



Crime and Punishment

Berwick Bassett

Toll Collectors Charged Vicar

John King, the collector of tolls at the Bath-road turnpike gate, and John Buckland, the collector at the Green Gate, were summoned by the Rev Mr Gibbons of Bulkington, for demanding and taking a toll of 4 ½ pence, on Sunday. The reverend gentleman stated that being on a visit at Berwick Bassett, he was (when toll was demanded of him) on his way to perform divine service in his own parish. - The Bench were satisfied that under the 32nd clause of the Turnpike Act, the collectors had no right to take the tolls in question, and on Mr Hulbert (the Clerk of the Trustees) promising to return them and pay the expenses in each case, the summonses were withdrawn.

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