



Shopkeepers Fined for Possessing Short Weights

At the Devizes Petty Sessions, on Monday last, several small shopkeepers, in the neighbouring villages were summoned for having deficient weights in their possession. In one case, it appeared that a man named [William] Wiltshire, ([grocer]of Stanton), had been in the habit of serving his customers with an iron weight 2oz. deficient. He was summoned by Mr. Wolf, inspector of weights and measures, for having short weights upon his premises. There was a 1lb. weight which was found to be 2oz short, and a 28lb. leaden weight found upon the premises was 3oz. short, besides being illegal in other respects. He was fined 40s. and costs: the weights to be forfeited.

In another at the same place, a 56lb. iron weight used by Daniel Harvey was found 3lbs. deficient, and a pair of coal scales no less than 12lbs. out of their proper adjustment. Harvey was fined 40s and 16s expenses.

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