, but had mistakenly left the key in the lock, while Albert Knight noted that Mackay had no authority to be in the schoolroom. Case costs were set at 6/- plus 1/- for witnesses. The outcome of the hearing is not evident from the documentation.	1885/054
Police		Porter	Thomas	02	06	1885	Vagrancy	V	Thomas Porter was charged with begging in Wells. He pleaded guilty to the charge. He was dismissed with a caution.	1885/055

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Serel	Edward A	Various		03	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils who had shown a low level of attendance at school over the period of February to May 1885. The parents to whom summons were issued are listed below. Parents on Serel's list where summons were not issued were named as James Price (daughter, Martha Price), Mrs Morgan (daughter, Alice Morgan), John Trimm (daughter, Kate Trimm) and William Brayley (son, Alfred Brayley). The attendance records of these pupils were not considered to be sufficiently poor to warrant a summons, except for Alice Morgan, who, at the age of 6, may have been allowed some latitude. In addition to the attendance records of individual pupils Serel also produced overall statistics for the attendance levels at the different schools in Wells. Note: the numbers of attendances shown in Serel's list do not necessarily match those shown on the certificates of attendance issued by the schools. The main cause is likely to be that the statistics cover different periods.	1885/056
Serel	Edward A	Price	James	03	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Ellen Price of St Thomas Street, aged 12, daughter of James Price, was shown as having made only 39 attendances at St Thomas Girls' School (headmistress, Sarah Amy Bendall) over the 3 months to 22 May 1885 during which time the school was open on 97 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard IV. James Price was fined 1/-, an amount shown as having been paid, probably by his wife who attended the hearing.	1885/056a

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Serel	Edward A	Morgan	Mrs	03	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Samuel Morgan of South Street, aged 8 (or 9), son of Mrs Mary Morgan, was shown as having made only 33 attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) over the 3 months to 22 May 1885 during which time the school was open 109 times. The child was said to have reached standard II. Mrs Morgan was sentenced to be fined, but this was adjourned for one month to determine if Samuel Morgan's attendance improved.	1885/056b
Serel	Edward A	Hatcher	Alfred	03	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Emily Hatcher of Southover, aged 12, daughter of Alfred Hatcher, was shown as having made only 35 attendances at the Central Girls' School (headmistress, Lucy C Turner) over the 3 months to 22 May 1885 during which time the school was open 102 times. The child was said to have reached standard IV. Alfred Hatcher was fined 1/- which was recorded as paid, probably by his wife who was the person attending the hearing.	1885/056c
Serel	Edward A	Price	Thomas	03	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Elizabeth Price of St Thomas Street, aged 12, daughter of Thomas Price, was shown to have made no attendances at St Thomas Girls' School (headmistress, Sarah Amy Bendall) in the 3 months ending 22 May 1885 during which time the school was open on 97 occasions. Thomas Price was fined 1/- and given one week within which to pay.	1885/056d
Serel	Edward A	Sperring	William	03	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	William Sperring of St Cuthbert Street, aged 12, son of William Sperring, was shown as having made only 46 attendances at St Thomas Boys' School (headmaster, William Barnes) in the 3 months to 22 May 1885 during which time the school was open on 99 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard IV. William Sperring the elder was fined 1/- adjourned for one month to determine if his son's attendance record improved. William Sperring's wife was the person attending the hearing.	1885/056e

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Serel	Edward A	Trimm	John	03	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Gertrude Trimm of Southover, aged 11, daughter of John Trimm, was shown as having only made 15 attendances at the Central Girls' School (headmistress, Lucy C Turner) in the 3 months to 22 May 1885 during which time the school was open on 102 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard III. John Trimm was fined 1/-, but this was adjourned for one month to see if his daughter's attendance record improved.	1885/056f
Trimmer	Alfred	White	John	04	06	1885	Assault	A	Alfred Trimmer, gardener, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten on 4 June by John White, formerly of St Thomes Street, but now Bath Terrace, butcher. The case was noted as settled.	1885/057



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Brooks	Frederick	Chapman	Gowen	04	06	1885	Assault	A	Frederick Brooks, aged 12, claimed that Gowen Chapman, aged 14, had assaulted him and stabbed him in the head with a knife. After sports day a group of boys had been playing by the bandstand. Brooks had apparently knocked off Chapman's hat and this led to an argument which developed first into fisticuffs and then Chapman drew a knife. Brooks ran away and Chapman chased after, apparently striking Brooks first of all with the haft of the knife which was then closed, but then stabbing him with the blade. Witness statements were made by Alfred Gibbons, aged 12, son of Samuel Gibbons of Union Street, mason, and Charles Brown, labourer. PC Redwood encountered both of the witnesses and Frederick Brooks and heard their stories before arresting Chapman at his home and taking the knife which Chapman had given to his mother. The charge of malicious and unlawful wounding was reduced to one of common assault. Chapman was sentenced to 10 days hard labour in Shepton Mallet and then to be taken from there to spend four years at a reform school. Chapman was shown to have a previous conviction in March 1885 for the theft of coal from the Great Western Railway Station for which he was punished with 10 strokes of the birch rod. Case costs of 7/6d were to be borne by the defendant (or his parents).	1885/058
Police		Haines	Thomas	04	06	1885	Vagrancy	V	Thomas Haines was discovered to be sleeping in an outhouse. He had no visible means of subsistence. He was charged with vagrancy and pleaded guilty. He was dismissed with a caution.	1885/059

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Justices		Various		08	06	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the petty sessions cases to be heard on 8 June 1885. Where appropriate, information obtained from this list is incorporated into the individual case summaries. One case for which no other documentation appears to exist is one against Harry Brown for bastardy. This appears to show a payment on account of £1.2s.0d, but no other information is given.	1885/060
Angel	William	Bendall	George	11	06	1885	Assault	A	William Angel of No 11 Tor Street, labourer, complained that on 8 June 1885 his son, John, had been assaulted and beaten by George Bendall of St Thomas Street. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/061
Roach	Jane	Smart jnr	Harry	11	06	1885	Wilful damage to a rose tree	Wd	Jane Roach of No 1 Ethel Street complained that Harry Smart the younger, an ironmonger's apprentice, had wilfully damaged a rose tree in her garden causing damage to the amount of 6d. Smart pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/- and fees for witnesses of 1/6d, making a total sum of 10/6d.	1885/062
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	11	06	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the Urban Sanitary Authority, requested that William Whittle of Queen Street, butcher, be summoned with respect to the outstanding balance of £1.1s.11d for the general district rate set on 6 October 1884. A distress order appeared to be issued on 13 April 1885 as a result of Whittle's failure to pay at that time, but may not have been actioned. (see case ref 1885/037).	1885/063
Allen	Edward	Harris	Edward	13	06	1885	Assault	A	Edward Allen of Southover, mason, complained that on 6 June he had been assaulted by Edward Harris of St John Street. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/064

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Messrs Hillier & Salisbury		Lamb	John	17	06	1885	Absenting himself from work without permission	Ab	Messrs Hillier & Salisbury, brushmakers, pursued a case against one of their employees, John Lamb, a journeyman brushmaker, claiming the sum of 4/- in damages and 6/- in costs. Lamb had allegedly absented himself from work without leave and, as a result, other men who depended upon his output were unable to work and fulfil their own tasks. The award of 10/- was made against John Lamb and he was given one week within which to pay otherwise a distress warrant would be issued.	1885/065
Redwood	Charles John	Francis	Richard	17	06	1885	Drunk in charge of a horse and cart	D	PC Redwood arrested Richard Francis of Coxley, haulier, for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart on 10 June in Priory Road. Redwood found Francis lying on the cart with the reins in one hand; he appeared to be very drunk and was incapable of getting up. After some difficulty Francis was persuaded to go to the police station. Francis was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1885/066
Clarke	Emma	Hatcher	Frank	18	06	1885	Assault	A	Emma Clarke, wife of John Clarke of South Street, miller, complained that she had been assaulted by Frank Hatcher, labourer. She claimed that she had approached Hatcher about an assault on her daughter and she had then been struck in the face by Hatcher who was holding a hard object in his hand. Elizabeth Charlotte Nuttingham of Southover witnessed the assault and stated that Emma Clarke had grabbed Hatcher by the coat and that Hatcher had picked up a stone in his hand before hitting her. Henry John Bedford, son of Walter Bedford, labourer, saw Emma Clarke grab Hatcher by the coat and strike him in the face, but did not see Hatcher pick up a stone. He did note that some boys nearby encouraged Hatcher to strike Mrs Clarke again (see case ref 1885/072). Hatcher pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined £1.2s.0d with costs of 18/- or, in the event of default, to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1885/067

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Burke	Margaret	Burke	Martin	20	06	1885	Failure to pay maintenance order	Mo	Margaret Burke complained that her husband, Martin Burke, livery stable keeper, had not made the maintenance payments of 6/- per week that were awarded against him in May 1885 (see case ref 1885/049). Martin Burke had paid his wife 3/- soon after the award but had made no payments since then. The amount owing was now £1.1s.0d with the next instalment of 6/- almost due. Martin Burke had insisted to his wife that he had no money and he repeated this statement at the hearing. Martin Burke was ordered to pay the outstanding sum of £1.1s.0d plus costs of 4/6d or to serve 14 days in prison.	1885/068
Osborn	Henry Edmond	Richards	William	20	06	1885	Cruelty to cosw	C	Henry Edmond Osborn, inspector for the RSPCA, complained that William Richards of Ashcott, cattle dealer, had inflicted cruelty on a number of cows being brought to market by allowing them to be considerably overstocked with milk, thus causing them great discomfort. Osborn was supported in his testimony by George Evans, veterinary surgeon, and police sergeant Knight. John Banwell, a farmer from Burcott, on whose farm the cattle had stayed overnight before the market, claimed that the cows had been properly milked that night. Richards was found guilty and fined £1.10s.0d, plus vet's fees of 10/-, costs of 10/- and service of the summons at 3/-, making a total of £2.13s.0d.	1885/069
Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walter	22	06	1885	Non-payment for supply of water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager at the Wells Water Company, claimed that Walter Brooks of High Street had failed to pay the bill of 10/- for the supply of water which was due on Lady Day past (i.e. 25 March 1885). The case was recorded as settled.	1885/070

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Russ	Samuel Perren	Summers	Mary	22	06	1885	Misbehaviour in Wells Union	Dp	Samuel Perren Russ was clerk to the Guardians of the Wells Union and brought the case against Mary Summers. On 1 June Mary Summers had come to the Wells Union with two children at around 9 or 10 in the evening. She could not decide whether she wished to be admitted or not and, after discussions with the matron went away again, only to return within the hour. Even now she was still very hesitant about staying, but at this point the matron, Mrs Beesley, insisted that she and her children should stay. Mary Summers then became violent and supposedly pushed or struck the matron in order to try and get away. The matron called upon her husband, William Beesley, master of Wells Union, to help and he eventually overpowered Mary Summers, with some help from the porter, Charles Blizzard, as she attempted to escape. Eva Green, schoolmistress at the Wells Union, was also present in the front hall where the struggle took place and cast doubt upon whether Summers had actually struck Mrs Beesley. The costs of the case were 11/6d but Mary Summers was found not guilty and the case was dismissed.	1885/071
Clarke	Emma	Vincent	Guilbert	25	06	1885	Incitement to break the law	lc	Emma Clarke, wife of John Clarke of South Street, miller, brought a case of assault against a youth called Frank Hatcher, labourer. When she was attacked by Hatcher, she heard another boy nearby encouraging Hatcher to strike her again and brought a case against him for incitement. The justices determined that the incitement had taken place after the assault had been committed and the assault had been only one blow. Vincent therefore appears to have been found not guilty but the costs of the case were remitted to the complainant.	1885/072

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Serel	Edward A	Various		29	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils who had shown a low level of attendance at school over the month of June 1885. The parents to whom summons were issued are listed below. In addition to the attendance records of individual pupils Serel also produced overall statistics for the attendance levels at the different schools in Wells during this period. Note: the numbers of attendances shown in Serel's list do not necessarily match those shown on the certificates of attendance issued by the schools. The main cause is likely to be that the statistics cover different periods.	1885/073
Serel	Edward A	Ball	John	29	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Emily Ball of South Street, daughter of John Ball, was shown to have made only 19 attendances at the Central Girls' School (headmistress, Lucy C Turner) in the period up to 26 June during which time the school was open on 37 occasions. The case against John Ball was dismissed with a caution.	1885/073a
Serel	Edward A	Snooks	John	29	06	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	William Snooks of St Thomas Street, son of John Snooks, was shown to have made only 14 attendances at St Thomas Boys' School (headmaster, William Barnes) in the period up to 26 June during which time the school was open on 37 occasions. The case against John Snooks was dismissed with a caution.	1885/073b
Richards	Walter	Moore	Charles	30	06	1885	Drunk on licensed premises	D	PC Richards charged Charles Moore of St Thomas Street, mason, with being drunk on licensed premises on 27 June. Redwood stated that he had heard a great noise from The Goat Inn in St Thomas Street and had gone to investigate. He found Moore to be drunk and the landlady, Miss Raines, asked Richards to remove him. She had refused to serve Moore because she felt that he had already had sufficient to drink, and this had resulted in the noise. Richards took Moore out and walked him home. Moore was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or to serve 7 days in prison.	1885/074

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Richards	Walter	Moore	Herbert	30	06	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Herbert Moore of St Thomas Street, mason, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street on 27 June. Richards had been called to The Goat Inn by the landlady, Miss Raines, who asked him to remove a number of people from the premises at around 10.45pm. Initially, Herbert Moore refused to go, but was eventually persuaded to leave. Out in the street, Richards claimed that Moore made a lot of noise and adamantly refused to go home, saying that he had as much right to walk the streets as the police officer. Ernest Moore of St Thomas Street, also a mason, testified that Herbert Moore had only had a little drop to drink, was sober, was quite orderly in the street and he did not hear him say what Richards claimed. The case against Herbert Moore was dismissed.	1885/075
Richards	Walter	Hanney	Edward	30	06	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Richards charged Edward Hanney of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in a public street on 27 June 1885. Hanney pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1885/076
Summers	Mary	Beesley	William Henry	03	07	1885	Assault	A	Mary Summers, an inmate or former inmate of the Wells Union, accused William Henry Beesley, master of the Wells Union, of assaulting her on 1 June. This was a follow-up to the incident described in case ref 1885/071, but with the detailed testimony given more from the viewpoint of Mary Summers than those responsible for running the workhouse. The testimony of Mary Summers was extensive and she also put forward witness statements from Eva Green, described as an industrial trainer at the workhouse, and Jacob Barnes of High Street, ironmonger. The case against William Henry Beesley was dismissed.	1885/077

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Hembury	Esther	Brown	Henry	06	07	1885	Failure to pay maintenance order for bastardy	Mo	Esther Hembury complained to the court that the maintenance order awarded against Henry Brown on 8 June 1885 (see case ref 1885/060) as the putative father of their bastard child was not being paid. Brown had not paid off the costs incurred at the time of the previous hearing and was now four weeks in arrears with the weekly maintenance payments of 2/6d per week. Brown was instructed to pay the accumulated arrears of 14/6d plus the cost of 10/- incurred in obtaining this judgement against him. Both sums were recorded as having been paid.	1885/078
Bendall	William Newport	Various		08	07	1885	Non-payment for supply of water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager at the Wells Water Company, claimed that the individuals listed below had failed to pay for the water supply provided by the Wells Water Company.	1885/079
Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	Walter	08	07	1885	Non-payment for supply of water	N	Walter Bedford of Priest Row was shown as owing 2/6d. The amount outstanding was shown as paid.	1885/079a
Bendall	William Newport	Stamps	John	08	07	1885	Non-payment for supply of water	N	John Stamps of High Street was shown as owing 5/-. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/079b
Bendall	William Newport	Woodburn	Frederick	08	07	1885	Non-payment for supply of water	N	Frederick Woodburn of High Street was shown as owing 14/-. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/079c
Bendall	William Newport	Brown	C	08	07	1885	Non-payment for supply of water	N	C Brown of Mill Lane was recorded as owing 1/6d. Brown appears to have been charged a total of 5/- according to the notes of the Petty Session meeting on 13 July.	1885/079d
Bendall	William Newport	Moore	Charles	08	07	1885	Non-payment for supply of water	N	Charles Moore of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 3/-. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/079e
Bendall	William Newport	Sugden	Honorable Marianne	08	07	1885	Non-payment for supply of water	N	The Honorable Mrs Marianne Sugden of New Street was shown as owing £1.5s.0d. The amount outstanding was recorded as paid.	1885/079f
Brown	Charles	Brooks	Henry	08	07	1885	Wilful damage to a tree	Wd	Charles Brown, surveyor of the Wells Urban Sanitary Authority complained that on 8 May 1885 Henry Brooks of Priest Row had deliberately mutilated a tree in Priory Road causing damage to the amount of 1/-. Brooks pleaded guilty to the charge. He escaped a fine but was required to pay costs of 7/6d.	1885/080



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Police		Pippard	Paul	11	07	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	Paul Pippard was charged with being drunk and disorderly on a public highway on 11 July. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 1/- with costs of 5/- or to spend 7 days in prison. He appears to have paid 1/6d immediately, but the full amount is also recorded as having been settled.	1885/081
Justices		Various		13	07	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the petty sessions cases heard on 13 July 1885. Where appropriate, information obtained from this list is incorporated into the individual case summaries.	1885/082
Parsons	George	Barr	Harry	17	07	1885	Drunk on licensed premises	L	George Parsons of The Nag's Head in Sadler Street complained that Harry Barr of Henton, hawker, had been drunk on his premises and, in contravention of the Licensing Act, had refused to leave when formally requested to do so. The case was presented by Mrs Parsons and Mr Slade. Barr pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with total costs of a further 10/-.	1885/083
Seal	Elizabeth	Watts	George	18	07	1885	Bastardy	B	Elizabeth Seal, a single woman of Milton Hill, requested that a summons be issued to George Watts, late of Draycott, stone mason, as the putative father of her bastard child born on 9 May 1885. Watts had apparently acknowledged that he was the father of the child in front of several witnesses and had paid the sum of £1 to Seal. However, he had left Draycott and was now said to be in America, although he was expected to return. It was decided to hold the summons and issue it on his return.	1885/084
Foster	Reginald Lowbridge	Harrison	John Philip	18	07	1885	Refusing to return property	T	Reginald Lowbridge Foster, Lieutenant in command of C (Wells) Company of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry, complained that John Philip Harrison, a volunteer lance corporal in C Company, had refused to return equipment issued to him in this role when requested to do so. The equipment was listed as: rifle, tunic, pair of trousers, glengarry, pair of leggings, kitbag, belt and pouches, helmet and bag. The total value of the equipment was given as £7.	1885/085

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Green	Sarah	Palmer	Annie	20	07	1885	Malicious damage to garden plants	Wd	Sarah Green of Southover complained that flowers in her garden to the value of 5/- had been maliciously destroyed by Annie Palmer, a married woman. Palmer pleaded guilty and was fined 1/6d with costs, including damage, of 8/6d or to spend 7 days in gaol. Annie Palmer went to gaol and the costs of 3/6d appear to have been remitted to the complainant following Palmer's default.	1885/086
Police		Russell	Henry	22	07	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	On 22 July 1885 Henry Russell was charged with being drunk and disorderly on a public highway. He was ordered to pay 3/- for costs and 1/- for his subsistence while in the cells.	1885/087
Padfield	Elizabeth	Padfield	Edward	22	07	1885	Assault	A	Elizabeth Padfield, wife of Edward Padfield, gas engineer, complained that her husband had assaulted and beaten her on 17 June 1885. She noted that William Fairbanks MD would testify on her behalf.	1885/088
Simmons	Samuel John Catcott			24	07	1885	Licence transfer application	La	Samuel J C Simmons notified the magistrates on 24 July 1885 of his intention to transfer the licence of The Exmouth Inn to Alfred Trimmer of St Thomas Street, gardener, on 10 August 1885. A note in the margin of the application showed a temporary hold on the transfer until 14 September 1885.	1885/089

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Nuttingham	Charlotte Elizabeth	Nuttingham	William	25	07	1885	Threatened assault	A	Charlotte Elizabeth Nuttingham, wife of William Nuttingham of South Street, labourer, complained that she was afraid that her husband would assault her and cause her bodily injury. She had found him in The Mermaid Inn with his arms around a married woman. She had asked him for money to buy food, but he had simply told her to go home and he would settle her when he got back. She had then gone immediately to the magistrates and appealed for a warrant for his arrest, since she feared for her life (he had earlier expressed a desire to poison her with something from the mill) and was concerned that he would abscond unless taken into custody. William Nuttingham was arrested and at the hearing was instructed to put forward sureties of £10 to ensure good behaviour towards his wife for at least the next 6 months. In addition, he was also to pay costs of 7/6d and subsistence of 1/9d.	1885/090
Serel	Edward A	Various		27	07	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils who had shown a low level of attendance at school over the month of July 1885. The parents to whom summons were issued are shown individually below. Parents on Serel's list to whom summons were not issued were as follows: Alfred Hatcher (daughter, Emily Hatcher), William Whittle (son, Samuel Whittle), Edward Ball (son, Thomas Ball) and James Price (daughter, Ellen Price). In most cases the attendance records were worse than some of those to whom summons were issued. In addition to the attendance records of individual pupils Serel also produced overall statistics for the attendance levels at the different schools in Wells during this period. Note: the numbers of attendances shown in Serel's list do not necessarily match those shown on the certificates of attendance issued by the schools. The main cause is likely to be that the statistics cover different periods.	1885/091

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Serel	Edward A	Binsham	Edward	27	07	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Alice Binsham, aged 10, daughter of Edward Binsham, was shown to have made only 14 attendances at St Thomas Girls' School (headmistress, Sarah Amy Bendall) in the period up to 31 July during which time the school was open on 42 occasions. Alice Binsham was shown to have achieved standard III. Edward Binsham was fined 5/-.	1885/091a
Serel	Edward A	Price	Thomas	27	07	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Elizabeth Price, aged 12, daughter of Thomas Price, was shown to have made no attendances at St Thomas Girls' School (headmistress, Sarah Amy Bendall) in the period up to 31 July during which time the school was open on 42 occasions. Elizabeth Price was shown to have achieved standard I. Thomas Price was fined 2/6d and allowed one week within which to pay.	1885/091b
Fowler	James	Hippisley	William	04	08	1885	Assault	A	James Fowler, french polisher, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by William Hippisley of St Thomas Street, gardener, on 4 August. The case was noted as settled.	1885/092
Fowler	James	Ridley	John	04	08	1885	Assault	A	James Fowler, french polisher, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by John Ridley of St Thomas Street, labourer, on 4 August. The case was noted as settled.	1885/093
Creedy	Elizabeth Selina	Creedy	Louisa Mary	04	08	1885	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Elizabeth Selina Creedy of South Street, wife of Joseph Major Creedy, plasterer, complained that Louisa Mary Creedy of 23 South Street, wife of William Creedy, had used obscene language in public in South Street on 3 August 1885. No indication is given of the outcome of the hearing.	1885/094

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Page	Robert	Bartlett	Thomas	06	08	1885	Dangerous dog	Dd	Robert Page of Union Street, blacksmith, complained that the rough-haired terrier owned by Thomas Bartlett of Wookey Hole Lane, farmer, was a dangerous animal that Bartlett did not keep under proper control. Page had been set on by the dog which had caught hold of his coat and ripped it. Although he then drove it off, it returned to attack him again. Henry Roper of The Crown Inn supported Page by testifying that he considered it a dangerous dog and he was scared to pass near it with his own dog. The magistrates ordered Bartlett to keep the dog under proper control. The costs of the case totalled 13/-, presumed to be borne by Bartlett.	1885/095
Redwood	Charles John	Stevens Stevens	Frederick Alfred	08	08	1885	Causing an affray	Af	PC Redwood charged Frederick Stevens and Alfred Stevens, both of Southover and both labourers, with causing an affray in Southover on 6 August 1885. Redwood was of the view that they were likely to do the same again and requested that they be bound over and be required to put forward sureties to guarantee their future behaviour. The defendants pleaded guilty and were required to pay the costs of the case which amounted to 9/-. In addition, they were each bound over for 6 months in the sum of £5 as surety for their future behaviour.	1885/096
Smith	James	Price	Thomas	08	08	1885	Eviction notice	Ev	James Smith issued an eviction notice to Thomas Price requiring him to leave No 1 Cottage in New Inn Yard (off St Thomas Street), which he was renting from Smith, by 15 August 1885.	1885/097
Justices		Various		10	08	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the petty sessions cases heard on 10 August 1885. Where appropriate, information obtained from this list is incorporated into the individual case summaries.	1885/098

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Francis	Isaac John	Wills	Charles	17	08	1885	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Isaac John Francis of St Thomas Street, publican of The Coach & Horses, complained that Charles Wills of St Thomas Street, labourer, in contravention of the Licensing Act, had refused to leave the premises when formally and lawfully requested to do so because he was acting in a disorderly manner. The case was dismissed on the defendant paying the costs of 4/6d.	1885/099
Francis	Isaac John	Wills	Charles	17	08	1885	Assault	A	Isaac John Francis of St Thomas Street, publican of The Coach & Horses, complained that Charles Wills of St Thomas Street, labourer, had assaulted him on 15 August 1885 by kicking his leg after having been asked to leave the premises because of his disorderly behaviour. Wills was fined 1/- with costs of 8/- or to serve 7 days in gaol.	1885/100
Stickland	Frederick William	Hemmins	Arthur	20	08	1885	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Stickland charged Arthur Hemmins of High Street, errand boy, with obstructing the highway in Burcot Lane by placing a cart wheel on the road and leaving it there without due cause. Hemmins was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-. Note: the initial documentation refers to William Hemmins.	1885/101
Foster	Reginald Lowbridge	Various		25	08	1885	Notification for licence application	La	On 25 August 1885 Reginald Lowbridge Foster, acting as clerk to the licensing justices, issued notification for renewal of licences for inns, alehouses and victualling houses to take place on 14 September. On the back of this notice is a list of such establishments and the current licence holders. This list is reproduced below in two parts (see 1885/102a and 1885/102b).	1885/102

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Foster	Reginald Lowbridge	Various		25	08	1885	Notification for licence application	La	List of current/expected licensees and premises: - Andrews Mermaid Inn - Bennett White Hart - Bown Star Hotel - Brook (not listed) - Coles King's Head - Cook King's Arms - Crosse Spirit Vaults - Dunkerton Fountain Inn - Evans City Arms - Fawcett (not listed) - Francis Coach & Horses - George Swan Hotel - Harris Rose & Crown - Hawkins (not listed) - Hill Mitre Hotel - Hutton Red Ox - Merrick Lamb Inn - Mogford Royal Oak - Moore Queen's Head	1885/102a

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Foster	Reginald Lowbridge	Various		25	08	1885	Notification for licence application	La	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parfitt Bull's Head</li> <li>- Parsons Nags Head</li> <li>- Porter Spirit Vaults</li> <li>- Raines Goat Inn</li> <li>- Rogers Crown Inn</li> <li>- Sheppard Off Licence</li> <li>- Smith New Inn</li> <li>- Tate Spirit Vaults</li> <li>- Trimmer Exmouth Inn</li> <li>- Tripp Cheddar Valley</li> <li>- Vaughn Golden Heart</li> <li>- Walker Sun Inn</li> <li>- Way &amp; Sons (not listed)</li> <li>- Webb Railway Hotel</li> <li>- Western Railway Tavern</li> <li>- Wickhenden Refreshment Rooms</li> <li>- Wilton Forester's Arms</li> <li>- Woodburn Hearts of Oak</li> </ul>	1885/102b
Stickland	Frederick William	Snelling Savage	Albert Albert	28	08	1885	Stealing apples	T	PC Stickland accused Albert Snelling, aged 15, and Albert Savage, aged 13, of stealing apples to the value of 6d, the property of Matthew James Dando. Snelling was fined 6/6d with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in gaol, while the case against Savage was dismissed with the costs being remitted to the complainant.	1885/103



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Redwood	Charles John	Lambert Neath Haggett Crandon Dowling	Thomas Henry Albert James Frederick	01	09	1885	Poaching (at night)	Pc	PC Redwood stopped the five defendants on the Bristol Road, searched them and their vehicle, and arrested them for poaching at night. He found on them two rabbits and in their cart were two poacher's nets. Thomas Lambert of St John Street was a sawyer, Henry Neath and Albert Haggett, both of St Cuthbert Street, were butchers, as was Frederick Dowling of Union Street. No information about the address or profession of James Crandon was noted (although earlier cases in 1877 show a James Crandon as a butcher living in St Thomas Street). At the hearing all defendants pleaded guilty, although Crandon and Dowling did not appear. Each of them was required to pay £1.3s.6d, except Neath who only had to pay 18/6d.	1885/104
Bennett	John			02	09	1885	Licence extension application	La	John Bennett of The White Hart applied for an extension to the licensing hours for The White Hart on that evening (02 September 1885) in order to accommodate The Oddfellows dinner. The application was granted.	1885/105
Justices		Various		14	09	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the petty sessions cases heard on 14 September 1885. Where appropriate, information obtained from this list is incorporated into the individual case summaries. Note: this document also contains reference to a transaction for a temporary transfer of the licence of The Star Hotel to Leah Bown and Lucy Bown for a fee of 2/6d.	1885/106
Police		Westley Walters	Albert Charles	17	09	1885	Stealing apples	T	Albert Westley of Queen Street, aged 15, and Charles Walters of No 1 South Street, aged 18, were accused of stealing apples to the value of 6d that were the property of William Bartlett of Portway. Both defendants opted to be tried summarily and both pleaded guilty. Each of them was fined 10/- and charged costs of 3/6d or to serve 14 days in gaol. Westley appeared to have paid 10/- and was allowed one week to pay the remainder which was then recorded as being paid.	1885/107

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Holley	Frederick	Allen	James	19	09	1885	Obscene language	Pr	PC Holley charged James Allen of Hayden, plumber, with using obscene language in High Street on 16 September 1885. Holley had been walking up High Street when he encountered James Allen and Mr Crump on the corner of Sadler Street and High Street. Allen had inveighed against the police in general calling them 'a bloody lazy lot' and had continued all the way up Sadler Street at the top of his voice. Allen pleaded not guilty to the charge but was apparently fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1885/108
Redwood	Charles John	Onion	George	19	09	1885	Drunk & disorderly Assault	D A	PC Redwood stated that he had encountered George Onion in High Street on 18 September 1885. Onion was drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner. Redwood advised him to go home but when he came back 10 minutes later Onion was propped up against a wall and using extremely bad language, challenging everyone in the vicinity to a fight. Redwood took him home and put him indoors but Onion kept coming back out and continued to use bad language. Onion's wife asked Redwood to stay around because she was afraid for her safety with her husband in such a bad way. Eventually, Onion took his coat off and attacked PC Redwood striking him a blow in the face. Redwood arrested him and locked him up. Onion was fined 5/- with total costs of 6/- for being drunk and disorderly, and then a further fine of 5/- with costs of 3/6d for assaulting a police officer. Both sets of fines and costs were recorded as paid.	1885/109
Hill	Mary	Howell	John	22	09	1885	Obscene language	Pr	Mary Hill of Southover, wife of William Hill, carter, complained that John Howell had used obscene language to her in Southover on 20 September. When they met in the street he had asked her if Bramwell Booth was coming down tonight and, when she did not answer, he became abusive. Howell was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1885/110

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Police		Sullivan	Grace	25	09	1885	Vagrancy	V	Grace Sullivan was charged with begging on the highway on 24 September 1885. She pleaded guilty to the charge. The case was dismissed with a caution.	1885/111
Knight	James	Bennett	John	25	09	1885	Food & Drugs Act	Wm	Police sergeant Knight complained that on 17 September he had bought a pint of gin from John Bennett, landlord of The White Hart and the product did not meet the required specification. Knight had paid 1/9d for a pint of gin and Bennett was aware when Knight made the purchase that the intention was to test its quality. Bennett had later come to the police station to say that he had made a mistake and that a dinner party on the previous evening had depleted his stock of gin so that he was left with an inferior product. He had been unaware of the situation until his wife had advised him of the problem. Bennett was fined 1/- for selling a product that did not conform with the specification, plus 10/- costs and a further 15/- in expenses for testing etc, making a total of £1.6s.0d.	1885/112
Westley	Charles	Say	Thomas	25	09	1885	Assault	A	Charles Westley of No 1 Queen Street, labourer, complained that he had been assaulted by Thomas Say of Priest Row, labourer. Westley had been walking along Wookey Hole Lane towards Wells with two companions, William Parsons and Charley Walters, when they met Say who challenged Westley about a boast that Westley had supposedly made about giving Say a good hiding. Say then struck Westley in the chest and knocked him down and, while he was still down, hit him in the face and cut his eye. William Parsons, paper maker living at The Nag's Head, provided a witness statement on behalf of Westley, while Henry Pike, foreman of railway packers where Say was employed, provided a character reference for Say. Say pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-. He paid 7/- immediately and was given 7 days within which to pay the balance.	1885/113

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Simmons	Samuel John Catcott			29	09	1885	Licence transfer application	La	Samuel J C Simmons notified the magistrates on 29 September 1885 of his intention to transfer the licence of The Exmouth Inn temporarily to William Thomas Wickham, gentleman's servant, on 12 October 1885. The application was granted.	1885/114
Redwood	Charles John	Turrell	Sarah	01	10	1885	Obscene language	Pr	PC Redwood charged Sarah Turrell of St Cuthbert Street with using obscene language in that street on 23 September 1885. Turrell pleaded guilty to the charge. She was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1885/115
Justices				02	10	1885	Petty sessions meeting	*	There appears to have been a meeting to discuss special constables. No information about the content of the meeting is given. Even the date is doubtful as the date of the meeting is shown as 2 Wells 1885. It is shown here as 2 October as the document was filed with other documents primarily from October 1885.	1885/116
Serel	Edward A	Various		08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils who had shown a low level of attendance at school for the month of September 1885. The parents to whom summons were issued are shown individually below. Parents on Serel's list to whom summons were not issued were as follows: William Brook (son, Walter Brook), William Whittle (son, John Whittle and son, Richard Whittle), William Brayley (son, Walter Brayley), John Shears (son, Alfred Shears), William Creedy (son, John Creedy), and George James Williams (son, George, and daughter, Amy). The reasons for not issuing summons to these parents are not given. In addition to the attendance records of individual pupils Serel also produced overall statistics for the attendance levels at the different schools in Wells during this period. Note: the numbers of missed attendances shown in Serel's list do not necessarily match those shown on the certificates of attendance issued by the schools. The main cause is likely to be that the statistics cover different periods.	1885/117

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Serel	Edward A	Brook	William	08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	William Brook, aged 11, son of William Brook, was shown to have made only 25 attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) in the period up to 25 September during which time the school was open on 39 occasions. William Brook was shown to have achieved standard V.	1885/117a
Serel	Edward A	Morgan	Mary Emma	08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Frederick Morgan, aged 9, son of Mary Emma Morgan, was shown to have made no attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) in the period up to 25 September during which time the school was open on 39 occasions. Frederick Morgan was shown to have achieved standard IV.	1885/117b
Serel	Edward A	Morgan	Mary Emma	08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Samuel Morgan, aged 8, son of Mary Emma Morgan, was shown to have made no attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) in the period up to 25 September during which time the school was open on 39 occasions. Samuel Morgan was shown to have achieved standard II.	1885/117c
Serel	Edward A	Morgan	Mary Emma	08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Alice Morgan, aged 6, daughter of Mary Emma Morgan, was shown to have made only 28 attendances at Wells Central Infants School (headmistress, A E Cooke) in the period up to 30 September during which time the school was open on 43 occasions.	1885/117d
Serel	Edward A	Trimm	John	08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Gertrude Trimm, daughter of John Trimm, was shown to have made only 15 attendances at the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) in the period up to 30 September during which time the school was open on 43 occasions. Gertrude Trimm was shown to have achieved standard IV.	1885/117e
Serel	Edward A	Hatcher	Alfred	08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Alice Hatcher, daughter of Alfred Hatcher, was shown to have made only 26 attendances at the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) in the period up to 30 September during which time the school was open on 43 occasions. Alice Hatcher was shown to have achieved standard II.	1885/117f

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Serel	Edward A	Hatcher	Alfred	08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Kate Hatcher, daughter of Alfred Hatcher, was shown to have made only 26 attendances at the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) in the period up to 30 September during which time the school was open on 43 occasions. Kate Hatcher was shown to have achieved standard I.	1885/117g
Serel	Edward A	Shears	John	08	10	1885	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Herbert Shears, aged 5, son of John Shears, was shown to have made only 7 attendances at Wells Central Infants School (headmistress, A E Cooke) in the period up to 30 September during which time the school was open on 46 occasions.	1885/117h
Bendall	William Newport	Various		09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City and Borough of Wells, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 6 April 1885. The individual cases are listed below. In a list prepared on 8 October the entry for G Griffin of St Thomas Street was crossed out and no summons was issued.	1885/118
Bendall	William Newport	Calf	Thomas	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that Thomas Calf owed £1.10s.9d for a property in High Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of £1.14s.3d. Note: there are two copies of this summons.	1885/118a
Bendall	William Newport	Wilton	John	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that John Wilton owed £2.1s.7d for a property in Broad Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of £2.5s.1d. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/118b
Bendall	William Newport	Chamberlain	James	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that James Chamberlain owed 4/10d for a property in South Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 8/4d.	1885/118c
Bendall	William Newport	Free	George	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall recorded that George Free owed 7/6d for a property in Southover, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 11/-. George Free's wife appeared at the hearing and objected to the rating of the property, but was ordered to pay the outstanding sum within 14 days.	1885/118d

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Bendall	William Newport	Trimm	George	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall recorded that George Trimm owed 6/- for a property in Southover, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 9/6d. Trimm appears to have questioned the rating but was ordered to pay the outstanding amount within two weeks. An apparently later entry showed costs associated with the order were now 5/- and the amount outstanding 11/6d (presumably indicating that Trimm had not paid within the 14 days required).	1885/118e
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall reported that William Whittle owed £1.7s.0d for a property in Queen Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of £1.10s.6d. Whittle did not appear at the hearing and an order was issued on 14 October 1885 demanding that the outstanding sum, plus a further 3/6d for the order and associated documents, making £1.14s.0d, be paid forthwith. A payment of 10/- was received on 15 October and a further payment of £1 on 21 October. (See also 1885/119 for non-payment of poor rate).	1885/118f
Bendall	William Newport	Standard jnr	James	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that James Standard the younger owed 6/- for a property in St Cuthbert Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 9/6d. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/118g
Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	George	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that George Marsh owed 4/10d for a property in Tucker Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 8/4d. Marsh was allowed 14 days within which to pay. However, a further order for costs appears to have been issued making the sum outstanding 10/4d. A partial payment of 5/- was received on 29 October and the balance of 5/4d seems to have been paid on 31 October.	1885/118h
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that George Bartlett owed 12/9d for a property in St Cuthbert Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 16/3d.	1885/118i
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall reported that Alfred Hatcher owed 3/4d for a property in Priest Row, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 6/10d.	1885/118j

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Bendall	William Newport	Lucas	Ann	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall recorded that Ann Lucas owed 3/- for a property in St Thomas Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 6/6d. A later note showed that Ann Lucas was excused the payment.	1885/118k
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	09	10	1885	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall showed that James Oxley owed 6/- for a property in Tor Street, plus 3/6d in costs for the hearing, making a total of 9/6d. Oxley was recorded as having paid the sum outstanding.	1885/118l
Serel	Edward A	Whittle	William	09	10	1885	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Edward A Serel, an overseer of the poor of the parish of St Cuthbert, complained that William Whittle of Queen Street had not paid the poor rate set on 13 November 1884 or the poor rate set on 18 May 1885. The sum of 15/- was outstanding for each of these rates. The amount owing was increased by 5/- for the costs of the hearing and the summons, making the balance £1.15s.0d. A distress warrant was issued on 14 October. The sum of £1.18s.0d was reported to have been collected by 31 October, the additional sum of 3/- being the cost of executing the distress warrant.	1885/119
Justices		Various		12	10	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the petty sessions cases heard on 12 October 1885. Where appropriate, information obtained from this list is incorporated into the individual case summaries. Note: this document also contains reference to a transaction regarding a request by Thomas William Walker for an extension of the licence of The Sun Inn on 28 October 1885 in order to hold the Foresters' Supper. The request was granted.	1885/120



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Cock	Charles	Loxton	William	23	10	1885	Assault	A	<p>Charles Cock of South Street, carpenter, complained that he had been assaulted by William Loxton of Market Street, labourer, when they were both at the circus held in Mr Webb's field on 22 October 1885. Cock had gone to the circus and had been invited to sit with his sister, Annie Cock, and her friend, Lucy Price of St Thomas Street, dressmaker. Cock stated that as he was sitting down he may have touched the arm of William Loxton, but Loxton immediately became very heated, told Cock to keep still and quiet, then accused him of making faces, before dealing him a backhanded slap to the mouth.</p> <p>No information is given regarding the outcome of the case, which was originally adjourned for a month, although the costs were shown as 11/-; the word 'Fine' appears on the case document, but no amount is shown. A later entry dated 27/02/1886 showed a payment of 5/- made by Loxton.</p>	1885/121
Knight	James	West	James	29	10	1885	Leaving cart on highway	O	<p>Police sergeant Knight charged James West of Glastonbury, hawker, with leaving a horse and cart unattended in the Market Place on 27 October where it caused an obstruction. The horse and cart remained unattended outside The Crown for at least 45 minutes while West and his brother were inside drinking. Knight noted that he had cautioned West before. West was fined 5/- with costs of 5/-, but, if in default, the money would be recovered by distress proceedings and the defendant would go to gaol for 7 days.</p>	1885/122
Parsons	Henry	Watts	John Henry	03	11	1885	Leaving horse and cart on highway unattended	O	<p>PC Parsons complained that on 2 November 1885 John Henry Watts had left his horse and cart unattended outside The Coffee Tavern in the Market Place for more than 30 minutes causing an obstruction to other traffic. Watts stated that he had been getting something to eat; the horse also had a feed bag on. Watts was required to pay the sum of 4/-.</p>	1885/123

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Oxley	Elizabeth	Holley	Frederick	07	11	1885	Wilful damage	Wd	Elizabeth Oxley of St Thomas Street, single woman, poulterer, complained that PC Holley had wilfully damaged the lock on her door to gain access to her premises. Elizabeth Oxley complained that she had been asleep on her sofa at around 11pm when Emma Jenkyns, a servant at The Goat Inn, and PC Holley came into the room and woke her up. PC Holley had come to return a basket containing poultry that had been seized from Elizabeth Oxley the previous evening (the reason for that seizure is not explained). He had apparently knocked on the door for some time and been unable to obtain an answer. Elizabeth Oxley claimed that Holley had forced the lock and she had had to get it repaired by Stephen Slade, blacksmith, at a cost of 6d. Testimony for the complainant was provided by Emma Jenkyns (who was passing by and had been persuaded by PC Holley to awaken Elizabeth Oxley), Jane Allen, a single woman who was a neighbour of Elizabeth Oxley, and Albert White of St Thomas Street, labourer. All indicated that PC Holley had forced the door. Testimony for PC Holley was provided by Louisa Crocker of St Thomas Street and Thomas Wickham, an employee of The Mitre Hotel who was passing by at the time; they suggested that PC Holley had not used force to open the door. Stephen Slade, blacksmith, acknowledged that the lock had been forced but was unable to state when that may have happened. PC Holley pleaded not guilty to the charge. The costs of the case were set at 6/6d and were paid by the defendant.	1885/124

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Justices		Various		10	11	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the petty sessions cases heard on 10 November 1885. Where appropriate, information obtained from this list is incorporated into the individual case summaries. Note: this document indicates that the case against George Watts on a charge of bastardy and payments under the associated maintenance order was to be heard. There is no documentation to indicate whether there was a hearing in this case or not. See case ref 1885/084 for the previous developments in this case.	1885/125
Redwood	Charles John	Self	Henry Harvey	14	11	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood stated that he had found Henry Harvey Self to be roaring drunk outside Evans' lodging house In Southover. He was making a great noise, was using very bad language and had attracted a considerable crowd. Self refused to go to the police station and resisted arrest to such an extent that Redwood needed the assistance of PC Holley and two other men to get him there. One of those two men was kicked twice in the head by Self. Once in the cell, Self had continued to make a great noise and wilfully damaged various objects in the cell. Self was sentenced to 7 days in gaol with hard labour.	1885/126
Redwood	Charles John	Dennick	Joseph	16	11	1885	Leaving horse and cart on highway unattended	O	PC Redwood charged Joseph Dennick of St John Street, labourer, with leaving a horse and cart in St John Street for a long and unreasonable time on 11 November 1885, causing an obstruction to other traffic. Dennick was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-; he was allowed one week within which to pay.	1885/127

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Knight	James	Farrell	Mary	18	11	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police sergeant Knight stated that he had heard a row by The Crown Inn in the Market Place and had found Mary Farrell to be shouting and swearing, abusing the people running the house. The landlord told him that they had put her out because of her disorderly behaviour. When Knight tried to persuade her to go home she became even more abusive and violent, so she was then locked up. She had no money with her, only a basket of ferns. Farrell was sentenced to 7 days in gaol with hard labour.	1885/128
Peach	John Henry	Chamberlain	Frederick	20	11	1885	Assault	A	John Henry Peach of Broad Street complained that on 18 November 1885 he was assaulted by Frederick Chamberlain of Union Street, barber. Peach also gave the names of two witnesses who would testify to his case, namely: John Duckett of High Street, butcher, and Albert Higgins of High Street, grocer. The case was recorded as settled.	1885/129

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Redwood	Charles John	Little	John	02	12	1885	Drunkenness Assault on police	D A	PC Redwood charged John Little with being drunk and disorderly and with assaulting a police officer on 1 December 1885. Redwood had been called to The King's Head where the landlord, Mr Coles, was having difficulty in getting Little to leave the premises. Little was seen to be drunk and refused to go, eventually being pushed out of the kitchen, down a passageway and into the road by Redwood. Once outside, the pair grappled in the street as Little struck Redwood several times. Eventually, Redwood obtained assistance from police sergeant Knight and Little was taken to the station and charged. Harry Pickthorn of London, stonemason, whom Little assisted as a stonemason's mate, testified on his behalf, claiming that he had been willing to leave the inn, but only after lighting his pipe, and also asserting that Little had not struck the police officer.  Little was fined 1/- with costs of 3/6d for being drunk and disorderly, or 7 days in gaol in the event of default. In addition, he was also fined £1 with costs of 6/6d for the assault on a police officer, plus subsistence of 1/-, making a total of £1.12s.0d. The full amount was received.	1885/130
Seal	Elizabeth	Watts	George	02	12	1885	Bastardy maintenance order	Mo	A court order was issued on behalf of Elizabeth Seal of Milton Hill, single woman, requiring George Watts of Draycott to appear at the court of Petty Sessions on 14 December. This order was evidently a follow-up to case ref 1885/084. It implies that Watts had returned from America. The Petty Sessions sitting on 14 December contains no information to suggest that Watts made the required appearance.	1885/131

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Redwood	Charles John	Lambert	Richard	08	12	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood found Richard Lambert in High Street attempting to beg drink from Mrs Boulton's shop. He was already drunk so she had refused him, but he was not prepared to leave the shop despite repeated requests. Miss Keen had had a similar problem with him in her shop. Lambert was taken into custody and charged with being drunk and disorderly. Lambert pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined 5/- with costs of 6/6d, but was found to have no more than 1/2d on him. Lambert was sent to prison for 7 days.	1885/132
Redwood	Charles John	Simmons	Simon	10	12	1885	Obscene language	Pr	PC Redwood charged Simon Simmons of St Thomas Street, labourer, with using obscene language in public in St Thomas Street. Simmons was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-. The sum was recorded as paid.	1885/133
Munden	Thomas	Calf	Thomas Mornington	11	12	1885	Fraudulent actions under the Bankruptcy Act	Fr	At some time around the early part of October 1885 a petition for bankruptcy was filed against Thomas Mornington Calf. Thomas Munden, clerk to Edward Gustavus Clarke of Bank Chambers, Corn Street, Bristol, the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, claimed that Calf had subsequently committed three separate offences against the Bankruptcy Act, as follows: 1. On or around 13 October Calf had removed certain parts of his personal property to the value of £10 and upwards with the intent to defraud his creditors 2. On or about 7 November Calf did unlawfully prevent the production of certain books and writings relating to his own property 3. On or about 18 November Calf did not fully and truly discover to the trustee administering his estate for the benefit of his creditors all his personal property and how and to whom and for what consideration and when he disposed of certain parts thereof. The outcome of the case was not reported.	1885/134

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Justices		Various		14	12	1885	Notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the petty sessions cases heard on 14 December 1885. Where appropriate, information obtained from this list is incorporated into the individual case summaries.	1885/135
Knight	James	Chamberlain	John	16	12	1885	Theft of gas fittings	T	Robert Lucas, manager of Mendip Paperworks, found that John Chamberlain, one of his employees, had a number of gas fittings in his personal box which was kept in the steam boiler house at the paper mill. Part of Chamberlain's work was loading coal into the boilers and, as a result, he had access to the gas fitter's room, which adjoined the boiler house. Edward Padfield, manager of the Wells Gas Company, and John Griffin, a foreman at the Wells Gas Company, identified various of the fittings as definitely belonging to the company or probably belonging to the company. The value of the fittings was assessed at 15/-. Police sergeant Knight visited Chamberlain at his home and, on the basis of the evidence, charged him with theft. On the following morning Chamberlain signed a statement admitting that he had picked up the articles from the fitter's room and pleading guilty to the offence. Chamberlain was fined 2/- with costs of 18/- or to serve 14 days in prison. The sum was recorded as being paid in full.	1885/136

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Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	Elizabeth	17	12	1885	Removal of goods to avoid distress proceedings	Rg	William Newport Bendall, accountant, complained that within the last 30 days Elizabeth Oxley had clandestinely removed goods from a property in St Thomas Street which she was renting from Bendall in order to avoid them being included in distress proceedings aimed at recovering arrears of rent. Bendall claimed that Elizabeth Oxley had removed the goods in question and put them under lock and key in another property in St Thomas Street which she now occupied. Bendall requested a warrant to allow entry to be made to Elizabeth Oxley's property and to allow goods and chattels to be seized and sold in order to pay off the arrears of rent. A distress warrant was granted.	1885/137
Redwood	Charles John	Oxley	James	18	12	1885	Assault on a police officer	A	PC Redwood accused James Oxley of assaulting him in the course of carrying out his duty. PC Redwood was attempting to execute the distress warrant granted to William Newport Bendall to seize goods from the home of Elizabeth Oxley in St Thomas Street (see case ref 1885/137). PC Redwood had gained access to the property, together with John Wilton, assistant county court bailiff, via a ladder and upstairs window. Together with William Newport Bendall, they waited for Elizabeth Oxley to return. Instead of Elizabeth Oxley, James Oxley entered the premises, having apparently forced the door. He was said to be drunk and demanded that PC Redwood and the others left the property. Oxley became violent and struck Redwood more than once in the chest with his fist. Oxley was arrested and charged with assault. He was fined £1 with costs of 4/6d, plus 2/- for the bailiff's involvement. Oxley was evidently taken to prison in Shepton Mallet and on 22 December 1885 the prison governor released Oxley, having received the sum of £1.9s.6d to cover the fine and costs incurred.	1885/138



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Hodges	James	Bartlett	George	18	12	1885	Assault	A	James Hodges of No 20 St John Street complained that he had been assaulted by George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street, fishmonger. He had encountered Bartlett at Cheddar Valley Railway Station and Bartlett had asked him about Sarah Sparrow. This seemed to have led to an argument with Bartlett catching hold of Hodges by the coat collar and then striking him in the chest with his fist. Bartlett was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1885/139
Drayton	William	Calf	Herbert	21	12	1885	Theft of piano case	T	William Drayton of High Street, music seller, complained that on or about 16 October Herbert Calf, late of Wells but now of Orbel Street, Battersea, had unlawfully and fraudulently obtained a wooden piano case from Drayton of a value of 30/- with the intent to defraud and cheat him of the item. Drayton also noted that Thomas Mornington Calf would testify as a witness on his behalf.	1885/140
Andrews	Francis James	Lane	Augustus	31	12	1885	Disorderly behaviour on licensed premises	L	Francis James Andrews of The Mermaid Inn, publican, complained that on 26 December 1885 Augustus Lane of St Thomas Street, blacksmith, had been guilty of disorderly behaviour in The Mermaid Inn and had refused to leave the premises when requested to do so. Andrews stated that when Lane had come into the inn and asked for a pint of beer he had refused to serve him because on a previous occasion Lane had caused trouble. Lane initially refused to leave the premises when asked to do so and threatened to fight the landlord. He also used abusive language to the landlord but went out after Andrews had called the police. Andrews was supported by a witness statement from John Green of No 6 Sadler Street, milkman. Lane was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-, plus witness costs of 1/- making a total of 16/-.	1885/141

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Duckett	John	Barnard Barnard	Charles William	31	12	1885	Libel	Lb	John Duckett, butcher, complained that on 21 November and 12 December Charles and William Barnard, both butchers, had published libellous information about him. Legal correspondence of January 1886 showed that the case had been settled. Court fees incurred appeared to be 18/6d; it is not clear who was responsible for paying them.	1885/142
Holley	Frederick	White	Albert	31	12	1885	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Albert White of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in that street on 24 December. PC Holley had found White to be staggering drunk in St Thomas Street about 11pm. White was also using abusive language to his wife who was in the street with a jug in which she had fetched a pint of beer. Holley's testimony suggested that White had also kicked his wife, but this was not supported by Isaac John Francis, landlord of The Coach & Horses which lay close to where White lived. White was fined 1/- with costs of 10/- and was allowed one week within which to pay.	1885/143

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Bisgood	John	Francis	Isaac John	01	01	1886	Selling inferior product to prejudice of customer	Wm	John Bisgood, inspector under the Food & Drink Act of 1875, brought a charge against Isaac John Francis of The Coach & Horses of selling gin that was not of the standard required. On 15 December 1885 police sergeant Knight had bought a pint of gin from Francis for which he paid 1/9d. He had advised Francis that the purchase was to go for analysis and Francis had said that there should be no problem. The outcome of the case was not shown in the documentation. The fact that a case was brought indicates that analysis of the sample showed it to be unsatisfactory. However Bisgood's statement is incomplete and there is no information to show the results of the analysis. The costs of the case were shown as 9/6d but it is not clear how much was to be paid by Francis and the summary notes from the petty sessions sitting of 14 January do not mention the case.	1886/001

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Barnard	William	Duckett Charles	John William	02	01	1886	Libel	Lb	William Barnard of High Street, butcher, alleged that John Duckett of High Street, butcher, had published a defamatory libel about him on 11 December 1885 and, in doing so, had been abetted by William Charles, butcher. Barnard complained that he had been in his butcher's shop when Duckett (said to be an employee of William Charles) appeared in a policeman's coat and shouted to the public at large that this was Barnard's father's coat, implying that William Barnard's father had been a policeman (specifically Edward Tucker) rather than Charles Barnard and that therefore William Barnard was a bastard. Duckett had then gone on to display the coat in his butcher's shop (owned by William Charles) which lay opposite Barnard's shop and made occasional references to it and the reason for it hanging there. The action by Duckett was probably taken in response to an alleged libel on him perpetrated by Charles and William Barnard and which had prompted a libel action from Duckett (see case ref 1885/142), although no information was provided as to the nature of that libel. Legal correspondence from 13 January 1886 showed that the libel actions on both sides had been withdrawn.	1886/002
Redwood	Charles John	Hanney	George	05	01	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged George Hanney of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly on 3 January in St Andrew Street. Hanney pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-. Hanney paid 8/- and was given a further week in which to pay the outstanding balance.	1886/003
Redwood	Charles John	Sweet	Thomas	05	01	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Thomas Sweet of Little Elms, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly on 1 January in Queen Street. Sweet pleaded guilty to the offence and was required to pay a total of 7/-; he was granted one week within which to pay.	1886/004

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Moore	Harry Johnson	Moore Ball Hewlett Ball	William Edwin William John	05	01	1886	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Harry Johnson Moore, landlord of The Queen's Head, complained that on 26 December 1885 the defendants, William Moore of High Street, fishmonger; Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street, haulier; William Hewlett of St Thomas Street, labourer; and John Ball of South Street, labourer, had been guilty of disorderly behaviour on his premises so that he had asked them to leave. However they refused to do so, in contravention of the Licensing Act. The landlord stated that he had been upstairs, heard a noise from his kitchen and came down to find the four defendants involved in a fracas in the kitchen. Several blows were struck, Edwin Ball had his mouth cut and a drunken Hewlett was knocked to the floor. William Moore appeared to be largely exonerated from blame for the uproar. Even with the assistance of PC Redwood it took around 15-20 minutes to get all the defendants out of the inn. Notes in the margin of the summons show each defendant was to pay 2/9d, but the notes of the petty sessions sitting on 14 January show that, with the exception of William Moore, the defendants were required to pay 5/3d each.	1886/005
Police		Jones (aka Grant)	William	08	01	1886	Vagrancy	V	William Jones also known as John Grant was charged with begging on the highway. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1886/006a
Redwood	Charles John	Stokes	George	08	01	1886	Wilful damage	Wd	PC Redwood charged George Stokes, tramp, with wilful damage valued at 8d to a window belonging to Henry James Rodgers on 7 January. Stokes admitted the offence and was sentenced to one month in prison with hard labour. The costs of bringing the case were remitted to Rodgers.	1886/006b
Knight	James	Stokes	Eliza	08	01	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged Eliza Stokes, tramp, with being drunk and disorderly on the highway. Stokes pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1886/006c

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Police		Pybus	George	09	01	1886	Hawking without a licence	V	George Pybus was charged with hawking without a licence on 9 January. Pybus pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d, or to spend 7 days in gaol. Costs of commitment are shown as 3/-, indicating that Pybus went to prison.	1886/007
Collins	Edwin Adolphus	Oxley	Henry	12	01	1886	Preventing the execution of warrant	Op	Edwin Adolphus Collins, auctioneer, was also Assistant High Bailiff of the County Court of Wells. He was authorised to execute a warrant to seize goods from Henry Oxley, poultry dealer, to the value of 18/-. He sent John Wilton to execute the warrant but Oxley told him that the money had already been paid to Alfred Chapman, clerk to the County Court in Wells. Oxley showed a receipt but it was only for 16/6d so that the sum of 1/6d was still outstanding and Oxley refused to pay it. Collins then went to Oxley's premises to obtain the money but Oxley still refused to pay, and Collins increased the amount outstanding to 2/- because of needing to pay the bailiff. Collins then seized a turkey in lieu of the money outstanding and Oxley attacked him to try and get the turkey back. The struggle over the turkey then moved to the road with Collins and Wilton attempting to fend off Oxley who was desperate to retain the bird because it was for a specific customer order. On the advice of PC Parsons Oxley released the turkey, but later Oxley brought 2/- to Collins' home. Oxley was fined 5/- for obstructing the execution of the warrant with costs of 7/-. He appears to have paid the costs but not the fine. A later document dated 7 May 1886 shows the payment of a fine of 5/- for his attempt to rescue property from the County Court bailiff. Oxley was also charged with assault (see case ref 1886/009).	1886/008

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Collins	Edwin Adolphus	Oxley	Henry	12	01	1886	Assault	A	Edwin Adolphus Collins, auctioneer, was also Assistant High Bailiff of the County Court of Wells. He was authorised to execute a warrant to seize goods from Henry Oxley, poultry dealer, to the value of 18/-. In the course of trying to execute this warrant he seized a turkey in payment for the sum at that time outstanding. He alleged that Oxley had assaulted him in an attempt to get back the turkey (see also case ref 1886/008). Oxley pleaded not guilty but was fined 5/- with costs of 10/- and a further sum of 10/- for 5 witnesses, making up a total of £1.5s.0d. Oxley may have paid off the costs but a later document dated 7 May 1886 shows that he did not pay the fine until then.	1886/009
Holley	Frederick	Murphy	John	12	01	1886	Vagrancy	V	PC Holley brought a charge of begging on a public highway on 11 January against John Murphy. Murphy pleaded guilty and the case was dismissed with a caution.	1886/010
Justices		Various		14	01	1886	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 14 January 1886. In many instances some indication of the outcome is given. Where appropriate, information from these notes is incorporated in the entries for the individual cases.	1886/011
Wickenden	William Henry			21	01	1886	Application for licence extension	La	William Henry Wickenden, proprietor of the Refreshment Rooms in High Street, applied for an extension of his alcohol licence for that evening to host the annual dinner of the Amateur Bull Ringers (or should it be Bell Ringers?). The application request was granted.	1886/012
Redwood	Charles John	Scott	Joseph	25	01	1886	Drunkenness	D	PC Redwood charged Joseph Scott of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk in St Thomas Street on 16 January. Scott admitted the charge and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/- or to spend 7 days in gaol. He was granted 14 days within which to pay, paid 4/- on 27 February 1886 and was then granted a further week to pay the outstanding balance.	1886/013

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Hollis	William	Binning	Henry	30	01	1886	Cruelty to a donkey	C	William Hollis, RSPCA inspector, alleged that Henry Binning of Draycott, hawker, had exhibited cruelty towards his donkey by forcing it to work when it was clearly unfit to do so, as it was carrying a number of weals and open wounds, and appeared to have been beaten by its owner. Binning was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-. The full amount was recorded as being paid.	1886/014
Redwood	Charles John	Simmons	Simon	30	01	1886	Obscene language	Pr	PC Redwood charged Simon Simmons of West Horrington, labourer, with using obscene language in public in Tor Street on 23 January. Simmons sent his son-in-law to the hearing, claiming that he was ill. Simmons was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-. The full amount was recorded as paid.	1886/015
Cox snr	Henry	Onion Onion Luff	John Edward Joseph	02	02	1886	Wilful damage	Wd	Henry Cox the elder of High Street, corn dealer, complained that on 1 February John Onion, Edward Onion and Joseph Luff had wilfully damaged a rail and wire fence belonging to him in Portway. The defendants, all of Southover and all described as papermakers, were seen by John Clarke of South Street, miller, deliberately breaking the rails and taking out bits of the fence. He estimated the damage to be at least 6d. Each of the three defendants was required to pay 4/6d to cover a fine and costs.	1886/016
Police		Hole	John	02	02	1886	Vagrancy	V	John Hole was found to be wandering abroad, sleeping in the open and without visible means of support. He pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy.	1886/017
Redwood	Charles John	Hanney	George	08	02	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged George Hanney of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street on 6 February. Redwood had heard Hanney challenging the landlord of The Lamb Inn to a fight. He tried to persuade Hanney to go home but the defendant was clearly very drunk and in the mood for a scrap. Hanney was fined 10/- with costs of 8/- payable by 4pm that day or to spend 14 days in gaol.	1886/018



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Holley	Frederick	Barr	Harriet	08	02	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Holley accused Harriet Barr of Yarley, haulier, of being drunk and disorderly in High Street. Holley had seen Barr staggering drunkenly from Broad Street into High Street where she appeared to get into an argument with some gipsies near Moore's fish shop. Her husband tried to get her away but she used foul language and refused to go with him, until he smacked her face and forcibly dragged her down the street. Barr was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1886/019
Police		Brown	John	09	02	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Brown, a tramp, formerly a wagon builder, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on 8 February. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 1/- with costs of 2/6d or to spend 7 days in gaol with hard labour. Brown was committed to prison.	1886/020
Knight	James	Burgoyne	John	09	02	1886	Poaching (suspected)	Pc	Police Serjeant Knight stopped and searched John Burgoyne of Queen Street on 7 February on suspicion of poaching. Knight had suspected Burgoyne of poaching and when he searched him in Silver Street he found three rabbit nets on him. Burgoyne claimed that the nets had been given to him by his companion, Walter Luff, because he had wanted to look at them and denied that they had been rabbiting in Park Wood. Burgoyne was found guilty and fined 5/- with costs of 12/- or to spend 14 days in gaol. No time was allowed for payment and the nets were also forfeited.	1886/021
Redwood	Charles John	Sweet	John	09	02	1886	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Redwood charged John Sweet of Southover, butcher, with obstructing the highway on 2 February by leaving a cart unattended for a long and unreasonable time ((in excess of 40 minutes) in Southover. Sweet pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 6d with costs of 5/-. The full amount was recorded as paid.	1886/022

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Redwood	Charles John	Cook	Henry	09	02	1886	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Redwood charged Henry Cook of St John Street, innkeeper, with obstructing the highway on 8 February by leaving a cart unattended for a long and unreasonable time in St John Street. Cook pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 1/- with costs of 5/-. The amount was recorded as paid.	1886/023
Redwood	Charles John	Francis	Charles	09	02	1886	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Redwood charged Charles Francis of Coxley, haulier, with obstructing the highway on 5 February by leaving a waggon and horse unattended for a long and unreasonable time (almost one hour) outside The Rose & Crown in St John Street. Francis did not appear at the hearing. In his absence he was fined 2/6d with costs of 6/-. The full amount is recorded as paid, although the summary notes of the petty sessions sitting of 11 February suggest that the total to be paid was 10/- and there is reference to the issue of a distress warrant.	1886/024
Bendall	William Newport	Various		09	02	1886	Non-payment for supply of water	N	William Newport Bendall, manager of the Wells Water Company, claimed that the individuals listed below had failed to pay for the water supply provided by the Wells Water Company and invoiced to them on 25 December 1885.	1886/025
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	09	02	1886	Non-payment for supply of water	N	Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row was shown as owing 5/-. The case against Hatcher was recorded as dismissed. The costs of 4/6d to bring the case were paid by William Newport Bendall.	1886/025a
Bendall	William Newport	Asquith	Fergus	09	02	1886	Non-payment for supply of water	N	Fergus Asquith of St Thomas Street was recorded as owing 12/-. The summary notes of the petty sessions sitting of 11 February show the outstanding amount to be 14/6d, presumably taking into account the cost of the hearing.	1886/025b
Bendall	William Newport	Moore	Mrs	09	02	1886	Non-payment for supply of water	N	Mrs Moore of High Street was shown as owing 9/- for the supply of water, but with the costs of the hearing the sum outstanding was now 14/6d. Mrs Moore was allowed one month within which to pay.	1886/025c

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Wickham	William Thomas			11	02	1886	Licence transfer application	La	William Thomas Wickham submitted an application to transfer The Exmouth Inn to James Bishop, omnibus driver.	1886/026
Justices		Various		11	02	1886	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 11 February 1886. In many instances some indication of the outcome is given. Where appropriate, information from these notes is incorporated in the entries for the individual cases.	1886/027
Redwood	Charles John	Chandler	Henry	15	02	1886	Vagrancy	V	PC Redwood apprehended Henry Chandler on a charge of vagrancy on 13 February after being advised by William Charles Gill of Southover, grocer, that Chandler had been in his shop begging and had become abusive when Gill refused to give him any money. Chandler first admitted that he had been begging and then denied it. He was found to have on him 1/8d in copper, two bread buns, some cheese and a ticket from The Coffee Tavern where he had been drinking. Chandler was found guilty and committed to prison for 7 days with hard labour.	1886/028

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Knight	James	Lynch	Kate	15	02	1886	Theft of clothing	T	Police Serjeant Knight charged Kate Lynch of Wookey with stealing clothing from the shop of Alfred William Baker at the Exchange. Samuel Clothier of Priory Place, mason, had been in the shop at the same time as Kate Lynch and had seen her take some items and walk out of the shop without paying for them. He had followed her and confronted her near Mr Manning's shop; she admitted that she had taken a pair of trousers and gave them to Clothier to return to Baker. PC Cattle was sent to Wookey to arrest Lynch. When he found her, he searched the basket that she was carrying and found two waistcoats/vests which she claimed that she had bought from Vonberg's drapery shop at 6d each. John Davis, shop assistant at Baker's, identified the trousers as being theirs (valued at 11/9d) and also the waistcoats (valued at 1/11d). Kate Lynch admitted the thefts and claimed that she had had a drop of drink, otherwise she would never have done it. She was fined 10/- with costs of £1.2s.0d or to spend 14 days in prison.	1886/029

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Francis	James Barnard	Oxley	Elizabeth	22	02	1886	Theft of money	T	James Barnard Francis of Grays in Essex, labourer, accused Elizabeth Oxley of Tor Street, single woman, of stealing two ten pound notes and a half sovereign from his waistcoat. Francis had been in Wells for around two weeks and went to lodge with Elizabeth Oxley around one week ago. They were sleeping together. On the previous evening when he got undressed, he wrapped two ten pound notes in a silk handkerchief and put them in the pocket of his waistcoat. He also put his loose cash in the same pocket, including 3 sovereigns and 4 half sovereigns. When he came to get dressed in the morning he found that the notes were missing together with one of the half sovereigns. Elizabeth Oxley had got dressed and gone downstairs before him and when he went down he saw that an outside door was open. Elizabeth Oxley insisted that she had locked the door the previous evening. She denied taking the money as did her uncle, James Oxley, who lived in the same court, although both had been well aware of the presence of the money as Francis had earlier showed them the ten pound notes that he was carrying. No indication is given of the outcome of the case (but see also case 1886/034b).	1886/030
Police		Farrell	Mary	22	02	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	Mary Farrell, a tramp, was charged with being drunk & disorderly on 20 February. She was also charged with vagrancy as she was found sleeping in an outhouse and had no visible means of support. She pleaded guilty to both charges, but the charge for vagrancy was dismissed. However, she was sentenced to 14 days in gaol for being drunk and disorderly.	1886/031

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Holley	Frederick	Packer	George	22	02	1886	Theft of horse fodder and oat sheaves	T	PC Holley, assisted by PC Bartlett, charged George Packer with stealing horse fodder and oat sheaves from his employer, John Henry Morgan of Wookey Hole, baker and coal merchant. Holley and Bartlett had been sent to Charles Fry's stable in Back Lane at around 3am. There they saw George Packer unload horse fodder into the chaff house and challenged him. Packer claimed that he was going to the coal pit with Charles Fry and was planning to collect the fodder on the way home. Packer was arrested on suspicion of stealing the horse fodder from John Henry Morgan who admitted that Packer had free access to the horse fodder on his premises and he did not check on how much Packer had taken to feed the horse on a trip to the coal pit. On returning to Fry's stable PC Holley spotted a set of oat sheaves which appeared to match similar sheaves stored at Morgan's premises. Morgan stated that Packer would have no right to use or take oat sheaves from him and the amount found in Fry's stable would be worth around 40/-. Packer was then charged with stealing the oat sheaves and Fry was also charged with receiving stolen property. Packer pleaded not guilty.	1886/032
Redwood	Charles John	Allen	George	25	02	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood accused George Allen of St Cuthbert Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street on 20 February. Redwood stated that he had attended a disturbance in St John Street opposite The Rose & Crown where Allen was fighting with another man. Allen was drunk and swearing profusely, although he was eventually taken away by another man. Allen pleaded guilty to the charge and was required to pay the sum of 6/6d.	1886/033
Burgoyne	John	Moore Moore	William Thomas	02	03	1886	Assault	A	John Burgoyne of Queen Street, butcher, complained that on 27 February he had been assaulted and beaten by William Moore and Thomas Moore, both of High Street and both fishmongers. The case was noted as being settled out of court.	1886/034

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Justices		Oxley Parker	Henry Frederick	02	03	1886	Sureties	Su	On 2 March Henry Oxley of Tucker Street, fishmonger, and Frederick Parker of South Street, butcher, were recorded as entering into recognizances before two of the justices. No indication is given of the amount of the surety each was to put forward, the reason for such sureties being required or the length of time for which the sureties would apply. At the same time there was also a requirement for them jointly to pay costs of 5/-, although, again, there is no indication as to the nature of the case in which the costs were incurred. The sum of 5/- was recorded as paid - but not by whom. Note: the information above was recorded on the back of a letter from the West Lancashire Railway Company in July 1884 promoting its latest offering of debenture stock in the enterprise.	1886/034a
Justices		Oxley	James	04	03	1886	Release from prison	RI	In late February 1886 James Oxley, poulterer, had been arrested and committed to prison for trial at the next quarter sessions on a charge of stealing £20.10s.0d from James Barnard Francis (see case 1886/030 where suspicion initially fell upon Elizabeth Oxley, his niece, but where he was also of interest to the police). While awaiting trial, Oxley had secured the support of two individuals prepared to put up bonds of £10 each to enable him to be released on bail. The individuals concerned were: - Thomas W Bartlett of Wookey Hole Lane and - George Pearse of South Street, Wells, haulier. On the basis of these bonds the justices then instructed the governor of Shepton Mallet prison that he could release Oxley, provided that there were no other charges on which he was being held.	1886/034b

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Justices		Various		11	03	1886	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Summary list of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 11 March. Two of the three cases noted are described in earlier entries, the exception being the case of John Daly who was charged with larceny, but no further information is given with respect to the alleged crime or the outcome of the hearing.	1886/034c
Dowden	Fanny	Sealy	John	29	03	1886	Bastardy	B	Fanny Dowden, late of Westbury and now of Wells, single woman, claimed that John Sealy of Westbury, farmer, was the father of her child that had been born out of wedlock on 7 September 1885. Sealy was summoned to court to answer the complaint. It appears from the documentation that Sealy may have made some payment in the presence of a witness.	1886/035
Holley	Frederick	Jones	Harriet Francis	29	03	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Frederick Holley charged Harriet Francis Jones with being drunk and disorderly. She pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d. She was given until a week on Saturday to clear the debt.	1886/035a
Holley	Frederick	McKenzie	William	30	03	1886	Begging from house to house	V	PC Frederick Holley came across William McKenzie near St Cuthbert's Church when McKenzie approached him asking for money and saying that he had been a soldier who had fought in many battles for his country. Holley, who was not in uniform, considered that McKenzie was drunk and advised him not to beg otherwise he would be arrested. When McKenzie moved on Holley saw him going from house to house begging for money. Holley then arrested him. McKenzie was found guilty and sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1886/035b
Redwood	Charles John	Terrell	Sarah	31	03	1886	Obscene language	Pr	PC Redwood charged Sarah Terrell of St Cuthbert Street with using obscene language in Portway on 25 March. PC Redwood and PC Vowles encountered Terrell near The Mermaid Inn where she swore at them several times. Terrell was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or, in the event of default, to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. Terrell was granted one month within which to pay.	1886/036



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Beesley	William Henry	Bennett Coney Hancock Dowling	John Joseph Charles Joseph	02	04	1886	Refusal to work	Rw	William Henry Beesley, master of the Wells Union, complained that John Bennett, Joseph Coney, Charles Hancock and Joseph Dowling, all described as casuals and housed in the vagrants ward, had refused to carry out their allotted tasks. Bennett, as the spokesperson, claimed that he had worked 9 hours on the previous day and under the regulations was not required to work at this point. Beesley stated that they were in breach of the regulations and handed them to the police. At the hearing the defendants were dismissed with a caution, primarily because the master of the workhouse had not published the regulations openly so that they could be seen by the inmates. Notes in the margin of the case documentation indicate that each defendant was due to pay 4/9d to defray the costs of 19/- . A later note shows that the bill for 19/- was sent on 7 May 1886 (to the workhouse for payment by the Wells Union?).	1886/037
Redwood	Charles John	Young	Ann	05	04	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Ann Young with being drunk and disorderly on 5 April.. Ann Young pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in gaol with hard labour.	1886/038

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Redwood	Charles John	James	John	09	04	1886	Theft of door key	T	PC Redwood arrested John James of West Horrington on a charge of stealing a door key belonging to Mary Ann Hopkins of St Thomas Street, poultry dealer. Mary Ann Hopkins had returned home and had inadvertently left her door key in the door. Soon after she returned home John James came to the door and asked the price of eggs (8d per dozen). At the time she registered the key as still being in the door, but again forgot to remove it. A short time afterwards she went to the front door and noticed that the key had gone. She summoned the police and PC Redwood overtook John James just before he reached West Horrington. James admitted having come from Wells but denied having called at any houses in Wells. He offered some resistance to being searched and when PC Redwood found the key James insisted that it was a key to his father's house in Hayden. However, when PC Redwood took him to that house, the key did not fit, although when they went to Mary Ann Hopkins' house the key did fit. The case against James was dismissed on payment of costs by the defendant. Including subsistence and witnesses the total cost came to £1.	1886/039
Redwood	Charles John	Brooks	Elizabeth	09	04	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Elizabeth Brooks of Silver Street with being drunk and disorderly in Southover on 17 March. Redwood had been in The Railway Tavern in Southover when he heard the landlord refuse to serve Elizabeth Brooks. Redwood left the premises as did Brooks. In the street she abused him drunkenly and refused to go home. Eventually, she was taken home by a lady from the Salvation Army. Brooks was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- or to serve 14 days in gaol. She was allowed 14 days to pay as she had no goods against which a distress warrant could be exercised to recover the fine and costs. A payment of 8/- was received with the balance then due on 8 May; the outstanding balance was recorded as paid.	1886/040

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Redwood	Charles John	Jones	Harriet Frances	12	04	1886	Assault on police Drunk & disorderly Wilful damage	A D Wd	PC Redwood encountered a noisy crowd in Sadler Street spilling onto Cathedral Green. One woman in particular, Harriet Frances Jones, was making a great deal of noise, singing drunkenly and dancing. A man named Slade was trying to get her to go home and Redwood assisted him. They walked for some distance and then Jones suddenly turned and attacked Redwood with clenched fists striking him on the chest. He arrested her for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting a police officer. She then lay down and refused to move. With the assistance of police Serjeant Knight, Redwood carried her to the police station where she remained upon the floor. On being told to go to the cells she suddenly got up and made off towards the cells, deliberately delivering several backhanded blows to the glass in a door, causing the glass to crack. Harriet Jones was fined 10/- with costs of 6/- for the assault on PC Redwood, 5/- including costs for being drunk and disorderly and a further 5/- including costs for the wilful damage to the door, a total of £1.6s.0d. The full amount was recorded as paid.	1886/041
Serel	Edward A	Various		12	04	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils who had shown a low level of attendance at school over the period from the beginning of March to 6 April 1886. The parents to whom summons were issued are listed below. Note: there is no document corresponding to this case ref, but there are documents for the associated cases numbered 1886/042a to 1886/042f.	1886/042

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Serel	Edward A	Shears	John	12	04	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Alfred Shears, aged 11 of St Cuthbert Street, son of John Shears, was shown as having made only 14 attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) during a period when the school was open on 48 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard III. John Shears, whose wife attended the hearing, was fined 5/- and was allowed until Saturday to pay.	1886/042a
Serel	Edward A	Ball	John	12	04	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Emily Ball of South Street, daughter of John Ball, was shown as having made only 31 attendances at Wells Central School (headmistress, L C Knight) during a period when the school was open on 48 occasions. John Ball, whose wife attended the hearing, was fined 1/- and was allowed until Saturday to pay.	1886/042b
Serel	Edward A	Trimm	John	12	04	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Kate Trimm of Southover, daughter of John Trimm, was shown as having made only 48 attendances at Wells Central School (headmistress, L C Knight) during a period when the school was open on 76 occasions. The case against John Trimm was dismissed.	1886/042c
Serel	Edward A	Fowler	George	12	04	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Sarah Fowler of St Cuthbert Street, daughter of George Fowler, was shown as having made only 19 attendances at Wells Central School (headmistress, L C Knight) during a period when the school was open on 48 occasions. The case against George Fowler was adjourned until the next sitting of the petty sessions court.	1886/042d
Serel	Edward A	Morgan	Mary	12	04	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Fred Morgan, aged 10 of South Street, son of Mary Morgan, was shown as having made no attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) during a period when the school was open on 48 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard IV. Mary Morgan, who did not attend the hearing, was fined 2/6d.	1886/042e

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Serel	Edward A	Morgan	Mary	12	04	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Samuel Morgan, aged 9 of South Street, son of Mary Morgan, was shown as having made 1 attendance at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) during a period when the school was open on 48 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard I. Mary Morgan, who did not attend the hearing, was fined 2/-d. Mary Morgan paid 2/- on account and paid the outstanding balance for this fine and the fine for her other son, Fred (see 1886/042e) on 1 May 1886.	1886/042f
Bendall	William Newport	[Various]		13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Bendall, collector for the City of Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 12 October 1885. The individual cases are listed below.	1886/043
Bendall	William Newport	Hill	Sarah	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Sarah Hill of Union Street was recorded as owing 4/6d together with costs of 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of 8/-. The case against Sarah Hill was dismissed on her promising to pay the sum outstanding (presumably 4/6d) later that day.	1886/043a
Bendall	William Newport	Moore	Mrs	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mrs Moore of High Street was shown as owing £1.2s.1d, plus 3/6d for the hearing making a total of £1.5s.7d. The summons shows the amount of £1.2s.1d to be circled with the legend 'paid on 15/4/1886'.	1886/043b
Bendall	William Newport	Vincent	John F	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Vincent of High Street was shown as owing £1.0s.7d, plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of £1.4s.1d. The case against Vincent was dismissed and the rate was declared to be 'not recoverable'.	1886/043c
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Whittle of Queen Street was shown as owing £1.7s.0d (although originally recorded as £1.0s.7d in the documentation), plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of £1.10s.6d. Whittle did not appear at the hearing and the amount outstanding was increased first to £1.13s.6d and then to £1.15s.0d. The hearing demanded payment forthwith and requested that a distress warrant should be issued if payment was not forthcoming.	1886/043d

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Bendall	William Newport	Bennett	James	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	James Bennett of Burcot Lane was recorded as owing 7/1d, plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of 10/7d. The case was recorded as settled.	1886/043e
Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	George	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Marsh of Tucker Street was noted as owing 4/10d, plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of 8/4d. The case was recorded as settled.	1886/043f
Bendall	William Newport	Brookman	Charles	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Charles Brookman of Priest Row was recorded as owing 1/6d, plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of 5/-. Brookman did not appear at the hearing and the amount outstanding was increased to 9/6d. On 8 May payment was demanded forthwith and in default of that payment it was ordered that a distress warrant should be issued..	1886/043g
Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	Walter	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walter Bedford of Priest Row was shown as owing 4/6d, plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of 8/-. Bedford did not appear at the hearing and the amount outstanding was increased to 11/-. Payment was demanded forthwith and was shown as received on 1 May.	1886/043h
Bendall	William Newport	Carr	Mrs	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mrs Carr of Priest Row was recorded as owing 4/6d, plus 3/6d for the hearing making a total of 8/-. The case was recorded as settled.	1886/043i
Bendall	William Newport	Griffin	George	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Griffin of St Thomas Street was recorded as owing 18/- , plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of £1.1s.6d. The case was recorded as settled.	1886/043j
Bendall	William Newport	Sharland	John	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Sharland of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 3/-, plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of 6/6d. The debt was shown as paid.	1886/043k
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	James	13	04	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	James Oxley of Tor Street was shown as owing 6/-, plus 3/6d for the hearing, making a total of 9/6d. Bendall reported that Oxley had paid the sum demanded for the rates (i.e. 6/-) but had not paid the costs of the hearing. Oxley was ordered to pay the costs forthwith.	1886/043l

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Tucker	Francis Frederick	James	John	13	04	1886	Theft of watches	T	Francis Frederick Tucker of St Cuthbert Street, jeweller, complained that 3 watches with a value of £30 had been taken from his shop. He accused John James of West Horrington of taking them and requested a warrant for his arrest. Tucker had left his shop unattended for a period of around 10 minutes and had closed the door when he left, but on his return he found that the door was open and immediately saw that the watches were missing. He had not seen anyone enter or leave his shop and had no knowledge of John James. Evidence of James' presence in the vicinity of the shop was provided by Henry Marsh, sawyer at the brush factory. Marsh had seen James urinating against Mr Tucker's window in the passageway leading to the shop. Looking through the window when he was committing the nuisance, James would have been able to see the watches hanging up on a board. Marsh had not seen James emerge from the shop or passageway. No information is provided regarding the outcome of the case.	1886/044
Locke Willcox Marchant Wickenden	Walter William George Elihu William Henry			15	04	1886	Appointment of Overseers of the Poor	*	On 15 April a special sitting of the petty sessions court was held to appoint the overseers of the poor. For The Liberty Walter William Locke and George Willcox were appointed, while for the In Parish of St Cuthbert the appointees were Elihu Marchant and William Henry Wickenden.	1886/045
Justices		Various		15	04	1886	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 15 April 1886. In many instances some indication of the outcome is given. Where appropriate, information from these notes is incorporated in the entries for the individual cases.	1886/046

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Gould	James	Harding Cook jnr	Thomas George	19	04	1886	Assault	A	James Gould of Coxley, farmer, claimed that he had been assaulted by Thomas Harding of Coxley, farmer, and that Harding had been aided and abetted by George Cook the younger of Coxley, labourer. Gould noted the following as material witnesses to his case: Thomas James of Polsham farmer, and William Joce of Pennard, police constable. The case was struck out as neither party appeared.	1886/047
Redwood	Charles John	Porter	Alfred	24	04	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Alfred Porter of Chewton Mendip with being drunk and disorderly. Porter pleaded guilty and was fined 4/6d including costs and subsistence. He was given one week in which to pay. 2/6d was recorded as being received on 5 May.	1886/048
Redwood	Charles John	Haggs	George	28	04	1886	Drunk in charge of a horse and cart	D	PC Redwood accused George Haggs of Bagley near Wedmore, farmer, of being drunk in charge of a horse and cart on a public highway on 24 April. Haggs pleaded not guilty to the charge. PC Redwood had stopped Haggs in High Street and declared him to be unfit to drive home because he was so drunk. He was about to lock up Haggs when a man called Mapstone volunteered to drive Haggs home. Haggs was found guilty of the charge and required to pay a total of 14/6d to cover a fine and costs.	1886/049
Redwood	Charles John	Ware	Frederick	29	04	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged Frederick Ware with being drunk and disorderly on 28 April in Wells. Ware pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in gaol with hard labour.	1886/050



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Bartlett	Thomas	Ball	Edward	01	05	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bartlett charged Edward Ball of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street on 13 April. Bartlett had seen Ball in the street making a considerable noise and using extremely bad language. Ball then went to The Exmouth Inn. PC Bartlett cautioned the landlord against serving Ball and Bartlett was then asked to take Ball out of the inn. Ball was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or, in the event of default, to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. A payment of 7/- was made on account with the balance due by 24 May; the balance was recorded as paid.	1886/051
Police		Roberts	John	03	05	1886	Drunkenness	D	John Roberts was charged with being drunk and incapable on 1 May. He pleaded guilty to the charge. The case against him was dismissed and he was cautioned as to his future conduct.	1886/052
Bamblin	William Holroyd	Nutty	Joseph	04	05	1886	Disrupting meeting	Dp	William Holroyd Bamblin, self-styled Captain of the Wells Corps of the Salvation Army, complained that Joseph Nutty of Southover, labourer, caused a meeting of the Salvation Army to be disrupted and brought to a premature close because of his indecent behaviour. Bamblin claimed that he had been conducting the service when there was a rumbling sound in the congregation as though several people were talking. He called for order and continued with the service only for the noise to begin again a little later. He identified Nutty as the primary offender and asked him to leave the meeting. Nutty refused to go and challenged Bamblin to remove him. Bamblin then abandoned the meeting. Bamblin's position was supported by James Jeavons, self-styled lieutenant of the corps, and Samuel Clothier. George Burton, currier, and Alfred Meek, printer, both confirmed that Nutty had spoken briefly to them, but in their view it was very brief and did not disrupt the service. Nutty was required to pay a sum of 14/- to cover the costs of the case.	1886/053

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Rogers	Emily	Marsh Marsh	Edwin Cornelius	07	05	1886	Obscene language	Pr	Emily Rogers, wife of Charles Rogers of Glastonbury, cattle drover, complained that Edwin Marsh and Cornelius Marsh, both of Glastonbury and both cattle drovers, had used obscene language in a public street. Emily Rogers also named two witnesses to support her complaint: Charles Pearce of Benedict Street, Glastonbury, painter, and Frank Wilkins of Glastonbury, solicitor's clerk. The case was adjourned to a subsequent sitting.	1886/054
Bennett George Hill Evans Walker Bown Mogford	W J Mrs Mrs Mrs John The Misses William			10	05	1886	Licence extension application	La	The following landlords all applied for an extension of opening hours from 11pm to midnight on each of 11, 12 and 13 May for the Agricultural Show. The extensions were granted at a fee of 1/6d each. - W J Bennett      White Hart - Mrs George      Swan Hotel - Mrs Hill      Mitre Hotel - Mrs Evans      City Arms - John Walker      Sun Inn - The Misses Bown      Star Hotel - William Mogford      Royal Oak	1886/055
Police		Woolley	Mary Ann	11	05	1886	Drunkenness	D	Mary Ann Woolley was charged with being drunk and incapable on 10 May. She pleaded guilty to the charge. The case against her was dismissed and she was cautioned as to her future conduct.	1886/056
Redwood	Charles John	Allen	James	12	05	1886	Furious driving	Rd	PC Redwood charged James Allen with furious driving of a horse and trap on a public highway on 6 May to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Allen was found guilty and fined 5/- with costs of 8/-. He was allowed one week within which to pay.	1886/057

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Baffin	John	Dial Richards	Elizabeth Robert	13	05	1886	Theft of money	T	John Baffin of Sutton Mallet near Bridgwater, farmer, complained that he had had his wallet containing £14 in notes and some odd coins stolen from his pocket when he was about to board a train to go home after attending the Agricultural Fair. Baffin claimed that he had checked the presence of his wallet just before he began to board the train but then felt a hand on the pocket containing his wallet. He grabbed the hand and discovered it belonged to Elizabeth Dial, but his wallet had gone. With the assistance of a porter he held on to Dial until the police were summoned. Evidence was provided by Sarah Bown of 27 Broad Street, landlady, to show that Elizabeth Dial had a male accomplice by the name of Robert Richards because they had both been looking for accommodation for the Fair but she was only able to offer a bed to Richards. The defendants were remanded in custody until the next sitting of the petty sessions court on 17 May.	1886/058

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Copp	Maria	Coleman	John	13	05	1886	Theft of money	T	Maria Copp of 2 Queen Street, widow, complained that she had had her pocket picked in The Queen's Head and her purse containing about 4/9d had been stolen. She had bought some cider and put her purse back in her pocket before sitting down. She stated that there were a number of people on the premises who would see her do this. Soon after sitting down she felt a hand near her pocket and discovered her purse had gone. She raised the alarm and a small man sitting near her (John Coleman) ran out of the pub and down the street pursued by several people from the pub. Walter Chappell of No 5 Tucker Street, plasterer, chased the fugitive and saw him put his arm around a door in Broad Street where he dropped the purse. Chappell then caught the man and held him with Mr Moore, landlord of The Queen's Head, until PC Bartlett reached them. The purse did not contain as much money as suggested by Maria Copp, but coins in the pockets of John Coleman would match what she had said was in there. John Coleman was remanded in custody.	1886/059
Brooks	Joseph Frederick	White	Harry	15	05	1886	False pretences	Fr	Joseph F Brooks of Polsham, butcher, claimed that Harry White of St Thomas Street, butcher, had obtained £10 from him by false pretences. He stated that two witnesses would support his story, namely, Gilbert Card of Draycott, cattle dealer, and Henry Oxley of Wells, poulterer. White was required to pay either 6/6d (according to notes on the summons) or 2/- (according to the summary notes of the petty sessions sitting).	1886/060
Justices		Various		17	05	1886	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 17 May 1886. In many instances some indication of the outcome is given. Where appropriate, information from these notes is incorporated in the entries for the individual cases.	1886/061

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Police		Lewis	Benjamin	18	05	1886	Vagrancy	V	Benjamin Lewis was found to be begging on the streets and was charged with vagrancy. The police offered no evidence and the defendant was discharged.	1886/062
Police		Brown	George	21	05	1886	Vagrancy	V	On 20 May George Brown, tramp, was found to be begging on the highway. He pleaded guilty to the charge but was dismissed on making a promise to leave the town.	1886/063a
Police		Dodd	Charles	21	05	1886	Vagrancy	V	On 20 May Charles Dodd was found sleeping in an outhouse and was unable to demonstrate any visible means of support. The case was dismissed and the defendant cautioned about his future conduct.	1886/063b
Russ	Samuel Perren	Oxley	James	22	05	1886	Failing to maintain family	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ, clerk to the guardians of the Wells Union, complained that James Oxley, poultry dealer, although able to maintain himself and his family, had wilfully neglected to do so, meaning that certain members of his family had become chargeable to the Common Fund of the Wells Union. On 26 February 1886 Kate Oxley, aged about 14, and William Oxley, aged about 12, had been taken into the care of the Wells Union. This action appeared to take place because James Oxley was in prison. Now that he was available to continue acting as a poultry dealer, he had indicated that he was prepared to do nothing other than leave the children where they were, since it had not been his decision to take them into care. The case was adjourned for one month.	1886/064

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Bowell	Alfred Thomas	Pidwell	Frank	27	05	1886	Theft of smoothing plane	T	Alfred Thomas Bowell of No 54 South Street, carpenter, complained that a smoothing plane belonging to him had been stolen by Frank Pidwell (the defendant signed his name as Pedwell, but other documents show Pidwell) and pawned. Bowell had worked for Messrs Dell Brothers until about 6 months ago. Before he left he collected his tools together but could not find a smoothing plane, a chisel, a screwdriver and some other items. He acknowledged that during his time at Dell Brothers other employees had used his tools and he had used theirs, although he had put his name on his tools. He had then recently been alerted by an apprentice with whom he had worked that the plane could be found at Hilliers pawnbrokers. Harriet Wheeler, wife of George Wheeler, the manager of the pawnbrokers, testified that Pidwell had recently pawned a smoothing plane and a square for 1/6d. Pidwell admitted that he had pawned these items, but thought that both of them belonged to him. The case was dismissed, but the defendant was ordered to pay the costs of 18/-, an order to which the magistrate, Mr Welsh, strongly objected.	1886/065
Redwood	Charles John	Jones	Hamilton	27	05	1886	Drunkenness	D	PC Redwood charged Hamilton Jones of Wells with being drunk and incapable on 27 May. Jones pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d plus costs of 2/6d and subsistence of 1/-.	1886/066
Holley	Frederick	Taylor	Isaac	01	06	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Isaac Taylor of St Thomas Street, stone cutter, with being drunk and disorderly in St Cuthbert Street on 14 May. Holley claimed that he had been in St Cuthbert Street when the defendant passed him in a drunken state and, using very bad language, challenged him to a fight. Taylor pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- 4/- was apparently paid on 15 June 1886.	1886/067

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Holley	Frederick	Isgrove	Joseph	01	06	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Joseph Isgrove of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in St Andrew Street on 22 May 1886. Holley was on duty in the Market Place and heard loud shouting from St Andrew Street. He found Isgrove to be drunk and making a loud noise. He had been found by some young men who looked after him and took him home. Isgrove was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- or, if in default, to serve 7 days in prison. Isgrove was allowed 7 days within which to pay.	1886/068
Redwood	Charles John	Burke	James	02	06	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood found James Burke to be creating a disturbance in Priory Road. Burke was without his hat, shoes and stockings, was shouting loudly and using filthy language. It appeared that he had cut his foot on a gate at the railway station. He was also very drunk. Redwood tried to take him to the police station, but Burke tried to throw him to the floor. With some assistance Redwood got him to the police station where Burke took his trousers down in the presence of some children. Police Serjeant Knight stated that Burke was drunk but knew what he was doing. Burke was sentenced to 21 days in gaol with hard labour; the costs of the case, including the commitment to prison, were 8/6d.	1886/069
Serel	Edward A	Various		08	06	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils who had shown a low level of attendance at school over a period which, in some cases was 4 months, in others, only one month, but ending on 8 May 1886. The parents to whom summons were issued are listed below. Note: there is no document corresponding to this case ref, but there are documents for the associated cases numbered 1886/070a to 1886/070e.	1886/070

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Serel	Edward A	Edwards	George	08	06	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Sarah Ann Edwards, aged 11 of St Thomas Street, daughter of George Edwards, was shown as having made only 113 attendances at St Thomas Girls' School (headmistress, Sarah A Bendall) during a period when the school was open on 162 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard I. George Edwards was fined 2/- and allowed 14 days within which to pay.	1886/070a
Serel	Edward A	Trimm	John	08	06	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Kate Trimm, aged 10 of Southover, daughter of John Trimm, was shown as having made only 11 attendances at the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) during a period when the school was open on 38 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard III. John Trimm was fined 2/- and allowed until the following Saturday to pay.	1886/070b
Serel	Edward A	Bennett	William	08	06	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	William Bennett, aged 10 of Tucker Street, son of William Bennett, was shown as having made no attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) during a period when the school was open on 38 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard III. William Bennett, whose wife appeared at the hearing, was fined 5/- and allowed one week within which to pay.	1886/070c
Serel	Edward A	Morgan	Mary	08	06	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Fred Morgan, aged 10 of South Street, son of Mary Morgan, was shown as having made only 18 attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) during a period when the school was open on 38 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard III. Mary Morgan did not appear at the hearing and was fined 5/-. Payment of 2/- was made on 25 June.	1886/070d



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Serel	Edward A	Morgan	Mary	08	06	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school regularly	Ed	Sam Morgan, aged 9 of South Street, son of Mary Morgan, was shown as having made only 18 attendances at the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) during a period when the school was open on 38 occasions. The child was said to have reached standard I. Mary Morgan did not appear at the hearing and was fined 5/-. Payment of 2/- was made on 28 June.	1886/070e
Justices		Various		10	06	1886	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 10 June 1886. In many instances some indication of the outcome is given. Where appropriate, information from these notes is incorporated in the entries for the individual cases.	1886/071

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Redwood	Charles John	Cornish	Richard	17	06	1886	Drunk in charge of a horse and waggon	D	PC Redwood charged Richard Cornish of Coxley, haulier, with being drunk in charge of a horse and waggon in Southover on 14 June. In addition to Cornish, who was lying back on some sticks, but holding the reins, there were 3 other people in the waggon, Cornish's wife, his sister-in-law, Alice Maul, and another man. Redwood had halted the horse and requested that Cornish get down. Cornish apparently looked drunk and staggered when on his feet in the road, so Redwood would not allow him to continue driving to Coxley. Cornish then became violent, swore heavily and grabbed the reins from Redwood. It was some time before Redwood could regain control. Alice Maul claimed that Cornish was perfectly sober, but James Walter of Southover, a stoker, held the opposite view. PC Redwood also nominated two witnesses, John Clark of South Street and Mr Collman of Southover. Richard Cornish did not appear at the hearing and in his absence was fined 5/- with costs of 10/- but given until one week on Saturday to pay. In the event of default Cornish was to serve 14 days in gaol. When no payment was received, a warrant for Cornish's arrest was issued, but it then appeared that Cornish had paid the required sum to the County Magistrate by mistake and the commitment order was waived. The cash was eventually recorded as being received on 24 July.	1886/072
Redwood	Charles John	Paul	James	17	06	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Redwood charged James Paul of St John Street, shoemaker, with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street on 11 June. Paul was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- and was allowed two weeks within which to pay. In the event of default Paul was to serve 14 days in prison. The required sum was paid on 8 July.	1886/073

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Newick	Mary	Newick	Alfred	18	06	1886	Assault	A	Mary Newick, wife of Alfred Newick of Tucker Street, carpenter, complained that he had assaulted and beaten her. She requested that a warrant for his arrest be issued and that he be required to put forward sureties as to his future behaviour. Mary Newick claimed that she had met her husband outside The Mermaid as she was coming back from work at Wookey Hole Mills. They had gone in for a drink or two and then went home together. Back at home they had an argument and Alfred Newick allegedly struck his wife with the bellows causing significant bleeding which required Mary Newick to go to her neighbour, Edith Bennett, for help. Mary Newick stated that it was not the first time her husband had assaulted her, but he only became quarrelsome when he had had something to drink. Dr Fairbanks noted that the wound was significant and the bone had been exposed, The nature of the injury was consistent with a strike from a blunt instrument and, although painful, the wound was not life-threatening. Alfred Newick was remanded in custody for several days.	1886/074
Allen	James	Brown	Walter	19	06	1886	Assault	A	James Allen of Chamberlain Street, gardener, complained that he had been assaulted and struck by Walter Brown of New Street, gardener, on 18 June. Allen requested that Brown be required to put forward sureties to guarantee his future good behaviour. Brown was required to put forward a surety of £10 and to pay the costs of the case of 8/6d.	1886/075
Knight	James	Stokes	William	22	06	1886	Theft of a purse	T	Police Serjeant Knight explained that William Stokes, aged 14 or 15, was charged with stealing a purse containing a small amount of money (either 3/- or 1/6d) at the Somerset & Dorset railway station. The purse was the property of a girl living at Mr Slater's. As the prosecution did not appear at the hearing, Stokes was discharged with a caution.	1886/076

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Holley	Frederick	Savage Hemmins	Albert Arthur	26	06	1886	Theft of eggs and cheese cakes	T	PC Holley charged Albert Savage, aged 14, and Arthur Hemmins, aged 13, with stealing hens' eggs from George Weston Wheeler and cheese cakes from the shop of Mrs Mogg. George Weston Wheeler, pawnbroker, stated that he had around 4 to 5 dozen hens' eggs on a tray in his stable in Market Street at the back of St Cuthbert Street. The stable was not locked and someone had got in and taken all the eggs; this was not the first time that eggs had disappeared from the stable in the last few weeks. Emily Augusta Mogg complained that she had put out 14 cheese buns on a tray in her shop, but two of them disappeared without her having sold any. Her young daughter identified one of the two accused as having taken them. PC Holley found the cheese buns in the possession of Arthur Hemmins when he checked his pockets for stolen eggs. Both Savage and Hemmins signed a statement admitting their culpability for both offences, although Hemmins had apparently played the leading role in both instances, and hoped that the magistrates would treat them leniently since they had been out of work for more than 3 months since the closure of the Mendip Mills. Both defendants were sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour and then to be sent to a Church of England reformatory school for 5 years.	1886/077
Knight	James	Howell	George	05	07	1886	Begging in the street	V	Police Serjeant Knight said that he had received several complaints that Howell had been begging in the street. Knight had found Howell in the Market Place and taken him to the police station. A young man called William Vowles came to identify Howell and confirm that he had been begging. Knight had searched Howell at the police station and found that he had 51/2d in his pocket. Howell was found guilty and sentenced to 7 days in gaol with hard labour. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1886/078

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Bedford	Keturah	Russell	Martha	06	07	1886	Obscene language	Pr	Keturah Bedford of Priest Row complained that Martha Russell also of Priest Row had used obscene language in that street. She also noted that Elizabeth Hatcher of Priest Row would testify in support of her complaint. Martha Russell did not appear at the hearing. The costs of the case were 7/-.	1886/079
Collins	Edwin Adolphus	Parker	Joseph	07	07	1886	Unlawfully ringing doorbell	Dp	Edwin Adolphus Collins of Priory Road complained that Joseph Parker of Easton had wilfully and wantonly disturbed him by ringing the bell at his dwelling house in Priory Road. Parker did not attend the hearing.	1886/080
Plant Vincent Collier	Esther Henry Albert			08	07	1886	Applications for games licences	La	Esther Plant, Henry Vincent and Albert Collier applied for game licences. All applications were granted by the magistrates.	1886/081
Sleigh	Joseph	Walters	Albert	09	07	1886	Assault	A	Joseph Sleigh of Keward, signalman, complained that he had been assaulted by Albert Walters of No 1 Priory Place, postman, on 22 June 1886. The alleged assault, which appeared to amount to grabbing Sleigh's sleeve and threatening him, took place when Sleigh and his wife were in their garden and Walters was in the next door garden belonging to his parents. Sleigh requested that Walters should be bound over to keep the peace and be of good behaviour in the future. Albert Walters pleaded not guilty to the charge and named Mrs Spiller of Keward, wife of Walter Spiller, as a witness in his defence against the charge of assault. Walters was required to pay the costs of the case of 7/6d, and promise not to re-offend but did not need to put forward sureties to keep the peace. The fine and costs were recorded as being paid.	1886/082
Holley	Frederick	Lane	Charles	10	07	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Charles Lane of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly. Lane pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-, or, if in default, to serve 7 days in gaol. Lane was given 14 days within which to pay and appears to have made the payment.	1886/083

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Knigh	James	Moon	Frank	10	07	1886	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Frank Moon of Woodford with cruelty to a horse on 2 July by working it when it was in an unfit state. Moon summoned Edwin Welsh, solicitor, to testify in his defence. Moon then appears to have pleaded guilty and the case was adjourned for one month. The documentation suggests that Moon was to be fined 1/- with costs of 8/-. Then Moon was discharged, apparently with the costs of the case, now amended to a total of 8/6d, to be paid by the police.	1886/084
Knigh	James	Baker	Richard George	10	07	1886	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Richard George Baker of Woodford, farmer, with cruelty to a horse on 2 July by working it when it was in an unfit state. The case was closely linked to that of Frank Moon (see case ref 1886/084) but Baker was the owner of the horse involved. The case was adjourned for one month. Baker pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-; the sums involved were recorded as paid.	1886/085
Welsh	Edwin			12	07	1886	Reversal of conviction	Rc	Edwin Welsh submitted an application for the formal reversal of a conviction of a case heard on 19 January 1885. Petty Sessions records do not include the case and the name of the plaintiff and defendant are not clear. No decision on the application is recorded.	1886/086
Justices		Various		13	07	1886	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 13 July 1886. In many instances some indication of the outcome is given. Where appropriate, information from these notes is incorporated in the entries for the individual cases.	1886/087
Knigh	James	Harding	George	13	07	1886	Drunkenness	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged George Harding with being drunk in a public place. Harding pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 6/6d, all to be paid forthwith.	1886/088

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Price	Charlotte	Smith	James	03	08	1886	Assault	A	Charlotte Price of St Thomas Street complained that James Smith of The New Inn had assaulted Thomas Price, her son, on 2 August by pushing him off a wall into a stream of water. Testimony from William Bird, a boy of 9, stated that he had seen Thomas Price in Mr Smith's orchard picking apples. Price had then got onto the garden wall to escape and Mr Smith had pushed him off. The case against Smith was dismissed.	1886/089
Smith	James	Price	Thomas	05	08	1886	Stealing apples	T	James Smith of The New Inn complained that Thomas Price, a child living in St Thomas Street, stole about a quarter of a peck of apples valued at around 6d from an orchard belonging to Smith on 2 August. The case against Thomas Price was not discussed, since the child was under 6, and was therefore dismissed with the costs remitted to the complainant.	1886/090
Russ	Samuel Perren	Hopkins jnr	William	07	08	1886	Application for maintenance order	Mo	Samuel Perren Russ noted that William Hopkins, aged around 78, had become chargeable to the Wells Union on 30 April 1886. Hopkins was unable to work and was incapable of maintaining himself - and this position would continue to obtain. Russ applied for a maintenance order to be granted against William Hopkins the younger, son of William Hopkins the elder, since the son was said to be capable of contributing to the maintenance of his father, as he had income from his trade as a poultry farmer, and owned a pony and cart and 10 pigs. A maintenance order of 1/6d per week was awarded against William Hopkins the younger who was also required to pay 9/6d to cover the costs of the case.	1886/091

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Langley	Emma	Ball	Thomas	07	08	1886	Assault	A	Emma Langley, wife of Simeon Langley of St Thomas Street, complained that Thomas Ball also of St Thomas Street had assaulted her son, Charles Langley, a child aged 10, on 6 August. Emma Langley added that Mary Turner, wife of James Turner of St Thomas Street, could provide material evidence on her behalf, while Elizabeth Ball, wife of Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street, claimed that Harry Fry would provide material evidence for the defence. Charles Langley and Fred Ball had been tussling in the street. Harry Fry claimed that he had seen Langley striking Ball in the ribs and had gone into the Clubhouse to tell Thomas Ball to take the part of his younger brother. Thomas Ball was then seen pinning Langley to the ground and kneeling on him. Langley claimed that Thomas Ball struck him in the face with his hand, but Mary Turner stated that she saw no blow struck. The case was dismissed with each side to pay its own costs.	1886/092
Langley	Emma	Ball	Elizabeth	07	08	1886	Assault	A	Emma Langley, wife of Simeon Langley of St Thomas Street, complained that Elizabeth Ball, wife of Edwin Ball also of St Thomas Street, had assaulted her son, Charles Langley, a child aged 10, on 6 August. The discussion of the case did not mention Charles Langley, but revolved around Emma Langley's accusation that Elizabeth Ball had followed her up the garden and tried to seize a stick from her; when she had resisted, Elizabeth Ball had then dragged her down the garden and hit her in the back. Elizabeth Ball denied threatening to hit Langley with the stick. The case was dismissed with each party being responsible for its own costs.	1886/093



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Weaver	Edwin Charles	Pearce	Henry	09	08	1886	Assault	A	Edwin Charles Weaver of Union Street, blacksmith, complained that he had been assaulted by Henry Pearce of Mill Lane on 7 August. Weaver requested that Pearce should be required to put forward sureties to guarantee his future behaviour. Pearce pleaded guilty, but the case was dismissed on Pearce paying the costs of 2/6d.	1886/094
Knight	James	Hemmins	John	10	08	1886	Application for maintenance order	Mo	Police Serjeant Knight requested that John Hemmins of High Street, shoemaker, be required to contribute to the maintenance of his son, Arthur Hemmins, aged 13, who had been committed to the Reformatory School at Red Hill in Surrey for 5 years for various misdemeanours (see case ref 1885/101 and 1886/077). Knight had investigated the financial affairs of Hemmins and identified that he earned £1 per week when in work at Mr Tucker's; his wife was also in work, and, although he had two other children, he should be able to make a contribution of 1/- per week. Hemmins was required to pay the costs of the case of 6/- and was made subject to a maintenance order of 1/- per week.	1886/095
Serel	Edward A	Various		10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils who had failed to attend school on specific dates in July 1886 (and, presumably, had a generally poor attendance record). The parents to whom summons were issued are listed below.	1886/096
Serel	Edward A	Creedy	William	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	William Creedy was fined 2/6d, payable on Saturday, for the failure to ensure that his son, Henry Creedy, attended school on 23 July.	1886/096a
Serel	Edward A	Hawkins	William	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	William Hawkins was fined 1/-, paid immediately, for the failure to ensure that his son, William Hawkins, attended school on 22 July.	1886/096b
Serel	Edward A	Churches	Edward	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Edward Churches was fined 2/6d, recorded as paid, for the failure to ensure that his daughter, Kate Churches, attended school on 28 July.	1886/096c

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Serel	Edward A	Webber	John	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Webber (Serel's list shows George Webber) was fined 2/6d, paid immediately, for the failure to ensure that his daughter, Rosa Webber, attended school on 31 July.	1886/096d
Serel	Edward A	Hatcher	Alfred	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Alfred Hatcher's case for the failure to ensure that his daughter, Alice Hatcher, attended school on 28 July was adjourned for two months to assess if the child's attendance improved. Alfred Hatcher was summoned to attend court again on 14 October, but the hearing of the case was adjourned (see papers for case ref 1886/122 and notes from the petty session sitting of 14 October in case ref 1886/125). At the petty sessions sitting in November Alfred Hatcher was discharged.	1886/096e
Serel	Edward A	Pearce	Henry	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Henry Pearce's case for the failure to ensure that his ward, Jane Harte, attended school on 22 July was adjourned pending the production of a medical certificate, since the defendant claimed that the child had not been right for a month. On 9 September the case was reviewed. It is not clear if a medical certificate was produced, but Pearce was fined 1/-. This was recorded as being paid.	1886/096f
Serel	Edward A	Trimm	John	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Trimm was fined 5/- for the failure to ensure that his daughter, Kate Trimm, attended school on 28 July. Trimm did not attend the hearing.	1886/096g
Serel	Edward A	Hawkins	John	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Hawkins was fined 1/-, recorded as paid, for the failure to ensure that his daughter, Ada Hawkins, attended school on 26 July. Hawkins' wife attended the hearing.	1886/096h
Serel	Edward A	House	George	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	George House's case for the failure to ensure that his daughter, Mary Jane House, attended school on 28 July was adjourned pending the production of a certificate that proved the age of the child. On 9 September the case was reviewed. It is not clear if proof of age was provided but House was fined 1/- and given one week within which to pay.	1886/096i

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Serel	Edward A	Clarke	John	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Clarke was fined 1/-, recorded as paid, for the failure to ensure that his daughter, Elizabeth Clarke, attended school on 27 July.	1886/096j
Serel	Edward A	Snooks	John	10	08	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Snooks was fined 2/6d, recorded as paid, for the failure to ensure that his daughter, Emily Snooks, attended school on 19 July. Snooks was allowed until Monday week to pay.	1886/096k
Justices		Various		12	08	1886	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 12 August 1886. In many instances some indication of the outcome is given. Where appropriate, information from these notes is incorporated in the entries for the individual cases.	1886/097
Holley	Frederick	Slade	Elizabeth	26	08	1886	Vagrancy	V	PC Holley stated that Elizabeth Slade of Trowbridge had been found sleeping in an outhouse. She was remanded in custody while enquiries were made with friends to see if they would take her in. The friends declined and Slade was sentenced to 7 days in gaol with hard labour.	1886/098

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Burt	Henry	Chamberlain	Frederick	27	08	1886	Assault	A	Henry Burt of Tor Street, baker, complained that on 27 August he had been assaulted by Frederick Chamberlain of Union Street. He called as witnesses on his behalf Emma Vincent of Southover and Caroline Nutty of St John Street, while Chamberlain called upon William Welsford of Castle Cary to support his defence. Burt claimed that Chamberlain had taken bread from his barrow while he was in Southover near Nutty's shop, but refused to pay for it. When Burt tried to get back the loaf, Chamberlain first challenged him to a fight and then struck him several times. Burt admitted that he had then retaliated in self-defence. The case was adjourned from September to October when Chamberlain was found guilty. He was ordered to pay a fine of 5/- with costs of 16/- and was given 7 days within which to pay. It appears that payment was not made and an arrest warrant for Chamberlain was issued indicating that he was to be kept in gaol for one month with hard labour. A later note on the document suggests that payment of £1.4s.0d (including 3/- for the commitment) was received on 2 February 1888.	1886/099
Bartlett	Thomas	Smith	William	30	08	1886	Drunkenness	D	PC Bartlett charged William Smith with drunkenness in a public place. Smith pleaded guilty and was discharged on payment of the costs of 4/6d.	1886/100
Bartlett	Thomas	Sweet	Ellen	31	08	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bartlett charged Ellen Sweet of Lanes Court, St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in that street on 28 August. Ellen Sweet pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-. She was given one month within which to pay.	1886/101
Snell	William	Savage	Charles	31	08	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Snell charged Charles Savage of Priddy with being drunk and disorderly in Bristol Road on 23 August. Savage pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-.	1886/102
Police		Hill	James	04	09	1886	Begging in the street	V	James Hill of the Isle of Wight was charged with begging in the street. He pleaded guilty and was sent to prison for 7 days with hard labour.	1886/103

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Knight	James	Whittle	William	08	09	1886	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Knight charged William Whittle of Queen Street with obstructing the highway in that street by parking a cart therein. Whittle pleaded guilty and was required to pay the costs of the case of 8/-. The sum was recorded as received.	1886/104
Blinman	George Henry			09	09	1886	Licence transfer application	La	George Henry Blinman applied for a temporary transfer of the alcohol licence of The Globe to him for the period to 14 October 1886.	1886/105
Justices		Various		09	09	1886	Petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 9 September 1886. In most cases some details of the hearing are given, including information about the outcome. Where appropriate, information from these notes is incorporated in the entries for the individual cases. This document also includes the information related to case ref 1886/105 for which there is no separate paper.	1886/106
Knight	James	Webb	William	10	09	1886	Drunkenness	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged William Webb with being drunk in a public place. The case was dismissed on the defendant agreeing to pay the costs which were shown as 3/-. Webb was given until Saturday week to pay, but the payment (now increased to 3/6d) was not recorded as received until 25 October.	1886/107
Norris	Lucy Ada	Hillier	Ms	14	09	1886	False pretences	Fr	Lucy Ada Norris, a draper's assistant in Baker's shop, complained that on 10 September a woman giving her name as Hillier had obtained from her by false pretences a pair of ladies boots of kid leather with elastic sides valued at 8/11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d. She gave a description of the woman concerned as follows: aged about 20, around 5'1" or 5'2" in height, dark complexion, round face with a slight burnt mark on right side above upper lip, dressed in black dress and jacket, black hat trimmed with black satin and a feather. She described the boots as being the property of Alfred William Baker, the owner of the drapery shop.	1886/108

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Snell	William	Lambert	John	20	09	1886	Drunkenness	D	PC Snell charged John Lambert with being drunk in a public place. Lambert pleaded guilty and the case was dismissed on payment of the costs of 3/6d. Lambert was allowed until Saturday to pay; payment was received by 22 September.	1886/109
Gleaves	Elizabeth	Gleaves	Thomas Lowndes	21	09	1886	Assault	A	Elizabeth Gleaves of Vicars Close complained that her husband, Thomas Lowndes Gleaves, had unlawfully assaulted her. The case was then noted as settled.	1886/110
Knight	James	Baker	Richard	24	09	1886	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Knight charged Richard Baker of Meare, farmer, with obstructing the highway on 17 September by leaving a waggon unattended in Broad Street for an unreasonable length of time. Baker pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d; payment was recorded as received in full.	1886/111
Knight	James	Laver	Frederick	24	09	1886	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant Knight charged Frederick Laver of Westhay, farmer, with obstructing the highway on 17 September by leaving a waggon unattended in Broad Street for an unreasonable length of time. Laver pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/6d; payment was recorded as received in full.	1886/112
Larcombe	Anna	Keen	Robert	28	09	1886	Cruelty to a dog	C	Anna Larcombe of South Street complained that on 27 September Robert Keen, draper, had beaten and ill-treated a dog which belonged to her. She also summoned two witnesses to testify on her behalf since they would not otherwise appear for the purpose of being examined as witnesses; the individuals summoned were Frederick Miller of Union Street and Gilbert Radford of Silver Street. Robert Keen pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 2/- with costs of 10/-.	1886/113
Holley	Frederick	Lane	Augustus	30	09	1886	Keeping a dog without a licence	DI	PC Holley charged Augustus Lane of St Thomas Street with keeping a dog without having a licence for it. Lane was fined 10/- with costs of 9/-. He was allowed 14 days within which to pay or to serve 14 days in gaol.	1886/114

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Holley	Frederick	Sage	Frank	30	09	1886	Drunk on licensed premises	L	PC Holley charged Frank Sage with being drunk on licensed premises, specifically, The Exmouth Inn, on 25 September. Sage pleaded guilty and was required to pay the sum of 7/- including costs.	1886/115
Holley	Frederick	Bishop	James	30	09	1886	Allowing drunkenness on licensed premises	L	PC Holley charged James Bishop, landlord of The Exmouth Inn in St Thomas Street, with permitting drunkenness on licensed premises in contravention of the Licensing Act on 25 September (see case against Frank Sage, case ref 1886/115). Emily Bishop, wife of James Bishop, had been in charge at the time of Sage's drunkenness and she had promised PS Knight that she would get Sage to go, but, when Knight returned to the inn a little later, Sage was still there. Emily Bishop claimed that she had asked Sage to leave, but he had refused to do so. However, she made no attempt to evict him or ask Knight to put him out. Bishop pleaded not guilty, but was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1886/116
Snell	William	Whittle	William	30	09	1886	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Snell charged William Whittle of Queen Street with obstructing the highway in that street on 29 September by leaving a cart unattended for an unreasonable period. Whittle pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- . He was given a week within which to pay or to serve 14 days in prison. The payment appears to have been made.	1886/117
Bartlett	Thomas	Pritchard	Sarah	30	09	1886	Drunkenness	D	PC Bartlett charged Sarah Pritchard with being drunk in a public place on 25 September. Sarah Pritchard pleaded guilty and appears to have been fined 5/- including costs and given 14 days within which to pay.	1886/118
Bartlett	Thomas	Francis	William	05	10	1886	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Bartlett charged William Francis of Coxley, carter, with obstructing the highway in Priory Road on 1 October by leaving a waggon unattended for an unreasonable time. Francis pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/- . He was given 3 weeks within which to pay.	1886/119

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Holley	Frederick	Sweet	Mary	05	10	1886	Obscene language	Pr	PC Holley charged Mary Sweet with using profane and obscene language in Southover on 30 September. Mary Sweet pleaded guilty and appears to have been fined 2/6d with costs of 7/- (although a note on the documentation seems to show the fine of 2/6d to include costs).	1886/120
Bendall	William Newport	[Various]		06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City of Wells Urban Sanitary Authority, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 5 April 1886. The individual cases are listed below giving the names of the people involved, the amount owed and, where available, the outcome of the case.	1886/120a
Bendall	William Newport	Miller	John	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Miller of Union Street was recorded as owing 7/6d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 12/- . At the hearing on 14 October Miller did not attend and the justices increased the amount owing for costs to 8/6d making the total debt 16/- . Miller was ordered to pay the outstanding debt within a fortnight or a distress order was to be issued. The sum of 9/- was noted as received on 2 November while the balance of 7/- was recorded as being received at a later date. Note: the forename of the defendant was obtained from a census data search.	1886/120b



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Bendall	William Newport	Chamberlain	Frederick	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Chamberlain is recorded as owing 5/- for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 9/6d. At the hearing on 14 October Chamberlain did not appear and the justices increased the sum to be paid for costs to 8/6d bringing the total outstanding to 13/6d. Chamberlain was granted a fortnight within which to pay. The sum of 13/6d was recorded as received on 4 November. Note: in Bendall's summary list the name of the defendant appears erroneously as Frank Chamberland.	1886/120c
Bendall	William Newport	Hill	Sarah	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Sarah Hill of Union Street was recorded as owing 5/- for the general district rate plus an additional 4/6d for costs making a total of 9/6d. At the hearing on 14 October Sarah Hill did not appear and the justices increased the amount owing for costs to 8/6d making the total outstanding debt 13/6d. Sarah Hill was granted until 4 November to pay the outstanding sum of 5/- for the general district rate, but the justices decided to waive the costs. Failure to pay the outstanding sum would lead to the issue of a distress order.	1886/120d
Bendall	William Newport	White	Mrs	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mrs White of Union Street was recorded as owing 6d for the general district rate plus an additional 4/6d in costs making a total of 5/. The initial rate assessment was for 5/- but Mrs White had paid 4/6d leaving a balance of 6d. At the hearing on 14 October Mrs White did not appear. The justices increased the amount owing for costs to 8/6d and ordered the outstanding balance of 9/- should be paid by Monday 25 October.	1886/120e

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Bendall	William Newport	Dell Dell	Arthur H B	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Arthur Dell and H B Dell of Union Street were recorded as owing £1.15s.5d for the general district rate plus an additional 4/6d for costs making a total of £1.19s.11d. The account was recorded as settled.	1886/120f
Bendall	William Newport	Woodburn	Frederick	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Woodburn of High Street was recorded as owing £1.2s.11d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of £1.7s.5d. The account was recorded as settled.	1886/120g
Bendall	William Newport	Mogford	William	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Mogford of the Market Place was recorded as owing £1.8s.4d for the general district rate plus an additional 4/6d for costs making a total of £1.12s.10d. The account was recorded as settled.	1886/120h
Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walt	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walt Brooks of Broad Street was recorded as owing £1.8s.4d for the general district rate plus an additional 4/6d for costs making a total of £1.12s.10d.	1886/120i
Bendall	William Newport	Wilton	John	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Wilton of Broad Street was summoned with respect to two rate assessments (assumed to be for two different properties). For the first he was recorded as owing £1.2s.11d for the general district rate, while for the second he was noted as owing £1.3s.4d for the general district rate. In addition to these sums he was also liable for 4/6d for costs making a total of £2.10s.9d.	1886/120j
Bendall	William Newport	Bown	John	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Bown of Broad Street was recorded as owing 17/1d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of £1.1s.7d. At the hearing on 14 October John Bown did not appear and the justices increased the sum owing for costs to 6/6d, ordering him to pay this sum immediately. The sum of 6/6d was received on 8 November.	1886/120k

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Bendall	William Newport	Ashton	T	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	T Ashton of Southover was recorded as owing 12/11d for the general district rate plus an additional 4/6d for costs making a total of 17/5d. At the hearing on 14 October the justices determined that the costs should be remitted so that Ashton was only required to pay 12/11d and this sum was recorded as received.  Note: no indication of the forename of the defendant is given, but there is an entry in the census records of 1881 and 1891 for Simon Ashton who was resident in Southover with his family.	1886/120l
Bendall	William Newport	Free	Joseph	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Joseph Free of Southover was recorded as owing 8/4d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d in costs making a total of 12/10d. The case was noted as being adjourned for one month.	1886/120m
Bendall	William Newport	Cox	Ann	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Ann Cox of Silver Street was recorded as owing 5/10d for the general district rate and a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 10/4d. At the hearing on 14 October Ann Cox did not appear and the justices increased the amount owing for costs to 8/6d bringing the total outstanding to 14/4d. Ann Cox was granted one month (to 11 November) within which to clear the outstanding debt otherwise a distress order would be issued.	1886/120n
Bendall	William Newport	Phipps	William	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Phipps of Silver Street was recorded as owing 7/1d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 11/7d. The account was recorded as settled.	1886/120o

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Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Alfred Hatcher of Southover was recorded as owing 5/10d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 10/4d. At the hearing on 14 October Alfred Hatcher did not appear and the justices increased the amount owing for costs to 8/6d bringing the total debt outstanding to 14/4d. Hatcher was granted one month (to 11 November) within which to clear the outstanding debt or a distress warrant was to be issued. The sum of 4/- was received on 15 November.	1886/120np
Bendall	William Newport	Banbury	Frederick	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Banbury formerly of Southover but then of Trowbridge in Wiltshire was recorded as owing 7/6d for the general district rate and a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 12/-. In addition he was also liable for further costs of 6/- for oaths, the issue of an order for payment and the serving of the summons bringing the total outstanding balance to 18/-. At the hearing on 14 October Frederick Banbury did not appear and the justices ordered the outstanding balance to be paid within one month (by 11 November) otherwise a distress warrant was to be issued. Note: the order issued by the justices is duplicated in these documents.	1886/120q
Bendall	William Newport	Naylor	Mrs	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mrs Naylor of Priory Place was recorded as owing 12/6d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 17/-. The account was recorded as settled. Note: in the 1881 census there is a reference to an Agnes Naylor, aged 74, living in St Cuthbert Street. This may or may not be the same person as in this case.	1886/120r

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Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Whittle of Queen Street was recorded as owing £1.10s.0d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of £1.14s.6d. At the hearing on 14 October Whittle did not appear. The justices increased the amount owing for costs to 8/6d and gave Whittle until Tuesday 19 October to pay otherwise a distress order was to be issued. A payment of 10/- was noted as received.	1886/120s
Bendall	William Newport	Moore	Mrs	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mrs Moore of Market Street was recorded as owing 6/8d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 11/2d.	1886/120t
Bendall	William Newport	Standard jnr	James	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	James Standard the younger of St Cuthbert Street was recorded as owing 6/8d for the general district rate plus an additional 4/6d for costs giving a total of 11/2d. The account was recorded as settled.	1886/120u
Bendall	William Newport	Laskey	Catherine	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Catherine Laskey of Tucker Street was recorded as owing 4/2d for the general district rate plus an additional 4/6d for costs making a total of 8/8d. At the hearing on 14 October the justices determined that the costs should be remitted so that Catherine Laskey was only required to pay 4/2d and this was recorded as paid. Note: the forename of the defendant was obtained by a search of census data.	1886/120v

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Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	George	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Marsh of Tucker Street was recorded as owing 3/5d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 7/11d. Marsh's original rate assessment had been for 5/5d but he had paid 2/- leaving the balance of 3/5d. At the hearing on 14 October Marsh did not appear. The justices determined that Marsh should only pay 2/5d for the balance of the general district rate but increased the amount owing for costs to 8/6d meaning that the total debt outstanding was 10/11d. The debt was to be paid immediately otherwise a distress order was to be issued. A sum of 3/6d was received on 8 November.	1886/120w
Bendall	William Newport	Grant	Edward	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Edward Grant of Wookey was recorded as owing 7/6d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 12/- . The account was recorded as settled.	1886/120x
Bendall	William Newport	Vincent	?	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mr Vincent of Chamberlain Street was recorded as owing 2/6d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d in costs making a total of 7/- . The account was recorded as settled. Note: it is likely that the full name of the defendant was John Vincent as he appears frequently in the petty sessions records around this time, but rarely with the same address.	1886/120y
Bendall	William Newport	Griffin	George	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Griffin of St Thomas Street was recorded as owing 10/- for the general district rate, having paid only 10/- towards the assessed rate of £1.0s.0d. In addition Griffin was also required to pay 4/6d in costs giving a total outstanding balance of 14/6d.	1886/120z

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Bendall	William Newport	Lucas	Mrs	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mrs Lucas of St Thomas Street was recorded as owing 3/4d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d in costs making a total of 7/10d. By the hearing on 14 October a payment of 1/- had been received. The justices determined that the costs should be remitted and ordered that the outstanding balance of 2/4d was to be paid within a week.	1886/120aa
Bendall	William Newport	Edwards	George	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Edwards of St Thomas Street was recorded as owing 3/4d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d in costs making a total of 7/10d. At the hearing on 14 October Edwards was discharged.	1886/120ab
Bendall	William Newport	Asquith	Fergus	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Fergus Asquith of St Thomas was recorded as owing 13/4d for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 17/10d. The account was recorded as settled.	1886/120ac
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	Elizabeth	06	10	1886	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Elizabeth Oxley of St Thomas Street was recorded as owing 5/- for the general district rate plus a further 4/6d for costs making a total of 9/6d. At the hearing on 14 October Elizabeth Oxley did not appear and the justices issued an order that she would now have to pay a further 4/- in costs bringing the total debt outstanding to 13/6d. If payment of this sum was not received forthwith, a distress order was to be issued.	1886/120ad
Police		Williams	William	07	10	1886	Vagrancy	V	William Williams was charged with begging in the street. He pleaded guilty and was dismissed with a caution on the condition that he left the town at once.	1886/121
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils said to be aged between 5 and 7 (but all of those listed appear to be older than 7) who had failed to attend school on specific dates in September 1886 (and were regarded as having a generally poor attendance record). The parents to whom summons were issued are listed below.	1886/122

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Shears	John	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Shears of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Alfred Shears, attended the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) on 27 September. The child, aged 11, was recorded as having made only 16 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 49 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard IV. John Shears appears to have been fined 2/-.	1886/122a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Bennett	William	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	William Bennett of Tucker Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, William Bennett, attended the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) on 30 September. The child was recorded as having made only 21 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 49 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard III. William Bennett the elder appears to have been fined 2/- and given until the following Monday to pay.	1886/122b
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	William Whittle of Queen Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, John Whittle, attended the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) on 24 September. The child, aged 11, was recorded as having made only 36 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 49 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard II. William Whittle was fined 1/- and the payment was recorded as received.	1886/122c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Ball	John	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Ball of South Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Emily Ball, attended the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) on 30 September. The child was recorded as having made only 11 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 48 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard I. John Ball was fined 2/- and given until Saturday to pay.	1886/122d



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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Webber	John	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Webber of Tucker Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Rosa Webber, attended the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) on 29 September. The child was recorded as having made only 30 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 48 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard II. John Webber was fined 5/- .	1886/122e
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Trimm	George	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	George Trimm of Mill Pond Lane was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Kate Trimm, attended the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) on 30 September. The child was recorded as having made no attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 48 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard III. George Trimm was fined 2/- and given until Saturday to pay.	1886/122f
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Moore	Mrs	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Mrs Moore of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to ensure that her daughter, Annie Moore, attended the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) on 30 September. The child was recorded as having made only 3 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 38 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard II. Mrs Moore was fined 4/-.	1886/122g
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Ball	Edwin	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Edwin Ball (Serel's list shows Edward Ball but the summons Edwin Ball) of St Thomas Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Frederick Ball, attended St Thomas School (headmistress, Sarah A Bendall) on 23 September. The child, aged 10, was recorded as having made only 47 attendances in a two-month period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 76 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard II. Edwin Ball was fined 2/- and the payment recorded as received.	1886/122h

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Snooks	John	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	John Snooks St Thomas Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Emily Snooks, attended St Thomas School (headmistress, Sarah A Bendall) on 30 September. The child, aged 9, was recorded as having made only 23 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 38 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard II. The case against John Snooks was adjourned pending the production of a medical certificate for the child. At the subsequent petty sessions sitting John Snooks was fined 5/-.	1886/122i
Serel	Edward Athelstane	House	George	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	George House of South Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Mary Jane House, attended the Central Girls' School (headmistress, L C Knight) on 30 September. The child was recorded as having made only 7 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 38 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard III. The case against George House was dismissed.	1886/122j
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Brook	William	08	10	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	William Brook (Serel's list shows Frederick Brook but the summons William Brook) of Silver Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Walter Brook, attended the Central Boys' School (headmaster, Albert Knight) on 16 September. The child, aged 11, was recorded as having made only 34 attendances in the period to 1 October during which time the school was open on 49 occasions. The child was recorded as having reached standard IV. The case against William Brook was dismissed.	1886/122k

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Collins	George	Stubbins	Thomas	09	10	1886	Assault	A	George Collins, pig butcher, complained that on 25 September he was assaulted by Thomas Stubbins of Easton. Stubbins called two witnesses to testify on his behalf, namely, Edward Boulting of Easton and George Long of Westbury. Stubbins was discharged and the costs of the case of 8/- were to be paid by the complainant with a further 6/- being paid to the defendant to reimburse the costs of oaths and witness statements that he had paid.	1886/123
Knight	James	Wooley Wooley	Henry Mary	11	10	1886	Vagrancy	V	Police Serjeant Knight was searching for the two defendants to arrest them for an unspecified misdemeanour. He found Mary Wooley asleep under a railway truck in a siding used by the Wells Gas Company, while Henry Wooley was found sleeping on a pile of small coal in a building belonging to the Gas Company. Henry Wooley claimed that at some time in the past he had been given permission to sleep in that building. Neither had any money and had no visible means of subsistence. Henry Wooley was discharged but Mary Wooley was sent to prison for 7 days with hard labour for vagrancy.	1886/124
[Justices]		Various		11	10	1886	List of fees and receipts	*	List of fees and receipts for the petty sessions court. There are many entries on this list and a substantial number appear to relate to cases not covered in the petty sessions papers that are available. Where information related to a petty sessions case is evident, it is included in the summary of the case involved.	1886/125
[Justices]		Various		14	10	1886	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 14 October. Many entries refer to cases where the defendant was being pursued for non-payment of general district rate assessments, although in many cases the minutes do not identify the nature of the charge. Where appropriate, information from the minutes is included in the entries for the specific cases involved.	1886/126

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Wells Union		Brooker	John	23	10	1886	Wilful damage	Wd	John Brooker, an inmate of the workhouse, was charged by the Wells Union with wilful damage to the trousers issued to him. Brooker pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in gaol with hard labour. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d.	1886/127
Hembury	Esther	Brown	Henry	25	10	1886	Maintenance order	Mo	Esther Hembury complained that Henry Brown, putative father of her child born out of wedlock, had not adhered to the terms of the maintenance order awarded against him and had not been making the requisite maintenance payments of 2/6d per week. The arrears now amounted to £4, or 32 weeks of payments. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Henry Brown, late of Wells, but now said to be living at Saltby Road in Birmingham (see also case ref 1885/078).	1886/128
Wells Union		Green	Henry	26	10	1886	Absconding from the workhouse	Ab	Henry Green, an inmate of the workhouse, was charged by the Wells Union with absconding. Green admitted the offence and was sentenced to 7 days in gaol with hard labour. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d.	1886/129

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Laver	Mary Ann	Laver	Robert	28	10	1886	Assault	A	Mary Ann Laver of Glastonbury complained that she had been assaulted by her husband, Robert Laver of No 7 Victoria Buildings, Glastonbury, bailiff, on 23 October. As witnesses on her behalf she called William Henry Randall, station master, her niece, Rosa Carey of Draycott, and Mr Pimm of Draycott, blacksmith, while her husband called upon the testimony of Samuel Copp, railway porter. The Lavers had lived in Australia for a number of years and Mary Ann Laver stated that her husband had constantly threatened her and had sometimes beaten her. He demanded that most of the money she earned went to him. On their return to England Mary Ann Laver went to live with her sister, Elizabeth Ham, in Draycott. On 23 October in Wells with her niece, Rosa Carey, she was followed by her husband and was assaulted by him at the railway station as he tried to prevent her going back to Draycott. Robert Laver was found guilty of the charge of assault and fined 5/- with costs of £1.0s.6d. Furthermore the future safety of his wife was considered to be at risk and she was therefore granted an order which meant that she was no longer required to co-habit with her husband but he would still need to support her and pay her the sum of 15/- per week in maintenance.	1886/130
Gregory	Montagu	Pearce	Henry	01	11	1886	Assault	A	Montagu Gregory of High Street, butcher, complained that he had been assaulted on 30 October by Henry Pearce of Mill Lane who had struck him in the face with his fists. Neither party appeared at the hearing .	1886/131

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Police		Bell (aka White)	Charles Brentworth	02	11	1886	Vagrancy	V	Charles Brentworth Bell (middle name also appears as Brinkworth) alias Charles White, a child aged 10, was found to be wandering abroad. The child was described as the son of Joseph White of Callow Hill, Wookey, and Elizabeth Kate White. Charles was described as healthy and had not had cow pox, smallpox or measles. It was decided that he should be placed temporarily in Wells Union and then sent to the Somersetshire Certified Industrial School in Bath until he reached the age of 16.	1886/132
Cantle	Thomas	Beaucham	Joseph	06	11	1886	Drunkenness	D	PC Cantle charged Joseph Beaucham of Burle with being drunk in St Thomas Street. Beaucham was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine and costs totalling 5/-, although the costs are actually shown as being 9/-. Beaucham was given until one week on Saturday to pay and was advised that default would bring a sentence of 7 days in gaol.	1886/133
Knight	James	Rogers	Henry	09	11	1886	Allowing drunkenness on licensed premises	L	Police Serjeant Knight charged Henry Rogers, innkeeper of The Crown Inn, with permitting drunkenness to take place on his premises in contravention of the Licensing Act (see also case ref 1886/138). The case was adjourned until the December petty sessions sitting. Police Serjeant Knight had visited The Crown Inn and had helped remove Joseph Baker from the premises, but when he returned later he found Baker had gone back in. Rogers claimed that neither he nor his wife had served Baker any alcohol and that Baker had been given drink by other customers. Knight also found that James Allen, who he had helped to remove from The Coffee Tavern earlier had also re-appeared in The Crown Inn. When Rogers' attention was drawn to the presence of Allen, he asked Knight to help take him outside; again, he claimed that neither he nor his wife, Mary Ann Rogers, had served any drink to Allen. The case against Rogers was dismissed.	1886/134

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Justices		Various		11	11	1886	List of fines and cost, and amounts received	*	List of fines and costs for the petty sessions court, together with amounts received in payment thereof. Some of the data refers to cases heard in June 1886 while many others in this list refer to cases for non-payment of the general district rate heard on 14 October (for which there is no other petty sessions documentation available). The individuals fined for non-payment of the district general rate are listed below, together with the amounts involved. The plaintiff in these cases is assumed to be William Newport Bendall but this is not specifically shown in the documentation, hence his name is given in brackets.	1886/135
[Bendall]	William Newport	Cox	Ann	11	11	1886	Non-payment of district general rate	N	Ann Cox was shown as owing 14/4d.	1886/135a
[Bendall]	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	11	11	1886	Non-payment of district general rate	N	Alfred Hatcher was shown as owing 14/4d	1886/135b
[Bendall]	William Newport	Hill	Sarah	11	11	1886	Non-payment of district general rate	N	Sarah Hill was shown as owing 13/6d.	1886/135c
[Bendall]	William Newport	White	Mrs	11	11	1886	Non-payment of district general rate	N	Mrs White was shown as owing 9/-.	1886/135d
[Bendall]	William Newport	March	George	11	11	1886	Non-payment of district general rate	N	George Marsh was shown as owing 10/11d. A receipt of 3/6d was recorded.	1886/135e
[Bendall]	William Newport	Whittle	William	11	11	1886	Non-payment of district general rate	N	William Whittle was shown as owing £1.8s.6d.	1886/135f
[Bendall]	William Newport	Oxley	Elizabeth	11	11	1886	Non-payment of district general rate	N	Elizabeth Oxley was shown as owing 13/6d.	1886/135g
Justices		Various		11	11	1886	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 11 November. Information relevant to petty sessions cases already documented is included in those case summaries.	1886/136
Police		Ball	Edwin	15	11	1886	Drunk & disorderly Assault on police	D A	Edwin Ball was charged with being drunk and disorderly on 13 November. Ball was also charged with assaulting two police constables who were attempting to arrest him. Ball appears to have been ordered to pay 3/6d on the charge of drunkenness and 6/6d on the charge of assault.	1886/137

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Knight	James	Allen jnr Baker	James Joseph	15	11	1886	Drunk on licensed premises	L	Police Serjeant Knight charged James Allen the younger and Joseph Baker, both of West Horrington, with being drunk on licensed premises, specifically The Crown Inn, in contravention of the Licensing Act. Knight also summoned Tom Dumbleton, manager of the Wells Coffee Tavern, to give evidence against James Allen the younger. Both Allen and Baker pleaded guilty and were fined 10/- with costs of 12/6, meaning that each was then ordered to pay 11/3d. They were granted until Saturday week to pay but, if in default, to serve 14 days in gaol.	1886/138
Holley	Frederick	Thorn Nutt Collins Lovell	Harry Henry Albert Harry	15	11	1886	Obscene language	Pr	PC Holley charged Harry Thorn (Henry James Thorn) of Union Street, Henry Nutty of St John Street, Albert Collins of Bath Road and Harry Lovell of Broad Street with using obscene language in the vicinity of the Palace Moat on 31 October. Holley requested that Gilbert Radford of Silver Street be summoned to support the complaint while Henry James Thorn requested that Ernest Collins of St John Street be summoned to testify for the defendants. Holley had seen the defendants walking along by the Palace Moat; they were making a considerable noise and there was a lot of coarse language and swearing. They also made a great noise by deliberately slamming the gate into the Park into the gatepost. The case against the youths was dismissed.	1886/139
Knight	James	House Angel	Thomas Edward	15	11	1886	Discharging firework near turnpike road	Fm	Police Serjeant Knight charged Thomas House and Edward Angel, both of St Thomas Street and both labourers, with discharging a firework, specifically a small cannon, within 80' of the turnpike road in St Thomas Street on 5 November. Both defendants were discharged with a caution.	1886/140



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Knight	James	Hawkins	Edward	15	11	1886	Discharging firework near turnpike road	Fm	Police Serjeant Knight charged Edward Hawkins (originally named in the charge as Frederick Hawkins) of St Thomas Street, labourer, with discharging a firework, specifically a small cannon, within 80' of the turnpike road in St Thomas Street on 5 November. Hawkins was ordered to pay the costs of 4/6d.	1886/141
Knight	James	Bendall	John	15	11	1886	Discharging firework near turnpike road	Fm	Police Serjeant Knight charged John Bendall of St Thomas Street, labourer, with discharging a firework, specifically a cracker, within 80' of the turnpike road in St Thomas Street on 5 November. Bendall was ordered to pay the costs of 4/6d and payment was recorded as received.	1886/142
Knight	James	Mogford jnr	William	15	11	1886	Discharging firework near turnpike road	Fm	Police Serjeant Knight charged William Mogford the younger of St Thomas Street, milk seller, with discharging a firework, specifically a cracker, in the centre of the turnpike road in St Thomas Street on 5 November. Mogford was fined 1/- with costs of 8/- and payment was recorded as received.	1886/143
Bartlett	Thomas	Sharland	William	15	11	1886	Discharging firework near turnpike road	Fm	PC Bartlett charged William Sharland of St Thomas Street, labourer, with letting off squibs and crackers in St Thomas Street on 23 October. Sharland pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-. He was allowed until Saturday week to pay.	1886/144
Knight	James	Matthews	Frank	15	11	1886	Discharging firework near turnpike road	Fm	Police Serjeant Knight charged Frank Matthews of St Thomas Street, labourer, with lighting and discharging a firework, specifically a small cannon, within 80' of the turnpike road in St Thomas Street near The Lamb Inn on 5 November. At the time of the alleged offence Matthews was apparently accompanied by his mother who claimed to know nothing about it. Matthews was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- and payment was recorded as received.	1886/145
Serel	Thomas	Various		15	11	1886	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Thomas Serel, assistant overseer of the poor, charged certain individuals with non-payment of the poor rates made in 1885 and 1886. The individuals summoned are listed below.	1886/146

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Serel	Thomas	Whittle	William	15	11	1886	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Whittle of Queen Street was shown as owing 15/- for the poor rate made on 30 November 1885 and 15/- for the poor rate made on 20 May 1886. In addition, Whittle had incurred costs totalling 5/- for his failure to pay, making the amount outstanding £1.15s.0d. Whittle failed to appear at the hearing and an instruction was given that a distress order should be served on him.	1886/146a
Serel	Thomas	Hatcher	Alfred	15	11	1886	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row was shown as owing 1/10d for each of the poor rates made on 18 May 1885, 30 November 1885 and 20 May 1886. In addition, Hatcher had incurred costs totalling 5/- for his failure to pay, making the amount outstanding 10/6d. A distress warrant was ordered to be served on Hatcher.	1886/146b
Beacham	Joseph	Lane	Gustavus	15	11	1886	Assault	A	Joseph Beacham of Beryl, labourer, complained that on 6 November he had been assaulted by Gustavus Lane of St Thomas Street, blacksmith, who had struck him in the face with his fists. Lane was found guilty of the assault and fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or, if in default, to spend 14 days in gaol.	1886/147
Hayter	Charles	Lovell	Ted	17	11	1886	Embezzlement	Em	Charles Hayter, bookseller, complained that Ted Lovell of Broad Street, a clerk employed by Hayter, had been embezzling money from his business since at least 28 August. He referred to a specific amount of 2/1d in relation to that date and to a total sum of £2. No information on the outcome of the case appears to be available.	1886/148
Collier	Albert Henry	Vincent	Henry	24	11	1886	Obscene language	Pr	Albert Henry Collier of High Street complained that Henry Vincent also of High Street had used obscene language in a public place on 24 November. He requested that summons be issued to James Oxley of Southover, poulterer, and Charles Wickham of Wookey Hole, tailor, who would provide testimony in support of his complaint. There is no indication of the outcome of this complaint.	1886/149

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Knight	James	Sage	Frank	25	11	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Frank Sage of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street on 13 November. Sage was found guilty and find 1/- with costs of 8/-; payment was recorded as being received.	1886/150
Knight	James	Hanney Sealey	Edward Walter	25	11	1886	Obstructing police in the execution of their duty	Op	Police Serjeant Knight charged Edward Hanney and Walter Sealey, both of St Thomas Street, with obstructing PCs Bartlett and Snell in the execution of their duty on 13 November. PC Thomas Bartlett had arrested Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street and was taking him to the police station. Hanney tried to intervene and get Ball released, eventually resorting to trying to grab Ball and pull him free. PC William Snell came to assist PC Bartlett, but Hanney persisted in his endeavours to get Ball free and was then joined by Walter Sealey. Followed by a large crowd, the two constables managed to get Ball as far as the Cathedral. PC Bartlett asked Henry Burt of Tor Street to fetch police Serjeant Knight and with Knight's help Ball was taken to the police station. Hanney and Sealey were also arrested. They were found guilty of obstructing the police and were fined £1 plus costs of 13/-, meaning that each of them was required to pay 16/6d; they were given until one week on Saturday to pay.	1886/151
Snell	William	Brooks	Elizabeth	30	11	1886	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Snell charged Elizabeth Brooks of Silver Street with being drunk and disorderly in Southover on 27 November. Brooks pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-. Payments were recorded of 4/- on 21 December and 3/- on 31 January 1887.	1886/152

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Police		Green	Joseph	06	12	1886	Theft of clothes	T	Joseph Green appears to have been charged with the theft of a coat (the only document is a statement from the prisoner). Green claimed to have been working in Wells all his life, with around 25 years working for Mr Kinsbury and then Mr Foxwell. He claimed that he could also get a character reference from the person to whom he was apprenticed. He then pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and was sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for either 14 days (as per the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 9 December - see case ref 1886/156) or a month with hard labour (note added after the prisoner's statement in this document).	1886/153
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		06	12	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Edward A Serel, school attendance officer, prepared a list of pupils said to be aged between 5 and 13 who had failed to attend school on specific dates in November 1886 (and were regarded as having a generally poor attendance record). Five parents were summoned to a hearing at the petty sessions sitting of 9 December, but three of the cases were then adjourned until February: the parents and children affected by the adjournments were as follows: - Mary Morgan for her children, Fred and Samuel - George Edwards for his daughter, Alice and - John Snooks for his daughter, Ellen. See the minutes of the petty sessions sitting (case ref 1886/156) for further information. The cases relating to the two remaining parents are shown separately below.	1886/154
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Trimm	George	06	12	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	George Trimm of Mill Pond Lane was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Kate Trimm, attended school on 26 November. George Trimm was fined 5/- and given a fortnight to pay. A further note states that this makes 'in all 15/-'.	1886/154a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Bennett	William	06	12	1886	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	William Bennett of Tucker Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, William Bennett, attended school on 26 November. William Bennett was fined 5/- and given a week to pay.	1886/154b

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Bale	Alice	Simpson	John	08	12	1886	Theft of purse and money	T	Alice Bale, wife of Walter Bale, a police constable at Croscombe, complained that John Simpson had stolen her purse containing 1/9d by picking her pocket in Wells Market Place. Alice Bale stated that she had been in a crowd of people and felt a small tug on her pocket. When she turned around she saw Simpson standing immediately behind her. Although she did not see anything in his hands she was suspicious and checked her pocket to find her purse had gone; she had used the purse a few minutes earlier to buy oranges. She caught hold of Simpson and, seeing PC Cantle nearby, called upon him for assistance. When arrested, Simpson was said to have offered to return the purse to her. Simpson eventually pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing Mrs Bale's purse and was sent to prison for 3 months with hard labour.	1886/155
Justices		Various		09	12	1886	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 9 December. Information relevant to petty sessions cases already documented is included in those case summaries.	1886/156
Rogers	Henry James	Cox	William	16	12	1886	Refusal to quit licensed premises	L	Henry James Rogers, landlord of The Crown Inn, complained that William Cox of Glastonbury was drunk on his premises. He asked Cox to leave and Cox refused, in contravention of the Licensing Act. Cox was found guilty and fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or, in the case of default to serve 14 days in prison. Since there had been no payment by 13 January a warrant was issued for the arrest and imprisonment of Cox for 14 days with hard labour.	1886/157
Rogers	Henry James	West	Henry	16	12	1886	Refusal to quit licensed premises	L	Henry James Rogers, landlord of The Crown Inn, complained that Henry West of Glastonbury, in contravention of the Licensing Act, refused to leave the premises when requested to do so. West pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- ; payment was recorded as received.	1886/158

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Leary	Elizabeth	Thatcher	Charles	28	12	1886	Bastardy	B	Elizabeth Leary of No 14 St Cuthbert Street, single woman, asserted that Charles Thatcher of St John Street was the putative father of the bastard child to which she had given birth on 25 November. The hearing was set for 13 January 1887.	1886/159
Police		Norman	Mary Ann	31	12	1886	Drunkenness	D	Mary Ann Norman was charged with being drunk and incapable on 30 December. She pleaded guilty to the charge and was discharged on promising to go to the Wells Union workhouse. The costs of the case were shown as 3/-.	1886/160

**1887**

Oxley	Rose	Woodburn	George	01	01	1887	Assault	A	Rose Oxley of Tor Street, domestic servant, alleged that she had been assaulted on 31 December 1886 by George Woodburn of Tor Street, school teacher. Woodburn appears to have paid the costs of the case amounting to 6/6d.	1887/001
Knight	Leslie	Bowles Hatcher Hatcher Allen Hawkins	Sidney Alfred Elizabeth Harriet John	06	01	1887	Affray	Af	Leslie Knight of St John Street complained the five defendants had caused an affray in St John Street on 27 December 1886. The case was taken up by the police who prosecuted Sidney Bowles of Southover, Alfred Hatcher and Elizabeth Hatcher, both of Priest Row, and Harriet Allen and John Hawkins, both of South Street. As the police were of the view that the defendants were likely to offend again in a similar manner they asked for them to be required to put forward sureties with respect to their future conduct. Each defendant was required to contribute towards the costs of the case of 16/- (although the notes on the summons appear to show £3.16s.0d) and each was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for a period of 6 months.	1887/002

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Bartlett Snell	Thomas William	Sealy	Walter	06	01	1887	Obstructing police in the execution of their duty	Op	PCs Thomas Bartlett and William Snell claimed that on 13 November 1886 Walter Sealy of St Thomas Street obstructed them in the execution of their duty when they were in the process of taking a prisoner to the cells. Sealy seems to have tried to interfere in the process and a fracas developed in which he tripped PC Snell and then proceeded to bite Snell's thumb. In support of their case the police called as a witness Henry Burt, a baker resident in Tor Street. Sealy appears to have been fined 10/- with costs of 13/6d and was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1887/003
Holley	Frederick	Parry	James	07	01	1887	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Holley charged James Parry of Tucker Street with being drunk and disorderly in St Cuthbert Street on 27 December 1886. Parry was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or 14 days in prison. Parry was given two weeks within which to pay but appears not to have done so since there is a further charge of 3/- for committal to prison and Parry is noted as having gone to prison in July 1887.	1887/004
Holley	Frederick	Godfrey	Frederick	07	01	1887	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Frederick Godfrey of South Street with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street on 27 December 1886. Godfrey pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- which he appears to have paid.	1887/005
Russ	Samuel Perren	Taylor	Isaac	10	01	1887	Failure to support family	Ds	Samuel Perren Russ, on behalf of the Guardians of the Board of the Wells Union, complained that Isaac Taylor of St Thomas Street had neglected to support his wife, Jane Taylor, even though he was able-bodied and capable of earning a living. As a result Jane Taylor had become chargeable to the Wells Union. Isaac Taylor was found guilty and required to pay the costs of the case of 10/6d (and presumably was also required to maintain his wife thereafter). Note: the certificate of chargeability issued by the Board of Guardians describes Jane Taylor as being around 27 years of age but gives her husband's name as William Taylor.	1887/006

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Evans	George	Hole	Henry	10	01	1887	Wilful damage	Wd	George Evans of Southover complained that on 10 January Henry Hole, also of Southover, had deliberately broken a window in his property. Hole pleaded guilty to the charge and was required to pay 3/- in damages and 6/- in costs. He was given until one week on Saturday to pay. On 27 January (more than 2 weeks after the hearing on 11 January) Hole appears to have paid 5/6d, but no indication is given as to whether the outstanding balance of 3/6d was paid.	1887/007
Justices		Various		13	01	1887	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	This document provides a list of the cases scheduled to be heard at the sitting of the petty sessions court of 13 January 1887. In some instances the costs payable by the defendants are noted, although these do not necessarily agree with details noted on the summons for a particular case. For example, see case 1887/002 where John Hawkins is not shown as having to contribute to the costs of the case.	1887/008
Justices		Various		13	01	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 13 January 1887. Most of the cases relate to incidents described in the petty sessions papers for 1886.	1887/009
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	Elizabeth	14	01	1887	Non-payment of district general rate	N	William Newport Bendall, rate collector for Wells, claimed that Elizabeth Oxley of St Thomas Street, poulterer, had failed to pay the sum of 13/6d that she was adjudged to owe for rate arrears in a case in 1886 (see 1886/135g). With additional costs resulting from this summons the amount outstanding had risen to 16/-. Oxley then appears to have paid 7/6d and was given one week to pay the balance or go to jail for 7 days. A further note indicates the amount owing to be 13/- as a result of committal suggesting that Oxley was sent to prison for non-payment of the balance.	1887/010



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Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	14	01	1887	Non-payment of district general rate	N	William Newport Bendall, rate collector for Wells, claimed that William Whittle of Queen Street, butcher, had had an order made against him in October 1886 for the sum of £1.18s.6d in respect of outstanding payments on his rates account and this sum had not been paid. The costs of that order had raised the amount outstanding to £2.0s.6d against which Whittle had made a payment of £1.1s.0d. The amount outstanding was therefore 19/6d plus 1/- for this new summons to appear before the magistrates in February 1887. At the hearing Whittle appears to have been given one week in which to pay the outstanding balance or be committed to prison. A note in the minutes of the petty sessions sitting in March implies that committal proceedings were commenced.	1887/011
Bartlett	Thomas	Stansfield Hudson Rood	George William Charles	25	01	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Bartlett charged George Stansfield, William Hudson (originally shown as Reeves but later changed) and Charles Rood, all of Draycott, with wilfully obstructing the highway in Tucker Street with their waggons and carts. The men all pleaded guilty and were fined 5/- each with total costs of 10/-. All amounts were recorded as paid.	1887/012
Brown	Charles	Morgan	Samuel	26	01	1887	Drawing truck or barrow along footway	Rd	Charles Brown, surveyor, complained that on 26 January 1887 Samuel Morgan of High Street had been pulling a truck or barrow along the footway in Priory Road causing obstruction, annoyance and danger to pedestrians. Morgan admitted the offence and was fined 5/- including costs, even though the costs are shown as being 8/-. Morgan was recorded as paying the required amount.	1887/013
Justices		Various		28	01	1887	List of fines and costs, and amounts received	*	List of fines and costs for the petty sessions court, together with amounts received in payment thereof. Some of the data refers to cases heard in June 1886 while most others in this list refer to more recent cases.	1887/014

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Edwards	George	28	01	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, brought a prosecution against the individuals listed below for failing to ensure that their child attended school.	1887/015
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Edwards	George	28	01	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	In December 1886 George Edwards of St Thomas Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Alice Edwards, attended school. The initial hearing was postponed and on 28 January the date for a new hearing was set. At that hearing on 10 February 1887 the defendant was discharged.	1887/015a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Snooks	John	28	01	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	In December 1886 John Snooks of St Thomas Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Ellen Snooks, attended school. The initial hearing was postponed and on 28 January the date for a new hearing was set. At that hearing on 10 February 1887 the defendant was discharged.	1887/015b
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	28	01	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	In December 1886 Mary Morgan of South Street was charged with failing to ensure that her son, Fred Morgan, attended school. The initial hearing was postponed and on 28 January the date for a new hearing was set. At that hearing on 10 February 1887 Mary Morgan was fined 1/8d and given one week within which to pay.	1887/015c
Brown	Charles	Ball	John	31	01	1887	Drawing truck or barrow along footway	Rd	Charles Brown, surveyor, complained that on 31 January 1887 John Ball of South Street had been pulling a truck or barrow along the footway in Priory Road causing obstruction, annoyance and danger to pedestrians. Ball admitted the offence and was fined 5/- including costs, even though the costs alone are shown as being 8/-. Ball was given until Saturday to pay.	1887/016

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Justices				31	01	1887	Note on length of prison sentences for non-payment.	*	This is a letter presumed to be from a justice suggesting that the length of prison sentence imposed for non-payment of fines/costs should be in line with a particular section of the law. The document is undated and makes no reference to a specific case. The date of 31 January has been allocated to enable the document to be included for sorting (it was found in a bundle of documents for January 1887).	1887/017
Police		Thompson	Edwin	31	01	1887	Begging	v	Edwin Thompson was charged with begging in the street. Thompson, a tailor whose home was in Sheffield, but who had been working in Bridgwater and Glastonbury, was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1887/018
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	03	02	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Whittle of Queen Street with failing to ensure that his son, William, attended school as required by law. William, aged 6, was recorded as attending the Central Infants School on 38 occasions during a period when the school was open for 106 attendances. The case was initially adjourned for one month and then dismissed at the hearing in March 1887 on the basis of a promise from Whittle to send the child to school.	1887/019a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Pearce	Henry	03	02	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Henry Pearce of Mill Lane with failing to ensure that Jane Harte attended school as required by law. Jane was recorded as attending the Central Girls' School on 25 occasions during a two month period when the school was open for 56 attendances. Principal teacher L C Knight recorded Jane as having attained standard I. An additional note indicated that Jane Harte had been asked to come to school cleaner and had not attended since that request was made. The case was initially adjourned for one month to see if attendance improved and then dismissed at the hearing in March 1887.	1887/019b

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	03	02	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Mary Morgan of South Street with failing to ensure that her daughter, Alice, attended school as required by law. Alice was recorded as attending the Central Girls' School on 9 occasions during a period when the school was open for 56 attendances. Principal teacher L C Knight recorded Alice as not having attained any standard. At the hearing in February Mary Morgan was either fined 1/8d and given a week in which to pay or was fined 1/8d a week (the document could be interpreted in either way).	1887/019c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Clarke	John	03	02	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged John Clarke of South Street with failing to ensure that his son, John, attended school as required by law. John, aged 12, was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 30 occasions during a period when the school was open for 56 attendances. Principal teacher Albert Knight recorded John as having achieved standard IV. The case was initially adjourned for one month and then dismissed at the hearing in March 1887.	1887/019d
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Shears	John	03	02	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged John Shears of St Cuthbert Street with failing to ensure that his son, Alfred, attended school as required by law. Alfred, aged 12, was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 38 occasions during a period when the school was open for 56 attendances. Principal teacher Albert Knight recorded Alfred as having (fully) achieved standard III. John Shears was fined 5/- at the hearing in February.	1887/019e

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Chalker	William	03	02	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Chalker of St Thomas Street with failing to ensure that his daughter, Ada, attended school as required by law. Ada, aged 12, was recorded as attending St Thomas Girls' School on no occasions during a period when the school was open for 31 attendances. Principal teacher Sarah A Bendall recorded Ada as having attained standard IV. The case was adjourned for one month and then dismissed at the hearing in March 1887.	1887/019f
Thyer	James	Pearce Moore	Henry William	03	02	1887	Refusal to leave licensed premises when requested to do so	L	James Thyer of The Red Ox Inn complained that Henry Pearce of Mill Lane and William Moore of St Cuthbert Street had become quarrelsome and argumentative and were asked to leave the premises for which Sarah Hutton was the licensee. They refused to do so - against the terms of the Licensing Act - and therefore Thyer brought the complaint. Pearce pleaded not guilty but Moore pleaded guilty. They were each fined 2/6d with costs of 5/-, with Moore given an additional week within which to pay. Pearce apparently paid the sum of 7/6d, but Moore failed to do so by the stipulated date and committal proceedings were begun against him for a one-week prison sentence. Moore then paid 4/- which left him owing the sum of 6/6d (the costs of the committal process were 3/-) and this sum was eventually cleared on 27 March 1888.	1887/020
Ridley	Ellen	Ridley	John	07	02	1887	Assault	A	Ellen Ridley of No 5 Cock's Court in St Thomas Street complained that her husband, John Ridley, had assaulted her and threatened to kill her. They had had a disagreement in the yard which ended when he took a bucket of water from her and threw it over her. John Ridley was required to pay the costs of the case of 7/- and was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for the next 6 months; he was allowed 10 days in which to find the money for his bond.	1887/021
Justices		Various		10	02	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 10 February 1887.	1887/022

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Bartlett	Thomas	Sweet	Thomas	16	02	1887	Drunkenness	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Thomas Sweet, labourer, with having been found to be drunk in the public highway. Sweet was fined 5/- including costs; the sum was recorded as paid.	1887/023
Miller	Thomas	Barnes	Frederick	17	02	1887	Assault	A	Thomas Miller, the ostler at The Star Hotel, claimed that Frederick Barnes, the boots at the same establishment, had assaulted him and made threats of bodily harm against him. Miller summoned James Vickery of No 6 Union Street to give evidence on his behalf. Vickery testified that Barnes had struck Miller several times around the head, but Miller had not struck Barnes. Barnes was required to pay the costs of the case amounting to 13/6d and to put forward a bond of £5 to keep the peace for six months.	1887/024
Knight	James	Unknown lady		18	02	1887	Obtaining money on false pretences	Fr	An unknown lady had reportedly obtained the sum of 4/- from the wife of Charles Clement Tudway on false pretences. A description of the person concerned was recorded by police Serjeant James Knight as: a lady of around 40 years of age, medium height, with fair complexion; she had a respectable appearance and wore a black dress and black jacket, and a bonnet with a veil; her gait suggested that she was slightly crippled. No further action could be taken.	1887/025
Bartlett	Thomas	Clarke Sandwell	John John	18	02	1887	Begging in the street	V	PC Bartlett charged John Clarke and John Sandwell with begging in the street. Clarke and Sandwell had been found begging on the same day although there was no connection between the two men and their cases were dealt with separately. The costs of each case were 6/6d and both men were sentenced to 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet, with Sandwell's sentence to include hard labour.	1887/026a 1887/026b

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Snell	William	Brooks Lovelace	Walt Thomas	19	02	1887	Affray	Af	PC Snell was called to a disturbance in Union Street on 15 Febuary where he saw Walt Brooks and Thomas Lovelace fighting. As he arrived he saw Brooks knock Lovelace against a window which resulted in two panes of glass being broken. PC Snell was able to separate the two men with the help of Brooks' father. However as they tried to get Brooks to his home he made two further attempts to assault Lovelace. Lovelace, a shoemaker, called three witnesses to testify for him at the hearing: Thomas Nurse of High Street, butcher; Jacob Martin of South Street, haulier; and John Gardner of St Cuthbert Street, dealer. The case against Lovelace was dismissed but Brooks was required to pay costs of 8/6d and to put forward a bond of £5 to keep the peace for a period of 6 months. Note: in documents prepared by PC Snell and in the minutes of the hearing Lovelace's forename is shown as Thomas, but in the request to have witnesses testify on his behalf his forename is given as William.	1887/027
Holley	Frederick	Green	George Thomas	21	02	1887	Suspicion of felony	S	PC Holley had been on duty in Southover at 1.30am when he saw that the gates into Mr Russell's garden in Silver Street were ajar. He investigated and heard someone in the garden. He recognised George Thomas Green who was scrambling over the garden wall. A sack of potatoes was found near the spot where Green had got over the wall. Mr Russell, a coal merchant, confirmed that several sacks of potatoes had been stored together and that the sack discovered by PC Holley should have been with them. PC Holley matched a pair of Green's boots with footprint in the garden soil and charged Green with being on the premises for unlawful purposes. Green was sentenced to two months in prison at Shepton Mallet with hard labour.	1887/028

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Knight	James	George	Laura	03	03	1887	Theft	T	Police Serjeant Knight charged Laura George with theft. This document lists expense amounts to which prosecution witnesses were entitled, including police Serjeant Knight; George Owen Risdon, surgeon; Alice George; Matilda George; Elizabeth Slade; James Harvey.	1887/029
Taylor	Jane	Taylor	Isaac	05	03	1887	Assault	A	Jane Taylor complained that her husband, Isaac Taylor of St Thomas Street, Wells, had assaulted and beaten her, striking her in the face while she held a baby in her arms. As a result of this assault she filed a formal declaration that she would no longer be bound to cohabit with Isaac Taylor. Her testimony at the hearing indicates that she had already moved out and was living separately; she had gone to see him to establish his intentions with respect to their marriage and he had responded that the Wells Union was the appropriate place for her. Jane Taylor called as witnesses in support of her case Ellen Bown of Coxley, wife of George Bown, labourer, and Fanny Downing of South Street, a lodger with Mrs Richards. Isaac Taylor was found guilty of assault and was fined 15/- including costs of 13/6d; in the event of non-payment he was to serve 14 days in prison. He was allowed to pay 5/- per week.  In mid April it was agreed that Isaac Taylor could have a further week in which to pay. In early July Taylor was noted as being in prison on another charge (see 1887/043) and his commitment as a result of this case was communicated to the prison governor.	1887/030



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Knigh	James	Taylor	James	08	03	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight reported that James Taylor had come to his office at around 10.00pm and asked for a ticket for the Wells Union. Knight refused because it was too late and Taylor became abusive. When Taylor left the station it was obvious that he was very drunk and had clearly spent the evening drinking before coming to ask for a ticket. Taylor then spent some time sitting in a stupor by the Conduit before Knight told him to go away. After more abuse Taylor was arrested. Taylor was then subsequently discharged on condition that he leave the town at once.	1887/031
Justices		Various		10	03	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 10 March 1887.	1887/032
Whittle	Mary Ann	Taylor	John	14	03	1887	Larceny of a cart	T	Mary Ann Whittle, wife of William Whittle of Queen Street, butcher, claimed that John Taylor of Weston-super-Mare, fishmonger, had stolen from her a cart valued at £10. She asserted that John Taylor had offered to buy the cart from her, but would not make an offer that came close to her valuation. He later asked her to lend him the cart but she refused. The cart was subsequently taken from George Pearce's premises where it appears to have been stored free of charge because Pearce owed money to Mrs Whittle for meat. John Taylor, who was required to put forward sureties of £5 as a guarantee that he would attend the hearing (the money was actually put forward by Thomas Taylor of Weston-super-Mare), called George Pearce and William Whittle to act as witnesses on his behalf, claiming that they had shown him the cart and allowed him to take it. The case for the prosecution was then withdrawn with Mary Ann Whittle being responsible for the costs of 18/-.	1887/033

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Watts	Henry	Sparrow	Sarah	19	03	1887	Drunkenness	D	PC Henry Watts accused Sarah Sparrow of No 32 St Cuthbert Street of being drunk in High Street. Sparrow pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- including costs. She was given 14 days within which to pay or to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1887/034
Knight	James	Burlton	John	19	03	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant James Knight charged John Burlton with obstructing the highway in Broad Street by leaving a waggon parked there for an unreasonable length of time without just cause. Burlton pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- including costs.	1887/035
Police		Wade	George	24	03	1887	Vagrancy	V	George Wade was charged with vagrancy, having been arrested for begging in the City. Wade pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days imprisonment in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were 6/6d.	1887/036
Bendall	William	Oxley	Elizabeth	29	03	1887	Assault	A	William Bendall of Tor Street claimed that Elizabeth Oxley had assaulted his son, Henry William Bendall, by striking him on the head with her fist. Bendall's son was described as 'unable to travel' and was examined by the doctor the following day who noted that he was more depressed and nervous than usual as a result of the events of the previous day. Elizabeth Oxley called Mrs Williams and Sarah Fry, both of Tor Street, to provide evidence on her behalf. The case was adjourned until May (see 1887/054).	1887/037
Hutton	Sarah			31	03	1887	Licence transfer	La	Sarah Hutton notified the justices of an application to transfer her licence to sell beer and cider at The Red Ox in High Street to James Thyer. The application was originally intended to be effective in April but this date is struck out and replaced by 9 June.	1887/038
Bisgood	John	Smith	James	05	04	1887	Weights and measures	Wm	John Bisgood of Glastonbury, deputy chief constable, brought a charge against James Smith of St Thomas Street of selling a pint of whisky to police Serjeant Knight that was not of the requisite nature and substance. In this case the product was analysed as being 30 <sup>o</sup> under proof (note: one of the documents refers to gin rather than whisky). Smith was fined 5/- with additional costs of 17/6d.	1887/039

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Bisgood	John	Davis	George	05	04	1887	Weights and measures	Wm	John Bisgood of Glastonbury, deputy chief constable, brought a charge against George Davis of St Thomas Street of selling 2 ozs of coffee to police Serjeant Knight that was not of the requisite nature and substance. In this case the product contained 30% chicory. Davis was required to pay 15/- of which 5/- was a fine.	1887/040
Leary	Elizabeth	Thatcher	Charles	07	04	1887	Maintenance order	Mo	In January 1887 (see also case 1886/159 for the initiation of this case) Charles Thatcher was made subject to a maintenance order in respect of a bastard child born to Elizabeth Leary, who now complained that she had received no payments at all. The amount outstanding was shown as being £5.16s.0d. Thatcher paid £1.10s.0d and agreed to pay the remaining balance at 2/6d per week. He also entered into a bond of £20 to ensure that he met this commitment.	1887/041
Knight	James	Carew	Mary Emily	07	04	1887	Fraud / obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	Police Serjeant Knight charged Mary Emily Carew with three counts of obtaining money by false pretences. Carew had been arrested in Exeter and brought back to Wells in order to face the charges. One charge related to the sum of 5/- obtained from Maria Tudway, another to the sum of 2/- from Mrs Garrod and the third charge to the sum of 1/- . Carew appears to have pleaded guilty to at least the first two charges. She was sentenced to 3 months in prison with hard labour. The costs of the case were recorded as 10/6d. Note: it is possible that Mary Emily Carew might be the unknown lady in an earlier case (see 1887/025).	1887/042

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Taylor	Matilda	Taylor	Isaac Ernest	12	04	1887	Assault	A	Matilda Taylor of St Thomas Street, widow, complained that she had been assaulted by Isaac Taylor, also of St Thomas Street, and requested that he be made to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards her. Isaac Taylor had been in Miranda Taylor's house and words had been exchanged about his wearing of a boy's scarf. Isaac Taylor had eventually taken off the scarf and flung it at her. Miranda Taylor then went to put the scarf away, but she was struck in the mouth and knocked to the floor, hurting her back against a table and a chair as she fell. Isaac Taylor was bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace for 6 months. He was also required to pay the costs of the case amounting to 7/6d. He was allowed 3 weeks to pay but he appears not to have done so, since he is committed to prison in July 1887. This is presumably the offence for which he is already serving a sentence that is referred to in the case of Jane Taylor (see 1887/030).	1887/043
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	12	04	1887	Fallure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Mary Morgan of South Street with failing to ensure that her son, Samuel, attended school as required by law. Samuel was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 33 occasions during a period when the school was open for 116 attendances. Mary Morgan was fined 5/-.	1887/044a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	12	04	1887	Fallure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Mary Morgan of South Street with failing to ensure that her son, Fred, attended school as required by law. Fred was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 27 occasions during a period when the school was open for 116 attendances. Mary Morgan was fined 5/-.	1887/044b

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Creedy	William	12	04	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Creedy of South Street with failing to ensure that his son, Henry, attended school as required by law. Henry was recorded as making no attendances at the Central Boys' School during a period when the school was open for 86 attendances. William Creedy was fined 1/-.	1887/044c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Parker	George	12	04	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged George Parker of Priest Row with failing to ensure that his son, Frank, attended school as required by law. Frank was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 6 occasions during a period when the school was open for 50 attendances. George Parker was fined 5/-.	1887/044d
Bendall	William Newport	[Various]		12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City of Wells, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 4 October 1886. The individual cases are listed below. Note: there are two sets of physical documents for this case. The first set represents the summons issued prior to the hearing. The second, shorter set appears to consist of reminders issued to those who did not appear at the hearing on 14 April, detailing the amounts of rates and costs now to be paid. Both sets of documents are held in the same sequence as the summary list of rates outstanding on 4 April 1887.	1887/045
Bendall	William Newport	Woodburn	Frederick	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Woodburn of High Street was shown as owing £1.0s.7d in rates and 4/6d in costs, a total of £1.5s.1d.	1887/045a
Bendall	William Newport	Francis	William	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Francis of Mill Lane was shown as owing 4/6d in rates and 4/6d in costs. He was allowed 14 days within which to pay but appears not to have paid since distress proceedings were initiated. Additional costs of 4/- were incurred as a result, leading to a final total of 13/-; this sum was recorded as being received.	1887/045b

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Bendall	William Newport	Mogford	William	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Mogford of Market Place was shown as owing £1.5s.6d in rates and 4/6d in costs. The sum of £1.10s.0d was noted as being received.	1887/045c
Bendall	William Newport	Moore	William	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Moore of South Street was shown as owing 6/- in rates and 4/6d in costs. Moore was allowed 14 days to pay but did not do so since distress proceedings were commenced adding a further 2/- to the total. The sum of 12/6d was recorded as being received.	1887/045d
Bendall	William Newport	Welshford	William	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Welshford of South Street was shown as owing 14/3d in rates and 4/6d in costs. The total of 18/9d was recorded as received.	1887/045e
Bendall	William Newport	Cole	W	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	W Cole of Southover was shown as owing 6/9d in rates and 4/6d in costs. The total of 11/3d was recorded as being received.	1887/045f
Bendall	William Newport	Snelling	J H	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	J H Snelling of Priory Place was shown as owing 11/3d in rates and 4/6d in costs. The total of 15/9d was recorded as being received.	1887/045g
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Whittle of Queen Street was recorded as owing £1.7s.0d in rates and 4/6d in costs. Both William and his wife, Mary Ann, wrote at different times promising payment soon and, although some payments were made, they were insufficient to prevent the initiation of distress proceedings. In total, £1.17s.6d was received., including 6/- for the distress warrant.	1887/045h
Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	George	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Marsh of Tucker Street was shown as owing 4/10d in rates and 4/6d in costs. He was given a further month but was tardy in paying so that distress proceedings were commenced at a cost of a further 2/- bringing the total to 11/4d.	1887/045i
Bendall	William Newport	House	Henry	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Henry House of Tucker Street was shown as owing 4/10d in rates and 4/6d in costs. He was given a further month and paid off the sum of 9/4d in full.	1887/045j
Bendall	William Newport	Newish	Alfred	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Alfred Newish of Tucker Street was shown as owing 4/10d in rates and 4/6d in costs. The total of 9/4d was recorded as paid.	1887/045k

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Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing 12/9d in rates and 4/6d in costs. Distress proceedings were commenced, adding a further 2/- to the total outstanding. The sum of 19/3d was recorded as being paid.	1887/045l
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row was shown as owing 3/4d in rates and 4/6d in costs. Hatcher's wife appeared at the hearing and he was given a further month to pay but distress proceedings were apparently commenced as payments made in three stages came to 9/10d.	1887/045m
Bendall	William Newport	Bennett	Joseph	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Joseph Bennett of Priest Row was shown as owing 3/- in rates and 4/6d in costs. The total of 7/6d was recorded as being received in three separate payments.	1887/045n
Bendall	William Newport	Griffin	George	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Griffin of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 18/- in rates and 4/6d in costs. It seems that distress proceedings were commenced as two separate payments were received, one for 18/- and one for 6/6d totalling £1.4s.6d.	1887/045o
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	Elizabeth	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Elizabeth Oxley of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 4/6d in rates and 4/6d in costs. She was recorded as having paid the requisite sum of 9/-.	1887/045p
Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	Mr (?)	12	04	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mr Silas (?) Marsh of the Town Hall Buildings was shown as owing 10/1d in rates and 4/6d in costs. The sum of 14/7d was recorded as being received.	1887/045q
Holley	Frederick	Smith	Mark	13	04	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Frederick Holley charged Mark Smith of Wookey Hole, papermaker, with being drunk and disorderly in Tucker Street. Smith was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-; he is recorded as paying the sums involved.	1887/046
Watts	Henry	King	Henry Charles	13	04	1887	Vagrancy	V	Henry Charles King, late of London, brushmaker, was arrested by PC Watts for begging in Wells. King was dismissed with a caution.	1887/047
Justices		Various		14	04	1887	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 14 April 1887.	1887/048

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Watts	Henry	Gibbs	Alfred	18	04	1887	Vagrancy	V	Alfred Gibbs was arrested by PC Watts for begging in Wells. Gibbs pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1887/049
Police		Taylor	Henry	20	04	1887	Vagrancy	V	Henry Taylor, a painter by trade, was charged with vagrancy. He stated that he had come from Shepton Mallet and was on his way to Plymouth to re-join his wife and family. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were 6/6d.	1887/050
Knight	James	Francis	Lot	25	04	1887	Suspected lunacy	Lu	Police Serjeant James Knight was called to one of the Wells railway stations to deal with a man behaving very oddly. Knight went to the station and, with some difficulty, got Lot Francis back to the police station. Francis was struggling and grinding his teeth as he tried to escape. Francis was then examined by a surgeon, George Owen Risdon, who recommended that Francis be held in prison for five days for care and treatment. Francis had supposedly spent the sum of £21 in gold and silver taken from a bank in Cheddar over the space of 4 days. At the end of the period of 5 days Francis was discharged and the magistrates requested that the Guardians of the Poor in Wells pay the sum of 10/6d to the surgeon for his examination and 14/- to the police for Francis' accommodation and subsistence.	1887/051
Police		Bolein Mills	Charles George	04	05	1887	Vagrancy	V	Charles Bolein and George Mills were both charged with begging in Wells. Both pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The cost of the case for each of them was shown as 6/6d.	1887/052a 1887/052b



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Bartlett	Thomas	Wilson	John	11	05	1887	Vagrancy	V	PC Thomas Bartlett charged John Wilson with vagrancy and with trying to sell papers, buttons and books without holding a pedlar's licence. Wilson pleaded guilty to selling a book for one penny, an action that was witnessed by PC Bartlett, but not guilty to the charge of vagrancy. Wilson was shown to have 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d in cash, together with books, papers and buttons, and some items of food. Wilson was sentenced to 7 days in prison in Shepton Mallet. The cost of the case was shown to be 6/6d.	1887/053
Bendall	Henry William	Oxley	Elizabeth	12	05	1887	Assault	A	Henry William Bendall of Tor Street complained that Elizabeth Oxley had come to his home and charged into his room demanding to pay her rent. Bendall claimed that he had just got out of bed and was not yet fully dressed. He refused the rent saying that he could not receive the money. Elizabeth Oxley was then said to have harangued and cursed him for over an hour before striking him a violent blow on the head which knocked him to the floor. He called for help and the family's domestic servant, Rose Oxley the elder, came to his assistance. She testified that, although she did not see the incident, the only people in the room were Bendall and Elizabeth Oxley. Elizabeth Oxley was found guilty of assault and fined 15/- including costs; there is also a reference to a further 3/- for commitment, but then another note indicating that only 15/- was received and that was deemed sufficient for the settlement of the case. See 1887/037 for the earlier stage of this case where the hearing was adjourned for several weeks because the complainant was not well enough to attend.  Note: the correct name of the complainant is not fully clear as there are references to both Henry William Bendall and William Henry Bendall.	1887/054

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Lockwood	Goddard	Bown	Henry	16	05	1887	Cruelty to a mule	C	Goddard Lockwood, an inspector for the RSPCA from Bridgwater, charged Henry Bown of Coxley Green, grocer, with working a mule while it was in an unfit state. Bown was found guilty and fined 1/- with costs of 8/-. These sums were recorded as paid.	1887/055
Lockwood	Goddard	Martin	Henry	16	05	1887	Cruelty to two cows	C	Goddard Lockwood, an inspector for the RSPCA from Bridgwater, charged Henry Martin of West Pennard, cattle dealer, with cruelty to two cows by not relieving them of their milk. Martin pleaded not guilty to the charge and provided testimony from William Bennett the elder of Meare, farmer, and Frederick Appleby of West Pennard, dairyman. However, Martin was found guilty of the offence and fined £1 with costs of £1.13s.6d. The documentation also contains a letter from James Brook, the station master at West Pennard, stating that cows and calves coming to the station were always kept together (and not separated) and the calves were not muzzled (so presumably able to gain access to their mother's milk). On the other hand the testimony from Goddard Lockwood stated that the calves were muzzled.	1887/056
Police		Canty	Thomas	24	05	1887	Vagrancy	V	Thomas Canty was charged with begging in the city. He pleaded guilty but was discharged on agreeing to leave the town at once. The costs of the case were shown as 5/6d.	1887/057
Bartlett	Thomas	Stevens	Elizabeth	26	05	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Elizabeth Stevens of South Street with being drunk and disorderly in that same street. Stevens was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-. She was given 1 week within which to pay. 5/- was paid immediately and the remainder within one week.	1887/058
Holley	Frederick	White	John	26	05	1887	Owning an unlicensed dog	DI	PC Holley charged John White of St Thomas Street, butcher, with keeping a dog without a valid licence. White was found guilty and fined 5/- with costs of 8/-. He was given until Saturday week to pay and the sums mentioned were recorded as received.	1887/059

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Knight	James	Heal	William	02	06	1887	Assault on a police officer	A	Police Serjeant James Knight charged William Heal of Glastonbury, labourer, with assaulting him while he was carrying out his duty as a police officer. Knight had been on duty at the cricket field when a sports day was being held. He spotted a disturbance in part of the large crowd and found Heal fighting with another man. Together with at least one other officer Knight removed Heal from the crowd in order to get away from the field. As they were making their way through the crowd, Knight claimed that Heal deliberately struck him with his fist. Knight called as witnesses William and Walter Chapple, both of St Cuthbert Street, and Leonard Lush of Union Street. Heal was represented by a solicitor, G Harris Roach, and also called a number of witnesses, all from Glastonbury, namely: John Baily, Henry Baily, Edwin Laver, Dutram Wimble and Edwin Vincent. After hearing all the evidence the justices found Heal guilty of the offence but limited the fine to £2, including costs. Detailed evidence presented at the hearing can be found in the minutes of the petty session sitting of 14 July (1887/085).	1887/060
Police		Norman	Mary Ann	04	06	1887	Drunk & incapable	D	Mary Ann Norman was charged with being drunk and incapable in the town centre. She pleaded guilty and was fined 10/- or to spend 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case are shown as 6/6d including 3/- for the commitment which indicates that she went to prison.	1887/061
Fry	Sarah	Moore	George	06	06	1887	Assault	A	Sarah Fry of St Thomas Street complained that George Moore of St Thomas Street, mason, had assaulted and beaten her son, Harry Fry. She called as witnesses on her behalf Thomas Collins and Thomas Wills both of St Thomas Street. Moore was fined 1/- but was not required to pay the costs of the case. See also detailed minutes of the petty sessions hearing on 9 June (1887/064) for more information, including the testimony of the various witnesses.	1887/062

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Slater	Sarah	Granger	Henry	06	06	1887	Bastardy	B	Sarah Slater of St Cuthbert Street, single woman, accused Henry Granger of Southover, labourer, of being the father of her child born out of wedlock on 5 May 1887.	1887/063
Justices		Various		09	06	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions meeting on 9 June 1887.	1887/064
Knight	James	Whittle	William	11	06	1887	Owning an unlicensed dog	DI	Police Serjeant Knight charged William Whittle of Queen Street, butcher, with owning a dog for which he had no valid licence. Knight called James White of Queen Street, also a butcher, to provide supporting testimony to the charge. Whittle pleaded not guilty to the offence but was found guilty and fined a total of £1 including costs. Subsequently there were two letters from Mary Ann Whittle in July 1887 each paying the sum of 5/- and promising that the remainder would be paid soon. However, in November the sum of 10/- remained outstanding. Distress proceedings were initiated and a further summons issued, each adding a further 2/- to the outstanding debt which had become 14/-. Whittle was ordered to pay 7/- within a fortnight and the balance of 7/- within a month.	1887/065
Watts	Henry	Rich	John	13	06	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Watts charged John Rich of Holcombe, carter, with wilfully obstructing the highway in the Market Place by parking a cart in a way which impeded the flow of traffic and pedestrians.	1887/066
Green	John	Raines Raines	Charles Maria	14	06	1887	Dangerous dog	Dd	John Green of Wells, milk seller, complained that Charles and Maria Raines of St Thomas Street were the owners of a dangerous collie dog which they continuously failed to keep under control. He called Frank Griffin of St Thomas Street as a witness in support of his case.	1887/067

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Green	John	Crandon	John	15	06	1887	Dangerous dog	Dd	John Green of Wells, milk seller, complained that John Crandon of St Thomas Street was the owner of a dangerous collie dog which he continuously failed to keep under control. The dog had been loose in the street and had bitten John Green's daughter, Alice, on the leg. Crandon appears to have had to pay the costs of the case which amounted to 12/-. For more details see testimony at petty sessions hearing (1887/071). Note: it seems likely that Green's complaint against Charles and Maria Raines (1887/067) was mistaken in that the dog which bit his daughter had been in front of the Raines' property before the attack took place.	1887/068
Justices				16	06	1887	Granting of extension of licensing application for Jubilee celebrations	*	A special session of the justices was called to grant applications for licensing extensions for the sale of intoxicants for the celebration of the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria. 22 applications were subsequently granted for the evening of 21 June for 2 hours each. The individuals to whom extensions were granted only shows the surnames of the individuals (not even initials of the forenames) and does not indicate the establishments with which the individuals were associated. The individuals were: Bennett, Walker, Bown, Vile, Coles, Mogford, Horn, Woodburn, Vaughan, Evans, Smith, Andrews, Francis, Harris, Rogers, Mench, Thyer, George, Exmouth, Brooks, Crosse and Dunkerton. Note: see also case 1887/100 where applications for licence extensions are also processed and information is given linking the individual licensees with the inns involved.	1887/069

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Luke	Henry	Marchiant	Roweanto	16	06	1887	Drunkenness	D	PC Henry Luke charged Roweanto Marchiant with being drunk in New Street. Luke had encountered Marchiant hanging onto a lamp post with one hand and waving a stick across the pavement with the other. Luke tried to persuade him to go to his lodgings but he was staggering drunk and barely capable of walking. When Marchiant deliberately hit someone across the head with his stick, PC Luke arrested him. Marchiant was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d or to serve 7 days in prison. As there is also an entry showing the cost of commitment as 3/- it appears that he went to prison.	1887/070
Justices		Various		16	06	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of cases heard at the special petty sessions meeting on 16 June 1887,	1887/071
North	John	Brooks	Walt	17	06	1887	Assault	A	John North of Southover, drover, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by Walt Brooks of Broad Street, publican. The case was recorded as settled.	1887/072
Bailey	George	Brooks	Walter	18	06	1887	Assault	A	George Bailey of Darshill, drover, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by Walter Brooks of High Street. The case was recorded as settled.	1887/073
Justices		Various		20	06	1887	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Summary minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 20 June 1887.	1887/074
Trim	Emily	Collins	Edwin Schilling	27	06	1887	Bastardy	B	Emily Trim of Mill Lane initiated a charge of bastardy against Edwin Schilling Collins of Priory Road. However, after discussion with her father and mother, she decided to withdraw the charge.	1887/075
White	Edwin	Simmons	Simon	28	06	1887	Assault	A	Edwin White of Bath Road, farmer, complained that he had been assaulted by Simon Simmons of Horrington, labourer. The case is recorded as settled.	1887/076

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Holley	Frederick	Morgan	Lucy	05	07	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Holley charged Lucy Morgan of Easton with causing an obstruction in Queen Street by parking a cart there. Morgan was required to pay a total of 10/6 including costs. 7/6d was recorded as paid and she was given two weeks within which to pay the balance. It appears that she may not have paid the balance as commitment proceedings are noted as taking place on 3 December 1887.	1887/077
Charles	William	Parkhouse Silvester	Charles Lambert	06	07	1887	Theft	T	Charles Parkhouse and Lambert Silvester were charged with the theft of meat belonging to William Charles in High Street. Silvester was discharged but Parkhouse was sentenced to one month in prison with hard labour.	1887/078
Holley	Frederick	Sweet	Ellen	06	07	1887	Drunkenness	D	PC Holley charged Ellen Sweet of St Thomas Street with being drunk in a public place, namely St Andrew Street. Sweet pleaded guilty and was required to pay costs of 8/-. She was allowed to pay off this sum at 2/- per week.	1887/079
Knight	James	Bennett	Joseph	09	07	1887	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Joseph Bennett of Priest Row with cruelty to a horse by working the animal when it was clearly in an unfit condition. Knight's examination showed that the horse had several sores on the shoulders and around the area of the collar. Bennett was found guilty and required to pay a total of 11/6d including costs; he also agreed to stop working the horse..	1887/080
Bendall	William Newport	Various		11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall, acting as the manager and collector of the Wells Water Company, brought a number of individuals to court for non-payment for their water supply provided by the company up to 24 June 1887. The individuals affected are listed below.	1887/081
Bendall	William Newport	Woodburn	Frederick	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	Frederick Woodburn of High Street was shown as owing 14/-. The case was noted as being settled.	1887/081a

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Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row was shown as owing 5/4d. Elizabeth Hatcher, Alfred's wife, appeared at the hearing and was required to pay 8/10d including costs of 3/6d. She was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1887/081b
Bendall	William Newport	Bennett	Joseph	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	Joseph Bennett of Priest Row was shown as owing 2/6d. Bennett appears to have agreed to pay in instalments with the balance settled by 23 July. The amounts that seem to be paid are shown as 1/9d. The final outcome is not clear.	1887/081c
Bendall	William Newport	Vincent	John	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	John Vincent of Priest Row was shown as owing 2/6d. Costs were added to the sum outstanding.	1887/081d
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing 5/-. The case was noted as settled.	1887/081e
Bendall	William Newport	Onion	J	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	J Onion of Southover was shown as owing 3/-. Costs of 2/6d were added to the debt.	1887/081f
Bendall	William Newport	Bale	Mr	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	Mr Bale of Southover was shown as owing 2/6d. The case was noted as settled.	1887/081g
Bendall	William Newport	Hutchinson	R	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	R Hutchinson of Southover was shown as owing 2/6d. Hutchinson was ordered to pay 1/3d. The case was noted as settled.	1887/081h
Bendall	William Newport	Brayley	James	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	James Brayley of Southover was shown as owing 3/-. The case was noted as settled.	1887/081i
Bendall	William Newport	Hopkins	Robert	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	Robert Hopkins of Southover was shown as owing 10/-. The case was noted as settled.	1887/081j
Bendall	William Newport	Padfield	Mrs	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	Mrs Padfield of Vicars Close was shown as owing 12/-. The summons records receipt of 12/- and also a receipt of 14/6d, the latter on the day before the scheduled hearing. The documentation also includes a letter from Mrs Padfield complaining about William Bendall's approach to collecting the debt.	1887/081k
Bendall	William Newport	Murrow	Mr	11	07	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	Mr Murrow of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 3/4d. The sum of 4/4d was recorded as being received on the day before the hearing.	1887/081l



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Bartlett	Thomas	Francis Reed	William Robert	11	07	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Bartlett charged William Francis and Robert Reed, both of Coxley, with wilfully obstructing the highway in Priory Road by parking two carts in the street. The costs of the case were 8/6d and each defendant was required to pay 5/-. They were given 3 weeks in which to pay, but the receipt of 5/- from William Francis is recorded as taking place on 7 January 1888.	1887/082
Justices		Various		13	07	1887	Summary notes of petty sessions sitting	*	Summary minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 13 July 1887.	1887/083
Beesley snr	H	Norman	Mary Ann	13	07	1887	Refusal to work	Rw	Mr Beesley, master of Wells Union workhouse, complained that Mary Ann Norman, an inmate, had been told that she was to work that day in the washhouse for the laundress, Henrietta Ball. Mary Ann Norman refused, even when Mr Beesley threatened to call the police. Mary Ann Norman was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet. The case costs of 7/6d are noted as having been paid. Note: the details of this case are described only in the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 13 July 1887.	1887/084
Justices		Various		14	07	1877	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions meeting on 14 July 1887.	1887/085
Police		Page	George	21	07	1887	Vagrancy	V	George Page, whose birthplace was given as Leicester, was charged with begging in the street. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1887/086
Police		Wilson	John	25	07	1887	Begging in the street	V	John Wilson was charged with begging in the street. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d. Note: Wilson was convicted of a similar offence in May 1887, see 1887/053.	1887/087

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Bartlett	Thomas	Brock	Edward	29	07	1887	Obscene language	Pr	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Edward Brock of St Thomas Street, mason, with using profane or obscene language in a public place, namely St Thomas Street. Brock pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-. The sum of 12/- was recorded as being paid.	1887/088
Knight	James	Brooks	Walter	29	07	1887	Keeping a dog without a licence	DI	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Walter Brooks of High Street, pork butcher, with owning a dog for which he had no valid licence. Brooks pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-. The sum of 12/- was recorded as being paid.	1887/089
Hillier & Salisbury		Trimm	Charles Ernest	06	08	1887	Non-payment of court judgement.	N	In December 1886 Hillier & Salisbury, brushmakers, brought an action against Charles Ernest Trimm, one of their apprentices, for unsanctioned absence from work for 4 days early in that month. The action concluded with Trimm being ordered to pay the sum of 5/- for his absence plus 3/- for the cost of the case. The sum of 8/- remained outstanding. Trimm was now ordered to pay the sum of 9/- within one week or be sent to prison for 14 days.	1887/090
Gardener	James	Boyce	Henry	06	08	1887	Absenteeism	Ab	James Gardener of Wells complained that Henry Boyce of Tor Street, his apprentice, had absented himself from work without leave for the last 5 days. As a consequence Gardener was claiming the sum of 12/6d.	1887/091
Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	George	06	08	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	In April 1887 William Newport Bendall, rate collector for Wells, complained that George Marsh of Tucker Street had failed to pay the general district rate set in October 1886. At that point Marsh was shown as owing 4/10d in rates and 4/6d in costs. He failed to pay and distress proceedings were commenced adding a further 2/- to the costs outstanding (see 1887/045i). Marsh still failed to pay, resulting in the issue of another summons and the addition of 1/- to the total outstanding, now at 12/4d. Marsh was ordered to pay off the debt at a rate of 1/- per week.	1887/092

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Look (Luke)	Henry	Sweet	Thomas	09	08	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Look of Coxley charged Thomas Sweet of Tucker Street with drunkenness and disorderly behaviour in Market Street. Sweet pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-. He was given one week within which to pay and appears to have done so. Note: the surname of the police officer is more probably Luke (see also case 1887/119).	1887/093
Justices		Various		11	08	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Summary of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 11 August 1887.	1887/094
Dodd	James	Stuart	Frederick	19	08	1887	Assault	A	James Dodd of Priest Row, mason, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by Frederick Stuart of Davis Terrace in Tucker Street, currier. The case was recorded as settled.	1887/095
Hembury	Esther	Brown	Henry	22	08	1887	Bastardy - non-payment of maintenance order	Mo	Esther Hembury of St John's Court in St John Street complained to the court that Henry Brown, formerly of Mill Lane but now of Salting Road, Birmingham, the father of their child born out of wedlock, was not adhering to the maintenance order awarded against him in June 1885 (see also case 1885/078 for an earlier complaint). Brown was supposed to pay 2/6d per week until the child reached the age of 13, but had made no payments from 8 April 1886. The balance outstanding was now £9.7s.6d.	1887/096

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Police		Isaacs Wheeler	Harriet Alice	22	08	1887	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	The police brought a charge of obtaining money by false pretences against Harriett Isaacs and Alice Wheeler. They were accused of obtaining 2/6d from Frederick Sidney Webb, painter, who also sold tobacco and pipes from a shop at his home. Webb, an inexperienced shopkeeper, had been asked to change a half-crown into smaller denominations by Alice Wheeler and he claimed that although he had given her the coins requested and had sold her some tobacco and two pipes, he had not received the half-crown from her. When Harriett Isaacs and Alice Wheeler came in together soon after and carried out a similar transaction, Webb felt suspicious that he was being swindled. He said nothing to Isaacs and Wheeler at the time, but then went to the police. The case was dismissed by the magistrates as there was insufficient evidence of an attempt to defraud. A further document shows Webb to be entitled to the sum of 2/- for his attendance at the hearing of the case. However, it seems to have been necessary to issue a fresh certificate for these expenses and this does not occur until December 1887.	1887/097
Russell	William	Russell	Maria	23	08	1887	Theft	T	William Russell of No 44 St Thomas Street, gardener, complained that Maria Russell, his wife and formerly of the same address, but now living with Alfred Williams, a factory worker in Bristol, had taken a number of items from their home in St Thomas Street that were his property. He provided a list of the items that he claimed had been removed, including: - a gold breast pin - 3 gold front studs - shawls and shirts - sheets, pillowcases, bolster cases, table cloths and cushion covers. No information is given about the outcome of the case.	1887/098

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Watts	Henry	Hobbs	Gilbert	26	08	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Henry Watts charged Gilbert Hobbs, farmer, with wilfully obstructing the highway in St Thomas Street by parking a waggon there. Hobbs pleaded guilty and was fined 3/6d with costs of 7/-. Note: in most documents Hobbs is shown with a forename of John, but this is replaced in the summons only by Gilbert.	1887/099
Justices		Various		29	08	1887	Applications for licence extensions	La	The justices met in special session to approve applications for licence extensions for the Primrose League fete. Applications were typically for 2 hours but grants were more typically for 1 hour. The grants were made as follows: - Emma Hill of The Mitre - W J Bennett of The White Hart - Mr Andrews of The Mermaid - Mr Bown of The Star - Mr Coles of The King's Head - Mrs Evans of The City Arms - Mr George of The Larder - Mr Harris of The Rose & Crown - Mr Mogford of The Royal Oak - Mr Rogers of The Crown Inn - Mr Smith of The New Inn - Mr Tripp of The Chew Valley Inn - Mr Vale of The Goat Inn - Mr Vaughan of The Golden Heart - Mr Walker of The Sun Inn - Mr Webb of The Railway Tavern	1887/100

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Bendall	William Newport	Price	Charlotte	30	08	1887	Unentitled use of water supply	T	William Newport Bendall, described as an agent for Wells Water Company, complained that Charlotte Price, wife of James Price of St Thomas Street, had taken water from a pipe belonging to the company even though she was not a customer of the company and there was no agreement in place to supply her or her husband with water. Charlotte Price pleaded guilty to the charge and was required to pay the costs of the case amounting to 6/- (although the minutes of the petty sessions sitting indicate 4/6d).	1887/101
Wootton	William	Reynolds	Edward	03	09	1887	Drunk in charge of a horse	D	PC William Wootton of Westbury charged Edward Reynolds of Easton, labourer, with being drunk in charge of a horse in High Street. Reynolds pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1887/102
Collins	Mary Ann	Gleaves	Thomas L	03	09	1887	Assault	A	Mary Ann Collins of Vicars Close, domestic servant, complained that she had been assaulted and beaten by Thomas Gleaves, resident at the same address in Vicars Close. Mary Ann Collins requested that Gleaves be required to put forward sureties with respect to his future conduct. The notes of the petty sessions sitting record 'no answer' against this case.	1887/103
Holley	Frederick	Stagg	George	03	09	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Frederick Holley charged George Stagg of Silver Lane, Street with wilfully obstructing the highway in Queen Street by parking a waggon there. Stagg's employer, Ellen C Impey, wrote to the magistrates explaining that Stagg had not intended to block the road, but the waggon was there because she always liked to put up at The Coffee Tavern and the waggon was too wide to get through the tavern's gateway. Stagg was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1887/104

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Thatcher	Frank Carter	Lane	Augustus	03	09	1889	Leaving wife and family chargeable to common fund	Ds	Frank Carter Thatcher, relieving officer for the city of Wells, complained that Augustus Lane had deserted his wife, Caroline, and their two children and had left the In Parish of St Cuthbert. An application had been made on behalf of Caroline Lane for relief from the common fund of the Poor Law Union. Thatcher requested that a warrant be issued for the arrest of Augustus Lane. Lane appears to have been arrested and at a hearing on 14 December 1887 was sentenced to one calendar month in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1887/104a
Police		Francis	Ann	05	09	1887	Drunkenness	D	Ann Francis was charged by the police with being drunk and incapable within the precincts of the city. She pleaded guilty and was required to pay 2/6d, including costs. This sum was recorded as being paid forthwith.	1887/105
Knight	James	Moore	Harry Johnson	05	09	1887	Open outside licensing hours	L	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Harry Johnson Moore of The Queen's Head in High Street with allowing intoxicating liquor, specifically malt liquor, to be consumed on his premises at 4.15pm on Sunday afternoon and therefore outside the permitted licensing hours. Moore was fined £1 with costs of 10/-. The sum of £1.10s.0d was recorded as being paid. Additional details, particularly regarding the involvement of Edward Masters (see case 1887/109) are shown in the minutes of the petty sessions sitting on 8 September (see case 1887/111).	1887/106

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Knight	James	Crandon	John	05	09	1887	Dangerous dog	Dd	Police Serjeant James Knight received a complaint from Henry Pim (c/o Edward White of St Thomas Street) and William Boyce of Tor Street regarding a collie dog which was regarded as dangerous and not kept under proper control. Pim, who lived near Wedmore and was employed by Edward White, claimed that he had patted the dog which then bit him on the arm, cutting through the overcoat which he was wearing. Boyce had then driven off the dog with a shovel. The dog was owned by John Crandon of St Thomas Street and had been the subject of a previous complaint (see case 1887/068). The costs of the case were shown as 17/- and the dog was ordered to be destroyed.	1887/107
Knight	James	Crandon	John	05	09	1887	Dangerous dog	Dd	Police Serjeant James Knight charged John Crandon of St Thomas Street with failing to comply with an earlier order of the justices to keep his collie dog under proper control (see case 1887/068). Crandon's failure resulted in further complaints about the behaviour of the dog (case 1887/107).	1887/108
Knight	James	Masters	Edward	06	09	1887	Obtaining liquor on false pretences	Fr	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Edward Masters of Southover with obtaining or attempting to obtain intoxicating liquor from Harry Johnson Moore, landlord of The Queen's Head, at a time when the inn should have been closed, i.e. at 16.15hrs on Sunday afternoon. In order to obtain the malt liquor, Masters was accused of pretending to be a lodger at the inn. PC Thomas Bartlett and Mary Jane Seal of Southover were called as witnesses for the prosecution. Masters was found guilty and fined 10/- with costs of 11/-. Harry Johnson Moore was also charged with an offence (see case 1887/106).	1887/109



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Watts	Henry	Trass	Walter	07	09	1887	Begging in the street	V	PC Henry Watts charged Walter Trass of West Pennard with begging. He had seen Trass enter Fry's shop in High Street and have a conversation with the owner who then passed him something. Watts then asked Fry what had happened and he stated that Trass had asked him for a penny. Trass was found to have 3d, some tobacco and a pipe on him. He was dismissed with a caution. The costs of the case were shown as 3/-.	1887/110
Justices		Various		08	09	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 8 September 1887.	1887/111
Marchant	Henrietta	Marchant	Charles	08	09	1887	Assault	A	Henrietta Marchant complained that her husband, Charles Marchant, had assaulted her and had issued threats that left her fearing that he would cause her actual bodily harm. She asked that he be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct. The case was recorded as settled.	1887/112
Brooks	Walt	Pople	Julia	09	09	1887	Theft	T	Walt Brooks of The Angel Inn complained that Julia Pople had stolen from him in Broad Street a pair of boots to the value of 4/- . Julia Pople pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month in prison with hard labour at Shepton Msllet.	1887/113

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Brice	William	Harton	John	14	09	1887	Assault	A	William Brice, fitter, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by John Harton, lamplighter. Brice claimed that he had needed a piece of equipment to complete the work that he was carrying out and that Harton had also wanted the same item. Harton had then allegedly struck him in the face just below the eye. It also appeared that Harton owed Brice the sum of 6/-. Brice claimed that he feared bodily injury from Harton and requested that Harton put forward sureties as to his future conduct and be bound over to keep the peace. Brice called Robert Francis as a witness to the alleged assault and while Francis had not witnessed the actual assault he did testify that Brice bore a mark beneath the eye. The costs of the hearing were recorded as 9/-; these costs were shown as to be paid by the defendant, but this part of the minutes appears to be crossed out, although the costs also appear to have been paid.	1887/114
Slater	Jonathan	James	William	17	09	1887	Embezzlement	Em	Jonathan Slater, chemist, complained that William James, his servant, had fraudulently stolen and embezzled from him a number of sums of money that had been paid to him by clients. The sum that James was accused of embezzling was £6.	1887/115
Police		Jones	Thomas	19	09	1887	Absenteeism	Ab	Thomas Jones appears to have been absent from his normal employment (it is not specified what this was). Jones was seen on a wall by Arthur Ayres and John Howe, a teenager of 14 years, who was scrubbing his bedroom floor when he saw the accused on the wall. Jones was discharged on promising to finish his day's work. The costs of the case were shown as 4/-.	1887/116
Police		Clayton	John	21	09	1887	Making false statements in order to obtain poor relief	Fr	John Clayton was charged with making false statements in order to obtain poor relief. Clayton pleaded guilty to the charge. He was dismissed with a caution.	1887/117

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Mogg	William	Lovelace Parfitt	Percy Willie	21	09	1887	Assault	A	William Mogg, baker, complained that Percy Lovelace of Broad Street and Willie Parfitt of Queen Street had assaulted and beaten his two sons, Walter Harold Mogg and Sidney George Mogg. The two boys had been riding a pony near the Somerset and Dorset railway station when they claimed that Parfitt had startled the animal by noises and gestures and Lovelace had struck it with a stick or whip. As a result the pony had bolted and the two boys were thrown to the ground sustaining minor injuries. Parfitt was required to pay 4/- and Lovelace 8/-.	1887/118
Luke	Henry	Stevenson	John	24	09	1887	Begging in the street	V	PC Henry Luke saw John Stevenson coming away from a number of properties in High Street and Sadler Street and established that Stevenson had approached several residents and shopkeepers and asked for money. Luke arrested Stevenson who had clearly been drinking heavily and determined that he had 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d in cash. Stevenson was found guilty of vagrancy and sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1887/119
Sheppard	Robert	Hanney	George	26	09	1887	Assault	A	Robert Sheppard of St Thomas Street, labourer, complained that George Hanney of St Thomas Street, labourer, had assaulted and beaten him. Sheppard requested that Hanney be required to put forward sureties and be bound over to keep the peace.	1887/120

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Francis	Isaac John	Hippisley Sage	William Frank	01	10	1887	Refusing to leave licensed premises	L	Isaac John Francis the elder, landlord of The Coach & Horses in St Thomas Street, complained that William Hippisley and Frank Sage, both of St Thomas Street, had refused to leave the inn when he requested them to do so. He claimed that they had become violent, quarrelsome and disorderly on his premises and he had therefore asked them to leave; they refused to do so, although he was able to put them out with some difficulty. John Price of St Thomas Street was called as a witness for the complainant. The costs of the case were shown as 14/6d. The minutes of the petty sessions sitting on 13 October show Sage as having to pay the costs of 14/6d, but this sentence is struck through.	1887/121
Police		Symes	Charles	03	10	1887	Attempting to obtain poor relief by making false statements	Fr	Charles Symes was charged with attempting to obtain poor relief by making false statements. Symes pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1887/122
Bendall	William Newport	Various		04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City of Wells, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 4 April 1887. The individual cases which came before the petty sessions sitting are listed separately below. In addition, summons were prepared for other individuals who paid the sums owing before the summons were issued. These summons are included in the documentation but are in a separate group within the bundle for this case reference. The individuals in this group and the amounts owed are listed as: John Bown of Broad Street (15/4d), Mr (?) Perry of St Cuthbert Street (4/10d), Mr (?) Perry of Tucker Street (4/10d) - there may a duplication here, Mr (?) Stokes of St Thomas Street (7/6d), Samuel Wall of Vicars Close (£3.1s.1d), Frederick Ball of St Thomas Street (3/9d) and John Hawkins of Tor Street (£1.1s.0d).	1887/123

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Bendall	William Newport	Miller	John	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Miller of Union Street was shown as owing 6/9d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 9/3d. The debt is subsequently recorded as paid.	1887/123a
Bendall	William Newport	Thorn	Mary	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mary Thorn of Union Street was shown as owing 4/6d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 7/-. She is subsequently recorded as having paid 5/- on account.	1887/123b
Bendall	William Newport	Hill	Sarah	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Sarah Hill of Union Street was shown as owing 4/6d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 7/-. Additional costs of 4/6d are then included making the debt 11/6d. Sarah Hill is ordered to pay 7/- within a fortnight and the remaining costs within 3 weeks.	1887/123c
Bendall	William Newport	Vile	William	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Vile of Union Street was shown as owing 7/6d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 10/-. Additional costs of 4/6d are then included making the debt 14/6d. Vile is then ordered to pay off the debt in 3 weekly instalments. By January 1888 Vile is shown as having paid only 4/-. At this point a distress warrant is issued - at a further cost of 1/6d - bringing the amount outstanding from 10/6d to 12/-.	1887/123d
Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walter	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walter Brooks of High Street was shown as owing £1.11s.5d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of £1.13.11d. The debt is subsequently recorded as paid.	1887/123e
Bendall	William Newport	Mogford	William	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Mogford of Market Place was shown as owing £1.5s.6d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of £1.8.0d.	1887/123f
Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walt	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walt Brooks of Broad Street was shown as owing £1.11s.6d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of £1.14.0d.	1887/123g
Bendall	William Newport	Wilton	John	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Wilton of Broad Street was shown as owing £2.1s.7d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of £2.4.1d. The debt is subsequently recorded as paid.	1887/123h
Bendall	William Newport	Kynaston	Henry John	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Henry John Kynaston of Southover was shown as owing 2/9d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 5/3d. Additional costs of 2/- are added making the debt 7/3d. The debt is subsequently recorded as being paid in two separate instalments of 3/6d and 3/9d.	1887/123i

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Bendall	William Newport	Clist	?	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mr (?) Clist of Southover was shown as owing 6/9d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 9/3d. The debt is subsequently recorded as paid.	1887/123j
Bendall	William Newport	Baker	William	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Baker of Southover was shown as owing 6/9d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 9/3d. Additional costs of 2/- were added making the debt 11/3d. Baker was ordered to pay off the debt in 3 weekly instalments. A payment of 4/- was subsequently recorded as being received and the account was finally cleared in November 1887 after the addition of a further 2/- in costs.	1887/123k
Bendall	William Newport	King	John	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John King of St John Street was shown as owing 8/3d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 10/9d. The debt is subsequently recorded as paid.	1887/123l
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Whittle of Queen Street was shown as owing £1.7s.0d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of £1.9s.6d. Whittle was granted one month within which to settle the account but appears not to have done so as additional costs of 5/6d are added to the debt bringing it to £1.15s.0d.	1887/123m
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing 12/9d in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 15/3d. Bartlett - or, possibly, his wife - was ordered to pay off the debt in 2 fortnightly instalments. Additional costs of 4/6d were incurred and the account was finally settled in November 1887.	1887/123n
Bendall	William Newport	Teal	Going	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Going Teal of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 12/- in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 14/6d. The debt is subsequently recorded as paid.	1887/123o
Bendall	William Newport	Hawkins jnr	James	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	James Hawkins the younger of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 6/- in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 8/6d. The debt is subsequently recorded as paid.	1887/123p
Bendall	William Newport	Colston	Ellen	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Ellen Colston of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 12/- in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 14/6d. The sum of 12/- was recorded as received before the summons was served.	1887/123q

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Bendall	William Newport	Wickham	Joseph	04	10	1887	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Joseph Wickham of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 6/- in rates with costs of 2/6d giving a total of 8/6d. The debt is subsequently recorded as paid.	1887/123r
Police		Daglen Burgess	Peter Henry	06	10	1887	Attempting to obtain poor relief by making false statements	Fr	Peter Daglen and Henry Burgess were both charged with attempting to obtain poor relief at Wells Union by making false statements. Daglen pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case against him were shown as 6/6d. There is no indication of the outcome of the case against Henry Burgess. The costs of the case against him were shown as 6/6d.	1887/124a 1887/124b
Serel	Thomas	Various		06	10	1887	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Thomas Serel, one of the Overseers of the Poor, complained that certain individuals had not only failed to pay the most recent Poor Rate, but were still in default for previous settings of the rate. The individuals concerned are listed below.	1887/125
Serel	Thomas	Whittle	William	06	10	1887	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Whittle of Queen Street was recorded as owing £2.2s.0d (£1.1s.0d from November 1886 and £1.1s.0d from May 1887) for poor relief. In addition he was to be charged costs of 5/- for this process making a total debt of £2.7s.0d. Distress proceedings appear to have been initiated in order to recoup the outstanding debt.	1887/125a
Serel	Thomas	Hatcher	Alfred	06	10	1887	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row was recorded as owing 4/8d (2/4d from November 1886 and 2/4d from May 1887) for poor relief. In addition he was to be charged costs of 5/- for this process making a total debt of 9/8d.	1887/125b
Serel	Thomas	Bartlett	George	06	10	1887	Non-payment of poor rate	N	George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was recorded as owing 19/10d (9/11d from November 1886 and 9/11d from May 1887) for poor relief. In addition he was to be charged costs of 5/- for this process making a total debt of £1.4s.10d. Bartlett was subsequently shown as making payments of 10/- on 17 October 1887, a further 10/- on 2 November 1887 and 8/4d on 11 January 1888, a total of £1.8s.4d.	1887/125c

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Serel	Thomas	Kynaston	Henry	06	10	1887	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Henry Kynaston of Southover was recorded as owing 14/- (2/11d from November 1885, 2/11d from May 1886, 4/1d from November 1886 and 4/1d from May 1887) for poor relief. In addition he was to be charged costs of 5/- for this process making a total debt of 19/-. Kynaston was noted as having paid 2/11d, reducing the outstanding debt to 16/1d. At the petty sessions sitting on 13 October Kynaston was ordered to pay 18/1d (the costs having been increased by 2/- to 7/-). Kynaston paid 7/- but as he failed to pay the remainder a further warrant was issued, incurring an additional cost of 1/6d, leaving the outstanding debt as 12/7d. Kynaston then appears to have made 2 further payments, one of 6/- and the other of 3/1d.	1887/125d
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		06	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date and on a regular basis	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, brought a prosecution against the individuals listed below for failing to ensure that their child attended school on a particular date and on a regular basis.	1887/126
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	06	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date and on a regular basis	Ed	In October 1887 Mary Morgan of Mill Pond Lane was charged with failing to ensure that her son, Fred, aged 12, attended school on a regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central Boys' School, recorded that Fred had only made 41 attendances out of a possible 141 in recent months and had reached standard III. Mary Morgan was fined 2/6d.	1887/126a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	06	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date and on a regular basis	Ed	In October 1887 Mary Morgan of Mill Pond Lane was charged with failing to ensure that her son, Samuel, aged 11, attended school on a regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central Boys' School, recorded that Samuel had only made 10 attendances out of a possible 150 in recent months and had reached standard I. Mary Morgan was fined 2/6d.	1887/126b



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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Shears	John	06	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date and on a regular basis	Ed	In October 1887 John Shears of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Alfred, aged 12, attended school on a regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central Boys' School, recorded that Alfred had only made 44 attendances out of a possible 107 in recent months and had fully reached standard II. John Shears was fined 2/6d but requested that payment be postponed until the following week..	1887/126c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Bartlett	George	06	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date and on a regular basis	Ed	In October 1887 George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Hester, aged 10, attended school on a regular basis. L C Knight, principal teacher of the Central Girls' School, recorded that Hester had made no attendances out of a possible 133 in recent months and had reached standard III. George Bartlett was fined 1/- and this was recorded as paid.	1887/126d
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Trimm	George	06	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date and on a regular basis	Ed	In October 1887 George Trimm of Mill Pond Lane was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Kate, aged 12, attended school on a regular basis. L C Knight, principal teacher of the Central Girls' School, recorded that Kate had made no attendances out of a possible 491 in the last 14 months and was noted as having reached standard III. George Trimm was fined 2/-.	1887/126e
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	06	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a specific date and on a regular basis	Ed	In October 1887 William Whittle of Queen Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Sarah, aged 8, attended school on a regular basis. L C Knight, principal teacher of the Central Girls' School, recorded that Sarah had made no attendances out of a possible 53 in the last 3 months and was noted as having reached standard I. William Whittle was fined 2/- and this sum was recorded as paid.	1887/126f

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Police		Harding Allen	James Henry	07	10	1887	Attempting to obtain poor relief by making false statements	Fr	James Harding and Henry Allen were both charged with attempting to obtain poor relief at Wells Union by making false statements. In Allen's case he had also given a false name. Harding was found guilty and sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case against him were shown as 6/6d. Allen was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case against him were shown as 6/6d.	1887/127a 1887/127b
Bendall	William Newport	Various		07	10	1887	Non-payment of water supply	N	William Newport Bendall prepared a schedule of individuals who had failed to pay Wells Water Company for the supply of water. Payment was due by the end of September.	1887/128
Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walt	08	10	1887	Non-payment of water supply	N	Walt Brooks of Broad Street was recorded as owing 5/- for the supply of water.	1887/128a
Bendall	William Newport	Colston	Ellen	08	10	1887	Non-payment of water supply	N	Ellen Colston of St Thomas Street was recorded as owing 7/6d for the supply of water.	1887/128b
Bendall	William Newport	Snelling	John Henry	08	10	1887	Non-payment of water supply	N	John Henry Snelling of Priory Place was recorded as owing 5/- for the supply of water.	1887/128c
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	08	10	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	In July 1887 William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Water Company, brought a complaint against Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row for non-payment of water rent. The judgement was made that Hatcher should pay the sum of 8/10d (see case 1887/081b). However, this payment had not been made and Bendall sought a judgement to enforce the payment. Hatcher was now required to pay 9/10d, including the cost of 1/- for the latest summons, and was given one month in which to do so.	1887/129

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Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	George	08	10	1887	Non-payment of water rent	N	In July 1887 William Newport Bendall, collector for the Wells Water Company, brought a complaint against George Marsh of Tucker Street, mason, for non-payment of water rent. The judgement was made that Marsh should pay the sum of 11/4d, including the cost of distress proceedings (there is no record of this judgement in earlier documentation for 1887). This payment had not been made and Bendall sought a judgement to enforce the payment. Marsh was now required to pay 12/4d, including the cost of 1/- for the latest summons, but this sum was reduced to 9/- because 3/4d represented the sum of instalments which were not due to have been paid by the date of the judgement. A note on the summons indicated that Marsh was excused on the grounds that he was unable to pay.	1887/130
Justices		Various		13	10	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 13 October 1887. The individual cases are shown separately except for the case involving George Weaford (see case 1887/131a).	1887/131
Police		Weaford	George	13	10	1887	Begging in the street	V	George Weaford was charged with vagrancy, having been caught begging in the street. He was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d.	1887/131a
Marsh	Sarah Jane	Miller	Albert Charles	17	10	1887	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Sarah Jane Marsh, wife of John Marsh of Queen Street, tailor, complained that Albert Charles Miller of South Street had used profane and obscene language in Queen Street. Miller called John Clarke of South Street and William Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street as witnesses on his behalf. The case against Miller was dismissed.	1887/132
Police		Wildman	Julia	24	10	1887	Theft of an apron	T	A charge of stealing an apron which was the property of Annie Russell was brought against Julia Wildman. The apron was valued at 1/-. Julia Wildman was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1887/133

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Police		Smith	Jane	26	10	1887	Vagrancy	V	Jane Smith was charged with being a vagrant with no evident means of maintaining herself. She was found sleeping overnight in the open air. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1887/134
Knight	James	Bennett	James	28	10	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	Police Serjeant James Knight charged James Bennett of Southover with wilfully obstructing the highway in Silver Street by leaving 2 waggons and 2 carts there. Bennett pleaded guilty and was required to pay the sum of 7/-; the amount was recorded as paid.	1887/135
Knight	James	Sweet	Thomas	28	10	1887	Drunk on licensed premises	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Thomas Sweet of South Street, butcher, with being drunk on licensed premises, namely The Rose and Crown. The innkeeper, Edward George Harris, was also prosecuted for allowing drunkenness on licensed premises (see case 1887/140). An additional document shows that Thomas Sweet was found to be drunk and incapable on 16 February 1887 (see case 1887/23) and was required to pay costs of 5/- by the petty sessions sitting on 10 March 1887. In addition, Sweet was also found to be drunk and disorderly on 9 August 1887 (see case 1887/093) and fined 2/6d with costs of 7/- at the petty sessions sitting of 11 August 1887. For this current offence Sweet was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- and given a month in which to pay.	1887/136
Watts	Henry	Plaister	James	28	10	1887	Drunkenness	D	PC Henry Watts charged James Plaister of East Horrington with being drunk in High Street. Plaister was found guilty and fined 6d with costs of 8/-. The sum of 8/6d was recorded as being paid.	1887/137
Holley	Frederick	Hatcher	Henry	28	10	1887	Profane or obscene language	Pr	Police Serjeant Frederick Holley charged Henry Hatcher of Southover with using obscene language in that street. Hatcher was found guilty and fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or to serve 7 days in prison. He was given 14 days within which to pay.	1887/138

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Knight	James	Taylor	Isaac	28	10	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Isaac Taylor of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. Taylor was found guilty and ordered to pay costs of 9/-, but this appears to be increased to 12/- with a charge of 3/- for committal. A further note refers to '14 days with hard labour', suggesting that Taylor may not have paid the original sum of 9/- and was then sent to prison for 14 days, hence the additional 3/- for committal to prison.	1887/139
Knight	James	Harris	Edward George	28	10	1887	Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises	L	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Edward George Harris, innkeeper of The Rose and Crown in St John Street, with permitting drunkenness on his premises in contravention of the terms of his licence to sell intoxicating liquors. Knight brought this charge because he argued that Harris and his wife, Martha, had permitted Thomas Sweet to become drunk on their premises (see case 1887/136). Harris pleaded not guilty and called several witnesses on his behalf, namely: - William Phipps of Silver Street - Henry Stevens of South Street, an employee at the brush factory - John Ball of South Street, and - Harry Trim of Mill Lane, an employee of Herbert Chapman. All the witnesses described themselves as labourers. The testimony from the witnesses noted that Sweet had been drinking alone, that he had only been seen to have one cup of ale, that Sweet had left the tavern soon after Knight's first visit at around 8.30pm and had returned at around 10.00pm, that he had been very quiet and not in the least noisy. Martha Harris, wife of the innkeeper, stated that Sweet had never been a problem, was not causing any disturbance and had not been served any drink after his return to the tavern. Harris was found guilty of the offence with which he was charged and fined £1, including costs. This sum was recorded as paid.	1887/140

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Watts	Henry	Cribb	Elizabeth	28	10	1887	Drunk in charge of a donkey and cart	D	PC Henry Watts charged Elizabeth Cribb, wife of Luke Cribb of Wookey, with being drunk in charge of a donkey and cart in Tucker Street. Cribb was found guilty and required to pay a fine of 1/- with costs of 11/-. Payment of 12/- was recorded as being received.	1887/141
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		31	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a regular basis	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, brought a prosecution against the individuals listed below for failing to ensure that their child attended school on a regular basis.	1887/142
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	31	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a regular basis	Ed	Mary Morgan of Mill Pond Lane was charged with failing to ensure that her son, Fred, attended school on a regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central Boys' School, recorded that Fred had only made 15 attendances out of a possible 96 in recent months. Mary Morgan was initially fined 2/6d but this was rescinded and the case dismissed on the basis of a letter from Henry Livett, doctor, who had advised her to keep her children away from school as they had a severe form of infectious disease.	1887/142a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	31	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a regular basis	Ed	Mary Morgan of Mill Pond Lane was charged with failing to ensure that her son, Samuel, attended school on a regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central Boys' School, recorded that Samuel had only made 2 attendances out of a possible 96 in recent months and was recorded as having reached standard I. Mary Morgan was initially fined 2/6d but this was rescinded and the case dismissed on the basis of a letter from Henry Livett, doctor, who had advised her to keep her children away from school as they had a severe form of infectious disease.	1887/142b

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	31	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a regular basis	Ed	William Whittle of Queen Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, John, attended school on a regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central Boys' School, recorded that John had made only 3 attendances out of a possible 50 in recent months and was noted as having reached standard III. William Whittle was fined 2/6d and this was recorded as paid.	1887/142c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	31	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a regular basis	Ed	William Whittle of Queen Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Sarah, aged 8, attended school on a regular basis. L C Knight, principal teacher of the Central Girls' School, recorded that Sarah had only made 33 attendances out of a possible 150 in recent months and was noted as having reached standard I. William Whittle was fined 2/6d and this was recorded as paid.	1887/142d
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Bennett	William	31	10	1887	Failure to ensure child attended school on a regular basis	Ed	William Bennett of Tucker Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, William, attended school on a regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central Boys' School, recorded that William had made only 9 attendances out of a possible 96 in recent months and was noted as having reached standard IV. William Bennett was fined 5/-.	1887/142e
Police		Mitchell	Frederick	02	11	1887	Begging in the street	V	Frederick Mitchell was charged with vagrancy for begging in the street. He pleaded guilty but the case was dismissed.	1887/143a
Police		Jacobs	Alfred	02	11	1887	Begging in the street	V	Alfred Jacobs was charged with vagrancy for begging in the street. He pleaded guilty but was the holder of a pedlar's licence. The case was dismissed.	1887/143b

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Crate	Ann	Williams	Ann	03	11	1887	Obtaining bed, breakfast & accommodation on false pretences	Fr	Ann Crate of St John Street complained that a woman calling herself Ann Williams had stayed at her house overnight and had obtained bed, breakfast and accommodation to the value of 2/- without the intention of paying for these services. She gave a detailed description of Ann Williams as being about 43-44 years of age, about 5' in height, stout and with a pale, sallow complexion. The woman was noted as wearing a black bonnet with a small flower in front, a white cotton handkerchief around her neck and lace-up leather boots with loose heel plates. Ann Williams was detained on 4 November and when brought before the magistrates was committed for trial at Taunton Sessions on 3 January 1888. Ann Crate, Frederic Brand George of The Swan Inn and police Serjeant James Knight were all bound over in sums of £10 or £20 to attend the hearing at Taunton as witnesses.	1887/144
Bartlett	Thomas	Scott	Caroline	05	11	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Caroline Scott of no fixed address with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Scott pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour. The costs of the case were recorded as 10/-, including 3/- for the committal process. Note: although the offence took place in November 1887 and the judicial process began at that point the summons was not issued and served until 17 May 1888 with the hearing set for 14 June 1888. This was presumably the result of Scott being of no fixed address.	1887/145



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Blinman snr	George Henry	Isaacs	Harriett	09	11	1887	Deliberately breaking pane of glass	Wd	George Henry Blinman the elder, innkeeper of The Globe Inn in Priest Row, complained that Harriett Isaacs had deliberately broken a pane of glass in the door of the inn; the value of the damage was put at 6/-. Isaacs and two companions had come into the inn and had a cup of ale. They had wanted the innkeeper and his wife to buy clothes pegs from them and became abusive when the innkeeper's wife refused. Blinman then claimed that Isaacs had deliberately broken the pane of glass in the door by striking it with her basket. He had asked her to pay something towards the damage but she refused, offering him only the clothes pegs. Isaacs was ordered to pay Blinman 2/- and this sum was duly paid.	1887/146
Police		Fraser	William Clarke	09	11	1887	Drunkenness	D	William Clarke Fraser, aged 28, was charged with being drunk in the city of Wells. He pleaded guilty and was discharged with a caution. The costs of 6/6d were recorded as being remitted.	1887/147
Holley	Frederick	Marshall	Frederick	10	11	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Frederick Holley charged Frederick Marshall of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in that street. Holley also called George Crandon of St Thomas Street as a witness to Marshall's behaviour. Marshall was ordered to pay a fine and costs totalling 12/6d and was allowed a month in which to do so. The sum required was shown as being paid by 3 December.	1887/148

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Brown	John	Green	George Thomas	10	11	1887	Theft of money	T	John Brown of Birmingham complained that George Thomas Green had stolen £4 from him. Brown, a commercial traveller, had been staying overnight at The Coffee Tavern. When he came to pay his bill, he took the money from his leather purse, but accidentally left the purse on the counter when he left The Coffee Tavern. Brown realised quickly that he had forgotten his purse, but, when he returned to collect it, it was no longer there. A witness, Thomas Isaac Wicks, cabinet maker of Wells, had seen Brown paying his bill and had also seen George Thomas Green at the bar in the location of the purse and with a handkerchief apparently placed around it so that no-one else could see it. Very soon after Brown had come back to look for his purse, Green hastily left the building. Brown made the formal complaint but when he was made aware that he would need to attend court in Taunton to pursue the complaint, he withdrew the accusation, stating that he did not have the time to pursue the complaint and he would try and make up the loss of the money by working harder. The case against Green was dismissed and Green was discharged.	1887/149
Keen	Robert	Hill	William	14	11	1887	Obstruction of the highway / footpath	O	Robert Keen of High Street, draper, complained that William Hill, an employee of Mr P Fry, had wilfully caused an obstruction in High Street by leaving a bundle of sacks on the street. The costs of the case were shown as 7/- and recorded as paid.	1887/150
Holley	Frederick	Allen	George	15	11	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Frederick Holley charged George Allen of St Cuthbert Street with being drunk and disorderly in Portway. Allen pleaded guilty and was fined 6d with costs of 7/-; he was given until Saturday of that week in which to pay. Payment was recorded as being made.	1887/151

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Justices		Various		17	11	1887	Minutes of petty sessions meeting	*	Detailed minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 17 November. All cases are already covered separately in the preceding entries. The entry for William Whittle relates to a case from June 1887 regarding an unlicensed dog (see case 1887/065).	1887/152
Police		Shore	John	30	11	1887	Begging in the city	V	John Shore was charged with vagrancy when caught begging in the city. He was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1887/153
Lockwood	Goddard	Parsons	William	30	11	1887	Cruelty to a gelding	C	Goddard Lockwood, an inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, complained that William Parsons of Coxley was guilty of cruelty to a gelding by working it while it was clearly unfit. Parsons pleaded guilty and was fined 6d with costs of 19/6d or to spend 14 days in prison. Parsons was granted a fortnight within which to pay.	1887/154
Police		Pim Dove	Oliver Albert	02	12	1887	Drunk in charge of horse and cart	D	Oliver Pim (it is just possible that the surname could be 'Prin') and Albert Dove were prosecuted for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart within the city. Both were found guilty with Pim being fined 10/- and Dove 5/-. They were also required to bear the costs of the case amounting to 6/-. Pim paid 13/-, while Dove paid 8/-, initially 7/- with a further 1/- by the end of the following week.	1887/155

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Harvey	Henry	Withers	James	03	12	1887	Perjury	Pj	Henry Harvey of Cheddar, coal merchant, complained that James Withers of Cheddar, farmer, had committed perjury in his testimony to the County Court of Somersetshire in giving evidence at the hearing concerning his own bankruptcy case. The documents included here relate essentially to preparatory activities before a hearing at the Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held at Taunton in January 1888. Various witnesses are bound over to attend this court as is the accused himself and George Withers who is also required to put forward sureties to ensure that James Withers attends that hearing. There is also a set of correspondence with solicitors in Bristol and a schedule of costs for various parties involved in the case. Other than Henry Harvey and James Withers, other individuals noted as being involved include: Alfred Chapman, clerk to the registrar of the County Court; James Motes Atkins, shorthand writer; Alfred George Gilling of Cheddar, farmer, and George Masters of Cheddar, also a farmer.	1887/156
Lockwood	Goddard	Hole	Henry	03	12	1887	Cruelty to a horse	C	Goddard Lockwood, an inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, complained that Henry Hole of Wookey, haulier, was guilty of cruelty to a horse by working it while it was clearly unfit. Hole pleaded guilty and was fined 6d with costs of 11/6d.	1887/157
Holley	Frederick	Whittle	William	03	12	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Frederick Holley charged William Whittle with wilfully obstructing the highway in Market Street by leaving a cart unattended. Whittle pleaded guilty and was fined 6d with costs of 8/-. The sum of 8/6d was recorded as being paid.	1887/158
Watts	Henry	Vincent	John	03	12	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Henry Watts charged John Vincent of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in Chamberlain Street. Vincent pleaded guilty and seems to have been required to pay a sum of 5/6d.	1887/159

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Knight	James	Stadden	Ann	05	12	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Ann Stadden with being drunk and disorderly in and around the Market Place where she was found to be cursing and swearing, having visited several public houses where she was refused alcoholic liquor. She was sentenced to 7 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d.	1887/160
Holley	Frederick	Francis	Robert	06	12	1887	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Frederick Holley charged Robert Francis of Wookey with using obscene language in Market Street. Francis was fined 6d with costs of 7/- or to serve 7 days in prison. Francis was given until Saturday to pay.	1887/161
Matthews	Abraham	Wilshere	Trimmer	06	12	1887	Assault	A	Abraham Matthews complained that Trimmer Wilshere had struck him, knocked him down and struck him again when he was down. Wilshere pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-. The sum of 9/- was recorded as being paid. See also case 1887/163.	1887/162
Wiltshire	Trimmer	Matthews	Abraham	06	12	1887	Assault and threats	A	Trimmer Wiltshire, hawker, complained that Abraham Matthews, described as a shoeman, had put up a shooting stand in front of his striking machine and effectively queered his pitch. He asked Matthews several times to move the stand but Matthews refused, whereupon Wiltshire pushed it over and a fight ensued. Wiltshire admitted striking Matthews (see also case 1887/162) but Matthews had him by the throat and was assisted by his mother and daughter. In addition Matthews tried to attack Wiltshire with a gun from the shooting stand and issued a number of threats of violent action against his person. Wiltshire claimed that he was in fear of sustaining actual bodily harm. He requested that Matthews be bound over to keep the peace and to be of good conduct in his dealings with Wiltshire. The costs of the case appear to be recorded as 7/- and are shown as being paid. Witnesses to the skirmish included: Thomas Grist, labourer, Charles Vaughan, hawker, Silvester Brock, mason, and Charles Swail.	1887/163

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Police		Webb	George	07	12	1887	Theft Wilful damage	T Wd	George Webb was described as a felon, although no details of the offence were recorded. He was sentenced to 2 months in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet. He was also charged with wilful damage to property to which he appears to have pleaded guilty. For this offence he was sentenced to a further month in prison with hard labour. The costs of the case were noted as 6/6d, including 3/- for the commitment to prison.	1887/164
Justices		Various		08	12	1887	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 8 December. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries.	1887/165
Police		Nichols	Jane	13	12	1887	Vagrancy	V	Jane Nichols was arrested when she was found sleeping in the open air and could offer no visible means of subsistence. Nichols was sentenced to 2 months in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d.	1887/166
Knight	James			14	12	1887	Application to stage theatrical performances in the Town Hall	La	James Knight, acting as the responsible manager of the Town Hall, applied for a licence to hold theatrical performances in the building. The application was reviewed at a special meeting and rejected by the magistrates on the basis that the Town Hall was not suited to the staging of theatrical performances. Note: on the reverse of one of the documents there appears to be a cast list for a drama with the roles all being played by the mayor and different magistrates.	1887/167
Brown	William	Savage	Ellen	17	12	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC William Brown of Priddy charged Ellen Savage of Priddy with being drunk and disorderly in Sadler Street.	1887/168
Bartlett	Thomas	Bennett	James	19	12	1887	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Thomas Bartlett charged James Bennett of Coxley, haulier, with wilfully obstructing the highway in Priory Road with his waggon. Bennett was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-. The sum of 9/- was recorded as being paid.	1887/169

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Watts	Henry	Paul	James	19	12	1887	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Henry Watts charged James Paul of St John Street, shoemaker, with being drunk and disorderly in St Andrew Street. Two witnesses, John Kingsbury, bootmaker, and Hannah Hole, had both seen Paul before 10.30pm and stated that he was sober. PC Watts and PC Thomas Bartlett both saw (and heard) Paul at 12.30am and found him to be so drunk that he was unable to unlock his own front door. The copy of the summons records that Paul was fined 1/- with costs of 10/-, but the notes of the petty sessions hearing show the costs as being 11/- with the fine still being 1/-. Paul was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1887/170
Watts	Henry	Court	John	19	12	1887	Cruelty to a horse	C	PC Henry Watts charged John Court of Weston-super-Mare, fishmonger, with cruelty to a horse by working the animal when it was clearly not in a condition to do so. Court was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-. The sum of 10/- was recorded as being paid.	1887/171
Police		Wyer	Francis James	22	12	1887	Begging in the city	V	Francis James Wyer was charged with vagrancy, having been arrested for begging in the city. He pleaded guilty, but was then discharged by the magistrates.	1887/172
Police		Tyley	Fred	24	12	1887	Drunk in charge of a horse and cart	D	Fred Tyley was charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart within the city limits. Tyley pleaded guilty and was fined 6d with costs of 5/6d. The sum of 6/- was recorded as paid.	1887/173
Police		Hollyoak	Edward	29	12	1887	Begging in the street	V	Edward Hollyoak was charged with vagrancy for begging in St Cuthbert Street. Hollyoak pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1887/174

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Justices		Whittle	Mary Ann	31	12	1887	Correspondence	*	This is a group of 4 notes sent to the justices' clerk, Reginald Lowbridge Foster, by Mary Ann Whittle of Queen Street, wife of William Whittle, butcher. All of the notes appear to date from the later months of 1887 and all relate to payments or part-payments of amounts adjudged to be owing by William Whittle. The correspondence is not dated and it is not possible to link the individual notes to specific cases.	1887/175

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Bartlett	Thomas	Savage	Ellen	02	01	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Ellen Savage of Little Elm with being drunk and disorderly in Market Street. The defendant did not appear at the hearing. Ellen Savage was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-. She was allowed one month within which to pay.	1888/001
Holley	Frederick	Stevens	Elizabeth	02	01	1888	Obscene language	Pr	PC Frederick Holley charged Elizabeth Stevens of South Street with using obscene language in South Street. Stevens pleaded guilty and was required to pay the costs of the case of 8/6d, including a fine. She was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1888/002
Bartlett	Thomas	Allen	James	02	01	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged James Allen of Haydon, plumber, with being drunk and disorderly in High Street on Christmas Eve. Allen pleaded guilty and was fined 2/- with costs of 8/-. The sum of 10/- was recorded as being paid.	1888/003
Holley	Frederick	Dredge	William	07	01	1888	Obscene language	Pr	PC Frederick Holley charged William Dredge of Broad Street with using obscene language in Broad Street. The costs of the case were shown as 9/-. Dredge was apparently fined 1/- as he was required to pay a total of 10/-.	1888/004



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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	07	01	1888	Non-payment of poor rate	N	In October 1887 William Whittle of Queen Street, butcher, was adjudged to be required to pay the sum of £2.9s.0d (£2.2s.0d in outstanding poor rates and 7/- in costs) to Edward Athelstane Serel in his capacity as the assistant overseer. Whittle had apparently paid 17/-, but was still in default on this case and on his payments on the general district rate, so a distress order for the seizure of goods was initiated to secure the outstanding debts. On this case the debt was shown as £1.13s.6d (£1.12s.0d for the adjudged debt plus a further 1/6d for the cost of the distress warrant). The distress process showed no goods of value were available to seize. As a result the costs associated with this case were increased by a further 2/6d making the outstanding debt £1.16s.0d. Whittle was then given a further month within which to pay the debt on this case. Note: one of the additional cost items shown is for commitment, suggesting that Whittle may have gone to prison, possibly because of his outstanding debt for the general rate.	1888/005
Bendall	William Newport	Hill	Sarah	07	01	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	In October 1887 Sarah Hill was shown as owing 4/6d for the district rate and 7/- in costs (see case 1887/123c). This sum remained outstanding as at 3 November and as no payments were received a distress order was issued on 7 January. The cost of the distress order was 1/6d making the total outstanding debt 13/-.	1888/005a
Police		Bryant	Henry	09	01	1888	Drunkenness	D	Henry Bryant was charged with being drunk in St Andrew Street. Initially it appears that Bryant was to be sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour, but this is struck out and the defendant was discharged and the costs of the case remitted.	1888/006
Justices		Various		12	01	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 12 January. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries.	1888/007

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Snow & Company		Tidball	Richard	18	01	1888	Absent from work without permission	Ab	Snow & Company, coal merchants, brought a complaint against Richard Tidball of Southover, labourer and an employee of the company. The complaint put forward by the manager, George Roach, was that Tidball, who had worked for the company for around 6 months, had absented himself from work without permission from the afternoon of 31 December 1887 to 6 January 1888 inclusive. The company claimed 15/- for his absence plus 3/- for the costs of the case. Tidball was instructed to pay the sum of 18/- and given 2 days within which to do so.	1888/008
Police		Mead	William Marwood	16	01	1888	Theft of a cow	T	William Marwood Mead was charged with the theft of a cow, assessed as having a value of £13, from Henry Cox the elder of Ebbor. Mead was committed for trial at the assizes at Taunton and no bail was granted. The following individuals were bound over to give evidence against Mead at the hearing in Taunton: police Serjeant James Knight, PC Henry Luke, Henry Cox the elder of Ebbor, William Frith of Polsham, Thomas Clements of Castle, Coxley, and John Clarke of Mill Lane.	1888/009
Knight	James	Allen	James	17	01	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged James Allen of Haydon near Wells, plumber, with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. Allen was found guilty and fined 4/6d with costs of 8/-. He was required to pay the total of 12/6d forthwith and when he did not do so he was committed to prison in Shepton Mallet for 14 days with hard labour. The sum of 3/- for the costs of commitment to prison was added to the outstanding debt making a total of 15/6d.	1888/010

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Holley	Frederick	Griffin	Samuel J	19	01	1888	Furious driving	Rd	PC Frederick Holley charged Samuel J Griffin of Shepton Mallet, baker, with furious driving of a horse and carriage in High Street, Sadler Street and St Andrew Street. Griffin was found guilty and fined £1 with costs of 15/-. It appears that Griffin may not have paid because there are further entries showing costs of 4/- including 3/- for commitment to prison and leaving a total sum to be paid of £1.19s.0d.	1888/011
Police		Holmes	Thomas	23	01	1888	Vagrancy	V	Thomas Holmes was charged with vagrancy as he was working as a pedlar without a licence. He pleaded guilty to the offence but was discharged, having been in custody since the Saturday of his arrest.	1888/012
Police		Dyke	Edward	26	01	1888	Theft of a brooch	T	Edward Dyke was charged with the theft of a brooch. He was found guilty and sentenced to one calendar month in gaol. He was also ordered to return the brooch to its owner.	1888/013a
Police		Taylor	William	26	01	1888	Wilful damage	Wd	William Taylor was charged with wilful damage at The Golden Heart Inn. He was said to have deliberately turned over a table, breaking three cups to the value of 2/10d. Taylor claimed that it was an accident and pleaded not guilty to the charge. John Loxton and Mary Sperring, both employed at the inn, considered Taylor's action to be deliberate. Taylor was taken into custody by police Serjeant James Knight and he asserted that Taylor had broken a pane of glass in the cell. In the case of The Golden Heart the costs were said to be remitted, but in the case of the broken pane in the cell Taylor was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1888/013b

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Knight	James	Turner	Kate	31	01	1888	Passing a vehicle on the wrong side of the road	Rd	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Kate Turner of Mark with passing a waggon on the wrong side of the road in High Street. Knight called as witnesses Reginald Lewis and Frederick Stevens, both of Wells, William Organ of North Wootton, farmer, James Thorn of West Horrington, schoolmaster, and Frederick Guy Turner of West Pennard, schoolmaster. In her defence Kate Turner summoned Vernon Stevens of Glastonbury and Henry Oxley of Wells, both described as dealers. The minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 9 February 1888 contain several pages of detailed evidence provided by the witnesses (see case 1888/017). In addition to the names given above evidence was also provided by Martha Vowles, wife of Henry Vowles of Horrington, farmer, Fanny Vowles, niece of Henry Vowles, Arthur James of Horrington, farmer, and Robert Bagg of Burcot, farmer. In the end the case against Kate Turner was dismissed and the police were required to pay most (or all) of the costs.	1888/014
Gould	Edward Stokes	Bartlett	Thomas	01	02	1888	Theft of hay	T	Thomas Bartlett was charged with the theft of hay to the value of 5d from Edward Stokes Gould (note: the name given on some of the documentation is John Gould). Police Serjeant James Knight also summoned Henry Vowles of Portway Farm in Wells as a witness for the prosecution. Bartlett was found guilty and fined 10/- with costs of 13/6d and appears to have paid the sum of £1.3s.6d as required. However, the costs were then revised to £1.4s.0d leaving the sum of 10/6d outstanding.	1888/015
Police		Green	George Thomas	06	02	1888	Theft of a knife	T	George Thomas Green was charged with the theft of a knife belonging to James Paul. Green was found guilty, sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet and ordered to return the knife.	1888/016
Justices		Various		09	02	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 9 February. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries.	1888/017

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James	Charles	Moore	Anne	10	02	1888	Assault	A	Charles James of Woodford complained that he had been assaulted by Mrs Ann Moore of Yarley in Queen Street.	1888/018
Scudamore	James	Scudamore	Thomas	11	02	1888	Assault	A	James Scudamore, haulier, complained that his son, Thomas Scudamore, also described as a haulier, had assaulted his daughter, Ann Scudamore and issued threats against her, suggesting that he would do her bodily harm. Ann Scudamore testified that she had picked up a poker in self-defence against a drunken Thomas Scudamore, but not a knife. James Scudamore requested that Thomas Scudamore be required to put forward sureties with respect to his future conduct, particularly towards Ann Scudamore. Thomas Scudamore was bound over for 6 months in the sum of £10 to keep the peace, particularly towards Ann (ie) Scudamore. The costs of the case were 9/6d and Thomas Scudamore was allowed a fortnight within which to pay.	1888/019
Langley	Emma	Langley	Simeon	17	02	1888	Assault	A	Emma Langley of St Thomas Street, wife of Simeon Langley also of St Thomas Street, complained that he had assaulted and beaten her. She also signed a declaration stating that she would no longer be bound to cohabit with him.	1888/020

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Knight	James	Brooks	Elizabeth	20	02	1888	Unlawful wounding	A	<p>Police Serjeant Knight had gone to the scene of a disturbance in Silver Street. When he got there he found a trail of blood on the pavement. He interviewed Elizabeth Brooks about an incident on 18 February in which a man called Charles Mason had been wounded. She claimed that she and her husband had been quarrelling and during the course of the argument someone had opened the door and she had thrown a lamp in that direction. The individual had been hit in the head and had to go to hospital. Charles Mason of Southover, painter and plasterer, testified that he had encountered a woman who had come out of Silver Street and was screaming that her children were being murdered. He had followed the woman back to Silver Street to try and help only to find that when he pushed open the door he was knocked senseless by an object thrown from inside the house.</p> <p>Elizabeth Brooks and William Brooks both had to provide sureties of £10 each against her appearance in court on 27 February and sureties of £10 also had to be provided by two guarantors, James Bennett and William Phipps.</p> <p>At her hearing Elizabeth Brooks was convicted of unlawfully wounding Charles Mason and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.</p>	1888/021 1888/023a
Watts	Henry	Green	George Thomas	23	02	1888	Profane and obscene language	Pr	<p>PC Henry Watts charged George Thomas Green, shoemaker, with using profane and obscene language in Southover. Green was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-. Green was allowed 14 days within which to pay.</p>	1888/022
Bartlett	Thomas	Williamson	Arthur	27	02	1888	Vagrancy	V	<p>PC Thomas Bartlett had seen Arthur Williamson knocking on a number of doors in Broad Street. When stopped by Bartlett, Williamson offered to buy a shirt for 2d. Bartlett found that Williamson had on him 2½d and some bread. The case against Williamson was dismissed on the proviso that he leave the town immediately.</p>	1888/023b

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		08	03	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged a number of parents with failing to ensure that their child attended school on a regular basis. The individuals affected and the outcomes of their cases are shown separately below.	1888/024
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	08	03	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Whittle of Queen Street with failing to ensure that his son, John, attended school as required by law. John, aged 9, was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 136 occasions during a period when the school was open for 236 attendances. John Whittle was shown as having achieved standard III. Mrs Whittle appeared at the hearing where William Whittle was fined 5/-.	1888/024a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Creedy	William	08	03	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Creedy of South Street with failing to ensure that his son, John, attended school as required by law. John was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 104 occasions during a period when the school was open for 140 attendances. William Creedy was fined 2/6d.	1888/024b
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Bennett	William	08	03	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Bennett of Tucker Street with failing to ensure that his son, William, attended school as required by law. William was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 42 occasions during a period when the school was open for 75 attendances. The boy was shown as having reached standard IV. William Bennett was fined 2/6d.	1888/024c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	08	03	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Mary Morgan of Mill Lane with failing to ensure that her son, Fred, attended school as required by law. Fred was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 15 occasions during a period when the school was open for 75 attendances. Mary Morgan was fined 5/-.	1888/024d

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	08	03	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Mary Morgan of Mill Lane with failing to ensure that her son, Samuel, attended school as required by law. Samuel was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 1 occasion during a period when the school was open for 75 attendances. Mary Morgan was fined 5/-.	1888/024e
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Ball	Frederick	08	03	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Fred Ball of Dells Court with failing to ensure that his daughter, Maggie, attended school as required by law. Maggie, aged 9, was recorded as attending St Thomas Girls' School on 36 occasions during a period when the school was open for 70 attendances. Maggie was shown as having passed standard II. Fred Ball was fined 5/-.	1888/024f
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Simmons	Samuel John Catcott	08	03	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Samuel John Catcott Simmons of Tor Street with failing to ensure that Selina Aldridge, for whom he was acting as guardian, attended school as required by law. Selina, aged 9, was recorded as attending St Thomas Girls' School on 21 occasions during a period when the school was open for 70 attendances. Selina was shown as having passed standard III. Samuel John Catcott Simmons was fined 5/-.	1888/024g



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Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	09	03	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	In October 1887 William Newport Bendall, rate collector for Wells, obtained a judgement against William Whittle of Queen Street, butcher, at a petty sessions hearing. The judgement was that William Whittle should pay the sum of £1.15s.0d in respect of the general district rate set in April 1887 (see case 1887/123m). Whittle failed to pay this sum and distress proceedings were initiated, raising the amount outstanding by 1/6d. The distress proceedings appear not to have generated any funds to defray the debt, leading to the issue of a new summons against Whittle and a further increase in costs of 1/-, bringing the total outstanding to £1.17s.6d. An order committing Whittle to prison was to be prepared but held for one month; in that period Whittle was to pay half of the outstanding debt within a fortnight and the remainder within one month. Failure to fulfil these obligations would lead to imprisonment.	1888/025
Knight	James	McCarter	John	10	03	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged John McCarter with being drunk and disorderly, firstly at the GWR station and then in the Market Place. McCarter pleaded not guilty but Knight stated that McCarter was staggering drunk, became very excitable and made lots of noise. McCarter was found guilty and the case costs of 4/6d were recorded as being paid.	1888/026
Holley	Frederick	White	Albert	13	03	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Frederick Holley charged Albert White of Shepton Mallet, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. The costs of the case were shown as 12/-, including 3/- for commitment to prison where White was sentenced to serve 14 days with hard labour.	1888/027
Justices		Wickenden	Robert	14	03	1888	Application for licence extension	La	Robert Wickenden applied to the justices for a 1-hour extension for his hostelry for the following day on the occasion of the Gymnasium Club Smoking Concert. The application was granted. Note: no indication is given of the hostelry involved.	1888/028

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Police		Francis	Anne	17	03	1888	Drunkenness	D	Ann Francis was charged with being drunk within the city limits. She pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d. She was ordered to be detained until the money was paid.	1888/029
Justices		Various		19	03	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 19 March. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries, except for a note recording the fact that The Royal Oak was now closed for business and there was a review of the legal position to determine if the licence could be cancelled.	1888/030
Holley	Frederick	Bennett	James	21	03	1888	Obstruction of the highway	O	PC Frederick Holley charged James Bennett of Southover, haulier, with wilfully obstructing the highway in Southover with a waggon and cart. Bennett was found guilty and fined 5/- including costs (although a list of costs shows them to total 9/-). He was allowed one month in which to pay.	1888/031
Holley	Frederick	Ward	Christopher	21	03	1888	Obstruction of the highway	O	PC Frederick Holley charged Christopher Ward of Wedmore, potato dealer, with wilfully obstructing the highway in Tucker Street with a horse and cart which stood outside The Mermaid for at least one hour. Ward was found guilty and fined 5/- including costs (although a list of costs shows them to total 9/-). The fine was recorded as being paid.	1888/032
Knight	James	Western	John	21	03	1888	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant James Knight charged John Western of Little Elm near Wells, haulier, with cruelty to a horse by forcing the animal to work when it was clearly unfit to do so. Western was found guilty and fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-; the sum of 9/6d was recorded as received.	1888/033
Knight	James	Cornish	Richard	23	03	1888	Failure to display name on commercial vehicle	H	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Richard Cornish of Coxley, haulier, with using a vehicle, in this case a waggon, for commercial purposes in the Market Place without displaying the owner's name on the side. This was in contravention of the Highways Act. Cornish was fined 2/6d with costs of 6/-.	1888/034

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Knight	James	Allen	Joseph	23	03	1888	Failure to control horse and cart	Rd	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Joseph Allen of East Horrington, labourer, with being too far from his horse and cart in High Street to be able to control the movement and direction of the vehicle and the animal drawing it. Allen pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- including costs.	1888/035
Brooks	Joseph Frederick	Card	Edward	31	03	1888	Assault	A	Joseph Frederick Brooks of Wookey, dealer, complained that he had been assaulted by Edward Card of Draycott, also described as a dealer, who had struck him in the face with his fist. Brooks called as witnesses on his behalf Robert Bagg of Burcot, farmer, and John Sperring of Yarley, dealer. The hearing was initially scheduled for the petty sessions sitting in April but was adjourned until May.	1888/036
Police		Ryner	John	06	04	1888	Drunkenness	D	John Ryner was prosecuted for being drunk. He pleaded guilty to the charge and the case was dismissed on Ryner paying the costs of 4/-.	1888/037
Bendall	William Newport	Various		09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City of Wells, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 3 October 1887. The individual cases are listed below. The documentation for each individual appears to be duplicated.	1888/038
Bendall	William Newport	Trimm	Mr	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mr Trimm of Priest Row was shown as owing 5/- in rates and 2/6d in costs. The sum of 7/6d is recorded as having been paid.	1888/038a
Bendall	William Newport	Woodburn	Frederick	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Woodburn of High Street was shown as owing 17/3d in rates and 2/6d in costs. The total sum of 19/9d is recorded as having been paid.	1888/038b
Bendall	William Newport	Naylor	Mrs	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mrs Naylor of Priory Place was shown as owing 9/4d in rates and 2/6d in costs. The total sum of 11/10d is recorded as having been paid.	1888/038c

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Bendall	William Newport	[Various]		09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City of Wells, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 3 October 1887. A list prepared on 3 April 1888 shows 19 entries, but the list of names put forward for review by the magistrates at the petty sessions sitting on 9 April has only 13 names; the names of two official bodies have been removed together with those of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mary Thorn of Union Street, owing 3/9d</li> <li>- J N Lovegrove of High Street, owing £1.6s.7d</li> <li>- Thomas Salisbury of Priory Villas, owing £1.17s.6d</li> <li>- William Mogford of Market Place, owing £1.1s.3d.</li> </ul> Of the remaining 13 names, the documentation for 3 of them is shown under case 1888/038, while a further 6 are covered under case references 1888/039a to 1888/039f below. The four names not covered in this documentation, and the amounts owing for rates are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- W Moore of Mill Lane, 3/9d</li> <li>- Mr Vinnell of Southover, 5/-</li> <li>- Mr Baty of St Cuthbert Street, 5/-</li> <li>- Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row, 2/9d.</li> </ul>	1888/039
Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walt	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walt Brooks of Broad Street was shown as owing £1.1s.3d for the general district rate and a further 6/6d in costs as a result of this process. The sum of £1.7s.9d was recorded as being received.	1888/039a
Bendall	William Newport	Bown	John	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Bown of Broad Street was shown as owing 12/9d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d in costs. The sum of 15/3d was recorded as received.	1888/039b
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Whittle of Queen Street was shown as owing £1.2s.10d for the general district rate and a further 6/6d in costs as a result of this process. Whittle's wife wrote to the magistrates stating that Whittle would not be able to attend the hearing, but she would pay the district rate for him on the following Monday.	1888/039c
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	Henry	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Henry Oxley of Tucker Street was shown as owing 7/11d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d in costs. The sum of 10/5d was shown as being received.	1888/039d

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Bendall	William Newport	Bedford	Walter	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walter Bedford of Priest Row was shown as owing 4/- for the general district rate and a further 2/6d in costs. He sent a note explaining that he had sent 3/- with his little girl and promised to pay the remainder in the following week. He was granted until Saturday to pay. A further note indicates that a total of 6/6d was received.	1888/039e
Bendall	William Newport	Asquith	Fergus	09	04	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Fergus Asquith of Vicars Close was shown as owing 18/2d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d in costs. The sum of £1.0s.8d was shown as received.	1888/039f
Goldsworthy	William Martin	Collins Collins	Edwin Schilling Sidney	09	04	1888	Unapproved use of registered trademark	Tm	William Martin Goldsworthy was the secretary of the Bristol and District Mineral Water Bottle Exchange and Trade Protection Association. On behalf of one of his members, Thomas Brooke, a manufacturer of mineral waters at Captain Carey's Lane, Bristol, he issued a complaint against Edwin Schilling Collins and Sidney Collins, trading as Collins Brothers of Priory Road and Market Street, manufacturers of aerated waters. The complaint was that the Collins brothers had made use of a registered trade mark belonging to Thomas Brooke without his permission and were selling products which bore this trademark. Goldsworthy had been alerted to the issue by Hannah Wilton of Broad Street. The case was withdrawn; see case 1888/040e.	1888/040a

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Goldsworthy	William Martin	Collins Collins	Edwin Schilling Sidney	09	04	1888	Unapproved use of registered trademark	Tm	William Martin Goldsworthy was the secretary of the Bristol and District Mineral Water Bottle Exchange and Trade Protection Association. On behalf of one of his members, Robert Keevill, a manufacturer of mineral waters in Bristol and Clifton, he issued a complaint against Edwin Schilling Collins and Sidney Collins, trading as Collins Brothers of Priory Road and Market Street, manufacturers of aerated waters. The complaint was that the Collins brothers had made use of a registered trade mark belonging to Robert Keevill without his permission and were selling products which bore this trademark. Goldsworthy had been alerted to the issue by Hannah Wilton of Broad Street. The case was withdrawn; see case 1888/040e.	1888/040b
Goldsworthy	William Martin	Collins Collins	Edwin Schilling Sidney	09	04	1888	Unapproved use of registered trademark	Tm	William Martin Goldsworthy was the secretary of the Bristol and District Mineral Water Bottle Exchange and Trade Protection Association. On behalf of one of his members, Frederick Boyce, a manufacturer of mineral waters of Meadow Street in Bristol trading as Boyce & Son, he issued a complaint against Edwin Schilling Collins and Sidney Collins, trading as Collins Brothers of Priory Road and Market Street, manufacturers of aerated waters. The complaint was that the Collins brothers had made use of a registered trade mark belonging to Frederick Boyce without his permission and were selling products which bore this trademark. Goldsworthy had been alerted to the issue by Hannah Wilton of Broad Street. The case was withdrawn; see case 1888/040e.	1888/040c

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Goldsworthy	William Martin	Collins Collins	Edwin Schilling Sidney	09	04	1888	Unapproved use of registered trademark	Tm	William Martin Goldsworthy was the secretary of the Bristol and District Mineral Water Bottle Exchange and Trade Protection Association. On behalf of two of his members, George Taylor Mills and Simon Short, manufacturers of mineral waters trading as the Bristol and South Wales Aerated Water Co, he issued a complaint against Edwin Schilling Collins and Sidney Collins, trading as Collins Brothers of Priory Road and Market Street, manufacturers of aerated waters. The complaint was that the Collins brothers had made use of a registered trade mark belonging to George Taylor Mills and Simon Short without their permission and were selling products which bore this trademark. Goldsworthy had been alerted to the issue by Hannah Wilton of Broad Street. The case was withdrawn; see case 1888/040e	1888/040d

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Goldsworthy	William Martin	Collins Collins	Edwin Schilling Sidney	09	04	1888	Unapproved use of registered trademark	Tm	<p>William Martin Goldsworthy was the secretary of the Bristol and District Mineral Water Bottle Exchange and Trade Protection Association. On behalf of one of his members, Lucius Melville O'Brien, a manufacturer of mineral waters of Meadow Street in Bristol trading as Park Street Mineral Water Co, he issued a complaint against Edwin Schilling Collins and Sidney Collins, trading as Collins Brothers of Priory Road and Market Street, manufacturers of aerated waters. The complaint was that the Collins brothers had made use of a registered trade mark belonging to Lucius Melville O'Brien without his permission and were selling products which bore this trademark. Goldsworthy had been alerted to the issue by George Horn of The Mitre Vaults.</p> <p>This case came to court as one of 7 cases of a similar nature against the defendants (see cases 1888/040a to 1888/040g). As a first step the name of Sidney Collins was struck out as he was no longer involved in the business and Edwin Schilling Collins became the sole defendant. He argued that it was common practice in the industry to use other people's bottles, so that one name might appear on the label while the name of another firm was moulded on the bottle. He produced several examples that he had purchased on the morning of the case. He also stated that, until he received the summons, he had been unaware of the Act of 1883 under which he was being prosecuted</p>	1888/040e



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									prosecuted. The magistrates concluded that, while there was no moral guilt on the part of Collins, the law as it stood had been broken. They therefore imposed a fine of £2, plus costs of 15/- . The prosecution decided not to proceed with the other cases provided that the defendant paid the costs of the other cases. The costs of the cases amounted to £2.8s.0d, making a total of £5.3s.0d. A later judgement in May 1888 provided for expenses of £1.17s.3d to be paid out of the fine of £2.	
Goldsworthy	William Martin	Collins Collins	Edwin Schilling Sidney	09	04	1888	Unapproved use of registered trademark	Tm	William Martin Goldsworthy was the secretary of the Bristol and District Mineral Water Bottle Exchange and Trade Protection Association. On behalf of one of his members, Walter Raggett, a manufacturer of mineral waters of Bath trading as Walter Raggett & Co, he issued a complaint against Edwin Schilling Collins and Sidney Collins, trading as Collins Brothers of Priory Road and Market Street, manufacturers of aerated waters. The complaint was that the Collins brothers had made use of a registered trade mark belonging to Walter Raggett without his permission and were selling products which bore this trademark. Goldsworthy had been alerted to the issue by Hannah Wilton of Broad Street. The case was withdrawn; see case 1888/040e.	1888/040f

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Goldsworthy	William Martin	Collins Collins	Edwin Schilling Sidney	09	04	1888	Unapproved use of registered trademark	Tm	William Martin Goldsworthy was the secretary of the Bristol and District Mineral Water Bottle Exchange and Trade Protection Association. On behalf of one of his members, Frederick Boyce, a manufacturer of mineral waters of Meadow Street in Bristol trading as Boyce & Son, he issued a complaint against Edwin Schilling Collins and Sidney Collins, trading as Collins Brothers of Priory Road and Market Street, manufacturers of aerated waters. The complaint was that the Collins brothers had made use of a registered trade mark belonging to Frederick Boyce without his permission and were selling products which bore this trademark. Goldsworthy had been alerted to the issue by George Horn of The Mitre Vaults. The case was withdrawn; see case 1888/040e. Note: apart from the substitution of Hannah Wilton by George Horn this case appears to duplicate 1888/040c.	1888/040g
Thatcher	Frank Carter	Smith	John William	09	04	1888	Desertion of family	Ds	Frank Carter Thatcher, relieving officer for the Board of Guardians of the Poor, recorded that Jane Smith and her three children had become chargeable to the Wells Union on 28 March 1888 and had remained so since that date. Her husband, John William Smith, late of Wells, had deserted his wife and family and left the area. He asked that a warrant be issued for the arrest of John William Smith so that he could be made responsible for the maintenance of his family.	1888/041
Bartlett	Thomas	Vincent	John	10	04	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged John Vincent of Little Elm, mason, with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Vincent was found guilty and fined 5/-, including costs, although the costs alone were recorded as 8/-. The sum of 5/- was recorded as received.	1888/042

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Bartlett	Thomas	Langley	Simeon	10	04	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Simeon Langley of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Langley was found guilty of the offence and fined 10/- with costs of 8/- or to spend 14 days in prison. He was allowed 14 days within which to pay and the sum of 18/- was recorded as being received.	1888/043
Justices		Various		12	04	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 12 April. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries. Much of the session is devoted to the cases against Edwin Schilling Collins for unauthorised use of registered trademarks (see case 1888/040e).	1888/044
Wideman	M			16	04	1888	Application for licence extension	La	M Wideman applied for a one-hour extension to his licensed premises on 18 April on the occasion of the Athletic Club Smoking Concert. The application was granted on payment of the sum of 1/6d.	1888/045a
Brimson	Joseph			16	04	1888	Application for licence transfer	La	Joseph Brimson applied for a temporary transfer of the licence for The Royal Oak. The application was granted on payment of the sum of 1/6d.	1888/045b
Justices		Various		21	04	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Minutes of a petty sessions sitting in which neither of the cases heard have documents that are listed previously. The two cases are shown separately below.	1888/046

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Bartlett	Thomas	Sweet	Mary	21	04	1888	Importuning for the purposes of prostitution	P	Henry King of Glastonbury, drover, testified that he had encountered Mary Sweet at around 10pm at the lower end of High Street. She claimed that she had been trying to get her drunken husband out of The Mermaid Inn. She added that he had starved her for a week and asked King for 9d implying that she was offering sex in return. He gave her the money, but she immediately went across the road and gave the money to another man who King claimed to recognise by sight but not by name. King then reported the incident to PC Bartlett, who found Mary Sweet in The Red Ox where she was drinking with a man named Attwood. PC Bartlett received a rather different story of the incident with King from Mary Sweet who then offered to return the 9d that she had taken. Bartlett testified that he was familiar with Mary Sweet and had seen her on a number of occasions at night with various different men. Mary Sweet was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1888/046a
Hardwick	George	Francis	Robert	21	04	1888	Larceny of a child's jacket and trousers	T	George Hardwick was the manager of the Exchange in High Street, a shop owned by Alfred Baker. Robert Francis had come into the shop and asked for 6 yards of dress material. Hardwick had cut off the material but had to go into the back shop for change when taking payment. Some time later PC Watts came into the shop and asked if Hardwick recognised the jacket and pair of trousers that he had brought in. Hardwick asserted that they had been hanging up in the shop and he had not sold them to Francis or to anyone else. The case against Francis was initially adjourned with Francis being remanded in custody over the weekend. When the hearing resumed Francis was found guilty and sentenced to one month in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1888/046b

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Police		Thomas	Thomas	24	04	1888	Vagrancy	V	Thomas Thomas was charged with begging in the city of Wells. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d.	1888/047
Cantle	Thomas	Baker	Caroline	28	04	1888	Drunkenness	D	PC Thomas Cantle of Wookey charged Caroline Baker of Little Elm, widow, with being drunk in a public street called Portway. Caroline Baker pleaded guilty and was fined 5/-, including costs, although the detailed list of costs shows a total of 8/-. She was allowed a fortnight within which to pay.	1886/048
Police		Young	James	30	04	1888	Vagrancy	V	James Young was charged with begging in St Thomas Street. He admitted the offence and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1888/049
Police		Taylor	Thomas	02	05	1888	Vagrancy	V	Thomas Taylor of Liverpool, moulder, was charged with begging in Queen Street and St John Street. Taylor pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1886/050a
Police		Evans	William	02	05	1888	Fraudulent benefit claim Begging in the street	Fr V	Initially William Evans was charged with making false statements in order to obtain benefits. He claimed to have come to Wells from Bath, but had, in fact, come from Shepton Mallet. Evans pleaded guilty to making fraudulent statements and was sentenced to 7 days in prison in Shepton Mallet. Evans then appears to have been charged with begging in Tor Street on 8 May. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. Note: there is no name specifically attached to the entry for begging but it seems to be closely associated with the previous entry.	1888/050b
Police		Johnson	William	04	05	1888	Begging in the street	V	William Johnson was charged with begging in Back Lane. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison in Shepton Mallet.	1888/051
Police		Church	Lewis	07	05	1888	Drunkenness	D	Lewis Church of Litton was charged with being drunk in a public place in Wells. The defendant was discharged.	1888/052

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Knight	James	Smith Jewell	William Ellen	07	05	1888	Suspicion of a felony	S	<p>Police Serjeant James Knight stated that he had seen William Smith and Ellen Jewell several times during the day in different parts of Wells. He knew that they had a reputation as pickpockets and was convinced that they were either planning or carrying out criminal activities in the area. He had ordered them at one point to leave the city and had been met with abuse from Smith. When Knight encountered the couple later in The Full Moon and were therefore still in the city he charged them with suspicion of a felony. Two other witnesses, George Court of Bleadney and John Henry Wall of Sheet, both labourers, gave testimony about their encounters with Smith and Jewell. Both had been asked to buy products such as nuts and ginger, with Smith and Jewell operating in tandem and getting very close to them. Court felt that they were trying to bamboozle him over the amount of change that he was due, while Wall only just prevented Jewell from stealing his handkerchief from his pocket. Wall reported the incident to the police.</p> <p>William Smith was sentenced to 2 months with hard labour in Shepton Mallet, while Ellen Jewell was committed to Shepton Mallet for 14 days with hard labour. Their pedlar's certificates were also to be cancelled.</p>	1888/053
Bendall	William Newport	Various		08	05	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City of Wells, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 3 October 1887. The individual cases are listed below.	1888/054

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Bendall	William Newport	Moore	William	08	05	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Moore of Mill Lane was shown as owing 3/9d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs. After the hearing the amount owing in costs was recorded as 6/6d making a total debt of 10/3d. It was noted that if payment continued to be withheld, distress proceedings would be commenced. Pencilled notes on the documentation dated 24 September 1888 appear to indicate that the debt had still not been cleared.	1888/054a
Bendall	William Newport	Baty	George	08	05	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Baty of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing 5/- for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs. The outstanding debt of 7/6d was recorded as cleared.	1888/054b
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	08	05	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row was shown as owing 2/9d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs. After the hearing the amount owing in costs was recorded as 6/6d making a total debt of 9/3d. It was noted that if payment continued to be withheld, distress proceedings would be commenced. A pencilled note indicates that Hatcher was ordered to pay the outstanding debt by Saturday. It is not clear if payment was made or not. Note: it appears that payment was not made as a further entry on 24 September (see case 1888/115) records the issue of a distress warrant against Alfred Hatcher.	1888/054c
Bendall	William Newport	Vinnell	Frederick	08	05	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Vinnell of Southover was shown as owing 5/- for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs. Payment of the outstanding debt appears to have been made in two instalments on 10 May and 16 May.	1888/054d

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Holley	Frederick	Herring	Robert	08	05	1888	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Frederick Holley charged Robert Herring of High Street with wilfully obstructing the highway in South Street with two mowing machines. The hearing was adjourned until June 1888 in order to obtain testimony from Charles Brown, surveyor, on issues related to the width of the road and the space occupied by the mowing machines. Herring pleaded not guilty to the charge at the hearing in May but at the adjourned hearing in June appears to have changed his plea to one of guilty. He was fined 1/- with costs of £1.	1888/055
Justices		Various		10	05	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 10 May. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries, except for the entries below relating to Mary Cook and William Whittle.	1888/056
Police		Cook	Mary	10	05	1888	Drunkenness	D	Mary Cook was charged with being drunk in a public place. She was discharged on payment of the costs of the case. The sum of 3/- to cover the costs was recorded as received. Note: this information is contained in the minutes for the petty sessions sitting of 10 May; there is no additional documentation.	1888/056a
Justices		Whittle	William	10	05	1888	Non-payment of general district rate and poor rate	N	At the petty sessions hearing on 10 May an order was issued to initiate distress proceedings against William Whittle and a further order was issued for commitment to prison. Note: it is assumed that these orders resulted from a continuing failure to pay the general district rate and poor rate (see also cases 1888/005, 1888/025, 1888/039c and 1888/061).	1888/056b
Police		Chilcote	Ann	14	05	1888	Begging in the street	V	Ann Chilcote was charged with begging in the street. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1888/057
Coles	George Frederick	Courtenay	Richard	22	05	1888	Absent from work without permission	Ab	George Frederick Coles of The King's Head complained that Richard Courtenay of Dinder had absented himself from work without permission. Coles claimed the sum of £1.5s.0d in compensation.	1888/058



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Police		Mapstone	Thomas	24	05	1888	Breach of the peace	Dp	Thomas Mapstone of St Cuthbert Street, labourer, was charged with a breach of the peace for fighting in High Street with William Cox of Glastonbury, labourer (see also case 1888/063). Mapstone pleaded guilty and was required to pay the costs of the case of 4/6d. He was also bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for 3 months, particularly with respect to William Cox.	1888/059
Knight	James	Hopkins	James	26	05	1888	Obscene language	Pr	Police Serjeant James Knight charged James Hopkins of Southover, haulier, with using obscene language in High Street. Knight called Albert Collier and Leslie Knight, both of Wells, to testify in support of this charge. Hopkins pleaded guilty and was fined 15/- with costs totalling a further 13/6d. Hopkins was allowed until Saturday to pay.	1888/060
Justices		Whittle	William	28	05	1888	Non-payment of general district rate and poor rate	N	A judgement was made against William Whittle at the petty sessions hearing on 12 April 1888 for non-payment of £1.9s.4d with respect to the general district rate (see 1888/039c). A further 1/6d was added for the raising of a distress order, but this appears to have produced no saleable assets and a further 2/- was added as a consequence of this summons. The outstanding debt was now shown as £1.12s.10d.	1888/061
Police		Dennis	Samuel	28	05	1888	Drunk & disorderly Wilful damage	D Wd	Samuel Dennis of Waterford, aged 67, was arrested and charged with being drunk and disorderly in the city of Wells. Dennis pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. While in the cells awaiting the hearing Dennis was also said to have damaged the bell pull, a galvanised bucket and the door of the cell. The total value of the damage was 4/3d, plus the costs of the case of 6/6d. For this offence Dennis was sentenced to a further 7 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1888/062

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Bartlett	Thomas	Cox	William	28	05	1888	Affray	Af	PC Thomas Bartlett charged William Cox of Glastonbury, labourer, with affray as a result of his arrest for fighting in High Street with Thomas Mapstone of St Cuthbert Street, labourer (see also case 1888/059). Cox was required to pay the costs of his case amounting to 9/- and was also bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for 3 months with particular respect to Thomas Mapstone.	1888/063
Collins	Edwin Adolphus	Plumley	Lucy	02	06	1888	Ringing / pulling doorbell	Dp	Edwin Adolphus Collins, auctioneer, brought a complaint against Lucy Plumley of No 6 St Thomas Street on behalf of his son, Ernest Albert Collins of Priory Road. The complaint was that Lucy Plumley had wilfully disturbed the peace of Ernest Albert Collins by ringing / pulling the doorbell of his house in Priory Road. Lucy Plumley pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay the sum of 10/- including the case costs of 9/6d.	1888/064
Watts	Henry	Hanney Hawkins	George James	06	06	1888	Affray	Af	PC Henry Watts charged George Hanney amd James Hawkins, both of St Thomas Street, labourers, with making an affray in St Thomas Street. Watts obtained supporting testimony from Frederick Bray of St Thomas Street, mason. Hanney and Hawkins were found guilty and the case costs of 14/6d were to be paid by both men with Hanney contributing 7/9d and Hawkins 6/9d. In addition, Hawkins was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for 6 months, with particular respect to George Hanney.	1888/065
Watts	Henry	Hanney	George	06	06	1888	Profance and obscene language	Pr	PC Henry Watts charged George Hanney of St Thomas Street, labourer, with using profane and obscene language in St Thomas Street. This appears to have occurred during the incident involving James Hawkins which led to the two men being charged with affray (see case 1888/065). Hanney was also found guilty on this charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1888/066

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Holley	Frederick	Burlton Ball	John Edwin	06	06	1888	Refusal to leave licensed premises	L	PC Frederick Holley charged John Burlton of Frome Road and Edwin Ball of St Thomas Street, both lime burners, with refusing to leave the licensed premises of Joseph Merrick when asked to do so by the landlord himself, since they had become violent, quarrelsome and disorderly. Holley's charge was supported by Joseph Merrick, the landlord, Joseph Wickham and Samuel John Catcott Simmons. Both defendants pleaded guilty. Burlton was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- (13/- was recorded as paid), while Ball was fined 10/- with costs of 8/-.	1888/067
Holley	Frederick	Burlton	John	06	06	1888	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Frederick Holley charged John Burlton of Frome Road, lime burner, with using profane and obscene language in St Thomas Street. Burlton was found guilty and fined 5/- with costs of 8/-, all recorded as being paid.	1888/068
Slater	Sarah	Granger	Henry	06	06	1888	Bastardy	B	Sarah Slater of St Cuthbert Street, single woman, recorded that she had been delivered of a child out of wedlock within the last 12 months. She named Henry Granger of Southover as the father of the child and he was summoned to appear to answer her complaint. The date of the hearing was delayed at least twice and was eventually set for September.	1888/068a

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Brinson	Mary	Baker	Joseph	07	06	1888	Refusal to leave licensed premises	L	Mary Brinson, wife of Joseph Brinson, landlord of The Royal Oak, complained that Joseph Baker of Horrington, labourer, had become violent, quarrelsome and disorderly while on the premises. When she requested him to leave, he had refused to do so in contravention of the statutes of the Licensing Act. He was eventually taken out by PC Holley who described him as staggering drunk and nasty tempered. Baker was fined 10/- with costs of 11/- to be paid forthwith or else be sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for one calendar month with hard labour. It appears that Baker failed to pay the sums involved since on 23 June a document was raised committing him to prison and noting that the amount outstanding had now risen to £1.4s.0d as a result of the charge of 3/- for the commitment. A handwritten note added to the commitment document indicates that the outstanding debt was paid off on 13 September 1888, presumably after Baker had served his sentence in prison.	1888/069
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	08	06	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged Mary Morgan of Mill Lane with failing to ensure that her children, Frederick and Samuel, attended school on a regular basis as required by law. Frederick was shown as having made 36 attendances during the year and Samuel, the younger boy, only 6. Mary Morgan had been warned about her failure in this respect on a number of previous occasions. After a further special hearing it was decided that Frederick and Samuel would be required to attend the Central School, a certified efficient school located in St John Street, where they would be required to make 10 attendances per week.	1888/070
Police		Lyons	Thomas	12	06	1888	Begging in the street	V	Thomas Lyons was charged with begging in the street. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d.	1888/071a

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Bartlett	Thomas	Scott (aka Isgrove)	Caroline	12	06	1888	Drunkenness	D	PC Thomas Bartlett encountered Caroline Scott alias Isgrove when she was staggering drunk in High Street. She also began cursing people that she met in the street. She was found guilty and fined a total of 10/-, including the costs of the case. There is another entry for Caroline Scott in the minutes of the session held on the following day, i.e. 13 June, where she appears on a charge of being drunk on 5 November 1887 and is sentenced to 7 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1888/071b
Bartlett	Thomas	Lane	Charles	14	06	1888	Drunkenness	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Charles Lane of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk in St Thomas Street. Lane pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-. He was given a fortnight within which to pay.	1888/072
Police		Jephcott	Enoch	13	06	1888	Sleeping in an outhouse	V	Enoch Jephcott was found sleeping in an outhouse in the city of Wells and charged with vagrancy. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d.	1888/073
Justices		Various		14	06	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 14 June. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries.	1888/074
Police		Couth	John	27	06	1888	Begging in the street	V	John Couth was charged with begging in the street. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were recorded as 6/6d. Note: the name of the defendant is unclear and there are several possible alternative interpretations.	1888/075
Police		Remmington	Robert	02	07	1888	Drunkenness	D	Robert Remmington was charged with being drunk in Princes Road. He pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d, including costs, or, if in default, to spend 7 days in Shepton Mallet prison with hard labour. The total costs of the case were shown as 6/6d, but some of these costs were to be remitted provided that 2/6d was paid.	1888/076

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Watts	Henry	Baker	John	02	07	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Henry Watts charged John Baker of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in St Andrew Street. Baker pleaded guilty and was fined 2/- with costs of 8/-.	1888/077
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Board, complained that Mary Morgan of Mill Lane had failed to comply with the order obtained in June 1888 (see case 1888/070) requiring her to ensure that her son, Frederick, attended the Central School on a regular basis. Mary Morgan was fined 5/-.	1888/078
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Board, complained that Mary Morgan of Mill Lane had failed to comply with the order obtained in June 1888 (see case 1888/070) requiring her to ensure that her son, Samuel, attended the Central School on a regular basis. Mary Morgan was fined 5/-.	1888/079
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged a number of parents with failing to ensure that their child attended school on a regular basis. The individuals affected and the outcomes of their cases are shown separately below.	1888/080
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Marsh	Silas	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Silas Marsh of Town Hall Buildings with failing to ensure that his daughter, Edith, attended school as required by law. Edith, aged 11, was recorded as never attending the Central Girls' School during a period when the school was open for 100 attendances. Edith Marsh was shown as having achieved standard III. Silas Marsh was ordered to ensure that Edith attended the school in St John Street.	1888/080a

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Marsh	Silas	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Silas Marsh of Town Hall Buildings with failing to ensure that his daughter, Ethel, attended school as required by law. Ethel was recorded as attending the Central Girls' School on 6 occasions during a period when the school was open for 74 attendances. Ethel Marsh was shown as having achieved standard I. Silas Marsh was ordered to ensure that Ethel attended the school in St John Street.	1888/080b
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Marsh	Silas	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Silas Marsh of Town Hall Buildings with failing to ensure that his son, Herbert, attended school as required by law. Herbert, aged 10, was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 29 occasions during a period when the school was open for 42 attendances. Herbert Marsh was shown as having achieved standard II. Silas Marsh was ordered to ensure that Herbert attended the school in St John Street.	1888/080c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Vincent	John	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged John Vincent of St Thomas Street with failing to ensure that his daughter, Anna, attended school as required by law. Anna, aged 9, was recorded as attending St Thomas Girls' School on 22 occasions during a period when the school was open for 34 attendances. Anna Vincent was shown as having achieved standard I. The case was adjourned for one month.	1888/080d
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Bartlett	George	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street with failing to ensure that his daughter, Esther, attended school as required by law. Esther was recorded as attending the Central Girls' School on 27 occasions during a period when the school was open for 74 attendances. Esther Bartlett was shown as having achieved standard III. The case against Geoge Bartlett was dismissed.	1888/080e

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Trimm	George	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged George Trimm of Mill Pond Lane with failing to ensure that his daughter, Ada, attended school as required by law. Ada was recorded as attending the Central Girls' School on 55 occasions during a period when the school was open for 74 attendances. Ada Bartlett was shown as having achieved standard II. George Trimm was fined 2/-.	1888/080f
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Whittle of Queen Street with failing to ensure that his son, John, attended school as required by law. John was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 15 occasions during a period when the school was open for 35 attendances. William Whittle was fined 2/6d.	1888/080g
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Whittle of Queen Street with failing to ensure that his son, Richard, attended school as required by law. Richard, aged 10, was recorded as attending the Central Boys' School on 22 occasions during a period when the school was open for 35 attendances. William Whittle was fined 2/6d.	1888/080h
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged William Whittle of Queen Street with failing to ensure that his son, Albert, attended school as required by law. Albert was recorded as attending the Central Infants' School on 27 occasions during a period when the school was open for 65 attendances. Albert Whittle was recorded as being born on 9 March 1883 and was therefore aged 5 at this time. William Whittle was fined 2/6d.	1888/080i



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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Keeling	Joseph	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Joseph Keeling of Southover with failing to ensure that Henry Vincent, for whom he was acting as guardian, attended school as required by law. Henry, aged 12, was recorded as never attending the Central Boys' School during a period when the school was open for 67 attendances. The case was adjourned for one month in order to obtain an assessment of Henry Vincent's fitness to attend school.	1888/080j
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Price (Brice)	James	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged James Price (Brice - the spelling varies between documents, although Price appears to likely to be correct) of St Thomas Street with failing to ensure that his son, Charles, attended school as required by law. Charles, aged 12, was recorded as attending St Thomas Boys' School on only 2 occasions during a period when the school was open for 64 attendances. Charles Price was shown as having achieved standard III. James Price (Brice) was fined 2/-.	1888/080k
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Summers	Mary	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged Mary Summers of St Thomas Street with failing to ensure that her son, Stanley, attended school as required by law. Stanley, aged 6, was recorded as attending St Thomas Boys' School on 23 occasions during a period when the school was open for 37 attendances. Mary Summers was fined 2/-, of which 1/- was shown as being received.	1888/080l
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Turner	James	02	07	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	School attendance officer Edward Athelstane Serel charged James Turner of St Thomas Street with failing to ensure that his daughter, Kate, attended school as required by law. Kate, aged 12, was recorded as attending St Thomas Girls' School on 23 occasions during a period when the school was open for 34 attendances. Kate Turner was shown as having achieved standard III. James Turner was fined 2/-.	1888/080m

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Collier Plant Vincent	Albert Esther Henry			05	07	1888	Licence application	La	Albert Collier, Esther Plant and Henry Vincent, all described as fishmongers in High Street, applied for licences to sell game. All applications were granted on payment of the appropriate licence fees.	1888/081
Jones	C	Lovell	Edward	05	07	1888	Theft of strawberries	T	Edward Lovell, aged 14, was charged with stealing strawberries from C Jones. The value of the strawberries was assessed as being 1/6d. The minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 5 July show show a fine of 1/- and costs of 18/- with respect to a case relating to C Jones; there is also reference to payment of a fine of 1/- and costs of 10/- for the same case, but it is not absolutely clear if this relates to the case involving Edward Lovell.	1888/082
Justices		Various		05	07	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 5 July. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries. Applications for game licences were received from Esther Plant, Albert Collins and Henry Vincent. The applications were granted and the appropriate fees paid.	1888/083

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Bartlett	Thomas	Tyson	Thomas	07	07	1888	Obtaining money on false pretences	Fr	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Thomas Tyson with obtaining money by false pretences. Tyson pleaded not guilty. Bartlett had seen Tyson accepting money from at least one household in Wells and there were witness statements from Rev. John Beresford, vicar of St Cuthbert's Church, and from John Henry Holloway who had given Tyson 1/6d and 2/- respectively on the basis of false representations that Tyson had made to them. These representations included a faked letter of introduction from Dr Bateman and a claim that Tyson had worked for 2 years for Mr Blacker, a blacksmith, who, on examination, stated that he had not seen Tyson before that date. Tyson was sentenced to one calendar month in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet and any money found on him was to be confiscated. Tyson was found to have 11/3d in cash, but stated that he had 3/6d when he came into Wells, with the remainder having been acquired in the city. The costs of the case were shown as 11/6d.. Note: the minutes of the hearing contain much more detail than shown here, but the handwriting is a scrawl which is very difficult to read and there are a number of abbreviations.	1888/084
Farley	Samuel	Lane	Augustus	07	07	1888	Non-completion of labour contract	Nc	Samuel Farley of St John Street, wheelwright, had taken on Augustus Lane, blacksmith, after the latter had been released from gaol (see case 1887/104a). However, Lane had failed to discharge his terms of employment by leaving work early on 2 July and then returning on 3 July the worse for liquor. Farley was awarded compensation of £1.10s.0d (including 20/6d that Farley had paid to discharge a fine incurred by Lane) together with costs of 5/-. Lane was given 3 weeks within which to pay the sums involved.	1888/084a
Police		Smith	Elizabeth Anne	13	07	1888	Drunkness	D	Elizabeth Anne Smith was charged with being drunk in a public place. She pleaded guilty to the charge and was discharged on payment of the costs of the case which amounted to 3/6d.	1888/085

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White	Amos	Bartlett	Frederick	20	07	1888	Assault	A	Amos White of Milton Hill, mason, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by Frederick Bartlett of Milton Hill, gardener.	1888/086
Knight	James	Luff	Walter	20	07	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Walter Luff of Southover, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. Luff was with a group of others and had already knocked the hat from the head of a passer-by when Knight intervened and tried to get him to go home. Luff then became abusive and nearly became involved in a fight in Broad Street which was averted by Knight's presence. Luff was fined 5/- including costs, although a separate list of the costs of the case show that they amounted to 9/-.	1888/087
Holley	Frederick	Scott Scott (aka Isgrove)	Thomas Caroline	20	07	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Frederick Holley charged Thomas Scott and Caroline Scott alias Isgrove, both of Southover and both described as labourers, with being drunk and disorderly in St Cuthbert Street. Holley stated that the two defendants were so drunk that they needed to support each other and were singing and swearing. He reported that it took him 40 minutes to get them to the bridge over the Cheddar Valley Railway. The costs of the case were recorded as 15/6d including the costs of committing both to prison where they were each sentenced to 14 days with hard labour.	1888/088
Watts	Henry	Wilson	William	23	07	1888	Begging in the street	V	PC Henry Watts charged William Wilson with begging in the street. Wilson pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1888/089
Watts	Henry	Hartley	Catherine	26	07	1888	Begging in the street	V	PC Henry Watts charged Catherine Hartley with begging in the street. Hartley pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour. The sum of 1/8d was found on the defendant and was confiscated as a contribution towards the costs of the case.	1888/090
Haskins	Leah	Haskins	John	30	07	1888	Assault	A	Leah Haskins of South Street complained that she had been assaulted and beaten by her husband, John Haskins also of South Street, carpenter.	1888/091

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Watts	Henry	Cook	Robert	01	08	1888	Obstruction of the highway	O	PC Henry Watts charged Robert Cook of Bleadney, dealer, with wilfully obstructing the highway in High Street with his horse and cart. Cook was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/- making a total of 10/6d which was noted as being paid.	1888/092
Knight	James	Taylor	Isaac	01	08	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Isaac Taylor of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. Taylor was found guilty and committed to prison for 21 days with hard labour. The costs of the case, including 3/- for commitment to prison, amounted to 11/-.	1888/093
Police		Welsh	William	01	08	1888	Hawking without a valid licence	V	William Welsh was charged with hawking in the city of Wells without a valid licence. The defendant was discharged.	1888/094
Bartlett	Thomas	Porter	Thomas	07	08	1888	Drunkenness	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Thomas Porter of Wells, labourer, with being drunk in Bell Close. Porter was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-. Porter was given 2 weeks within which to pay.	1888/095
Justices		Various		09	08	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 9 August. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries. The licence for The Red Ox was transferred to Frederick Chappell on payment of a fee of £1.10s.0d.	1888/096
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Vincent Keeling	John Joseph	09	08	1888	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	The cases against John Vincent and Joseph Keeling for failing to ensure that Anna Vincent and Henry Vincent respectively attended school on a regular basis had been adjourned from July. The case against John Vincent was dismissed while that against Keeling was adjourned until the following month when it was also dismissed (see minutes of 13 September, case 1888/113).	1888/097
Holley	Frederick	Sullivan	James	11	08	1888	Begging	V	PC Frederick Holley charged James Sullivan with begging in the street, having watched him approach 3 or 4 different people in High Street and St Cuthbert Street. Sullivan pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1888/098

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Langley	George	Norman	Mary Ann	20	08	1888	Insulting another person Refusal to work	It Rw	George Langley, master of Wells workhouse, complained that Mary Ann Norman had insulted the laundress and refused to carry out her work. Mary Ann Norman had objected to having to carry out all the work in the laundry on her own and asked Henrietta Ball, the laundress, to get her some assistance from a new arrival in the workhouse. When the request was turned down, Mary Ann Norman became abusive, used bad language and threatened to report the laundress to the matron for not doing her duty. When the matron, Jessy Langley, was summoned, Mary Ann Norman continued to be abusive and refused to carry out her work. She was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1888/099
Savage	Mary Ann	Savage	Jacob	22	08	1888	Assault	A	Mary Ann Savage of No 5 South Street complained that her husband, Jacob Savage of the same address, labourer, had assaulted and threatened her with further physical violence. She was concerned that she would suffer bodily harm and requested that her husband be required to put forward sureties regarding his future conduct towards her. Neither party appeared at the hearing on 23 August.	1888/100
Police		Crandon	William	23	08	1888	Vagrancy	V	William Crandon was found to be sleeping rough and charged with vagrancy. Crandon pleaded guilty and was discharged on promising to go straight away to the workhouse and to remain there.	1888/101a
Police		Fletcher	Martin	23	08	1888	Drunkenness	D	Martin Fletcher was charged with being drunk in a public place. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was discharged. Note: the forename could be different and longer, but the handwriting is not clear.	1888/101b
Clarke	John	Best Best	Albert Emily	27	08	1888	Theft	T	John Clarke of South Street, miller, complained that Albert Best, mason, and his wife, Emily, both now described as being late of Wells, had stolen certain items of his property when they left. The items listed were one shawl, three cotton sheets and one basket. The total value of these items was recorded as £1.	1888/102

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Police		Hill	Harry	31	08	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	Harry Hill was arrested and charged with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street. A later note on the document indicates that Hill had absconded.	1888/103
Brown	Walter Emmanuel	Ball Cox Marshall	James Clement Robert John	31	08	1888	Theft of apples	T	Walter Emmanuel Brown, nurseryman, complained that James Ball of Tucker Street, Clement Robert Cox of St Cuthbert Street and John Marshall of St Thomas Street, all described as labourers, had stolen around half a peck of apples from his garden in Tucker Street. The value of the apples was estimated as being 1/6d. Evidence of the theft and of the individuals involved was provided by John Slater, a gardener employed by Walter Emmanuel Brown, although he admitted that he did not recognise John Marshall. Marshall called Albert Hallet of South Street, labourer, as a witness in his defence to demonstrate that he had not been present when the theft took place; as a result Marshall was discharged. Ball and Cox both pleaded guilty and were fined 5/- and an equal share of the costs of 16/-. They were allowed a fortnight within which to pay.	1888/104
Dunkerton	James			01	09	1888	Application to transfer alcohol licence	La	James Dunkerton applied for a temporary transfer of the licence for The Fountain Inn until 13 September. The application was granted.	1888/105
Cook	Henry John	Fox	George	03	09	1888	Absent from work without permission	Ab	Henry John Cook of St John Street, builder, complained that George Fox of South Street, mason, had absented himself from work without permission on 6 August 1888. Cook claimed damages of £1 for Fox's absence. Fox was described as a journeyman mason who had been engaged by Cook for around one year and nine months; Fox was engaged by the hour and paid by the hour. The costs of the case were shown as 3/- and recorded as being paid, but there is no indication of the verdict in the minutes of the petty sessions sitting on 13 September.	1888/106

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Burt	George	Stephens Savien	Frederick George	03	09	1888	Obstruction of an official in the execution of his duty	Op	George Burt, Chief Inspector of the Great Western Railway Company in Bristol, complained that Frederick Stephens and George Savien had wilfully obstructed Samuel Hull, a signalman in the employ of GWR, in the execution of his duty on the Wells Branch Railway. Stephens pleaded guilty and Savien not guilty (see also cases 1888/108 and 1888/109).	1888/107
Burt	George	Stephens Savien	Frederick George	03	09	1888	Assault	A	George Burt, Chief Inspector of the Great Western Railway Company in Bristol, complained that Frederick Stephens and George Savien had unlawfully assaulted Samuel Hull, a signalman in the employ of GWR, in the execution of his duty on the Wells Branch Railway (see also case 1888/107). Hull had seen Stephens assault Charles Brown, a pensioner, after both got off the train (see case 1888/109) and came down from his signal box to intervene, since he knew Stephens. After a short exchange Stephens grabbed Hull by the beard, pulled him to the ground and struck him several times while he lay there. Hull sustained injuries to his eye, hands and ribs. Stephens pleaded guilty to the assault and Savien not guilty. In both cases both men were found guilty with Stephens being fined £1 and Savien 10/- and each of them was also required to pay 8/6d to cover the costs. Stephens was allowed one week within which to pay, Savien was required to pay forthwith.	1888/108



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Brown	Charles	Stephens	Frederick	03	09	1888	Assault	A	Charles Brown of No 3 St Thomas Street, a pensioner and also an attendant at the Asylum, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by Frederick Stephens. He and Stephens alighted from the same train at Wells station. He recognised both Stephens and Savien by sight and was surprised when Stephens assaulted him. Samuel Hull came to his assistance and was attacked by Stephens (see also cases 1888/107 and 1888/108). Stephens pleaded guilty to the assault and was fined 2/- with costs of 8/- or, if in default, to serve 7 days in prison. Stephens was allowed one week within which to pay.	1888/109
Welsh	William Inman	Vincent	Archibold	06	09	1888	Eviction notice	Ev	William Inman Welsh was the owner of a house in Queen Street that had been let to Archibold Vincent and his wife. There was no written agreement but a tenancy was granted for 6 months from October 1887. Welsh had written to Vincent in July 1888 requesting possession of the property but had been ignored. Welsh formally requested an eviction warrant and this was granted, ordering Vincent to give up possession by 28 September 1888.	1888/110

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Whittle	William	07	09	1888	Failure to pay fines determined at a petty sessions hearing	N	Edward Athelstane Serel, school attendance officer, complained that William Whittle of Queen Street, butcher, had failed to pay 3 separate fines of 2/6d awarded against him on 5 July 1888 for failing to ensure that his children, John, Richard and Albert, attended school on a regular basis as required by law (see cases 1888/080f, 1888/080g and 1888/080h). Distress proceedings had been initiated but had failed to identify goods and assets that would cover the fines and costs involved. The cost of the distress warrants was 1/6d for each case and the cost of this latest summons a further 2/-. The amount owing on each case was therefore now 6/-, a total of 18/-. Whittle was ordered to make payment on all three cases forthwith. By 24 September it appears that no payment had been made and 3 commitments to prison were issued at a cost of 5/8d each (see also the minutes of the petty sessions sitting on 13 September, case 1888/113).	1888/111
Justices		Various		07	09	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 7 September. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries, but these minutes give more detail regarding the cases involving Frederick Stephens, George Savien, Charles Brown and Samuel Hull.	1888/112
Justices		Various		13	09	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 13 September. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries. There is mention of a case brought against W Moore by William Newport Bendall, but no indication of the outcome is given. The case presumably related to non-payment of the general district rate (see case 1888/054a). A further entry on 24 September (see case 1888/113a following) shows that a distress warrant was issued against William Moore,	1888/113

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Bendall	William Newport	Moore	William	15	09	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	In April 1888 William Moore was recorded as not having paid the general district rate of 3/9d levied in October 1887 (see case 1888/039, although there is no specific documentation for this case), and by 10 May 1888 this sum, together with accumulated costs of 6/6d remained unpaid making a total debt of 10/3d. On 15 September the debt remained outstanding and a distress order was issued in an attempt to recover the debt which then stood at 11/9d with the addition of 1/6d as the cost of the distress warrant.	1888/113a
Police		Barrett	Mary	22	09	1888	Drunkenness	D	Mary Barrett was charged with being drunk in a public place near The Fountain Inn. She pleaded guilty and was required to pay a total of 10/- including costs. A separate breakdown shows costs of 4/6d and a fine of 5/6d.	1888/114
Justices		Various		24	09	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 24 September. In particular there are minutes of the case involving Robert Francis (see case 1888/115a below)	1888/115

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Watts	Henry	Francis	Robert	24	09	1888	Suspicion of felony	S	PC Henry Watts had been checking the rear entrances of houses in Broad Street at 2.00am on a Sunday morning when he heard the bolt on one of the doors being shot. He investigated but initially received no response. As he was walking away the door was opened by Robert Francis who was unable to offer a convincing explanation as to why he was there at that time. Francis claimed that he had permission from the owner and would not touch anything while he was there. PC Watts stated that he could see some breeches, linen, buckets and bowls. Subsequent discussions with the owner of the property, Mr James, indicated that no-one had been given permission to enter the premises and several items had gone missing over a period of time. Francis was initially arrested for being on the premises for unlawful purposes but then released pending further investigation and a possible appearance before the magistrates.	1888/115a

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Lane	Mary	Lane	Henry	26	09	1888	Threat of assault	A	Mary Lane, wife of Henry Lane of Tor Street, upholsterer, since their marriage on 13 June 1878, complained that her husband had come home drunk and they had had an argument which led to her being locked out. She had gone to their neighbours, the Hortons, who entreated Lane on her behalf only to be told that he would 'beat her head as big as a peck and smash every bone in her body'. She feared that he would do her actual bodily harm and requested that he be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards her. The magistrates determined that Henry Lane should be bound over for 6 months with respect to his future conduct, particularly towards his wife, in the sum of £20 together with two additional bonds of £10 each from separate guarantors or to go to prison for 14 days. Lane was required to put forward £20 on his own account and the two sureties of £10 were provided by Edward Hill Chard of Wells, cabinet maker, and Luke Cribb of Wookey, gardener. In addition, Lane was required to pay his wife, Mary Lane, the sum of 12/- for the costs of the case.	1888/116

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Allen	James	Hill	Samuel	27	09	1888	Cruelty to a calf	C	James Allen of Clevedon, an inspector for the RSPCA, complained that Samuel Hill of Wellesley Farm near Wells, farmer, had acted cruelly with respect to a calf by forcing the calf to be driven when it was clearly unfit for such an activity. George Evans, veterinary surgeon, testified that he had seen a cow and calf being driven together with a number of sheep. The calf had lain down and was clearly in difficulty. Evans then identified that one of its legs was broken. He told the drover, Sidney Close, not to drive the animal further towards its destination of Launcherley. PC Luke informed Samuel Hill of the problem. Hill claimed not to be aware that the calf had a damaged leg and arranged to send a cart to pick up the animal. Hill pleaded not guilty to cruelty but was fined 10/- with costs of 11/-; the sum of 21/- was recorded as paid.	1888/117
Allen	James	Close	Sidney	27	09	1888	Cruelty to a calf	C	James Allen of Clevedon, an inspector for the RSPCA, complained that Sidney Close of Baltonsborough in Somerset, drover, had acted cruelly with respect to a calf by driving the calf when it was clearly unfit for such an activity.	1888/118

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Knight	James	Francis	Robert	29	09	1888	Obtaining materials on false pretences	Fr	<p>Martin Vonberg, of High Street, draper, complained that Robert Francis, described as a pauper, had obtained from him on false pretences 8 yards of calico valued at 4/- with the clear purpose of attempting to defraud him. The materials were the property of William Chadwick Vonberg. Police Serjeant James Knight, Martin Vonberg and Emma Woodburn (who was mentioned in the evidence of PC Watts on an earlier case involving Robert Francis, see case 1888/115a) were all bound over to prosecute or give evidence against Robert Francis at the next Quarter Sessions to be held in Wells on 16 October 1888.</p> <p>Note: it is not clear what charges Francis was to face in the hearing at the Quarter Sessions. The dating of the statement from Martin Vonberg is also unclear since it is recorded as 26 October 1888 while the date of Vonberg's subpoena to appear at the Quarter Sessions is 29 September and the Quarter Sessions themselves were to begin on 16 October.</p>	1888/119
Holley	Frederick	Brown	John	06	10	1888	Begging in High Street	V	<p>PC Frederick Holley charged John Brown with vagrancy for begging in High Street. PC Holley testified that he had seen Brown visiting several shops in High Street and later in the Swan Yard. Mr Mansfield reported that he had been stopped by Brown and asked for money towards a night's lodging. Brown pleaded not guilty but was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case, including 3/- for the commitment to prison, were shown as 7/6d.</p>	1888/120
Bendall	William Newport	Various		06	10	1888	Non-payment of water rent	N	<p>William Newport Bendall, representative of Wells Water Company, claimed that certain individuals were in default of their payments to the company as at 29 September 1888. The individuals concerned and the amounts owed are recorded separately in the entries below.</p>	1888/121

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Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	Silas	06	10	1888	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Silas Marsh of Town Hall Buildings owed 7/6d in water rent at 29 September 1888. Silas Marsh was required to pay 10/- including 2/6d for the summons. This sum was shown as being paid.	1888/121a
Bendall	William Newport	Hayter	Charles	06	10	1888	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Charles Hayter of High Street owed 3/- in water rent at 29 September 1888. Hayter was now required to pay 5/6d, including 2/6d for the summons. The amount was recorded as paid.	1888/121b
Bendall	William Newport	Scott	Mrs	06	10	1888	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that Mrs Scott of Broad Street owed 6/- in water rent at 29 September 1888. Mrs Scott was required to pay 8/6d, including 2/6d for the summons. The sum was recorded as paid.	1888/121c
Bendall	William Newport	Lovelace	William	06	10	1888	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that William R Lovelace of Broad Street owed 10/- in water rent at 29 September 1888. Lovelace was required to pay 12/6d, including 2/6d for the summons.	1888/121d
Bendall	William Newport	Bown	John	06	10	1888	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that John Bown of Broad Street owed 6/- in water rent at 29 September 1888. It was agreed that the costs would be remitted if payment was made within a fortnight. 4/6d was recorded as being paid.	1888/121e
Bendall	William Newport	Allen	James	06	10	1888	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that James Allen of Mill Lane owed 4/6d in water rent at 29 September 1888. Allen was ordered to pay 3/- by Saturday.	1888/121f
Bendall	William Newport	Trimm	George	06	10	1888	Non-payment of water rent	N	William Newport Bendall claimed that George Trimm of Mill Lane owed 6/- in water rent at 29 September 1888. Trimm was ordered to pay the outstanding debt.	1888/121g



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Bendall	William Newport	Various		06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the City of Wells, claimed that various individuals had not paid the general district rate that had been set on 3 April 1888. When the list was originally prepared on 1 October there were 31 names on it, but by the time the process of prosecution commenced on 8 October the number of individuals on the list had fallen to 13. The details of the cases involving these individuals are given in the following entries. In each case costs of 2/6d for the issue of the summons were added to the amount owing for the general district rate.	1888/122
Bendall	William Newport	Tucker	William	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Tucker of Southover was recorded as owing £1.2s.6d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122a
Bendall	William Newport	Salvage	Mr	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mr Salvage of Broad Street was recorded as owing 15/- for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs. Payment of the debt was ordered to be made by 31 October.	1888/122b
Bendall	William Newport	Wilton	John	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Wilton of Broad Street was recorded as owing £2.1s.7d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122c
Bendall	William Newport	Vinnell	Frederick	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Vinnell of Southover was shown as owing 6/- for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122d
Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Whittle of Queen Street was shown as owing £1.7s.0d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122e
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing 12/9d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs. The debt was ordered to be paid before 31 October.	1888/122f
Bendall	William Newport	Kelly	Edward	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Edward Kelly of Priest Row was recorded as owing 6/- for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122g

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Bendall	William Newport	Vincent	Mr	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mr Vincent of Chamberlain Street was recorded as owing 4/6d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122h
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row was shown as owing 3/4d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122i
Bendall	William Newport	HeusPrice	William	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William HeusPrice of St Thomas Street was shown as owing £1.8s.11d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs. Payment of the debt was ordered to be made by 31 October.	1888/122j
Bendall	William Newport	Teal	Edward	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Edward Teal of St Thomas Street was recorded as owing 12/- for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122k
Bendall	William Newport	Evans	George	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Evans of New Street was recorded as owing £1.16s.5d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122l
Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	Silas	06	10	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Silas Marsh of the Town Hall Buildings was shown as owing 10/1d for the general district rate and a further 2/6d for costs.	1888/122m

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Bisgood	John	Moore Miller	William John	08	10	1888	On licensed premises during the hours of closure	L	John Bisgood of Glastonbury, deputy chief constable, charged William Moore of Wells, mason, and John Miller late of Wells, with being unlawfully present on licensed premises in High Street during the hours that these premises were to be closed by law. Moore and Miller were seen going into The Queen's Head at around 11.20pm and both were found to have cups containing an alcoholic beverage when PC Bartlett entered the premises. Miller stated that he was lodging at the inn (meaning that the licensing hours did not apply in the same way) but he was later seen to leave the premises together with Moore and did not return to the inn. Both Moore and Miller were found guilty and were required to pay 6/9d each to cover a fine and the costs of the case. The Queen's Head was licensed to Emma H Moore alias Harriet Moore and she faced a separate charge (see case 1888/124). More details of this case can be found in the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 11 October (see case 1888/129).	1888/123

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Bisgood	John	Moore	Emma H	08	10	1888	Licensed premises open for the sale of alcohol during prohibited hours	L	John Bisgood of Glastonbury, deputy chief constable, charged Emma H Moore alias Harriet Moore of High Street, innkeeper, with having her premises, The Queen's Head, open for the sale of alcoholic liquor at a time when, by law, the premises should have been closed. Two men were seen entering the inn at around 11.20pm and were later found to have cups containing an alcoholic beverage. Emma Moore pleaded not guilty on the basis that Bill Moore was a friend and John Miller was a lodger, meaning that licensing rules did not fully apply. However, Miller was later seen to leave the inn together with William Moore and did not return to spend the night there. Emma Moore was fined £1 with costs of 9/- and her licence was endorsed. More details of this case can be found in the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 11 October (see case 1888/129). The case notes also record that Harvey J Moore, landlord of The Queen's Head, was convicted in September 1887 of opening his house for the sale of intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours. Harvey Moore had been fined £1 with costs of 10/-.	1888/124
Holley	Frederick	Granger	George	08	10	1888	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Frederick Holley charged George Granger of Southover, groom, with wilfully obstructing the highway in Queen Street with a waggon. The costs of the case were shown as 5/6d and Granger was ordered to pay them.	1888/125
Bartlett	Thomas	Davies	John	08	10	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Thomas Bartlett charged John Davies of Shepton Mallet, tailor, with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street.	1888/126
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		08	10	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged a number of parents with failing to ensure that their child attended school on a regular basis. The individuals affected and the outcomes of their cases are shown separately below.	1888/127

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Matthews	George	08	10	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	George Matthews of Tor Street was charged with not sending his daughter, Clara, to school on a sufficiently regular basis. Sarah A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, recorded that Clara, aged 12, had made only 9 attendances during a period when the school was open for 38 attendances. Clara was shown as having not achieved any recognised standard in her education. Matthews was fined 2/6d and given one month within which to pay.	1888/127a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Matthews	George	08	10	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	George Matthews of Tor Street was charged with not sending his daughter, Rose, to school on a sufficiently regular basis. Sarah A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, recorded that Rose, aged 7, had made only 7 attendances during a period when the school was open for 38 attendances. Rose was shown as having not achieved any recognised standard in her education. Matthews was fined 2/6d and given one month within which to pay.	1888/127b
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	08	10	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	Mary Morgan of Mill Pond Lane was charged with not sending her son, Fred, to school on a sufficiently regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, recorded that Fred had made only 15 attendances during a period when the school was open for 58 attendances. Mary Morgan was fined 5/-.	1888/127c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	08	10	1888	Failure to send child to school on a regular basis	Ed	Mary Morgan of Mill Pond Lane was charged with not sending her son, Sam, to school on a sufficiently regular basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, recorded that Sam had made only 16 attendances during a period when the school was open for 58 attendances. Mary Morgan was fined 5/-.	1888/127d

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Knight	James	Hole Allen Maidment	Henry James Arthur	08	10	1888	Affray	Af	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Henry Hole, James Allen and Arthur Maidment, all of Southover and all described as labourers, with causing an affray in Broad Street on 30 September. Evidence for the prosecution was provided by Thomas Foot. The costs of the case were shown as 16/6d and all 3 defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 each of their own money to keep the peace for 6 months.	1888/128
Justices		Various		11	10	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 11 October. The individual cases are recorded separately in earlier entries.	1888/129
Police		Wright Martin	William Henry John	11	10	1888	Begging in the city	V	William Henry Wright and John Martin were both arrested and charged with vagrancy for begging within the city of Wells. Each was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1888/129a
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	19	10	1888	Non-payment of rates	N	In May 1888 William Newport Bendall, rate collector for the city of Wells, obtained a judgement against Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row for 9/3d in respect of the non-payment of the general district rate set on 3 October 1887 (see case 1888/054c). As no payment was made, a distress order against Alfred Hatcher was issued (see minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 24 September, case 1888/115). As a result of the distress order the outstanding debt had risen to 10/9d, but this order showed no assets that could be applied to reduce the debt. Hatcher was now summoned to clear the debt, although the result of the summons was to increase the debt to 12/9d. Failure to settle the debt would result in Hatcher going to jail.	1888/130

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Walters	Sarah Godsell	Francis	Charles	22	10	1888	Non-payment of maintenance order	N	Sarah Godsell Walters, formerly Sarah Godsell Hopkins, won a judgement in 1877 against Charles Francis now of Coxley, dealer in hay and straw, that required him to provide maintenance support for a child born out of wedlock and for which he was determined to be the putative father. Sarah Godsell Walters now complained that Francis had fallen behind with his maintenance payments of 2/6d per week and the arrears had now reached £2.15s.0d.	1888/131
Police		Pickup	Thomas	23	10	1888	Begging in High Street Drunk & disorderly	V D	Thomas Pickup was arrested and charged with vagrancy for begging in High Street. Pickup was also charged with being drunk and disorderly in St John Street. He was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour on the charge of vagrancy and a further 7 days in prison, again with hard labour, for being drunk and disorderly. Both prison terms were to be served in Shepton Mallet. The costs of each case were shown as 6/6d, a total of 13/-.	1888/132
Drayton	William	Wright	Mr	27	10	1888	Leaving employ without notice	Ab	William Drayton of Wells, music seller, complained that Wright (no forename given), a pianoforte maker, had left his service on 23 October without giving due notice. As a consequence Drayton claimed damages of £1.19s.0d.	1888/133

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Cook	Sarah Ann	Cook	Henry John	27	10	1888	Assault	A	Sarah Ann Cook, wife of Henry John Cook, innkeeper of The King's Arms Inn, complained that he had assaulted her and issued threats to kill her. She claimed that Henry Cook had begun a quarrel one evening and had spent that night sleeping in the bar of the inn. On the following day he had been drinking again and had struck her with his fist when she refused to draw some beer. He had then threatened to kill her. She felt that she had to leave home for her own safety and, because of his heavy drinking and violence, requested that she should be granted a separation order so that she should no longer have to live with Henry Cook to whom she had been married since February 1868. Henry Cook was fined 1/- with costs of 14/-; these sums were recorded as received. He was also bound over for 6 months in the sum of £20 which he was personally required to put forward and required to be of good conduct during this period, particularly towards his wife. In addition, Sarah Ann Cook was granted a separation order meaning that she no longer had to live with her husband who was ordered to pay her maintenance of 10/- per week.	1888/134
Russ	Alfred George	Hopkins	Robert	27	10	1888	Desertion of elderly parent	Ds	Alfred George Russ, clerk to the Guardians of the Wells Union, complained that Robert Hopkins of Southover was refusing to maintain his elderly father, William Hopkins, who was poor, infirm and unable to work and, as a result, had become chargeable to the common fund of the Wells Union. Russ stated that Robert Hopkins had the ability and was in a position to maintain his father. Robert Hopkins was ordered to pay 1/- per week towards the maintenance of his father in the Wells Union and also to pay to the clerk of the Guardians the sum of 9/6d in costs.	1888/135



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Arnold	Hester Ann	Arnold	George	29	10	1888	Desertion	Ds	Hester Ann Arnold of 10 Tor Street complained that her husband, George Arnold, had deserted her. They had married in September 1883 at the Hay Hill Baptist Church in Bath. At the time of George Arnold's disappearance he had been seen by George Stokes, a gardener to Mr Hobbs at Woodbury, and he had apparently told Stokes that he was going away to see a friend. Hester Ann Arnold was granted a judgement that protected her property from George Arnold and also protected her from creditors or others seeking to claim against George Arnold.	1888/136
Allen	James	Francis	George	02	11	1888	Cruelty to a horse	C	James Allen of Clevedon, an inspector of the RSPCA, complained that George Francis of Coxley, labourer, had been found in Priory Road to be ill-treating a mare by making her work when the horse was clearly not fit to do so because of a number of sores on her back. George Francis was driving the cart and admitted that the sores had been present for some time. He was advised to take the horse home slowly to Coxley but immediately after leaving the RSPCA inspector he had picked up another lad before driving off. George Francis did not attend the hearing but was ordered to pay costs of 9/-; this sum was duly paid.	1888/137

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Allen	James	Francis	Eli	02	11	1888	Cruelty to a horse	C	James Allen of Clevedon, an inspector of the RSPCA, complained that Eli Francis of Coxley, haulier, was the owner of a horse which was being ill-treated in Priory Road by being made to work when clearly not fit to do so because of a number of sores on its back. Allen had advised George Francis of Coxley who was driving the horse and cart of the offence and had subsequently contacted Eli Francis who claimed to be unaware of the horse's injuries but knew that the horse was at work. A few days later James Allen saw the same horse in harness, although not pulling a cart, but with no improvement to the sores on its back. Eli Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-, while George Francis was ordered to pay costs of 9/-. All sums were recorded as paid.	1888/138
Justices		Various		08	11	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 8 November, particularly cases 1888/137 and 1888/138.	1888/139
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	08	11	1888	Non-payment of general district rate	N	In April 1888 Alfred Hatcher was shown as owing 2/9 for the general district rate set in October 1887 (see case 1888/039 although there is no specific documentation for this case). By 10 May 1888 this sum, together with costs amounting at that point to 6/6d, remained unpaid. Distress proceedings were subsequently initiated but Hatcher was shown to have no goods that could be sold to cover the debt. Taking into account payments received and adjustments the amount outstanding was now 12/3d and the magistrates ordered that Hatcher should be committed to prison for 7 days. A later entry then shows the outstanding debt to be settled - but not until 9 December 1889.	1888/139a
Police		Bryant	Henry	12	11	1888	Drunkness	D	Henry Bryant was charged with being drunk in Southover. He pleaded guilty and was fined 5/- with costs of 4/2d or to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet gaol.	1888/140

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Police		Board	John	13	11	1888	Begging in Tor Street	V	John Board was charged with begging in Tor Street. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet gaol. Note: this documentation also contains relevant details for the case of Thomas Henry Hucker (see case 1888/142).	1888/141
Police		Hucker	Thomas Henry	14	11	1888	Larceny	T	Thomas Henry Hucker was brought before the magistrates on a charge of stealing a coat with a value of 3/-. The coat belonged to his father, James Hucker, and the theft was reported by his mother, Louisa, who noted that her son did not work and appeared to be addicted to drink. Thomas Hucker had apparently pawned the coat for 3/- and the pawn ticket was found on him when he was arrested. Hucker was remanded in custody pending a medical examination of his state of mind. It was then reported that Dr Purnell and Dr Bateman had examined Hucker and would not certify him as being insane. The defendant was discharged.	1888/142
Police		Clary	James	16	11	1888	Begging in High Street	V	James Clary was charged with begging in High Street. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet gaol. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1888/143

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Tucker	Jane	Barnard	Emily	16	11	1888	Assault	A	Jane Tucker, wife of William Tucker of South Street, butcher, complained that she had been assaulted by Emily Barnard, wife of William Barnard of High Street Wells, butcher. Jane Tucker claimed that Emily Barnard had come out of a High Street shop as she was passing on her horse, made offensive remarks and had kicked her on the leg. Jane Tucker requested that Emily Barnard be required to put forward sureties to guarantee her behaviour for the future. Emily Barnard and her father, Charles Barnard, denied the complaint and stated that when Emily Barnard had spoken to Mrs Tucker she received a foul-mouthed response. George Owen Risdon, surgeon, was summoned to provide evidence on behalf of the complainant, although his testimony was inconclusive in that, while the bruise on Mrs Tucker's leg was the result of a blow of some kind, it was not possible to say when it had occurred or under what circumstances. The magistrates determined that the costs of the case of £2.9s.0d should be paid by the Barnards and that William Barnard and Charles Barnard, both butchers, should each put forward a bond of £10 to ensure that Emily Barnard would keep the peace for the next 6 months, especially towards Jane Tucker.	1888/144
Holley	Frederick	Onion	George	16	11	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Frederick Holley charged George Onion of Portway with being drunk and disorderly in St Cuthbert Street. As he was following Onion and his wife down the street Holley saw Onion strike his wife a heavy blow in the face knocking her into the road and causing a nose bleed. Onion was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/6d, both sums being recorded as paid.	1888/145

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Holley	Frederick	Trimmer	Alfred	16	11	1888	Discharging cannon in public street	Fm	PC Frederick Holley charged Alfred Trimmer of St Thomas Street, mail cart driver, with discharging a firearm, specifically a cannon, in a public street on Guy Fawkes night. The offence was said to take place in St Thomas Street and George Boyce and Mary Boyce of Tor Street were summoned to give evidence for the prosecution. Victoria Lockyear, wife of Frank Lockyear of Tor Street, and Amy Williams, servant to Mr Talbot, both gave evidence for the defence, suggesting that it was not possible for Trimmer to have set off the cannon. In the light of conflicting evidence the case against Trimmer was dismissed.	1888/146
Bartlett	Thomas	Hook	Joseph	16	11	1888	Obstruction of the highway	O	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Joseph Hook of Coxley, horse dealer, with obstructing the highway in Tucker Street by wilfully leaving a cart parked in the street. Joseph Clapton Davis of Portway, a news reporter, was called to give evidence in support of the prosecution's charge and stated that the horse and cart had remained unattended in the same position for at least 45 minutes, while Hook claimed that he had been in The Mermaid for no more than 20 minutes. Hook, represented by his father-in-law, William Candy, was fined 10/- including costs.	1888/147
Bartlett	Thomas	Cornish	Richard	16	11	1888	Furious driving	Rd	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Richard Cornish of Coxley, haulier, with furious driving of a horse and cart in Tucker Street and Princes Road. Joseph Clapton Davis of Portway, news reporter, was summoned to give evidence in support of the charge. Cornish was fined 5/- with costs of 12/-.	1888/148

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Haskins	Leah	Haskins	John	22	11	1888	Assault	A	Leah Haskins, wife of John Haskins, complained that her husband had assaulted her, hitting her in the face and drawing blood, and had threatened her with a fork vowing to cut out her heart. She submitted a request for a separation order that would grant her the right to no longer co-habit with her husband. The magistrates fined John Haskins 1/6d with costs of 13/6d. In addition, they granted Leah Haskins' request for a separation order, and granted her custody of the 9-month old child from her marriage called John Henry Haskins. Further, John Haskins was ordered to pay Leah Haskins the sum of 7/6d per week for maintenance with immediate effect.	1888/149
Holley	Frederick	Charles	William	24	11	1888	Drunk in charge of a horse on the public highway	D	PC Frederick Holley charged William Charles of High Street, butcher, with being drunk in charge of a horse in Tucker Street. Charles had had considerable difficulty in mounting his horse and only succeeded with the assistance of Henry Oxley. It was clear that Charles could barely hold himself in the saddle as he swayed from side to side and was incapable of controlling the horse. When PC Holley intervened to try and persuade him to go home quietly, Charles used abusive language and appears to have tried to ride into Holley, thus leading to a charge of assault (see case 1888/151). Charles was fined 10/- for drunkenness with costs of 9/6d.	1888/150

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Holley	Frederick	Charles	William	24	11	1888	Assault	A	PC Frederick Holley complained that he had been assaulted by William Charles of High Street, butcher, while carrying out his duties in Tucker Street. Edwin Baker and Frederick Ball were summoned by PC Holley to provide evidence on his behalf. Charles did not attend the hearing, claiming that he had urgent business in Bristol, but wrote to John Bisgood, deputy chief constable, apologising for the assault and admitting that it was a result of his having had too much to drink after attending a sale with some friends. Charles was fined 40/- for the assault on Holley with costs of 18/- (see case 1888/150 where there are detailed statements related to this incident).	1888/151
Holley	Frederick	Oxley	Henry	24	11	1888	Obscene language	Pr	PC Frederick Holley charged Henry Oxley of Tucker Street, poulterer, with using obscene language in Tucker Street. Oxley was involved in the incident where William Charles was arrested for drunkenness and an assault on a police officer. Oxley had helped William Charles to mount his horse and when PC Holley intervened Oxley used a lot of bad language and would not be persuaded to go home quietly. Oxley was fined 5/- with costs of 13/-; these sums were recorded as paid.	1888/152
Knight	James	Rose	Albert	24	11	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Albert Rose of Wookey Hole, paper maker, with being drunk and disorderly in Sadler Street. The defendant's father appeared at the hearing instead of Rose. Rose was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-, all of which was recorded as being paid.	1888/153
Knight	James	Western	John	24	11	1888	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant James Knight charged John Western of Little Elm, haulier, with cruelty to a horse. Knight saw Western in Tucker Street working a horse that was not in a fit state to be worked. Western was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-, recorded as being paid.	1888/154

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Holley	Frederick	Cox	Thomas	24	11	1888	Drunkenness	D	PC Frederick Holley charged Thomas Cox of Southover with being drunk in a public place, namely Market Street and committing a public nuisance with his trousers down. Cox was discharged with a caution on payment of the costs of the case amounting to 9/-.	1888/155
Watts	Henry	Loxton Hawkins	William Joseph	26	11	1888	Poaching	Pc	PC Henry Watts stopped William Loxton and Joseph Hawkins in Silver Street on suspicion of poaching. He found on Loxton's person one rabbit and four nets for catching game and on Hawkins' person two rabbits and a further four nets. PC Watts then charged both men with the offence of poaching. Hawkins did not attend the hearing as his employer, Collins & Co Estate Agents, insisted that he carry out his duties for them; through their letter to the magistrates Hawkins acknowledged his guilt but pleaded for leniency and time to pay any fine. Loxton was fined £1 with costs of 8/-, while Hawkins was fined £1.10s.0d including costs.	1888/156



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Brooks	Walt	Smith	John	27	11	1888	Obtaining money on false pretences	Fr	Walt Brooks of Broad Street, innkeeper, complained that John Smith had defrauded him of 5/6d and his father, Walter Brooks, butcher, of 1/-. Smith had been staying at the inn run by Walt Brooks and his wife, Maria. While there he had borrowed 5/6d from Maria Brooks saying that he would return the money once he had been able to change a note at the bank. In addition he had also borrowed 1/- from Walter Brooks the elder, telling him that Walt Brooks would reimburse him. Smith had then left Wells, advising an acquaintance called George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street that he was going away to earn some money and would pay back what he owed the Brooks family once he had obtained the money. Walt Brooks issued a warrant for Smith's arrest and Smith was subsequently arrested about 3 weeks later in Taunton. Smith claimed that he had always intended to reimburse the money that he had borrowed and was discharged. Note: it is not clear what monies, if any, were returned to Walt Brooks and his father.	1888/157
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Ball	Frederick	27	11	1888	Non-payment of fine / debt	N	Edward Athelstane Serel had obtained a judgment against Frederick Ball in March 1888 for the sum of 5/- for failing to send his daughter, Maggie, to school sufficiently often (see case 1888/024f). The sum of 5/- remained outstanding, despite distress proceedings being initiated, since these proceedings showed no assets that could be sold to raise this amount. Following these proceedings and the current summons the amount outstanding was shown as 9/6d. Frederick Ball's wife wrote to say that Ball had been out of work for some time but they hoped to be able to pay part of the outstanding debt from his current employment. She asked for more time and leniency in pursuit of the debt.	1888/158

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Foot	Mary	Browning	Louisa Anne	28	11	1888	Obtaining goods and services by false pretences	Fr	Mary Foot of Portway, wife of William John Foot, printer, complained that Louisa Annie Browning had obtained accommodation and food from her on false pretences. Browning had knocked on her door supposedly looking for a furnished apartment to rent and had been unable to find anywhere else to stay in Wells. Mary Foot allowed her to stay and eventually agreed to offer Browning board, lodging and washing for £1.1s.0d per week. Browning had stayed for a short time and then promised to send her cases to Mary Foot, but did not do so and left without paying for the services she had received.  Note: Louisa Anne Browning was arrested and charged with seeking to obtain goods from shops in Wells on false pretences (see case 1888/162).	1888/158a
Justices		Various		29	11	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 29 November, particularly cases of Holley v Charles The minutes also contain reference to a case involving PC Holley and a drunken individual in Market Street, but no name is given for the defendant.	1888/159

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Cox	Frederic	Masters	Ernest	30	11	1888	Assault	A	Frederic Cox of Westbury, farmer, complained that he had been assaulted by Ernest Masters, described as a dealer living at the top of Rodney Stoke hill. Cox called several witnesses: Thomas Lovell of West Pennard, farmer; Richard James of the Slab House, innkeeper; Francis James Andrews of The Mermaid Inn; Thomas Mogford, ostler at The Mermaid Inn and William Green of Portway, carriage builder. Cox complained that he had been coming into Wells past the cemetery and was about to overtake Masters who was on the right-hand side of the road when Masters deliberately turned his cart in order to block off Cox and then struck Cox on the head with the butt end of his whip. Cox also alleged that at the market Masters had challenged him to a fight for £20 and grabbed him by the collar which had resulted in a fight between the two men. Cox's allegations were supported by his witnesses. Masters was found guilty of assault and fined £1 with costs of £1.16s.0d.	1888/160
Cox	Frederic	Masters	Ernest	30	11	1888	Offence under the Highways Act	H	Frederic Cox of Westbury, farmer, complained that Ernest Masters, described as a dealer living at the top of Rodney Stoke hill, had committed an offence under the Highways Act by refusing to permit him (Frederic Cox) to pass by a carriage under the care of Masters and parked in Portway (see case 1888/160 for more details). This charge against Masters was dismissed.	1888/161

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Bartlett	Thomas	Browning	Louisa Anne	03	12	1888	Obtaining money and goods on false pretences	Fr	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Louisa Anne Browning with obtaining two plaits of hair and attempting to obtain money on false pretences. She had visited James Allen, hairdresser, and had claimed to wish to buy plaits of hair. Giving an address of No 5 Jubilee Terrace she took two plaits of hair with a value of 15/- saying that she would have the money sent to the shop directly. However, neither she nor the money returned to the shop. In addition, she had also attempted to obtain money from other traders, claiming that she had been given £16 by the gentry of Wookey and needed to raise a further £4 to purchase a particular item for a charity. She had gone into the shop of Mary Vonberg, daughter of one of the magistrates, and into the shop of Elizabeth Wickenden seeking donations, but neither had been willing to contribute. When arrested, Browning, who claimed to be a native of Wookey, had in her possession a petition used for soliciting donations, a pair of slippers and cash to the value of £1.3s.9d. It appears that Browning was sentenced to one month in prison.	1888/162
Police		Hucker	Thomas Henry	03	12	1888	Vagrancy	V	Thomas Henry Hucker was charged with vagrancy having been found sleeping in one of the outhouses belonging to the Almshouse in Chamberlain Street. Hucker was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet gaol.	1888/163
Summers	John			07	12	1888	Licence transfer	La	John Summers applied for a temporary transfer of the licence for The Queen's Head which was occupied at that time by Mrs Moore. The magistrates granted the transfer until 14 February 1889.	1888/164

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Masters	Ernest	Cox	Frederic	08	12	1888	Assault	A	Ernest Masters, farmer, who resided at the top of Stoke Hill, complained that Frederic Cox of Easton, farmer, had committed an assault by striking Masters' horse while Masters was driving it. Masters claimed that Cox had overtaken him on the way into Wells and then kept slowing down and cutting across his line, forcing him to stop. Cox had then allegedly struck Masters' horse on the head before aiming a blow at Masters who admitted that he had responded by hitting Cox across the head with the butt end of his whip, knocking off his hat which was then run over by a wheel of the trap. Masters then claimed that it was Cox who had challenged him to a fight outside The Mermaid Inn. This appears to be a response to the assault charge brought by Cox against Masters on 30 November 1888 (see cases 1888/160 and 1888/161). The case against Cox was dismissed by the magistrates.	1888/165
Foster	Robert	Cole	Walter	08	12	1888	Removal of goods to avoid distraint	Rg	Walter Cole was the tenant of a property in Southover of which Robert Foster was the landlord. Cole had fallen into arrears with the rent and Foster had begun distress proceedings to seize goods and chattels to the value of the rent arrears. Foster complained that Cole had illegally and clandestinely removed his goods and chattels from the property in order to prevent them being seized as part of the distress proceedings.	1888/166
Justices		Various		13	12	1888	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 13 December. There are lengthy notes about the cases of Barnard v Tucker, Cox v Masters and Police v Alfred Trimmer, but both the legibility of the notes and the quality of the reporting are very poor.	1888/167

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Bendall	William Newport	Whittle	William	13	12	1888	Non-payment of arrears on district rate.	N	William Newport Bendall pursued William Whittle over his failure to pay the arrears on the general district rate. After the hearing on 11 October (see case 1888/122e) Whittle was shown as owing £1.7s.0d for rates and a further 8/- for costs. When no payment was forthcoming, a distress order was issued but PC Thomas Bartlett recorded that Whittle did not have goods that could be sold to pay the debt. Whittle was then summoned to appear before the justices to clear the debt which now stood at £1.18s.6d. Whittle's wife appeared in his stead and was granted until Saturday to make the payment. It appears that Whittle did not pay the debt since there is a note on one of the documents with the word 'imprisoned'. Note: this case is included in the detailed minutes of the petty sessions sitting (see 1888/167).	1888/167a
Wickenden	Robert			13	12	1888	Licence application	La	Mr Wickenden applied for and was granted a licence extension until 11pm that evening for a smoking concert dinner. Note: this case is included in the detailed minutes of the petty sessions sitting (see 1888/167).	1888/167b

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Preece	Martha Elizabeth	Preece	Barnabas	22	12	1888	Desertion of wife	Ds	Martha Preece of Dell Court complained that her husband of around 5 years, Barnabas Preece, an attendant at the lunatic asylum, had deserted her and had then taken their two sons, John Henry, aged 5, and James Edward, aged 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> to live with him. Martha Preece stated that her husband had sold all the household goods from the property where they had previously lived together in Lorne Place, except for a bed and other necessities and had deserted her. Barnabas Preece claimed that she had neglected the children, had not bought them clothes, and had pledged possessions to obtain money for her own use. Barnabas Preece had a small pension from the Army and an annual wage of £32 from his employment. Barnabas Preece was granted custody of the children (who were apparently staying with Mrs Gardge in Barton St David) and ordered to pay 5/- per week to support his wife. In addition, he was also required to pay the costs of the hearing amounting to 9/- and was given until Saturday to make this payment	1888/168
Police		Shields	Emily	24	12	1888	Begging in the street	V	Emily Shields was charged with begging in the street on Christmas Eve. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1888/169
Knight	James	Foot	Albert	27	12	1888	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Albert Foot with being drunk & disorderly in The Crown Inn. Knight had gone in to The Crown Inn because he had heard a disturbance and found Mrs Rogers, the wife of the landlord, and her niece trying to get Foot off the premises. He was apparently attempting to assault another customer and was definitely the worse for drink. Knight took him out and down to the police station and was roundly abused by Foot for doing so. Foot was fined 2/6d with costs of 4/6d, the total of 7/- being recorded as paid.	1888/170

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Wells Union		Appleby	Edward	29	12	1888	Theft of clothing from Wells Union	T	Edward Appleby, an inmate aged more than 70, was charged with absconding from Wells Union on 24 December with clothes supplied by the Union comprising coat, vest, trousers, socks, boots, handkerchief and hat. The defendant was discharged. The costs of the case were recorded as 9/- for travel and subsistence.	1888/171
Justices		Whittle	Mary Ann	31	12	1888	Correspondence	*	These documents comprise 5 notes sent to the justices' clerk, Reginald Lowbridge Foster, by Mary Ann Whittle of Queen Street, wife of William Whittle, butcher. Each note represents a part-payment or promise of payment of the debts and fines owed by William Whittle. All the notes appear to date from 1888 and relate to debts where judgements against William Whittle were made during that calendar year.	1888/172

**1889**

Police		Brooks	William	01	01	1889	Begging in the street	V	William Brooks was found to be begging in Tor Street and charged with vagrancy. He was discharged on promising to leave the city at once. The costs of the case were shown as 3/-.	1889/001
Police		Wood	Alexander	15	01	1889	Drunkenness	D	Alexander Wood was charged with being drunk in a public place in Priory Road. He was found to have 1/6d on his person. He pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6d to be paid immediately or to spend 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The fine was recorded as being paid.	1889/002
Police		Oliver	Charles	18	01	1889	Begging in the street	V	Charles Oliver, aged 65 from Axbridge, was found to be begging in St Thomas Street and was charged with vagrancy. Oliver was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1889/003
Police		Brown	Andrew	19	01	1889	Drunkenness	D	Andrew Brown, printer, was charged with being drunk in the Market Place. He was found guilty and fined 2/6d with costs of 6/6d or to spend 7 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison.	1889/004a



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Police		Hills	Joseph	19	01	1889	Begging in the street	V	Joseph Hills was found begging in High Street and was charged with vagrancy. He was found to have 1/21/2d in cash on his person, was found guilty and sentenced to 7 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1889/004b
Spry	Joseph Farley	Dingle	Charles	19	01	1889	Carrying an unlicensed gun	GI	Joseph Farley Spry of HM Inland Revenue charged Charles Dingle of South Street with carrying an unlicensed gun in the parish of St Cuthbert. The offence carried a penalty of £10. Dingle pleaded guilty to the charge and is shown as paying the sum of 8/- for the costs of the case. It is not clear if he was also required to pay the sum of £10.	1889/005
Police		Gullick Chivers	Edward Henry	21	01	1889	Begging in the street	V	Edward Gullick and Henry Chivers were charged with begging in High Street. Chivers pleaded guilty while Gullick pleaded not guilty. William Paulett, butcher, testified that both men had come into his shop, appeared to have been drinking, and had asked for meat. He said that they had talked a great deal but could not remember what they had said. The two men were discharged. The costs of the case were shown as 4/-.	1889/006
Holley	Frederick	Kibble	Walter	26	01	1889	Begging in the street	V	PC Holley found Walter Kibble in St John Street after he had received complaints about Kibble begging in the city. Kibble had apparently gone into The Swan and, after obtaining some notepaper and envelopes from someone there, asked for the lady of the house and appealed for alms. When PC Holley arrested him Kibble had on him a small quantity of notepaper and envelopes and 1/31/4d in cash. Kibble pleaded not guilty to the charge but was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 7/6d.	1889/007
Police		Francis	Mary	28	01	1889	Drunkenness	D	Mary Francis was charged with being drunk on the highway in Portway. She pleaded guilty and was fined 6d with costs of 5/6d. She was recorded as paying 6/-.	1889/008a

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Police		Carter	George	28	01	1889	Drunkenness	D	George Carter was arrested for being drunk in the highway close to the Wells Union. He pleaded not guilty but was fined 5/- plus costs which were shown as 6/6d. At the time of his arrest Carter had 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d on him.	1889/008b
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	29	01	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Mary Morgan of Mill Lane had failed to ensure that her son, Fred, had attended school sufficiently often. Over the 4 months leading up to Christmas Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that Fred had attended on only 27 occasions out of a possible 157. Mary Morgan was instructed to ensure that Fred attended the Certified Efficient School in St John Street on every occasion that the school was open; the managers of that school had already agreed to accept Fred as a pupil..	1889/009
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	29	01	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, complained that Mary Morgan of Mill Lane had failed to ensure that her son, Sam, had attended school sufficiently often. Over the 4 months leading up to Christmas Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that Sam had attended on only 32 occasions out of a possible 157. Mary Morgan was instructed to ensure that Sam attended the Certified Efficient School in St John Street on every occasion that the school was open; the managers of that school had already agreed to accept Sam as a pupil.	1889/010
Knight	James	Carter	Isaac	29	01	1889	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Isaac Carter of Shepton Mallet, haulier, with cruel treatment of a horse by working the animal when it was not in a fit state. The offence took place in the Market Place. Carter pleaded guilty and was required to pay the sum of 9/-.	1889/011

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Knight	James	Davis	Charles	29	01	1889	Cruelty to a horse	C	Police Serjeant James Knight charged Charles Davis of Croscombe near Wells, haulier, with cruel treatment of a horse by working the animal when it was not in a fit state. Knight stated that the animal had sores in a number of places on its body and some of the wounds had clearly been present for some time. The offence took place in the Market Place. Davis pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay costs of 8/- plus a fine of 5/-. Note: initially the case documents refer to Georger Davis but this is later amended to Charles Davis.	1889/012
Police		Simpson	William	30	01	1889	Begging in the street	V	William Simpson was charged with vagrancy for begging in High Street. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1889/013a
Police		Perry	Joseph	30	01	1889	Begging in the street	V	Joseph Perry was charged with vagrancy for begging in Broad Street. Perry pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1889/013b
Police		Bennett	John	04	02	1889	Drunk & disorderly	D	John Bennett was arrested and charged with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- including costs.	1889/014

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Bartlett	Thomas	Painter	John	07	02	1889	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Bartlett saw John Painter, a hawker who had recently taken up residence in a lodging house in Wells, ejected from The Rose & Crown in St John Street. The landlord, Edward George Harris, had seen that Painter was drunk when he entered the inn and refused to serve him. Painter had then struck at the landlord and verbally abused him, so he was then ejected. PC Bartlett found Painter to be staggering drunk, using bad language and spoiling for a fight. Painter was charged with drunk and disorderly behaviour and Edward George Harris was called as a witness for the prosecution. Painter was found guilty and fined 5/- plus costs or to spend 14 days in prison with hard labour. It appears that Painter probably went to prison as there appears to be an entry for the costs of commitment.	1889/015
Bendall	William	Allen	Louisa	07	02	1889	Assault	A	William Bendall of No 3 Tor Street complained that he had been assaulted by Louisa Allen, wife of Henry Allen of St Thomas Street, asylum attendant. Note: the case documents initially refer to Fanny Allen, but later this is changed to Louisa Allen, although it is actually misspelt as Lousia.	1889/016

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Knight	James	Chapman	Arthur	09	02	1889	Drunk in charge of two horses and a waggon	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged Arthur Chapman of Draycott, labourer, with being drunk in charge of 2 horses and a waggon. Joseph Merrick, landlord of The Lamb Inn, initially saw Chapman was drunk and incapable of controlling the horses and was driving recklessly. He intervened to try and control the horses before informing police Serjeant Knight of the problem. Knight refused to allow Chapman to go any further and ensured that he walked home while the horses were dealt with by someone else. Chapman pleaded not guilty to the charge and called Edwin Binning as a witness. He testified that Chapman was not drunk and had only had one pint in Midsomer Norton, one pint in Chilcompton, one pint at The Old Down and part of a pint at The Slab House. Thomas Vowles also testified that Chapman had ordered a pint at The Mermaid but gave some of it to another man. Chapman was found guilty and fined £1 with costs of 18/- which were recorded as paid.	1889/017

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Knight	James	Tucker	William	09	02	1889	Dangerous dog	Dd	Police Serjeant Knight charged William Tucker of Southover, butcher, with failing to control a dangerous dog. James Horton of St Thomas Street, an assistant at the Gas Works, complained that he had been set upon by Tucker's dog which was not tied up and was unmuzzled. Albert Haggett of High Street, butcher's assistant, complained of a similar experience with the dog. John Skinner, who worked for William Tucker, claimed that on the day of the reported incident with James Horton the dog had been outside all day but was tied up, although he did admit that the dog had jumped up at him, but it did not actually bite him. William Tucker pleaded not guilty to the charge, but the magistrates found that the dog was not under proper control. They ordered that Tucker should pay the costs of 19/6d and, for the future, the dog must be kept under proper control, tied up and only let loose if muzzled. The costs of the case were recorded as being paid.	1889/018
Bartlett	Thomas	Western	John	11	02	1889	Cruelty to a horse.	C	PC Thomas Bartlett charged John Western of Little Elm, haulier, with cruel treatment of a horse by working the animal when it was not in a fit state. The offence took place in Chamberlain Street. Western was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-; both sums were recorded as paid.	1889/019

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Collins	Edwin Schilling La Thanque	Watts	Arthur	13	02	1889	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Edwin Schilling La Thanque Collins, mineral water manufacturer, complained that in December 1888 Arthur Watts of Coxley had disturbed the peace of Edward Adolphus Collins and his family by pulling on / ringing the doorbell of their house in Priory Road and then running away. The case was adjourned until April. At the hearing Edward Schilling La Thanque Collins testified that he had just returned home from Wells when he heard the doorbell ring. As he was close to the door, he opened it immediately but there was no-one there. The only people in the street were three boys; Collins chased after them and caught them. Two of them identified Watts as the one who had rung the bell. Watts admitted ringing the bell and asked for forgiveness, but Collins said that he had had enough of the bell being rung for a game and determined to prosecute. Watts was required to pay the sum of 5/6d and was given one month to do so.	1889/020
Justices		Various		14	02	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of cases heard at the petty sessions sitting of 14 February. In addition to the cases documented above there is also a note that Mr (Robert) Wickenden has been granted the facility to open for an extra hour at lunchtime for an Athletic Club concert on payment of the sum of 1/6d.	1889/021
Baty	Alice	Baty	George	19	02	1889	Termination of co-habitation	Ca	Alice Baty formally applied for an order that would release her from the obligation to co-habit with her husband, George Baty of Chamberlain Street, labourer. She complained that he had assaulted her and she could no longer live with him. On 18 May Alice Baty withdrew the case against her husband, George Baty; costs of 2/6d were paid.	1889/022

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Holley	Frederick	Lane	Charles	28	02	1889	Drunkenness	D	PC Holley charged Charles Lane of St Thomas Street with being drunk on licensed premises, namely The Exmouth Inn in St Thomas Street occupied by Isaac John Francis. Holley visited the inn on two occasions that evening and was accompanied on the second visit by police Serjeant Knight. On the first visit Holley considered that Lane was drunk and was noticeably worse on the second visit. Both landlady and landlord claimed that they had not served Lane anything to drink, although there were a number of pots and cups on the table - and nor had they requested him to leave the premises. Knight asked Lane to leave, but he was hopelessly drunk and need to be helped outside and taken home by Mr Hanney. Lane was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- and was granted until Saturday week to pay. If in default, he would have to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/023
Woonton	Guy	Salvidge	Henry	28	02	1889	Non-payment of wages	N	Guy Woonton of Wedmare, harness maker, complained that Henry Salvidge of Broad Street, Wells, also a harness maker, owed him the sum of 6/- in wages. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1889/024
Boyce	William	Beeney	John	04	03	1889	Larceny of a silk handkerchief	T	John Beeney, pedlar, was accused of stealing a silk handkerchief, the property of William Boyce. Beeney claimed that he had seen the handkerchief on the ground and simply picked it up. Beeney was convicted of larceny and fined 25/- including costs or, if in default, to spend 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. In addition, Beeney's pedlar's certificate was cancelled.	1889/025
Police		Day	Henry	08	03	1889	Begging in the street	V	Henry Day was charged with begging in Sadler Street. He was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. There is a further note which appears to indicate '14 days not to escape', but the significance is not clear. The costs of the case are shown as 6/6d.	1889/026



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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	09	03	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	On 14 February the justices ordered that Mary Morgan of Mill Lane was required to ensure that her son, Fred, aged 12, should attend the certified efficient school in St John Street and moreover that he should attend that school every day except Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday. Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, reported that Mary Morgan had not complied with this order and that Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central School, had noted that Fred Morgan had made only 13 attendances in the last month during which time the school was open for 39 possible attendances. Fred was recorded as having achieved standard IV. The case was adjourned until 4 April (see case 1889/037 for further information).	1889/027
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	09	03	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	On 14 February the justices ordered that Mary Morgan of Mill Lane was required to ensure that her son, Sam, aged 10, should attend the certified efficient school in St John Street and moreover that he should attend that school every day except Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday. Serel, an officer of the School Attendance Committee, reported that Mary Morgan had not complied with this order and that Sam had not been to school on any day sbetween the beginning of November 1888 and 25 February 1889. Albert Knight, principal teacher of the Central School, noted that Sam Morgan had made only 7 attendances in the last month during which time the school was open for 39 possible attendances. Sam was recorded as having achieved standard I. The case was adjourned until 4 April (see case 1889/038 for further information).	1889/028

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Farley	Samuel	Lane	Augustus	09	03	1889	Non-completion of labour contract	Nc	In 1888 Samuel Farley, wheelwright, had complained that Augustus Lane, blacksmith, had failed to complete his contract of employment. Lane had been ordered to pay £1.10s.0d in damages and 5/- for costs (see case 1888/084a). These sums had not been paid and a distress order was now issued to seek to distrain goods belonging to Lane to pay off the outstanding debt. The sum of £1.1s.6d had been paid, leaving an outstanding amount of 13/6d plus 2/- for the issue of the distress order, giving a total debt of 15/6d. PC Thomas Bartlett executed the distress order but was unable to find goods which could be sold to realise the sum required. A further note appears to contain a word which may be 'imprisoned', implying that Lane may have gone to gaol.	1889/029
Watts	Henry	Francis	Mary	11	03	1889	Drunkenness	D	PC Watts charged Mary Francis with being drunk in Burcot Lane at 11pm . She pleaded guilty to the charge and was required to pay 6/- to cover a fine and costs. The sum was recorded as paid.	1889/030
Justices		Various		12	03	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Minutes of the petty sessions sitting on 12 March, focussed almost entirely on the charge of drunkenness against Charles Lane. Note: the minutes show the petty sessions sitting as taking place on 12 March but the summons issued in the period leading up to this sitting all specify that the sitting is to take place on 14 March; see, for example, the cases against Mary Morgan.	1889/031
Police		Dear	Samuel	15	03	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	Samuel Dear was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Broad Street. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case are recorded as 6/6d.	1889/032

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Allott	Joseph	Spillard	Sam	25	03	1889	Begging in the street	V	Joseph Allott complained that, as he was entering a building in Sadler Street, Sam Spillard asked to speak to him and then followed him into the building shouting wildly and abusing the Archbishop of Canterbury. Spillard then tried to beg money from Allott and his wife. Spillard was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/033
Sarsons	Henry	Stevens	Edward	30	03	1889	Assault	A	Henry Sarsons, attendant at the lunatic asylum, complained that he had been assaulted by Edward Stevens of South Street. Sarsons and two of his colleagues, James Rolfe and John Gould, had attended orchestra practice at The Swan and then stopped for a drink at The Rose & Crown run by Mr Harris. After they came out of the inn, they claimed that they encountered 3 young men who insulted them and Sarsons asserted that he had been attacked by Edward Stevens who struck him in the eye with his fist and knocked him down causing his euphonium to fall to the ground. Sarsons' assertions were supported by the testimony of his friends but there were a number of witnesses who provided contrary evidence, some of which suggested that Sarsons had taken off his top coat and, despite the efforts of his friends to restrain him, had attacked Stevens. Other witnesses included Walter Brooks, a resident of Silver Street and a painter working for Webb's of High Street; also James Oxley of St John Street, poultry dealer; Robert Sheppard of East Wells, labourer; Montague Gregory, employed as a butcher by Mr Parker of High Street. In the end the case against Stevens was dismissed.  The evidence of the various witnesses is given in great detail in the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 4 April 1889 (see case 1889/039), but is very difficult to read because the handwriting is so poor. Note: the surname could easily be Parsons rather than Sarsons, but the first character of the surname appears to be the same as the first character in 'Stevens'.	1889/034

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Gould	John Henry	Stevens	Edward	30	03	1889	Assault	A	John Gould, an attendant at the asylum, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by Edward Stevens of South Street. The complaint arose from the same incident as that noted in the case of Sarsons v Stevens (case 1889/034). A similar group of witnesses provided similarly conflicting statements, one set asserting that Stevens had struck Gould, the other stating that Stevens had not struck anyone. The case against Stevens was dismissed.	1889/035
Rolfe	James	Gregory	Montague	30	03	1889	Assault	A	James Rolfe, an attendant at the asylum, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by Montague Gregory, of No 48 High Street, butcher. The complaint arose from the same incident as that noted in the case of Sarsons v Stevens (case 1889/034). Following the judgements passed down in the cases of Sarsons v Stevens and then Gould v Stevens, this case was withdrawn. Note: the initial documents for this case name the defendant as Richard Gregory, but the forename is subsequently altered.	1889/036
Holley	Frederick	Burgoyne	John	30	03	1889	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Holley charged John Burgoyne of Southover, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in Market Street. Burgoyne pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/037

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	01	04	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel brought forward the case against Mary Morgan for her continued failure to ensure that her son, Fred, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, reported that in the last two weeks Fred had only recorded 3 attendances out of a possible 20. The documentation provided includes a copy of Fred's birth certificate which names him as Frederick Hodges Morgan, the same name as his father, an engine driver in Exeter. Fred's birth date is given as 12 November 1875. At the petty sessions sitting of 4 April the hearing of this case was postponed until 18 April (see case 1889/047 for more information).	1889/038
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Morgan	Mary	01	04	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel brought forward the case against Mary Morgan for her continued failure to ensure that her son, Sam, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, reported that in the last two weeks Sam had only recorded 3 attendances out of a possible 20. The documentation provided includes a copy of Sam's birth certificate which names him as Samuel Major Morgan, the son of Frederick Hodges Morgan, an engine driver in Exeter. Sam's birth date is given as 7 November 1876. At the petty sessions sitting of 4 April the hearing of this case was postponed until 18 April (see case 1889/048 for more information).	1889/039
Justices		Various		04	04	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 4 April. The major part of the minutes centre on the charges of assault brought against Edward Stevens (see cases 1889/034. 1889/035 and 1889/036).	1889/040

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Knight	James	Marchant	Henrietta	05	04	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged Henrietta Marchant of Southover, wife of Charles Marchant, with being drunk and disorderly in Union Street. She was found guilty and fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-. Note: the initial documents for this case give the defendant's forename as Hannah, but this is subsequently altered.	1889/041
Bartlett	Thomas	Sealey	Walter	05	04	1889	Owning an unlicensed dog	DI	PC Thomas Bartlett charged Walter Sealey of St Thomas Street with owning an unlicensed dog. Sealey was discharged on agreeing to pay the costs of 4/6d; he was given two weeks within which to pay.	1889/042
Police		Lyons	Frederick	08	04	1889	Vagrancy Profane/obscene language	V Pr	Frederick Lyons was charged with begging, although Frederick Coles, landlord of The King's Head, testified that Lyons had been in his front room and he had not seen or heard Lyons begging. George Langley, the master of Wells Union, complained that Lyons had been guilty of refractory conduct in the Union and had begun to shout at the top of his voice using foul and abusive language both to Langley himself and George Hodgkiss, a schoolmaster in the Union. According to the rules of the Union conduct of this nature could be punished by up to one month in prison with hard labour. In the event Lyons was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The Guardians of Wells Union sent an invoice to the police for 4/2d, comprising 3 nights subsistence for Lyons at 1/- per night and 1/2d for transfer to gaol. The costs of the case were shown as 8/6d, although it is not clear if this sum includes the charges from the Guardians of Wells Union.	1889/043

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Knight	James	King Stephens	Henry Vernon	10	04	1889	Cruelty to a cow	C	Police Serjeant Knight charged Henry King of Glastonbury, labourer, and Vernon Stephens of Glastonbury, cattle dealer, with cruel treatment of a cow by transporting it in a cart which forced the cow into unnatural and painful positions. King pleaded guilty and Stephens not guilty. Witnesses called for the prosecution included: John Reid of Wells, veterinary surgeon; Joseph Brooks of Wookey, dealer; John Banwell of Glastonbury, farmer; Thomas Gillard of Glastonbury, labourer; Henry West of Glastonbury, labourer; Albert List of Glastonbury, labourer; and George Ortten Webb of Glastonbury. The evidence occupies many pages of the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 18 April (see case 1889/049), but the final verdict was that both men were guilty of the offence. King was fined £2 and Stephens £3 with each to pay costs of £1.11s.0d. In the event of default they would serve one month in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. Stephens undertook to ensure that King's fine and costs were paid.	1889/044
Bendall	William Newport	Various		10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, collector for the city of Wells, charged a number of individuals with failing to pay the general district rate of 12 October 1888. There is an entry on the summary list for J Hawkins of Tor Street showing an outstanding amount of £1.1s.0d, but there is no summons for this individual (the missing page will bear the code a66 to show its place in the sequence of cases to be heard).	1889/045
Bendall	William Newport	Woodburn	Frederick	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Woodburn of High Street was shown as owing £1.0s.7d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of £1.3s.1d.	1889/045a
Bendall	William Newport	Salvage	Henry	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Henry Salvage of Broad Street was shown as owing 15/- for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 17/6d. Salvage was given one week within which to pay.	1889/045b

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Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walt	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walt Brooks of Broad Street was shown as owing £1.5s.6d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of £1.8s.0d.	1889/045c
Bendall	William Newport	Brook	William	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Brook of Silver Street was shown as owing 5/3d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 7/9d. This amount was recorded as received on 15 April.	1889/045d
Bendall	William Newport	Cole	Walter	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walter Cole of Southover was shown as owing 6/- for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 8/6d.	1889/045e
Bendall	William Newport	Hutchinson	Richard	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Richard Hutchinson of Southover was shown as owing 6/- for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 8/6d.	1889/045f
Bendall	William Newport	Ackermann	Edward	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Edward Ackermann of Priory Place was shown as owing 11/3d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 13/9d.	1889/045g
Bendall	William Newport	Loxton	Frederick	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Loxton of Broad Street was shown as owing 14/3d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 16/9d. An order was issued for Loxton to pay the sum owing.	1889/045h
Bendall	William Newport	Thompson	G	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	G Thompson of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing 3/- for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 5/6d. An order was issued for Thompson to pay the outstanding amount. Thompson was ordered to pay 2/- plus costs of 2/6d and was given one week within which to pay. The sum of 4/6d was recorded as received.	1889/045i
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing 12/9d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 15/3d. Mrs Chappell appeared at the hearing and was granted one month in which to pay. Note: Mrs Chappell's name is unclear and may be 'Chapple'.	1889/045j
Bendall	William Newport	Webber	Mr ?	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mr Webber of Ethel Street was shown as owing 13/6d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 16/-.	1889/045k



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Bendall	William Newport	Perry	James	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	James Perry of Tucker Street was shown as owing 4/10d for the general district rate and 2/6 in costs, a total of 7/4d. Perry appeared at the hearing and pleaded his case that he did not have the money to pay because he was a jobbing labourer with 5 children to support. Perry was excused.	1889/045l
Bendall	William Newport	Vincent	Joseph	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Joseph Vincent of Chamberlain was shown as owing 4/6d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 7/-.	1889/045m
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	10	04	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Alfred Hatcher of Priest Row was shown as owing 3/4d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 5/10d. An order was issued for Hatcher to pay the sum outstanding by Saturday.	1889/045n
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		15	04	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged several individuals with failing to ensure their child attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis.	1889/046
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Marsh	Silas	15	04	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Silas Marsh of Town Hall Buildings was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Edith, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. L C Knight, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that in the last two months Edith had made only 18 attendances out of a possible 77. Edith was shown as having achieved standard III. The case was adjourned for one month.	1889/046a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Marsh	Silas	15	04	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Silas Marsh of Town Hall Buildings was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Ethel, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. L C Knight, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that in the last five months Ethel had not made a single attendance out of a possible 192. Ethel was shown as having achieved standard II. The case was adjourned for one month.	1889/046b

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Marsh	Silas	15	04	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Silas Marsh of Town Hall Buildings was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Frederick, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. A E Cooke, principal teacher at the Central Infants School, recorded that in recent months Frederick had made only 11 attendances out of a possible 124. Frederick was shown as being 5 years of age. The case was adjourned for one month.	1889/046c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Vincent	Henry	15	04	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Henry Vincent of Jubilee Terrace was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Florence, attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. L C Knight, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, recorded that in the last month Florence had made only 24 attendances out of a possible 48. Florence was shown as having achieved standard IV. Vincent was fined 2/6d.	1889/046d
Police		Hole	Joshua	16	04	1889	Vagrancy	V	Joshua Hole was charged with vagrancy having been found sleeping in the open. The case was dismissed. Note: the forename may not be correct but the entry is both abbreviated and unclear.	1889/047

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Justices		Morgan	Mary	18	04	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	After many attempts to get Mary Morgan to ensure that her sons, Fred and Sam, attended school regularly, the justices finally decided that the two boys must be sent to the Somersetshire Industrial School in Bath until they reached the age of 16. The documentation includes the application form for the school for each boy and a letter written on behalf of the boys' father, Frederick Hodges Morgan. In the letter Morgan states that in 1879 he and his wife, Mary Emma Morgan née Creedy, agreed to separate; by this time they had had 4 children. Since then he had continued to live near Exeter and was now co-habiting with another woman by whom he had had two further children. He said that he and his partner would be happy to give his children a home, but he accepted that an industrial school was also a suitable option for Fred and Sam. He was very clear that Mary Morgan was not a suitable parent as she was addicted to alcohol and had a bad reputation for associating with prostitutes; as a result the boys were allowed to run free, although it appears that neither had got into any trouble with the law and Fred, in particular, was regarded as being very bright and intelligent.	1889/048
Justices		Various		18	04	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the cases heard at the petty sessions sitting on 18 April. The major part of the minutes centre on the charge of cruelty brought against Henry King and Vernon Stephens (see case 1889/043). The minutes also note the William Newport Bendall was appointed as assistant overseer of the Liberty of St Andrew.	1889/049

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Damerel	Samuel	Lovell Marsh	Albert John	29	04	1889	Breach of the bye-laws	Br	Samuel Damerel, caretaker of Wells Recreation Ground, complained that Albert Lovell and John Marsh, both apparently aged 13, had broken the bye-laws applicable to the Recreation Ground by playing rounders, using bad language and throwing sticks and stones at Damerel when he told them to desist. Both boys pleaded not guilty but were each required to pay 5/- to cover a fine of 1/- and a half-share of the costs of 9/-. They were allowed a fortnight within which to pay.	1889/050
Bartlett	Thomas	Raines	Maria	06	05	1889	Keeping an unlicensed dog	DI	PC Bartlett charged Maria Raines of St Thomas Street with keeping a dog for which she had no licence. She initially denied that she was the owner of the dog and then said that if the owner had not got a licence, then she would get one. Then she admitted that the dog did live on the premises. She said that she would not attend a hearing in front of the magistrates and would have the dog destroyed. In the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 13 June Maria Raines was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-. The fate of the dog remained unclear.	1889/051
Police		Morgan	John	06	05	1889	Drunkenness	D	John Morgan was charged with being drunk in the Market Place. He was fined 5/- including costs.	1889/052
Watts	Henry	Taylor	Isaac	07	05	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Watts charged Isaac Taylor of St Thomas Street with being drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Taylor pleaded guilty to the charge. In view of his past record he was sentenced to 21 days in prison with hard labour. His previous record included: drunkenness in July 1883 with a fine of 5/- and costs of 7/-; drunkenness in November 1887 leading to 14 days in prison; and drunkenness in August 1888 with 21 days in prison. The costs of this case were recorded as 8/-.	1889/053

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Justices		Various		09	05	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Minutes of petty sessions sitting of 9 May 1889, primarily concerned with the case of Albert Lovell and John Marsh (see case 1889/050). In addition, there is also an entry for Mr Tate seeking permission to sell (alcohol?) from No 6 as well as No 8. Neither the premises nor the street involved is clearly identified.	1889/054
Holley	Frederick	Sage	Elizabeth	10	05	1889	Vagrancy	V	PC Holley charged Elizabeth Sage of St Thomas Street with vagrancy, having found her sleeping on the pavement in St Thomas Street close to The Exmouth Inn and with no evident means of subsistence. Elizabeth Sage had been drinking but had 1/2d in cash and she claimed that she was on the street because her husband, Thomas Sage of St Thomas Street, had locked her out. The case was dismissed.	1889/055
Holley	Frederick	Bartlett	George	21	05	1889	Owning an unlicensed dog	DI	PC Holley charged George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street, mason, with keeping a dog for which he had not obtained a licence. Bartlett claimed that he had not got a licence because he had tried to give the dog away on a number of occasions but without success; however, he now claimed that he no longer had the dog. Bartlett was fined 2/- with costs of 8/- and given until Saturday to make the payment.	1889/056

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Bartlett	Thomas	Jones	Arthur	28	05	1889	Theft of items from a tailor	T	William Merriman of Vicars Close, tailor, complained that Arthur Jones of Shepton Mallet had stolen various items from him, including two waistcoats, a tailor's sleeve board, an iron and a pair of scissors with a total value of 35/-. Jones had supposedly come to Wells from Shepton Mallet in response to an advert for employment placed by Mr Holloway. Jones was unable to secure work there because two men had already been set on, but the foreman, Mr Harris, recommended that he try William Merriman. Merriman had agreed to give Jones some work, provided that Jones could show that he had lodgings close by and recommended that he try at No 15 Tor Street. Jones then returned and was given a vest, sleeve board, a pressing iron and a pair of scissors, and then another vest and 1/- for food. When Merriman went to Jones' lodgings the next day, he found that Jones had left the previous evening at around 10pm and not returned. Merriman found a shirt front and some interlining in Jones' lodgings. PC Bartlett went to Jones' home address and arrested him in possession of the scissors and some lining material. On the basis of evidence given at the hearing on 1 June Jones was convicted and sentenced to spend 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/057

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Police		Martin Ward	Henry Henry	30	05	1889	Theft of purse	T	Ellen Mary Bray complained that while the circus was going around the town she had had her purse picked from her pocket in Sadler Street by Henry Martin of no fixed abode who had then passed it on immediately to Henry Ward, a resident of Bristol. The purse was a leather purse and contained around 5/61/2d. When she felt the purse being removed from her pocket, Mrs Bray called her husband who was nearby and he grabbed hold of Henry Martin until PC Thomas Bartlett and police Serjeant James Knight arrived. The prisoners were remanded in custody pending further investigation and a hearing. At the hearing on 6 June both men appeared to plead guilty and each was sentenced to 3 months in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/058
Knight	James	Unknown man		30	05	1889	Suspicion of felony	S	Police Serjeant Knight reported that an unknown individual whose address was also unknown had been seen in the company of Henry Martin and Henry Ward, both of whom were now in custody on suspicion of having committed a felony. Despite being a suspected person, this individual had unlawfully gained access to High Street presumably with the intent of committing a felony.	1889/059
Jenkins	Mr	Tucker	William	31	05	1889	Pig meat unfit for human consumption	E	Mr Jenkins, Inspector of Nuisances, had seized the carcass of a pig belonging to William Tucker, butcher. Jenkins considered it unfit for human consumption and, with the approval of the magistrate, Mr Barnes, an order was made for the carcass to be destroyed in one of the retorts of the gas works.	1889/060
Tucker	William	Sweet	Thomas	05	06	1889	Using obscene language	Pr	William Tucker of Southover, butcher, complained that Thomas Sweet also of Southover and also a butcher had used profane and obscene language in Southover itself.	1889/061

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Thatcher	Frank Carter	Barnard	William Charles	05	06	1889	Not vaccinating child against smallpox	Nv	Frank Carter Thatcher of the Wells Vaccination Office complained that William Charles Barnard of No 46 High Street, butcher, had failed to have his son, Sidney Charles Barnard, now aged 2, vaccinated against smallpox in contravention of the Act of 1867; the child was noted as having neither had smallpox nor the vaccination. Barnard then failed to appear at a hearing on 13 June resulting in him being ordered to have the child vaccinated by 31 July at the latest and to pay the sum of 12/7d to the clerk to the justices, Reginald Lowbridge Foster, in compensation for the costs of the case. Note: Frank Carter Thatcher was also shown as being the registrar on the birth certificate of Sidney Charles Barnard.	1889/062
Thatcher	Frank Carter	Barnard	William Charles	05	06	1889	Not vaccinating child against smallpox	Nv	Frank Carter Thatcher of the Wells Vaccination Office complained that William Charles Barnard of 46 High Street, butcher, had failed to have his daughter, Minnie Emily Barnard, now aged 1, vaccinated against smallpox in contravention of the Act of 1867; the child was noted as having neither had smallpox nor the vaccination. Barnard then failed to appear at a hearing on 13 June resulting in him being ordered to have the child vaccinated by 31 July at the latest and to pay the sum of 12/7d to the clerk to the justices, Reginald Lowbridge Foster, in compensation for the costs of the case. Note: Frank Carter Thatcher was also shown as being the registrar on the birth certificate of Minnie Emily Barnard.	1889/063



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Bartlett	Thomas	Jones	Thomas	12	06	1889	Begging in the street Assault on a police officer	V A	Thomas Jones was arrested for begging in Sadler Street. In the course of the arrest Jones was also said to have assaulted a police officer. He was remanded in custody until the following day. At the hearing Jones pleaded guilty to the charge of begging. PC Thomas Bartlett claimed that he had been assaulted on at least two occasions by Jones as he tried to get him to the police station, once in High Street and again in Union Street. On both occasions they had been tussling on the ground with Bartlett eventually being aided by Henry Lush of Union Street, painter. Jones was found guilty on both counts and sentenced to one month in prison with hard labour on the charge of vagrancy and two months in prison with hard labour on the charge of assault. The costs of the case were shown as 13/-.	1889/064
Justices		Various		13	06	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 13 June including documentation of the case of Bartlett v Raines on the subject of an unlicensed dog (see case 1889/051).	1889/065
Police		Lovell	Albert	20	06	1889	Theft of money	T	Albert Lovell of Broad Street, at an age where he was regarded as a child, was charged with stealing 9/- in money from Frederick Sidney Webb. Lovell was convicted of the offence and the money found on him was returned to Webb. In addition, Lovell was sentenced to be whipped 12 times with a birch rod by PC Thomas Bartlett in the presence of a superior officer and, if so desired, in the presence of a parent or guardian. The sentence was duly carried out on the following day. Note: Lovell was possibly aged 13; see case 1889/050 of 29 April.	1889/066

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Police		Mathews	Edward Ernest	25	06	1889	Drunkenness	D	Edward Ernest Mathews, commercial traveller, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises, namely The Fountain Inn. The landlord, James Lane (see also case 1889/075), had called the police and asked them to evict Mathews since he was causing trouble; there was also a suggestion that he may have helped himself to spirits, but the landlord was not prepared to press charges. Mathews pleaded guilty to being drunk on licensed premises and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/6d. Note: the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 11 July give costs as 8/-. Note: the name shown on the outer part of the documentation appears to be Masters rather than Mathews.	1889/067
Police		Derrick	Caroline	27	06	1889	Drunkenness	D	Caroline Derrick was charged with being drunk in a public place. She pleaded guilty to the charge. She was fined 2/6d with costs of 6/6d or to spend 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/068
Tucker	William	Skinner	John	29	06	1889	Assault	A	William Tucker of Wells, butcher, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by John Skinner, butcher, in The Royal Oak Inn. Tucker had previously employed Skinner but had terminated the employment and had obtained a judgement at the County Court to enforce the termination. Tucker claimed that he had gone to The Royal Oak for a drink and Skinner had scratched him, challenging him to a fight. Skinner called in his defence PC William Woonton of Westbury who testified that Tucker had been very abusive to Skinner, while Skinner had not issued any threats or challenges to Tucker, nor had he used his fists. The case was dismissed with Tucker required to pay the costs of 6/-.	1889/069

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Loxton	William	Mapstone	Thomas	29	06	1889	Assault	A	William Loxton of Market Street, labourer, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by Thomas Mapstone of St Cuthbert Street, also a labourer. This case appears to be linked to the incident which led to both Loxton and Mapstone being charged with causing an affray (see case 1889/074). Mapstone appears to have been found guilty of the charge of assault. He was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- and given one month within which to pay.	1889/070
Moore	George	Marshall	John	29	06	1889	Assault	A	George Moore of St Thomas Street, mason, complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by John Marshall of St Thomas Street, labourer. George Moore summoned Mrs Polly Sharland and George Edwards, both of St Thomas Street, to give evidence on his behalf. On the other side John Marshall called Aaron Wills of St Thomas Street, shoemaker, to give evidence on his behalf. Moore claimed that he had been in his house and trying to calm his son when Marshall had come in, punched him in the stomach and then hit him in the eye. Marshall's defence, put forward by Emma Marshall, was that Moore's son was heard to be crying and Moore was seen beating the boy outside his house. Marshall had gone to protect the child and was struck by Moore, so he struck Moore in self-defence. Marshall was deemed innocent of the charge and the costs of 19/- were to be paid by George Moore; he was given until Saturday to make the payment. Note: the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 11 July show the costs as being 13/6d.	1889/071

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Knight	James	Murrow	James	02	07	1889	Drunkenness	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged James Murrow, aged 84, with being drunk in High Street. Knight had originally seen Murrow in the Market Place where he fell over and had to be helped to his feet by a passer-by. Knight had then sent a constable to help Murrow up the steps to the Cathedral Green, but then found that Murrow had fallen down again in High Street close to Stuckey's Bank. He considered that Murrow was drunk to a point where he was incapable of looking after himself. Murrow himself pleaded not guilty to the charge. When arrested, Murrow had £3.15s.0d in cash and stated that he paid 5/- a week to guardians to help look after him. Murrow was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d.	1889/072
Bartlett	Thomas	Murrow	James	04	07	1889	Drunkenness	D	PC Bartlett arrested James Murrow for drunkenness in St Andrew Street. Bartlett found him in the middle of the road and unable to get up. Murrow had previously been seen staggering drunk in St Thomas Street. When arrested, Murrow had 1/4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d in cash. Murrow pleaded not guilty and was discharged on promising to go the Wells Union and remain there.	1889/073
Knight	James	Chapman Loxton Mapstone	William William Thomas	05	07	1889	Causing an affray	Af	Police Serjeant Knight charged William Chapman of St John Street, William Loxton of Market Street and Thomas Mapstone of St Cuthbert Street with causing an affray in St John Street. Knight also called John Clarke of South Street, miller, to provide evidence for the prosecution. All 3 defendants were found guilty of affray which appeared to have arisen after Loxton was accused of kicking a dog which he had denied. It appeared that Chapman then struck Loxton and it descended into a melee. The men were bound over in the sum of £5 each to keep the peace for 6 months. In addition, they were required to pay 6/4d each towards the costs of the case which amounted to 19/-. Loxton's share of the costs was then remitted, while Chapman's portion was shown as paid and Mapstone was given a fortnight within which to pay his share.	1889/074

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Knight	James	Lane	James	05	07	1889	Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises	L	Police Serjeant Knight charged James Lane of The Fountain Inn, innkeeper, with allowing drunkenness on his licensed premises. Lane had called the police to ask them to evict Edward Ernest Mathews, commercial traveller, from the Inn because he was drunk and was refusing to leave (see case 1889/067). Mathews had apparently been staying at The Fountain Inn over the weekend, having arrived late on Friday evening because he had been locked out of The Star Inn where he had been staying since Monday. Mathews had apparently been drinking heavily during the week and had caused problems at The Star. At The Fountain Mathews had spent the weekend and Monday largely at the inn and, for the most part, in a state of undress. The landlady, Elizabeth Lane, had served him some beer to keep him quiet, but Mathews was seen helping himself from the taps and may also have helped himself to spirits; he was also seen draining the dregs from glasses in the kitchen. James Lane called the following witnesses: Robert York of Edge Hill, Chewton Mendip, insurance agent; Henry Wickham of St Andrew Street, brushmaker; Archibald Bendall of St Thomas Street; John Hawkins of Tor Street, painter; and Thomas Dowling, boots at The Star Hotel. The evidence given by various parties is recorded in some detail in the minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 11 July and, after the hearing was adjourned for a week, in the minutes of another session on 18 July. Finally, Lane was found guilty on the charge and fined 10/- with costs of £1.7s.6d, all recorded as being paid.	1889/075
Police		Chappel	James	06	07	1889	Drunkenness	D	James Chappel of Chewton was charged with being drunk in a public place, namely New Street. He pleaded guilty to the charge but claimed that he had only had 2 pints of Burton ale in The Mermaid with William Ball. When arrested he had 1d in cash. Chappel was fined 2/6d with costs of 3/6d and was given until Monday to pay.	1889/076

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Justices		Various		11	07	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Minutes of petty sessions sitting of 11 July. Details of cases heard are shown separately under the names of the individuals involved. In addition, game licences were granted to Esther Plant, Albert Collier and Henry Vincent, all of whom paid the appropriate sums. A major part of the minutes is taken up with the evidence in the case against James Lane for allowing drunkenness on licensed premises (see case 1889/075).	1889/077
Police		Smith	Benjamin	13	07	1889	Drunkenness	D	Benjamin Smith was charged with being drunk in Sadler Street. Smith pleaded guilty to the charge. He was required to pay the sum of 5/-, including costs.	1889/078
Knight	James	Wookey	George	15	07	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged George Wookey of Frome, cabinet maker, aged 49, with being drunk and disorderly in the Market Place. He was taken away from there by the police because he was drunk but got into the stables at The Star Inn where he continued to cause trouble. The police attempted to take him to the police station but he struggled and kicked and shouted all the way, claiming that he was Jesus Christ and had been anointed. Wookey was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d, having pleaded not guilty to the charge.	1889/079
Stevens	Mary Ann	Chichester	Clement	18	07	1889	Arrears of bastardy payments	B	Mary Ann Stevens of Town Hall Buildings, wife of Frederick Stevens, complained that Clement Chichester of Westbourne, Middlesex, salesman, was in arrears with his payments for her child born out of wedlock. In June 1880 a judgement had been awarded in the Taunton division of the county of Somerset that Chichester should pay the sum of 3/- per week for the maintenance and education of his child by the lady now Mary Ann Stevens. The arrears were now £6.10s.0d.	1889/080
Justices		Lane	James	18	07	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of petty sessions sitting convened to resume the adjourned hearing of the case against James Lane for permitting drunkenness on licensed premises (see case 1889/075 For details).	1889/081

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Police		Lee	Henry	22	07	1889	Hawking without a licence	V	Henry Lee was charged with vagrancy when arrested for hawking without a licence. He pleaded guilty to the charge. Lee claimed that he was from Wiltshire and was staying at The Sun in Union Street run by Mr Hooper. After his arrest, Lee was taken back to The Sun. At the hearing of the case Lee was discharged.	1889/082
Police		Seal	James	29	07	1889	Theft of cheese	T	James Seal was charged with stealing a piece of cheese worth 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> d, the property of Joseph Perren. The prosecution was withdrawn when Mrs Perren stated that she did not believe that any felony was intended and did not wish the case to be pursued.	1889/083
Holley	Frederick	Cribb	Luke	02	08	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Luke Cribb of Wookey, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in Tucker Street. Cribb pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-. Cribb was shown as having paid 10/- and was granted a week within which to pay the remainder. Cribb had also been involved in a fight with Sidney Chandler (see case 1889/086).	1889/084
Knight	James	Miller Hatcher	Frederick Frank	02	08	1889	Causing an affray	Af	Police Serjeant Knight charged Frederick Miller and Frank Hatcher, both described as labourers living in Wells, with causing an affray in High Street. Miller did not appear at the hearing and a warrant was issued for his arrest, Hatcher was bound over in the sum of £20 to keep the peace for 6 months. The costs of the case were shown as 9/6d with Miller and Hatcher each required to pay 4/9d but there is a further entry that implies that a further 2/- in costs were applicable to Miller.	1889/085

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Holley	Frederick	Chandler Cribb	Sidney Luke	02	08	1889	Causing an affray	Af	PC Holley charged Sidney Chandler of Bagley, labourer, and Luke Cribb of Wookey, labourer, with causing an affray in Tucker Street. PC Holley summoned Samuel Callard of Tucker Street as a witness for the prosecution. Chandler did not appear at the hearing but Cribb was present. Samuel Callard of Tucker Street, labourer, reported that Cribb had been carrying some turnips and was set upon by Chandler who knocked him down several times. At the time Chandler claimed that Cribb had taken the turnips from the cart of Chandler's mother and he was defending his mother's rights. PC Holley noted that Cribb was very drunk and, although Chandler had had some beer, he was not drunk. A warrant was issued for Chandler's arrest while Luke Cribb was bound over in the sum of £20 to keep the peace for 6 months. The costs of the case were shown as 13/6d, although the minutes of the petty sessions sitting show them to have been 17/- with Chandler and Cribb each liable for 8/6d. Cribb was also charged with being drunk and disorderly (see case 1889/084).	1889/086
Rogers	Mary Ann	Wills Maidment Haines	Charles Austin Charles	03	08	1889	Wilful damage	Wd	Mary Ann Rogers of The Crown Inn complained that the 3 defendants, Charles Wills, Austin Maidment and Charles Haines, all showmakers from Street, had wilfully damaged two china ornaments and a picture in The Crown Inn. These items were described as being the property of Henry James Rogers and James Hall respectively and carried a total value not exceeding £5. The actual offence appears to have taken place in June. At the hearing Haines was discharged as he offered a witness to show that he had spent the day in Street at his father's carpentry workshop. There are several pages of evidence from the petty sessions sitting of 8 August, and the result was that Wills and Maidment were required to pay costs of 7/3d each; the sums were recorded as paid.	1889/087



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Bartlett	Thomas	Allen	James	06	08	1889	Drunk in charge of horse and cart	D	PC Bartlett charged James Allen with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart. Allen pleaded not guilty to the charge. PC Bartlett stated that Allen had stopped his horse and trap close to the Conduit and was so drunk that on 2 or 3 occasions he nearly fell out of the trap. The seat of the trap moved causing the horse to take off down High Street, but someone caught hold of the horse's head and stopped it. Allen was found guilty and fined 10/- with costs of 5/-. He was given until Saturday to pay this sum.	1889/088
Guardians of Wells Union		Brampton	Elizabeth Jeanette	08	08	1889	Transfer of dependant to another parish	Tr	Elizabeth Jeanette Brampton aged 52 had left her husband of 16 years, George Brampton, in October 1888 on grounds of cruelty. Brampton continued to live in the parish of St Mary at Birkenhead where he worked for Lairds Shipbuilders, but his wife moved to Wells in order to live with her married daughter. In June 1889 she was admitted to Wells Union and at the time of the case was still residing there. As she had not resided in Wells for at least one year, Wells Union was not obliged to accept her as being chargeable to the parish and therefore applied for her transfer to Birkenhead Union where she qualified by virtue of her former residence and her husband's continued residence. At the petty sessions hearing an order was made to transfer Elizabeth Jeanette Brampton to Birkenhead Union.	1889/089
Justices		Various		08	08	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 8 August,	1889/090

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Knight	James	Miller	Frederick	09	08	1889	Causing an affray	Af	Police Serjeant Knight accused Miller of causing an affray with Frank Hatcher. Miller had failed to turn up for the original hearing, but now pleaded not guilty to the charge. Knight had seen the two men fighting at the top of Broad Street and had broken up the melee with each man blaming the other for the fracas. There appeared to be some suggestion that the argument had arisen as a result of a piece of paper being deliberately pinned to someone's coat tail as they came out of The Coffee Tavern. Miller was bound over in the sum of £20 to keep the peace for the next 6 months; he was also required to pay costs of 6/9d (see also case 1889/085).	1889/091
Knight	James	King (aka Webster) King (aka Webster)	William Annie	10	08	1889	Profane and obscene language	Pr T	Police Serjeant Knight found William and Annie King alias Webster outside Lewis' pork butcher's shop in High Street; they were making a scene with much shouting and obscene language. They were also threatening to poke people in the eye with an umbrella handle. Knight tried to get them to leave the scene but they refused and he apprehended them both, determining to treat them as pedlars without a licence. Charles Lewis complained that they had entered his shop and become very abusive and he and his son had had to push them out twice. William and Annie King pleaded not guilty to using profane and obscene language, but were found guilty and each sentenced to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour.  William King was also charged with the theft of an umbrella, the property of Margaret Blackwell, with a value of 1/6d. He appears to have been charged together with James Davis. The sentence for this offence was 1 month in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/092a

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Police		Davis	James	10	08	1889	Begging in the street	V T	James Davis was arrested and charged with begging in Sadler Street. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. In addition he appears to have been charged, together with William King, with the theft of an umbrella, the property of Margaret Blackwell, with a value of 1/6d. The sentence for this offence was 1 month in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/092b
Justices				19	08	1889	General licensing day	*	The justices formally announced the 12th of September as the date on which the annual licensing meeting would take place. This would see the granting of licences for keeping alehouses and victualling houses and for granting billiard licences. The clerk to the justices is instructed to issue formal notices for attaching to churches and other public buildings to ensure public awareness of the event. Details of this instruction and the consequent notices issued by the clerk are also contained in this documentation.	1889/093
Bisgood	John	Cox	Henry	22	08	1889	Offence under the Bread Act	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable and inspector of weights and measures, charged Henry Cox of High Street, baker, with selling two loaves of bread not by weight but for a specific sum of money (five pence) as though they were French or fancy bread or rolls. When weighed (as they should have been at the time of sale) the two loaves purchased were both short of the legally required weight. Cox pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1889/094

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Bisgood	John	Richardson	William D	22	08	1889	Offence under the Bread Act	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable and inspector of weights and measures, charged William D Richardson of High Street, baker, with selling two loaves of bread not by weight but for a specific sum of money (five pence) as though they were French or fancy bread or rolls. When weighed (as they should have been at the time of sale) one of the loaves purchased was short of the legally required weight, but a second loaf was overweight. Richardson pleaded not guilty to the charge but was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1889/095
Bisgood	John	Baker	John	22	08	1889	Offence under the Bread Act	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable and inspector of weights and measures, charged John Baker of Tor Street, baker, with selling two loaves of bread not by weight but for a specific sum of money (five pence) as though they were French or fancy bread or rolls. When weighed (as they should have been at the time of sale) the two loaves purchased were both markedly short of the legally required weight. Baker pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1889/096
Bisgood	John	Bendall	Archibald	22	08	1889	Offence under the Bread Act	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable and inspector of weights and measures, charged Archibald Bendall of St Thomas Street, baker, with selling two loaves of bread not by weight but for a specific sum of money (five pence) as though they were French or fancy bread or rolls. When weighed (as they should have been at the time of sale) the two loaves purchased were both short of the legally required weight. Bendall pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1889/097

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Bisgood	John	Simmons	Samuel John Catcott	22	08	1889	Offence under the Bread Act	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable and inspector of weights and measures, charged Samuel John Catcott Simmons of Tor Street, baker, with selling two loaves of bread not by weight but for a specific sum of money (five pence) as though they were French or fancy bread or rolls. When weighed (as they should have been at the time of sale) the two loaves purchased were markedly short of the legally required weight. Simmons pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1889/098
Bisgood	John	Chapman	Herbert	22	08	1889	Offence under the Bread Act	Wm	John Bisgood, deputy chief constable and inspector of weights and measures, charged Herbert Chapman of Southover, baker, with selling two loaves of bread not by weight but for a specific sum of money (five pence) as though they were French or fancy bread or rolls. When weighed (as they should have been at the time of sale) the two loaves purchased were both markedly short of the legally required weight. Chapman pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1889/099
Police		Cochrane	James	24	08	1889	Begging in the street	V	James Cochrane was charged with begging in High Street. He pleaded guilty to the offence and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1889/100
Holley	Frederick	Lee	Richard	29	08	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Richard Lee with being drunk and disorderly. Lee had apparently been drinking at The Red Ox before moving on to The Angel from which he had been evicted for troublesome and violent behaviour. At the time of his arrest Lee had 31/2d in cash on his person. He was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/101
Justices		Various		29	08	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 29 August held to discuss offences against the Bread Act by six bakers in Wells (see cases 1889/094 to 1889/099).	1889/102

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Landsdowne	Fanny	Parker	Frank	31	08	1889	Assault	A	Fanny Landsdowne of Priest Row, widow, complained that her daughter, Elizabeth Landsdowne, had been assaulted and hit around the head and ears by Frank Parker of Priest Row, a child and son of George Parker, labourer. Parker was found guilty of the charge and required to pay the sum of 10/- including costs, the amount to be paid within 14 days.	1889/103
Holley	Frederick	Smith	John	03	09	1889	Obscene language	Pr	PC Holley charged John Smith of Court Street, Shepton Mallet, fishmonger, with using obscene language in St Andrew Street. Smith was found guilty of the offence and fined £1, including costs. If in default, he would be required to serve one month in prison.	1889/104
Summers	Mary	Fry Allen	Sarah Charles	04	09	1889	Using profane or obscene language	Pr	Mary Summers of No 4 St Thomas Street, dressmaker, complained that she had been sitting at home late in the evening when she heard Sarah Fry outside cursing her and using obscene language. Fry, a resident of St Thomas Street, suggested that Mary Summers was leading an immoral life and that students were constantly in her house at late hours. Mary Summers claimed that she then heard another voice which she identified as that of Charles Allen of Tor Street and he also used bad language. Mary Summers' testimony was supported by Jane Andow of No 5 Morgan's Place, St Thomas Street, who had been in Summers' house at the time; neither had actually seen either Fry or Allen as the discussion seems to have been conducted through the door / keyhole. PC Frederick Holley testified that he had seen Charles Allen there and had heard him use bad language and advocate kicking the door to Summers' property. Fry and Summers were fined 10/- with costs of 16/- with each paying 13/-.	1889/105

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Sutherland	John	Turner	James	05	09	1889	Theft of fruit	T	John Sutherland complained that James Turner had stolen a peck of plums with a value of around 1/- from a tree in an orchard owned by Lord Brougham and Vaux and occupied by Sutherland himself. William Witcombe of No 24 Bowlsh Meadows and Walter Yerbury of 26 Garston Street, both of Shepton Mallet, were summoned as witnesses as they had seen Turner stealing the plums. Turner pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 17/-; he was given until Saturday to pay.	1889/106
Toomer	Harry Lovatt	Say (aka Bird)	William	11	09	1889	Assault	A	Harry Lovatt Toomer complained that he had been assaulted by William Say alias Bird of Lane's Court. Say pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 1/- but the costs of 7/- were remitted.	1889/107
Justices		Various		12	09	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of petty sessions sitting of 12 September. The cases covered in this sitting are all covered in preceding entries. It was also noted that all intoxicating liquor licences were renewed.	1889/108
Guardians of Wells Union		Mills	William	14	09	1889	Disorderly conduct, including tearing up clothes	Wd	The Guardians of Wells Union complained that William Mills had been guilty of disorderly conduct in Wells Union and, amongst others, had resorted to tearing the clothing with which he had been issued. Mills pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. The costs of the case were shown as 6/6d.	1889/109
Knight	James	Ball	Frederick	17	09	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged Frederick Ball of Mill Lane, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. Ball was eventually fined 1/- with costs of 9/-. Ball was allowed to pay in instalments at 5/- per week.	1889/110

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Hillier & Son		Radnedge	Phillip S	19	09	1889	Absent from work without consent	Ab	Messrs Hillier and Son complained that Phillip S Radnedge of Silver Street, brushmaker and an employee of the firm, had absented himself from work without permission from 1 July to 18 September. The firm claimed a sum of £4.5s.0d in compensation. A representative of the firm noted that Radnedge was an apprentice who had left his employment on 1 July and had not returned. Hillier and Son were awarded the sum of £4 plus costs and Radnedge was ordered to complete his apprenticeship.	1889/112
Bartlett	Thomas	Sheppard	Emily	23	09	1889	Obscene language	Pr	PC Bartlett charged Emily Sheppard of St Thomas Street, charwoman, with using obscene language in St John Street in or close to The Rose & Crown. Emily Sheppard was fined 5/-, including costs, although the costs of the case were shown as 8/-.	1889/113
Knight	James	Hanney	William	23	09	1889	Drunkenness	D	Police Serjeant Knight charged William Hanney with being drunk in St Thomas Street; he was described as being unable to stand and being in a fearful state of drunkenness. Hanney was fined a total of 5/- including costs, although the case costs were shown as being 8/-.	1889/114
Justices		Various		25	09	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 25 September. Details of the individual cases are recorded in earlier entries.	1889/115
Russ	Alfred George	Moore	George	07	10	1889	Maintenance order	Mo	Alfred George Russ, clerk to the Guardians of Wells Union, complained that Albert Edward Moore, described in the document as an idiot, had been made chargeable to Wells Union on 4 July. Russ claimed that the boy's father, George Moore of St Thomas Street, mason, was fit, active and employed and therefore in a position to maintain his son but had failed to do so. George Moore was ordered to pay the sum of 3/- per week for the maintenance of his son for as long as Albert Edward Moore was unable to look after himself. The costs of the case were shown as 7/6d.	1889/116



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Bendall	William Newport	Various		08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	William Newport Bendall, acting as a representative of Wells Water Company, complained that a number of individuals had failed to pay the water rents which were due for payment by 29 September 1889. The individuals concerned are shown separately in the succeeding entries.	1889/117
Bendall	William Newport	Ball	Frederick	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	Frederick Ball of Mill Lane was shown as owing the sum of 3/- for the supply of water.	1889/117a
Bendall	William Newport	Allen	James	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	James Allen of Mill Lane was shown as owing the sum of 6/- for the supply of water. Allen's wife attended and Allen was ordered to pay the debt immediately.	1889/117b
Bendall	William Newport	Morgan	Mary	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	Mary Morgan of Mill Lane was shown as owing the sum of 10/6d for the supply of water. Mary Morgan was granted 14 days within which to pay.	1889/117c
Bendall	William Newport	Woodburn	Frederick	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	Frederick Woodburn of High Street was shown as owing £1.19s.0d. The case was adjourned until November when Woodburn was ordered to pay the debt within one month.	1889/117d
Bendall	William Newport	Vincent	Joseph	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	Joseph Vincent of Chamberlain Street was shown as owing the sum of 8/9d for the supply of water. Vincent was given 14 days within which to pay. Note: Bendall's list shows the name as John Vincent, but this is modified on the summons.	1889/117e
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing the sum of 12/6d for the supply of water.	1889/117f
Bendall	William Newport	Webber	John Henry	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	John Henry Webber of Ethel Street was shown as owing the sum of 9/9d for the supply of water.	1889/117g
Bendall	William Newport	Bown	John	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	John Bown of Rose's Court in Broad Street was shown as owing the sum of 6/- for the supply of water. Bown's wife attended and explained that Bown had had no work for 9 months. The case against him was discharged as he had no means of making the payment.	1889/117h
Bendall	William Newport	Scott	Mary Ann	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	Mary Ann Scott of Rose's Court in Broad Street was shown as owing the sum of 6/- for the supply of water.	1889/117i

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Bendall	William Newport	Vile	William	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	William Vile of Southover was shown as owing the sum of 4/6d for the supply of water. Vile was ordered to pay off the debt in 3 weeks.	1889/117j
Bendall	William Newport	Evans	George	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	George Evans of Southover was shown as owing the sum of £1 for the supply of water. Evans was ordered to pay the outstanding balance.	1889/117k
Bendall	William Newport	Hatcher	Alfred	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	Alfred Hatcher previously of Priest Row but now of South Street was shown as owing the sum of 8/- for the supply of water. Hatcher's wife attended and Hatcher was ordered to make payment of the debt.	1889/117l
Bendall	William Newport	Bale	Mrs	08	10	1889	Non-payment of water rents	N	Mrs Bale of Torches Corner, Wellington, described as the owner of a property in Wells, was shown as owing the sum of £1.2s.0d for the supply of water. Note: this summons is duplicated.	1889/117m
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged several individuals with failing to ensure their child attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. The individuals affected are shown in the subsequent entries.	1889/118
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Collins	George	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	George Collins of Portway was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Walter, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that Walter had made only 37 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 115 attendances. Walter was shown as having fully achieved standard I. George Collins was fined 2/6d.	1889/118a
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Collins	George	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	George Collins of Portway was charged with failing to ensure that his son, James, aged 12 years and 5 months, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that James had made no attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 115 attendances. James was shown as having fully achieved standard III. George Collins was fined 2/6d.	1889/118b

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Moore	William	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	William Moore of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Joseph, aged 12 years and 8 months, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that Joseph had made only 2 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 40 attendances. Joseph was shown as having passed standard IV. William Moore was fined 2/6d; this sum was recorded as paid.	1889/118c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Hopkins	Robert	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Robert Hopkins of Southover was charged with failing to ensure that his son, William, aged 12, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that William had made no attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 59 attendances. William was shown as having passed standard IV. Robert Hopkins was fined 5/-. Note: in Serel's list the parent's name is given as William Hopkins, but in the summons this is changed to Robert Hopkins.	1889/118d
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Hawkins	William	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	William Hawkins of South Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, William, aged 12, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that William had made 21 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 59 attendances. William was shown as having passed standard IV. William Hawkins was fined 2/6d.	1889/118e

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Keniston	Henry	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Henry Keniston of Southover was charged with failing to ensure that his son, George, aged 12, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that George had made 24 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 40 attendances. George was shown as having passed standard IV. Keniston's wife appeared at the hearing and pleaded that her husband had had an accident. Keniston was fined 2/6d and given one month within which to pay.	1889/118f
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Vincent	Henry	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Henry Vincent of Jubilee Terrace was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Arthur, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that Arthur had made only 16 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 40 attendances. Arthur was shown as having passed standard III. Henry Vincent was fined 5/-.	1889/118g
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Marsh	Silas	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Silas Marsh of Town Hall Buildings was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Herbert, aged 12, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central School, reported that Herbert had made 26 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 40 attendances. Herbert was shown as having passed standard III. The case was initially adjourned for one month and then in November 1889 Silas Marsh was discharged having promised that attendance would improve.	1889/118h
Serel	Edward Athelstane	House	George	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	George House of South Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Emma, aged 12, attended school sufficiently often. L C Knight, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, reported that Emma, had made no attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 115 attendances. Emma was shown as having passed standard IV. George House was fined 2/6d and given 14 days within which to pay.	1889/118i

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Shears	John	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	John Shears of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, Herbert, aged 8, attended school sufficiently often. Louise C Stones, principal teacher at the Wells Roman Catholic school, reported that Herbert had made 28 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 40 attendances. Herbert was not shown as having passed any standard. John Shears' wife attended the hearing and the case was adjourned for one month to see if attendance improved. John Shears was discharged at the hearing in November 1889.	1889/118j
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Attwood	William	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	William Attwood of St Thomas Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, William, aged 12, attended school sufficiently often. Louise C Stones, principal teacher at the Wells Roman Catholic school, reported that William had made 20 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 40 attendances. William was shown as having passed standard III. The case was adjourned for one month to see if attendance improved and in November 1889 William Attwood was discharged.	1889/118k
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Edwards	George	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	George Edwards of St Thomas Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Alice, aged 10, attended school sufficiently often. Sarah A Bendall, principal teacher at St Thomas Girls' School, reported that Alice had made no attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 41 attendances. Alice was shown as having passed standard II. George Edwards' wife appeared at the hearing and initially a fine of 2/6d was imposed, but then the case appears to have been adjourned for a month and George Edwards was then discharged.	1889/118l

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Bird	Edward	08	10	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Bird of St Thomas Street was charged with failing to ensure that his son, William, aged 12, attended school sufficiently often. William Barnes, principal teacher at St Thomas Boys' School, reported that William had made 36 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 73 attendances. William was shown as having passed standard IV. The case was adjourned to November 1889. Edward Bird's wife attended the hearing and pleaded that the boy had been kept at home for potato picking. The case was adjourned for one month to see if attendance improved and Edward Bird was discharged in November 1889.	1889/118m
Bendall	William Newport	Various		08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Newport Bendall, acting as collector for the city of Wells, charged a number of individuals with failing to pay the general district rate set on 1 April 1889. The individuals concerned and the amounts involved are shown in the separate entries following.	1889/119
Bendall	William Newport	Venning	J M	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	J M Venning of High Street was shown as owing 14/6d for the general district rate plus 2/6d in costs giving a total debt of 17/.	1889/119a
Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walt	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walt Brooks of Broad Street was shown as owing £1.4s.1d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of £1.6s.7d. An order was issued for Brooks to pay the outstanding debt. The costs were now shown as having risen from 2/6d to 6/6d and in the event of non-payment a distress warrant was to be issued.	1889/119b
Bendall	William Newport	Wilton	John	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Wilton of Broad Street was shown as owing 19/5d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of £1.1s.11d.	1889/119c
Bendall	William Newport	Bown	John	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Bown of Broad Street was shown as owing 14/6d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 17/-.	1889/119d
Bendall	William Newport	Collins	Frederick	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Collins of Broad Street was shown as owing £2.18s.8d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of £3.1s.2d.	1889/119e

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Bendall	William Newport	Brooks	Walter	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Walter Brooks of High Street was shown as owing £1.9s.8d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of £1.12s.2d. An order was issued for Walter Brooks to pay the outstanding debt but the costs were now shown as having risen from 2/6d to 6/6d. In the event of a failure to pay a distress warrant was to be issued.	1889/119f
Bendall	William Newport	Brook	William	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Brook of Silver Street was shown as owing 4/11d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 7/5d.	1889/119g
Bendall	William Newport	Free	Joseph	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Joseph Free of Silver Street was shown as owing 4/11d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 7/5d. Note: Bendall's initial list gives the name as George Free but the summons is modified to show the name as Joseph Free.	1889/119h
Bendall	William Newport	Evans	George	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Evans of Southover was shown as owing 15/7d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 18/1d. An order was issued for George Evans to pay the outstanding balance of the debt.	1889/119i
Bendall	William Newport	Hopkins	Robert	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Robert Hopkins of Southover was shown as owing 9/2d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 11/8d.	1889/119j
Bendall	William Newport	Ackermann	Edward	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Edward Ackermann of Priory Place was shown as owing 10/7d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 13/1d. Bendall recorded that 7/6d had been paid leaving an outstanding debt of 5/7d. Note: Bendall's initial list shows the name as Mrs Ackermann but this is modified in the summons.	1889/119k
Bendall	William Newport	Marsh	John	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	John Marsh of Queen Street was shown as owing 12/- for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 14/6d. Bendall recorded receiving a payment of 6/- leaving an outstanding debt of 8/6d.	1889/119l

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Bendall	William Newport	Loxton	Frederick	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Loxton of St John Street was shown as owing 13/5d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 15/11d. An order was issued for Frederick Loxton to pay the outstanding debt subject to abatement.	1889/119m
Bendall	William Newport	Webber	Frederick	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Frederick Webber of Ethel Street was shown as owing 12/9d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 15/3d. The outstanding debt of 12/9d for the district rate was recorded as paid following an order for immediate payment but with no costs. Note: the entry for non-payment of water rates (see case 1889/117) shows the individual as John Henry Webber of Ethel Street, but this entry shows Frederick Webber of Ethel Street. It is possible that one of these entries is incorrect, although it is also possible that two families of Webbers lived in Ethel Street.	1889/119n
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	William	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	William Bartlett of Tucker Street was shown as owing 7/9d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 10/3d. An order was issued for Bartlett to pay the outstanding balance of the district rate. The case was recorded as settled.	1889/119o
Bendall	William Newport	Oxley	Henry	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Henry Oxley of Tucker Street was shown as owing 8/11d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 11/5d.	1889/119p
Bendall	William Newport	Bale	Mrs	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Mrs Bale of Torches Corner, Wellington, described as the owner of a property in Wells rather than an occupier, was shown as owing the sum of £1.14s.8d for the general district rate plus costs of 2/6d giving a total debt of £1.17s.2d.	1889/119q
Bendall	William Newport	Bartlett	George	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Bartlett of St Cuthbert Street was shown as owing 12/- for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 14/6d. George Bartlett's wife appeared at the hearing and was ordered to pay the district rate within one month. There is also a note indicating that the costs had increased from 2/6d to 6/6d and in the event of non-payment a distress warrant was to be issued.	1889/119r



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Bendall	William Newport	Vincent	Joseph	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Joseph Vincent of Chamberlain Street was shown as owing 4/3d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 6/9d. Note: Bendall's initial list gives the name as George Vincent but this is changed on the summons to Joseph Vincent.	1889/119s
Bendall	William Newport	Say	Thomas	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Thomas Say of Priest Row was shown as owing 5/8d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 8/2d. Note: Bendall's initial list gives the name as George Say but this is changed on the summons to Thomas Say.	1889/119t
Bendall	William Newport	Trimm	George	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Trimm of Priest Row was shown as owing 5/8d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 8/2d.	1889/119u
Bendall	William Newport	Sims	Robert	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Robert Sims of Priest Row was shown as owing 5/8d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 8/2d. Note: Bendall's initial list gives the name as George Sims but this is modified on the summons to Robert Sims.	1889/119v
Bendall	William Newport	Teal	Edward	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Edward Teal of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 11/4d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 13/10d. Edward Teal appeared at the hearing and was discharged on the evidence that he lacked the means to pay.	1889/119w
Bendall	William Newport	Edwards	George	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	George Edwards of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 3/6d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 6/-. George Edwards' wife appeared and her husband was ordered to pay the district rate on Saturday and, if he was to do so, then the costs would be waived. There is also a note indicating that the costs had now increased from 2/6d to 6/6d and that in the event of non-payment a distress warrant would be issued.	1889/119x

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Bendall	William Newport	Standard	Thomas	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Thomas Standard of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 9/10d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 12/4d. Standard appeared at the hearing and was ordered to pay the outstanding debt in 14 days.	1889/119y
Bendall	William Newport	Wickham	Thomas	08	10	1889	Non-payment of general district rate	N	Thomas Wickham of St Thomas Street was shown as owing 5/8d for the general district rate and 2/6d in costs, a total of 8/2d.	1889/119z
Justices		Various		10	10	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of petty sessions sitting of 10 October 1889. This includes the outcomes for the cases related to school attendance, water rates and general district rates.	1889/120
Justices				10	10	1889	Appointment of special constable	*	The justices appointed William H Brown of Silver Street to act as a special constable.	1889/121
Couch	James Combe	Barnard	Charles	10	10	1889	Assault	A	James Combe Couch of Worth House, Wookey, complained that he had been assaulted by Charles Barnard of High Street, butcher. Couch had visited the butcher's shop of William Barnard regarding some sheep which had been removed from his barton the previous evening and told William Barnard that he would be issuing a summons against him for the damage caused because he had traced the sheep to Barnard's possession. Charles Barnard had then intervened and had violently forced Couch out of the shop. Charles Barnard pleaded not guilty to the charge but the judgement was found against him with a fine of 5/- and costs of 8/-.	1889/122
Gale	Sarah Ann	Pointing	Alice	14	10	1889	Assault	A	Sarah Ann Gale of Green's Place, Southover, wife of Joseph William Gale, complained that she had been assaulted and beaten by Alice Pointing of No 11 South Street. Gale called Emily Clements of No 1 Green's Place to testify on her behalf.	1889/123

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Langley	George	Hucker	Thomas	19	10	1889	Absconding from Wells Union	Ab	George Langley, master of the Wells Union, complained that Thomas Hucker, an inmate of the casual ward of Wells Union, had unlawfully absconded and discharged himself when not entitled to do so. Hucker had been admitted to Wells Union on 17 October but had discharged himself the following morning. Hucker had been admitted to Wells Union on several occasions in the previous month. On this occasion he was told that he would have to work on activities such as stone breaking. Hucker left before lunchtime. Hucker was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour. See also case 1889/127 for details of certain witness statements.	1889/124
Police		Tucker	William	19	10	1889	Keeping a dangerous dog	Dd	Police Serjeant Knight charged William Tucker of Southover, butcher, with keeping a dangerous dog and failing to exercise proper control over it in contravention of an order issued in February 1889 (see case 1889/018). Knight noted that he had seen the dog on a number of occasions in the town when it was clearly loose. Walter Boyce of Tor Street, letter carrier, claimed that the dog had attacked him and bitten him in the chest, while Walter Hole of Southover asserted that he had been going into Tucker's shop to buy some bacon when the dog had attacked him and knocked him down. Tucker was fined £2, including costs of at least 15/- and an order was made that the dog should be destroyed. A later statement confirmed that the dog had been destroyed. See also case 1889/127 for details of certain witness statements.	1889/125

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Tucker	Jane	Collins	Edwin Adolphus	21	10	1889	Keeping a dangerous dog	Dd	Jane Tucker complained that Edwin Adolphus Tucker of Priory Road, auctioneer, was the owner of a dangerous dog which he failed to keep under proper control. She claimed that the dog had knocked over her son, William Tucker. Jane Tucker did not appear at the hearing so the case was dismissed. Collins demanded that costs be awarded to him but the justices decided that the complainant would bear the costs only if she re-commenced the prosecution.	1889/126
Justices		Various		21	10	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Minutes of a petty sessions sitting on 21 October when the cases heard were George Langley of Wells Union v Thomas Hucker and Police v William Tucker.	1889/127
Baker	John Henry	Hanney	George	22	10	1889	Assault	A	John Henry Baker of Croscombe, road contractor, complained that he had been assaulted by George Hanney of St Thomas Street, labourer. Baker had been working near The Fountain Inn and had a delivery of stones and earth. Hanney had cursed and abused him, held a stick over his head, thrown stones at him and threatened to knock his brains out. Hanney was found guilty of the offence and fined a total of £1, including costs which amounted to 18/-. Hanney was also bound over in the sum of £5 of his own money, plus two other sureties of £5 each.	1889/128
Police		White	Thomas	24	10	1889	Begging in the street	V	Thomas White was charged with begging in the street in Vicars Close. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/129
Justices		Various		26	10	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 26 October. In addition to individual cases described in entries above Peter Fry was appointed as a special constable.	1889/130
Knight	James	Tucker	Henry	28	10	1889	Begging in the street	V	Police Serjeant Knight charged Henry Tucker, said to be from Shepton Mallet, with vagrancy after being found begging in the street. Tucker pleaded guilty to the charge. He was found to have slept overnight in Wells and had both food and money on him at the time of his arrest. Tucker was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/131

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Damerel	Samuel	Thomas	David	05	11	1889	Use of indecent and improper language	Pr	Samuel Damerel, caretaker of Wells Recreation Ground, complained that David Thomas of Brooks Cottages, Southover, had broken the bye-laws applicable to the Recreation Ground by using indecent and improper language while at the Recreation Ground.	1889/132
Holley	Frederick	Russell	Alfred	07	11	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Alfred Russell of Priddy with being drunk and disorderly in High Street. Russell's mother appeared at the hearing. Russell was found guilty of the charge and fined £1 with costs of 9/-. The sums were recorded as being paid.	1889/133
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Various		11	11	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	Edward Athelstane Serel, officer of the School Attendance Committee, charged several individuals with failing to ensure their child attended school on a sufficiently frequent basis. The individuals affected are shown in the subsequent entries.	1889/134
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Haskins	John	11	11	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	John Haskins of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Emily, attended school sufficiently often. L C Knight, principal teacher at the Central Girls' School, reported that Emily, aged 8, had made only 21 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 50 attendances. Emily was shown as having achieved standard 0. John Haskins' wife attended the hearing; the case was adjourned for one month to see if attendance improved. In December the case against Haskins was dismissed.	1889/134a

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Serel	Edward Athelstane	Haskins	John	11	11	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	John Haskins of St Cuthbert Street was charged with failing to ensure that his ward, Arthur Hayes, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, reported that Arthur, aged 9, had made only 22 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 50 attendances. Arthur Hayes was shown as having achieved standard II. John Haskins' wife attended the hearing; the case was adjourned for one month to see if attendance improved. In December the case against Haskins was dismissed.	1889/134b
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Collins	George	11	11	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	George Collins of Portway was charged with failing to ensure that his son, James, attended school sufficiently often. Albert Knight, principal teacher at the Central Boys' School, reported that James, aged 12, had made no attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 40 attendances. James was shown as having fully achieved standard III. George Collins' wife attended the hearing and the case was adjourned. In December the child was noted as having gone to the Roman Catholic School and attendance had been very good. The case against George Collins was dismissed.	1889/134c
Serel	Edward Athelstane	Ball	John	11	11	1889	Failure to ensure child attended school	Ed	John Ball of South Street was charged with failing to ensure that his daughter, Elizabeth, attended school sufficiently often. Louise C Stones, principal teacher at the Roman Catholic school, reported that Elizabeth, aged 10, had made only 29 attendances in the recent period when the school was open for 76 attendances. Elizabeth was shown as having achieved standard IV. John Ball did not appear at the hearing and was fined the sum of 5/-, including costs.	1889/134d

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Watts	Henry	Cardwell Cardwell	William Joseph	11	11	1889	In possession of poaching nets	Pc	PC Watts stopped and searched William Cardwell of Union Street, shoemaker, and Joseph Cardwell of St Thomas Street, mason, in Ash Lane on suspicion of poaching. He found on both of them nets for use in poaching, although no game. William Cardwell pleaded guilty to the charge. William and Joseph Cardwell were required to pay 10/- each, including costs of 4/9d for William and 5/9d for Joseph; these amounts were recorded as paid.	1889/135
Holley	Frederick	Amesbury	Thomas	13	11	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Holley charged Thomas Amesbury with being drunk and disorderly in Broad Street where he was shouting and cursing. Amesbury had apparently already been turned out of several public houses because he was drunk. At the time of his arrest Amesbury had 1/2d in cash on his person. He pleaded guilty to the charge and it appears that the original decision of the magistrates was a fine of 2/6d or 7 days in prison; however the relevant text is struck through and Amesbury was discharged.	1889/136
Baker	John Henry	Hanney	George	14	11	1889	Assault	A	The case of assault brought by John Henry Baker against George Hanney of St Thomas Street, mason, was partially heard in October (see case 1889/128) but the verdict was adjourned until November to allow more evidence to be gathered. The magistrates convicted Hanney of the assault and required him to pay the sum of £1 including costs. In addition, he was to put forward a surety of £5 of his own money and 2 further sureties also of £5 each to ensure that he kept the peace for the next 6 months. The additional sureties were put forward by William Hanney and Walter Sealey. If Hanney were to default on his obligations, he would be sent to prison for one calendar month with hard labour and the costs payable would increase to £1.4s.2d.	1889/137

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Justices		Various		14	11	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Minutes of the petty sessions sitting of 14 November 1889. In addition to cases recorded earlier and shown above there were also two instances of begging (see cases 1889/139 and 1889/140 below).	1889/138
Police		Williams	William	14	11	1889	Begging in the street	V	William Williams was charged with begging in Sadler Street and High Street. He admitted the offence and the case was dismissed on Williams' promise to leave town immediately.	1889/139
Police		Thompson	Frederick	14	11	1889	Begging in the street	V	Frederick Thompson was charged with begging in Vicars Close. He admitted the offence and was sentenced to serve 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/140
Holley	Frederick	Rowland	William	18	11	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Holley charged William Rowland with being drunk and disorderly in Southover. It appears that Rowland had interrupted a Salvation Army meeting and was said to be stupefied with drink. Rowland pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 4/6d, all due to be paid by Saturday. The sum of 3/- was recorded as being paid on 21 November.	1889/141
Corner	Joseph	Turner	Henry	21	11	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Corner of Priddy charged Henry Turner of St Thomas Street, labourer, with being drunk and disorderly on Cathedral Green. Henry Turner pleaded not guilty to the offence but was found guilty and fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-; these sums were recorded as paid.	1889/142
Horton	James	Tucker	William	23	11	1889	Assault and threats of assault	A	James Horton, lamplighter, complained that he had been threatened by William Tucker, butcher, when he was up a ladder lighting a street lamp. Tucker had come out and abused him and threatened that if Horton came back again that night to light the lamp, then he would beat his brains out. William Tucker was bound over in the sum of £10 of his own money for 6 months together with two additional sureties of £5 each. The costs of the case were shown as 12/-. The additional sureties were provided by Charles Hayter of Broad Street.	1889/143



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Police		Smith Wines	Henry William	02	12	1889	Begging in the street	V	Henry Smith and William Wines were charged with begging in Chamberlain Street. Both pleaded guilty to the charge and were each sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1889/144
Justices		Lane	Charles	05	12	1889	Non-payment of fine and costs.	N	In March 1889 Charles Lane was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- after being charged with drunkenness (see case 1889/023). These sums remained outstanding. The justices ordered that a distress warrant be issued to recover the debt which had now grown to 11/6d as a result of the distress warrant. Lane was noted as residing at Haydon and as having no property that could be sold to pay off the debt.	1889/145
Justices		Keniston	George	05	12	1889	Non-payment of fine and costs.	N	In October 1889 Keniston was fined 2/6d for his failure to ensure that his son, George, attended school regularly (see case 1889/118f). Keniston was given until the Saturday after the hearing to pay but the fine remained unpaid. The justices ordered that a distress warrant be issued to recover the debt which had now grown to 4/- as a result of the distress warrant. Payment was then promised by 23 December and an amount of 3/- was recorded as received although the account appears not to have been fully settled until 12 May 1890. Note: in the case in October Keniston is shown as having the forename of Henry, but in the documentation for the issue of the distress warrant the forename is given as George.	1889/146

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Bennett	Charles Vincent	Martin	Jacob	09	12	1889	Obstruction of the highway	0	Charles Vincent Bennett, manager of the gas works, complained that Jacob Martin of Southover, haulier, had knowingly and wilfully obstructed the highway in Southover by laying on it a quantity of ashes and timber and by leaving unattended for an excessive period two carts and one waggon. In support of Bennett's complaint Charles Brown of Chamberlain Street, surveyor, and James Horton of St Thomas Street, lamplighter, were called as witnesses. Brown, as the surveyor for Wells, noted that he had never done any repairs on the area of the road and there was no order from the justices to close it. Martin was directed to pay the costs of the hearing of £1.5s.0d and to remove all the materials constituting the obstruction by the end of the year.	1889/147
Damerel	Samuel	Mardon	John	09	12	1889	Indecent and obscene language	Pr	Samuel Damerel, caretaker of the Wells Recreation Ground, complained that John Mardon of Priest Row had used indecent and improper language in contravention of local bye-laws. Mardon pleaded guilty to the offence and was required to pay the costs of the case amounting to 8/-; this was recorded as being paid.	1889/148
Knight	James	Vincent House	John Thomas	09	12	1889	Obscene language	Pr	Police Serjeant Knight accused John Vincent of Sadler Street and Thomas House of Southover, both described as labourers, with using profane and obscene language in High Street. Both men pleaded guilty to the charge. A fine of 5/- was levied together with costs of 9/6d, requiring each to pay the sum of 7/3d.	1889/149
Police		Allen	Henry	07	12	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	Henry Allen was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Chamberlain Street. Allen was required to pay the sum of 5/-, including costs; this sum was recorded as being paid. See minutes of petty sessions sitting of 12 December for information (case 1889/151)	1889/150

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Justices		Various		12	12	1889	Minutes of petty sessions sitting	*	Detailed minutes of petty sessions sitting of 12 December. Minutes include the only reference to the case of Police v Henry Allen (see case 1889/150); there is no other documentation for this case. Also included is a reference to an apparent plea by Frederick Woodburn for a reduction in either general district rate or water rate (it is not clear which is involved). However, the justices refused to consider any reduction until all arrears were paid off; an order was made for these and the associated costs to be paid forthwith.	1889/151
Parfitt	Amelia	Parfitt	William	14	12	1889	Assault	A	Amelia Parfitt complained that her husband, William Parfitt of Queen Street, innkeeper of The Bull's Head, had assaulted her and had caused physical damage to her. Amelia Parfitt stated that she and her husband had had a disagreement at around 8 in the morning, after which her husband had returned to bed and sulked until around 4 in the afternoon. After he got up, he then started drinking and much later in the evening when there were just the two of them and one customer in the bar he had responded to a comment that she had made by kicking her under the chin with a booted foot, causing significant bleeding. Amelia Parfitt left the house to stay the night elsewhere rather than risk further injury. George Tutton of South Street, fishmonger, had been in the bar of The Bull's Head at the time of the incident and confirmed Amelia Parfitt's account; he also went to seek assistance from the police. Police Serjeant Knight came to the inn, interviewed William Parfitt and his wife and then arrested Parfitt who was very excitable and drunk. William Parfitt was required to pay the case costs of 11/6d and to put forward a surety of £10 as a guarantee of his good conduct for a period of 6 months, especially towards his wife.	1889/152

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Police		Francis	Robert	16	12	1889	Theft of rabbit skins	T	Robert Francis was charged with the larceny of 12 rabbit skins with a value of 2/-. The skins were shown as being the property of Henry Vincent. Francis was committed for trial at the next Quarter Sessions in Taunton with PC Henry Watts, Henry Vincent of High Street and George Tutton of South Street all being summoned as witnesses. Note: in addition to the case against Robert Francis the document also includes an application from T W Walker for a licensing extension of 1 hour on one evening.	1889/153
Holley	Frederick	Porter	Lewis	21	12	1889	Obstruction of the highway	O	PC Holley charged Lewis Porter of Walton, hay and straw dealer, with wilfully obstructing the thoroughfare in Queen Street by leaving a waggon there. Porter pleaded guilty to the charge and was ordered to pay a fine of 10/- including costs.	1889/154
Hansford	Edward	Duckett	John	21	12	1889	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Hansford charged John Duckett of Meare, described as a dealer, with being drunk and disorderly in Union Street. Hansford stated that he had seen Duckett coming out of The Sun Inn and he was staggering drunk, shouting loudly, and swearing obscenely when he saw Hansford. Duckett pleaded not guilty to the charge and was supported by Richard Champion and John Masters, both of Glastonbury. They had been with Duckett at the time and stated that he was not drunk and that they had not seen the police officer. They claimed that all three of them had been together for most of the day and that they each drove their separate traps back to Glastonbury together. They stated that there had been no rowdy behaviour in Wells and that Duckett was not drunk on their return trip to Glastonbury. The case against Duckett was dismissed.	1889/155

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Hansford	Edward	Duckett	John	21	12	1889	Obscene language	Pr	PC Hansford charged John Duckett of Meare, pig dealer, with using obscene language in Union Street. This case stemmed from the same incident that prompted the charge against Duckett of being drunk and disorderly (see case 1889/155). Both cases against Duckett were dismissed.	1889/156
Slater	Bridgett	Sparrow	Sarah	23	12	1889	Assault	A	Bridgett Slater of St Cuthbert Street complained that she had been assaulted by Sarah Sparrow also of St Cuthbert Street, widow. Sparrow pleaded not guilty. Slater stated that she had gone into Mrs Bartlett's house (possibly an inn or shop) to ask for change of a half crown. There were several women there, including Sarah Sparrow who lived on the premises. Slater claimed that she had spoken only to Mrs Bartlett and not addressed Sarah Sparrow who came over, knocked her down and beat her. Sparrow was found guilty and fined 6/- including costs and given a fortnight within which to pay.	1889/157
Police		Dutton	Edward	26	12	1889	Drunkenness	D	Edward Dutton was charged with being drunk and incapable on Christmas Eve. Dutton pleaded guilty to the charge and was discharged by the magistrates.	1889/158
Green	John	Leach	Bernard	28	12	1889	Assault	A	John Green complained that he had been assaulted by Bernard Leach in Portway which included Leach throwing a stone at Green which cut his face. However, when it came to the hearing at which Leach pleaded guilty, John Green stated that he did not wish to pursue the case. Leach was discharged as his mother had promised to take care of him. The costs of the case were remitted. Note: more details of the case are shown in the notes accompanying the case of Police v Edward Dutton (see case 1889/158).	1889/159

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Justices		Various		31	12	1889	Correspondence	*	There are a number of items of correspondence between individuals and the clerk to the justices, Reginald Lowbridge Foster. Most of the correspondence relates to the payment of fines. Where possible, a probable cross-reference to a specific case is shown, but some of the correspondence is of a general nature and/or has no date so it is difficult to be confident of linking it to a specific case. The following entries group the correspondence by individual in alphabetic sequence of surname.	1889/160
Justices		Ball	Mrs J	31	12	1889	Correspondence	*	There are three letters from Mrs J Ball of Mill Lane, wife of Frederick Ball. All are appeals to pay debts or fines by instalment as Frederick Ball was struggling to find regular employment and they had a family of 5 children to support. It is possible that the first letter may date from 1888 since it mentions a school fine and Frederick Ball incurred a fine in March 1888 (see case 1888/024f) which remained unpaid in November 1888. The second letter is probably later than November 1888 since it mentions distress proceedings and they appear to have been initiated at around that time. The third letter seems to date from December 1889 when the justices' clerk agrees to an instalment payment of 2/- per week to pay off the outstanding debts; these probably relate to a fine for being drunk and disorderly (case 1889/110) and then non-payment of water rates (case 1889/117a).	1889/160a
Justices		Brooks	Walt	31	12	1889	Correspondence	*	Walt Brooks of The Angel Inn wrote to promise payment of the rates. The letter is undated so it is not clear whether it refers to the unpaid rates as at April 1889 or October 1889, since Brooks was shown as being in default on both occasions.	1889/160b

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Justices		Burridge	Ann	31	12	1889	Correspondence	*	There is a letter from Ann Burridge of 8 Union Street apologising for a failure to pay. It is dated September but the year is not shown and there is no matching entry of a case involving this name in the years 1887, 1888 or 1889. The letter may therefore date from 1890.	1889/160c
Justices		Morgan	Mary	31	12	1889	Correspondence	*	There are four notes from Mary Morgan of Mill Lane. One is from May 1889 and relates to fines for failing to send her children to school. It is not possible to say which specific case it relates to since she was brought before them magistrates on a number of occasions. Another refers to a debt for non-payment of water rates, apparently in October 1889 (see case 1889/117c). The other two notes are undated, one referring to a payment being made and the other to a lack of money to make a payment. Both notes are assumed to be from 1889, but it is possible that one or both could relate to a different year as Mary Morgan was frequently brought before the magistrates.	1889/160d
Justices		Perry	John	31	12	1889	Correspondence	*	John Perry of St John Street, licensee of The Golden Heart, wrote about renewing the license for the inn. As new licences were issued in September it is assumed that the letter dates from around that period but it is by no means certain.	1889/160e
Justices		Raines	Mary	31	12	1889	Correspondence	*	Mary Raines of St Thomas Street wrote to promise payment of a fine with respect to a dog, but noted that the payment would not be until Monday next. Mary Raines was fined for having an unlicensed dog in June 1889 (see case 1889/051), so it is assumed that the correspondence occurs at some unspecified date afterwards.	1889/160f
Justices		Tucker	William	31	12	1889	Correspondence	*	William Tucker wrote about paying a fine with respect to a dog and then sent another note with a partial payment. It appears that the fine related to a case in October 1889 (see case 1889/125) when Tucker was convicted of keeping a dangerous dog which then had to be put down.	1889/160g