



Wilts Quarter Sessions – Business Meeting

The business meeting of the magistrates in connection with these Sessions was held at the Town Hall, Warminster, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Mr. H. J. F. Swayne. There were also present Hon. W. L. H. A'Court, Sir T. F. Grove, Sir C. P. Hobhouse, Bart., Sir W. W. R. Onslow, Bart., Mr. W. R. Brown, Mr. N. F. Barlton, Mr. H. Brown, Mr. A. D. Hussey Freke, Mr. G. P. Fuller, Mr. F. H. Goldney, Mr. W. F. Lawrence, Mr. H. E. Medicott, Mr. A. C. Mitchell, Mr. J. P. Stancomb, Rev. C. Soames, Mr. J. F. Stancomb, and Col. Wallington.

Edited Extracts

New Magistrates

Rev. W. W. Butt (Westbury), Mr. W. H. Laverton (Westbury), and Mr. J. J. Trask (Westbury), took the necessary oaths as magistrates for the county.

Pension

The Clerk had before the Court a letter from the Prisons Commissioners, announcing in respect to the pension awarded to Matthew Gunn, late an assistant warder of Devizes Prison, amounting to £34 12s., that the Treasury had commuted that portion of the pension for which they were liable for the sum of £157 19s., and that the county had subsequently become liable for the payment of the whole sum.

Constabulary

A lock up in Market Lavington, of which for some years past the county had had the use without payment, was now required by the owner for other purposes, and the committee recommended that another lock-up should be engaged at Market Lavington at a cost of £2 per annum.

Under an agreement entered into between the county and the borough of Devizes in the year 1875, the county undertook to provide four police officers for the services of the borough, receiving from the borough a net yearly payment of £118. The Committee had now before them an application from Devizes that the force be increased to five, at a corresponding increase in the payment made by the borough.

Chief Constable's Report

The Chief Constable recommended that the following pensions be granted: Merit-class constable John Brewer, 14s. per week; Merit-class constable James Thatcher; 15s. per week (for six months); Merit-class constable William Stingnell, 12s. per week; First-class constable John Love, 12s. per week.

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