

Cambridge Borough Police, Station House Journal, December 1837

Friday 1st to Saturday 2nd December 1837

Prisoners 11 o'clock on Monday

The Prisoners for the Hall on Monday will be there by 11 o'clock by order of the Mayor. [entry in the Superintendent's hand].

Robbery

R.C. Hubbersty of St Peters College came to the Station & said at 3pm A black Cocoa wood flute with 8 silver keys was stolen from his Rooms Maker [left blank] 28 Regent Street.

Ditto

Andrews and King: Newmarket Constables came to the Station at 2 am to report that Mr. Eaton of Stetchworth Baliff was stopped at 7 pm and knocked of his Horse and robbed of 4 five Pound notes ten Sovereigns one of the men he believes to be Walter Norton of Stetchworth with [gap] Clayton

Man found in a fit

P.C. 17 Robinson reports he found a Man name Dickerson in Garrard Hostel lane in Fits at 11 pm he with others took him to his home in King Street.

Shutters unfastened

P.C. 26 Lee Hull reports he found Mr Decks Shutters unfastned 2 am he called them up & they thanked him.

Vagrant sent to Spinning House

P.S. 2 Stearn reports he went by order of the Supt to Mr. Mathews to obtain an order for Samuel Archer to be admitted into the Poor Law Union Infirmary as he was very ill. Mathews said it was against his orders to do so and the Infirmary was full. I then went to the Mayor he gave me an order for Mr. Shed who is the other relieving officer. Mr. Shed came to the Station and said he would attend to it.

The above found dead

P.S. 4 Watts reports that Quinsee parish constable, came to the station at 8 o'clock am, to inform him that Samuel Archer, prisoner, at the Spinning house was found dead in his cell about 10 o'clock last night.

[The inquest into Archer's death is reported in the Cambridge Chronicle Dec 9 1837 p2. He was found in the street by police in a state of destitution and laboring under an attack of delirium tremens. He was taken to the Station house, seen by a doctor, later transferred to the Spinning House where he died – verdict "death by the visitation of God"]

Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd Devenber 1837

Robbery

At 10 ½ am Mr Golland of Sidney Street came to say that 80 yards of black silk value 8L had been stolen from his shop. P S Smith was sent to make enquiries about the persons suspected and reports that two women who are known to belong to a gang of travelling thieves were at Mr Gollands and at other shops in the Town on Tuesday morning last when the silk was miss'd, the women have left the Town. Beneath is written in a different hand "Delany"

Disorderlies

PC Earl reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Sun Street Barnwell at ¼ before 1 am. PC Richardson put a stop to a fight in Regent St at 1 ½ am. PC Rider suppress'd a disturbance at Castle end at 11 ½ pm

Report of Gas

PS Smith reports the gas burnd well during the night

Sunday 3rd to Monday 4th December 1837

Public Houses visited

PS2 reports he visited the public houses up Mill road & Barnwell found all in good order

Persons reported for not sweeping the door way

P.C. 6 Howlett reports the following persons for not sweeping the fronts of their doors before 10 am Mr. Hillson, Market Hill, Mr. Watson, do., Mr. Healey and Mr. Twiss, Market Hill, Mr. Elliston, Union Street, Mr. Clark, St. Mary's Street (Gunsmith).

Fight stopped

PC6 Benton put a stop to a fight in St Clements lane at ¼ past 4 pm

Door found open

PC 25 Spinks reports Mr Worlands door was open ¼ past 1am he called them up and they thanked him

Horses Found

On Saturday about 5½ pm 3 horses came from Regent St towards the Town they were stopt at Mr [Kenings?] 3 Archers Regent St, one is a black, 1 bay 1 brown – 2 of them have cloths, and halters, the other has a saddle & bridle on.

Added in a different hand "The horses were afterwards owned".

Public Houses Visited

The Superintendent visited the Public Houses in Castle End on Sunday morning during divine service and found them all in good order.

Ditto

Inspector Green found the Public Houses in the Town in good order between 11 & 1 pm.

Monday 4th to Tuesday 5th December 1837

Report of Gas

P.S. Stearn reports the Gas burnd well during the night.

P.C. to report

P.C.24 Rocket found in a Public House at ¼ past 11 pm – supposed to have been dancing there. [this entry in the Superintendents hand and no location given]

Tuesday 5th to Wednesday 6th December 1837

Night soil spilled on the Street

P.S.3 Smith reports that William Craft of Dry Drayton spilt some night soil in St Peters Street between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock am - Also reports that Burton of Oakington removed some soil from the Hare and Rabbit Public House Castle Street and laid it on the road at 11 o'clock am

P.C. to report

P.C.s 5 Garner, 9 Richardson, 11 Clements, 12 Earl & 25 Spinks absent at 2 o'clock parade [this entry in the Superintendents hand] Over-written "Explained"

Disturbance stopped

P.S.4 Watts reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Regent Street at 1 am.

Furniture removed

[P.S. Watts] Also reports that last night a man name Witt removed his furniture from a house in Sun Street belonging to Mrs Ingle in Market Street to a house in Gas Lane.

Prostitute taken to the Spinning House

P.C.13 Ballard reports he Assisted the Proctor to take a Common Prostitute name Grant to the Spinning House at ½ past 10 pm

Disturbance Stopped

[P.C. Ballard] also reports he suppressed a disturbance in Market Street at 11 pm.

Report of Gas

P.S. Watts reports the Gas burnt well during the night.

Wednesday 6th to Thursday 7th December 1837

Pavement not cleaned

Mr Lilley near the Great Bridge neglected to clean the foot pavement opposite his house after having been twice cautioned to do so. P.C.20

Disturbance stopped

P.C.8 Hackney & P.C.9 report they put a stop to several disturbances in Binders Row & new St during the night.

Disturbances stopped

P.C. Richardson reports he put a stop to a disturbance at 10½ pm. P.C. Rider put by a fight in Green Street at 1½ am.

P.C. to report

P.C.13 Ballard drunk at ¼ before 1 am unable to do his duty.

Then added in the Superintendents hand "and neglecting to appear before the Supt. next morning."

Thursday 7th to Friday 8th December 1837

[Report of Gas]

P.S. Watts reports the Gas burnt well during the night.

Orders for the Sergeant. Constables not doing their duty

The Superintendent patrolled the Streets from ½ past 9 till ¼ to 11 and never saw a Police Constable and found the Streets very dirty. The day duty Sergeant must contrive to get out sooner in a morning and see that the street duty is better attended to.

[this entry in the Superintendents hand]

Friday 8th to Saturday 9th December 1837

Burglary

Mr Bradley Attorney sent to say an untenanted house of his near the Theatre had been broken into and several articles of China and several dishes had been stolen therefrom and requests the Police may look particularly to it till Friday next when the furniture in the house will be sold. P.C.11 Clements was sent to see to it.

Shutters found open

P.C.13 Ballard reports that he found Mrs Emmerson shutters open in Warwick Street at 1 am and call'd them up they thank him.

Disorderlies

P.S. Stearn reports he put a stop to a disturbance at 3½ am in Sidney Street – P.C.12 reports he put a stop to a fight in Downing Street at 11¼ pm.

[Report of Gas]

P.S.2 reports the Gas burn'd well during the night.

Brick work pulled down

P.C.10 Ellis reports that at 1½ am he found the stone and brick work at Mr Grafton's Gateway was pull'd down by some persons unknown - as he was walking in that direction he met 4 men, they were dress'd in frock coats but does not know they done it.

Saturday 9th to Sunday 10th December 1837

Pair Breeches Found

P.S.3 Smith reports a man name Grafton brought to the Station at 10 am a pair of Boys breeches which he said he found in a ditch on the Common the Breeches were left at the Station.

Disorderlies

P.S.4 Watts reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Regent Street at 1 and a ¼ am and at ½ past 1. A disturbance and fight took place Near the New Inn, Parkers Piece and P.C.7 Bye stood looking on and never attempted to separate them.

Ditto

P.C.21 Simkins reports he Put A Stop to A fight in Market Street at ¼ to 5 o'clock pm.

Ditto

P.C.8 Hackney reports he Put A Stop to a fight in George Street Barnwell at ½ past 9 pm.

Gate found unfastened

P.C.8 Hackney reports he found Mr Fletchers, near the playhouse, back Gate open at 1 o'clock, Linen and many things were exposed in the Yard he called them up but they were offended at it and did not fasten the gate.

Public House open late to report

P.C.16 Benton reports the Duke of York Public House Trumpington St was open at 2 am and was very noisy company therein. Landladys name Mrs Smith.

Report of Gas

P.S.2 Stearn Reports the Gas Burned well during the night.

Prisoner taken to Ely

Mr Inspector Green went to Ely with a Prisoner who had committed an Highway Robbery - P.S. Smith went with him and returned the same night at 12.

[this entry in the Superintendents hand]

Sunday 10th to Monday 11th December 1837

Two Prisoners locked up not charged

Two men William Brown and James Morley from Ditton being lock'd up here without being charg'd with any offence or apprehended on a Magistrate's Warrant were discharg'd by Inspector Green in the Morning when he came on duty.

Several persons reported for not sweeping their Pavement in front of their premises

P.C.21 Simkin reports that the following persons neglected to sweep the footpavement opposite their

houses, Miss Page Market Street, Mr Hutt Rose Crescent, Mr Haggis Do, Mr Wiseman Trinity Street, Mr Winterbourn St Marys Street, Mr Pleasance, Mrs Cooper, Mr Genn, Rose Crescent, P.C.23 reports the following for the same offence Mr Turtle Sidney St, Mr Dumville Bridge St, Mr Edgar Magdalene St, Mr Wade Petty Cury.

Disturbance

P.C.11 reports he put a stop to a disturbance on Kings Parade at 8 pm.

Malicious damage

P.C.19 reports that 4 or 5 persons unknown damag'd Mr Paleys door in New Town at 1½ am yesterday the same persons are suppos'd to have damag'd some stone and brick work opposite a house on Hills road.

Report of Gas

P.S. reports the gas burnd well during the night.

Public Houses Visited

P.S.3 Smith reports he visited the Public houses at Castle End and Newnham and found them all in good order.

[Public Houses Visited]

The Superintendent visited various Public Houses and those at Newnham & found all well.
[this entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Monday 11th to Tuesday 12th December 1837

Malicious damage

Mr Twiss came to the Station at 11 am to say that a part of his Iron Palisading and Brick Work in front of his house, Hills Road was broken down on Saturday night.

Robbery at Whittlesford

A robbery having been committed at Wittlesford at Mr N. Maynard stealing from his Shop a Cash Box containing two fives and a ten Pound note between 4 and 5 pounds of silver - a Bill of Goods to Corby, some twopenny Pieces - a snuff-box with a double face - one way it appears to be Laughing and the contrary crying - the Robbery is supposed to have been committed by a man name Joseph Fletton description of the notes, one £5 Bryant of Newmarket, one £5 of Saffron Walden one of Mortlocks Cambridge £10-0-0. The Superintendent was ordered to go and make enquiry – he accordingly went but could not find any clue to the property stolen - he therefore returned 1 o'clock.

Premature labour

P.C.14 Richardson reports that at 10 o'clock pm he saw A Woman up Castle end that told him her Daughter was taken in Labour on the Histon road, he with Wilderspin the Baker went to the place when the young woman where just Delivered of A Living Child the side of the road, they put her into the Cart with her Mother, where then taken to Rampton where she come from.

Assault upon Mr Twiss

P.S. Watts reports at 12 o'clock pm three Persons Coming up Emmanuel Lane one of Which threw a stick and Hit Mr Twiss, Solicitor on the back, Mr Twiss wished P.S. Watts to get his name or take him into Custody. He refused to give his Name, he was brought to the Station where he made an Acknowledgement of the act and begged Mr Twisses pardon, he was then suffered to have his Liberty.

Fly driven away by Gownsmen

P.C.15 Rider reports at ½ past 11 pm he saw two Gownsmen driving a fly past the End of Mill Lane, he stoped them, and they jumped of the Box and ran away he found it belonged to Mr Mitchel Red Lion, the Gents had drove it from the front of King's College where the man had Left it Standing.

Disturbances

P.S.3 Smith reports he suppressed a disturbance in George Street Barnwell at 12 o'clock pm.

[Report of Gas]

The Sergeants reports the Gas Burn'd well during the night

Tuesday 12th to Wednesday 13th December 1837

Cart to be summoned

Mr Smith Surveyor wishes John Turner of Stapleford to be summonsed for setting his cart on the flag pavement at 8 am in Downing Street and refusing to remove it when requested by him the Cart belong'd to Robt Empson Cherryhinton.

Vagrant relieved

Inspr Green reliev'd John Forster with 1/-

[Report of Gas]

The Gas burn'd well during the night.

Wednesday 13th to Thursday 14th December 1837

Disturbance

P.C.5 Garner Reports he Put A Stop to A Disturbance at Castle end at 7 o'clock pm

Ditto

P.S. Watts reports that 16 or 17 Colledgeons came out of the Sun Inn at 1 o'clock am and made A Great Noise by talking and Laughing and kept up an altercation with John Faires, Constable, for about an half an hour. P.S. Watts and P.C. Earle and P.C. Bye at Length Dispersed them, they did no mischief.

Ditto

P.C.6 Howlett reports he Suppressed A Disturbance in Jesus Lane at 2½ o'clock am.

Report of Gas

P.S. Smith reports the Gas of the Town Burnd well during the night.

Complaint

At 8½ pm Mrs Lee of Colednams [Coldhams] Lane, Barnwell Came to the Station to Complain that Thomas Tarrant, Beer Shop sign of the Old English Gentleman, Blucher row was encouraging her Husband and others to fence with Boxing Gloves for money in his house, Jacob Watts P.S.4. Over-written in another hand: "on enquiry found Mrs Lee went into Mr Tarrant's House and finding her husband with a Pair of Gloves on She took off her Pattin [Pateen – clog, shoe or sandal often with a wooden sole] and broke his head with it - there was no Boxing for Money as reported by Mrs Lee"

Lodgings searched

P.C.9 Richardson & P.C.8 Hackney Reports they Searched the Lodgings of the Prisoners J. Davis Viz Macintires and found nothing 11 o'clock pm.

Orders respecting the Charge Sheet

The Inspectors are not on any account to take the charge sheets home with them in the morning, but come to the the Station at ¼ to 12 and see the Prisoners taken to the Hall and then to take the charge sheet with them [entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Thursday 14th to Friday 15th December 1837

Report of Gas

The Gas burn'd well during the night P.S. Rooke.

Friday 15th to Saturday 16th December 1837

P.C.16 to report

P.C.16 Henry Benton reported by Mr Searle for gossiping while on duty by Emmanuel College with a Police Constable and a Woman, contrary to regulations – on Tuesday night 12th Inst. Added in the Superintendents hand – “admonished”.

The Prisoner Committed for trial

On Thursday Mr Inspector Green went to Eley, respecting the Prisoner Killday charged with Highway Robbery P.S. Smith went also to Ely contrary to the orders of the Superintendent they both returned the same night at 7 o'clock. The prisoner was committed for trial and brought back to the Castle by Mr Green.

Report of Children sent out begging

P.S. Watts reports that Mrs Newby Trinity St Complains two or three half Naked Children gos A bout begging which she has relieved several times they say there Mother Lodges at the Cross Keys, East road and sends them out, the P.C.s have orders to bring them to the Station when they see them.

Person run away and Committed a Robbery

Mr Parish Streatham Constable came to the Station to say that Robert Martin Shoemaker had Absconded from his Master Mr Negus of Streatham 9th Inst and robbed him of a New Apron, Handkerchief, and several shoemakers tools also some pieces of lether and drawn 11 shillings on his work, he is about 5 feet 7 inches high, Black coat and trousers 28 years of age, walks whale footed, rather thin made, was seen with some shoe makers at the Bull [Shades?] yesterday.

Complaint

Captain Clay of Regent Terrace has made a complaint that he can never see a Police Constable go past his door.

Destitute Persons

Sarah Green going to London and Elizabeth Hulliband from Warwick – both destitute and on their way to London applied for relief and received an order for the Spinning House – ½ past 5 pm. J.T. [entry in Superintendent's hand].

P.C. to report

P.S. Watts reports at ¼ past 1 o'clock am P.C.6 Howlett off his Beat, But he says he followed two suspicious looking men up Burleigh Street who ran away & escaped, they had A Great Coat with them. To this is added “explained”.

Gate found open

P.C.11 Clements reports he found Dr Barnes back Gate Tennis Court road open at 8 o'clock pm he informed them of it and they thanked him.

Door found open

P.C.19 Tyler reports he found Mr [gap left] door downing St unfastened at ½ past 11 pm he called them up and they thanked him.

Disturbance

P.C.9 Richardson reports he suppressed several Disturbances during the night in Binders row.

Report of Gas

P.S. Rooke reports the Gas Burnd well during the night.

P.C. to report

P.C.6 Howlett off his beat at 12 o'clock pm reported by Superintendent – explained but not very satisfactory.

J. Tillson absconded with 30£

Mr J. Theobald came to complain that his partner Joseph Tillson drew 30 £s of Mr Etling yesterday for the purpose of paying the Excise Duty and has absconded with it, he expects to America.

[Disturbance]

P.S. Smith put a stop to a disturbance opposite Emmanuel College at ¼ before 1 am.

Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th December 1837

P.C.19 to report

When Inspr Green was viewing the clothing and boots he had cause to complain that P.C.19 was very dirty & his last blue coat much out of repair, he (Tyler), said he laid in bed till the last minute, and if he could get his money he did not care about this cloathes.

Over-written "This report will stand against Tyler. Excused J.T".

Report of Gas at Station

Complaint has been made to the Supt that the Gas at the Station gate has not been lighted till 6 pm the Supert reminds P.S. Smith that he ought to see to it.

Bay Mare Found

Found on Saturday 9th Inst on the Mill road in St Andrews the Less A dark bay mare about 14½ hands high 6 or 7 years old brown Muzzle Switch tail white saddle mark on the back and white spot on on the off side which appears to be done with the girth buckle.

Fined not paid

Miss Millwood fined 20/- & 10/- expenses allowed 7 days to pay or 14 day imprisonment.

Disorderlies

P.C. Richardson reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Castle end at 10¾ pm.

P.C. Simkin reports he put a stop to a disturbance at the Huntingdon turnpike gate at 1¼ am.

Beer Shop to Report

P.C.22 Pond reports there were 8 persons drinking at the beer shop kept by Daniel Reynolds in Sun Street at 1¼ am, Sign Victoria.

Report of Gas

The Gas burn'd well during the night.

Fight prevented

Insp. Green reports he put a stop to a fight at the back of the Bleeding Hart, James Street at 12½ pm.

Damage done to the Stalls

P.C. Garner reports that John Hinds from Over ran his cart among the Corporation Stalls and broke two at 9 pm. He has promised to pay for the damage.

Sunday 17th to Monday 18th December 1837

Public Houses to Report

P.S. 4 Watts Reports he visited the Public Houses and Beer Shops, New Town, Mill road & Barnwell and found them all right except the one known by the Sign of the Wrestlers Newmarket road, had 8 persons in drinking I saw a full Quart of Beer on the Table Landlords Name Isaac Smith, 12 o'clock Noon

P.C. to report

P.C.14 James Richardson absent when for duty at 9pm.... Come at ¼ past 9

P.C. leave

P.C.6 Howlet leave till 12 o'clock to see his Father who is very ill.

Public Houses visited

P.S.2 Stearn reports he visited the Public Houses and Beer Shops at Newnham and Castle End and found all in good order.

Disorderlies

P.S.3 Smith Reports he and P.C.9 suppressed A Disturbance in Binders row at ½ past 11 o'clock pm.

Shutters found open

P.C.16 Benton reports he found Mr Faux Shutters in Jesus Lane open at 12 o'clock he call'd them up and they were thankful.

Report of Gas

P.S. Rooke Reports the Gas Burned well during the night.

Robbery at the True Blue Public House

P.C.17 Robinson Reports that Mr Laneford of Streatham on Saturday night 16th Inst was robbed of about 5 stone of Pork at the true Blue Public House Sidney St and suspected someone in the house, he went with Complainant and searched the premises but could find nothing.

Monday 18th to Tuesday 19th December 1837**Information of lead found supposed to be stolen**

P.C.26 Hull reports that A man Lodging at Mr Fenners the back of Downing Terrace Informed him that he found About 70 pounds of Lead Piping this morning about 8 am in T[e]nnis Court road, and is at this Present time at his Lodgings two suspicious men asked his boy wether he had seen any Lead About there but he did not know who they was. J.Watts P.S. 4

Robbery

Stolen on Saturday the 16th Inst from the Room of Mr Longden Trinity Hall a Gold Horizontal Engine Turned French Watch – VP-O Makers name Peclan Royal – it has a gold face and steel hands. The robbery was effected during the absence of Mr Longden from his room the door of which was left open.

A suspicious person was seen upon the premises and ordered out of college by the Tutor.

Ditto

P.C.25 Spinks Reports that at 12 pm he saw Robt & Hy James in George Street Barnwell and orderd them to go home, soon afterwards Abraham Neale of Longstanton came to him and said he had been robb'd of his hat and watch by two men who pretended to show him where he might lodge P.S. Stearn & P.C.17 and complainant went to the back of Barnwell where the robbery took place and found the hat in Mr Briggs Garden, he after lodg'd at the Britannia East Road. [Added detail after the entry] Makers name Rbt Walker London, No 55882.

Over-written in the Superintendents hand, "in this case the Constable did not do his duty in not taking the men into custody when he first saw them agreeable to the orders and in the [first] place after the robbery was committed – no search made after the thieves which must have been the James's. No description of the thieves or watch stolen – a very slovenly way of doing business"

Door found open

P.C. Clements reports he found a Butcher's Shop open up at Spital house end at 12 pm no person in the house and a neighbour secur'd them.

Gate found open

P.C. Pond reports he found Mr Beales' back door open at Castle end at 11 pm call'd them and it was fastn'd

Disturbance stopped

P.C.16 Benton reports he put a stop to a disturbance at the back of the Town Hall at 1 am.

Report of Gas

The gas burned bad some of them were out early in the night.

Tuesday 19th to Wednesday 20th December 1837

Robbery

P.C. Howlett Reports that Mr Dee in the Crescent had a sett of Gig Harness Stolen from his Stable in Green Street between 7 and 11 o'clock pm Monday Evening the harness plain Brass Mounts

Ditto

P.S. Watts Reports that Mr Knowles Bridge Street had a piece of Beef about 30lb Stolen on Monday night after 10 o'clock the Beef was left in the gate way the gate not fastned.

Window not fastened

P.C. Garner 5 reports the Windows of the Marquis of Grandby Bridge Street not fastned at 1 am he call'd them up and they thank him.

Shutters do

P.C. Faircloth 23 reports he found the Shutters of Mr Smith Harris and Jarrold Bridge Street open at 1 am he call'd them up and they thank'd him

Shutters do

P.C. Simkin 21 found the Shutters of Mr Gee Green Street open at 12 am he call them up and they thank'd him

[Report of Gas]

P.S.Watts reports the gas burnt well during the night

Disturbance stopped

P.C. Ellis 10 reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Binders row 1 am.

Robbery

Mr Edwd Haylock West Wratten came to say that his dove house was broken into on Monday night last and about 5 Score of Pigeons stolen therefrom suspects a man in his own neighborhood by name Charles Keystone who he believes will bring them to Cambridge.

Wednesday 20th to Thursday 21st December 1837

Enquiry respecting a robbery

The day duty Sergeant will go and make enquiry respecting the Harness Stolen – from Mr Dee and report accordingly

[entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Robbery

Stolen on Tuesday the 19th Inst from the room of Mr Brumhead Caius College – the following Articles

2 Silver Tea Spoons crest a Dolphin

2 do do marked T.G.

2 do do a Head engraved thereon

The above the property of Mr French –

4 silver tea spoons marked A.B.C. the Property of Mr Brumhead.

No suspicion is attached to any person for the above Robbery –

enquiry to be made at the different Silver Shops and a description of the Property Stolen to be left with

them. [whole entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Cruelty to Horses

P.C.8 Hackney Reports that between 12 & 1 pm Wm Press was riding and violently beating his horse on the Newmarket Road and opposite Mr Garners the horse fell to rise no more it was stuck on the spot by Press and got away as soon as possible, Mr Battiscomb will appear on Friday next to give evidence as to the cruelty towards the horse before it fell.

[Vagrant Relieved]

Elizabeth Searle a vagrant in great distress and in ill health reliev'd with 1/- & ordered to appear at the Hall tomorrow at 12.

Enquiry respecting a robbery

P.S.3 Smith reports he has made enquiry respecting the Harness stolen from Mr Dee, and the silver spoons stolen from Caius College but could gain no information in either case.

Defraud

Samuel Rust East road Chimney Sweep to be apprehended in the morning for defrauding Mrs Parkhouse Markt Hill of 1/6

Shutters and gate open

P.C.22 reports he found Mr Wisemans shutters in Trinity St open at 1 am. Also that Mr Culledge's Gate open at 4 am and call'd them up and they thank'd him.

Furniture removed

P.C.5 saw Mr [space left for a later entry] removing furniture at 4 am to a house in Castle End.

Report of Gas

The Gas burn'd well during the night.

Thursday 21st to Friday 22nd December 1837

Slaughtering without a license

P.C. Hackney 8 Reports that a Man name Wm Pink Slaughtered a Horse in a Yard in Sun Street Barnwell between the hours of 1 and 3 pm on the 20th Instant.

Shutters not secure

P.C. Pond 22 Reports that the bar staple belonging to the Shutters of Mr Races Shop up Castle End had been drawn and fixed in again in a temporary way Mr Race made it secure and wish'd the P.C. to pay attention to it during the night.

Disturbance

P.S. Watts reports that he put a stop to a Disturbance in Bridge Street at ¼ 10 pm.

Shutters found open

P.C. Pond 22 Reports he found Mr Wilderspin the Baker Castle End Shutters open at 12 am he called them up they thank'd him.

[P.C. Sick]

P.C.5 went off duty sick at – [gap left for time]

Disorderlies

P.C. Seabrook 20 reports that Mrs Beckett alarmed the Neighbourhood of Downing Street at 3 am by calling Murder.

Report of Gas

The gas Burnt well during the night.

[P.C. sick]

P.C. Seagrove Faircloth sent word he was very ill and not able to come on duty at 9pm.

Friday 22nd to Saturday 23rd December 1837**P.C.s at the Hoop**

The P.C. on the Castle End Beat & the P.C. at the Station will be in attendance at the Hoop to keep order at the Door of the dining Room where the two members for the Boro are expected to be.
[entry in the Superintendent's hand]

P.C. Sent for

P.S.4 Watts Reports that at 7 pm Mr White Willow Walk, sent to the Station for a P.C. to take into Custody a drunken man who had forced his way into his house and refus'd to go out. Hackney & Clements was sent for but was not at home. P.S. Watts Locked up the Station & went but he was then gone away.

To this is added in the Superintendent's hand "Sgt Watts acted wrong"

Scaffold pole laid across the Street

Mr Driver Sussex Street came to the Station to say that Some Persons removed a scaffold pole from his Buildings Sussex St and Laid it a cross the road and foot Pavement he wished to know whether the P.C. saw anything of it 8 pm.

[P.C. to report]

P.C.19 Tyler absent from Duty at 9 o'clock pm.

Cart turned over

P.C.15 Rider reports that Mr Enshaw Pipe Maker Barnwell overturn'd his cart on the Trumpington Road at 11½ pm and that he assisted him and he was thankful.

Lead piping stolen

P.C. Ballard reports that the report concerning lead piping as stolen from Queens College is not true.

Door found open

P.C.21 Simkin reports at 3½ am Mrs Davis door at the Kings Head Sidney St was open call'd them they were thankful. Also at 3 am Mr Gibson in the Petty Cury door open but he could not make them hear.

[Report of Gas]

The P.S.s report the Gas burn'd well during the night.

P.C.s to report

The Superintendent reports he found P.C. Robinson & Earl gossiping at Leopalds Corner and P.C. Rider P.C. Howlett and P.C. Smith at Hyde Park Corner at ¼ to 1 am.
[Entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th December 1837**Disturbance**

P.C. Tyler 19 Reports he put a stop to a disturbance on the Market Hill ¼ 9 pm.

Ditto

P.C.24 Rockett reports he stopd severall disturbances during the night in George Street Barnwell.

Ditto

P.C. Simkin 21 Reports that he put a stop to a disturbance in Little St Marys Lane ¼ 11 pm.

Ditto

P.C. Anable 18 Reports he stopd a disturbance in Butcher Row at 10½ pm.

Horse & cart standing in Street

P.S. Watts Reports he put a stop to a fight in Bridge Street 9½ pm also reports Mr Coles of Cottenham Horse and Cart Standing without any Person with it in Market Street from 10½ to 12 am.

Beer House to report

P.C. Benton 16 Reports Mr Creek Beer Shop Market Hill open at ¼ to 1 am also reports a young man rang Mr Gollands bell at 20 minutes to 3 am the Servant came down and let him in.

Fight prevented

P.C.9 Richardson reports he put a stop to a fight in Sidney Street at ½ past 4 pm.

[Report of Gas]

The gas burnt well during the night.

Sunday 24th to Monday 25th December 1837

P.C. to report

Insp. Green reports at 12 pm Mrs Thos Lee at the Blk Swan East Road sent her daughter and a man to say that P.C.10 Ellis had been at their house near an hour, that he was very drunk and insisted if they would not draw him some beer that he would go to the cellar and draw it himself, they finding he would not go away called P.C. Rockett in who endeavoured to prevail on him to leave but he would not till they let him have a pint - I went up directly Ellis was not there nor could I find him on his beat, but from information given I waited about 10 minutes at the end of Binders Row when I saw him come out of a prostitutes house there - a short time before this he had been in another house of the same description in Wellington Row. I found him drunk and unfit for duty and put P.C.14 on his beat - Mrs. Lee promised to complain of his conduct next Committee day.

Written across this entry in the Superintendents writing: "At one ¼ am he came to the Superintendent's house and knocked at the door most violently and said he was wanted at the Station to see number 10 whom they said was drunk. He [was] told to go home as there was no doubt about it. He then went away.

Disorderlies

P.C.19 Tyler reports at 2 am he saw Papworth Junr & Geo Thrower drunk in Sidney Street - Papworth was knocking at Mr Cole's and Mr Shippeys Shutters violently with a short thick stick. Tyler told him if he did not desist he must take him to the Station when Papworth attempted to take off his coat to fight him.

Shutters found open

P.C.19 reports he found Mrs Sparrows shutters in Jesus Lane open at 1½ am – P.C.14 reports Mr Barbers shutters in Prospect row open at 2 am they were called and secured the shutters and were thankful.

Monday 25th to Tuesday 26th December 1837

[all the entries this day in the Superintendent's hand]

Disorderlies

P.C. Smith reports he suppressed a disturbance in the Falcon yard at ¼ to 12 pm.

Shutters unfastened

P.C.16 reports he found Mr Feakes Shutters in St Andrews Street unfastened at 11½ pm – he called

them up and they thanked him

Disorderlies

P.C.19 Tylor reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Wellington row at 1½ pm.

P.C.7 Sick

P.C.7 Bye went off his beat Sick at 1½ am.

[P.C. leave]

P.C.21 Simkin leave 2 hours

Tuesday 26th to Wednesday 27th December 1837

Orders for Sergeant Smith

Sergeant Smith to bring the Girl he is bound for at Teversham to Mrs Fetch as soon as he can make it convenient. [in the Superintendent's hand]

Robbery

Mr Benstead came to say his shop in Pembroke Street which he left secure on Saturday night had been robb'd of a pr Wellington Boots and a pr Blucher Shoes which he discovered this morning – it appears there is a communication with the next house which is under repair – he found the doors and windows secure as he left them on Saturday night.

Mr Titterton

A.S. Abbott Esq Jesus Lane requests that Mr Titterton would call at his house in the Morning.

Putting out gas

P.C.26 Hull reports that 3 Gents extinguished in Jesus Lane 13 lamps he took one of them to his college. His name is Husband of Sidney at 11½ pm

Fight stopped

P.C.5 Garner reports he put a stop to a fight in Regent Street at 12¼ pm.

P.C. to report

P.C.26 reports that he could not find P.C.15 Rider on his beat at 3 am after walking his beat he look'd into the Britannia East Rd and saw him drinking there and waited ¼ of hour for his coming out after that went in for him. Added to this in the Superintendent's hand "fined 1/-".

Disorderlies

P.C.18 Anable reports he put a stop to a disturbance at 11 pm at Mr Ashby's in Benet Street.

Report of Gas

The Gas burn'd well during the night.

Beer House to report

The Super reports he visited several Beer Houses after 12 o'clock – last Evening – and found at the Bleeding Hart James Street kept by Mrs Sivell – 6 persons drinking at 20 minutes to 1 o'clock am [entry in the Superintendent's hand]

ditto

Several persons were heard talking inside the William and Mary Beer House at ¼ to 1 am The Supert knocked at the door several times - at last they asked who was there - told them it was the Police. Mrs Brightwell said dam the Police they will not pay my rent and I shall not open the door - afterwards it was opened by Joshua Hammond who abused the Supert and he has no doubt but he would [have] assaulted him had he not left the premises where he was standing at the front of the house. [entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Wednesday 27th to Thursday 28th December 1837

Door found open

P.C. Garner reports that he found Mr Fields House St Andrews Street open at 12½ am he called them up and they were thankful.

Shutters found open

P.C.5 Garner reports he found Mr Masons Shutters open he called them up & they thanked him.

Fight stopped

P.C.21 Simkin reports he put a stop to a fight at ½ am in George Street Barnwell

Report of Gas

P.S.3 Smith reports the Gas Burned well during the night.

Foot way not cleaned

The Supert inspected the Foot Ways in the Town this morning 28 Inst and found them very dirty and requests the Sergeants and men to be more particular in that part of their day duty, and report those who do not cleans the front of their houses.

[entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Thursday 28th to Friday 29th December 1837

Disturbance

P.C.16 Benton reports he put a stop to a disturbance near Parkers piece at 1½ am

Door open

P.S. Smith reports the door of Mr Smiths house in Sidney Street was open at 1½ am he call'd them up

Report of Gas

The Gas burn'd well during the night.

Friday 29th to Saturday 30th December 1837

Accident by a night cart

P.C.24 Rockett reports that Lows Night Cart Ran against the Mail Coach in St. John's Street and broke the Pole 12½ am

Report of Gas

The Gas Burnt well during the night.

Saturday 30th to Sunday 31st December 1837

Furiously Driving

P.S. Smith reports Chs and Saml Daniels of Stratford Beds furiously drove their horse and cart past the Mail in Bridge Street at 12½ o'clock.

Disturbance stopped

P.C.15 & 19 Report they suppress'd a disturbance in Binders Row at 5¾ am.

Report of Gas

The Gas burn'd well during the night.

Show people ordered off

P.S. Watts Reports he by order of the Mayor informed the Show people on the East road that they were no longer Allowed to Exhibit there without Leave from his Worship. 6 o'clock pm.

Sunday 31st December 1837 to Monday 1st January 1838

Public Houses Visited

P.S.2 reports he visited the Public Houses up Mill Road and Barnwell and found them all in good order.

Orders for the P.C.s

The Police Constables who have cases at the Sessions will come off duty at 4 o'clock am and be at the Town Hall with their Witnesses at 9 o'clock and be particularly clean. Any Constable seen with his great coat on in fine and moderate weather will be taken before the Committee. J.T.
[entry in the Superintendent's hand]

P.C. Sick

P.C.20 Seabrook sick at 8½ pm.

Information

Hewitt at the Lion Tap and Franklin at the Queen Adelaide St Andrews Hill saw Furbank break a tea spoon, and wanted one of the Boys to go and dispose of it.

Tell tale broke

P.C.14 Richardson reports he found the Tell Tale at Mr Peters Shop Broken at 1½ am
[An interesting example of the beat-craft of the day. A tell tale would have been some simple device which would indicate if someone had passed. If the tell tale was not disturbed then the officer need not check beyond. If on the other hand the tell tale had been disturbed then the officer would know somebody had passed since the tell tale was set and he would need to check further. A simple example tell tale, used by a beat officer, might be a thin thread stretched between a door and a door-frame, out of general sight and easily broken by an intruder unaware of its presence.]

Report of Gas

The Gas burnt well during the night.

Shutters open

P.C.23 Faircloth reports he found the Shutters of the Star Public House Jesus Lane Also the shutters of Mr Sparrow open at 12½ am he called them up and they thanked him.

Disturbance stopped

P.C.25 Smith reports he suppressed a disturbance in Sidney Street at 1 am.

P.C.6 sick

P.C. Howlett reported himself Sick this morning 1 January 1838 [entry in the Superintendent's hand]