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Marden	Samuel	Rainwick	William	05	01	1860	Theft of clothes	T	Mardan, a paper maker at Wookey, was lodging in Grove Lane. Sharing the accommodation was Rainwick, a soldier of the 12th Regiment of Foot. When Mardan returned to his lodging after working a night shift, his landlady informed him that Rainwick had decamped and had stolen some of Mardan's clothes; Rainwick's regimentals had been left behind. Mardan assessed the value of the stolen clothes to be £5.	1860/001
[Regina]		Whitehead	John	16	01	1860	Vagrancy	V	Whitehead was found in an outhouse belonging to William Welchman the younger and appeared to be sleeping there. He had previous convictions as a rogue and vagabond and was sentenced to be held in prison at Shepton Mallet and held to hard labour until the next Quarter Sessions when he would be dealt with according to the law.	1860/002
Glanz	Lazarus	Creedy	Major	20	01	1860	Assault	A	Glanz complained that Creedy, a butcher, had attacked him, striking him several times in the face and kicking him in the back. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The costs of the case appear to have been 12/6d. There is no indication of the verdict.	1860/003
Sharland	Jane	Hopkins	William	23	01	1860	Indecent exposure	le	Jane Sharland was the wife of Charles Sharland, a porter, and lived in Mill Lane. She complained that she had found Hopkins, a carpenter from Bull Lane, defecating on her doorstep and exposing his person.	1860/004
Harris	John	Scarse	James	20	01	1860	Absenteeism	Ab	Harris was a baker who traded in High Street. Scarse had been apprenticed to him for two years when he left his employ without consent on 18 January. A warrant for the arrest of Scarse was issued.	1860/005

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Bird	James	Bird	Anne	06	02	1860	Sureties for the peace	Su	James Bird was a mason living with his wife and daughter, Ann, in Southover. According to James Bird, Ann frequently abused him and was now threatening him with personal violence. He requested that she be required to put forward sureties as to her future conduct towards him.	1860/006
Rawlings	James	Francis Francis Ball	William Charles Charles	09	02	1860	Obstruction	O	Obstructing highway with horses and carts. All defendants were coal hauliers. The defendants were required to pay 7/6d each.	1860/007
The Admiralty		Small	John	11	02	1860	Desertion	M	Deserter from the Navy	1860/008
Stephens	Elizabeth	Fry	John	13	02	1860	Assault	A	Elizabeth, wife of Charles Stephens, claimed that John Fry, a shoemaker, had attacked her, striking her with several violent blows on the body. The case was settled out of court.	1860/009
Dallas	James	Walbrook snr Walbrook jnr	Robert Robert	13	02	1860	Cruelty to animals	C	Father and son were in a pony cart on the Portway turnpike heading towards Wells. They were trying to encourage the pony to go faster by beating it with sticks, but the animal was evidently exhausted. It appears that each of the defendants was fined 2/6d with a total of 8/6d to be paid in costs.	1860/010
Sheen	Charlotte	Moyson	Mary Ann	05	03	1860	Assault	A	Sheen, a widow, complained that Moyson, a spinster, had attacked her and struck her two severe blows on the head. Moyson had also abused her in very threatening language.	1860/011
Bloxham	William George	Baker	John	16	03	1860	Unjust weights	Wm	Contravention of weights & measures by shopkeeper. Bloxham was inspector of weights and measures. Baker = baker in Bath Road.	1860/012
Bloxham	William George	Creedy	Emma	16	03	1860	Unjust weights	Wm	Creedy = shopkeeper in Southover.	1860/013
Bloxham	William George	Patch	John	16	03	1860	Unjust weights	Wm	Patch = pork butcher in Bath Road.	1860/014
Bloxham	William George	Reed	Octavia	16	03	1860	Unjust weights	Wm	Reed = shopkeeper in St Thomas Street.	1860/014a

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Bloxham	William George	Tripp	William	16	03	1860	Unjust weights	Wm	Tripp = shopkeeper in Tucker Street.	1860/015
Bloxham	William George	Harvey	Job	16	03	1860	Unjust weights	Wm	Harvey = shopkeeper in Southover.	1860/016
Bloxham	William George	Dredge	Joel	16	03	1860	Unjust weights	Wm	Dredge = shopkeeper in Southover.	1860/017
Fry	Francis	Pearse	George	17	03	1860	Sureties for the peace	Su	Fry, a maltster, was at the door of Parker's the butcher in High Street when Pearse, a haulier, began to insult him, initially from across the street and then in his face. Pearse claimed that Fry had robbed him of a sovereign. Fry feared that Pearse would take violent action and requested that he be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct. It seems that Pearse was required to pay costs of 10/6d and there are three figures, one of £10 and two of £5, which may represent the bonds that he had to obtain. If in default, he would serve 14 days in prison.	1860/018
[Justices]		Various		19	03	1860	Fines & costs	*	List of fines and costs determined at earlier hearings. Defendants involved include: Baker, Creedy, Reed, Tripp, Dredge, Harvey, Patch and Walbrook.	1860/018a
Brown	Joseph	Bowell Francis	Sidney Thomas	31	03	1860	Obstruction	O	Horses and carts in street (because men in pub).	1860/019
Chappell	John	Lockyer	Charles	31	03	1860	Assault	A	Chappell, a shoemaker, complained that Lockyer, a haulier, had harassed him and his wife at home throughout one particular day. He had harangued and abused them, at one point attempted to throw a pail of water over Chappell's wife and then threw a bucket of foul water over Chappell himself. Levi Allen, a blacksmith, was called as a witness for the complainant. The costs of the case appear to have been 14/6d.	1860/020

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[Justices]		Various		31	03	1860	Fees for Justices Clerks and Prosecutors	*	List of fees for justices' clerks and allowances for prosecutors for earlier hearings.	1860/020a
Oxley snr	Matthew	Vincent Fry	Elizabeth Sarah	04	04	1860	Larceny	T	Oxley, a gardener who lived in Tucker Street, claimed that he had been robbed of money from his trouser pocket when he was drinking in the Three Kings Inn. The two women who he suspected of the theft had both been sat upon his knee while he was in the pub. Sarah Fry was the wife of John Fry, shoemaker.	1860/021
Boug	Charles	Peach	Mary Ann	12	04	1860	Disorderly conduct	D	Case brought by the police was dismissed; Peach was licensee of Three Kings pub.	1860/022
Parsons	Joseph	De Carey	Henry	16	04	1860	Leaving work	Ab	Parsons, a brush manufacturer, had agreed a one-year contract with de Carey to work as a journeyman brushmaker commencing in February 1860. However, de Carey had left work on 14 April and had not returned. Parsons claimed that de Carey had left without notifying him and was said to have left Wells.	1860/023
Petvin	Sarah	Foster	Jane	18	04	1860	Assault	A	Petvin, a widow, claimed that Foster, a spinster, had pushed her violently and had thrown water over her. The case was dismissed.	1860/024
Rawlings	James	White	John	18	04	1860	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Rawlings charged White, a labourer living in St Thomas Street, with using profane and obscene language towards his own wife and towards the constable. White was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or, if in default, to be sent to prison for 7 days.	1860/025

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Hardwich	Thomas	Hoskins	William	21	04	1860	Theft	T	Hardwich was an auctioneer who had the task of selling of the possessions of Elizabeth Bolwell, late of Vicars Close. Hardwich claimed that a number of items had been stolen from the house in Vicars Close and named Hoskins, a resident of Croscombe, who had been employed as a porter for the auction sale, as the likely thief. A search warrant was issued for Hoskins' home in Croscombe where he lived with his mother, then an arrest warrant for Hoskins. Hoskins appears to have been sentenced to 6 weeks in prison in Shepton Mallet. There is a further document (barely legible) that shows James Smith to have been sentenced to 21 days in gaol with hard labour, although it is possible that his offence was vagrancy and unconnected to Hoskins.	1860/026
Boug	Charles	Bennett	James	26	04	1860	Driving cart without harness	Rd	Bennett was apparently seen on the Glastonbury Road near the Southover turnpike gate riding in a donkey cart without reins with which to control the actions of the animal - and at the same time being in charge of another donkey cart. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1860/027
Hardwich	Thomas	Kemball	Henry	26	04	1860	Stealing walking stick	T	Hardwich, an auctioneer, claimed that Kemball had stolen a walking stick which was the property of Elizabeth Bolwell. The case was dismissed on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence of identity of the thief.	1860/028
Browne	Joseph	Francis	John	02	05	1860	Offence against Turnpike Act	Rd	PC Brown claimed that Francis, a haulier, had illegally parked 4 waggons laden with straw on the public turnpike near the Sherston Arms and that these waggons remained there overnight. Francis appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1860/029
Kelly	Joseph	Francis	George	14	05	1860	Drunkenness	D	PC Kelly charged Francis, a haulier, with being drunk in charge of a horse in St John Street and riding the horse at a furious pace. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1860/030

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Browne	Joseph	Martin	Moses	16	05	1860	Selling beer out of hours	L	Selling alcohol at 10.15hrs in the morning at the Fountain Inn.	1860/031
Kelly	Joseph	Francis	Edward	18	05	1860	Drunkenness	D	PC Kelly charged Francis with being drunk and asleep in charge of a horse and cart in High Street. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1860/032
Boug	Charles	Jenkins	James	18	05	1860	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Boug was called to St Cuthbert's church where Jenkins, a plasterer, was disturbing the congregation with his drunken behaviour. Jenkins was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1860/033
Boug	Charles	Maule	Thomas	18	05	1860	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Boug charged Maule, a coal hauler from Tucker Street with using profane and obscene language in High Street. Maule was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or, if in default, to be sent to prison for 7 days. He was given until 11 June to pay.	1860/034
[Regina]		Summers	William	22	05	1860	Vagrancy	V	Summers was convicted as a rogue and vagabond and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1860/035
Brown	Joseph	Slade	Stephen	22	05	1860	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Brown arrested Slade on a charge of using profane and obscene language, abusing and swearing at his wife in St Thomas Street.	1860/036
Brown	Joseph	Fry	William	31	05	1860	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Fighting in the street with his father Harry and using profane and obscene language in his dealings with PC Brown.	1860/037
Boug	Charles	Allen	William	04	06	1860	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Boug accused Allen, a mason, of being drunk and disorderly in Southover. Costs of the case appear to have been 9/-.	1860/038
Brown	Joseph	White	John	04	06	1860	Cruelty to animals	C	PC Brown accused White, a butcher from Glastonbury, of keeping a calf tied up in his cart for several hours while he (White) was parked first outside the Exmouth Inn and then outside the Goat Inn. White appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1860/039

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Boug	Charles	Hall	George	04	06	1860	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Boug accused Hall, a coal hauler, with cruelly beating his horse in an attempt to get it to draw a heavily laden coal cart up the Portway Hill. Costs of the case appear to have been 13/-.	1860/040
Oxley jnr	Matthew	Phipps	Ann	13	06	1860	Assault	A	Oxley, a fishmonger, claimed that Ann Phipps, a single woman, had raised her hand and struck him. The incident occurred in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1860/041
Rood	Elizabeth	Francis	George	13	06	1860	Drunkenness	D	Drunk in Full Moon	1860/042
Hopkins	Mary Ann	Phipps	Ann	22	06	1860	Assault	A	Mary Ann Hopkins, wife of William Hopkins, labourer, claimed that Ann Phipps, spinster, had spat in her face.	1860/043
Barber	James	Bird	Ann	22	06	1860	Assault	A	Barber was innkeeper of the Full Moon. Ann Bird was described as a spinster.	1860/044
Rawlings	James	Marsh Gould Wills	Frederick Frank John	23	06	1860	Drunkenness	D	All 3 defendants were drunk and fighting in the street. Marsh ws described as a tailor. Costs of the case appear to have been 14/-.	1860/045
Rawlings	James	Francis	William	23	06	1860	Leaving cart on public turnpike in dangerous position	Rd	PC Rawlings claimed that Francis, of Coxley, had parked a cart in a dangerous position close to the Antelope Inn. The costs of the case were 7/6d.	1860/046
Churchose	Mary Ann	Francis	Elizabeth	25	06	1860	Obscene & profane language	Pr	Drunk, both families were coal hauliers in Southover.	1860/047
Churchose	Edward	Francis	George	25	06	1860	Threatening violence	A	In Southover; see also 1860/047	1860/048
Rawlings	James	Church Small Francis Fry	Thomas Absalom Charles Sarah	26	06	1860	Public disorder	Pr Pr T T	Miscellaneous offenders dealt with on the same date. Church and Small were each given 14 days in prison for profane and obscene language in High Street. Francis received 10 days for stealing an egg valued at one penny and Fry one calendar month for the theft of a blouse valued at 1/-.	1860/049
Boug	Charles	Sweetman	Charles	26	06	1860	Turnpike Act	Rd	Boug accused Sweetman, a haulier, of leaving a horse and cart parked on a public thoroughfare for an excessive length of time while he, Sweetman, was in the Angel Beer House run by Major Creedy.	1860/050

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Boug	Charles	Moore	Henry	26	06	1860	Turnpike Act	Rd	Police serjeant Boug found a waggon and three horses parked opposite the probate office. The horses were not under anyone's control and moved away of their own accord. Boug waited more than 30 minutes for Moore, the driver to appear. The costs of the case appear to have been 6/6d.	1860/051
Mainstone	Charles	Oxley	Matthew	28	06	1860	Unmuzzled dog	Dd	Mainstone, a foreman on the Somerset Central Railway, was in High Street with his dog which was attacked by a much larger dog and bafly injured. The larger dog, which Mainstone claimed was unmuzzled and dangerous belonged to Oxley, a fishmonger. The costs of the case were 8/6d.	1860/052
Hodges	Priscilla	Hill	Jane	30	06	1860	Assault	A	Hodges, the wife of Mark Hodges, a plasterer, claimed that she was struck in the face by Hill, the wife of Joseph, a patten maker. The costs of the case were 9/-.	1860/053
Seal	Mary	James	Charles	02	07	1860	Assault	A	Mary Seal, wife of James Seal, claimed that James, a butcher, pushed her and kicked her twice. The case was dismissed with the sum of 6/- still to be paid.	1860/054
[Regina]		Francis	Elizabeth	02	07	1860	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Fined 20/- with costs of 11/-. It appears that these sums were not paid and Francis was to serve 14 days in prison.	1860/055
Foxwell	Charles	Brooks	William	03	07	1860	Assault	A	Foxwell = innkeeper, but pub not named, Brooks = carpenter. Brooks was fined 2/6d with costs of 10/- or to spend 14 days in prison. He was given until 12 August to pay.	1860/056
Teek	James	McFarlane	Charles	05	07	1860	Failure to support wife	Ds	Teek was master of the Wells Union workhouse. McFarlane had deserted his wife, Sarah, aged 29, who had become an inmate of the workhouse and chargeable to the In Parish of St Cuthbert. A warrant for McFarlane's arrest was issued.	1860/057
[Regina]		Cox	Elizabeth	05	07	1860	Rogue & vagabond	V	Sleeping in stable. Cox was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1860/058
[Regina]		Higgins	Charlotte	05	07	1860	Rogue & vagabond	V	Higgins was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1860/059
Brampton	James	Badman	William	13	07	1860	Assault	A	Brampton = carpenter, Badman = plasterer	1860/060

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Brampton	James	Small	Henry	13	07	1860	Assault	A	Brampton = carpenter, Small = carpenter	1860/061
[Regina]		Meares	Mary Ann	14	07	1860	Assault	A	Attacked fellow inmate called Eliza Beard in the workhouse. Sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1860/062
[Regina]		Beard	Eliza	14	07	1860	Misbehaviour; bad language	Pr	Beard, an inmate of the workhouse, was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1860/063
Humphries	James	Bowell Ball	Sidney Alfred	14	07	1860	Assault	A	Humphries was a sawyer, the two defendants were coal hauliers. The case was shown as settled.	1860/064
Jones	Charlotte	Willmott	Sarah	17	07	1860	Assault	A	Jones was the wife of Sidney Walter Jones. Willmott was a single woman who was convicted of assault and fined 2/6d with costs of 12/-, or to spend 14 days in prison.	1860/065
Kelly	Joseph	Hawkins	Henry	20	07	1860	Licensing Act	L	Out of hours sale of alcohol; The Bell	1860/066
Harris		Keen	Elizabeth	21	07	1860	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Summons issued for non-payment of poor rate.	1860/067
Davis	Samuel	White	John	21	07	1860	Assault	A	White, a butcher, was accused of striking Davis, a fishmonger from Shepton Mallet, in the face. The case was dismissed.	1860/068
Davis	Samuel	Perrin	Joseph	21	07	1860	Assault	A	Perrin, an innkeeper, was accused of knocking down Davis, a fishmonger of Shepton Mallet, with a series of blows. Sarah Martin, wife of Moses Martin, was a witness.	1860/069
Boug	Charles	Nutty	George	24	07	1860	Offence against licence	L	Open for the sale of alcoholic liquor outside licensing hours. Inn was Bull's Head in Queen Street. Nutty appears to have paid a fine of 10/- with costs of 9/-	1860/070
Russ	Samuel	Bowell	Edmund	27	07	1860	Leaving wife and family chargeable to the parish	Ds	Bowell, a labourer, had the case brought against him by Samuel Russ, the relieving officer.	1860/071
Cole	Henry	Hill Burley Oatley	William John James	27	07	1860	Stealing fruit	T	Boys stealing fruit from the garden of Henry Cole, an innholder. Each of the defendants was required to pay 2/4d.	1860/072
Russ	Samuel	Daulton	John	30	07	1860	Leaving wife chargeable to the parish	Ds	Wife's name was Elizabeth. List of costs shows a figure of £7.18s.8d, apparently including a fine of £5.	1860/073

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Naylor	Agnes	Naylor	Thomas	06	08	1860	Assault	A	Agnes Naylor, wife of Joseph Thomas Naylor, claimed that she was struck and kicked by Joseph Naylor, a tailor. There is no information about the relationship between the participants.	1860/074
Russ	Samuel	Loxton	James	11	08	1860	Leaving wife and family chargeable to the parish	Ds	Loxton had deserted his wife, Elizabeth, aged about 30, and their 5 children: Elizabeth (8), Matilda (6), Mary Ann (4), Charlotte (2) and Sarah (3 months). Loxton was arrested and sentenced to one calendar month in prison with hard labour.	1860/075
Browne	Joseph	Francis	John	15	08	1860	Obstruction	O	Wilful obstruction of the road by Francis, a coal haulier. Required to pay costs of 9/-.	1860/076
Martin	Thomas	Lovelace	James	15	08	1860	Non-payment of gas bill	N	Lovelace ran a cordwainer's shop in Broad Street and had failed to pay a gas bill of £3.4s.3d.	1860/077
Boyce	Thomas Tucker	Scott	James	16	08	1860	Eviction from property in Tucker Street	Ev	Warrant for eviction	1860/078
Millard	Mary Ann	Clements	Thomas	16	08	1860	Theft	T	Stealing a loin of lamb valued at 1/8d.	1860/079
Easton	George	Clements	Thomas	16	08	1860	Theft	T	Stealing a greatcoat valued at 7/6d.	1860/080
Berryman	W C	Loxton	James	16	08	1860	Not maintaining wife and family	Ds	See also 1860/075	1860/081
Boug	Charles	Russell	James	17	08	1860	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Boug saw Russell driving an exhausted donkey and laden cart down High Street. The donkey had sores on its shoulders and back and was not fit for work. Costs of the case were 9/-.	1860/082
Collins	Richard	Jacobs	Benjamin	27	08	1860	Assault	A	Collins, a bailiff, was assaulted in the course of executing his duty by Jacobs, a labourer from Croscombe. Costs of the case were 11/- or 12/-, depending upon which list of costs is used.	1860/083
Bennett	William	Anderson	William	29	08	1860	Assault	A	Bennett, a toll collector, accused Anderson, a tea dealer and draper, of assaulting him. Neither party attended the hearing.	1860/084

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Boug	Charles	Isgrove	William	29	08	1860	Drunk & disorderly	D	Isgrove was a farmer from Henton and was apprehended at the junction of Sadler Street and High Street.	1860/085
Boyce	Thomas Tucker	Moon	James	30	08	1860	Attempting to avoid payment for goods subject to the Corporation weighing machine checks	N	Moon, a coal hauler from Ashwick, verbally abused Boyce. The case was settled out of court.	1860/086
Hopkins	Mary Ann	Phipps	Sarah Ann	05	09	1860	Personal abuse	It	Sarah Ann Phipps, a single woman, was accused of frequent personal abuse of Mary Ann Hopkins, wife of William Hopkins, labourer.	1860/087
Russ	Samuel Perren	Moore	John	06	09	1860	Leaving wife and family chargeable to the parish	Ds	Moore, a carpenter, was deemed to be capable of supporting his wife, Ann, and their child. Moore's wife is called Mary in another document belonging to this case.	1860/088
[Regina]		Moore	John	07	09	1860	Leaving wife and family chargeable to the parish	Ds	See 1860/088. A proforma appears to show that Moore was apprehended and sentenced to 21 days in Shepton Mallet.	1860/089
[Regina]		Joey Joey	George Ellen	07	09	1860	Absconding	Ab	An incomplete proforma appears to show that the two defendants absconded from Oxford taking a female child with them. It appears that they may have been sent to Shepton Mallet pending a hearing on 11 September.	1860/090
Dredge	Mary	York	William	13	09	1860	Bigamy	Bg	York of Wandsworth was said to be married with a wife and child still living.	1860/091
Collins	John	Hill	John	15	09	1860	Killing a fowl	Wd	Collins, a plasterer and glazier, claimed that one of his fowls had been wilfully killed by John Hill, the son of Thomas Hill. The value of the fowl was assessed as 2/-.	1860/092
Grist	Mary Ann	Grist	William	17	09	1860	Assault	A	Husband attempting to choke wife.	1860/093
[Regina]		Marsh	Thomas	21	09	1860	Drunk & disorderly	D	Drunk and disorderly in St Thomas Street. Marsh was sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1860/094
Dredge	Mary	York	William	21	09	1860	Bigamy	Bg	See 1860/091. York appears to have been apprehended and confined to gaol in Shepton Mallet pending a hearing on 28 September.	1860/095

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Rowles	John	Snowden	Ellen	24	09	1860	Theft of money	T	Snowden, a single woman, was accused of stealing one gold sovereign and two shillings in silver. She was committed to gaol until the next quarter sessions.	1860/096
Salmon	Henry	Huish	George	27	09	1860	Absentee employee	Ab	Employee had not returned from 2 days agreed leave of absence.	1860/097
Dredge	Mary	York	William	28	09	1860	Bigamy	Bg	York appears to have been committed to the Assizes on a charge of bigamy.	1860/098
Withers	Benjamin	Wills	John	06	10	1860	Assault	A	Wills, a horse dealer, is alleged to have struck Withers, a yeoman of Milton, several times in the face.	1860/099
Withers	Benjamin	Wills jnr	James	06	10	1860	Assault	A	Wills, a horse dealer, is alleged to have pulled Withers, a yeoman of Milton, by the arm.	1860/100
Kelly	Joseph	Francis	George	11	10	1860	Obstructing the thoroughfare	O	PC Kelly accused Francis, a haulier, of leaving a waggon laden with straw in Southover for several hours, causing an obstruction to other traffic. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1860/101
Bloxham	William George	Martin	Moses	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Fountain Inn; 7 quart cups and 23 pint cups deemed to be unjust.	1860/102
Bloxham	William George	Chard	Ann	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Goat Inn; 6 quart cups and one pint cup deemed to be unjust.	1860/103
Bloxham	William George	White	John	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Exmouth Inn: 11 quart cups and 5 pint cups deemed to be unjust.	1860/104
Bloxham	William George	Cox	George	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	New Inn (St Thomas Street): 9 quart cups and 2 pint cups deemed to be unjust.	1860/105
Bloxham	William George	Hawkins	Henry	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	The Bell (Portway): 7 quart cups, 9 pint cups and one half pint cup were deemed to be unjust.	1860/106
Bloxham	William George	Curry	George	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	City Arms: 4 quart cups and 4 pint cups were deemed to be unjust.	1860/107
Bloxham	William George	Buck	John	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Sherston Arms: 4 quart cups and 4 pint cups were deemed to be unjust.	1860/108
Bloxham	William George	Dredge	Joel	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Railway Tavern (Southover): 4 quart cups and 5 pint cups were deemed to be unjust.	1860/109
Bloxham	William George	Barber	James	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Full Moon Inn: 3 quart cups were deemed to be unjust.	1860/110
Bloxham	William George	Perry	Thomas Davidge	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Kings Arms Inn; 3 quart cups and 5 pint cups were deemed to be unjust.	1860/111

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Bloxham	William George	Cole	Henry	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Red Lion Inn: 3 quart cups and 4 pint cups were deemed to be unjust.	1860/112
Bloxham	William George	Mead	Sarah	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	Swan Hotel: 5 quart cups, 13 pint cups and 3 half pint cups were deemed to be unjust.	1860/113
Bloxham	William George	Green	Robert Robert	12	10	1860	Unjust measures	Wm	White Hart: 10 quart cups, 10 pint cups and 3 half pint cups were deemed to be unjust.	1860/114
Raines	Thomas	Sage	John	01	11	1860	Petty trespass	Pt	Sage was seen in a field rented by Raines. When Sage ran off he escaped through a hedge, damaging the fence. Raines assessed the damage as being at least 1d. Sage was fined 1d with 9/- costs, with 14 days in prison in the event of a failure to pay. It appears that 7/- was paid to Police Serjeant Boug.	1860/115
Foxwell	James	Hill	James	02	11	1860	Drunkenness	D	Hill, a yeoman from Cheddar, was found to be drunk in the Liberty of St Andrew. Fined 5/- with costs of 5/6d.	1860/116
[Regina]		Bartlett	Charles	05	11	1860	Vagrancy	V	Sleeping in outhouse; no visible means of support. Sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.	1860/117
Nutty	George	Fry	Harry	05	11	1860	Assault	A	Fry, a shoemaker, was accused of pulling the pub landlord about and throwing ale in his face. Jacob Bartlett, haulier, and Abraham Willcox, labourer were called as witnesses.	1860/118
Oxley snr	Matthew	Fry	Harry	10	11	1860	Wilful damage	Wd	Oxley, a gardener, claimed that he was in the beerhouse in Portway run by Henry Hawkins (The Bell?) when Fry, a shoemaker, took his hat and cut it into two pieces. Oxley claimed that the hat was worth 6/- before it was cut up.	1860/119
Boug	Charles	Bendall Ring jnr Cardwell	Albert Martin William	10	11	1860	Cruelty to animals	C	Throwing stones at and striking a swan. Fine 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1860/120
Whiting	William	Joyce	Albion	14	11	1860	Theft of money	T	Theft of 11/-. Sentenced to 6 weeks in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1860/121
Beaven	George	Smith	William	23	11	1860	Unjust toll	Ut	Beaven claimed that Smith, toll collector at Portway turnpike, had charged twice the correct toll to allow one of Beaven's waggons (driven by James Cardwell) through the toll gate. Smith was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1860/122

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Beaven	George	Smith	William	23	11	1860	Unjust toll	Ut	Beaven claimed that Smith, toll collector at Portway turnpike, had charged twice the correct toll to allow one of Beaven's waggons (driven by Charles Cardwell) through the toll gate. The case was dismissed.	1860/123
Beaven	George	Smith	William	23	11	1860	Unjust toll	Ut	Beaven claimed that Smith, toll collector at Portway turnpike, had charged twice the correct toll to allow one of Beaven's waggons (driven by Thomas Vincent) through the toll gate. The case was dropped and did not proceed.	1860/124
Harris	John	Pearse	George	29	11	1860	Theft of sack of oats	T	Pearse allegedly stole a sack of oats from a load that was delivered to Wells station from Bristol. Search warrant issued to check his house and premises.	1860/125
Moyson	George	Hatcher	Alfred	01	12	1860	Assault	A	Moyson = carpenter, Hatcher = maltster. Struck blow in eye. Case said to have been settled.	1860/126
Thomas	Henry	Cock	Charles	07	12	1860	Theft of tools	T	Alleged theft of craftsman's tools.	1860/127
White	John	Hedges	James	11	12	1860	Assault	A	Hedges, a labourer, allegedly struck White, an innkeeper, in the face.	1860/128
Russ	Samuel Perren	McFarlane	Charles	14	12	1860	Leaving wife and family chargeable to the parish	Ds	Sarah McFarlane, aged 30 and her son John, aged 10, had applied for support from Wells Union because of neglect by Charles McFarlane. A warrant was issued for his arrest. See also 1860/057.	1860/129
Pearse	William	Perrin Sage Edwards	Joseph John George	17	12	1860	Assault	A	Pearse resided in Green Ore. Perrin was an innkeeper, while Sage and Edwards were labourers. Defendants fined 10/- each; costs of 7/6d. Alternative was 14 days in prison.	1860/130
Ford	William	Perrin	Joseph	17	12	1860	Assault	A	Ford resided in Green Ore. Perrin = innkeeper. Case dismissed.	1860/131
Bendall	William	Perrin	Joseph	17	12	1860	Assault	A	Bendall resided in Green Ore. Perrin = innkeeper. Case dismissed.	1860/132
Perry	Matilda	Ball	Alfred	18	12	1860	Assault	A	Wife of Thomas Davidge Perry (Innkeeper - King's Arms) claimed to be struck in the eye. Case described as settled.	1860/133

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Beaven	George	Smith	William	18	12	1860	Unjust toll	Ut	Beaven claimed that Smith, toll collector at Portway turnpike, had charged twice the correct toll to allow one of Beaven's waggons (driven by James Webb) through the toll gate. It appears likely that Smith was fined 4d (the amount of the excess toll) with costs of 9/-.	1860/134
Wills jnr	John	Creedy	Henry	20	12	1860	Theft of fowls	T	Creedy was accused of stealing 10 fowls from a cowshed in Lawpool Lane.	1860/135
Boug	Charles	Rich jnr	John	26	12	1860	Drunkenness	D	Drunk on Christmas Eve. Fine 1/- costs of 6/-.	1860/136
Green	James	Heale	James	29	12	1860	Embezzlement	Em	Green, a blacksmith of St Thomas Street, accused Heale, his employee, of retaining monies paid by customers for work done. Warrant issued for Heale's arrest. Later note indicates payment of costs of 14/6d by Heale to Green on 9 January 1861.	1860/137
Kelly	Joseph	Fry	Harry	31	12	1860	Drunkenness	D	Relates to offence on 15 December. Fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1860/138
[Police]		Various		31	12	1860	Costs incurred by police appearing before magistrates	*		1860/139
[Justices]		Various		31	12	1860	Costs associated with various cases	*		1860/140
Bloxham	William George	Various		31	12	1860	Summary of unjust measures for various public houses	*		1860/141

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Allen	James	Green	James	14	01	1861	Assault	A	Allen was a plumber and Green a blacksmith. The costs of the case appear to have been assessed as 11/6d, but it is not clear who was to pay them.	1861/001
Baker	George	Dare	James	20	01	1861	Theft	T	Theft of 3 flannel shirts and one handkerchief to the value of 10/-.	1861/002
Macfarlane	Sarah	Guy	Martha	21	01	1861	Theft	T	Theft of clothes	1861/003
Boug	Charles	Smith	Joseph	22	01	1861	Deserter from Royal Artillery	M	Smith was accused of being a deserter from the 9th brigade of the Royal Artillery.	1861/004
Macfarland	Sarah	Francis	Martha	26	01	1861	Theft	T	McFarlane alleged that Francis stole blankets to the value of 5/-.	1861/005
Cardwell	Charles	Ashwin	Benjamin	26	01	1861	Theft	T	Appears to refer to 'trousers'	1861/006
[Regina]		Small	James	29	01	1861	???	??	Committed? Document not legible	1861/007

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Russ	Samuel Perren	Sully	Robert	05	02	1861	Refusing to support wife and child	Ds	Arrest warrant for Sully who had chosen to desert his wife Ellen (?) and 3-year old daughter, Mary.	1861/008
Russ	Samuel Perren	Sully	Robert	06	02	1861	Unlawful and wilful neglect of wife and child	Ds	Family sent to workhouse, while Sully was committed to prison for 21 days with hard labour.	1861/009
Allen	James	Green	James	06	02	1861	Assault	A	Appears to be the same incident as covered in 1858/001.	1861/010
Cook	Emily	Adams	Matilda	08	02	1861	Theft	T	Theft of money wrapped in handkerchief from a bedroom at the house of Thomas Green where Cook was a servant. Matilda Adams was also a servant there and shared the bedroom with Cook. Cook suspected that the money and handkerchief had been secreted at the house of Adams' father, Benjamin. A search warrant was issued to search his property.	1861/011
Russ	Samuel Perren	Brine	John	15	02	1861	Leaving wife chargeable to parish	Ds	Brine, a gardener, capable of working and earning a living, had left his wife, Elizabeth, chargeable to the parish.	1861/012
Reavell	Thomas	Francis	George	25	02	1861	Assault	A	Reavell was a cooper, Francis a haulier, primarily of coal.	1861/013
Hunt	Stephen	Fry	Harry	26	02	1861	Assault	A	Hunt was a tallow chandler, Fry a shoemaker.	1861/014
Forbes	William	Churches	Robert	26	02	1861	Evading turnpike toll	N	Forbes, lessee of the tollgate at Southover, alleged that Churches had claimed exemption from the toll on the basis that he was carrying stone for use in building the public highway. Forbes claimed that he had found this to be a lie. Tolls due for 2 horses and carts was seven and a half pence.	1861/015
Tyley	Ann	Barber	George	26	02	1861	Assault	A	Tyley, a single woman, had lived with Barber for more than 10 years and looked after his children. She claimed that he had often beaten her and was asking for sureties as to his future conduct.	1861/016

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Bartlett	Cornelius	Crandon	William	05	03	1861	Notice to quit	Ev	Eviction notice prepared by George Bacon acting as agent for Cornelius Bartlett to remove William Crandon and his wife from the house in Southover rented from Bartlett. Crandon refused to leave.	1861/017
[Regina]		Brown Brine	Elizabeth John	05	03	1861	Vagrancy	V	Both Brown and Brine were described as 'a disorderly person' capable of working. Both were committed to 14 days in prison with hard labour. There is no indication that the two individuals were connected.	1861/018
Lovegrove	John	Taphouse	Charles	12	03	1861	Theft of locket	T	Lovegrove, a hair dresser and owner of a shop selling fancy goods, complained that Taphouse, described as being only 14 years old, had stolen from his shop a watchguard and a locket. Lovegrove had recovered the watchguard himself when he saw Taphouse wearing it in Bishop's Park and forgave him for stealing it when Taphouse admitted the theft. John Vincent, a tailor, had returned the locket to Lovegrove when he discovered that Taphouse had given the stolen item to his sister. Taphouse was fined 7/6d, the estimated value of the locket, and ordered to pay costs of 10/-, or, if in default of immediate payment, to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1861/018a
Tucker	Edward	Denmead Denmead	Frederick Thomas	23	03	1861	Breach of the peace	Ds	Fighting in public street. Both defendants were labourers.	1861/019
Tyack	Sarah	Green	James	27	03	1861	Assault	A	Green, a blacksmith, was accused of threatening violence to Sarah Tyack, wife of John Tyack, bootmaker. Ordered to pay 5/-.	1861/020
Boug	Charles	Hutton	James	03	04	1861	Offence against licence	L	PC Kelly found a man drinking cider in the tap room of the Red Ox beer house at 10.15am. Hutton, the landlord, was charged with serving alcohol outside the permitted licensing hours. Fined £1 with costs of 11/-.	1861/021

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Purnell	Richard William	Judd	Philip	03	04	1861	Obstruction	O	Leaving donkey cart in public highway in such a place that obstructed traffic and caused an accident with Purnell's gig. Judd was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- or to be sent to prison for 7 days.	1861/022
[Justices]		[Various]		06	04	1861	Administrative notice	*	Notice of special sessions for hearing appeals against parish rates.	1861/023
Tripp	Elizabeth	Tozer	Mary Ann	13	04	1861	Using obscene language	Pr	Tozer, wife of Joseph Tozer, railway guard and resident of Tucker Street, was charged with profane and abusive language in her dealings with Tripp, also resident in Tucker Street and wife of William Tripp, cattle dealer. Tozer appears to have been fined 10/- with costs of 9/-.	1861/024
Richards	George	Dix Wills jnr	James James	29	04	1861	Sureties for the peace	Su	Two recognizances for Dix and Wills in the light of their convictions for stealing 10/- and 3 ducks from Richards. One is from Jonas Parker, butcher, for £80, the other is from Dix himself for £20, with William Tuxhill and William Crandon putting forward £10 each.	1861/025
[Regina]		Brown	Mary Ann	29	04	1861	Theft	T	Brown, also apparently known by the surname of Lington, was committed to prison for 14 days with hard labour, apparently for the theft of a dress.	1861/025a
Sage	Elizabeth	Martin	Jacob	29	04	1861	Bastardy	B	Sage, a single woman, alleged that Martin was the father of her child.	1861/025b
Boyce	George	Feltham	James	30	04	1861	Assault	A	Both men were carpenters.	1861/026
Wicks	Thomas	Fry	Fred	30	04	1861	Absenteeism	Ab	Absent without leave; defendant was son of Harry Fry, shoemaker.	1861/027
[Regina]		Moore	Thomas	08	05	1861	Theft	T	Committal document for Thomas Moore, convicted of the theft of money, the property of Mary Ann Moore. The defendant was sent to prison for one calendar month with hard labour.	1861/028
Pearce	Ezra	Creedy	Major	22	05	1861	Assault	A	Pearce was a tailor, Creedy a beerhouse keeper.	1861/029
Maynard	Elizabeth	Feltham	Jane	30	05	1861	Assault	A	Defendant named as 'Felton' on case header but as 'Feltham' elsewhere in documentation. Appears to have a fine + costs of 9/-. Maynard was a spinster, Feltham was the wife of James Feltham, carpenter.	1861/030

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Collins	James	Watts	Benjamin	01	06	1861	Assault	A	Collins was a butcher, Watts an innkeeper.	1861/031
Winter	Nimrod	Feltham	James	11	06	1861	Assault	A	Winter was a cabinet maker, Feltham a carpenter.	1861/032
Feltham	James	Boyce Brooks	George Walter	17	06	1861	Assault	A	Feltham was a carpenter, Boyce a cabinet maker and Brooks a carpenter. Incident took place on same day as 1861/032. The case was noted as being settled.	1861/033
Classey	Edward	Hale	Oliver	19	06	1861	Leaving master's employment	Ab	Classey was a baker and Hale was bound to him as an apprentice. He had absented himself from his master's employ without consent.	1861/034
Carpenter	Francis	Pearse	George	20	06	1861	Petty trespass	Pt	Pearse, a labourer, insisted on walking along the railway line (Bristol & Exeter Railway Co) to cut grass despite the instruction of the railway constable Carpenter to leave. Fine and costs amounted to 15/-.	1861/035
Carpenter	Francis	Pearse	George	20	06	1861	Wilful damage	Wd	See also 1861/035. Carpenter claimed that the grass cut by Pearse was the property of the railway company and accused him of wilful damage. Any fine / costs may have been included in the associated case.	1861/036
Boug	Charles	Francis Bond	James Henry	25	06	1861	Obstructing turnpike	O	Francis and Bond, both of Glastonbury, were charged with leaving 3 horses and carts unattended on the Bath turnpike road for at least 3 hours. Francis was fined 2/- with costs of 8/-, while Bond was fined 1/- also with costs of 8/-.	1861/037
Cook	Charles	Woodburn	Frederick William	28	06	1861	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Application for arrest warrant for apprentice carpenter and joiner who had absconded from his master's service. Surname of plaintiff may possibly have been 'Cock'.	1861/038
Burgess	William	Watts	Valentine	29	06	1861	Theft	T	Watts, a labourer, was accused of stealing tea, coffee, sugar and other groceries to the value of 1/5d. He was sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1861/039
Cole	Henry	Trickey	James	30	06	1861	Theft	T	Trickey, a labourer, was accused of the theft of fruit and vegetables from Cole's garden. He was sent to prison for 3 calendar months with hard labour.	1861/040
Webb	John	Cox	Betsy	03	07	1861	Assault	A	Webb, a plasterer and tiler, claimed that Cox, wife of George Cox, innkeeper, had struck him on the arm with an iron bar. Case seems to have been dismissed.	1861/041

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Cox	Elizabeth	Webb	John	10	07	1861	Assault	A	Elizabeth / Betsy Cox, wife of George Cox, innkeeper, claimed that it was Webb who assaulted her (see case 1861/041). Webb was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1861/042
Cox	Elizabeth	Hutton	James	10	07	1861	Assault	A	Elizabeth Cox, wife of George Cox, innkeeper, alleged that she had been assaulted by Hutton, a beerhouse keeper, who had supposedly struck her several times. Hutton was fined 2/6d with costs of 15/-.	1861/043
Foxwell	Ann	Perring	Joseph	11	07	1861	Assault	A	Spelling on case header is Perrin but in all other documents it is Perring. Ann was wife of William Foxwell, a haulier, Perring was an innkeeper.	1861/044
Foxwell	Ann	Perring	Joseph	11	07	1861	Wilful damage	Wd	Damage to Anne Foxwell's clothing sustained during the alleged assault (see case 1861/044), assessed at 5/-.	1861/045
Foxwell	William	Perring	Joseph	11	07	1861	Assault	A	See also cases 1861/044 and 1861/045.	1861/046
Charles	William	Badman	William	20	07	1861	Obscene language	Pr	Charles, a gentleman living in Broad Street, claimed that Badman, a plasterer and tiler of St Cuthbert Street, and a tenant of Charles, had come to his home and abused him. Badman was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison.	1861/047
Hunt	Thomas	Andow / Andrews	William	20	07	1861	Search warrant	Sw	Application for search warrant in respect of a handsaw of the value of 3/- said to have been taken from the porters' room of the Somerset Central Railway Co.	1861/048
[Justices]		[Cathedral, Church of St Cuthbert, Church of St Thomas]		20	07	1861	Notice of special sessions	*	Appeals against poor rates	1861/049
Dredge	Joel	Whedon	George	06	07	1861	Theft	T	Theft of 3/- from Joel Dredge.	1861/050
Hares	Ann	White	John	08	08	1861	Assault	A	Both Hares, who was the wife of George Hares, and White a labourer, were from East Wells.	1861/051
Rawlings	Charles Marshall	Collier	James	09	08	1861	Cruelty to a dog	C	Witnesses included William Willis, Hannah Maynard and Frances Creedy, wife of Major Creedy. It appears that Collier hit the dog with a metal hook without provocation as it followed its master along Broad Street.	1861/052

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Rawlings	Charles Marshall	Wills	James	10	08	1861	Dangerous dog not muzzled	Dd	Rawlings claimed that Wills had a dangerous, unmuzzled dog at large in Broad Street.	1861/052a
Scorse	James	Harris	John	14	08	1861	Assault	A	Assault on apprentice; also failing to provide the necessary tools, accessories and clothing. Harris was a baker. He seems to have had to pay 11/6d costs.	1861/053
Collier	James	Rawlings	Charles Marshall	15	08	1861	Dangerous dog not muzzled	Dd	See also 1861/052. Collier, a fishmonger, claimed that the charge brought against him was because he struck the ferocious and unmuzzled dog that was attacking him.	1861/054
Collier	James	Rawlings	Charles Marshall	15	08	1861	Assault	A	Collins, a fishmonger, claimed that Rawlings, the son of Robert B Rawlings, had thrown stones and dirt at him.	1861/055
Snowden	Ellen	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	15	08	1861	Assault	A	Francis was ordered to pay a total of 9/-.	1861/056
Cole	Henry	Vincent	Thomas	23	08	1861	Theft	T	Vincent was convicted for stealing apples from Cole's garden. He was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.	1861/057
Peach	Henry	Johnson	Favid	27	08	1861	Theft	T	Stealing a bill hook to the value of 1/- . Sent to House of Correction at Shepton Mallet for 21 days with hard labour.	1861/058
Hellier	John	Archard (aka Webb)	Kate	29	08	1861	Gaining goods under false pretences	T	Archard (aka Webb) went into Hellier's pawnbroker shop and tried on a mantle. She then asked Maria Payne, who was in charge of the shop, if she could take the mantle and show it to her boyfriend, returning with the money within 10 minutes. She never reappeared.	1861/059
Lewis	Charles	Prior	James	30	08	1861	Theft	T	Committed to prison for 14 days with hard labour after being convicted of the theft of a brass weight valued at 2/-.	1861/060
Lovelace	Thomas	Balstone	Joseph	10	09	1861	Assault	A	Lovelace was a shoemaker and Balstone a contractor.	1861/061
Balstone	Elizabeth	Lovelace	Thomas	11	09	1861	Assault	A	Clearly related to case 1861/061. Elizabeth was the wife of Joseph Balstone.	1861/061a
Tucker	Edward	Lockyear	James	23	09	1861	Begging	V	Unlawfully begging for alms in Chamberlain St. Committed to prison in Shepton Mallet with hard labour.	1861/062

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Vincent	John	Churches (aka Churchouse)	Edward	28	09	1861	Releasing horses to be impounded	Op	Two horses had been impounded for being pastured illegally on land belonging to Vincent's sister, Mary Ann Small. Churches, the owner of the horses, had released them before they could be taken to the pound.	1861/063
Tucker	Edward	Sheppard	William	28	09	1861	Drunkenness	D	Confessed. Sheppard was resident in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1861/064
Tucker	Edward	Ball	Alfred	28	09	1861	Cruelty to animals	C	In Broad Street PC Tucker saw a donkey drawing a cart loaded with coal. The donkey was overloaded and was being beaten and driven by Ball, a coal hauler.	1861/065
Sweet	Elizabeth	Carde	Eliza	28	09	1861	Assault	A	Sweet, wife of John Sweet, butcher, claimed she had been assaulted by Carde, wife of George Carde, labourer. The case was noted as settled.	1861/066
Lovelace	Thomas	Balstone	Elizabeth	28	09	1861	Assault	A	Part of the same incident which gave rise to cases 1861/061 and 1861/061a. In this instance Lovelace, a shoemaker, also claimed to have been assaulted by Joseph Balstone's wife.	1861/067
Dredge	Joel	Starr	George	30	09	1861	Stealing	T	Theft of waterproof to the value of 5/- from Joel Dredge, a lodging house keeper. Starr, a labourer, appears to have been sentenced to 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1861/068
Brown	Ann	Pearse	Ezra	02	10	1861	Threat of personal injury	Su	Ann Brown, wife of James Brown, asked for sureties of good behaviour from Ezra Pearse, tailor, her neighbour in Grove Lane.	1861/069
Brown	Ann	Pearse Creedy Angell	Ezra John Thomas	02	10	1861	Sureties for good behaviour for 6 months	Su	Pearse was bound over in the sum of £20, while the sum for Creedy and Angell was £10 each. There is no date on this document, so it is inferred to follow on from 1861/069 above.	1861/070
Humphries	James	Bowell	John	10	10	1861	Assault	A	Humphries was a sawyer, Bowell a tailor.	1861/071
Weaver	Charles	Ashman	Benjamin	14	10	1861	Assault	A	Weaver was described as a blacksmith, Ashman as a colt breaker.	1861/072
Baker	Irwin	Gooding	William	16	10	1861	Assault	A	Baker was a serjeant in the volunteer rifle corps; Gooding was a soldier.	1861/073
[Regina]		Hughes Hughes	John Mary	21	10	1861	Vagrancy	V	Sleeping in the open air; described as rogues and vagabonds with no visible means of support. Both were sentenced to 14 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1861/074

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Hill	Thomas	Wookey	James	22	10	1861	Theft	T	Wookey had unlawfully entered the house of Thomas Hill with the apparent intent of stealing food and chattels. Wookey was sentenced to 21 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1861/075
Wells Union		Wood	Mary Ann	26	10	1861	Wilful damage	Wd	Breaking window in the workhouse to the value of 2/-.	1861/076
Wells Union		Wood	Mary Ann	28	10	1861	Assault	A	It appears that Mary Ann Wood, wife of William Wood of South Petherton, assaulted her own child and beat its head against the stone floor. Mary Ann Wood was diagnosed as being insane by a doctor and recommended for transfer to an asylum.	1861/076a
Wells Union		Wood	Mary Ann	26	10	1861	Assaulting her child	A	Appears to be a duplicate of one of the documents recorded under 1861/076 and 1861/076a.	1861/077
Baker	John	Hatcher	Alfred	31	10	1861	Stealing fowls	T	Baker, a resident of St Thomas Street, accused Hatcher of the theft of 7 ducks and a drake from his garden at an estimated value of 16/-. Hatcher appears to have been bound over in the sum of £80, half from himself and half from Robert Hatcher, a haulier.	1861/078
Barber	Ann	Barber	George	05	11	1861	Assault	A	George Barber was accused of assaulting and beating his wife. He was sentenced to one calendar month in prison with hard labour.	1861/079
[Regina]		Stanton	John	06	11	1861	Begging in The Liberty	V	Sentenced to 14 days with hard labour as an 'idle and disorderly person'.	1861/080
Sparrow	James	Kingston	Henry	07	11	1861	Theft of a gun	T	Sparrow, a gardener living in Tucker Street, claimed that Kingston had taken a gun which he, Sparrow, left in an outhouse of Mary Barnard, his grandmother, also in Tucker Street. Kingston, a boy of 13, denied the charge, but John Hodges, another gardener living in Tucker Street, said that he had been given the weapon by Kingston and had used it on one or two occasions before giving it back. John Isgrove, another young boy, claimed that he had received the barrel of the gun from Kingston. Kingston was convicted of theft and sent to prison for 10 days with hard labour.	1861/080a

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Barnard	Eliza	Barnard jnr	John	14	11	1861	Assault	A	Eliza Barnard, wife of Charles Barnard, butcher, alleged that John Barnard jnr, also a butcher, had assaulted her.	1861/081
Tucker	Edward	Allen	John	20	11	1861	Drunk & riotous	D	Allen, a shoemaker, was alleged to be drunk in St Thomas Street.	1861/082
Small	James	Thomas		23	11	1861	Magistrates' administration	*	Preparation and approval of certificates for stopping up road. Four magistrates appear to be involved.	1861/083
Small	James	Francis	George	03	12	1861	Assault	A	Small, a mason, was said to be assaulted by Francis, a coal hauler. The case was noted as settled.	1861/084
Boyce	George	White	John	31	12	1861	Assault	A	Boyce was adescribed as a cabinet maker, White as a butcher.	1861/085
[Justices]		Various		31	12	1861	Schedule of costs	*	Costs incurred by County Police in 1861. Also appears to refer to correspondence with the Secretary of State regarding the provision of money for the installation of sewers.	1861/086

1862

Fox	James	Stock	John	02	01	1862	Drunkenness	D	Stock was a labourer residing in Westbury. Fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1862/001
Tompkins	George	Hill	Thomas	15	01	1862	Breach of bye law	E	Tompkins, surveyor of the Local Board, accused Hill of throwing rubbish into Back Lane.	1862/002
Boug	Charles	Boyce	Thomas Tucker	20	01	1862	Offence against licence	L	Complaints about the noise coming from music and dancing in the Three Kings Inn, where Boyce was the proprietor.	1862/003
Barber	James	Dredge	Mary	21	01	1862	Assault	A	Barber was innkeeper at Full Moon, Dredge a single woman.	1862/004
Tucker	Edward	Perry	Thomas Davidge	29	01	1862	Selling beer outside permitted hours	L	PC Tucker visited the Three Kings Inn at 12.40am on a Sunday morning and found several people drinking. Perry, as the landlord, was fined 10/- with costs of 10/- or 14 days in prison if in default.	1862/005
Boug	Charles	Hawkins	John	04	02	1862	Obstruction	O	Hawkins, a coal hauler, was warned about obstructing the highway by parking his horse and cart by the Bull's Head. He moved the cart but within a few hours it was parked in almost the identical place, causing an obstruction to other traffic.	1862/006
Backhouse	Margaret	Gould	Samuel Smith	13	02	1862	Apprentice absent without leave	Ab	Apprentice printer Smith had been an unsatisfactory employee and had now absented himself from work.	1862/007

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Backhouse	Margaret	Waldie	Francis Edwin	13	02	1862	Apprentice absent without leave	Ab	Apprentice printer Waldie had neglected to finish tasks assigned to him and had now absented himself from work. Costs of the case appear to have been 11/6d.	1862/008
Taylor	Charles	Crandon	William	19	02	1862	Sureties for the peace	Su	Threat of assault; both = butcher. Crandon was bound over for 12 months with respect to his future conduct in the sum of £40, £20 from himself and £20 from Major Creedy.	1862/009
Tucker	Edward	Sweet	John	21	02	1862	Obscene language	Pr	Sweet, a butcher resident in Southover, where his alleged offence took place, admitted the charge and was sentenced to 7 days in Shepton Mallet prison with hard labour.	1862/010
Tompkins	George	Western	John	21	02	1862	Failure to provide adequate drainage	E	Western, a coal hauler of Tucker Street, had been served notice to provide proper sewage connection from his property and either to cease keeping horses at his premises or provide appropriate stabling for them. Western had failed to carry out any of the actions required of him. The case was adjourned for one week and it was then noted that Western had complied with the order placed upon him.	1862/011
Marshall	Charles	Macknayard	'Frenchy'	21	02	1862	Stealing a coat	T	Marshall = gardener, Macknayard = traveller. Marshall of St Thomas Street had given the defendant a coat to clean, but it had not been returned.	1862/012
Beaven	George	Foxwell	William	01	03	1862	Stealing iron crowbar	T	Witnesses: Charles Boug, James Green, Thomas Sage. Defendant discharged.	1862/013
Harris	John	Pearce	George	12	03	1862	Search warrant for cart, horse, harness	Sw	John Harris, a baker and corn factor, alleged that a cart, horse and harness had been stolen from his warehouse behind the Town Hall. He accused George Pearce, a labourer, of the theft. A search warrant was issued. The costs of this case were 5/6d.	1862/014
Moody	William	Wills jnr Parker	James Frederick	15	03	1862	Stealing a coat	T	Moody, a butter dealer, had been in the City Arms pub and had taken off his coat and hung it on a settle. He later missed the coat and accused James Wills jnr and Frederick Parker, butcher and son of Jonas Parker, of stealing it.	1862/015
[Under Secretary of State]		[Justices]		18	03	1862	Administration	*	Letter re clarification of jurisdiction of justices	1862/016

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Oxley	Matthew	Bowell	John	23	03	1862	Petty trespass	Pt	Oxley, a gardener who lived in the Market Place, rented a field off Portway. The lock on the field gate, valued at 1/6d, was forcibly removed and Bowell, a tailor, had supposedly admitted responsibility.	1862/017
Smith	William	Ball	Alfred	28	03	1862	Assault	A	Smith = toll gatekeeper, Ball = coal hauler	1862/018
Cathedral, St Cuthbert, St. Thomas		City & Borough of Wells		07	04	1862	Appeal against Poor Rate	*		1862/019
Colbourne	William	Hill	George	12	04	1862	Assault	A	Colbourne was a cattle dealer from Midsomer Norton, Hill was a coal hauler from Ashwick.	1862/020
Harris	Thomas	Wills jnr	James	19	04	1862	Assault	A	James Wills the younger	1862/021
Harris	Thomas	Wills jnr Parker	James Frederick	19	04	1862	Wilful damage to windows	Wd	Wills and Parker broke a window in Harris' property with a stick; the value of the damage was assessed at 1/- but when Harris tackled the two defendants in the street, they beat him and damaged his trousers to the value of 10/-.	1862/022
Harris	Thomas	Wills Parker	James Frederick	19	04	1862	Causing disturbance	Dp	The two defendants were allegedly causing a disturbance by knocking at the door of Thomas Harris in Mill Lane.	1862/023
Barber	Edwin Alfred	Barber	James	26	04	1862	Assault	A	Edwin Alfred Barber was a cabinet maker, James Barber an innkeeper.	1862/024
Barber	Edwin Alfred	Carver	Fanny Louisa	27	04	1862	Sureties for the peace	S	Barber lived and ran a business in Sadler Street in partnership with Joseph Carver, an upholsterer. Carver's wife went to Barber's house and behaved in a very violent manner towards him and verbally abused him.	1862/025
Boug	Charles	Fry	Sarah	29	04	1862	Obscene language	Pr	Obscene language against husband, John Fry, shoemaker in High Street.	1862/026
Silver	Edward	Sage (aka Williams)	Lucy	29	04	1862	Obscene language	Pr	Sage (aka Williams) was causing a disturbance and swearing loudly and profanely in St Thomas Street. Fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1862/027
Boug	Charles	Martin	Moses	29	04	1862	Offence against licence	L	PC Silver had seen a young man go to the door of the Fountain Inn at 12.45am, knock and be admitted, returning soon after with a can. When challenged, he threw the can and its contents away, but Silver determined that it had contained beer. Martin, the landlord of the Fountain, pleaded guilty to serving alcohol outside permitted licensing hours. Fined 6d with costs of 7/-.	1862/028

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Tompkins	George	Willcox	Edmund	01	05	1862	Failure to comply with notice to remove nuisance	E	Willcox, the owner of properties in St Thomas Street occupied by Messrs Edwards and Clements, had been served notice to deal with a foul and offensive privy considered to be a danger to health. Willcox had failed to comply.	1862/029
Boug	Charles	Classey	Edward	03	05	1862	Causing obstruction	O	Classey had unloaded wooden faggots at his house in Sadler Street but left them blocking part of the road and the pavement. Fined 6d with costs of 8/-.	1862/030
Smith	William	Emery (or Hembery)	Richard	08	05	1862	Evasion of turnpike toll	N	Emery (Hembery), a cattle driver from Wedmore, had refused to pay the toll for driving sheep belonging to Mr Clarke of Bleadney through the Portway turnpike gate.	1862/031
Hellier	John	Dredge	Robert	20	05	1862	Cruelty to dog	C	Hellier of St Cuthbert Street claimed that Dredge had thrown lime in his dog's eyes and had kicked it; the sight in one eye was destroyed. Dredge was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1862/032
Wills	Benjamin	Chappell	John	11	06	1862	Stealing fowls	T	Wills, a labourer living in Portway, claimed that two fowls had been stolen from his premises by John Chappell, a shoemaker living in High Street.	1862/033
Russ	Samuel Peren	Drumhold	Edward	12	06	1862	Assault	A	Defendant was evidently found guilty and sent to prison in Shepton Mallet. Subsequent letter from the prison governor indicated that Drumhold (or Drumhall as shown in the letter) had destroyed two sets of prison clothing and tried to hang himself. The governor recommended that the prisoner be moved to a lunatic asylum, an institution where he had been before and to which he appeared more suited.	1862/034
Rice	Joseph	Sweet	Eliza	26	06	1862	Theft	T	Rice lodged with Joseph Bird in Southover. John and Eliza Sweet lived under the same roof and Rice alleged that Sweet's wife had stolen some of the stuffing from his bed.	1862/035
Heale	George	Heale	James Richard	26	06	1862	Assault	A	No indication of the relationship between the two men was given. An arrest warrant for the defendant was issued.	1862/036

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Gully	John	Loxton	Joseph	28	06	1862	Assault	A	Gully, a pensioner, was allegedly assaulted by Loxton, a postboy.	1862/037
Kitching	George	Boyce	Caleb	10	07	1862	Absent without leave	Ab	Kitching was a farmer who employed Boyce; the latter had absented himself from work without consent.	1862/038
Phipps	Sarah Ann	Collard	Cornelius	17	07	1862	Assault	A	Collard, a butcher, allegedly kicked Phipps, a single woman, on her leg.	1862/039
Lavender	William	Paris (aka Lavender)	Caroline	22	07	1862	Theft	T	Lavender, resident of Southover, had lived with Paris for around two years, but she had now left Wells, taking his silver watch valued at £3. A warrant was issued for her arrest.	1862/040
Foster	W J S			25	07	1862	Notice of special session	*	To hear appeal against rates	1862/041
Isgrove Stone	George George	Pearce	George	31	07	1862	Obscene language	Pr	Isgrove = gardener; Stone = innkeeper of Sun Inn. Pearse, a labourer, was accused of abusing the landlord of the Sun Inn. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison.	1862/042
Collins	William	Clements	Elizabeth	04	08	1862	Assault	A	Collins, a pensioner, claimed that Clements, a widow, had assaulted him and pulled him to the ground. The defendant was discharged and Collins ordered to pay the costs of the case.	1862/043
Boug	Charles	Peach Peach	Henry Mary	13	08	1862	Offence against licence	L	Serving alcohol outside permitted hours in The Golden Heart. Fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1862/044
Kelly	Joseph	Sweet	John	13	08	1862	Obscene language and drunkenness	Pr	Sweet was found to be drunk and causing a disturbance in Southover by swearing and cursing. Committed to 14 days in prison.	1862/045
Batten	Henry	Cannon	Silas	14	08	1862	Perjury	Pj	Batten, a labourer of Chilton Polden, was tried at Bridgwater, together with Charles Dunstone, on a charge of shooting at Silas Cannon and was committed to the assizes at Wells where he and Dunstone were acquitted. Batten claimed that Cannon had perjured himself in his evidence and sought to pursue charges against him. A warrant for Cannon's arrest was issued and he was held in prison pending the hearing of the case.	1862/046

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Batten	Henry	Cannon	Louisa	14	08	1862	Perjury	Pj	See 1862/046; the same charges applied to Cannon's wife.	1862/046a
Barnard	John	Whitehead	John	16	08	1862	Assault	A	Barnard was a butcher, Whitehead a labourer	1862/047
Collins	William	Whitehead	Jane	19	08	1862	Obscene language	Pr	Collins, a pensioner, claimed that he was abused and sworn at by Whitehead, wife of John Whitehead (see 1862/047) while standing at his front door in St Thomas Street. Whitehead was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1862/048
Taylor	Richard	Jenkins	James	20	08	1862	Assault	A	Jenkins, a plasterer and tiler, was said to have committed a violent assault on his apprentice, Taylor. The case was noted as being settled.	1862/049
[Regina]		Cannon Cannon	Silas Louisa	20	08	1862	Perjury	Pj	Letter from Mr Reed, lawyer, to W J S Foster, town clerk. See also cases 1862/046 and 1862/046a.	1862/050
Silver	Edward	Bryne	William	21	08	1862	Selling beer outside permitted hours	L	Bryne was the landlord of the Queen's Head Inn and was alleged to have been selling beer at 11.30pm, after the pub should have closed. Fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1862/051
Silver	Edward	Barber	George	21	08	1862	Obscene and profane language	Pr	Barber was seen coming down Priest Row abusing his wife and calling her a variety of unpleasant names. Barber was alleged to be drunk. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1862/052
Oxley	Matthew	Pearse Burley Kenison	William Henry William	25	08	1862	Stealing apples	T	Oxley, a gardener, alleged that the boys named had been stealing apples from his garden. The case was noted as being settled.	1862/053
Boug	Charles	Isgrove	Joseph	09	09	1862	Obscene language	Pr	Isgrove, a labourer, was seen in High Street abusing Thomas Perry, landlord of the Kings Arms Inn.	1862/054
White	Matilda	Isgrove	Joseph	09	09	1862	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Matilda White, wife of Joseph White, butcher, claimed that Isgrove had approached her at her door in Queen Street and had abused her without provocation.	1862/055
Boug	Charles	Parker	Frederick	09	09	1862	Furious riding	Rd	Parker was riding a horse at great pace down Sadler Street and High Street. Fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-.	1862/056
Boug	Charles	Pearce	James	09	09	1862	Furious riding	Rd	Pearce was seen riding a horse at a great pace in High Street, Sadler Street and along the Bath Road. Fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1862/057
Sargent	William Walter	Loxton	John	11	09	1862	Assault	A	Sargent was a limeburner and Loxton a labourer.	1862/058
Sargent	William Walter	Cardwell	Charles	11	09	1862	Assault	A	Sargent was a limeburner and Cardwell a labourer.	1862/059

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Oldfield	Mary	Seal	George	16	09	1862	Theft of money	T	Mary Oldfield was a shopkeeper in High Street. She had been in an inner room and had seen Samuel Tyte, a grocer with a shop opposite, come into her shop, go out and then return. Tyte had seen Seal, a 14 year old boy, come into Oldfield's shop, saw him climb on the counter and came over to see what was going on. He found that the till was open and Seal had some coins in his hand. Seal claimed that he had been trying to get change for sixpence, but had then run off only to be restrained and brought back by other people in the street. He was found to have 7 pence halfpenny in coppers which he had taken from the till. Seal pleaded guilty to the charge of theft. Note: the defendant's name is perhaps George Teal.	1862/059a
Norris	Frederick	Ashman	Benjamin	17	09	1862	Assault	A	Norris was a potato dealer from Catcott, Ashman was a labourer.	1862/060
Brooks	Robert Manners	Hopkins	William	19	09	1862	Assault	A	Hopkins was described as a carpenter. The case was noted as being settled.	1862/061
Tucker	Edward	Ashman	Benjamin	26	09	1862	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker was requested by Frederick Norris to intervene as Ashman had forcibly taken possession of Norris' horse and cart in Southover (see 1862/060). When Tucker intervened, Ashman became very abusive and used many insults; Tucker alleged that he was not sober. Ashman was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1862/062
Williams	Elizabeth	Savage	?	30	09	1862	Stealing a cloak	T	Williams, wife of George Williams, licensee of the Nag's Head in Sadler Street, claimed that a cloak belonging to her daughter had been stolen from the premises. She accused the wife of Thomas Savage, a labourer from Wookey, of taking it and asked for a search warrant to be issued for Savage's house. The cloak was supposedly valued at 5/-.	1862/063
Creedy	Major	Ball	Charles	30	09	1862	Assault	A	Creedy was described as a butcher, Ball as a labourer.	1862/064

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White	John	Cardwell	Charles	02	10	1862	Theft of handkerchief	T	White got drunk at the Goat Inn in East Wells and claimed that a black silk neckerchief had been stolen by Cardwell. Although a witness claimed to have seen Cardwell put the neckerchief in his pocket after White had put it on a table, it was openly and not deceptively done. Both White and Cardwell were said to be larking about together and both were drunk. White was ordered to pay 6/6d.	1862/065
Loxton	Stephen	Cox	Elizabeth	03	10	1862	Assault	A	Loxton was a labourer, Cox was described as a shopkeeper, wife of George Cox.	1862/066
Connock	John	Taylor	Charles	14	10	1862	Assault	A	Connock was described as a labourer, Taylor as a butcher	1862/067
Tucker	Edward	Lane	Charles	17	10	1862	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker found a drunken Lane in St Thomas Street and tried to persuade him to go home. Lane refused and continued to use profane and obscene language in the street.	1862/068
Badman	Elizabeth	Phipps	?	29	10	1862	Assault	A	Badman, wife of James Badman, labourer, complained that the wife of Thomas Phipps, fishmonger (no forename given), assaulted her, tore her clothes, kicked her and beat her about the head and face.	1862/069
Tucker	Edward	Fry	William	29	10	1862	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker met Fry in Southover and Fry used profane and abusive language about a girl that he had been with earlier in the day. Fry was committed to prison for 14 days.	1862/070
Smith	William	Francis	Thomas	30	10	1862	Evasion of turnpike toll	N	Smith, tollgate keeper at Portway, claimed that Francis, described as a labourer, had driven 2 horse-drawn waggons bearing straw through the tollgate without paying the toll - total value 8d. The case was described as settled.	1862/071
Dunn	William	[Justices]		25	11	1862	Appeal to delay case	*	Letter to town clerk, W J S Foster, to request delay in hearing a particular case (unfortunately not named) so that Mr Dunn could appear on behalf of the defendant.	1862/072

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Silver	Edward	Green	James	25	11	1862	Disorderly house	Dh	PC Silver claimed that at midnight he had been to the Exmouth Inn in East Wells run by Green. He had seen people drinking, quarrelling and fighting; the entire place seemed to be in complete disorder.	1862/073
Silver	Edward	Allen	William	25	11	1862	Obstructing turnpike road	O	PC Silver saw a horse and cart parked in the street outside the Exmouth Inn. It stayed there for almost 2 hours and represented an obstruction to traffic.	1862/074
Kelly	Joseph	Ward	Thomas	25	11	1862	Obscene language	Pr	PC Kelly saw Ward, a shoemaker, turned out of the King's Head Inn. Ward then stood in High Street and abused someone in the pub using very bad language and threatening to fight them.	1862/075
Kelly	Joseph	Joyce	Ellen	25	11	1862	Obscene language	Pr	Joyce, a spinster, was seen in St Thomas Street quarrelling with John Loxton and swearing profusely. Both Joyce and Loxton were said to be drunk.	1862/076
Tucker	Edward	Loxton	John	25	11	1862	Obscene language	Pr	Loxton was seen in St Thomas Street at around 3.30am arguing with Ellen Joyce and swearing profusely at her (see also 1862/076). Loxton appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1862/077
[Regina]		Cannon Cannon	Silas Louisa	06	12	1862	Perjury	Pj	Letter from William Oakley re Cannon case. Oakley appears to be the governor of Taunton gaol and his letter concerns the timing of trials in relation to the status of prisoners / accused on bail.	1862/078
[Regina]		Cannon Cannon	Silas Louisa	08	12	1862	Perjury	Pj	Letter from John and James Trevor to W J S Foster, clerk to the Justices, requesting copies of the depositions made in the case against the Cannons. See also 1862/046, 1862/046a and 1862/050.	1862/079
[Regina]		Peters	Ann	04	12	1862	Illegal abortion	la	Letter from William Herapath (?), professor of chemistry and toxicology, regarding the substances sold by Ann Peters to produce miscarriages.	1862/080
[Regina]		Peters	Ann	06	12	1862	Illegal abortion	la	Testimony of various witnesses who had used the services of Ann Peters for having their fortunes told or for obtaining potions that would potentially lead to a miscarriage of an unwanted baby.	1862/081
[Regina]		Peters	Ann	09	12	1862	Illegal abortion	la	Letter from William Herapath (?), professor of chemistry and toxicology, regarding his fees for the analysis of the substances sold by Ann Peters to produce miscarriages.	1862/082

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Creedy	Major	Crandon	William	17	12	1862	Assault	A	Both men were butchers. No assault took place - only a threat. Costs of the case were 8/-; no evidence as to who was ordered to pay them.	1862/083
Churchouse	Edward	Oxley	William	20	12	1862	Stealing coal	T	Churchouse, a resident of Southover, had two loads of coal by the roadside overnight and by the morning some of it had gone. Oxley, a labourer, and also resident in Southover, was accused of taking it.	1862/084
Raines	James	Sage Brine	John Robert	27	12	1862	Assault	A	Raines requested that a warrant for the arrest of Sage and Brine be issued. No evidence that this took place.	1862/085
[Justices]		Various		31	12	1862	Police costs	*	Costs of local police on cases brought before borough justices in 1862	1862/086
[Justices]		Various		31	12	1862	Police costs	*	Costs of county police on cases brought before borough justices in 1862	1862/087

1863

Vowles	William	Dredge	Robert	31	01	1863	Cruelty to animals	C	In Southover, Vowles's dog was set upon by a ferocious dog deliberately released by Dredge. Vowles's dog was badly injured.	1863/001
[Regina]		Cannon Cannon	Silas Louisa	07	02	1863	Perjury	Pj	Request from Cannons' lawyer to W J S Foster to send depositions. Similar to earlier request - see 1862/079.	1863/002
Adlam	John	Chapman	George	11	02	1863	Counterfeit coin	Fr	Adlam was in Hillman's Beerhouse in Portway and only had a half sovereign with which to pay for his drink. Hillman said that he could not change it and advised Adlam to ask Chapman, a labourer from Theale who was in the bar. Chapman gave Adlam four half crowns but when he offered one at the bar it was rejected as bad.	1863/003
[Regina]		Cannon Cannon	Silas Louisa	14	02	1863	Perjury	Pj	Letter re same case as in 1863/002 above from Reed in Bridgwater to W J S Foster, clerk to the justices. Letter contained cheque for one pound - presumably in payment for the depositions requested earlier.	1863/004

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Boug	Charles	Turner Baldwin	James Edwin	18	02	1863	Drunkenness	D	Turner and Baldwin came out of the Coach & Horses in St Thomas Street and started swearing and cursing in the street before they took to fighting each other. Turner was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-, Baldwin 5/- with costs of 9/-, both subject to 7 days in prison if unable to pay.	1863/005
Boug	Charles	Tyrell	James	18	02	1863	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Tyrell, a paper maker, was found to be drunk and riotous in High Street. When approached by PC Dallas, he became very abusive and aggressive. Tyrell later admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 8/6d.	1863/006
Showering	Mary	Showering	Hannah	25	02	1863	Sureties for future behaviour	Su	Mary Showering, wife of John Showering, labourer, claimed that she was constantly being abused and threatened by Hannah Showering, wife of James Showering, blacksmith. She appealed for sureties as to Hannah Showering's future conduct towards her.	1863/007
Brooks	John	Brooke jnr	William	02	03	1863	Assault	A	On the summons, John Brooke jnr. is deleted and replaced by William Brooke jnr., plasterer and tiler.	1863/008
Boug	Charles	Maggs	George	04	03	1863	Cruelty to animals	C	Maggs, a coal hauler from Midsomer Norton, was accused of driving a donkey with an overloaded cart of coals and beating the donkey severely as the exhausted animal struggled to draw the cart. Maggs was fined 10/- (but it might be 5/- or 8/-) with costs of 10/- or 14 days in prison with hard labour if in default.	1863/009
Boug	Charles	Hawkins	Samuel	13	03	1863	Obstruction	O	Hawkins (called John in Boug's initial report but changed to Samuel in the summons), a coal hauler, was accused of obstructing High Street with horse and cart parked in the centre of the road.	1863/010
Tucker	Edward	Sweet	Thomas	13	03	1863	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker met Sweet in Southover where he was abusing a woman using profane and obscene terms. Costs of the case were shown as 9/- (presumably to be paid by Sweet) but there is no mention of a fine.	1863/011

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Tucker	Edward	Fry	Sarah	13	03	1863	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker encountered Sarah Fry in Broad Street where she was quarrelling with her husband, John. He was taken away by his father (Harry) but Sarah continued to shout and swear profusely, being drunk and riotous. She admitted the offence, but there is no indication of fine / costs.	1863/012
Tucker	Edward	Beaven	George	13	03	1863	Obstruction	O	PC Tucker noted that a timber carriage had been left overnight in New Road in a position that was dangerous to other traffic. Beaven, the building contractor, who owned the vehicle, pleaded for a delay in the hearing as he had walked into a door and badly damaged his face. The hearing was adjourned.	1863/013
Flower	Theophilus	Pegler	Mark	16	03	1863	Leaving mistress' employment	Ab	Rev. Flower was acting as superintendent of the printing and publishing business owned by Margaret Backhouse, widow. Pegler had been apprenticed to Mrs Backhouse but he had absconded.	1863/014
[Regina]		Cannon Cannon	Silas Louisa	28	03	1863	Perjury	Pj	Letter from Bridgwater - re accounts related to case 1863/002 and 1863/004.	1863/015
Tucker	Edward	Allen	William	22	04	1863	Obstruction	O	PC Tucker found three horses and carts parked in St Thomas Street opposite the Exmouth Inn. Two of the carts belonged to William Allen, a coal hauler resident in Tucker Street, the other to John Bennett, also from Tucker Street. Both men had been drinking in the Exmouth Inn. Allen was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison. Note; the case header document contains a list of names and amounts, apparently relating to cases heard later in the session.	1863/016
Tucker	Edward	Bennett	John	22	04	1863	Obstruction	O	For details of the case see 1863/016. Bennett was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison.	1863/017

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Tucker	Edward	Small	John	22	04	1863	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker saw several boys larking around in High Street. One of them, John Small, was trying to push another boy into the gutter and uttered a series of foul-mouthed expressions to the concern of local residents. Small was fined 1/- with costs of 10/- or 14 days in prison.	1863/018
Shearley	William James	Porter	James	23	04	1863	Failure to control horse and cart	Rd	Rev. Shearley of Wookey was driving along the Portway turnpike when he was forced onto the pathway in order to avoid a horse and cart that had no person controlling it. Porter of Walton was in another cart following behind. He was fined 1/- with costs of 10/- or 7 days in prison.	1863/019
Boug	Charles	Isgrove (aka Scott)	Joseph	28	04	1863	Obscene language	Pr	Isgrove, a labourer, was seen in Sadler Street and High Street. He was drunk and swearing profusely. Sentenced to 7 days in prison.	1863/020
Boug	Charles	Pearse	James	28	04	1863	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Pearse, a labourer, was drunk in High Street, was very loud and raucous and swore profusely. Fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison.	1863/021
Tucker	Edward	Isgrove (aka Scott)	Joseph	28	04	1863	Obscene language	Pr	Isgrove, a labourer, was drunk outside Allen's beerhouse in High Street. He was swearing loudly and challenging people to fight. Sentenced to 14 days in prison.	1863/022
Boug	Charles	Sage Bird Pointing Guppy Brown Passey Fry Brock Seal Edwards Edwards	George John Richard Joseph John Thomas Charles William William George Charles	28	04	1863	Obstructing public footpath	O	About a dozen young men were obstructing the footpath in St Thomas Street and forcing other pedestrians into the road. Each of them was fined 1/- with 5/- costs.	1863/023
Boug	Charles	Sweet	John	28	04	1863	Drunkenness	D	Sweet, a pork butcher, was drunk and noisy in High Street. His wife, Eliza, admitted that he had been drunk. Costs were given as 10/- or 14 days in prison.	1863/024
Tucker	Edward	Sweet	Charles	28	04	1863	Drunkenness	D	Sweet, a labourer, was drunk and noisy, and could not be persuaded to go home. Fined 5/- with costs of 10/- or 7 days in prison.	1863/025

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Boug	Charles	Ford	Henry	29	04	1863	Cruelty to animals	C	Ford, a labourer from Ston Easton, was driving a horse and cart with several people in it. Boug saw Ford whipping the horse cruelly in High Street, Sadler Street, Bath Road and St Thomas Street. Boug alleged that Ford was drunk. Ford was fined 2/6d with costs of 11/-.	1863/026
Boug	Charles	Ford	Henry	29	04	1863	Furious driving	Rd	See case 1863/026 for details. Boug alleged that Ford was driving the horse and cart at a furious pace to the danger of other road users.	1863/027
Russ	Henry Perrin	Slater	Jonathan	01	05	1863	Making daughter chargeable to parish	Ds	Slater, a labourer, was capable of maintaining his daughter, Emily, aged 14, but wilfully refused to do so. As a result, she was placed in Wells Union workhouse at the cost of the parish. Slater was fined 5/- with costs of 9/6d. The forename of the relieving officer and plaintiff is given here as Henry. In earlier cases the forename was given as Samuel. Both could be correct but one may be in error.	1863/028
Callow	Ann	Tyley	Hannah	02	05	1863	Sureties for future behaviour	Su	Ann Callow, wife of John Callow, a labourer and resident of Bull Lane, complained that Tyley had come to her house and thrown water into the room where she was sitting. In addition, Tyley had viciously abused her on this and other occasions. Callow asked for sureties regarding Tyley's future conduct towards her. Case was dismissed. Costs were 6/6d.	1863/029
Flower	Theophilus	Sheridan	John	04	05	1863	Fraud	Fr	Reverend Flower had been operating the bookshop in High Street belonging to Margaret Backhouse, widow. A man had come in and requested a book, supposedly on behalf of the foreman of George Beaven, a local builder. Flower had handed over the book but the man, who had given no name, was not genuine. A later report from William George Bloxham, deputy chief constable of Somerset, identified the man as John Sheridan, then in prison in Bodmin gaol.	1863/030

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Hoare	John William	Oxley jnr	Matthew	06	05	1863	Non-payment of gas bill	N	Wells Gaslight Company was pursuing an outstanding account of £4.14s.7d owing by Matthew Oxley jnr for his house and shop in Market Place.	1863/031
Savage	George	Sperrell	Eliza	07	05	1863	Theft of glass	T	Savage, a dealer in china and glass in Market Place, employed Sperrell as an occasional cleaner. He had lost several articles of china and glass and suspected she had stolen them. A search warrant was issued for the property in Tucker Street where she lived with her husband.	1863/032
Brown	William	Hunt	Henry	12	05	1863	Assault	A	Brown was described as a carrier and Hunt as a labourer. Case was dismissed.	1863/033
Millard	George Henry	Osborne	Thomas	12	05	1863	Assault	A	Millard was a draper's assistant and Osborne a tailor. Millard believed that Osborne was about to leave Wells and asked for a warrant for his arrest to be issued.	1863/034
Sage	Samuel	Cardwell Ball	James Charles	15	05	1863	Assault	A	Sage was described as a mason, Cardwell and Ball as labourers. The case was noted as settled.	1863/035
Silver	Edward	Allen	James	20	05	1863	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Silver saw Allen come out of his house in St Thomas Street and begin cursing and shouting, apparently at someone in his house. He refused to be quiet and uttered a number of profane oaths. Allen was fined 5/- with costs of 11/- or 14 days in prison.	1863/036
Silver	Edward	Cardwell Cardwell	Edward James	20	05	1863	Obscene language	Pr	The two Cardwells, both labourers, were in St Thomas Street on Sunday morning when the churchgoers were coming out of St Thomas' Church. Both of them were shouting and swearing and threatening to fight each other. Both men admitted the offence. The costs of the case were at least 7/- and they may have been fined as much as 10/-.	1863/037
Webb	Sarah	Rose	Jane	21	05	1863	Wilful damage	Wd	Sarah, wife of Charles Webb, labourer, complained that Jane, wife of William Rose, had come into her garden, trodden on her onions and thrown her to the ground, damaging her husband's gooseberry and currant plants; the damage amounted to at least 6d. The case seems to have been dismissed.	1863/038

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Peters	Ann	Carde	Eliza	25	05	1863	Assault	A	Ann was wife of George Peters, labourer, Eliza was wife of George Card, labourer. The case was noted as settled.	1863/039
Tyack	John William	Heale	James Richard	25	05	1863	Leaving master's employment	Ab	Tyack was a cordwainer to whom Heale had been apprenticed in 1858.	1863/040
Boug	Charles	Isgrove Isgrove Keen Sweet jnr	John Charles John John	26	05	1863	Obstructing public footpath	O	The four young men were accused of obstructing the public footpath for more than half an hour forcing other pedestrians onto the road. Fined 1/- each with each to pay costs of 3/3d.	1863/041a
Boug	Charles	Seale Allen Hunter Keen	James Sidney Timothy Robert	26	05	1863	Obstructing public footpath	O	On the day following case 1863/041a four more young men were accused of an identical offence. The case was dismissed.	1863/041b
Boug	Charles	Main Weeks jnr	Mark Joseph	26	05	1863	Riotously drunk	D	Summons issued in name of George Gane but amended to Mark Main. Main and Weeks were drunk and riotous in High Street and Sadler Street. Each was fined 5/- with costs of 10/- to be paid between them.	1863/042
Silver	Edward	Allen	James	28	05	1863	Obstructing police	Op	Allen, a plumber and glazier, was present when PCs Silver and Tucker attended a quarrel which was taking place in High Street. Allen questioned the authority of the constables and encouraged others in the crowd to do the same. The case was dismissed.	1863/043
[Regina]		Cannon Cannon	Silas Louisa	02	06	1863	Administration of perjury case	*	Letter accompanied by postage stamps to the value of 12/10d, repayment of the costs of providing certain depositions. See other entries for this case in 1862 and 1863.	1863/044
Green	Thomas	Williams	Thomas	06	06	1863	Theft of composing stick	T	Green, a printer and stationer, alleged that Williams had come into his shop and gone into his printing office from which he had removed a composing stick valued at around 5/-. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Williams.	1863/045
Janes	Richard	Hamblin	William	08	06	1863	Assault	A	Janes was a beerseller, Hamblin a pork butcher.	1863/046

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Tucker	Edward	Hamblin	William	08	06	1863	Obscene language	Pr	Hamblin was arguing in Queen Sreet with Janes, a resident of that street (see 1863/046) and he used many obscene expressions. The row continued for some time and drew a large crowd, many of whom were shocked by Hamblin's language.	1863/047
Joyce	Thomas	Oxley	Charles	30	06	1863	Sureties for future behaviour	Su	Joyce had levied a distress for rent on the goods of James Oxley of St Cuthbert Street. Joyce had secured the goods when Oxley's brother, Charles, arrived and abused Joyce, threatening to get a gun and kill him. Joyce requested sureties for Oxley's future conduct towards him.	1863/048
Lapham	William	Wills	John	02	07	1863	Obscene language	Pr	Lapham, a hat manufacturer, was visited in his shop by Wills, a horse dealer. Wills had come to pay a bill and, once he had paid it, stepped outside the shop in High Street and proceeded to abuse Lapham in profane and obscene terms.	1863/049
Willmott	Thomas	Moore	Albert	02	07	1863	Assault	A	Willmott was described as a butcher, Moore as a labourer. Moore was fined 2/6d plus costs.	1863/050
Boug	Charles	Isgrove (aka Scott)	Joseph	03	07	1863	Drunk & riotous	D	Isgrove was drunk and causing a disturbance in High Street where he shouted and swore using obscene language.	1863/051
Boug	Charles	Ball	Alfred	03	07	1863	Drunk & riotous	D	Ball, a coal hauler, was drunk and causing a disturbance in Queen Street, having just left the City Arms Inn. Fined 2/6d plus costs.	1863/052
Boug	Charles	Fowler	George	03	07	1863	Drunk & riotous	D	Fowler, a millwright, was drunk and creating a disturbance in High Street.	1863/053
Barnard	Charles	Phipps Phipps Moore Moore	Thomas Sarah Albert Ann	03	07	1863	Obscene language	Pr	Barnard, a butcher living in High Street, complained that when Phipps, together with his daughter, and Moore, together with his wife, passed his home, they all shouted abuse at him using obscene language.	1863/054
Knight	Henry	Moore	Edward	15	07	1863	Disorderly apprentice	Ab	Apprentice had absconded from Knight's employment as carpenter and builder.	1863/055
Westcott	Michael	Haskins	Charles	13	08	1863	Leaving master's employment	Ab	Apprenticed to Parsons' brush manufacturing business where Westcott was manager and superintendent.	1863/056a
Barber	James	Day	William	15	09	1863	Notice to quit	Ev	Eviction notice for a property in Silver Street of which Barber was the landlord and Day the tenant.	1863/056b

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Perry	George	Willmott	William	12	10	1863	Runaway apprentice	Ab	Willmott was apprenticed to Perry, a baker who ran his business in High Street, for 4 years from January 1862. Perry believed that Willmott had left Wells.	1863/057
Tucker	Edward	Cook	Charles	12	10	1863	Obstructing thoroughfare	O	PC Tucker alleged that Cook, a labourer from Croscombe, had left a donkey and cart overnight in the Market Place and most of the following day where it caused an obstruction to other traffic. Fined 10/- with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison.	1863/058
Tucker	Edward	Cardwell	James	13	10	1863	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker found Cardwell, a labourer, causing a disturbance in High Street. He was drunk and making a great noise, shouting and swearing and using obscene language.	1863/059
Gumm	Charles	Pearse	George	14	10	1863	Assault	A	Gumm was a labourer, Pearse a haulier. Pearse was fined £1 with costs of 15/- or 21 days in prison if in default.	1863/060
Harris	William	Oxley jnr	Matthew	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Matthew Oxley jnr had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was £1.18s.0 ¹ / ₂ d, excluding costs.	1863/060a
Harris	William	Brown	James	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Brown of Grove Lane had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was 10/10d, excluding costs. There were two summons prepared, but it appears that they may not have been served, perhaps because Brown paid the amount outstanding.	1863/060b
Harris	William	Carver Barber	Joseph Edwin	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Carver and Barber of Sadler Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was £4.17s.6d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1863/060c
Harris	William	Lockyer	Charles	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Lockyer of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was £1.8s.2d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1863/060d

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Harris	William	Chapple	John	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Chapple of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was 5/5d, excluding costs. The debt is recorded as having been received.	1863/060e
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was £1.10s.4d, excluding costs. The debt is recorded as having been received.	1863/060f
Harris	William	Painter	James	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Painter of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was £1.11s.11½d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1863/060g
Harris	William	Cook	Ann	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Cook of St John Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was 8/8d, excluding costs. The debt is recorded as having been paid.	1863/060h
Harris	William	Day	William	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Day of Silver Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was 7/7d, excluding costs. Rough handwritten notes seem to suggest that Day paid 2/6d and the case was adjourned for a period of time.	1863/060i
Harris	William	Bartlett	Charles	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Bartlett of Southover had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was 7/7d, excluding costs. The debt is recorded as having been paid.	1863/060j
Harris	William	Francis	George	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Francis of Southover had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was 7/7d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1863/060k

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Harris	William	Keates	Isabella	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Keates of Keward had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was 6/6d, excluding costs. Handwritten notes seem to indicate on the one hand the the debt was paid and on the other that the case was adjourned.	1863/060i
Harris	William	Lovelace	Thomas	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Lovelace of Broad Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was £1.1s.8d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1863/060m
Harris	William	Hooper	John	15	10	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Hooper of Priest Row had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 April 1863. The amount outstanding was 6/6d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1863/060n
Willmott	Thomas	Barnard	Charles	17	10	1863	Wilful damage	Wd	Both men were described as butchers. Willmott alleged damage to coat and shirt to the value of 3/6d. Barnard was fined 3/6d with costs of 11/-.	1863/061
Barnard	Charles	Brown	Richard	17	10	1863	Obscene language	Pr	Barnard, a butcher with premises in High Street, complained that Brown, a sawyer, had stood opposite his shop, along with a number of other people, and had abused him, calling him a variety of unpleasant names and using obscene language. Brown was ordered to put forward sureties to the value of £10 and to pay costs of 8/6d. The forename of the defendant is given as Thomas in Barnard's deposition but changed to Richard on the summons.	1863/062

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Barnard	Charles	Willmott	Thomas	17	10	1863	Assault	A	See also case 1863/061. This case (1863/063) seems to involve an incident that began earlier than that referred to in 1863/061. Barnard claimed that Willmott, a butcher resident in Lapool Lane, threatened him with a shovel and later came to his shop, along with other people, and abused him. Willmott appears to have been ordered to put forward sureties to the value of £10 and to pay costs of 8/-.	1863/063
[Justices]		[Various]		19	10	1863	Minutes of meeting	*		1863/064
[Justices]		Foster	Joseph	19	10	1863	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Foster was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 6/6d.	1863/064a
[Justices]		Slater	Widow	19	10	1863	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Widow Slater was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 7/7d.	1863/064b
[Justices]		Gould	John	19	10	1863	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Gould was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/4d.	1863/064c
[Justices]		Chappell	John	19	10	1863	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Chappell was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 5/5d.	1863/064d
[Regina]		Skelton Paul	John Charles	20	10	1863	Theft	T	Documentation relates to depositions from the two prisoners. These depositions were subsequently withdrawn by Mr Clifton (presumably their lawyer) after the justices expressed their intention to commit.	1863/065
Wadman	Robert	Brookman	William	23	10	1863	Assault	A	Brookman was a baker.	1863/066
Westcott	Michael	Chamberlain	John	05	11	1863	Misconduct as apprentice	Ab	Chamberlain was indentured to the employ of Joseph Parsons, brush manufacturer, in 1861 for six and a half years. Westcott, manager and superintendent at the works, reported that Chamberlain had absented himself from work. A warrant for the arrest of Chamberlain was issued.	1863/067
Westcott	Michael	Haskins	Charles	05	11	1863	Misconduct as apprentice	Ab	Haskins was indentured in the employ of Joseph Parsons, brush manufacturer, but, according to Westcott, manager and superintendent at the works, Haskins had absented himself from work for a day and a half and then turned up tipsy.	1863/068

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Flower	Theophilus	Gould	Samuel Smith	26	11	1863	Absconding from master's employment	Ab	Gould was apprenticed to Margaret Backhouse's printing and publishing business in 1861 for a term of 7 years. Rev. Flower, who was superintending the business on behalf of Mrs Backhouse, a widow, reported that Gould had absented himself from her employ without permission.	1863/069
Tucker	Edward	Barber	James	15	12	1863	Refusing to admit police officer	Op	PC Tucker saw two men leaving the Full Moon Inn in Southover at 12.45am. He knocked on the door and demanded admittance but Barber, the landlord, refused to open the door. Barber was fined 10/- with costs of 12/-.	1863/070
Tucker	Edward	Sweet Sweet	John Eliza	15	12	1863	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker encountered the Sweets in Southover where they were arguing in the street with a woman. Both Sweets were shouting and swearing and using obscene language in the argument. Fined 5/- with costs of 10/- or 14 days in prison.	1863/071
Tucker	Edward	Day	Betsy	16	12	1863	Obscene language	Pr	Quarrelling with John Sweet; see 1863/071. Betsy, wife of William Day, was also using obscene language during the quarrel. She appears to have been discharged on payment of costs of 7/-.	1863/072
Churches	Edward	Heale	John	18	12	1863	Sureties for future behaviour	Su	Churches, a coal hauler of St John Street, had encountered Heale, a labourer, in Back Lane. Heale had issued threats of personal violence and Churches was forced to flee and take shelter in the house of George Nutty. Heale was bound over for 6 months in the sum of £30, £10 from himself and £10 each from 2 others. He was also to pay costs of 9/6d.	1863/073
Harris	William	Pyke	Mrs	18	12	1863	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, complained that Mrs Pyke, late of the In Parish of St Cuthbert, but now of Apsley Villa, Southville, Beaminster, had not paid the poor rate assessment of £2.9s.10d dating from 25 April 1863 and was refusing to do so. Costs of at least 2/6d were to be added to the amount outstanding.	1863/073a

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Willmott	Sarah Ann	Muir	William	21	12	1863	Assault	A	Willmott was a spinster and Muir a serjeant in 47th Foot. Muir appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 13/6d, or 14 days in prison. However, there are other figures on the document which indicate either £1.0s.5d or 7/- plus compensation.	1863/074
Cook	Frances	Murrow Murrow	Charles Elizabeth	31	12	1863	Assault	A	Frances Cook was a widow, while Charles Murrow and his wife kept a beerhouse. There is a list of costs totalling 11/6d, but not clear as to who was to pay them.	1863/075
Cook	Frances	Cook	Henry John	31	12	1863	Assault	A	Henry Cook was accused of assaulting his widowed mother. He was fined 1/- with costs of 12/- or 7 days in prison if in default.	1863/076
[Regina]		Various		31	12	1863	Cost data	*	Costs incurred on proceedings before JPs	1863/077
[Regina]		Various		31	12	1863	Cost data	*	Costs incurred on proceedings before borough justices	1863/078
[Regina]		Various		31	12	1863	Cost data	*	Account of clerk of petty sessions	1863/079
[Regina]		Cannon Cannon	Silas Louisa	31	12	1863	Cost data	Pj	No date on document, so date ascribed for sorting purposes. See other documents in 1862 and 1863 related to this case and to Batten v Cannon(s).	1863/080

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[Justices]		Various		01	01	1864	Petty Sessions accounts	*		1864/001
Bendall	Charles	Webb	Edward	02	01	1864	Misconduct of an apprentice	Ab	Webb was indentured as an apprentice tailor to Bendall's tailoring business in Sadler Street in 1857. He had recently absconded from work and not returned.	1864/002
Williams	Elizabeth	Hawkins Baker	Mary Ann Jane	09	01	1864	Larceny	T	Williams, wife of George Williams, beerhouse keeper, accused the defendants, both married women, of taking from her house an overcoat and a scrubbing brush.	1864/003
Tucker	Edward	Mumford Webber	Samuel Joe	15	01	1864	Possession of nets used for taking game	S	PC Tucker suspected Mumford and Webber, both labourers, of poaching on the basis of poacher's nets found on Mumford.	1864/004
Russell	Martha	Smith jnr	George	15	01	1864	Assault	A	Martha was wife of Edward Russell, plumber and glazier. The case was noted as settled.	1864/005

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Fisher	Elizabeth	Porter	Thomas	18	01	1864	Sureties for future behaviour	Su	Fisher, a single woman living in Southover, accused Porter, a labourer also resident in Southover, of threatening her with bodily violence. Porter was bound over for 6 months with respect to his conduct to her - or else be sent to prison in Shepton Mallet.	1864/006
Meikle	Thomas	Jackson	John	25	01	1864	Larceny	T	Meikle, a draper, employed Jackson as a traveller to sell his goods. Meikle claimed that Jackson had left his employ taking with him a cloth coat valued at 25/-. An arrest warrant was issued, and from subsequent correspondence, it appeared that Jackson had engaged lawyers to fight his case.	1864/007
Francis	John	Williams	James	26	01	1864	Assault	A	Francis was a brushmaker while Williams was a labourer. Case was dismissed.	1864/008
Hoare	John William	Lovelace	Thomas	27	01	1864	Non-payment of gas bill	N	Lovelace, a shoemaker of Broad Street, was being pursued by the Wells Gaslight Company for non-payment of a gas bill amounting to £3.11s.1d.	1864/009
Westcott	Michael	Chamberlain	John	10	02	1864	Leaving master's employ	Ab	Chamberlain had been indentured as an apprentice to Joseph Parsons' brush manufacturing business in 1861. According to Westcott, manager of the business, Chamberlain had left his employment without permission and this was not the first such occasion (see 1863/067).	1864/010
Williams	James	Francis	John	11	02	1864	Assault	A	Roles reversed from case 1864/008. Francis appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 10/- (but possibly 18/-, as the figures are not clear).	1864/011
Willmott	Sarah	Willmott	Thomas	11	02	1864	Assault	A	Sarah was a single woman, Thomas a labourer. He allegedly struck her with a chopper and with his fists. No indication of any relationship between the two is given.	1864/012
Boug	Charles	Isgrove jnr	Joseph	17	02	1864	Drunkenness	D	Drunk in St Thomas Street and swearing profusely.	1864/013
Boug	Charles	Isgrove sen	Joseph	17	02	1864	Drunkenness	D	Drunk in High Street and swearing using obscene language. Sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for 7 days.	1864/014

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Gumm	Charlotte	Hatcher Lansdown	Alfred Thomas	18	02	1864	Disturbing inhabitants	Dp	Charlotte, wife of Charles Gumm of Southover, complained that she and her husband had been disturbed at around 1.30am by Hatcher and Lansdown knocking on their window and then on their front door before walking away.	1864/015
Harris	John	Barber	William	20	02	1864	Leaving master's employ without notice	Ab	Harris, a miller and baker, had employed Barber on the basis of a week's notice on either side. Barber had walked out without giving the agreed notice. An arrest warrant was issued, Barber was fined 1/- with costs of 4/6d. Note: the case header document contains a relatively complex set of figures which appear to relate to a different case.	1864/016
Morgan	Henry	Standard	James	08	03	1864	Sureties for future behaviour	Su	Morgan, a resident of High Street, complained that Standard, a labourer and a tenant of one of Morgan's nearby properties, had come to his house, abused him, sworn at him and threatened physical violence. Morgan asked for sureties regarding Standard's future conduct towards him.	1864/017
Willcox	George	Bird	Ann	14	03	1864	Riotously drunk	D	PC Willcox attended a disturbance near the Red Ox beerhouse in High Street. Ann Bird was drunk and noisy and using a considerable amount of bad language.	1864/018
Sheppard	William	Croucher Miller Chappell Smith	William John Alfred Alfred	29	03	1864	Wilful damage	Wd	Sheppard, a yeoman, complained that his pasturage was being damaged by boys using his fields on which to play games.	1864/019
Tompkins	George	Fry	Francis	30	03	1864	Using furnace that does not consume its own smoke (4)	E	Tompkins had inspected the steam engine installed by Fry for his business as a maltster and brewer some time before and reported that it was not satisfactory in terms of smoke emissions. He had served notice that the device needed to be modified or taken out of service. Fry had not complied with this order.	1864/020
Tompkins	George	Fry	Francis	30	03	1864	Using furnace that does not consume its own smoke (3)	E	Appears to be the same case as 1864/020 above, except that the date of use of furnace is different.	1864/021

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Tompkins	George	Fry	Francis	30	03	1864	Using furnace that does not consume its own smoke (2)	E	Appears to be the same case as 1864/020 above, except that the date of use of furnace is different.	1864/022
Smith	William	Bennett	James	31	03	1864	Evasion of toll	N	Smith, operator of the Portway tollgate, claimed that Bennett, a coal hauler, had got him out of bed to pass through the gate, but refused to pay the toll of 4d, so Smith refused to open the gate. Bennett then broke the lock on the gate and drove through without paying the toll.	1864/023
Kelly	Joseph	Dix	James	02	04	1864	Furious riding	Rd	PC Kelly saw Dix in New Road (now Priory Road) riding furiously to the danger of other road users. It appears that Dix was to be fined 1/- with costs of 9/- but various items seem to be crossed out leaving costs of 6/6d.	1864/024
Tripp	Elizabeth	Spurrell (aka Bush)	William	11	04	1864	Unlawfully removing goods	N	Elizabeth, wife of William Tripp of Tucker Street, alleged that Spurrell had clandestinely removed goods and effects from a property that he was renting from Tripp in order to avoid distraint to recover the outstanding rent; the arrears were standing at 19/6d on a weekly rent of 1/6d.	1864/025
Harris	William	Smith	James	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Smith of Grove Lane for not paying the poor rate assessment of 9/7 ¹ / ₂ d of October 1863. The entry in Harris' list was deleted as Smith had presumably paid.	1864/025a
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Locke of High Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of October 1863. The sum owing was £1.5s.8d.	1864/025b
Harris	William	Painter	James	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Painter of High Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of £1.7s.0 ¹ / ₂ d of October 1863. The entry in Harris' list was deleted as Painter had presumably paid.	1864/025c
Harris	William	Oxley	Matthew	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Matthew Oxley snr of Tucker Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of October 1863. The sum owing was £1.9s.4d.	1864/025d
Harris	William	Cooke	Ann	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Cooke of St John Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of October 1863. The sum owing was 7/4d.	1864/025e

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Harris	William	Brewer	Charles	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Brewer of St John Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of 7/4d of October 1863. The entry in Harris' list was deleted as Brewer had presumably paid.	1864/025f
Harris	William	Fry	Ann	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Fry of St John Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of October 1863. The sum owing was 12/10d.	1864/025g
Harris	William	Bendall	George	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Bendall of Southover for not paying the poor rate assessment of October 1863. The sum owing was 8/3d. Bendall appeared at court and paid 4/-; he was ordered to pay the remainder by the following Monday.	1864/025h
Harris	William	Porter	Thomas	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Porter of Southover for not paying the poor rate assessment of October 1863. The sum owing was 6/5d. Porter appeared at court and was ordered to pay by the following Monday, including costs.	1864/025i
Harris	William	Holloway	William	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Holloway of St John Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of 6/5d of October 1863. The entry in Harris' list was deleted as Holloway had presumably paid.	1864/025j
Harris	William	Lovelace	Thomas	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Lovelace of Broad Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of October 1863. The sum owing was 18/4d. Lovelace did not appear at court and was ordered to pay the amount owing plus costs.	1864/025k
Harris	William	Oxley jnr	Matthew	15	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Matthew Oxley jnr of Tucker Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of October 1863. The sum owing was £1.13s.11d.	1864/025l

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Sweet	Thomas	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	16	04	1864	Wilful damage	Wd	Sweet, a butcher resident in Southover, complained that the wife of George Francis had come into his house and broken a table and the glasses and tableware on it to a value of 6/-. Elizabeth Sarah Francis was fined 2/- with costs of 11/- or 14 days in prison - it appears that she then served the prison sentence, having failed or chosen not to pay.	1864/026
Harris	William	Oxley snr	Matthew	18	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a distress order against Matthew Oxley snr of Tucker Street to recover poor rate arrears of £1.9s.4d plus costs of 6/-.	1864/026a
Harris	William	Oxley jnr	Matthew	18	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a distress order against Matthew Oxley jnr of Tucker Street to recover poor rate arrears of £1.13s.11d plus costs of 6/-. On 25 April police serjeant Boug reported that he had been unable to find sufficient goods and chattels belonging to Oxley jnr to discharge the debt.	1864/026b
Harris	William	Porter	Thomas	18	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a distress order against Thomas Porter of Southover to recover poor rate arrears of 6/5d plus costs of 6/-.	1864/026c
Harris	William	Foster	Joseph	18	04	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Foster was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 5/6d.	1864/026aa
Harris	William	Keates	Isabella	18	04	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Isabella Keates was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 5/6d.	1864/026ab
Harris	William	Slater	Widow	18	04	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Widow Slater was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 6/5d.	1864/026ac
Harris	William	Gould	John	18	04	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Gould was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 3/8d.	1864/026ad
Harris	William	Fry	Ann	18	04	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Ann Fry was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 12/10d.	1864/026ae
Ingram	Mary	Allen	Catherine	26	04	1864	Assault	A	Mary was wife of William Ingram, Catherine wife of Charles Allen. Catherine Allen was fined 6d with costs of 10/-.	1864/027

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Boug	Charles	Oxley jnr	Matthew	26	04	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Police serjeant Boug issued a summons to Matthew Oxley jnr of Tucker Street for continued non-payment of the poor rate. Oxley was advised that he would also need to pay an additional 6/- for costs.	1864/027a
Harris	John	Bobbet	John	05	05	1864	Embezzlement	Em	Harris, a baker in High Street, had sent Bobbet, an employee, to Priddy to deliver some meal and bread and collect money from customers. Bobbet had collected money (possibly 10/- or 12/-) but had not returned it to Harris and instead had absconded. A warrant for his arrest was issued.	1864/028
Boyce	William	Loxton	Robert	18	05	1864	Sureties for future behaviour	Su	Boyce, who lived in St Thomas Street, complained that his neighbour, Loxton, had come to his door and challenged him to come out saying that he would split his skull. He also uttered further threats of physical violence and verbally abused Boyce's wife, Mary. Boyce requested sureties regarding Loxton's future conduct towards him.	1864/029
Smith	William	Bowell	Sidney	18	05	1864	Evasion of toll	N	Smith, operator of the tollgate at Portway, claimed that Bowell, a coal hauler, had passed through the gate but refused to pay the toll of 4d. The case was noted as settled.	1864/030
Barber	Ann	Sweet	John	28	05	1864	Assault	A	Ann, wife of James Barber, innkeeper, claimed that Sweet, a butcher, had assaulted her. The case was noted as settled.	1864/031
Scott	Mary Ann	Churches	Mary	28	05	1864	Wilful damage	Wd	Scott, a widow living in St John Street, claimed that a stone was thrown through her window at night. She saw Edward Churches' wife running away. The smashed glass was estimated at 7/6d to repair. The case was settled out of court.	1864/032
Stevens	Charles	Creedy	Major	03	06	1864	Assault	A	Case header indicates 'settled'.	1864/033
Clements	Eliza	Turner	Sarah	07	06	1864	Assault	A	Eliza was wife of Charles Clements, labourer, while Sarah was wife of George Turner, mason.	1864/034

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Boug	Charles	Gould	Charles	13	06	1864	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Boug was called to an accident that had taken place on New Road near Queens Cross where two children named Fowler had been injured. They had been run over by a horse and omnibus belonging to Mr George but being driven furiously by Gould. The children were attended by William Purnell, surgeon. Gould appears to have been ordered to pay a fine of 1/- plus costs of 7/-. The case header document lists other costs from cases heard at around the same time.	1864/035
Tucker	Edward	Clarke	Charles	23	06	1864	Ill-treatment	It	Clarke, a chimney sweep from Glastonbury, forced a young lad of about 8 to climb the chimney.	1864/036
Tucker	Edward	Keen	John	23	06	1864	Drunkenness	le	Indecent exposure and fouling the footpath outside the Antelope Inn when drunk.	1864/037
Tucker	Edward	Whitehead	John	23	06	1864	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker saw Whitehead in St Thomas Street strike a young lad and then proceed to create a disturbance by shouting and swearing using profane and obscene language.	1864/038
Davey	Matthew	Elliott	George	28	06	1864	Removal of goods	N	Davey was the owner of a house in St Thomas Street rented by Elliott, a labourer. Elliott owed more than £4 in rent (weekly rent of 2/-) and, according to Davey, had clandestinely removed goods and effects from the house in order to avoid distraint.	1864/039
Tucker	Edward	Isgrove	John	30	06	1864	Obscene language	Pr	Used profane and obscene language in St Cuthbert Street.	1864/040
Day	Richard James	Crease	James	30	06	1864	Assault	A	Day was a railway porter, Crease the driver of the Swan Hotel omnibus. The case was noted as settled.	1864/041
[Justices]		Various		04	07	1864	Accounts of clerk of the justices	*	Schedule of fines and costs covering James Lovell (profane and obscene language), Charles Gould (furious driving 1864/035) and Major Creedy (assault 1864/043).	1864/042

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Nutty	Emma	Creedy	Major	05	07	1864	Violent assault	A	Emma, was wife of John Nutty, Creedy was a butcher. There was a letter from Creedy's doctor pleading the case for him to be spared prison or a police cell because of his rheumatism. Creedy appears to have been fined 10/- with costs of 12/6d.	1864/043
Barber	James	Landsdown Hatcher	Thomas Herbert	05	07	1864	Wilful damage	Wd	Barber, a resident of Southover, alleged that the defendants came to his house late at night, turned off the gas and damaged the gas pipe to the value of 2/6d. Hatcher and Lansdown also feature in 1864/015 and in that case Hatcher appears to be called Alfred.	1864/044
Teal	Margaret	Boyce	John	08	07	1864	Assault	A	Margaret was wife of Going(?) Teal, Boyce was a shoemaker. Boyce appears to have been ordered to pay 7/6d.	1864/045
Tucker	Edward	Day	Elizabeth	22	07	1864	Obscene language	Pr	PC Tucker found Day in Union Street engaged in a quarrel with a number of others and using foul and abusive language.	1864/046
Tucker	Edward	Crandon	William	30	07	1864	Drunk & riotous	D	Crandon was drunk in High Street, shouting and swearing and spoiling for a fight. He appears to have been ordered to pay 6/6d.	1864/047
Lewis	Charles	Barnard Barnard Barnard jnr Crandon White	John Sarah John Ann Thomas	02	08	1864	Sureties for the peace	Su	Lewis, a butcher, claimed that he and his family were subject to constant abuse and name-calling by members of the Barnard family and their servants, Crandon and White. He requested that they be bound over with respect to their future conduct.	1864/048
Bartlett	Charles	Card	George	12	08	1864	Warrant for possession of tenement	Ev	Eviction notice for a property in Southover where Card was a tenant of Bartlett.	1864/049
[Secretary of State]		[Wells Council]		16	08	1864	Administrative guidance	*	Instructions from Secretary of State, George Grey, on the limitation of the jurisdiction of the justices.	1864/050
Kelly	Joseph	Toole	John	17	08	1864	Using obscene language	Pr	Toole, a paper maker living in Tucker Street, was found to be causing a disturbance in High Street, challenging others to fight and shouting and swearing using profane and obscene language. Toole appears to have been ordered to pay 6/6d.	1864/051
Kelly	Joseph	Allen	William	17	08	1864	Failure to control horses	Rd	Allen, a coal hauler, was seen on Portway driving two horses and carts but being too far from the animals to have proper control over them. Fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison.	1864/052
Keen	Robert	Hawkins	James	26	08	1864	Assault	A	Keen was a draper, Hawkins a cabinet maker. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1864/053

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Carver	Louise Fanny	Palmer	Ann	31	08	1864	Assault	A	Ann Palmer was a widow. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1864/054
Salmon	Henry	Durke	William	03	09	1864	Assault	A	Salmon was a corn factor, Durke a contractor. A note on the summons says 'wrong name'.	1864/055
Stock	Elizabeth	Merrifield	Henry	09	09	1864	Assault	A	Elizabeth was wife of Charles Stock, labourer, Merrifield was described as being from Coxley.	1864/056
Bartlett	Charles	Carde	George	13	09	1864	Warrant for eviction	Ev	Neither party appeared at hearing. See also 1864/039.	1864/057
Bishop of Bath & Wells		Harris	John	13	10	1864	Breaking locks	Wd	Harris, a baker, was accused of breaking the lock on a water hatch by force using an iron instrument. The lock was the property of the Bishop of Bath & Wells and was worth around 10d according to the testimony of Joseph Dimmick, an employee of the Bishop.	1864/058
Kelly	Joseph	Cardwell	Edward	15	10	1864	Obstructing footpath	O	Cardwell, a labourer, was sitting on the footpath in St Thomas Street along with some others. When a lady came along, he threw himself across the footpath on his back, so that the lady had to step into the road.	1864/059
Churches	Mary Ann	Churches	Edward	15	10	1864	Assault	A	Churches was accused of beating his wife; Elizabeth Stevens, wife of George Stevens, labourer, was a witness for the plaintiff.	1864/060
Lewis	Robert	Sheppard	Caroline	18	10	1864	Profane language	Pr	Lewis, the innkeeper of the New Inn in St Thomas Street, claimed that Sheppard, wife of William Sheppard, had stood in the street opposite his pub and verbally abused his wife, calling her names and using profane and obscene language. Sheppard appears to have had to pay 6/6d.	1864/061
Drayton	William	Baker	Caroline	18	10	1864	Defamation	Df	Drayton, a resident of Vicar's Close, was seeking to have Baker, a widow, bound over for abusing him in public and accusing him of being the father of one of her children. Baker is called both Caroline and Catherine in the documentation.	1864/062
Churches	Mary Ann	Churches	Edward	18	10	1864	Assault	A	Appears to be same case as 1864/050 above. It seems likely that Edward Churches (Churchose) was required to pay 10/6d.	1864/063
Harris	William	Painter	James	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Painter of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was £1.5s.0d, excluding costs.	1864/063a

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Harris	William	Chapple	John	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Chapple of St Cuthbert Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 7/6d, excluding costs.	1864/063b
Harris	William	Vincent	Joseph	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Vincent of Tucker Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 5/10d, excluding costs.	1864/063c
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was £1.5s.4d, excluding costs.	1864/063d
Harris	William	Brewer	Charles	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Brewer of St John Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 6/8d, excluding costs.	1864/063e
Harris	William	Cooke	Ann	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Cooke of St John Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 6/8d, excluding costs.	1864/063f
Harris	William	Lovelace	Thomas	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Lovelace of Broad Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 16/8d, excluding costs.	1864/063g
Harris	William	Hill	Thomas	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Hill of South Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 5/10d, excluding costs.	1864/063h
Harris	William	Anning	James	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Anning of South Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 5/-, excluding costs.	1864/063i
Harris	William	Berry	James	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Berry of St Cuthbert Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 9/2d, excluding costs.	1864/063j

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Harris	William	Stevens	William	20	10	1864	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Stevens of St Cuthbert Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 23 April 1864. The amount outstanding was 5/-, excluding costs.	1864/063k
[Justices]		Foster	Joseph	24	10	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Foster was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 5/-.	1864/063aa
[Justices]		Keates	Isabella	24	10	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Isabella Keates was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 5/-.	1864/063ab
[Justices]		Collier	Philip	24	10	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Collier was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 5/-.	1864/063ac
[Justices]		Slater	Widow	24	10	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Widow Slater was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 5/10d.	1864/063ad
[Justices]		Gould	John	24	10	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Gould was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 3/4d.	1864/063ae
[Justices]		Vincent	William	24	10	1864	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Vincent was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 5/10d.	1864/063af
Millard	Edwin	Lindsay	Isaac	26	10	1864	Assault	A	Both men were described as printers.	1864/064
Bishop of Bath & Wells		Harris	John	31	10	1864	Minutes of meeting	*	Evidence in case 1864/058	1864/065
Oxley	Charles	Oxley, jnr	Matthew	16	11	1864	Theft of a horse	T	Charles Oxley claimed that his horse had been stolen from William Hopkins' stables. The case was dismissed.	1864/066
Tucker	Edward	Parker	Samuel	19	11	1864	Assault	A	Parker, a labourer, allegedly seized PC Tucker's whiskers.	1864/067
Boug	Charles	Ball	Alfred	21	11	1864	Riotous behaviour	Dp	Police serjeant Boug found Ball in the centre of a crowd in Tucker Street. He had been fighting in the street, was drunk and extremely vociferous. Ball was fined 10/- with costs of 9/6d or 7 days in prison. It may be that Ball did not pay and the sums involved could not be recovered by distraint of his assets because there is a handwritten note that increases the sum to be paid by 1/6d 'for the committal'.	1864/068
Boug	Charles	Francis	Elizabeth Sarah	21	11	1864	Profane and abusive language	Pr	Elizabeth Sarah, wife of George Francis, was found in Southover verbally abusing Eliza Sweet, calling her names and using profane and obscene language.	1864/069
Fowler	Frank	Eades	Thomas	30	11	1864	Assault	A	Fowler was a cattle dealer from Shepton Mallet while Eades was a farmer from North Wootton.	1864/070

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Carter	William	[Justices]		07	12	1864	Letter from Governor of Shepton Mallet jail	*	Notification that no prisoners from Wells Borough Assizes will be sent to the Winter Sessions. Mentions two prisoners - Francis Hynes (?) and Mary Ann Norman but states that they will not be sent to the forthcoming assizes.	1864/071
Tompkins	George	Francis	George	09	12	1864	Obstruction of road	O	Francis, a haulier, was accused of leaving a cart laden with hay in Southover for more than 2 days, causing an obstruction to traffic.	1864/072
Hall	Joseph	Taphouse	Charles	10	12	1864	Leaving wife and family chargeable to parish	Ds	Hall, master of Wells Union workhouse, asserted that Taphouse had deserted his wife, Caroline, and 6 children and had left Wells. All of his family were now chargeable to the parish. In addition to his wife were the children: Frederick 10, Alice 8, Henry 6, John 4, Jane 2 and Caroline 2 months.	1864/073
Hopkins	Mary Ann	Keates Edwards	Robert Sidney	13	12	1864	Breaking windows	Wd	Hopkins of West Street claimed that she heard a stone thrown against her window at around 9.30pm. The window was broken and she chased after the culprits, identifying the two defendants. Both denied the charge.	1864/074
Archard	George	Lovelace	Thomas	14	12	1864	Larceny	T	Archard was a cabinet maker working for his mother's business. He claimed to have had two rabbits stolen from his home. At least one of these rabbits was found at John Wickham's who claimed to have bought it from Thomas Lovelace. The theft may have been undertaken by Lovelace's son and two of his friends. The case was dismissed with a severe reprimand.	1864/075

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Tucker	Edward	Churchill	Samuel Henry	19	12	1864	Offence against licence	L	Police sergeant (acting) Tucker attempted to gain entry to the Fountain Inn in St Thomas Street, but was initially blocked by Churchill, the innkeeper. When Tucker got into the bar he found 6 people in there, 2 of whom were drunk. Two glasses of beer had been concealed behind a chair. All 6 people in the bar were from Wells, so were not travellers or residents at the inn. All of this occurred at a time when the inn should not have been open. Churchill apparently admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1864/075a
Willcox	Eliza	Willcox	Robert	21	12	1864	Assault	A	Eliza, who lived with her husband in St Thomas Street, claimed that he had abused her and threatened her with physical violence to such an extent that she had had to leave home. An arrest warrant for Robert Willcox was issued.	1864/076
Lewis	Ann	Dix	James	22	12	1864	Obscene language	Pr	Ann Lewis was the wife of Robert Lewis, a licensed victualler and innkeeper of the New Inn in St Thomas Street. While she was standing at her shop doorway, Dix, a labourer, called her a whore and swore several profane and obscene oaths.	1864/076a
[Local Board]		Davy	Matthew	28	12	1864	Lack of water closet & privy	E	W J S Foster, on behalf of the Local Board, served notice on Davy, the owner of properties in St Thomas Street, that it was necessary for him to instal water closets and privies for the benefit of his tenants.	1864/077

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Stevens	William	Durke	Frederick	11	01	1865	Non-payment of wages	N	Stevens, a mason, claimed that Durke, a contractor based in Shepton Mallet, owed him £3.1s.3d for work on the site of the new market in Wells. Durke appears to have admitted that he owed Stevens money.	1865/001
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Holmes	Robert	Durke	Frederick	11	01	1865	Non-payment of wages		Holmes, an artificer or mason from Chew Magna, claimed that he and his son, also Robert, were owed £1.9s.4d by Durke, a contractor based in Shepton Mallet, for work they had carried out on the new market at Wells at their hourly rate of 4s2d. Holmes stated that his total wages should have been £2.0s.4d and that Durke had paid him 11/-. Durke had supposedly promised to pay the remainder but had not done so.	1865/001a
George	John	Stott	John	11	01	1865	Bad behaviour	It	George, a shoemaker operating from Broad Street, complained that Stott, an apprentice bound to him in 1860 for a 7-year period by the Guardians of the Wells Union, had consistently misbehaved as an apprentice. Most recently, he had failed to complete to George's satisfaction a piece of work and had been impudent to George when advised of his unsatisfactory performance.	1865/002
Hippisley	Mary Isabella	Phelan	Edward	18	01	1865	Bastardy	B	Hippisley, a single woman residing in Southover, accused Phelan, a police constable from Bristol, of being the father of her child born out of wedlock and was seeking an order that he should contribute to the maintenance of the child.	1865/003
Savage	George	Wills jnr	James	19	01	1865	Obtaining a horse on false pretences	Fr	Savage, a dealer in china, agreed to sell a horse to James Wills jnr for 30/- on the understanding that Wills' father would accept the horse and then make the payment. Wills took the horse away, but no payment was made and Wills' father denied any knowledge of the deal with Savage.	1865/004

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Ryle	J D	Godfrey	Walter	08	02	1865	Failure to pay fare	N	George Davis, a police constable working for the Somerset & Dorset Railway Company, had observed Godfrey, an ostler at the Sherston Arms Inn, on a train as it left Wells. He suspected that Godfrey had not paid his fare and checked with the booking clerk who confirmed that Godfrey had not purchased a ticket. At Davis' request, a warrant was issued for Godfrey's arrest, since Davis claimed that Godfrey would abscond if a summons was served on him. On behalf of the Railway Company J D Ryle prosecuted Godfrey who appears to have been found guilty and paid the requisite fare, as the sum of £1 was remitted to the Railway Company via Mr Foster, the clerk to the Justices.	1865/005
Boug	Charles	Keen	Robert	13	02	1865	Indecent conduct	le	Police serjeant Boug charged Keen, a yeoman from Meare, with exposing himself in Queen Street. Keen was found guilty. He was fined 40/- with costs of 14/-, a total of £2.14s.0d. In the event of a default he would serve one calendar month in prison.	1865/006
Oxley jnr	Matthew	Hopkins jnr	William	25	02	1865	Theft of greatcoat	T	Oxley had been at an event in the Crown Inn in March 1864 where he was given a greatcoat by Mr (Charles) Foxwell. William Hopkins had put on the coat and left the event with it; he had never returned it, so Oxley was now attempting to recover it.	1865/007
Fawcett	William	Smith jnr	George	08	03	1865	Assault	A	Fawcett was described as a carrier.	1865/008
Habgood	Charles	Oxley	Charles	08	03	1865	Stealing wooden poles	T	Habgood, a chemist and druggist, claimed that two wooden poles used to divide his stables into sections had been stolen by Oxley.	1865/009
Taylor	Robert	Crandon	William	03	04	1865	Obscene language	Pr	Both men were butchers and both appeared to live in Southover. Taylor claimed that Crandon stood in the street opposite his shop and verbally abused him using profane and obscene language. The case was shown as being settled.	1865/010

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Kelly	Joseph	Edwards Edwards	William Louisa	12	04	1865	Obscene language	Pr	PC Kelly encountered Edwards and his wife in St Thomas Street where they were having a domestic quarrel, with both of them abusing each other using profane and obscene language. Both admitted the offence. They appear to have been required to pay 5/-.	1865/011
Boug	Charles	Sweet	John	12	04	1865	Unlicensed slaughterhouse	L	Police serjeant Boug visited Sweet's premises in Southover and found that an outhouse was being used as a slaughterhouse for his business as a butcher - without being licensed for such activity. Sweet was ordered to pay a total of 6/6d.	1865/012
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	13	04	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Locke of High Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of 29 October 1864 for £1.1s.0d. The debt, plus costs, was recorded as paid.	1865/012a
Harris	William	Backhouse	Margaret	13	04	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Margaret Backhouse of High Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of 29 October 1864 for £2.0s.6d. The debt, plus costs, was recorded as paid.	1865/012b
Harris	William	Flowers	Theophilus	13	04	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Flowers of Cathedral Green for not paying the poor rate assessment of 29 October 1864 for 15/-. The debt, plus costs, was recorded as paid.	1865/012c
Harris	William	Fry	Anne	13	04	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Anne Fry of St John Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of 29 October 1864 for 10/6d.	1865/012d
Harris	William	Chapple	John	13	04	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Chapple of St Cuthbert Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of 29 October 1864 for 6/9d. The debt, plus costs, was recorded as paid.	1865/012e
Harris	William	Pearce	John	13	04	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, issued a summons to Pearce of St Cuthbert Street for not paying the poor rate assessment of 29 October 1864 for 4/6d.	1865/012f

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Westcott	Michael	Drew jnr Marshall	Henry Sidney	17	04	1865	Refusal to work	Rw	Both Drew and Marshall were apprenticed to Parsons Brushmakers, but, according to Westcott, managing partner of the firm, they had neglected to carry out the work assigned to them. Drew was required to pay 5/6d. Marshall was required to pay 6/- with one calendar month in prison with hard labour as the alternative.	1865/013
Harris	William	Foster	Joseph	17	04	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Foster was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/6d for October 1864	1865/013a
Harris	William	Keates	Isabella	17	04	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Isabella Keates was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 4/6d for October 1864.	1865/013b
Harris	William	Collier	Philip	17	04	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Collier was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/6d for October 1864.	1865/013c
Harris	William	Slater	Widow	17	04	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Widow Slater was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 5/3d for October 1864.	1865/013d
Harris	William	Gould	John	17	04	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Gould was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 3/- for October 1864.	1865/013e
George	John	Stott	John	18	04	1865	Master and apprentice	Nc	George, a shoemaker, claimed that his apprentice, Stott, repeatedly failed to complete work to the required standard, meaning that he had to repeat the tasks himself. Stott appears to have been sentenced to 6 weeks hard labour in Shepton Mallet House of Correction.	1865/014
Boug	Charles	Francis	George	21	04	1865	Causing obstruction	O	Police serjeant Boug claimed that a waggon loaded with coal had been left overnight in Southover causing an obstruction to traffic, even though he had warned Francis, a haulier, against leaving it there. Francis had responded to the warning with considerable verbal abuse and was therefore charged on two counts. The total of fines and costs amount to £2.11s.0d with the alternative being 14 days hard labour for each charge.	1865/015

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Boug	Charles	Francis	George	21	04	1865	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Boug spotted Francis driving a horse and waggon furiously and soon after saw him again committing the same offence. Francis admitted the offence.	1865/016
Phelps	Henry	Francis	George	21	04	1865	Assault	A	Phelps was a toymaker, Francis a haulier. The case was noted as being settled.	1865/017
Stride	Hezekiah	Francis Vincent	Edward William	21	04	1865	Leaving horse and cart unattended	Rd	PC Stride saw 2 horses and carts proceeding down Sadler Street with no one in charge of them. He found the owner of the vehicles, Robert Francis, in St Thomas Street and he advised Stride that Edward Francis and Vincent were supposed to be in charge of the vehicles. Edward Francis and Vincent were fined 2/6d each with total costs of 8/- or 14 days in prison.	1865/018
Morgan	Henry	Stevens	George	22	04	1865	Sureties for the peace	Su	Morgan, a resident of High Street, complained that Stevens, a labourer living in Market Street, had come to his house and verbally abused him. In addition, Stevens had threatened physical violence against him. Stevens was bound over in the sum of £10 with respect to his conduct over the next 6 months. Stevens was also to pay 7/6d.	1865/019
Phillips	Henry	Wall	James	22	04	1865	Wilful damage	Wd	Phillips, a toymaker, was in Southover selling his wares from a handcart when a horse and waggon driven by Wall, a haulier from Glastonbury, allegedly drove deliberately into the handcart damaging both it and the wares on it to a value of 10/-. The case was noted as being settled.	1865/020
Ashman	Jane	Ashman	Benjamin	25	04	1865	Threatening violence	A	Threats of violence against wife.	1865/021

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Oxley	Charles	Hutton	James	29	04	1865	Wilful damage	Wd	Oxley, a poultry dealer living in Tucker Street, claimed that while he was at James Hillman's house, Hutton struck his hat several times with a stick and caused damage to the value of 12/-. The case was noted as being settled.	1865/022
Williams	John	Keeler	George	01	05	1865	Assault	A	Allegedly threw stone at Williams and knocked him down.	1865/023
Stephens	David	Sweet	Thomas	09	05	1865	Theft of coat	T	Stephens, landlord of the City Arms, claimed that he had a coat stolen from a bedroom on the premises. He alleged that the wife of Thomas Sweet had been seen going up the stairs in the pub shortly before the coat was missed.	1865/024
Webb	John	Francis	Francis	10	05	1865	Assault	A	Francis was described as a currier.	1865/025
Tompkins	George	Short	Joseph	13	05	1865	Unfit dwelling house	E	Short's house in Mill Lane was declared to be filthy, with offensive smells, and not fit for human habitation. Summons period extended to 5 June to permit further cleaning.	1865/026
Tompkins	George	Wilton	Richard	13	05	1865	Lodging house	E	Tompkins inspected Wilton's registered lodging house in Southover. He found the bedrooms were filthy and had not been lime-washed since his previous inspection when he requested that they be done. Fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1865/027
Tompkins	George	Bowell	Sidney	13	05	1865	Leaving carts in street and causing an obstruction	Rd	Tompkins saw three carts unattended in Tucker Street, two laden with coal and one empty. He regarded the carts as presenting an obstacle to other traffic. He identified the carts as belonging to Bowell, a coal hauler. Discharged on payment of 5/6d.	1865/028
Tucker	Edward	Millard	Mary Ann	13	05	1865	Unlicensed slaughterhouse	L	PC Tucker found the carcass of a recently slaughtered calf in an outhouse belonging to Millard, a resident of St John Street. Millard had no licence to operate a slaughterhouse on the premises.	1865/029

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Tucker	Edward	Rice	Ann	13	05	1865	Obscene language	Pr	Acting police serjeant Tucker called on Ann Rice, wife of Joseph Rice, regarding a stolen coat. She came into Guardhouse Lane and abused him in profane and obscene terms. Fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1865/030
Boug	Charles	Sweet	Ellen	13	05	1865	Drunkenness	D	Ellen, wife of Charles Sweet, was found to be drunk in the Market Place. Discharged on payment of 5/- costs.	1865/031
Boug	Charles	Bond	John	13	05	1865	Obstruction	O	Police serjeant Boug saw a horse drawing a waggon walking down High Street unattended. He considered it was obstructing traffic and represented a danger to other road users. Bond of Glastonbury was fined 10/- with costs of 7/-.	1865/032
Boug	Charles	Ball	Frederick	18	05	1865	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Boug saw Frederick Ball, labourer, driving a horse and cart furiously up Southover towards South Street endangering pedestrians and other road users. Discharged on payment of costs of 5/6d.	1865/033
Pearce	Mary Ann	Perry	William	18	05	1865	Assault	A	Perry was a waiter at the Star Hotel. Fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1865/034
Higgins	John	Painter	James	21	05	1865	Cruelty to animals	C	Higgins, a resident of High Street, kept a number of fowls including a game cock. He claimed that the bird had been mutilated by virtue of having its 'spurs' cut off and accused his neighbour, Painter, veterinary surgeon. Painter had supposedly admitted the offence. He was ordered to pay 16/-, including a fine of 7/6d.	1865/035
Sheen	Isabella	Saunders	Emily	22	05	1865	Assault	A	Emily was wife of George Saunders.	1865/036
Keen	Mary Ann	Balch	Jane	26	05	1865	Sureties for the peace	Su	Mary Ann was wife of Robert Keen, a draper running his business in High Street. Jane Balch of Tucker Street, a customer, came to the shop, verbally abused Keen's wife and made accusations against him.	1865/037
Saunders	Emily	Norton	Martha	06	06	1865	Profane language	Pr	Emily, wife of George Saunders, had gone to Dredge's beerhouse to find her husband. While she was in there and later in the street she was verbally abused by Norton using profane and obscene language.	1865/038

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Purnell	Thomas	Foxwell	Charles	13	06	1865	Indebtedness	I	Purnell, a trustee of a friendly society, contended that Foxwell, a member and treasurer of the society, owed to the society the sum of £31.9s.4d. The society had requested payment but had not received it.	1865/039
Lovegrove	John Robert	Barnard	Charles	15	06	1865	Assault	A	Barnard was a butcher. Costs of the case appeared to be 7/- with a possible fine of 1/8d.	1865/040
Cox	Henry	Barnard	Charles	15	06	1865	Assault	A	Barnard was a butcher. Costs of the case appeared to be 7/- with a possible fine of 1/-	1865/041
Vowles jnr	Charles	Barnard	Charles	15	06	1865	Sureties for the peace	Su	Both men were butchers. Vowles had been in his shop in High Street when Barnard had been challenging Lovegrove to a fight (see 1865/040). Barnard had then seen Vowles and began shouting abuse at him. Barnard was bound over in the sum of £10 with respect to his future conduct, and it is possible that James Hillman may also have put forward £10. In addition, the costs of the case were 7/-.	1865/042
Stock	Elizabeth	Stock	Charles	16	06	1865	Sureties for the peace	Su	The Stocks lived in Market Street. Charles, a labourer, was accused of threatening his wife and assaulting her, such that she felt it necessary to leave home. She asked for sureties as to his future conduct and a warrant for his arrest was issued (but it actually named Elizabeth Stock as the person to be apprehended).	1865/043
Sheen	Isabella	Saunders	George	22	06	1865	Assault	A	Saunders was an engine driver. See also 1865/036, a case involving Saunders' wife and Isabella Sheen.	1865/044
Rolls	Jane	Webb	Charles	24	06	1865	Assault	A	Jane was wife of William Rolls, Webb was described as a labourer. Fined 1/- with costs of 12/-.	1865/045
Hillman	James	Andrews	John	26	06	1865	Drunkenness	D	Hillman, a beerhouse keeper, saw Andrews come into his pub, having been drinking elsewhere. Andrews abused the landlord, assaulted him and refused to leave when requested to do so. The case was noted as settled.	1865/046

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Walker	John	Francis	George	24	06	1865	Wilful damage	Wd	Walker, a china and glass repairer from Bath, had been in the Angel beerhouse when Francis struck him a blow that broke the fish strainer he was holding; the value of the damage was put at 3/6d. The case was noted as settled.	1865/047
Bown	James	Harvey	Edward	29	06	1865	Assault	A	Bown claimed that Harvey, a labourer, had pulled his hair and tried to push his head into a fire. The case was settled without a hearing.	1865/048
[Justices]		Various		30	06	1865	Magistrates' administration	*	Fragment of a letter from J G Everett. The subject matter is not evident from this fragment, so it is designated as being administrative in nature. The date is given as June 1865, so the date of 30 June has been arbitrarily chosen so that the data can be sorted.	1865/049
Gumm	Charlotte	Hatcher	Alfred	21	07	1865	Obscene language	Pr	Charlotte was wife of Charles Gumm of Southover. She was at home late in the evening when Hatcher appeared at her window and verbally abused her using profane and obscene language.	1865/050
Gumm	Charlotte	Clements	Eliza	21	07	1865	Assault	A	Charlotte was wife of Charles Gumm of Southover, Eliza was wife of Charles Clements, labourer.	1865/051
Ridewood	William John	Slade	Stephen	24	07	1865	Assault	A	Slade was described as a blacksmith.	1865/052
Smith	William	Allen	William	26	07	1865	Evading toll	N	Smith, turnpike operator at the Portway gate, complained that Allen, a coal hauler, had driven 2 horses and carts through the gate without paying the toll due of 8d.	1865/053
Stevens	Elizabeth	Sweet	Eliza	31	07	1865	Assault	A	Stevens was a widow, Sweet was the wife of John Sweet.	1865/054
Tucker	Edward	Pearce	Henry	04	08	1865	Cruelty to animals	C	PC Tucker reported that he had been advised of an act of cruelty to a horse belonging to Mr Wills by Henry Pearce, a labourer from Southover.	1865/055
Stride	Hezekiah	Isgrove jnr	John	21	08	1865	Obscene language	Pr	PC Stride found Isgrove to be drunk and very noisy and using very bad language in High Street.	1865/056
Duff	John	Winsor	Elizabeth	23	08	1865	Assault	A	Duff was a brushmaker, while Winsor was wife of Harvey Winsor, a patten and clog maker.	1865/057
Francis	Elizabeth	Read	Betsy	23	08	1865	Assault	A	Elizabeth was wife of John Francis, brushmaker, while Betsy was wife of Henry Read, also a brushmaker.	1865/058

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Connor	Catherine	Francis	John	23	08	1865	Indecent assault	Sa	Putting his hand under the clothes of a child aged 15 years, the daughter of Pat Connor, a brushmaker. Francis was also a brushmaker.	1865/059
Winsor	Henry	Francis	John	25	08	1865	Indecent assault	Sa	Putting his hands under the clothes of Clementina Redding, a child less than 14 years old. Francis was described as a brushmaker and Winsor as a clog maker. A note on the case header document of '2 months' perhaps suggests that this was sentence given to Francis.	1865/060
Tucker	Edward	Taylor	Robert	26	08	1865	Causing obstruction	O	A waggon was left in Southover overnight, potentially causing an obstruction to other traffic. The waggon belonged to Taylor, a butcher.	1865/061
Tyley	Ann	Tyley	Hannah	29	08	1865	Assault	A	Ann Tyley was a widow. The costs of the case appear to have been 7/6d.	1865/062
Foster	W J S			29	08	1865	Letter to John James asking for advice	*	William John Slade Foster, town clerk, wrote to John James of Wrigton asking for the practice of the justices in that jurisdiction for awarding an alcohol licence to a new applicant where the holder of the existing licence had not completed a transfer of the existing licence to that new applicant. The situation apparently arose because of an application made by Mr Oxley, a potential new tenant, for the renewal of the licence for The Crown Inn.	1865/062a
Foster	W J S			29	08	1865	Letter to H O'Donoghue asking for advice	*	William John Slade Foster, town clerk, wrote to H O'Donoghue of Long Ashton asking for the practice of the justices in that jurisdiction for awarding an alcohol licence to a new applicant where the holder of the existing licence had not completed a transfer of the existing licence to that new applicant. The situation apparently arose because of an application made by Mr Oxley, a potential new tenant, for the renewal of the licence for The Crown Inn.	1865/062b
Welsh	William Inman			30	08	1865	Complaint about notice for meeting	*	William Inman Welsh wrote to W J S Foster, town clerk, observing that insufficient notice had been given for the special licensing meeting called for 4 September.	1865/062c

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Serel	Thomas			30	08	1865	Request for advice	*	Thomas Serel, on behalf of W J S Foster, town clerk, wrote to Mead and Daubeny, solicitors, asking for advice on a particular case involving the granting of a licence to an alehouse. He requested that it be dealt with by Mr Prideaux or by someone else with the requisite knowledge and insisted that the response must be delivered no later than the Sunday post in order to be available for a meeting that had been adjourned until the coming Monday.	1865/062d
James	John			30	08	1865	Reply to W J S Foster letter	*	In response to the letter of Mr Foster (see 1865/062a) John James responded to put forward the view that he could see nothing in the regulations that prevented a licence being granted provided that the justices were certain that the existing licence holder would not be submitting an application to renew the licence. However, it would be preferable for there to be a transfer of the current licence before a new licence was issued, particularly as the annual licensing meeting took place about 6 weeks before the new licence would come into effect.	1865/062e
O'Donoghue	Henry			30	08	1865	Reply to W J S Foster letter	*	In response to the letter of Mr Foster (see 1865/062b) O'Donoghue stated that there should be a formal transfer of the unexpired portion of the existing licence before a new licence was issued for the same public house or alehouse. However, in theory, the mayor has the power to grant an alcohol licence at the annual licensing meeting to any person that they consider to be a fit and proper person.	1865/062f
Foster	W J S			31	08	1865	Letter to Messrs Brice and Burgess asking for advice	*	William John Slade Foster, town clerk, wrote to Messrs Brice and Burgess of the council in Bristol asking for the practice of the justices in that jurisdiction for awarding an alcohol licence to a new applicant where the holder of the existing licence had not completed a transfer of the existing licence to that new applicant.	1865/062g
Mead & Daubeny				31	08	1865	Reply to Thomas Serel letter	*	In reply to the letter of Mr Serel on behalf of Mr Foster (see 1865/062d) Mead and Daubeny responded to say that Mr Prideaux would provide his opinion no later than Saturday and it should therefore reach Wells on Sunday. They also provided information on a number of deeds that they had received in respect of a case involving Messrs Bendall and Hippisley.	1865/062h

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Dyke	Henry			01	09	1865	Reply from Henry Dyke	*	Henry Dyke of Shepton Mallet responded to state that it was the practice in Shepton Mallet to ensure that there was a proper transfer of the current licence before a new licence was issued. In his view it would be illegal to grant a licence to a new tenant unless proper notices had been given and the transfer of the current licence effected.	1865/062i
Med & Daubeny				02	09	1865	Reply to Thomas Serel letter	*	In a further response (subsequent to 1865/062h) Mead and Daubeny responded to say that Mr Prideaux would provide his opinion in time for the meeting on Monday 4 September.	1865/062j
Williams	J			02	09	1865	Reply to letter of W J S Foster	*	In response to the letter from Mr Foster (see 1865/062g) a response was received from Brice and Burgess, but in the absence of Mr Brice it came from J Williams stating that in Bristol a licence would not have been granted to Mr Oxley in the circumstances described. The existing licensee should have made a transfer to the new applicant and/or the required notices should have been served.	1865/062k
Collins	Edwin Adolphus	Gumm	Charlotte	07	09	1865	Assault	A	Collins was a bailiff and was assaulted in the course of carrying out his duty. Gumm was fined 20/- plus 6/10d to be paid as compensation to Collins. As she was unable to pay the fine by the due date and had no goods or chattels to cover the amount required, she was sentenced to one month in Shepton Mallet.	1865/063
Charles	John	Dodd	James	29	09	1865	Stealing bricks	T	Charles was acting on behalf of his brother, Thomas, the owner of a number of properties, some of which were undergoing repair. Dodd was allegedly seen by William Badman taking bricks, mortar and wood from one or more of these properties.	1865/064
Creedy	Major	Hill	Albert	13	10	1865	Assault	A	Creedy was a butcher and Hill a coal hauler.	1865/065
Tompkins	George	Allen	William	17	10	1865	Obstruction in public thoroughfare	O	Two carts were parked in Tucker Street causing an obstruction to other traffic. The waggons belonged to Allen, a coal hauler.	1865/066
Tompkins	George	Bowell	Sydman	17	10	1865	Obstruction	O	Originally referred to as Edwin Bowell and perhaps should be 'Sidney'. Accused of depositing a load of coal in Tucker Street where it caused an obstruction to traffic.	1865/067

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Tompkins	George	Bennett	John	17	10	1865	Obstruction	O	One of Bennett's waggons holding a load of coal was parked in Tucker Street and caused an obstruction to other traffic.	1865/068
Tompkins	George	Hopkins	William	17	10	1865	Obstruction	O	Tompkins claimed that a gig with timber belonging to Hopkins was causing a danger to pedestrians in Tucker Street.	1865/069
Tompkins	George	Bennett	James	17	10	1865	Obstruction	O	Bennett, a coal hauler, was accused of leaving a cart in Tucker Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users.	1865/070
Tompkins	George	Western	John	17	10	1865	Obstruction	O	Tompkins claimed that a heap of coals on the roadside in Tucker Street constituted a danger to pedestrians. The coal belonged to Western.	1865/071
Harris	William	Marsh	John	17	10	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Marsh of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1865. The amount outstanding was 6/-, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1865/071a
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	17	10	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1865. The amount outstanding was 18/8d, excluding costs.	1865/071b
Harris	William	James	Charles	17	10	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that James of Broad Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1865. The amount outstanding was £1.6s.8d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1865/071c
Harris	William	Brewer	Charles	17	10	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Brewer of St John Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1865. The amount outstanding was 5/4d, excluding costs.	1865/071d
Harris	William	Allen	Robert	17	10	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Allen of South Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1865. The amount outstanding was 5/4d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1865/071e

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Harris	William	Russell	James	17	10	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Russell of Southover had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1865. The amount outstanding was 12/-, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1865/071f
Harris	William	Keates	Samuel	17	10	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Keates of Tucker Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1865. The amount outstanding was 4/8d, excluding costs. Keates appears to have been grant relief for the full payment amount (see 1865/076d).	1865/071g
Harris	William	Chapple	John	17	10	1865	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Chapple of St Cuthbert Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1865. The amount outstanding was 6/-, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1865/071h
Meek	Joseph	Weaver	John	18	10	1865	Evading toll	N	Meek, the tollgate operator at the Southover gate, alleged that Weaver, a butcher from Farmborough, had driven a sprung cart through the gate without paying the toll due of four and a half pence.	1865/072
Kelly	Joseph	Taylor Taylor	Robert Charles	19	10	1865	Obstruction	O	PC Kelly alleged that a waggon parked in Southover for several hours constituted a danger to pedestrians and other road users. The waggon belonged to the Taylors, both butchers.	1865/073
Kelly	Joseph	Brown	Robert	19	10	1865	Using obscene language	Pr	PC Kelly found Brown in St Thomas Street where he was drunk, making a considerable noise and using profane and obscene language.	1865/074
Kelly	Joseph	Phipps	Joseph	19	10	1865	Driving without reins	Rd	PC Kelly saw Phipps in Portway where he was asleep in his cart as it was drawn along the road; he had no reins and was in no position to control the progress of the horse and cart.	1865/075
Barber	James	Crandon	William	19	10	1865	Eviction notice	Ev	Notice of eviction sent to William Crandon with respect to a tenement in Southover.	1865/076
Harris	William	Keates	Isabella	23	10	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Isabella Keates was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 4/- for 2 May 1865.	1865/076a

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Harris	William	Foster	Joseph	23	10	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Foster was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/- for 2 May 1865.	1865/076b
Harris	William	Collier	Philip	23	10	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Collier was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/- for 2 May 1865.	1865/076c
Harris	William	Keates	Samuel	23	10	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Keates was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/8d for 2 May 1865.	1865/076d
Harris	William	Slater	Widow	23	10	1865	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Widow Slater was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 4/8d for 2 May 1865.	1865/076e
Westcott	Michael	Francis	Sidney	02	11	1865	Apprentice refusing to obey orders	Rw	Apprentice brushmaker refusing to obey the instructions of the managing partner of Parsons brushmaking operation.	1865/077
Westcott	Michael	Marshall	Sidney	02	11	1865	Apprentice refusing to obey orders	Rw	Apprentice brushmaker refusing to obey the instructions of the managing partner of Parsons brushmaking operation.	1865/078
Westcott	Michael	Drew jnr	Henry	02	11	1865	Apprentice refusing to obey orders	Rw	Apprentice brushmaker refusing to obey the instructions of the managing partner of Parsons brushmaking operation.	1865/079
Hillman	James	Willmott	Thomas	20	11	1865	Obscene language	Pr	Hillman, a contractor with responsibility for street cleaning, claimed that the work of himself and his staff was being disrupted by Willmott who was spreading rubbish and ashes in the street. In High Street there had been a confrontation in which Willmott used profane and obscene language. Settled before hearing.	1865/080
Say	Jane	Armstrong	Ann	22	11	1865	Assault	A	Jane Say was a widow, Ann Armstrong was wife of Charles Armstrong. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1865/081
Russ	Samuel Perren	Bincham	John	24	11	1865	Leaving family chargeable to parish	Ds	Russ, relieving officer for Wells Union, reported that Bincham had neglected to provide for his family, although he was capable of supporting them and, as a result, his wife, Caroline, and three children had become chargeable to the parish. A warrant for Bincham's arrest was issued.	1865/082
Allen	John	White Teal	John Edward	24	11	1865	Assault	A	John White was described as a sweep, while Edward Teal was described as a cooper. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the defendants.	1865/083

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Stride	Hezekiah	Hale Moore Brooks Brooks	George Albert Caroline William	05	12	1865	Obscene language	Pr	PC Stride found the four defendants in High Street late in the evening where they were making a great row and quarrelling amongst themselves using profane and obscene language. Each was fined 6d with total costs of 10/-, presumably to be divided evenly amongst them.	1865/084
Willcox	Charles	Fowler	George	05	12	1865	Assault	A	Willcox was a court bailiff who was allegedly assaulted in the execution of his duty by Fowler, a millwright. Fowler appears to have been ordered to pay 6/6d in costs but no fine.	1865/085
Carter	William	Gould	Frank	11	12	1865	Fee transfer	*	Carter, governor of Shepton Mallet, wrote to enclose 5/- as a fee for the commitment of Frank Gould, a deserter.	1865/086
Meek	Joseph	Cornish	John	27	12	1865	Non-payment of toll	N	Meek, the lessee of the East Wells tollgate, claimed that Cornish of Stoke Lane had taken two horses, two carts and a donkey through the gate and refused to pay the toll due of 10d. He also wrote to the justices appealing for Cornish to be sentenced because 'those Cornishes is a terror to all turnpike collectors, they try to cheat every turnpike they have to pass through'. Cornish seems to have been required to pay costs of 7/-, a fine of 1/- and the toll of 10d.	1865/087

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Vowles	Emma	Haines	Elizabeth	04	01	1866	Assault	A	Emma Vowles was wife of Charles Vowles, butcher, while Elizabeth Haines was a widow.	1866/001
Tucker	Edward	Walwyn	Alfred	07	01	1866	Obstruction	O	Tucker found a horse and cart standing unattended near Brown's Gate in Sadler Street. Walwyn, the owner, was in the Nag's Head and had been there for more than 3 hours. Fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-.	1866/002
Collins	John Robert	Burgess	James	07	01	1866	Obscene language	Pr	Collins, collector of tolls, had requested the toll due from Burgess, a shoemaker from Shepton Mallet, at a Saturday market. Burgess then verbally abused Collins in the public market place using profane and obscene language. On receipt of a written apology from Burgess, Collins withdrew the summons.	1866/003

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Webb	Edward	Bendall	Charles	08	01	1866	Assault	A	Bendall was described as a tailor. The case was dismissed. The costs of the case were 8/6d, presumably all to be paid by Webb.	1866/004
Bendall	Charles	Webb	Edward	12	01	1866	Assault	A	The reverse of case 1866/004. No information as to outcome. Costs were calculated at 11/6d, reduced (incorrectly) to 6/- because of the payment of 4/6d made in order to bring the case.	1866/005
Roberts	Jonas	Brown	Robert	14	02	1866	Drunk and disorderly	D	Roberts, landlord of the Coach and Horses in St Thomas Street, refused to serve Brown who had come into the pub after drinking heavily elsewhere. Brown became quarrelsome and abusive and refused to leave when requested to do so by the landlord.	1866/006
Bishop of Bath & Wells		Demack	Joseph	16	02	1866	Stealing coal	T	James Drummond, head gardener for the Bishop, saw Demack (possibly Dymock?), one of his employees, wheeling a barrow full of coal towards the gate into the Market Place. Demack had no authority to move the coal and was deemed to be stealing it.	1866/007
[Regina]		[Justices]		19	02	1866	Duties on hawkers' licences	*	General order notifying justices and their clerks as to where monies derived from penalties on such licences should be paid.	1866/008
Stride	Hezekiah	Crandon	William	15	03	1866	Obscene language	Pr	PC Stride found Crandon in St John Street outside the Golden Heart. Crandon had been evicted from the pub for fighting and proceeded to verbally abuse the officer using profane and obscene language.	1866/009
Tucker	Edward	Crandon	William	16	03	1866	Obscene language	Pr	These documents form part of case 1866/009 above. Crandon, a butcher, admitted the offence and was fined 2/6d with costs of 12/-.	1866/010
Bartlett	Thomas William	Williams	John	26	03	1866	Absenting himself from service	Ab	Bartlett, a farmer, resident in Portway, had employed Williams for some time as a husbandman on the basis of one week's notice. Williams had apparently left his employ without notice and had been seen working in the Bishop's park.	1866/011
Town Clerk		Overseers of the Poor		04	04	1866	List of fees	*	List of fees chargeable by the town clerk for work carried out on behalf of the Overseers of the Poor in administration of the poor rate and other matters from April 1865 to April 1866.	1866/011a

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James	William Allen	Tilbury jnr	?	09	04	1866	Larceny	T	James, a resident of Portway, claimed that a brush, milk can and pair of boots had been stolen from his premises. He suspected Tilbury of having taken them and asked for a search warrant for Tilbury's father's house at Little Elm near the Portway turnpike gate. No forename is given for Tilbury jnr or Tilbury snr.	1866/012
Porter	Robert	Wills jnr.	James	13	04	1866	Assault	A	Series of witness statements to the effect that an assault took place, but no detailed information.	1866/013
Garroway	George	Way	John Christopher	13	04	1866	Ill-treatment of apprentice by master	It	Garraway of Weston super Mare complained that his son, George Northcote Garraway, had been effectively sacked from his apprenticeship with Way, the grocer, in Wells. The indenture had begun in 1863 and was due to run for 4 years; the premium of £29 had been paid in full.	1866/014
Tucker	Edward	Hockey	George	14	04	1866	Driving furiously	Rd	Hockey, a butcher of Wookey, was accused of driving a horse furiously down St Cuthbert Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or 7 days in prison.	1866/015
Kelly	Joseph	Hayes	Samuel	14	04	1866	Indecent exposure	le	PC Kelly accused Hayes of exposing his person in the Market Place. Hayes was ordered to pay costs of 6/6d.	1866/016
Tucker	Edward	Cox	George	14	04	1866	No name on wagons	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw Cox of Glastonbury driving two horses and carts laden with timber up High Street; neither of the carts had the name of the owner on the side. Ordered to pay costs of 6/6d.	1866/017
Tucker	Edward	Brown	Walter Emmanuel	14	04	1866	Offence against licence	L	Open outside recognised licensing hours - Exmouth Inn, St Thomas Street. Costs of 6/6d.	1866/018
Kelly	Joseph	Thatcher	James	14	04	1866	Driving without reins	Rd	Thatcher of Tucker Street was accused by PC Kelly of driving a horse and cart along St Andrew Street without reins to guide the horse. Ordered to pay costs of 6/6d.	1866/019
Tucker	Edward	Hopkins jnr.	William	14	04	1866	Leaving gig in street	Rd	Hopkins was accused of leaving a gig overnight in West Street to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Hopkins admitted the offence.	1866/020
Tucker	Edward	Dowling	William	14	04	1866	Leaving cart in street	O	Dowling was accused of leaving a cart in Tucker Street which was causing an obstruction to traffic. Dowling admitted the offence.	1866/021

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Tucker	Edward	Ball	James	14	04	1866	Leaving cart in street	O	Ball was accused of leaving a cart in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic. Ball admitted the offence.	1866/022
Tucker	Edward	Phipps	Joseph	14	04	1866	Leaving cart in street	O	Phipps was accused of leaving a cart in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic. Phipps admitted the offence.	1866/023
Tucker	Edward	Allen	William	14	04	1866	Leaving cart in street	O	Allen was accused of leaving two carts in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic. Allen admitted the offence.	1866/024
Tucker	Edward	Bowell	Sidney (Sidman)	14	04	1866	Leaving cart in street	O	Bowell was accused of leaving two carts in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic.	1866/025
Tucker	Edward	Bennett	James	14	04	1866	Leaving 2 carts in street	O	Bennett was accused of leaving two carts in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic. Bennett admitted the offence.	1866/026
Tucker	Edward	Western	Aaron	14	04	1866	Leaving 2 carts in atreet	O	Western was accused of leaving two carts in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic. Western admitted the offence.	1866/027
Tucker	Edward	Western	John	14	04	1866	Leaving 2 carts in street	O	Western was accused of leaving two carts in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic. Western admitted the offence.	1866/028
Tucker	Edward	Oxley jnr.	Matthew	14	04	1866	Leaving 2 carts and a heap of manure in street	Rd	Oxley was accused of leaving two carts and a heap of manure in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic.	1866/029
Tucker	Edward	Hopkins snr.	William	14	04	1866	Leaving 2 carts and a heap of stones in street	Rd	Hopkins was accused of leaving two carts and a heap of stones in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic. Fined 1/- with costs of 10/6d.	1866/030
Tucker	Edward	Sweet	John	16	04	1866	Operating an unregistered slaughterhouse	L	Police serjeant Tucker ascertained that Sweet, a butcher, was using part of his premises as a slaughterhouse but where no licence to run such an operation had been obtained. Sweet was cautioned and discharged.	1866/031
Tucker	Edward	Bennett	John	16	04	1866	Leaving cart in street	Rd	Bennett was accused of leaving a cart in Tucker Street and causing an obstruction to traffic. Bennett admitted the offence.	1866/032

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Harris	William	Marsh	John	17	04	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of taxes, claimed that Marsh of Priest Row had failed to pay his poor rate assessment of 20 October 1865. The amount outstanding was 6/-, excluding costs. The debt was recorded as paid.	1866/032a
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	17	04	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of taxes, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay his poor rate assessment of 20 October 1865. The amount outstanding was 18/8d, excluding costs. The debt was recorded as paid.	1866/032b
Harris	William	Brewer	Charles	17	04	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of taxes, claimed that Brewer of St John Street had failed to pay his poor rate assessment of 20 October 1865. The amount outstanding was 5/4d, excluding costs. The debt was recorded as paid.	1866/032c
Harris	William	Churches	Edward	17	04	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of taxes, claimed that Churches of South Street had failed to pay his poor rate assessment of 20 October 1865. The amount outstanding was 4/8d, excluding costs. The debt was recorded as paid.	1866/032d
Harris	William	Rice	Joseph	17	04	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of taxes, claimed that Joseph Rice of South Street had failed to pay his poor rate assessment of 20 October 1865. The amount outstanding was 5/4d, excluding costs.	1866/032e
Harris	William	Hooper	John	17	04	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of taxes, claimed that Hooper of Priest Row had failed to pay his poor rate assessment of 20 October 1865. The amount outstanding was 4/-, excluding costs. The debt was recorded as paid.	1866/032f
Kelly	Joseph	Parfitt	William	20	04	1866	Offence against licence	L	William Parfitt, landlord of the Traveller's Rest beerhouse in Southover was accused by PC Kelly of being open for business outside licensing hours. Fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1866/033
Harris	William	Foster	Joseph	20	04	1866	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Foster was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/- for 20 October 1865.	1866/033a

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Harris	William	Collier	Philip	20	04	1866	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Collier was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/- for 20 October 1865.	1866/033b
Harris	William	Keates	Samuel	20	04	1866	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Keates was granted full relief on his poor rate assessment of 4/8d for 20 October 1865.	1866/033c
Harris	William	Slater	Widow	20	04	1866	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Widow Slater was granted full relief on her poor rate assessment of 4/8d for 20 October 1865.	1866/033d
Tucker	Edward	Rice	Ann	21	04	1866	Obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker found 4 women quarrelling in High Street. One of them was Ann Rice, wife of Joseph Rice. She used many profane and obscene expressions. Convicted and sent to prison for 14 days.	1866/034
Tyley	Hannah	Card	Charles	26	04	1866	Father of bastard child	B	Hannah Tyley of Southover accused Card of Westbury of being the father of her illegitimate child. She was awarded 1/6d per week plus costs. The wife of William Hopkins snr of West Street was called as a witness for the defence.	1866/035
Bell	Mary	Bowden	James	30	04	1866	Application for search warrant	Sw	Mary Bell, wife of Daniel Bell, a patten maker of Queen Street, claimed that a mourning ring that was kept in a drawer in the kitchen table had been stolen by lodger James Bowden who had recently moved to new lodgings. She asked for a search warrant for his new lodgings in Southover.	1866/036
Chard	William	Mogford jnr	Thomas	02	05	1866	Assault	A	The case was noted as being settled.	1866/037
Oxley	Charles	Oxley	Elizabeth	02	05	1866	Obscene language	Pr	Charles Oxley of St Cuthbert Street complained that Elizabeth Oxley, spinster, came to his house and verbally abused him from the street using profane and obscene language.	1866/038
Hannay	Elizabeth	White	Joseph	08	05	1866	Indecent assault	Sa	Elizabeth Hannay, wife of William Hannay, claimed that she had sent her daughter, Maria, to Milton Hill Lime Kiln with her husband's breakfast. In Milton Lane White had committed an indecent assault upon her daughter by putting his hand under her clothes. The assault had been witnessed by Sarah Brown, wife of Aaron Brown of Milton Hill.	1866/039
Willcox	Charles	Sutcliffe	Joseph	19	05	1866	Obscene language	Pr	Willcox of Union Street claimed that Sutcliffe, also a resident of Union Street, had verbally abused his wife as he walked past the door using profane and obscene language. Sutcliffe admitted the offence and was ordered to pay 6/6d costs.	1866/040

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Short	John	Wills jnr.	John	22	05	1866	Assault	A	Short claimed that Wills had assaulted him and struck him several violent blows. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1866/041
Tuck	William	Allen jnr	Thomas	12	06	1866	Embezzlement	Em	Thomas Allen, the younger, was accused of taking £20 from a friendly society of which he was the secretary and subverting the money to his own use. He was apprehended and bailed in the sum of £100, £50 from him, £25 from Thomas Allen senior and £25 from Levi Allen.	1866/042
Tyley	Hannah	Card	Charles	15	06	1866	Non-payment of bastardy order	B	See 1866/035. Card had paid only 3 weeks' worth of maintenance to Hannah Tyley for her illegitimate child and was now 16/6d in arrears. He was ordered to pay the arrears, a further 17/- for the costs of obtaining judgment and another 6/- for the costs of the current case, as well as continuing to pay the maintenance of 1/6d per week until the child reached the age of 13.	1866/043
Hurlstone	Edward	Locke	James	19	06	1866	Obtaining money by false pretences	Fr	Hurlstone, a tailor, claimed that he had seen Locke, also a tailor, in Webb's beerhouse in High Street. Locke had seen Hurlstone put a church service book (hymn book?) in his pocket and turned up the next morning at Hurlstone's house claiming that the book was his and demanding 10/- for it, threatening to call police serjeant Tucker unless he received the money. Hurlstone had given him 5/-.	1866/044
Tucker	Edward	Coles	Charles	20	06	1866	Driving without reins	Rd	Coles, a yeoman from Emborough (spelling of Emberrow in summons), was accused of driving 2 horses drawing a wagon along St Thomas Street, but not holding the reins to control the action of the horses. He was said to be tipsy. Fined £1 plus costs.	1866/045
Stride	Hezekiah	Maule	William	20	06	1866	Swearing	Pr	PC Stride found Maule, a labourer, swearing and cursing in St Cuthbert Street. Ordered to pay costs of 8/6d but no fine.	1866/046
Stock	Elizabeth	Stock	Charles	20	06	1866	Assault	A	Assault of husband on wife. A warrant for the arrest of Charles Stock was issued.	1866/047

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Tucker	Edward	Oxley	James	21	06	1866	Fraudulently obtaining beerhouse licence	La	Police serjeant Tucker claimed that Oxley, described as a poulterer resident in Tucker Street, had made false statements to the Inland Revenue in his application for a beerhouse licence. Oxley was found guilty and required to pay the sum of £1.2s.6d plus costs of 19/6d. In the event of default he would serve one calendar month in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet and his goods / effects would be subject to distraint. Oxley was unable or unwilling to pay and Tucker reported that there were no effects that could be sold to raise the sums required which were now 5/- higher because of the costs involved in committal and transport to Shepton Mallet.	1866/048
Tucker	Edward	Rood	George	21	06	1866	Fraudulently obtaining beerhouse licence	La	Rood, of Meare, had made an application for a licence to sell beer and alcoholic drinks from his premises in Meare. It was alleged that one or more of the signatures on the licence application were forged.	1866/049
Keates	John	House	George	30	06	1866	Assault	A	The case was noted as settled.	1866/050
Russ	Samuel Perren	Ashman	Benjamin	30	06	1866	Non-payment of maintenance order	N	Ashman's wife, Jane, and their 3 children had become chargeable to the common fund of Wells Union since Ashman had neglected to maintain them as he was obliged to do and was capable of so doing. A warrant for his arrest was issued.	1866/051
Cheeseman	Thomas	O'Connor	Patrick	12	07	1866	Swearing	Pr	Cheeseman, landlord of the Crown Inn in the Market Place, alleged that O'Connor had verbally abused him in High Street using profane and obscene language. The case was noted as settled.	1866/052
Tucker	Edward	Tyte Phipps jnr	Mrs Samuel Thomas	18	07	1866	Depositing refuse in the street	E	A complaint was received from James Hillman, the scavenger appointed by the Local Board, that Samuel Tyte's wife had deposited rubbish in High Street and Thomas Phipps the younger had put a quantity of dung and straw or refuse in St Cuthbert Street. Mrs Tyte appears to have been discharged while Phipps admitted the offence and was required to pay 4/6d.	1866/053

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Tucker	Edward	Sweet	Thomas	19	07	1866	Contravention of sanitation by-law	E	Sweet appears to have been ordered to instal a privy or water closet at his property in St John Street and had failed to comply with the order.	1866/054
Tucker	Edward	Richards	Samuel	19	07	1866	Contravention of sanitation by-law	E	Richards, the landlord of a number of properties, was summoned because in one of his properties in Southover the water closet and privy were full of filth and not connected to the public sewerage system. The premises in question were occupied by the Ashman, Small and Showering families.	1866/055
Tucker	Edward	Hodges	Mark	19	07	1866	Contravention of sanitation by-law	E	Hodges was accused of having a privy at his property in Southover that was in a foul and disgusting state.	1866/056
Tucker	Edward	Barber	James	19	07	1866	Contravention of sanitation by-law	E	Barber, landlord of a number of properties, was summoned because there was a lack of privies or water closets in properties in Southover occupied by Crandon, Brown and Stevens. Costs of 6/6d.	1866/057
Tucker	Edward	Charles	John	19	07	1866	Contravention of sanitation by-law	E	Charles, landlord of a property in South Street occupied by Angel and others, was summoned because the privy was full of foul matter. Costs appear to have been 5/6d.	1866/058
Tucker	Edward	Charles	John	19	07	1866	Contravention of sanitation by-law	E	Charles, landlord of a property in South Street occupied by Wilkins and others, was summoned because the privy was improperly constructed, resulting in foul matter being forced up into the open yard. Costs appear to have been 5/6d.	1866/059
Tucker	Edward	Charles	John	19	07	1866	Contravention of sanitation by-law	E	Charles, landlord of a property in Southover occupied by Hill, Symes and others, was summoned because the privy was full of foul matter. Costs appear to have been 4/6d.	1866/060
Tucker	Edward	White	Thomas	20	07	1866	Contravention of sanitation by-law	E	White, landlord of a property in St Thomas Street, was summoned because the privy was defective. Costs appear to have been 5/6d.	1866/061
Derham	John	Guppy	John	21	07	1866	Assault	A	Arrest warrant was issued because of the fear that Guppy would abscond.	1866/062

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Brown	Aaron	Joyce	Thomas	21	07	1866	Unlawful charges for distress	Ut	Brown, a carpenter, alleged that, when his goods were seized in order to pay debts of £7.7s+K76.0d to his landlord, Mr Welsh, the bailiff, Joyce, seized the goods and sold them by auction at the Goat Inn. He then charged Brown for a number of services which Brown claimed should not have applied.	1866/063
Creighton	Charles	Weaver	John	23	07	1866	Moving cattle out of hours	Lm	Weaver of Farmborough was accused of moving cattle between sunset and sunrise without an appropriate licence. Fined 10/- with costs of 10/-.	1866/064
Phipps	Thomas	Hillman	James	23	07	1866	Selling beer outside permitted hours	L	Phipps, a resident of St Cuthbert Street, went to Hillman's beer house at Portway at 9.00am and bought a glass of beer from Hillman's wife. He then brought a prosecution for serving beer outside permitted hours. Hillman was fined 4/6d with costs of 3/6d.	1866/065
Showering	Mary	Pearce	Henry	30	07	1866	Assault	A	Mary was wife of John Showering, labourer, and Pearce was also a labourer. Fined 2/6d with costs of 9/- or 7 days in prison.	1866/066
Tucker	Edward	Showering Pearce	John Henry	30	07	1866	Breach of the peace	Dp	Police serjeant Tucker was called to go to Southover because there was a fight in the street involving Showering and Pearce (presumably a consequence of case 1866/066). The combattants were no longer there but there was a crowd of around 50 people and therefore plenty of witnesses. The costs of the case appear to have been 12/6d, but it is not clear how much each of the defendants was required to pay in terms of fines and costs.	1866/067
Burch	Elizabeth	Seal	William	30	07	1866	Larceny	T	Elizabeth Burch, wife of Charles Burch, printer and resident of Southover, claimed that they had had coal stolen from their coal house on several occasions. On this occasion she saw their neighbour, William Seal, a tailor, take coal from her coal house in a small tub at around 4.00am.. Seal was sent to prison for 7 days with hard labour.	1866/068
Tucker	Edward	Oxley	James	31	07	1866	Fraud	Fr	Sentencing details related to case 1866/048; a duplicate copy of one of the documents in 1866/048, but without the information regarding the result of the distraint process.	1866/069

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Tucker	Edward	Barber	James	03	08	1866	Unhealthy and unclean sanitation	E	As Inspector of Nuisances, Tucker visited a property in Southover occupied by Crandon and others. He found Barber and a man named Stevens (see 1866/057) in the process of emptying a privy but without any precautions to protect the health of themselves or others from contact with the waste. Barber was fined 10/- with costs of 8/- and an additional sum of £1.5s.0d or 14 days in prison.	1866/070
Burch	Charles Sidney	Seal	Albion	04	08	1866	Sureties for the peace	Su	Burch had been at home in Southover when Seal turned up at his window and threatened him with a stick. He also issued further verbal threats of personal violence against Burch who appealed to the justices for Seal to be bound over with respect to his future conduct. See case 1866/068; not clear whether William Seal and Albion Seal may actually be the same person.	1866/071
Locke	Henry Robert	Catcott Catcott	William John	08	08	1866	Bread not sold in accordance with law	Wm	Locke bought bread from an employee of the Catcotts, who were local bakers. He weighed the loaf in the presence of the employee and found that it was almost 2ozs short of 2lb. Furthermore, the employee had no scales with which to weigh the bread which was required to be sold by weight. The defendants admitted the offence and were fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1866/072
Wilcox	Edwin	Wills jnr.	Joseph	08	08	1866	Lack of sanitation	E	PC Wilcox reported properties owned by Wills in St John Street as being insanitary because no privies or water closets were provided.	1866/073
Tucker	Edward	Huish	Elizabeth	20	08	1866	Unclean sanitation	E	Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, had previously reported the premises owned by Huish, a widow, in St Thomas Street, for insanitary conditions. A subsequent inspection showed the closet to be full of filth and not connected to the public sewers. Costs 6/6d.	1866/074

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Tucker	Edward	Coles	Richard	20	08	1866	Unclean sanitation	E	Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, had previously reported the premises in Union Street, owned by Coles and occupied by John Gould, for insanitary conditions. A subsequent inspection showed that the previous order had been ignored and the closet was still unsanitary and a risk to health. Costs 6/6d.	1866/075
Bloxham	William	Loxton	George	23	08	1866	Obstructing roadway	O	Bloxham, deputy chief constable, accused Loxton of Eastwater of leaving 2 horses and carts unattended in Sadler Street for more than an hour and 20 minutes, obstructing the traffic.	1866/076
Bloxham	William	Uphill	William	23	08	1866	Obstructing roadway	O	Bloxham, deputy chief constable, accused Uphill of leaving 3 horses and 2 carts unattended in Sadler Street for more than an hour and 20 minutes, obstructing the traffic.	1866/077
Bloxham	William	Pearse	Jonathan	23	08	1866	Obstructing roadway	O	Bloxham, deputy chief constable, accused Pearse of Priddy of leaving a waggon, 2 carts and 4 horses unattended in Sadler Street for more than an hour and 20 minutes, obstructing the traffic.	1866/078
Bloxham	William	Ashman	Francis	23	08	1866	Obstructing roadway	O	Bloxham, deputy chief constable, accused Ashman of Hunter's Lodge near Wells of leaving 2 horses and carts unattended in Sadler Street for more than an hour and 20 minutes, obstructing the traffic.	1866/079
Bloxham	William	Bishop	James	23	08	1866	Obstructing roadway	O	Bloxham, deputy chief constable, accused Bishop of Priddy of leaving a waggon, 3 carts and several horses unattended in Sadler Street for more than an hour and 20 minutes, obstructing the traffic.	1866/080
Westcott	Michael	Weeks	Benjamin	03	09	1866	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Westcott, managing partner of Parsons brush manufacturers, claimed that Weeks, an indentured apprentice, had left his employment without notice and was still absent. A warrant for the arrest of Weeks was issued.	1866/081
Westcott	Michael	Sharland	Frederick	03	09	1866	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Westcott, managing partner of Parsons brush manufacturers, claimed that Sharland, an indentured apprentice, had left his employment without notice and was still absent. A warrant for the arrest of Sharland was issued.	1866/082

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Cock	Sarah Maria	Harris	Charles	07	09	1866	Bastardy	B	Cock, a widow of Union Street, accused Harris, a greengrocer, of being the father of her illegitimate child. A weekly maintenance payment of 2/- was agreed.	1866/083
Tyley	Hannah	Card	Charles	10	09	1866	Bastardy	B	Tyley, a single woman, complained that, although Card had made a number of payments of the weekly maintenance amount of 1/6d for her illegitimate child since the earlier judgment against him (see 1866/043), there was still an outstanding debt of 9/-. Card was ordered to pay 9/- plus costs of 5/6d.	1866/084
Taylor	Charles	Hawkins	William	03	10	1866	Assault	A	Hawkins was a butcher. The case noted as settled.	1866/085
West	Thomas	Dudderidge snr	James	06	10	1866	Assault	A	West claimed that Dudderidge had assaulted him and struck him on the head. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1866/086
Moon	George	Williams	James	06	10	1866	Theft of clothes and accessories	T	Moon from Lamyatt had been in Wells as part of the North Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry. He had entrusted the care of his horse to Williams and had also asked him to take his carpet bag containing undress uniform, clothesbrush, comb, stockings etc back to Lamyatt. Williams, however, had absconded with the bag and Moon asked for a warrant to be issued for Williams' arrest.	1866/087
Smith	William	Churches	Edward	09	10	1866	Evading turnpike toll	N	Smith, the Portway tollgate operator, complained that Churches, a coal haulier, had taken a horse and cart through the tollgate without paying the toll of 4d. The case was noted as settled.	1866/088
Smith	William	Bowell	Sidney	09	10	1866	Evading turnpike toll	N	Smith, the Portway tollgate operator, complained that Bowell, a coal haulier, had taken a horse and cart through the tollgate without paying the toll of 4d. The case was noted as settled.	1866/089
Angel	William	Dudderidge snr Dudderidge	William Henry	10	10	1866	Assault	A	Costs of the case appeared to be 17/-, but no indication given as to responsibility for payment or of the application of any fines.	1866/090
Barber	James	Crandon	William	10	10	1866	Eviction notice	Ev	Barber served Crandon with a notice to quit the house in Southover which he was renting from Barber.	1866/091
Willcox	Edwin	White	John	11	10	1866	Obstructing roadway	O	PC Willcox found a horse and cart left unattended for more than 5 hours in Queen Street causing an obstruction to other traffic. The horse and cart belonged to John White of Glastonbury. Fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-.	1866/092

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Muggleworth	Thomas	Walwyn	Alfred	11	10	1866	Driving without reins	Rd	PC Muggleworth found a horse and cart standing in High Street late at night. Walwyn, the driver, was drunk and asleep in the cart. Furthermore, he had no reins with which to control the horse and was thus a danger to pedestrians and other road users. Fined 10/- with costs of 8/- or 14 days in prison.	1866/093
Willcox	Edwin	Standard	James	11	10	1866	Furious driving	Rd	PC Willcox saw Standard driving a horse and cart furiously along Queen Street at around 6.00pm to the danger of pedestrians and other road users.	1866/094
Tucker	Edward	Standard	James	11	10	1866	Drunk and disorderly	D	Police serjeant Tucker found Standard in Sadler Street at around 7.00pm on the same evening as case 1866/094, drunk and riotous. Fined 2/6d with costs of 11/6d or 7 days in prison.	1866/095
Gaven	Mary	Russell	Thomas	11	10	1866	Bastardy	B	Gaven, a single woman residing in Southover, accused Russell, a labourer from East Horrington, of being the father of her illegitimate child. Charles Hill and Hannah Russell, a widow, both of East Horrington were called as witnesses.	1866/096
Small	Mary	Small	James	13	10	1866	Sureties for the peace	Su	Mary Small claimed that she had suffered considerable domestic abuse from her husband, James, a mason. As a result of his violence she had left him but, when she met him in the street, he made threats of further physical violence, saying that he would lame her and stop her working. She appealed for him to be bound over with respect to his future conduct.	1866/097
Sweet	John	Lane	Frederick	15	10	1866	Assault	A	Lane was described as a labourer.	1866/098
Meek	Joseph	Banwell	Edmund	16	10	1866	Assault	A	Meek, the operator of the Southover turnpike gate, claimed that 4 people with a horse and cart had tried to get through the turnpike gate at around 3.00am, but had refused to pay the toll. The gate operator at the time, Jacob Bown, had refused to open the gate unless the toll was paid. Banwell attempted to force his way through the gate and, in doing so, allegedly assaulted Bown.	1866/099
Gully	John	Ball	Alfred	18	10	1866	Assault	A	A warrant for the arrest of Alfred Ball was issued.	1866/100

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Thorn	Richard	Willcox Willcox	Charles Ann	18	10	1866	Sureties for the peace	Su	Richard Thorn and his wife, Elizabeth, lived in Union Street next door to Charles and Ann Willcox. Thorn claimed that the Willcoxes spread defamatory rumours about them running a bawdy house and constantly harassed them using verbal abuse and threats of physical violence. Thorn requested that they be bound over with respect to their future conduct.	1866/101
Willcox	Charles	Thorn	Richard	19	10	1866	Assault	A	Probably a retaliatory case to 1866/101. Willcox claimed that Thorn had threatened to hit him.	1866/102
Oxley	Charles	Oxley snr Oxley jnr	Elizabeth Elizabeth	20	10	1866	Sureties for the peace	Su	Charles Oxley of St Cuthbert Street complained that Elizabeth Oxley, wife of Matthew Oxley, and her daughter, Elizabeth, constantly abused him verbally in public and threatened him with personal violence. He appealed for them to be bound over with respect to their future conduct towards him.	1866/103
Western	Elizabeth	Oxley	Elizabeth	20	10	1866	Assault	A	Actual physical violence. Fined 2/6d with costs of 11/- and additional costs of 2/6d giving a total of 16/- or 7 days in prison.	1866/104
Harris	John	Dart	William	29	10	1866	Embezzlement	Em	Harris, a baker and corn factor operating in High Street, employed Dart to deliver bread and collect money from customers. Harris claimed that Dart did not pass to Harris all the monies collected (the amounts involved were very small e.g. threepence halfpenny). A warrant for Dart's arrest was issued.	1866/105
Sweet	Thomas	Showering	John	12	11	1866	Assault	A	The defendant was discharged.	1866/106
Harris	William	Barber	Edwin	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Barber had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was £1.6s.10d, excluding costs.	1866/106a
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 16/4d, excluding costs. The debt appears to have been paid.	1866/106b

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Harris	William	Brewer	Charles	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Brewer had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 4/8d, excluding costs.	1866/106c
Harris	William	Crandon	William	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Crandon of South Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 7/7d, excluding costs.	1866/106d
Harris	William	Cock	James	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Cock of Silver Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 5/3d, excluding costs.	1866/106e
Harris	William	Stevens	William	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Stevens had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 4/1d, excluding costs. There is an unclear handwritten note on the summary list of potential prosecutions.	1866/106f
Harris	William	Wills	John	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Wills of Broad Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 9/4d, excluding costs.	1866/106g
Harris	William	Maule	Edwin	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Maule of Tucker Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 2/4d, excluding costs. Two summons appear to have been prepared for this case.	1866/106h
Harris	William	Vincent	Joseph	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Vincent had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 4/1d, excluding costs.	1866/106i
Harris	William	Oxley	James	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Oxley of Tucker Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 3/2 ¹ / ₂ d, excluding costs.	1866/106j

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Harris	William	Marsh	John	14	11	1866	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Marsh of Tucker Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866. The amount outstanding was 3/2 ¹ / ₂ d, excluding costs.	1866/106k
George	Frederick Charles	Bagley	Richard	15	11	1866	Leaving employ without consent	Ab	George, the landlord of the Star Hotel, had employed Bagley for some time as 'boots'. He had complained about Bagley's conduct on a number of occasions and then Bagley left his employment without notice.	1866/107
Tucker	Edward	Oakes	William	15	11	1866	Cruelty to animals	C	PC Muggleworth saw a man cruelly ill-treating a horse in St Thomas Street. The man initially gave his surname as James, but his name was subsequently determined to be Henry Uphill of Chewton Edge near Chewton Mendip. However, details of the summons were subsequently changed so that the name of the defendant became William Oakes. The total of costs and fines appeared to be 15/-.	1866/108
Sutcliffe	Sarah	Fowler	George	17	11	1866	Assault	A	The case was noted as settled.	1866/109
Perrott	Cornelius	Campbell	Thomas	23	11	1866	Assault	A	Perrott was a builder, Campbell a mason. Fined 5/- with costs of 10/- or 14 days in prison.	1866/110
Jones	Sarah	Jones	Charles	05	12	1866	Assault	A	Husband assault on wife. Charles Jones was a shoeing smith.	1866/111
Tucker	Edward	Hunt	Henry	06	12	1866	Indecent exposure	le	Defecating in the Market Place close to the Crown Inn. Ordered to pay 6/6d.	1866/112
Vowles	Charles	Barnard	Charles	06	12	1866	Obscene language	Pr	Vowles, a butcher, was in Mill Lane, as was Barnard, also a butcher. Barnard publicly abused Vowles in profane and obscene terms. Felix Baker, George Archard and Abraham Archard, all cabinet makers, were witnesses. Barnard was fined 5/- with costs of 17/6d.	1866/113
Pearce	George	Wills jnr.	John	13	12	1866	Assault	A	The case was noted as settled.	1866/114

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Butler	Robert	Crandon jnr Loxton jnr	William William	15	12	1866	Ringing school bell	Dp	Butler, master of the Central School, was annoyed by unauthorised ringing of the school bell. A watch was set and Crandon and Loxton were caught red-handed. Both confessed. The costs of the case appear to have been 7/-.	1866/115
Tucker	Edward	Ridley	Matthew	24	12	1866	Obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker encountered Ridley in the Market Place; he was drunk and riotous, shouting and swearing, using profane and obscene language. Fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-.	1866/116
Muggleworth	Thomas	Lewis	Robert	28	12	1866	Open outside licensing hours	L	PC Muggleworth went into the New Inn in St Thomas Street at 11.45pm on Christmas Day to find that customers were still drinking. Lewis, the landlord, was ordered to pay costs of 7/6d; there appears to have been no fine.	1866/117
Mercer	Simon	Roberts	Jonas	28	12	1866	Open outside licensing hours	L	PC Mercer visited the Coach and Horses at around 4.00pm on Christmas Day and discovered that the pub was still open. The case was dismissed.	1866/118
Russell	Martha	Badman	William	28	12	1866	Sureties for the peace	Su	Russell complained of continuing personal abuse and threats of physical violence from Badman. She asked that he be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her. A warrant for Badman's arrest was issued.	1866/119
Taylor	Richard	James	Charles	31	12	1866	Assault	A	James admitted the assault. Costs of 6/6d.	1866/120

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Boyce	Thomas Tucker	Brewer	Charles	10	01	1867	Fraudulent embezzlement	Em	Boyce employed Brewer to levy distraint on one of Boyce's tenants. Brewer carried out the distraint but did not deliver the resulting monies to Boyce, although he had promised to do so.	1867/001
Muggleworth	Thomas	Cook	Mark	10	01	1867	Obstruction	O	PC Muggleworth found a horse blocking the public footway in High Street. The horse belonged to Cook, a butcher from Wookey (see also case 1867/004).	1867/002

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Mercer	Simon	Hawkins	William	10	01	1867	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Mercer was called to the Golden Heart Inn by the landlord, William Dore, to remove Hawkins from the premises. Hawkins was drunk and quarrelsome. When evicted, he followed Mercer back to the police station, making abusive comments and threatening to fight him. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1867/003
Muggleworth	Thomas	Cook	Mark	11	01	1867	Obstruction	O	Summons related to case 1867/002 (police officer testimony). Cook was fined 1/- with costs of 6/6d.	1867/004
Plenty	Edward	Cook	John	14	01	1867	Perjury	Pj	Plenty, a yeoman of North Wootton. was previously tried on a charge of cutting down a grape vine and other plants belonging to Stephen Eades, also of North Wootton. On the basis of evidence given by Cook, Plenty was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions where he was acquitted. He claimed that the evidence given by Cook was false and now brought a charge of perjury against him. A warrant for Cook's arrest was issued.	1867/005
Ridewood	William John	Croucher	Thomas	17	01	1867	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Ridewood, a blacksmith and brightsmith, claimed that an indentured apprentice, Croucher, had absented himself from work without notice and had not returned.	1867/006
Porter	Thomas Robert	Chappell	John	26	01	1867	Fraudulent removal of goods	N	Porter was acting as an agent for Charles William Lavington and was seeking to distrain the effects of Chappell, a shoemaker resident in St. Cuthbert Street, in order to recover arrears of rent. Chappell was accused of removing his goods and chattels in order to avoid distraint.	1867/007
Parsons	William	Duckett	George	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Duckett was a seller of bread resident in Priest Row.	1867/008
Parsons	William	Nutty	John	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Nutty was a seller of bread resident in St John Street. He admitted the offence.	1867/009
Parsons	William	Roberts	Jonas	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Roberts was a seller of bread resident in St Thomas Street. He admitted the offence.	1867/010
Parsons	William	Allen	Thomas	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Allen was a seller of bread residing in Queen Street.	1867/011

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Parsons	William	Archard	Joseph Frederick	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Archard was a seller of bread residing in Broad Street.	1867/012
Parsons	William	Catcott Catcott	William John	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. The Catcotts were sellers of bread residing in Tor Street. They admitted the offence.	1867/013
Parsons	William	Collins	Ellen	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Collins was a seller of bread residing in Priest Row.	1867/014
Parsons	William	Cox	Henry	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Cox was a baker operating in High Street. He admitted the offence.	1867/015
Parsons	William	Everett	?	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Everett was a seller of bread residing in Southover. He admitted the offence.	1867/016
Parsons	William	Grabham	?	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Widow Grabham was a seller of bread living in Union Street.	1867/017
Parsons	William	Mills	John	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Mills was a seller of bread residing in Southover. He admitted the offence.	1867/018
Parsons	William	Oxley	Charles	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Oxley was a seller of bread residing in Tucker Street.	1867/019
Parsons	William	Parfitt	William	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Parfitt was a seller of bread residing in Southover. He admitted the offence.	1867/020
Parsons	William	Perry	George	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Perry was a seller of bread residing in High Street.	1867/021
Parsons	William	Rose	Albert	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Rose was a seller of bread residing in Southover.	1867/022
Parsons	William	Rose	Arthur	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Rose was a seller of bread residing in St Cuthbert Street. He admitted the offence.	1867/023
Parsons	William	Ridley	Sarah	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Ridley was a seller of bread residing in St Thomas Street. She admitted the offence.	1867/024

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Parsons	William	Tripp	William	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Tripp was a seller of bread residing in Tucker Street. He admitted the offence.	1867/025
Parsons	William	Morgan	Elijah Henry	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Morgan was selling bread from a cart in High Street. He admitted the offence.	1867/026
Stride	Hezekiah	Morgan	Elijah Henry	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. PC Stride saw Morgan, a baker from Wookey Hole, selling a loaf of bread from his cart to PC Parsons and noticed that Morgan had no scales on which to weigh the bread. Morgan admitted the offence.	1867/027
Tucker	Edward	Woodward	Charles	08	02	1867	Bread act	Wm	Short weight on loaf or selling other than by weight. Police serjeant Tucker purchased the loaf in the Market Place from the cart of Woodward, a baker from Croscombe. Woodward admitted the offence.	1867/028
Muggleworth	Thomas	Gardener jnr	James	08	02	1867	Drunkenness	D	PC Muggleworth found Gardener to be drunk and riotous in High Street. He admitted the offence.	1867/029
Tucker	Edward	Grove	James	08	02	1867	Obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker acted on a complaint from Edward Perren Russ that Grove had been seen beating his own father in the street and using profane and abusive language.	1867/030
Porter	Elizabeth	Porter	Thomas	09	02	1867	Sureties for the peace	Su	Elizabeth Porter accused her husband, Thomas, of assault and threats of further physical violence. He was ordered to pay costs of 10/6d and to find sureties of £10 to act as a bond for the next 6 months with respect to his future conduct - alternatively, one calendar month in prison.	1867/030a
Palmer	Ann	Hatcher	Alfred	11	02	1867	Assault	A	Ann Palmer claimed that Hatcher had struck her a violent blow in the face. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1867/031
Sweet	Charles	Edwards	George	11	02	1867	Assault	A	The case was noted as settled.	1867/032

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Harding	Samuel	Crandon	Thomas	12	02	1867	Assault	A	Crandon was described as a butcher. The case was noted as settled.	1867/033
Vowles	William	Dudderidge, snr	James	13	02	1867	Assault	A	The case was noted as settled.	1867/034
Thomas	John	Edwards	Charles	15	02	1867	Assault	A	Fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1867/035
Tucker	Edward	Barnard	Charles	19	02	1867	Selling diseased meat unfit for human consumption	E	Police serjeant Tucker received information from George Savage that some meat purchased from Barnard, a butcher in High Street, was diseased. Tucker visited Barnard's shop and found some sheep meat that also appeared diseased. The meat was tested and found to be unfit for human consumption. Barnard was fined £3 with costs of £3.12s.6d.	1867/036
Russ	Edward Perren	Ashman	Benjamin	26	02	1867	Disturbing service	Dp	Russ was at the Wesleyan Chapel when the service was disrupted by Ashman insisting that he wanted his wife back (she had become chargeable to the parish after Ashman had neglected to maintain his family). The case was noted as settled.	1867/037
Rose	Albert	Parsons	William	26	02	1867	Assault	A	Rose claimed that Parsons had seized him by the throat. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1867/038
Muggleworth	Thomas	Standard	James	05	03	1867	Obscene language	Pr	PC Muggleworth saw Standard in High Street; he was drunk and making a lot of noise. In addition, he was swearing using much profane and obscene language. He was order to pay 7/-.	1867/039
Brook	Caroline	Francis	George	06	03	1867	Assault	A	Francis was ordered to pay 8/6d.	1867/040
Bartlett	Frederick Charles	Williams	William	07	03	1867	Stealing a pawn ticket	T	Bartlett had a servant, Hannah Biddle, pawn a shawl. She did so and brought back the cash and ticket. The duplicate ticket was presented to the pawnbroker and the shawl taken away. The ticket was allegedly presented by Williams (and a man called Stephen Connor - although his name was deleted from the summons). A warrant for the arrest of Williams was issued.	1867/041

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Taylor	William Bennett	Lansdown	Thomas	08	03	1867	Absconding employee	Ab	Taylor, a maltster and brewer of Queen Street, had been an occasional employer of Lansdown for some time. He had agreed that Lansdown would work for him throughout the winter months in a variety of roles, but Lansdown had left his employ without notice and without just cause and had gone to work for someone else.	1867/042
Muggleworth	Thomas	Isgrove	James	08	03	1867	Obscene language	Pr	PC Muggleworth found Isgrove in Queen Street; Isgrove was drunk and using obscene language. Costs were 8/-. Appears to have been sentenced to 14 days in prison.	1867/043
Patch	George	Fry	Charles	21	03	1867	Assault	A	Patch claimed that Fry, a labourer residing in St Thomas Street, had struck him a violent blow and knocked him down. The incident took place in the Liberty of St Andrew.	1867/044
Patch	George	Hawkins	Charles	21	03	1867	Assault	A	Patch claimed that Hawkins, a labourer residing in St Thomas Street, had struck him several times. The incident took place in the Liberty of St Andrew.	1867/045
Collins	William	Salmoni	William	27	03	1867	Assault	A	Collins was a labourer residing in Tucker Street, Salmoni was a plasterer.	1867/046
Town Clerk		Overseers of the Poor		05	04	1867	List of fees	*	List of fees chargeable by the town clerk for work carried out on behalf of the Overseers of the Poor in administration of the poor rate and other matters from April 1866 to April 1867.	1867/046a
Harris	John	Denmead	Frederick	09	04	1867	Embezzlement of cash received from customers	Em	Harris, a baker operating in Wells High Street, employed Denmead to deliver bread and collect money from customers. Harris became suspicious of Denmead's honesty and found that he was not passing on all monies received from customers. A warrant for Denmead's arrest was issued.	1867/047
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	09	04	1867	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866. The amount outstanding was 16/-, excluding costs.	1867/047a

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Harris	William	Richards	William	09	04	1867	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Richards of Broad Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866. The amount outstanding was 18/-, excluding costs. The debt was recorded as paid.	1867/047b
Harris	William	Francis	George	09	04	1867	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Francis of Southover had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866. The amount outstanding was 3/6d, excluding costs. The case against Francis was taken further in view of his failure to pay and he was summoned to pay the sum of 3/6d plus costs of 6/6d.	1867/047c
Harris	William	Green	George	09	04	1867	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Green of St Cuthbert Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866. The amount outstanding was 5/-, excluding costs. The case against Green was taken further in view of his failure to pay and he was summoned to pay the sum of 5/- plus costs of 6/6d.	1867/047d
Harris	William	Slade	Mary	09	04	1867	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Mary Slade of St Cuthbert Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866. The amount outstanding was 6/-, excluding costs. The debt was recorded as paid.	1867/047e
Harris	William	Maule	Edwin	09	04	1867	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Maule of Tucker Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866. The amount outstanding was 2/-, excluding costs. Maule was discharged.	1867/047f
Harris	William	Collier	Philip	11	04	1867	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Collier was granted relief of 3/6d on his poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866 and 3/- on his poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866.	1867/047aa
Harris	William	Slater	Widow	11	04	1867	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Widow Slater was granted relief of 4/1d on her poor rate assessment of 5 May 1866 and 3/6d on her poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866.	1867/047ab
Harris	William	Maule	James	11	04	1867	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Maule was granted relief of 2/- on his poor rate assessment of 25 October 1866.	1867/047ac

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Tucker	Edward	Oatley	Love	16	04	1867	Unlawful toll or tax	Ut	Toll levied on police superintendent James Emson who should have been exempt by virtue of his employment as police officer. The case was noted as settled.	1867/048
Willis	Allen William	Badman	William	24	04	1867	Obscene language	Pr	Willis saw Badman coming out of the Globe Inn in Priest Row. Badman was allegedly drunk and verbally abused Willis using profane and obscene language. Willis claimed that Badman frequently abused him when they met in the street. The case was noted as settled.	1867/049
Tucker	Edward	Allen	James	24	04	1867	Indecent conduct	le	Indecent exposure in St John Street. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/- or 7 days in prison.	1867/050
Wickenden	Frederick Benjamin	[Justices]		29	04	1867	Licensing	*	Notification to Justices that Wickenden is to be granted a licence to sell foreign wines and spirits from his premises in High Street.	1867/051
Farrow	Matilda	Horrocks	Emma	01	05	1867	Sureties for the peace	Su	Matilda Farrow, wife of William Farrow of Priest Row, complained that Emma Horrocks who lived in the house next door constantly abused her, threatened physical violence and arson. Farrow requested that Horrocks be apprehended and required to provide sureties as to her future conduct. A warrant for the arrest of Horrocks was issued.	1867/052
Bloxham	William	Manning	John	04	05	1867	Short weights	Wm	Manning, a market trader from Bristol, was accused of using weights that would give his customers short measure. Costs 8/-.	1867/053
Tyley	Hannah	Card	Charles	09	05	1867	Non-payment of bastardy order	B	Hannah Tyley, a single woman, had a bastardy order awarded in her favour in April 1866 whereby she was to be paid 1/6d per week maintenance by Charles Card. She claimed that Card's payments were now in arrears by 19/6d, or 13 weekly payments.	1867/054
Russ	Samuel Perren	Willcox	Adam	09	05	1867	Indecent exposure	le	Russ alleged that Willcox was committing a nuisance and indecently exposing his person within a yard of his front door in Mill Lane.	1867/055
Parfitt	Mary	Parfitt	William	10	05	1867	Threat of personal violence	A	William Parfitt of Southover was accused of using threats of personal violence against his wife, Mary. She asked for sureties as to his future conduct.	1867/056

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West	Thomas	Parker	George	22	05	1867	Assault	A	Appears to relate to an assault on 30 April. Witnesses for the plaintiff were Charles Armstrong, tailor, and Thomas Hardwich, both of Priest Row.	1867/057
West	Thomas	Parker	George	22	05	1867	Sureties for the peace	Su	West of Priest Row claimed that Parker, also of Priest Row, had threatened to stab him, so he appealed for sureties as to Parker's future conduct towards him.	1867/058
Tucker	Edward	White	James	24	05	1867	Furious riding	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker accused White, a butcher from Hartlake near Glastonbury, of driving a cart drawn by a horse and pony along High Street at a furious pace to the danger of pedestrians and other road users. Costs appeared to be 7/-.	1867/059
Wills	John	Sweet	Robert	27	05	1867	Master & servant	Ab	Sweet, who worked for Wills, a horse dealer, absented himself from work on a number of occasions without notice and without just cause. Convicted and sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1867/060
Collins	John Robert	Lester	Henry	27	05	1867	Assault	A	Collins was collector of market tolls.	1867/061
Moore	John	Isgrove Isgrove Sweet Sweet Brooks	John James Robert John William	27	05	1867	Assault	A	Robert Sweet could not be released by the governor of Shepton Mallet prison to attend the hearing, unless the date of the hearing was changed.	1867/062
Tucker	Edward	Isgrove	John	28	05	1867	Obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker found Isgrove to be drunk in the High Street. Isgrove was shouting and swearing and using profane and obscene language. The case was noted as settled.	1867/063
Tucker	Robert	Willmott	Oscar William	29	05	1867	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Taylor was a boot and shoemaker and Willmott was an apprentice. Willmott left his employ without notice or just cause. A warrant was issued for Willmott's arrest.	1867/064
Kingsbury	John	Scott	George	30	05	1867	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Profane and obscene language in Broad Street outside the house of Kingsbury who, together with his wife, was the target of Scott's abuse.	1867/065

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Parfitt	Mary	Parfitt	William	06	06	1867	Assault	A	Ref case 1867/056, this is a letter from the governor of Shepton Mallet prison, W Carter, requesting that the magistrates at Wells should take into account as soon as possible that William Parfitt had made the required recognisances as to his future conduct, and therefore should be released from prison. Parfitt had evidently been placed there, having failed to provide the necessary recognisances at the time his case was heard.	1867/066
Chamberlain	Sarah	Barnes	William	10	06	1867	Assault	Sa	Sarah Chamberlain, a young girl, was sexually assaulted at her grandmother's by William Barnes, a lodger. His act was seen by at least one witness. He was sentenced to 2 months imprisonment with hard labour.	1867/067
West	Thomas	Parker	George	12	06	1867	Assault	A	Relates to an alleged assault on 11 June when Parker was said to have thrown a piece of cheese at West. See also cases 1867/057 and 1867/058. The case was noted as being settled.	1867/068
Russell	Martha	Badman	William	12	06	1867	Insulting and abusive language	Pr	Badman was accused of repeatedly insulting and abusing Martha Russell, one of his neighbours in Priest Row. She had previously brought him before the magistrates on a similar charge and he had been bound over for 6 months with respect to his future conduct. That period had not yet expired. Costs appear to be awarded against the complainant of 4/6d and against the defendant of 6/6d. Badman was also required to demonstrate why he should not have to put forward sureties as to his future conduct.	1867/069
Meek	Joseph	Gill Horam	Frank George	15	06	1867	Evading toll	N	Gill and Horam were said to have taken around 40 sheep through the Southover Gate with Gill refusing to pay the toll of 5d demanded by Meek, the tollgate operator. Costs including the toll came to 19/11d and each of the two defendants was fined 1/-.	1867/070

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Green	Henry	Rossiter	?	18	06	1867	Larceny	T	Two gold rings, valued at around 20/-, were given to Rossiter, supposedly a jeweller, to alter them and make them smaller. Rossiter had not returned the rings and had supposedly left Wells.	1867/071
Horrocks	Sarah	Hopkins snr	William	22	06	1867	Assault	A	Sarah Horrocks, a widow, alleged assault by Hopkins. He admitted the offence and was ordered to pay 15/6d costs plus a fine of 1/-, or spend 14 days in prison.	1867/072
Gould	John	Slater	Ann	22	06	1867	Drunkenness	D	PC Gould accused Ann Slater, wife of John Slater, of being drunk and disorderly in St John Street.	1867/073
[Justices]		Berryman	W C	24	06	1867	Magistrates' administration	*	Letter from magistrate apologising for absence from court because of urgent need to carry out other business activities.	1867/074
Pointing	Richard	Brown	Elizabeth	29	06	1867	Larceny	T	Defendant was accused of stealing 4 pounds and 8 shillings from Richard Pointing, a butcher resident in St Thomas Street. A warrant for the arrest of Elizabeth Brown was issued.	1867/075
Capparoci	Jista	Ridewood	William	01	07	1867	Wilful damage	Wd	Ridewood, a blacksmith, was accused of deliberately breaking a number of plaster figures (value 15/-) that had been made by the plaintiff. The alleged offence took place in the Lamb Inn.	1867/076
Tucker	Edward	Brown	Walter Emanuel	02	07	1867	Offence against licence	L	Brown, the proprietor of the Exmouth Inn, was still open for business at 00.20am on Sunday morning, with some customers drunk and others still drinking; the customers were from Wells and were neither travellers nor lodgers.	1867/077
Hole	Ann	Francis	Elizabeth	06	07	1867	Assault	A	Ann Hole was a spinster, Elizabeth Francis was the wife of John Francis.	1867/078
Hole	Ann	Francis	Jane	06	07	1867	Assault	A	Ann Hole was a spinster, as was Jane Francis, This case was part of the same incident as case 1867/078	1867/079
Allen	Albert	Castle	Harry	08	07	1867	Assault	A	Complaint was made by Caroline Allen on behalf of Albert Allen. Castle was a carpenter.	1867/080
Tucker	Edward	Francis	Elizabeth	14	07	1867	Obscene language	Pr	Elizabeth Francis was the wife of George Francis. She was accused of profane and obscene language in Broad Street.	1867/081

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Stygal	Edward	Crandon White Boyce	Thomas Charles John	16	07	1867	Wilful damage	Wd	Stygal complained that he had been assaulted by the defendants at the door of the Goat Inn in St Thomas Street and they had deliberately damaged his coat to the value of 15/-. The case was noted as settled.	1867/082
Lavington	Richard	Hopkins jnr Oxley jnr	William Matthew	16	07	1867	Petty trespass	Pt	Lavington, the bailiff of Thomas Charles, property owner, claimed that the defendants had ridden two horses into a field belonging to Charles, damaged the grass and left the horses in the field.	1867/083
Tucker	Edward	Francis	Elizabeth	17	07	1867	Obscene language	Pr	Appears to relate to the same offence as case 1857/081 Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-; failure to pay would result in 7 days imprisonment.	1867/084
West	Thomas	Parker	George	17	07	1867	Assault	A	West accused Parker, both residents of Priest Row, of kicking him in the back as he walked past Parker's doorway. See also earlier cases in 1867. Parker was fined 2/6d with costs of 14/6d or 14 days in prison.	1867/085
Duckett	Ann	York	Robert	20	07	1867	Assault	A	Ann Duckett was a widow.	1867/086
Lavington	Richard	Hopkins jnr Oxley jnr	William Matthew	11	07	1867	Wilful damage	Wd	This document is a summons related to case 1867/083. These two cases should be considered as one.	1867/087
Woodward	Maria	Charles	John	22	07	1867	Indecent assault	Sa	Maria Woodward, wife of Richard Woodward, a shoemaker, was assaulted in her own home in Southover by John Charles. He came into the house, locked the door and carried out an indecent assault upon Mrs Woodward. A warrant for the arrest of John Charles was issued.	1867/088
Woodward	Maria	Charles	John	23	07	1867	Indecent assault	Sa	Detailed witness statements and arguments of plaintiff and defence in the case of Maria Woodward and John Charles (see 1867/088). Charles was fined 10/- with costs of 17/6d or 7 days in prison.	1867/089
Horrocks	Sarah	Hopkins snr	William	24	07	1867	Sureties for the peace	Su	Sarah Horrocks (spelling in witness statement appears to be Horaks) claimed that she was subject to continual threats and harassment from Hopkins who repeatedly threatened her with physical violence. She appealed that he be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her. Hopkins was required to put forward £20 himself and find two other guarantors of £10 each for a period of 3 months - or face one calendar month in jail.	1867/090

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West	Thomas	Parker	George	24	07	1867	Assault	A	A further instalment in the continuing feud between West and Parker.	1867/091
Treeby	Agnes Newport	Brooks	William	26	07	1867	Assault	A	Treeby was a laundress, while Brooks was a plasterer. The case was noted as settled.	1867/092
York	Mary Ann	Norman	Mary Ann	26	07	1867	Malicious damage	Wd	Mary Ann York, spinster, resided in St Thomas Street. Mary Ann Norman, single woman, went to her house and asked to go in. York refused to allow her in and in response Norman broke a window to the value of 4/-. Norman admitted the offence, but it is not clear what fine and costs applied.	1867/093
Farrow	William	West	Thomas	03	08	1867	Sureties for the peace	Su	West was summoned to explain why he should not be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards Farrow.	1867/094
Savage	William	Oxley jnr	Matthew	20	08	1867	Assault	A	Case was noted as settled.	1867/095
Brampton	James	Higgins	John	22	08	1867	Fraud	Fr	Brampton, a journeyman working for John Higgins, a carpenter and wheelwright, supplied board to John Moore at his request, believing that it was for Jonas Parker. The value of the product was one shilling and tenpence halfpenny, but the sum was never paid and it appears that the board was not for Parker but for Moore himself.	1867/096
Tucker	Edward	Boulting	James	24	08	1867	Failure to add extra closet	E	Boulting had already been ordered to add an extra closet to a property in St Thomas Street but had failed to do so. He was instructed - again - to do so.	1867/097
Tucker	Edward	Duckett	George	24	08	1867	Failure to connect to sewer	E	Duckett of Priest Row had already been ordered to clean out his privy and connect it to the public sewer. He had failed to do so and was now ordered - again - to do so this time.	1867/098
Tucker	Edward	Sheppard	Francis	04	09	1867	Using unnamed cart for haulage	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker found a horse and cart in St Thomas Street opposite the Exmouth Inn. The cart had a load of coal and was therefore was a commercial vehicle, but it did not bear the name of the owner on its side. The owner was Francis Sheppard, a haulier from Chilcompton. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 5/-.	1867/099
Stevens	George	Welsh	Richard	05	09	1867	Assault	A	Welsh was a brushmaker. It appears that the summons was not issued.	1867/100

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Duke	John	Sweet Davis	Eliza Charlotte	05	09	1867	Profane and obscene language	Dp	Sweet and Davis were fighting in Southover and using profane and abusive language, according to PC Duke. Sweet was fined 5/- with costs of 5/6d, while Davis was fined 2/- with costs of 5/6d; in both cases the alternative was 7 days in prison.	1867/101
Blanning	Francis	Pearce	Henry	05	09	1867	Assault	A	It seems that Pearce's father appeared and admitted the offence (on behalf of his son?). Fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1867/102
Westcott	Michael	Marshman	William	05	09	1867	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Westcott was managing partner at Parsons, brush manufacturers. Marshman was an indentured apprentice and it was alleged that he had absented himself from employment in this role. However, the date given for the start of this unlawful absence was 10 July 1865.	1867/103
Sutcliffe	Fanny	Millard	Jane	06	09	1867	Assault	A	Jane Millard was wife of John Millard. Fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1867/104
Clark	Hallworth	White	James	09	09	1867	Assault	A	White was resident in Glastonbury. Case was noted as settled.	1867/105
York	Robert	Duckett	Edwin	09	09	1867	Assault	A	Case was noted as settled.	1867/106
Lewis	Ann	Maundrell	Thomas	11	09	1867	Assault	A	Ann Lewis was wife of Robert Lewis. Maundrell allegedly threw a toad in her face. Case was noted as settled.	1867/107
Stride	Hezekiah	Sweet Sweet	Thomas Mary Ann	11	09	1867	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Stride was called to a disturbance in St John Street. Thomas Sweet and his wife, Mary Ann, were in the street cursing and swearing; the disturbance went on for some time. Costs and fines amounted to 11/-, with the alternative of 14 days in prison.	1867/108
Edwards	Jane	Card	Eliza	12	09	1867	Defamation	Df	Jane Edwards, wife of Ambrose Edwards of Wookey, complained that Eliza Card had grossly defamed her. There was also a testimonial from Rev. Stuart, vicar of Wookey, regarding Mrs Edwards' character. Costs appear to have been 3/6d, but there is also an indecipherable reference with a figure of £1 shown separately on the summons.	1867/109
Duckett	Ann	Bowell	Sidney	23	09	1867	Assault	A	Ann Duckett was a widow, Bowell was a coal haulier.	1867/110

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Anning	Elizabeth	Duckett	Ann	30	09	1867	Assault	A	Elizabeth Anning was a single woman, Ann Duckett was a widow. Elizabeth Stephens was summoned to give evidence on the part of the defendant.	1867/111
Gold	John	Stevens	David	09	10	1867	Offence against licence	L	PC Gold found that at 8.15am on a Sunday morning there were people drinking in the City Arms where Stevens was the landlord. This was a time outside the permitted licensing hours.	1867/112
Tucker	Edward	Sweet	John	09	10	1867	Indecent exposure	le	Police serjeant Tucker saw Sweet in High Street. He was drunk and committing indecent exposure. Fines and costs totalled 8/-.	1867/113
Tucker	Edward	Ball Bowell	Alfred Sidney (aka Sidman)	09	10	1867	Pound breach	Op	James White had complained that two horses were on his land and Tucker had placed them in the pound. Ball and Bowell, the owners of the horses, had forcibly released them from the locked pound. The case was noted as settled, Tucker having been paid 9/- by the defendants.	1867/114
Oxley jnr	Matthew	Martin	William	14	10	1867	Assault	A	Martin was a carpenter from Shepton Mallet.	1867/115
Oxley	James	Barber	Thomas (aka William)	17	10	1867	Obtaining money on false pretences	Fr	Oxley, a resident of St Cuthbert Street, complained that he had supposedly bought 20 sacks of potatoes from a man calling himself William Barber who claimed to have acquired 4 acres of potatoes at Priddy. Oxley gave Barber 5/- as an advance payment followed by a further 1/6d. He then learned that Barber had no potatoes at all. A warrant for the arrest of Barber was issued; information was received from the Governor of Shepton Mallet prison, William Carter, to the effect that the defendant already had a criminal record under the name of Thomas Barber - he had served 3 weeks in prison with hard labour earlier in the year for an attack on his wife, Elizabeth, at their home in Shepton Mallet and had been bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her for 3 months.	1867/116

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Tucker	Edward	Mogford	Thomas	18	10	1867	Dangerous dog	Dd	Police serjeant Tucker, acting on a complaint from Mr Plowman, accused Mogford of having a dangerous dog and encouraging that dog to attack another dog in the High Street.	1867/117
Wills	Sarah Caroline	Dudderidge	Fanny	28	10	1867	Illegal pawning of articles	T	Sarah Caroline Wills, wife of John Wills, entrusted Fanny Dudderidge with a number of items of household linen that she was to get washed. Dudderidge did not return the items, but instead had taken them to Mr Hellier's pawn shop and accepted money for them. An arrest warrant was issued for Fanny Dudderidge. The case header document shows the defendant's name as Bisgrove - but that name never appears in the rest of the documents.	1867/118
Russell	William	Webb	Richard	06	11	1867	Assault	A	Russell was from East Horrington. Webb supposedly threw a stone at him and hit him. The complaint was initiated by police serjeant Tucker on Russell's behalf. The case was noted as settled.	1867/119
Crowe	Eliza Augusta	Bown	John	11	11	1867	Assault	A	Eliza Augusta Crowe was a single woman.	1867/120
Stride	Hezekiah	Weygood	Nathaniel	14	11	1867	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Stride found Weygood in St John Street where he was causing a disturbance, shouting and swearing and uttering many oaths. Costs appear to have been 8/-; the amount of the fine appears to have been crossed out.	1867/121
Tucker	Edward	York	Robert	14	11	1867	Wilful damage	Wd	On behalf of William Allen James, police serjeant Tucker raised a complaint that York, a haulier, had deliberately damaged a hayrick to the value of 2/- by turning a horse loose on it. The case was noted as settled.	1867/122
Tucker	Edward	Hopkins snr	William	14	11	1867	Furious driving	Rd	On behalf of George Lawrence, police serjeant Tucker brought a complaint against Hopkins for driving a horse and cart furiously along High Street. Settled on payment of 4/6d in costs.	1867/123

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Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	15	11	1867	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 4 May 1867. The amount outstanding was 16/4d, excluding costs which were set at 3/3d. The debt was recorded as paid.	1867/123a
Harris	William	Green	George	15	11	1867	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Green of St Cuthbert Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 4 May 1867. The amount outstanding was 5/10d, excluding costs which were set at 3/3d.	1867/123b
George	Frederick Charles	Hughes	H C	29	11	1867	Obtaining accommodation on false pretences	Fr	George, landlord of the Star Hotel, had been asked for accommodation by a man going by the name of H C Hughes who claimed to be an engineer and an employee of Cheddar Railway Company. George took him on trust and provided him with accommodation, but Hughes left without paying his bill which stood at more than £5. George then discovered that Hughes had no connection with Cheddar Railway Company.	1867/124
Serel	Thomas	Carter	William	03	12	1867	Administration of petty sessions prisoners	*	Serel, clerk to the justices, asked if prisoners already in custody would be tried at the ensuing assizes or if they would be tried at the next sessions. Carter, governor of Shepton Mallet prison, replied that they would not be tried at the assizes but at the next sessions.	1867/124a
Joseph	Edwin Henry	Creedy	Edward	04	12	1867	Embezzlement	Em	Joseph was the landlord of the City Arms and employed Creedy as an ostler. In this role Creedy received money from clients that needed to be passed on to Joseph. Creedy accepted money from customers but did not always account for it to Joseph. A warrant for Creedy's arrest was issued.	1867/125
Wickenden	Frederick Benjamin	Kirton	Elizabeth	09	12	1867	Larceny	T	Wickenden, a fishmonger in High Street, also had a smokery at which he processed products such as hams. He had 44 hams delivered to his smokery in the upper part of High Street and these were signed for by Kirton, an employee. However, when Wickenden checked the hams, there were only 43. He accused Kirton of taking one and requested a search warrant for her father's premises at Horrington.	1867/126

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Gould	William	Joyce	Thomas	19	12	1867	Unlicensed dog	DI	Joyce, a labourer, was accused by Gould, an excise officer of not having a licence for his dog. The offence took place on 5 November. The Act requiring owners to have a dog licence came into force earlier in the year.	1867/127
Oxley	Jane	Oxley	Henry	31	12	1867	Sureties for the peace	Su	Jane, wife of Henry, residing in Union Street, complained that her husband had assaulted her on more than one occasion. After the most recent assault he had turned her out of their house. She feared physical violence and requested that he be required to give sureties as to his future conduct towards her.	1867/128

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Hodge	Betsy	Hodge	William	07	01	1868	Assault	A	Betsy Hodge accused her husband, William, of a violent assault in which she was beaten and kicked. She asserted that he assaulted her frequently and requested that he be arrested for her future safety.	1868/001
Smith	William	Vaughan	Charles	08	01	1868	Non-payment of toll	N	Smith, the toll operator at Portway, alleged that Vaughan of Easton had driven his horse and trap through the tollgate without paying. Vaughan asserted that someone called Masters would pay the toll; no-one had paid it. The defendant appears to have paid 4/- in costs.	1868/002
Duke	John	Sweet	John	09	01	1868	Using obscene language	Pr	PC Duke accused John Sweet jnr of using obscene language to Ellen Hawkins as she walked past him and a group of friends on the pavement in High Street.	1868/003
Tucker	Edward	York	Robert	11	01	1868	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Edward Tucker, acting on information received, went to the stables of the Mermaid Inn where he found a horse belonging to Robert York suffering from a number of sores and unfit to work. Tucker asserted that York had been working the horse that day.	1868/004

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Tucker	Edward	Pearce Isgrove	Henry John	20	01	1868	Obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Edward Tucker accused Pearce and Isgrove of encouraging a fight between their two dogs in High Street and urging them on with a tirade of obscene language. It is possible that a fine of 5/- may have been levied.	1868/005
Tucker	Edward	Weaver	Joseph	20	01	1868	Causing chimney fire by neglect	E	Police serjeant Edward Tucker accused Joseph Weaver of South Street of causing an accidental chimney fire through his neglect. Cakes of soot more than 3 inches thick were found and the fire could have caused major damage to adjacent properties.	1868/006
Stride	Hezekiah	Norman	Mary Ann	20	01	1868	Vagrancy	V	PC Stride found Mary Ann Norman living rough in a cowshed in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. She had no visible means of support and was classified as a rogue and vagabond. This was not the first time that she had been picked up in a similar situation as documents show that she had twice before been committed to Shepton Mallet prison for vagrancy.	1868/006a
[Regina]		Duckett	William	27	01	1868	Magistrates' administration	*	Letter from William Carter, governor of Shepton Mallet prison, requesting that the magistrates complete a form of admission to send William Duckett, a juvenile, to the Red Hill Reformatory (no indication is given of the offence(s) committed by the young man).	1868/007
Simmons	Caroline	Cook	George	27	01	1868	Bastardy	B	Caroline Simmons of Keward claimed that she had born a bastard child to George Cook of Southover and sought to pursue an order for maintenance.	1868/008
Marsh	Frederick Nelson	Willis	Joseph	31	01	1868	Obtaining money under false pretences	Fr	Marsh, a tailor of New Road, claimed that Willis, an employee for around 3 weeks, had asked him for an advance of 2/6d to recover some of his possessions being held at the S&D railway station. Marsh advanced the money but then discovered Willis' story to be untrue.	1868/009

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Gould	William	Wills	James	03	02	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	James Wills the younger, a horse dealer resident in Knowle near Bristol, was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog. Wills was fined 30/-, including expenses. Gould was an excise officer.	1868/010
Gould	William	Oxley	Henry	03	02	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Oxley, a labourer of Union Street, was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog. The offence occurred near Tucker Street. Oxley was fined 25/-.	1868/011
Gould	William	Slater	John	03	02	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Slater, a labourer, was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog. The offence occurred near Tucker Street. Slater was fined 25/-.	1868/012
Gould	William	Hillman	James	03	02	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Hillman, a haulier of the Portway, was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog. The offence occurred near the Portway. Hillman was fined 25/-.	1868/013
Gould	William	Sage	George	03	02	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Sage, of Tor Lane, was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog. The offence occurred near Tor Lane. Sage was fined 25/-.	1868/014
[Justices]		Various		17	02	1868	Accounts of fines & expenses	*	Record of the fines and expenses applicable to cases heard earlier in the year. These figures do not necessarily match the information shown on the documents of individual cases.	1868/015
Gould	William	Wills	James	17	02	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	James Wills the younger, a horse dealer, was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog. The offence occurred in or near Tucker Street. The offence appears to be different from the case heard on 3 February (1868/010).	1868/016
Gould	William	Sparrow	James	17	02	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Sparrow, a gardener, was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog. The offence occurred in or near Tucker Street.	1868/017
Arthur	Daniel	Boyce	John	20	02	1868	Assault	A	Arthur accused Boyce, a labourer, of striking him several violent blows. Neither party appeared when the case was called.	1868/018

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Hillman	James	Clothier Grist Cardwell Harris	Samuel Thomas William Henry	24	02	1868	Wilful damage	Wd	Hillman, of the Portway, claimed that the four accused came to his door late at night and demanded drink. When he refused, they assaulted him and broke in the door, causing it to be damaged. Clothier and Grist were soldiers and the other two were labourers. Each of the four was ordered to pay 6/- to cover damages and expenses.	1868/019
Collins	John Robert	Sweet	Samuel	26	02	1868	Assault	A	Collins, the toll collector at the public weighbridge in Wells, claimed that Sweet had assaulted him and obstructed him in the execution of his duty. The case is recorded as having been settled.	1868/020
Campbell	Thomas	Crandon	Robert	27	02	1868	Assault	A	Campbell accused Crandon of assaulting him and seizing him by the collar. Crandon appears to have been fined 6d with costs of 10/-.	1868/021
Hawkins	Emma	Badman	William	11	03	1868	Constant verbal abuse and threats of personal violence	Su	Ellen Hawkins, wife of Henry Hawkins of Tucker Street, complained that she was being constantly abused and subjected to threats of personal violence by her neighbour, William Badman. She requested sureties as to his future conduct towards her.	1868/022
Tucker	Edward	Connor	Pat(rick)	11	03	1868	Obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Edward Tucker accused Pat Connor of being drunk, threatening the landlord of the Crown Inn and using profane and obscene language in a public place (i.e. Market Place). Connor was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-.	1868/023
Tucker	Edward	Chamberlain Edwards	Maria Elizabeth	11	03	1868	Throwing refuse into the street	E	Police serjeant Edward Tucker accused Elizabeth Edwards of throwing ashes and household refuse into the street in North Liberty. Edwards said that she had done it at the instruction of Mrs Chamberlain. The defendants were discharged on payment of costs (amount not specified).	1868/024
Stride	Hezekiah	Loxton	Maria	11	03	1868	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Stride accused Maria Loxton, wife of Stephen Loxton, of using profane and obscene language in St John Street. The defendant admitted the offence.	1868/025
Tucker	Edward	Connack	Mary	14	03	1868	Throwing refuse into the street	E	Police serjeant Edward Tucker accused Mary Connack of throwing ashes and household refuse into the street in New Street. Connack said that she had done it at the instruction of her master, Mr West.	1868/026

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Hurley Frome	Mary Peter	Counsell	John	21	03	1868	Theft of money	T	Counsell was accused by Hurley and Frome (railway employees?) of stealing a sovereign from S&D Railway Company.	1868/027
Russ	Samuel Peren	Oxley	Henry	23	03	1868	Allowing wife to become chargeable to the parish	Ds	Henry Oxley, husband of Jane, was accused by Russ on behalf of the Board of Guardians of Wells Union of allowing his wife (aged around 34) to become chargeable to the parish when he was fully capable of supporting her by earning an income from work. A warrant for Oxley's arrest was issued - although it shows a date of 1866 (presumably in error). A table of costs for the case shows a total of 9/-.	1868/028
Collins	John Robert	Withers	William	26	03	1868	Refusal to pay toll	N	Withers of Milton brought a bull to market in Wells with the intention of selling it. The by-laws required the bull to be tied up and a toll of 1d to be levied for the tying. Collins, as the toll collector for the market, tried to enforce the by-laws but Withers refused to comply.	1868/029
Collins	John Robert	Lovell	George	26	03	1868	Refusal to pay toll	N	Lovell of Milton brought three bulls to market in Wells with the intention of selling them. The by-laws required the bulls to be tied up and a toll of 1d per animal to be levied for the tying. Collins, as the toll collector for the market, tried to enforce the by-laws but Lovell refused to comply.	1868/030
Allen	Levi	Porter	Thomas	30	03	1868	Drunkenness	D	Allen, the proprietor of a beerhouse known as the Blacksmith's Arms stated that Porter had ordered a pint of cider, drunk part of it and then deliberately smashed the pot on the floor. When asked to leave, he refused to go and became very abusive to Allen's wife Sarah. Allen claimed that Porter was drunk.	1868/031
Barber	James	Waygood	Matthew	09	04	1868	Assault	A	Barber asserted that Waygood had grabbed him around the neck and assaulted him. The case is recorded as having been settled.	1868/032
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	10	04	1868	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 8 November 1867. The amount outstanding was 18/8d, excluding costs which were set at 3/-.	1868/032a

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Tucker	Edward	White	Joseph	11	04	1868	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Edward Tucker accused Josph White of using profane and obscene language when drunk in Wells Market Place. White admitted the offence and apologised for his behaviour. The case documents all show the defendant's name as Charles White, later amended to Joseph White.	1868/033
Harvey	Elizabeth	Mitchell	Samuel	14	04	1868	Bastardy	B	Elizabeth Harvey, a single woman residing in St Thomas Street, had won a bastardy order against Samuel Mitchell of Sherborne in 1866. This provided for a payment of 1/6d a week to Harvey until the child reached the age of 13. Mitchell had paid the sums required for a period but had now fallen into arrears and was refusing to pay. A warrant was issued for Mitchell's arrest - but pencil amendments to it show a date of January 1869.	1868/034
Tucker	Edward	Bowell	Sidman	17	04	1868	Offence against Highway Act	Rd	Police serjeant Edward Tucker saw 2 horses and carts pass through Brown's Gate into Sadler Street but no-one appeared to be in charge of them. Tucker stopped the carts as they turned into High Street and waited for their owner to turn up. Bowell arrived about 5 minutes later and acknowledged that he was in charge of them.	1868/035
Duke	John	Masters	Mary	17	04	1868	Cruelty to animals	C	PC Duke was at the S&D railway station where he saw Mary Masters, wife of Job Masters of Wookey, ill-treating a calf that was evidently exhausted and in no fit state to be driven further.	1868/036
Brown	Sarah	Hawkins	Charles	20	04	1868	Obscene language	Pr	Sarah Brown, wife of Aaron Brown of St Thomas Street was called to her door at midnight to find Charles Hawkins and others outside. When she opened the door, Hawkins verbally abused her and her husband.	1868/037
Harris	William	Collier	Philip	20	04	1868	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Collier was granted relief of 3/6d on his poor rate assessment of 4 May 1867 and relief of 4/- on his poor rate assessment of 8 November 1867.	1868/037a
Harris	William	Slater	Widow	20	04	1868	Application for poor rate relief	Rr	Widow Slater was granted relief of 4/1d on her poor rate assessment of 4 May 1867 and relief of 4/8d on her poor rate assessment of 8 November 1867.	1868/037b

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Bennett	Harriett	Duckett	Ann	29	04	1868	Cruelty to animals	C	Harriett Bennett, wife of James Bennett of Tucker Street, claimed that their neighbour, Ann Duckett, a widow, had taken a fowl from their house and had ill-treated it in such a way that the bird was wounded and bleeding. Samuel Cattle of Tucker Street was summoned as a witness for the plaintiff. Duckett was fined 1/- with costs of 11/-.	1868/038
Knight	Edwin Henry	Barnard	Charles	04	05	1868	Obstructing the footway	O	Knight, surveyor to the Local Board, complained that the display of meat from Barnard's butcher's shop in the High Street was overhanging the pavement and obstructing the passage of pedestrians. Costs of the case were shown as 7/6d. Case header document is in the name of Edward Tucker who prepared the complaint, although Knight was the actual complainant.	1868/039
Russ	Samuel Peren	Small	James	11	05	1868	Allowing wife to become chargeable to the parish	Ds	James Small, a mason, was accused by Russ on behalf of the Board of Guardians of Wells Union of allowing his wife, Mary (aged about 62) to become chargeable to the parish. Small was assessed as being able to support his wife but had neglected his duties.	1868/040

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Tucker	Edward	Rounsewill	John	15	05	1868	Incitement to obstruct police action	Ic	Police serjeant Tucker had arrested two men at the boarding house run by Richard Wilton in Southover for an alleged knife attack on Wilton's wife, Martha (prisoners were Neale and Ledds). Tucker was taking the prisoners back to the police station up High Street and one member of the crowd starting crying 'shame', inciting the crowd that had gathered and encouraging the prisoners to further violence. A skirmish developed in which one PC was knocked down. Tucker identified the person inciting the crowd as John Rounsewell who worked at the paper mill and lodged in Broad Street. Tucker summoned Frederick George, Thomas Cheeseman, Samuel Tyte and Thomas Broomfield to testify on his behalf. It seems likely that Rounsewell was fined 5/- but there were costs of 24/6d; it is not clear if he was expected to pay these as well.	1868/041
Harris	William	Marsh	John	15	05	1868	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Marsh had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 8 November 1867. The amount outstanding was 2/4d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1868/041a
Rounsewell	John	Tucker	Edward	16	05	1868	Obscene language	Pr	See 1868/041. Rounsewell claimed that the prisoner being taken to the police station by Tucker was half-naked and being ill-treated by the police. He called out to Tucker to 'have pity on the man and treat him decently'. When they reached the police station, Tucker came back outside and threatened to have Rounsewell sacked from his job at the paper mill by contacting his employer, Mr Burgess. Rounsewell also claimed that Tucker called him 'a damnation coward'. Rounsewell called Edward Burgess, the owner of the paper mill and his employer, as a witness on his part. The case appears to have been dismissed.	1868/042

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Hillman	James	Unknown persons		18	05	1868	Assault	A	Hillman claimed to have been attacked, punched and kicked by two unknown men, strangers to Wells, who could now be found at the Traveller's Rest beer house. A warrant was issued for the arrest of these two unknown men.	1868/043
Jacobs	Lucy	Brewer	Charles	19	05	1868	Embezzlement	Em	Mrs Jacobs, a widow and owner of several properties in Wells, had engaged Charles Brewer to obtain 15/9d due to her from James Bobbett. She had met Brewer on two occasions and each time he had promised to pay the money to her on the following day. He had not done so and had now disappeared. A warrant for his arrest was issued.	1868/044
White	John	Cook	Mark	19	05	1868	Embezzlement	Em	White, a butcher of St. Thomas Street, gave Mark Cook of Wookey £14 with which to buy some calves and then instructed Cook to take the calves to market in Bristol and sell them. Cook had not returned with the money. A warrant was issued for his arrest.	1868/045
Tucker	Edward	Maudrell Boyce	Thomas John	25	05	1868	Affray	Af	Police serjeant Tucker found Maudrell and Boyce fighting by the conduit in the Market Place. Both men had partially stripped off and Boyce had clearly been drinking.	1868/046
Tucker	Edward	Crandon	William	30	05	1868	Unfit meat	E	Acting on information received, Police Serjeant Tucker went to the house of William Crandon, butcher, in Southover. There he found in an outhouse the carcasses of a cow and calf apparently prepared for human consumption. The carcasses were diseased and unfit for human consumption, a conclusion confirmed by George Evans, the vet. Crandon was required to pay a total of 16/6d in costs and fines or face 2 weeks(?) in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1868/047
Jones	Sabina	Cox	John	09	06	1868	Bastardy	B	Sabina Jones had a bastard child and accused John Cox of being the putative father and therefore responsible for contributing to the maintenance of the child.	1868/048

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Bartlett	Thomas William	Applebee	Abraham	09	06	1868	Failure to complete agreed work	Nc	Bartlett, resident at the corner of Portway and Wookey Hole Lane, claimed that he had commissioned Applebee to sink a well at his premises. They had agreed a price of 24/-. Bartlett had advanced the sum of 3/- and Applebee had commenced work. However, he soon stopped and refused to complete the task.	1868/049
Gould	William	Ingram	William	10	06	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Ingram of New Street was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog.	1868/050
Gould	William	Hoyle	Charles	10	06	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Hoyle of Southover was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog.	1868/051
Archard	Joseph Frederick	Baker	Felix William	11	06	1868	Absentee apprentice	Ab	On behalf of his widowed mother, Elizabeth, Archard was managing the cabinet making business run by his late father. Baker had been apprenticed to his father 5 years ago and had been absent on several occasions without permission. He had now gone missing again. A warrant for his arrest was issued.	1868/052
Gumm	Charlotte	Card	Eliza	16	06	1868	Theft of jacket	T	Gumm claimed that Eliza Card came into her house in Southover and took away a stuff jacket worth sixpence. The offence was witnessed by her husband Charles.	1868/053
Duke	John	Allen	Levi	17	06	1868	Offence against licence	L	PC Duke entered the Blacksmith's Arms (Levi Allen's beer house) at 10.45am and found several men in the rear passage and kitchen drinking cider. This was outside the licensing hours and the men were not lodgers or travellers.	1868/054
Tucker	Edward	Oxley	Henry	17	06	1868	Trespass on railway lines	Pt	Police serjeant Tucker was asked to proceed against Oxley, a poulterer, by the S&D Railway inspector of police. Oxley had been trespassing on the S&D lines and refused to leave S&D property when requested.	1868/055
Tucker	Edward	Millard	John	17	06	1868	Failure to install chutes and downpipes	E	Police serjeant Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, had served notice on Millard to instal chutes and downpipes on his property in Union Street to catch and channel rainwater. Millard had failed to comply with this notice and had thus rendered himself liable to the associated statutory fines.	1868/056

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Ellicott	J Langford	Davies	Widow	22	06	1868	Notice of eviction	Ev	Ellicott, the owner of a tenement in South Street, applied for an eviction order against Widow Davies. Pencilled amendments to the document appear to show a date that is much later than 22 June, possibly in May 1869 or even 1870.	1868/057
Tucker	Edward	Rowley	John	25	06	1868	Hawking without a licence	L	Police serjeant Tucker observed Rowley, not a resident of Wells, hawking hardware in the yard of the Fountain Inn. This was not a registered market place or dwelling house and Rowley had no licence to carry on such trade. The supposed offence took place on 20 June.	1868/058
Tucker	Edward	Rowley	John	25	06	1868	Hawking without a licence	L	This is an almost exact duplicate of case 1868/058. The products being sold differ slightly and the date of this supposed offence is given as 23 June.	1868/059
Tucker	Edward	Rowley	John	25	06	1868	Bread sold with short weight and no scales	Wm	Police serjeant Tucker observed Rowley selling bread in the yard of the Fountain Inn. There were no scales on which to weigh the bread - contrary to law which required bread to be sold by weight - and the loaf bought by Tucker was said to be 2oz short of the required weight. A letter from Rowley's solicitors in Bridgwater requested a postponement of the hearings and denied all three charges (1868/058, 1868/059 and 1868/060) against Rowley who claimed to be a licensed hawker.	1868/060
Cox	Clementina	Staples	John	29	06	1868	Assault	A	Clementina Cox claimed that Staples, a butcher, had assaulted her.	1868/061
Russell	James	Francis	Charles	04	07	1868	Assault	A	Russell claimed that Francis, a beerhouse keeper from Glastonbury, had assaulted him and struck him violently twice. A table of costs implies that Francis may have been fined 2/6d with costs of 13/-. The case is also marked as 'settled'.	1868/062

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Tucker	Edward	Rice	Ann	09	07	1868	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Complaints were made by Thomas Boyce and others about the obscene language used by Ann Rice in Guardhouse Lane on the morning of 28 June and in High Street in the evening of the same day. Police serjeant Tucker requested that she be given a separate summons for each offence and that Thomas Boyce and John Thomas be called as witnesses. The case header refers to the defendant as 'Bird' although Tucker's statement clearly refers to 'Rice' as do both of the associated summons - which show the location of the offences in the opposite sequence to Tucker's statement.	1868/063
Jukes	Charles	Sweet jnr	John	09	07	1868	Assault	A	Jukes claimed that John Sweet the younger had attacked him and knocked him down. A pencilled note on the back of one of the documents seems to indicate that the case was dismissed.	1868/064
Oldfield	Harriett	Broughton	Thomas	16	07	1868	Bastardy	B	Harriett Oldfield had a bastard child and accused Thomas Broughton, a machinist from Street, of being the putative father and therefore responsible for contributing to the maintenance of the child.	1868/065
Tucker	Edward	Russell	Robert	18	07	1868	Emptying closet	E	Police serjeant Tucker, in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances, accused Robert Russell of emptying soil from a privy in the open garden or courtyard behind his house in Silver Street.	1868/066
Ferguson	George	Tripp	William	21	07	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Tripp, of Tucker Street, was accused of not having a valid licence for his dog. Ferguson was an excise officer.	1868/067
Ferguson	George	Millard	Mary Ann	21	07	1868	Unlicensed dog	DI	Mary Ann Millard was accused of not having a valid licence for her dog by George Ferguson, an excise officer. Millard appears to have been fined 25/-.	1868/068
Tucker	Edward	Guppy	John	28	07	1868	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker pursued a complaint made by Elizabeth Bendall, wife of Robert Bendall, that John Guppy, a labourer, used profane and obscene language in St Thomas Street. Guppy admitted the offence, was fined 6d with costs of 7/-.	1868/069

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Bendall	Elizabeth	Bird	Edward	28	07	1868	Assault	A	Elizabeth Bendall, wife of Robert Bendall, raised a complaint on behalf of her son, Arthur. She claimed that he had been assaulted by Robert Bird (although there is an amended reference in the summons to Edward Bird).	1868/070
Blow	Mary Ann	Simmons	William	01	08	1868	Indecent assault	Sa	Mary Ann Blow, domestic servant to the Reverend Nicholas Kelynack who lived just off the High Street, accused William Simmons, a baker, of indecent assault. When he came to the house to deliver bread at around 9 o'clock in the evening, Mary Ann Blow was alone, except for the minister's baby. Simmons tried to take advantage of her. Simmons was sentenced to 2 months imprisonment with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1868/071
Bartlett jnr	Joseph	Lansdown	Anne	08	08	1868	Trespass on agricultural land	Pt	Joseph Bartlett jnr, a landowner near Wookey Hole, accused Anne Lansdown of repeatedly trespassing on his land and deliberately damaging his crop.	1868/072
Francis	John	Connor	Patrick	17	08	1868	Sureties against future behaviour	Su	Francis, a brushmaker living in St Cuthbert Street, complained that one of his neighbours, Patrick Connor, frequently abused him and threatened bodily violence against him. The threats were becoming worse, so he appealed for sureties against Connor's future conduct. A warrant was issued for Connor's arrest.	1868/073
Beaven	George	Pocock Edwards	Thomas John	18	08	1868	Wilful damage	Wd	Beaven, on behalf of the Local Board, accused Pocock, a grocer, and Edwards, a mason, of taking up paving slabs, stones and other materials from High Street in an act of wilful damage.	1868/074
Tucker	Edward	Ball	Alfred	28	08	1868	Obstruction	O	Police serjeant Tucker accused Ball of leaving a cart in Queen Street all day and overnight, causing an obstruction to other traffic and pedestrians. Ball admitted the offence and was ordered to pay costs of 6/6d.	1868/075

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Stride	Hezekiah	Ball Marshall	Eliza Thomas	29	08	1868	Incitement to obstruct police action	Ic	PC Stride had been sent to St Thomas Street to eject a man called Maundrell from a house in that street. While he was attempting to do this a crowd gathered. Eliza Ball and Thomas Marshall were part of the crowd and they egged on Maundrell and others in the crowd to obstruct and assault Stride in the execution of his duty. The defendants were discharged on the payment of costs of 10/-. Marshall's forename is given as Jesse in most instances, but the summons was altered to Thomas.	1868/076
Parfitt	Stephen	Isgrove (or Scott)	James	29	08	1868	Assault	A	Parfitt claimed that he was assaulted by Isgrove in the Traveller's Rest. Isgrove abused him, then tried to stab him in the face, before grabbing an iron poker and threatening him with it. A warrant for Isgrove's arrest was issued.	1868/077
Harris	Thomas	Heale	Abraham Lewis	02	09	1868	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Thomas Harris, a wheelwright, accused his apprentice, Abraham Lewis Heale, of absenting himself from work without permission. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the apprentice.	1868/078
Hawkins	Henry	Badman	William	08	09	1868	Application for sureties against future conduct	Su	Henry Hawkins of Tucker Street complained that his neighbour, William Badman, constantly threatened and abused him, often with threats of physical violence. Emma Hawkins, Henry's wife, had already successfully requested sureties against Badman's future conduct towards her and Henry requested similar protection for himself.	1868/079
Balch	Elizabeth Jane	Hucker	James	10	09	1868	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Elizabeth Jane Balch, resident of St Cuthbert Street and wife of John Balch, accused Hucker, a shoemaker of Tucker Street, of using profane and obscene language towards her when she was walking to the Mermaid Inn in Tucker Street. Hucker was fined 6d with costs of 11/6d; the amounts involved to be obtained by distress sale of assets, but if there were insufficient assets, the alternative was 7 days imprisonment at Shepton Mallet.	1868/080

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Tucker	Edward	Fry	Charles	11	09	1868	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker accused Charles Fry of being drunk and using profane and abusive language in St Thomas Street where he resided. Fry was fined 6d with costs of 11/- with the alternative of 7 days imprisonment.	1868/081
Tucker	Edward	Edwards Edwards	Louisa Mary	11	09	1868	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker accused Louisa and Mary Edwards of being drunk and riotous, and using profane and abusive language in St Thomas Street.	1868/082
Fry	Charles	White	John	12	09	1868	Assault	A	Fry accused White, a butcher, of assaulting him. He called Frederick Rossignol, a carpenter at the County Lunatic Asylum, as a witness to support his case. White appears to have been fined 6d with costs of 14/- or 14/6d (text not clear).	1868/083
Ceralli	Salvator	Gillard	Thomas	21	09	1868	Drunkenness	D	Cerulli, who kept the Mitre Hotel, complained that Gillard, a railway contractor, had been drinking in the hotel and had begun abusing the yeomanry, several of whom were also drinking there. Cerulli asked Gillard to leave but he refused to do so and became very quarrelsome and violent.	1868/084
Furze	John	Gillard	Thomas	21	09	1868	Assault	A	Furze complained that he had been assaulted by Gillard, a railway contractor, who had struck him violently about the head.	1868/085
Webb	Sarah	Webb	Charles	24	09	1868	Sureties against future behaviour	Su	Sarah Webb of Southover complained that her husband, Charles, had thrown a jug at her and threatened to kill her. He had beaten her several times before and she was now seeking protection for herself and her family by requesting sureties as to his future conduct. A warrant for the arrest of Charles Webb was issued.	1868/086
Oxley snr	Matthew	Hopkins snr	William	24	09	1868	Theft of pears	T	Oxley, a resident of St Cuthbert Street, claimed that Hopkins had come into his garden off Tucker Street and filled a basket with pears which he then took away. Oxley claimed that the pears were worth 6d and called Jacob Bartlett as a witness in support of his case. It appears that Hopkins may have been fined 3/- with costs of 11/-.	1868/087

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Smith	George	Francis	Robert	29	09	1868	Cruelty to animals	C	Smith, an Inspector for the RSPCA, had stopped a horse-drawn cart owned by Robert Francis, a haulier from Coxley, and found the horse to be suffering from three open wounds beneath the saddle. In his view the horse should not have been working in this condition. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1868/088
Smith	George	Walters	William	29	09	1868	Cruelty to animals	C	Smith, an Inspector for the RSPCA, had stopped a horse-drawn cart owned by William Walters. He examined the mare drawing the cart and found an open, festering wound on the animal's shoulder. In his view the mare was also weak and exhausted and should not have been working in this condition. Walters was fined 5/- with costs of 10/-.	1868/089
Stevens	George	Vincent Weeks Sperring	Harry Benjamin Edward	30	09	1868	Assault	A	Stevens, an employee of Parsons the Brushmakers, was at work in the factory when he was assaulted by three boys who threw pitch / grease, pieces of board and dirt at him, hitting him several times on the head. The boys incurred fines and costs to the value of 6/- each. At one point in the summons Sperring is referred to as William rather than Edward.	1868/090
Willcox	Robert	Crandon	William	08	10	1868	Eviction notice	Ev	Willcox wished to evict Crandon from his occupancy of a tenement in Southover and served formal notice to this effect. The documentation indicates that Willcox had issued an eviction notice on 2 January 1868 and this had been served by Charles Brewer. A separate reference suggests that a notification was issued on 2 February 1868. What happened between then and 8 October is not clear.	1868/091

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Thomas	Mary	Francis	Elizabeth	09	10	1868	Sureties against future behaviour	Su	Mary Thomas, wife of John Thomas, proprietor of the Somerset Hotel Tap, complained that Elizabeth Francis, wife of George Francis of Southover, had come into the bar and verbally abused her. She called her 'Boyce's whore' and 'my husband's whore', and threatened to put a knife in her carcase if she came outside. Mary Thomas appealed for sureties as to Francis' future conduct. A table of costs showed the costs of the case as 9/6d. Francis failed to appear at the hearing scheduled for 19 October and a warrant for her arrest was issued on 2 November.	1868/092
Tucker	Edward	Hawkins	James	09	10	1868	Driving without reins	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker stopped the horse-drawn cart driven by James Hawkins of Coxley on Cathedral Green. Hawkins was riding in the cart and had no reins with which to control the actions of the horse. Hawkins admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1868/093
White	Joseph	Vowles	Charles	13	10	1868	Assault	A	White accused Vowles, a fellow butcher, of assaulting him and striking him in the eye. He also called Elizabeth Osman, a domestic servant in support of his case. Vowles admitted the offence and was fined 20/- with costs of 9/6d.	1868/094
Harris	William	Grist	Charles	15	10	1868	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Grist of Union Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1868. The amount outstanding was 10/6d, excluding costs which were set at 2/- . The debt was recorded as paid.	1868/094a
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	15	10	1868	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1868. The amount outstanding was £1.1s.0d, excluding costs which were set at 2/- . The debt was recorded as paid.	1868/094b

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Harris	William	Flower	Theophilus	15	10	1868	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Flower of Cathedral Green Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1868. The amount outstanding was 15/-, excluding costs which were set at 2/-. The debt was recorded as paid.	1868/094c
Harris	William	Crandon	William	15	10	1868	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Crandon of Southover had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1868. The amount outstanding was 6/9d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1868/094d
Harris	William	Bennett	John	15	10	1868	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Bennett of Southover had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1868. The amount outstanding was 4/6d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-. Two summons appear to have been prepared.	1868/094e
Harris	William	Norman	Robert	15	10	1868	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Norman of Priest Row had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 2 May 1868. The amount outstanding was 4/6d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1868/094f
[Clerk of the Peace]		[Justices]		20	10	1868	Female prison reformatories	*	As there was insufficient accommodation for female prisoners in Devon & Exeter Reformatory, the JPs in Petty Sessions courts in Somerset were requested not to sentence any female prisoners to be sent to a reformatory until at least the next session.	1868/094aa
Tucker	Edward	Cornish	Matthew	21	10	1868	Commercial vehicle with no name on side	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker stopped the waggon being driven by Matthew Cornish in the Market Place. Although a commercial vehicle, the waggon did not have the name of the owner painted on the side.	1868/095

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Jelly	Richard	Tink (?)	John	26	10	1868	Assault	A	Jelly, then lodging at Wookey and employed on the Cheddar Valley Railway, was near St Cuthbert's church late at night when he was set upon by two men; one was John Tink (?), the other unknown except for the nickname of Tambourin. Jelly claimed that one of them knocked him down and the other kicked him, causing significant bruising together with deep cuts to the face.	1868/096
Tomlinson	Matilda	Veale	William	30	10	1868	Assault	A	Matilda Tomlinson, wife of William, asserted that William Veale, a grocer, had assaulted her by pushing her and throwing a key at her. Veale was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1868/097
[Regina]		Francis	Elizabeth	04	11	1868	Prisoner administration	*	See 1868/092. Francis was apparently arrested after a warrant was issued and then apparently sent to Shepton Mallet. It appears that she must have appealed against her imprisonment and agreed to be bound over such that a request for her release was sent to the governor of Shepton Mallet prison, William Carter. His response indicated that, although he was prepared to release her, he did not agree that the basis for her release met the terms of her commitment. In any event, he could not release her immediately, as she had just given birth to a baby boy that morning.	1868/098
Jerrard	John	Cox	Abel	12	11	1868	Refusal to pay market toll	N	Jerrard, collector of tolls for Wells market, saw Cox of Glastonbury hawking his cakes and confectionery on two separate occasions. On both days Jerrard approached him and demanded the toll due and on both occasions Cox refused to pay. In the case documents Cox's forename appears as 'Able'.	1868/099
Jerrard	John	Moon	Simon	13	11	1868	Assault	A	Jerrard, collector of tolls for Wells market, attempted to collect the toll due from Moon, a pig dealer from Darshill, for bringing pigs to market for sale. Moon refused to pay the toll, verbally abused Jerrard and threatened to strike him with his whip. Moon was fined 5/- with costs of 12/6d.	1868/100

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Jerrard	John	Cornish	Matthew	13	11	1868	Failure to pay market toll	N	Jerrard, collector of tolls for Wells market, stated that Cornish of Nunney had brought two loads of hurdles to market for sale but had paid the toll only for one load. Cornish had stated that one of the loads was not his, but this statement had proved to be false, so that he should have paid a toll for that load. Cornish's forename was initially shown as Emanuel but this was crossed through and replaced by Matthew.	1868/101
Millard	Jane	Baker	Caroline	16	11	1868	Assault	A	Millard claimed that Baker had assaulted and struck her a violent blow in the face. Baker was fined 6d with costs of 8/-.	1868/102
Gregson	John	Gillard	Thomas	16	11	1868	Assault	A	Gregson, a mason, claimed that Gillard, also described as a mason, assaulted him and struck him a violent blow in the eye. Note that Gillard also seems to appear in 1868/084 and 1868/085 where he is described as a railway contractor.	1868/103
Williams	Sarah Ann	Wills jnr	Charles	17	11	1868	Assault	A	Williams asserted that Wills had assaulted her by striking her several times and knocking her down. The alleged offence occurred in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. A warrant for Wills' arrest was issued.	1868/104
Ashman	Jane	Ashman	Benjamin	18	11	1868	Sureties against future behaviour	Su	Jane Ashman alleged that her husband had been violent towards her (he had already been to prison for such an offence) and had threatened to kill her. She had called the police because she was afraid that he would do her bodily harm. She requested that her husband be apprehended and be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards her.	1868/105
Roberts	Jonas	Maudrell Boyce	Thomas John	04	12	1868	Assault	A	Roberts asserted that Maudrell had assaulted him and struck him a violent blow in the face.	1868/106
Jerrard	John	Paul	James	08	12	1868	Non-payment of market toll	N	Jerrard alleged that Paul, a trader from Glastonbury, had brought apple trees and shrubs into the market for sale but had refused to pay the toll due of 6d.	1868/107

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Jerrard	John	Sheppard	?	31	12	1868	Non-payment of market toll	N	Jerrard, collector of tolls for Wells market, alleged that Sheppard, a trader in knives and other hardware, had refused to pay the appropriate market toll of 1/-. Jerrard had then seized a quantity of knives and forks which had prompted Sheppard to pay the toll, but Sheppard had then abused and threatened him.	1868/108

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Harvey	Elizabeth	Mitchell	Samuel	06	01	1869	Bastardy	B	Harvey was a single woman of St Thomas Street. In October 1866 she won a bastardy order against Mitchell under which he was required to pay 18d per week to support the illegitimate child of which he was the putative father. Harvey asserted that he was now in arrears with his payments to the value of £1.2s.0d.	1869/001
Hardwich	Thomas	Brennan Brennan Chamberlain Beard	George William Harry Thomas	07	01	1869	Wilful damage	Wd	Hardwich saw the four defendants deliberately pushing open and breaking the door to the Market Yard, property of the Council of Wells. The value of the damage was assessed at 5/-. A note on the case header document indicates 6/- unpaid.	1869/002
Sweet	Mary	Crandon	William	14	01	1869	Assault	A	Mary Sweet was the wife of Thomas Sweet. The case was noted as settled.	1869/003
Clerk of the Peace (Edwin Lovell)		Town Clerk		16	01	1869	Justices' administration	*	Lack of accommodation in the Devon and Exeter Reformatory for Female Offenders meant that no girls could be sentenced to a reformatory until improved arrangements had been implemented.	1869/004
Westcott	James	Dudderidge	James	26	01	1869	Assault	A	Westcott was a shoemaker. The case was noted as settled.	1869/005
Russ	Samuel Perren	Ashman	Benjamin	09	02	1869	Leaving family chargeable to parish	Ds	See 1868/105. Russ, the clerk to the Guardians of Wells Union reported that Jane Ashman and her 2 children had become chargeable to the parish as a result of the neglect of her husband, Benjamin, who was deemed to be capable of supporting and maintaining them. A warrant for his arrest was issued.	1869/006

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Tucker	Edward	Price	James	11	02	1869	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Tucker saw Price in St Thomas Street. He was drunk and riotous. A note on the case header shows 4/6d unpaid.	1869/007
Tripp	William	Western	John	11	02	1869	Pound breach	Op	Tripp, who was a resident of Tucker Street, held some land close by and discovered on this land 2 horses belonging to Western, a coal hauler. Tripp was about to impound one of the horses when it was taken from him by Western who cursed him and threatened to strike him. A note on the case header shows 4/6d unpaid.	1869/008
Ashman	Jane	Ashman	Benjamin	15	02	1869	Married woman's property	Mw	Jane Ashman, deserted by her husband, Benjamin, applied for retention / control over marital assets, having been married to her husband for 14 years. Used as a model the documentation related to a similar situation involving Sarah Chamberlain and her husband William.	1869/009
Hill	Charles	Green	Clement	26	02	1869	Assault	A	Hill was from Wookey, Green was from Easton. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1869/010
Tucker	Edward	Barnard	John	04	03	1869	Inadequate sanitation for slaughterhouse waste	E	Police serjeant Tucker checked the slaughterhouse operated by Barnard, a butcher, in Guardhouse Lane off High Street. Tucker found slaughterhouse waste in uncovered casks, giving off an offensive stench and presenting a hazard to health. Barnard admitted the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/-.	1869/011

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Tucker	Edward	Palmer	Ann	04	03	1869	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Tucker saw Mary Sweet, wife of John Sweet (not sure that this is correct, more likely Thomas Sweet) coming out of the Full Moon at around 10.15am. He found that she had a jar in her pocket containing a quart of beer. Palmer, the landlord, was accused of an offence against the terms of her licence. Fined 1/- with costs of 7/-. Note: the landlady of the Full Moon Inn is usually named as Mary Parfitt; see 1869/063 and other instances in earlier and later years.	1869/012
Red Hill Reformatory School		Magistrates clerks		08	03	1869	Justices' administration	*	Correspondence concerning the use of incorrect forms to commit two young offenders, John Allen and Henry Bawden, to Red Hill Reformatory School in Surrey.	1869/013
Tucker	Edward	Fowler	William	09	03	1869	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw Fowler, a cattle dealer from Cannards Grave, driving a horse and cart at a furious pace in Sadler Street and the Market Place, endangering the lives of others in the vicinity. (See also 1869/014a)	1869/014
Tucker	Edward	Fowler	William	09	03	1869	Cruelty to a calf	C	See 1869/014. As well as the charge of furious driving, Tucker also accused Fowler of having a calf in the cart with its legs tied together such that it must have suffered considerable pain. Fined 5/- with costs of £1.5.6d - covering both offences.	1869/014a
Nutty	George	Moore	Charles	09	03	1869	Assault	A	Moore was described as a mason. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1869/015
Tucker	Edward	Pearse Duff	Henry John	11	03	1869	Cruelty to a cat	C	Police serjeant Tucker claimed to have evidence that Pearse and Duff had maltreated a cat in the field opposite Wells Union workhouse. Fines and costs appeared to amount to around 14/-.	1869/016
Tucker	Edward	Stock	Albert	31	03	1869	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Tucker was called to the Nag's Head by the landlady, Mrs Williams, wife of George Williams. Stock, from Westbury, was behaving in a loud and quarrelsome manner and refused to leave the premises, until Tucker put him out into the street.	1869/017

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Jerrard	John	Kitley	Daniel	13	04	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, claimed that Kitley from Mark had refused to pay the toll of 1/- for two horses that he had brought to market. The case was noted as settled.	1869/018
Jerrard	John	Harvey	William	13	04	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, claimed that Harvey from Blackford had refused to pay the toll of 3/- for six horses that he had brought to market. A subsequent letter from James Court of Draycott stated that Harvey had gone to his brother in Wales and was unwell. He, Court, promised to see Jerrard and resolve the issue when next in Wells. A note in pencil indicates that the sums involved came to 8/6d.	1869/019
Jerrard	John	Wiseman	Mary Ann	13	04	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, claimed that Wiseman of Westbury had brought vegetables to market on two successive occasions and refused to pay the toll due. The outstanding toll was 8d. The defendant was discharged.	1869/020
Jerrard	John	Boyce	George	13	04	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, claimed that Boyce of Westbury had brought vegetables to the market on a number of occasions and refused to pay the toll due. According to Jerrard the amount outstanding was 3/6d. Two summons were issued for the same offence on different dates.	1869/021
Tucker	Edward	Parsons	Sarah	16	04	1869	Fraud	Fr	Police serjeant Tucker, based on a complaint from William Purnell, surgeon, accused Parsons of fraud, having received payment for 120 turves, but having only supplied 74, and having taken the payment in advance in the knowledge that she would not supply the full amount of turves being paid for. The case was noted as settled. There is a note indicating that 4/6d was received - but not from whom.	1869/022
Weare	Maria	Brooks	Caroline	17	04	1869	Assault	A	Maria Weare, wife of Henry Weare of Bell Close, claimed that Caroline Brooks, who lived nearby, had come to her house and carried out an unprovoked assault on her, striking her several times in the face and threatening to stab her. A warrant for the arrest of Brooks was issued.	1869/023

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Jerrard	John	Puddy	John	20	04	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, alleged that several months previous, Puddy of Mark had brought some sprats to market. He had not paid the toll due of 1/- at the time, but had promised to do so. However, the money was still outstanding.	1869/024
Charles	John	Waygood	Nathaniel	22	04	1869	Clandestine removal of goods	N	Charles, the owner of a number of properties in St John Street, had rented one of them to Waygood. Waygood, however, had now left the property leaving rent arrears of 8/-. He had also clandestinely removed all his possessions so that Charles could not distrain them and recover his rent.	1869/025
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	22	04	1869	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 24 October 1868. The amount outstanding was 18/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/6d. The debt was recorded as paid.	1869/025a
Harris	William	Merchant	Widow	22	04	1869	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Widow Merchant of South Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 24 October 1868. The amount outstanding was 4/-, excluding costs which were set at 2/6d. There is a handwritten note reflecting the outcome of the case but it is not legible.	1869/025b
Williams	Amelia	Boulting	James	28	04	1869	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Amelia Williams, wife of William Williams of St Thomas Street, had encountered Boulting in the street. He had begun to verbally abuse her and call her names using profane and obscene language. Boulting admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1869/026
Wills	Sarah Caroline	Carter	George	30	04	1869	Breaking and entering	Be	Sarah Caroline Wills, wife of John Wills and resident of Broad Street, found that Carter had entered her house by placing a ladder against it and entering through a window. He claimed that he got in for the purpose of opening the front door. Note: Sarah Caroline Wills was the sister of Charles Barnard.	1869/027

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Russ	Samuel Perren	Ashman	Benjamin	12	05	1869	Desertion of wife and family	Ds	Russ, clerk to the guardians of Wells Poor Law Union, requested that Ashman be summoned to explain why he should not have the responsibility for maintaining his wife, Jane, and their 3 children (see earlier cases). Jane's age was given as 38, while the children were Frederick 12, Harry 7 and Arthur 4.	1869/028
Jerrard	John	Boyce	George	13	05	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, claimed that Boyce from Westbury had brought a load of potatoes into Wells, but chose to sell them by hawking them around the streets rather than bringing them into the market. He tried to avoid the toll due of sixpence; this toll should now be paid.	1869/029
Bartlett	Thomas William	Isgrove	Jacob	13	05	1869	Larceny	T	Bartlett claimed that some months before he had lost a bag, the key to his cyder house and some cyder. Bartlett suspected Isgrove, a former employee, to be the culprit. Police serjeant Tucker had searched Isgrove's lodgings and found a bag which Bartlett identified as his. A warrant for the arrest of Isgrove was issued.	1869/030
Tucker	Edward	Grove	James	20	05	1869	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker, pursuing a complaint from Robert Lewis, landlord of the New Inn in St Thomas Street, accused Grove of using profane and obscene language in a public place when he abused Lewis.	1869/031
Tucker	Edward	White	James	28	05	1869	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker accused White, a butcher from Glastonbury, of striking a boy with a whip and using profane and obscene language in High Street.	1869/032
Francis	William	White	John	29	05	1869	Assault	A	White was described as a butcher.	1869/033
Tinknell	Edward	Tinknell	Ann	01	06	1869	Assault	A	Wife assaulting husband. Two sets of testimonials for the good character and quality of Edward Tinknell, one suggesting that his wife had been known to leave him for 6 or 7 weeks at a time, meaning that he had to look after their 5 or 6 children.	1869/034
Smith	William	Andrews	John	03	06	1869	Sureties for the peace	Su	Smith, a ganger on the Cheddar Valley Railway, was responsible for ensuring that people did not walk on the line. He encountered Andrews on two occasions and was subject to abuse and threats from Andrews each time. He feared physical violence from Andrews and asked for him to be bound over with respect to his future conduct.	1869/035

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Jerrard	John	Attwell	Matilda	08	06	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, complained that Attwell, from Compton Dundon, had brought a cartload of poultry to market but had not paid the toll due of 6d. A pencilled note indicates 'No prosecution'.	1869/036
Tucker	Edward	Francis	William	08	06	1869	Obstruction	O	Police serjeant Tucker found a horse and cart laden with straw standing unattended in Priory Road; they remained in that position for more than 5 hours causing an obstruction to traffic. The owner of the horse and cart (and straw) was William Francis of Coxley. Fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1869/037
Lansdown	Fanny Elizabeth	Willmott	Joshua	14	06	1869	Sureties for the peace	Su	Fanny Lansdown, wife of Thomas Lansdown, lived in Priest Row next door to her brother, Joshua Willmott. Willmott allegedly threatened her with physical violence on a number of occasions and had said that he would put her in her grave. She appealed for him to be bound over as to his future conduct towards her. An arrest warrant for Willmott was issued.	1869/038
Tomlinson	William	Sherlock	George	15	06	1869	Offence against licence	L	PC Tomlinson entered the Blacksmith's Arms at 10.10am and found two men, Marsh and Showering, in the act of drinking ale. The landlord, Sherlock, claimed that he had not sold the ale but had given the men a drink for helping clean his courtyard.	1869/039
Stock	Elizabeth	Hatcher	Alfred	16	06	1869	Assault	A	Elizabeth Stock was wife of Charles Stock.	1869/040
Stock	Elizabeth	Andrews	John	16	06	1869	Assault	A	Elizabeth Stock was wife of Charles Stock.	1869/041
[Regina]		Marsh Lovelace Vickery Viner White	William William James William Thomas	19	06	1869	Arson	As	Two summons issued (White summoned separately from the others) for attempted arson on the Town Hall.	1869/042
Jerrard	John	Phipps Moore	Thomas Alfred	19	06	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, complained that Phipps and Moore had been hawking vegetables from a cart in Wells, but had given him no notice of what they were doing and had not paid the toll due - in this case 1/4d.	1869/043

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Midenter	Sarah	Midenter	John	21	06	1869	Sureties for the peace	Su	Sarah, wife of John Midenter and resident of Southover, complained of his constant physical abuse and threats of violence. She asked for him to be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her.	1869/044
Charles	Thomas	Willis	Allen	26	06	1869	Wilful damage	Wd	Willis was accused of damaging and breaking down part of a wall belonging to Charles.	1869/045
Oxley snr	Matthew	Hopkins snr	William	05	07	1869	Assault	A	Fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1869/046
Oxley snr	Matthew	Hopkins snr	William	05	07	1869	Wilful damage	Wd	Oxley, a resident of Tucker Street, had a large area of garden at the lower end of the street. He claimed that the wall around the garden had been damaged in several places and an eyewitness, Jacob Bartlett, had seen Hopkins deliberately pulling down sections of the wall. The value of the damage was estimated at 2/-. Hopkins was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1869/047
[Regina]		Breacey	William	08	07	1869	Theft	T	Breacey, a minor aged 14, was convicted of stealing brushes, screws, twine etc to the value of 4/- from Parsons Brush manufacturers. Breacey was sentenced to 21 days in prison and then to be transferred to a reform school at Red Hill in Surrey for a period of 4 years.	1869/048
Hippisley	Allen	Brooks	Walter	12	07	1869	Assault	A	Fined 2/6d with costs of 11/-.	1869/049
Tucker	Edward	Watts	John	13	07	1869	Furious riding	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker saw Watts, a fishmonger from Shepton Mallet, riding his horse furiously in Market Place and High Street to the danger of other road users. Fined 1/- with total costs of 10/6d.	1869/050
Howell	John	Parfitt	John	14	07	1869	Wilful damage	Wd	Howell, a resident of Silver Street, complained that there had been a row in the street outside his house and a girl had run into his garden. Parfitt then pursued the girl, breaking a lock on Howell's door and damaging his potatoes. Total damage estimated at 2/-. Case was dismissed (costs appear to have amounted to 10/6d).	1869/051
Edwards	Job	Ball	Alfred	15	07	1869	Profane and obscene language	Pr	PC Edwards found Ball in St John Street, drunk and noisy. He had been fighting someone called Hawkins and refused the officer's request to go home, swearing in profane and obscene language. Fined 1/- with costs of 8/-.	1869/052

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Brooks	Walter	Hippisley	Allen	16	07	1869	Assault	A	Same incident as 1869/049, but seen from a different viewpoint. Case was dismissed.	1869/053
Russ	Samuel Perren	Tucker	William	23	07	1869	Failure to maintain and support his mother	Ds	Elizabeth Tucker had become chargeable to the parish; as she was old (about 74) and infirm and unable to maintain herself, then she would remain chargeable for the foreseeable future. Russ, clerk of the guardians of Wells Poor Law, complained that Tucker, a painter from Shepton Mallet, was in a position to provide support and maintenance for his mother and should be required to do so.	1869/054
Reece Ford		Foster	W J S	29	07	1869	Case administration	*	Enclosure of 67d in stamps re case of John Woodford from a firm of solicitors in Bridgwater.	1869/055
Burgess	Philip	Francis	John	02	08	1869	Unlicensed dog	DI	Burgess, excise officer, accused Francis of having an unlicensed dog.	1869/056
Tucker	Edward	George snr	William	05	08	1869	Insanitary emptying of privy	E	Police serjeant Tucker, in his role as Inspector of Nuisances, found George, of St Thomas Street, emptying a privy without appropriate sanitary precautions and putting the contents of the privy onto gardens close to other properties, a health risk to their inhabitants. George admitted the charge; dismissed on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1869/057
Brown	William	Brown (aka Sherlock)	Sarah	09	08	1869	Bigamy	Bg	William Brown, a commercial traveller now at Exeter, claimed that in 1861 he married Sarah Gold in Worcester. In 1863 while he was away at work she sold his assets and disappeared. He had now met her in Wells where she had married George Sherlock (having previously been married to the now deceased Levi Allen). A warrant to arrest Sarah Brown (aka Sherlock) was issued. The deputy chief constable, William Bloxham, declined to pursue the case at the expense of the Crown, but appeared to be willing for the case to proceed if the risk of the costs were to be borne by Brown and any witnesses that he chose to call.	1869/058

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Tucker	Edward	Baker Baker	Elizabeth Ann	13	08	1869	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker came across two women creating a disturbance in the Market Place. Both were shouting and screaming at each other and using foul language. Both women admitted the offence and were dismissed on payment of 4/6d each. No indication is given of any relationship between the defendants. The date of Tucker's statement is given as 5 August but the offence did not take place until 13 August.	1869/059
Edwards	Job	Boaden	William	13	08	1869	Offence against licence	L	PC Edwards saw a young boy go into the King's Head at 11.45am and come out with a bottle containing malt liquor. Boaden admitted selling the alcohol prior to the permitted opening time. No conviction, paid 4/6d costs.	1869/060
Perkins	William Season	Ball	Alfred	25	08	1869	Wilful damage	Wd	Perkins, landlord of Mermaid Inn, discovered that, in his absence on business, there had been a considerable disturbance in the pub and several windows had been deliberately broken to a value of 2/- to 3/-. The culprit was said to be Alfred Ball. It seems that Ball's brother appeared and pleaded guilty.	1869/061
Jerrard	John	Foxwell	John	26	08	1869	Non-payment of market tolls	N	Jerrard, collector of market tolls, claimed that Foxwell, a carpenter, had not paid the toll due of 1/4d on manufactured items he was selling in Wells market. Foxwell was ordered to pay, or the money would be obtained by distraint of his assets.	1869/062
Tomlinson	William	Francis	George	26	08	1869	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Tomlinson was called to the Full Moon Inn in Southover by the landlady, Mrs Parfitt, to deal with Francis who was causing a disturbance and refusing to leave the premises. Francis was evicted from the pub and threatened to fight the officer. He was ordered to pay the costs of the case.	1869/063

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Edwards	George	Whitehead	Jane	30	08	1869	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Edwards claimed that he was at his lodgings in South Street when Jane Whitehead, wife of John Whitehead, came into the house and abused him verbally, then went out into the street and continued her verbal abuse using profane and obscene language. The case was noted as settled.	1869/064
Tucker	Edward	Litton	Alexander	02	09	1869	Indecent exposure	le	Police serjeant Tucker was requested to pursue a complaint against Litton for indecent exposure in Guardhouse Lane by Mr W Lawrence, the postmaster. Tucker requested an arrest warrant as he believed that Litton would abscond if summoned to appear before the justices.	1869/065
Tucker	Edward	Armstrong	Charles	03	09	1869	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Police serjeant Tucker stated that Armstrong had come to the police station and asked to see someone who had been arrested for furious driving. Tucker claimed that Armstrong was drunk and refused his request. Armstrong then followed him outside and proceeded to abuse him using profane and obscene language. The charge was withdrawn and the case settled.	1869/066
Tucker	Edward	Hewlett	Sampson	03	09	1869	Chimney fire	E	Police serjeant Tucker was called to a fire at the house of John Nutty in St John Street. The fire was caused by a chimney fire at Hewlett's house in South Street where the soot in the chimney had accumulated. Hewlett was ordered to pay 4/6d.	1869/067
Cattle	Elizabeth	Harris	Thomas	11	09	1869	Non-payment of wages to an apprentice	N	Elizabeth Cattle, wife of John Cattle, complained that her son, Robert, had been apprenticed to Harris, a carpenter and wheelwright, and was to be paid 1/- per week in the first year of his apprenticeship, but payment of wages was now in arrears by 2/6d. The case was dismissed.	1869/068
Tucker	Edward	Wyatt	George	14	09	1869	Obstruction	O	Police serjeant Tucker found a cart standing unattended in High Street where it remained between 6am and 6pm. The cart belonged to Wyatt, a coal haulier living in Southover. Fine and costs came to 5/-.	1869/069

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Harris	Thomas	Cattle	Robert	15	09	1869	Wilful damage	Wd	Harris, a carpenter and wheelwright, complained that he had set his apprentice Cattle the task of cleaning a cart which was to be painted, but Cattle had deliberately broken the ride boards; the value of the damage was estimated to be 10/- to 12/-. The case was dismissed. See also case 1869/068.	1869/070
Tucker	Edward	Snooks	John	17	09	1869	Driving without reins	Rd	Police serjeant Tucker pursued a complaint raised by Mr Elton of Milton Lodge that his carriage had nearly been in collision with a cart and waggon driven by Snooks, but owned by Mr Hodgkinson. Snooks had been in charge of 2 horses, a cart and a waggon, but had no reins with which to control them. Snooks admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 5/6d.	1869/071
Russ	Samuel Perren	Gifford	George	18	09	1869	Theft	T	Extensive correspondence regarding what should be done with Gifford, a youngster convicted of theft; primary options were an industrial school or a reformatory school.	1869/072
Edwards	George	Willcox	Adam	23	09	1869	Assault	A	Willcox was a labourer. The case was noted as settled.	1869/073
Lavington	Richard Inward	Dodd	Charles	25	09	1869	Petty trespass	Pt	Lavington, bailiff for Thomas Charles, complained that Dodd was trespassing on one of Mr Charles' fields, potentially damaging the grass and the fence over which he climbed in order to get into the field. Dodd admitted trespass and was required to pay the costs of the case.	1869/074
Porter	Robert	Balch	John	09	10	1869	Eviction notice	Ev	Porter, agent for the owners Lavington & Davis, served an eviction notice on Balch, a resident of Tucker Street.	1869/075
Harris	William	Judd	Richard	14	10	1869	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Judd, late of Union Street, had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 1 May 1869. The amount outstanding was 4/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-. A handwritten note on the case is not legible.	1869/075a

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Harris	William	Gould	John	14	10	1869	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Gould, late of Union Street and now of St Thomas Street, had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 1 May 1869. The amount outstanding was 4/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-. The case was adjourned to November.	1869/075b
Harris	William	Barber	George	14	10	1869	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Barber of Union Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 1 May 1869. The amount outstanding was 4/-, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1869/075c
Harris	William	Hawkins	James	14	10	1869	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Hawkins of Union Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 1 May 1869. The amount outstanding was 4/-, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1869/075d
Harris	William	Locke	Henry Robert	14	10	1869	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Locke of High Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 1 May 1869. The amount outstanding was 18/8d, excluding costs which were set at 2/-.	1869/075e
Harris	William	Brewer	Charles	14	10	1869	Non-payment of poor rate	N	William Harris, collector of rates, claimed that Brewer of South Street had failed to pay the poor rate assessment of 1 May 1869. The amount outstanding was 6/-, excluding costs which were set at 2/-. The case was adjourned to November.	1869/075f
Tucker	Edward	Brown	Walter Emanuel	16	10	1869	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Tucker claimed that Brown, landlord of the Exmouth Inn in St Thomas Street, had been dispensing alcoholic drinks at 9.00am on a Sunday morning. Brown claimed that the drinks had been for lodgers but Tucker suggested that local men, notably Charles Lane and James Vickery, had also been in the bar at that time. Brown was discharged on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1869/076

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Elmes	Charles	Ball	Alfred	16	10	1869	Riding without reins	Rd	PC Elmes met a horse and cart proceeding along Priory Road where the driver, Ball, was asleep and drunk. He was not guiding the horse and was thus endangering other road users. Fined 20/- plus costs of 7/-.	1869/077
Tucker	Edward	Bown House	George Joseph	02	11	1869	Cruelty to sheep	C	Police serjeant Tucker pursued a complaint by Robert Hatcher who kept sheep in a field off Portway. Hatcher claimed that his sheep were being injured by boys riding them. Bown and House were summoned to appear before the justices for cruelty to the sheep. The documents note 'no appearance'.	1869/078
Oxley	Elizabeth	Hopkins	Ann	03	11	1869	Assault	A	Ann Hopkins was the wife of William Hopkins jnr.	1869/079
Barnard	Eliza	White	Mary	05	11	1869	Profane and obscene language	Pr	Eliza Barnard, wife of Charles Barnard of High Street, alleged that Mary White, a near neighbour, had abused her verbally in High Street using profane and obscene language.	1869/080
White	George	Hopkins jnr	William	10	11	1869	Obtaining money on false pretences	Fr	White, a whitesmith, agreed to exchange horses with Hopkins and to pay Hopkins one sovereign. He tried out the horse that Hopkins presented for exchange and was satisfied, giving Hopkins the money. However, the horse that Hopkins delivered was different - and blind; the one that White had been told belonged to Hopkins was actually owned by George Francis.	1869/081
Thatcher	William	Chappell	John	12	11	1869	Assault	A	Thatcher claimed that Chappell pushed him violently. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1869/082
Stock	Emma	Stevens	John	19	11	1869	Assault	A	Emma Stock was a single woman, Stevens was a labourer. She was assaulted with a stick and suffered damage to her head. A warrant for the arrest of Stevens was issued.	1869/083
Kelway	John	Knight	Henry	26	11	1869	Sureties for the peace	Su	Kelway, of Chamberlain Street, claimed that Knight, a near neighbour, insulted and abused him on every occasion that they met in public. Kelway asked that Knight be bound over with respect to his future conduct.	1869/084

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Elmes	Charles	Parker	George	26	11	1869	Letting off fireworks	Dp	PC Elmes discovered some boys letting off fireworks in St John Street. He reprimanded Parker and let him go only to see him letting off fireworks a few minutes later. Parker was discharged after promising not to offend again.	1869/085
Tripp	Benjamin	Green	Charles	27	11	1869	Assault	A	Green was resident of Tucker Street. Fined 1/- with costs of 11/-.	1869/086
Bartlett	Thomas William	Oxley	Henry	07	12	1869	Theft	T	Bartlett claimed that his sister, Mrs Hillman, had lent one of his guns to Oxley, a poulterer, on the understanding that he would return it the following day. Six months later Oxley still had the gun, valued at around 10/-. The case was noted as settled.	1869/087
Elmes	Charles	Hawkins	John	11	12	1869	Obstruction	O	PC Elmes claimed that a horse and two carts had been left unattended outside the Goat Inn in St Thomas Street for several hours, causing an obstruction and annoyance. Hawkins, who lived near the Slab House, was fined 1/- with costs of 9/-.	1869/088
Tomlinson	William	Edwards	Thomas	11	12	1869	Disturbing the peace	Dp	PC Tomlinson was on duty in St Andrew Street when he heard a disturbance caused by Edwards, a printer, knocking loudly on the door of Silas Fletcher and shouting at the top of his voice. Fined 1/- with costs of 9/6d.	1869/089
Vowles	Charles	Simmons	John	13	12	1869	Sureties for the peace	Su	Vowles, a butcher living and trading in High Street, claimed that he was constantly subject to verbal abuse in public places from Simmons, a lad employed by Charles Barnard, another butcher. Vowles requested that Simmons be bound over with respect to his future conduct.	1869/090
Oxley	Mary	Hopkins snr	William	15	12	1869	Sureties for the peace	Su	Mary Oxley, wife of Matthew Oxley snr of Tucker Street, claimed that she was constantly abused by Hopkins who had also threatened her with physical violence. She asked that Hopkins be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her. Case adjourned.	1869/091

Plaintiff		Defendant		Date Case			Crime/Accusation		Document	
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Hillier	John	Lowman	Joseph	24	12	1869	Larceny	T	Lowman, an agricultural labourer, was accused of the theft of a watch from Hillier's shop. According to the testimony of police serjeant Tucker, Lowman appeared to admit the offence but said that he would pay for the watch. There were also two documents from Lowman's previous employers attesting his honesty.	1869/092