

**SUMMONS CASES.**  
(Before the Police Magistrate.)

**CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.**

Stephen Hopkins was charged with cruelly illtreating a horse with a sore shoulder, by driving it in harness.

Mr. Garland appeared for defendant, who pleaded guilty, and stated to the Bench that there were extenuating circumstances in the case. The defendant's wife had been taken seriously ill, and it was necessary to bring her into town for medical attention, but as no other horse was available, the defendant was compelled to use the one he did.

In answer to the Police Magistrate, the constable said that when the horse was seen the defendant was driving it home.

The Police Magistrate said that while the defendant might have felt compelled to use the horse to come into town, he was not bound to drive it home, and he was, therefore, fined £1 and costs.

**NO APPEARANCE.**

In the cases of Bridget Lowe v. Charles Miller Lowe, and Teresa Ann Macklin v. Sarah Lakeman, there were no parties.

**OBSCENE LANGUAGE.**

A female named Mary Ann Wilson was fined 22 and costs, or one month's imprisonment, for using obscene language in Fitzmaurice-street, her plea being that she had been drinking or she would not have misconducted herself.