

WATER POLICE COURT.

BEFORE the City Magistrates.

FRIDAY.

William Kice, master of the schooner *Terrera*, appeared to answer the information of Manuel Francis Josephson, which charged him with willfully damaging the yacht *Emma*, the property of complainant. Defendant pleaded guilty to damaging the yacht which, when moored at Woolloomooloo Bay, was run into by the schooner, and her bowsprit and stem shattered. The Bench ordered the payment of £5 with costs.

James S. Norrie, chemist, Pitt-street, appeared on summons to answer the information of Henry Lumadaine, chief inspector of distilleries, which charged him with, on the 14th April last, having in his possession a still, without having with two sufficient sureties, entered into a recognizance not to make use of such still, or suffer it to be made use of except for the preparation of medicines or other articles required bona fide for medical purposes, and that he would not run from such still any spirituous liquors upon which the full duty should not have been paid, and obtained a license from the Colonial Treasurer. Mr. Jackson, of the Crown Law Office, appeared for the prosecution; Mr. Hellyer for the defence. It was admitted, on the part of defendant, that a still was in his possession on the day named, and that defendant did not hold a license; but it was contended that he had previously entered into his recognizances, the renewal of which was not required by the law, as was the case with a license issued to an apothecary, chemist, or druggist, and it was further contended that the evidence adduced did not prove that defendant was either one or the other of them. The law of the case was explained at great length on each side, and their Worship found defendant guilty of having a still without having a license. He was fined in the sum of £100 (the minimum penalty under the law), with costs. Mr. Hellyer gave notice that he would apply for a prohibition, and asked for the allowance of time for appeal before the payment of the fine was enforced. Defendant was therefore called upon forthwith to enter into his own recognizances for £100, and find two sureties of £50 each for the payment of the amount. In default of such payment, or finding such securities, defendant to be imprisoned for three months.

SATURDAY.

John West and William Mole, seamen of the ship *Queen of the East*, were fined 40s. for drunkenness and disorderly conduct on board; in default of payment to be imprisoned for two days. The same men, for wilfully neglecting their duty, were ordered to forfeit six days' pay, and be imprisoned for two days.

Henry Wilson, a seaman of the schooner *Nancy*, charged with absenting himself from duty without leave, was remanded until Monday for production of warrant.

John Correa, a seaman of the steamer *Urara*, for wilful disobedience of lawful commands, was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour in gaol; and George Childs, of the same vessel for a similar offence, was ordered to forfeit seven days' pay.

MONDAY.

In the wages case, *George F. Mason v. James L. Shober* (plaintiff the mate, and defendant master, of the vessel *Wendora*), Mason sought to recover the sum of £7 6s. A set-off was claimed on account of injury done to a boat and loss of oars through the alleged neglect of plaintiff. Mr. Greer appeared for plaintiff. The Bench ordered the payment of the amount claimed, with costs.

WEDNESDAY.

Salem and Essol, lascars of the British brig *Welcome*, were sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour in gaol for wilful disobedience of lawful commands.

John Shepherd, of Darling Road, Balmain, appeared to answer the complaint of Albert Taylor, case maker, Bal-