

## Cambridge Borough Police, Station House Journal, July 1837

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1837

### ***P.C. Leave***

P.C.16 Henry Benton came to the Station on Saturday & said his Father had died and begged for leave of absence all night which was granted him.

### ***Ditto***

P.C.18 Henry Anable begged for leave of absence for one night as his Brother had come to see him, which was also granted.

### ***P.C. to report***

P.C.23 Deborix to be reported for Striking James Apthorp over his head with his staff, when Prisoner in the Station House at 11 pm.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1837

### ***Prisoners head cut by a Constables Staff, sent to have his head dressed by the Surgeon.***

The Superintendent on visiting the Prisoners this morning at 8 o'clock found that James Apthorp had had his Head cut by a Constable's staff, ordered Sergeant Stearn to take him to Surgeon [Catty] to have his Head dressed.

[Apthorpe was convicted of being drunk and disorderly and obstructing the police in the execution of their duty and was imprisoned for 14 days with hard labour – Cambridge Chronicle 8 July 1837 p2]

### ***Public Houses visited***

I visited most of the Public Houses in Town between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock & found them all quiet in good order – there were several persons with beer before them in the Crown Jesus Lane & the Hoops Tap at 20 m. past 12 - & during the time divine service was being performed in St Sepulchre & All Saints.

### ***P.C. to report***

P.C.19 Tyler (stated to be sick) absent from 2 o'clock parade - & P.C.24 Rocket not uniformly dressed having a color'd handkerchief on.

### ***Ditto***

Insp. Corbyn reports he found P.C. Earl asleep on Christs Pieces under the hedge close to the Station House at ½ past 1 am

### ***Case of destitution & desease (sic)***

The Superint having received information that a Woman named Mary Dean of Barton, was laying in a House belonging to Mr. Parker in Gas Lane in a dying state, he immediately sent Sergeant Rooke to ascertain the particulars, and found a Poor young Woman there in a most wretched state of filth and decease (sic). Mr. Headley happened to be near the place and he went & saw her and gave orders to Sergt. Rooke for him to see Mr. Matthews the relieving officer and tell him to let her case be attended to immediately, Mr. Matthews said it was not according to the regulation but he would pay attention to the order of Mr. Headley. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 4 pm.

[Mr Headley was a member of the Watch Committee]

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1837

### ***Complaint***

P.S.3 Smith reports that Mrs [Ratty?] in Petty Cury complained of dirty water being thrown in the drain on the front of her house by two neighbours Barrett & Harrap he cautioned them, they said the servayor (sic) gave them leave they having no drain on their own premises.

**Public House to report**

P.C. Pond 22 reports that the 3 Pigeons Beer Shop Cambridge Place was open ¼ 12 pm and five persons drinking landlords name Robert Freeman.

**Disorderly Collegian**

P.C.Barton 7 brought to the Station a Collegian for violent and disorderly conduct he gave his name Spooner of Caius College the P.C. went to the Porter and found it correct 10 ½ pm no one came to prefer a charge.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

**Fight prevented**

P.C.Barton reports he put a stop to a fight in King St at 10 o'clock pm.

**Disturbance prevented**

P.C.10 Ellis reports at 11pm he was called into a House on the East Road to stop a disturbance.

**Complaint**

Mr Day Wheelright in Blucher Row came to the Station at 8 o'clock and said his Windows were broken this morning about ½ past one o'clock, that he was looking for a Constable till ½ past 3 and could not find one, P.C.11 Clements was on the beat.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

**Fight prevented**

P.C.14 Richardson reports that he put a stop to a fight in George Street Barnwell 12am

**Shutter found open**

P.C.20 Atkinson reports he found Mr Hawke's Maids Causeway shutters open he call'd them up and they thank him 2am.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

**Sudden Death**

Thos Dench aged 25, a College Servant of Trinity was playing at 'four corners' at the Blue Lion St. Andrews Street about 9 o'clock pm when he suddenly fell down & expired.  
[Reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 8 July 1837 p2]

**Disturbance prevented**

P.C.23 Deborix reports he put by a disturbance in Silver St at 10 o'clock pm by the Mayor's orders.

**Application**

Mr Charles Finch Foster wishes the Supt would send a man on duty in Trumpington St this evening on account of some disturbance being there this last two evenings & in Silver St. P.S.Watts  
[Charles Finch Foster (1806-1866) was the son of Ebenezer Foster of Anstey Hall, Trumpington. He carried on the family business as corn, coal and timber merchants. He later served as Mayor of Cambridge and had four terms in office, 1847, 1854, 1860 and 1861.]

**Beer House to report**

P.C. Clements reports the "Friendly Hand" Beer Shop was open all night – being a house warming.

**Shutters open**

P.C.15 Rider reports he found Mr Clark's Saxon St shutters open at 1 o'clock am he called him up & he was thankful.

**[Deployment]**

Can the man from Castle End be ordered to Trumpington and Silver street this evening as requested by Charles F Foster to prevent disturbances there.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***Disturbance prevented***

P.C. Richardson 9 reports he put a stop to a disturbance on Maids Causeway 11 ½ pm.

***Fight prevented***

P.C. 10 Ellis reports he put a stop to a fight in new Street 3 am.

***P.C. to report***

P.S.Watts 4 reports P.C. Anable 18 asleep on his beat 3 am.

***Key found in a door***

P.C.Hackney 8 reports he found a key in Mr Manderais Door Sidney Street the door was fastned he put the key under the door into the house.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***Two boys ran away from their friends***

Two Boys Emery aged 14 & Roberts aged 14 ran away from the Friends at Biggleswade & were brought to the Station at 10 o'clock Mr Dennis Uncle to one of them took charge of them & would see they returned to their friends.

***Fights prevented***

P.C.Hackney reports he suppressed several fights & disturbances from 12 to 1 o'clock in Market & Sidney Streets. P.S. Watts reports he picked up a whip at the Great Bridge & brought it to the Station belonging to Masters the Butcher Barnwell.

***P.C. to report***

P.S.Watts reports P.C. Rockett sitting asleep at the small bridges at ¼ to 2 o'clock am.

***Fight prevented***

P.C.9 Richardson reports he put a stop to a fight opposite the Star in Jesus Lane at 10PM. P.C.s Clements and Ellis report they were call'd off their Beats by Mr A. Palmer 11 ½ pm to search a House in Coldhams Lane for John Sampson but could not find him.

***Disturbance prevented***

P.S.Smith reports he put a stop to a disturbance in New Street at 7 ½ pm

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***Inns visited***

The Superint visited all the principle inns in Cambridge between 11 and ½ past 12 pm and found them all in good order.

***Public Houses visited***

P.S.Rooke visit'd the Public Houses and Beer Shops in the Town between 11 and 1pm and found them all in good order.

***Disturbance prevented***

P.C. Clements 11 put a stop to a Disturbance in George Street 10 ½ pm

***Ditto***

P.C.Ellis 10 put a stop to a disturbance in East Road at 11pm.

### ***Public Houses visited***

Insp Corbyn reports he visited most of the Public Houses in Barnwell from 11 to 12 ½ o'clock & found them in good order.

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

#### ***Robbery***

David Scott servant to Messrs Thrower Drapers fell asleep in Downing College grounds near Fitz Wm St about 5 o'clock pm & when he woke found he had been robbed of a silver hunt watch and brass curb chain seal and key gilt also a parcel containing 12 pr child's socks, a quantity of gauze ribbon & some net for caps - suspicion attaches to a man who was laying on the grass near him - had on a round fustian jacket and fustian trousers stout made.

[Samuel Westwood, 30, was tried for this offence but acquitted having claimed he found the watch in Downing College grounds – Cambridge Chronicle 21 October 1837 p2]

#### ***Disturbance at National School Prevented***

The National Schoolmaster from Barnwell call'd with his compliments to the Supt. to say he was much oblig'd for the assistance of the Police in putting down some clamorous persons about the school who interfered with the discipline thereof & that the said assistance and interference of the Police had the desired effect.

#### ***Fights prevented***

P.C. Benton reports he put a stop to a fight in Sussex Street at ¼ past 10 also put a stop to a fight in St Andrews St at ¼ to 11pm . P.C. Rider reports he put a stop to a fight at the Barley Mow Public House at 1 o'clock – James Banham landlord.

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

#### ***Prisoner sent to Newmarket***

P.C. Barton went to Newmarket with the prisoner Sergeant, charged with stealing a pony from Mrs Barratt of Freakenham. He was fully committed for trial. Barton returned the same night.

#### ***Meeting at the Hoop***

There was a meeting of the reformers at the Hoop Mr. Spring Rice and Pryme addressed them, the two day duty Sergeants and two P.C.s were in attendance to keep order.

[George Pryme (1781-1868) and Thomas Spring Rice (1790-1866) were the two Whig MPs for Cambridge. Pryme served from 1832 to 1841 and Spring Rice from 1832-1839]

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

#### ***P.C. 20 assaulted***

P.C. 20 Atkinson reports that about ½ past 2 am he was called into Mr. Feak's House in St. Andrews Street. A Man Mr. Feaks was ill using a Female and she was crying murder. He went in and thought he had pacified the man Mr. Feakes when he knocked him down with a club he sprang his Rattle several times but no one came to his assistance & was not able to bring the Man to the Station.

[see entry below on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1837 for outcome]

#### ***Door found wide open***

PC Rooke Reports the Door of Mr Pedleys house was wide openat 3am, he went into the House and called them up they were thankful.

#### ***Pane of Glass and door broken***

P.C. Thos Rockett reports that Mr Heather of Pastors College with two other Collegians broke the door and a pane of glass at Mr Thackers Short Street, Mr Heather promised to have them repaired in the morning & Mr Thacker was satisfied.

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1837

### ***Fight prevented***

P.C. 7 Barton reports that he prevented a fight at 7 pm. on Parkers Piece between Mr Sharp of Barnwell and Captain Ferguson Trinity College. P.C. 9 prevented a fight at Castle End 8 ½ pm.

### ***Tory Meeting***

P.S. 3 reports that there was a Tory meeting at the Black Bear, Market St. They broke up at 2 ½ am they created a great disturbance in the street.

### ***P.C. to report***

P.C.7 John Barton was observed by a person to be talking to four friends for ¾ of an hour, on Parkers Piece.

### ***Tory Members Entry into Cambridge***

Mr. Knight and Manners Sutton made their Public Entry into Cambridge at between 6 and 7 o'clock pm. [J L Knight and Henry Manners Sutton were Tory parliamentary candidates ]

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1837

### ***P.C.7 to report***

P.C. 7 John Barton ¼ of an hour late for duty at 9am.

### ***P.C.20 Assaulted***

P.C. 20 Atkinson having been much injured in the assault as reported under date 12th Inst. is for a time unfit for duty in consequence. Mr. Feaks was fined £3 and expenses.

### ***P.C.21 to report***

P.C.21 Simkin to be reported for neglecting to appear before the Magistrates to prefer a charge of assault against Thos Bell of Cambridge Place after making that complaint at the Police Station. Over-written " Explained that he did not make any charge of an assault against Bell"

### ***P.C.24 reported***

P.C.Rocket to be reported for not visiting a part of his Beat for more than ½ and hour Viz from ¼ past 10 till ¼ to 11 pm.

### ***P.C.19 to report***

P.C. English Tyler gossiping with two females at 20 minutes to 12. When spoken too said - when the Committee had done with him he should be done with them.

### ***Complaint against the Sergeants***

The Superintendent is sorry to observe the Sergeants can not be doing their duty in allowing so many Prostitutes to be about the Streets and not looking more particularly after the Men.

### ***P.C.s 16 and 15 to report***

P.C.Benton reported for gossiping with P.C.Rider at the Corner of Market St at ½ past 11pm.

### ***P.C.s 19 and 24 to report***

On leaving the Station at 12 o'clock to patrol found P.C.s Tyler and Rocket gossiping near the Garrick Beer House.

### ***P.C.s to report***

About ¼ to 1 o'clock am found Mr Patrick Beales talking to P.C. Jas Richardson on the Newnham Beat it appears from what Mr Beales said that he stood at his house for ¾ of an hour & could not see the P.C. – that the P.C. was in the Black Lion Yard for some improper purpose & that Mr B found two P.C.s gossiping by St Botolph Church.

[P Beales was a member of the Watch Committee]

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

#### ***Robbery***

Stephen Haggard, Shoemaker, Gt Shelford came to say his shop was robb'd last night of a quantity of Leather and 2 pairs of Shoes to the amount of 9 or 10£s suppos'd by two men with a horse and cart which went thro the turnpike about 2 am – the man who drove wore a white hat and dark coat – the other a straw hat and very shabby appearance – the horse was bay with white face – the cart was painted Green with name painted with white letters behind and came in the direction of Cambridge.

#### ***Disorderly beer house***

At 7pm there [were] 4 prostitutes drinking in the Beer Shop kept by Wm Smith, Sun Street, Barnwell.

#### ***Horse ran away in the Market***

P.S. Watts reports that a horse and cart the property of Mr Gall, rope maker, Little Shelford was left without any persons to take care of it at 5 pm during the thunder storms the horse ran away and did considerable damage to several Stalls and goods on them. The Inhabitants complain that Mr. Gall is in the habit of leaving his horse and cart in a similar way for hours at a time every Saturday.

#### ***Disorderly beer house***

P.C.26 reports that there were 3 persons drinking ¼ before 1am in a Beer Shop in Green Street kept by Wm Pigney.

#### ***Butchers bar and hooks found***

P.S.3 reports he found a Butchers Bar with meat hooks in Sidney Street at 12 o'clock

#### ***Shutters unfastened***

P.C.22 reports he found Mr Callings shutters unfasten'd in St Peters St at 1am and called them up.

#### ***Disorderly Persons***

P.C. 6 and 23 report they put a stop to a disturbance in Cambridge Place ¼ before 1 am - 17 & 25 put a stop to a disturbance in Sun Street Barnwell at 2 am. P.C. 18 reports there was a great disturbance in Slaughter House Lane near 12 o'clock with a man nam'd Hall in the employ of Mr. Thos Nutter who was drunk and attempting to fight P.C. 18 charg'd. R. Swaine to aid and assist him to bring Hall to the Station but he refus'd.

[Thomas Nutter was a member of the Watch Committee]

#### ***Refusal to allow the Police to enter a Beer House in search of a thief***

P.C. 10 came with Aleph Palmer to complain that a man who had been caught robbing Mr. Palmer's Pea field was at a beer shop in Blucher Row kept by Tarrant and that Tarrant refus'd to let them go into the room. P.S. Rooke call'd about ½ an hour after and Tarrant then made no objection. The man was gone.

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

#### ***Robbery***

Stolen or strayed out of a field at Boxworth Cambridgeshire – the property of Mr Ingle – on Friday night last – a deep bay Nag Horse about 16 hands high very low in the back large roman head – black legs & no white at all about him. Has been in harness & his harness marked with a small lump under the saddle – high bred and 7 or 8 years old.

Memo – a Horse of this description was seen feeding with two Donkeys at Lolworth about 5 or 6 o'clock next morning – there were some Potmen encamped near Maddingly Road End next day.

#### ***Public houses visited***

Insp Corbyn reports he visited most of the Public Houses in Cambridge & found them all in very good order.

***Ditto***

P.S.2 Stearn reports he visited all the Public Houses up Castle End & found them all in good order

***Disturbance prevented***

P.C.10 Ellis reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Coldhams Lane at 5pm.

***P.C. to report***

P.C. Deborix reported by P.S. Rooke off his beat one hour from 4 ¼ to 5 ¼ am

***Gig Cushions found***

P.C.15 Rider reports he found a pair of gig cushions in Bridge Street at 3 ½ am  
Over-written "claimed by W.Wright

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***Carpets left out***

P.C.Rider reports at 2 ½ am he saw some carpets hanging out belonging to Mr Barber Prospect Row and call'd them up

***Fight prevented***

P.S.2 reports that he put a stop to a fight on East Road. In a different hand, on the next line – clearly an almost contemporaneous addition is written – "at what time", to which there is a response in the original hand "about 6 ½ o'clock pm.

***Alarm of thieves***

P.C.7 reports at 2am Mr Prime Trumpington St was alarm'd by an attempt to break into his house – they search'd about but saw no person there.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***Man taken to the Hospl***

P.C. J. Richardson reports that a little before 9 o'clock pm. he was order'd to take a man named Watson to the Hospital who had fallen down in a fit & that he was obliged to call a man to assist him.

***Robbery***

James Lee Baker bottom of York Street (King Street) came to the Station to say he was robbed of a Silver Hunting Watch engine turned makers name "Wright" – with brass chain & two gold seals for which he gave Six Guineas last night between 7 & 10 ½ o'clock – it was placed on the mantle piece in a room next the Shop – he left his boy in charge of the Shop – who it appears left for a time to play with other Boys – during which time it is supposed someone came in & stole it.

***Disturbance prevented***

P.C.6 Bidwell reports he put a stop to a disturbance at Newnham 11 o'clock pm.

***Shutters left open***

P.C.Hackney reports he found Mr Warwichers Shutters Barnwell open at 2 o'clock am he called them up & they were thankful.

***P.C. to report***

P.C.7 John Barton to be reported for appearing at the Hall improperly dressed yesterday not having on his uniform hat & boots also for being absent from 3 o'clock parade on 19<sup>th</sup> Inst.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***Fight prevented***

P.C.14 reports that he dispers'd a mob and prevented a fight on the Market Hill at 7pm.

***Disturbance prevented***

P.C.8 Hackney reports that he put a stop to a disturbance at the Black Horse Barnwell at 11 ½ pm.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1837**

***Horse stolen***

Stolen or strayed off Midsummer Common Cambridge some time between Monday and Wednesday last – a dapple brown gelding of the nag kind 14-2- high – 5 years old with switch tail has been fired on the off hock behind – long mane rather lop eared – the property of Mr Jas Hunnybun of the Sun Hotel Cambridge.

***Door broken open by force***

Revd. Mr. Sharp M.A. of New Square requested P.C. Earl to look to a Cottage of his in the Falcon Yard a man named Wilson had broken the door & attempted to gain possession but when the P.C. got there saw nothing of him 5pm.

***Fight stopped***

P.S. Rooke reports he put a stop to a regular fight on Black a-moor-head Piece ¼ 8 o'clock pm.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1837**

***Disturbance with drum and fife***

The Supernt. reports he put a stop to a Drum and Fife, who were creating a great disturbance in St. Andrew Street, by a man named Burbage and some others of the Tory Party at ½ past 12 am. They all dispersed quietly.

***P.C.20 assaulted***

P.C.20 Atkinson is so much injured by the violent treatment which he recvd by Owen Parsley that he was unable to keep on duty.

***Beer House to report***

P.C.Rider reports that A House in pound lane barnwell Licen'd to Sell Beer not to be drunk on the premises Landlords name Mr Doo the same did permit several Persons to set (Sic) and drink out side of his door until 10 ½ pm.

***Disturbance in St Andrew Street defused***

P.C. Garner reports that he went to A Disturbance at the Castle Inn St Andrews Street and it was quickly Dispersed at 11 o'clock pm.

***Pig found***

P.C.Benton reports he found a black pig with a white mark across the shoulder on the East Rd and brought it to the Station at 3 o'clock am.

Over-written "What has become of the pig" followed in a different hand by "Owned by Mr Marfleet Staffordshire Place".

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1837**

***Suspicious Character***

The Supt. saw a suspicious looking character following the Mayor in Green Street about ½ past 9 o'clock pm when thinking he was watched he turned back - he turns out to be Joseph Saunders from Huntingdon and was confin'd at the Station a few days before last Midsr. Fair & is no doubt a thief. He says he work'd as a Tailor with Mr. Mutton of Huntingdon for a week the last time he was with him that is about a fortnight since & left Huntingdon to day. He was charg'd as a suspicious character and lock'd.

up.

***Disturbance in Barnwell –( “Beer House to report” added in a different hand)***

P.C. Benton reports that he put a stop to a disturbance in George St. Branwell 11 o'clock pm. also - that the two Tory Candidates were drinking with a number of followers outside of the House kept by Mr. Doo, Pound Lane when Mr. Warwicker came up and caused an uproar but soon dispersed.

***Fight prevented***

P.C. Bidwell reports he put a stop to a fight on the Common at ¼ to 2 o'clock.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***Public Houses visited***

The Superint visited many of the Public Houses and Beer Houses and found nothing to report.

***Report that an empty house had been attempted***

Mr Cotton of Radegund Buildings came to say that last night the House lately occupied by Mr Tabram was attempted to be broken into and that there is a copper and several other fixtures & wishes the P.C. on that beat might be requested to pay particular attention to it.

***P.C. to report***

P.C. Clements to be reported for being off his beat (Barnwell) for 1 ½ hour by Mr A. Palmer. (Stearn

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***Complaint against a dog cart keeper.***

Mr Newby called at the Station about ½ past 9 pm to complain of a Man with 2 or 3 dogs in a cart who had grossly assaulted him in his vehicle. P.C. Ryder was sent with him to ascertain his name in Order that a warrant may be taken out against him - Chas McKeon – Brown's Yard Barnwell.

Over-written “What day did this occurrence take place and where?” and to this is added “ Mr Newby will take out the warrant it happened on Monday evening 24 Inst on the Newmarket Road.”

***Report of thieves***

P.S.Rooke reports that Mr Robson in Trinity Lane call'd the police that there was some person attempting to get into his House. P.C. Earl went to the top of the roof could not find anyone. 11 ½ pm.

***Orders for the Police***

The whole of the Police to go off duty at 3 o'clock and parade at the Station at 9 to morrow morning, for the purpose of keeping order on Parkers Piece. Mr. Corbyn will take charge at the Station till after the Election, he will be particular and keep the Station House gate locked.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

***PCs 15 and 16 disabled from doing their duty***

P.C. 16 Henry Benton and P.C. 15 Joseph Rider were violently assaulted while in the execution of their duty on Parkers Piece and were taken Home disabled from their duty.

***Persons charged with assaulting the Police***

Orabin and Press were taken into custody charged with assaulting the Police as also several others for the same offence.

[Horobin's assault had left one of the officers' life apparently in danger. Horobin was arrested that evening in a public house by Supt Titterton, openly armed with pistols. After a number of adjournments Horobin was fined 20s for obstructing the police in the execution of their duty. Cambridge Chronicle 26 August 1837 p2]

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

### ***Mabberley taken into custody***

The Revd. Mabberley was taken into custody about ½ past 4 o'clock pm. on Parkers Piece for creating a disturbance there & assaulting P.C. Robinson - he was charged and bail taken for his appearance before the Magistrates on Friday morning next - he refused to acknowledge bail himself & would not go away - he was lock'd up in the cell for about two minutes & then taken to the Town Gaol but they would not admit him & he was taken away by the mob.

### ***Riot at the Station House – the Windows broken & the Riot Act read.***

There was a riot at the station during the time Mr. Mabberly was there - the two Lamps were broken as well as some of the windows. Several of the ringleaders were taken into custody & were all discharged by the Mayor one of them being fined 5/- The riot act was read by the Town Clerk and Mr. Humfrey after which the mob dispersed & the Town got tolerably quiet about 1 o'clock.

[Cambridge Chronicle 5 August 1837 p4 gives a detailed account of events, including the arrest of Maberly and Earnshaw, reading of the Riot Act, damage to the station house, assaults on police and rescuing of prisoners by the mob]

### ***Mr Humfrey windows broken***

Information was received at the Station that Mr. Headley's (sic) windows had been broken. Insp. Corbyn went to the House and found all quiet, but it appears some person or persons on passing the House had broken several panes of glass between 10 and 11 o'clock pm.

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

#### ***The Mayor satisfied with the conduct of the Police***

The Superintendent waited upon the Mayor at 10 o'clock at the Town Hall who desired him to inform the Police, that he was highly satisfied with their conduct during the Elections and that he should with much pleasure recommend them to the Committee for some remuneration for their good conduct.

#### ***The Police to remain at the Station***

He also gave orders that the Police should not leave the Police Station except upon any particular occasion.

#### ***Members for the Boro Chaired***

Mr. Spring Rice and Pryme were both chaired around the Town, a stone was thrown at them in Castle End, and on the East Road some persons threw a potato - there was no particular disturbance. The Police were in attendance - and did not remain in the Station as first ordered by the Mayor.

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1837**

#### ***Complaint about the gas***

The Gas went out at the Station at 12 o'clock & the lamps in the Town were very dim after that time.

#### ***Information & evidence***

P.C. Clements reports that Mr. Edis saw Fuller attempt to rescue Press from the P.C. but which P.C. Clements does not know.

#### ***ditto***

Mr. H.S. Foster states that ----- Morris his Father's Gardener saw a man strike Benton or Rider - he will come forward to give his evidence when the case comes on again.

#### ***Shutters found open***

P.C.11 John Clement reports that he found Mr Brown's Shutters open at 11 ½ pm in George Street, he called them up and they were thankful.

***Disturbance prevented***

P.C. Hackney and Ellis report they put a stop to disturbance in Binders Row at 12 ½ o'clock.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1837*****Information of Evidence***

John Green at Mr. Hunnybuns, Coach Maker and Robt. Taylor, Jesus Terrace were both present when Rider was knock'd. down by Edward Snarey and they both came here to say that they wish'd to be call'd. to give evidence against him when he may be brought before the Magistrates.

***Gates left open***

P.C.20 reports that Jesus College gates and the Hoops back gates have been open all night.

***Disturbance prevented***

P.C.18 reports that he put a stop to a disturbance in the True blue yard. Also in Slaughterhouse Lane at 5pm.

***Witness in the case of Maberly***

Joseph Doughty of Cambridge reported to Mr. Titterton, that he heard Maberly say upon the Hustings on Parkers Piece "that he remained in the Station House on purpose to excite and stir up the minds of the People to Acts of violence against the abominable Police" (in a different hand is added "I heard him say the same at the station - J. Corbyn"). Mr. Scott in George the 4th Street was also witness to the violent language made use of by Mr. Maberly against the Police after the riot act was read.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1837**

Insp Corbyn reports he visited most of the Public Houses in Barnwell & found them in good order.

***Complaint***

Mr Badcock Publican Wellington Row complained to Insp Corbyn of the gross abusive conduct of P.C. 17 Robinson to him and his Wife when they were standing by their own door on Friday last. Mr Badcock says he will appear before the Watch Committee on the subject on Tuesday next.

***Robbery***

Thos Badcock Stead of Trumpington Baker, aged 18 - states that between 10 and 11 o'clock am Saturday 29th inst. near Barton three men pulled him out of his bread cart flung him down & held his eyes that he should not see & took a sovereign out of his pocket, two of them look'd rather respectable having on dark coats - the other look'd shabby having on a cloth cap, short jacket & no shoes - at Arrington they enquired the way to Wimbesh, at Melbourn they enquired for lodgings at Mr. Scruby's. At Ben. Harris of Shepreth they asked for lodgings & also enquired at Jacksons of Hawkestone Mills for lodgings.

***Disturbance stopped***

P.C. 10 Ellis reports he suppressed a disturbance in New Street at 10pm also that he suppressed a disturbance on East Road at ½ past 10

***Shutters open***

P.C.8 Hackney reports he found Mr Garner baker shutter in Sun St unfastend at 11pm he called them up & they were very thankful.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1837*****Information of a fight prevented***

A note was sent to inform the Mayor that a prize fight was to take place at Grantchester this afternoon for £3 a side - the Mayor sent P.S. Stearn and the Superintendent sent Insp. Green. Alderman Newby was there and he requested Stearn and myself to put a stop to it which we did. The parties with between 3

and 4 hundred persons went to another field where we also follow'd them. We did not allow them to strike another blow. They afterwards returned to Thos Hides house we staid with them till each man took his £3 again and the party quietly dispers'd at 5 pm. I paid 2/6 for beer &c had by myself Stearn, Simkin and Bidwell. The fighting men were Irishmen.  
[C Newby was a member of the Watch Committee]

***Disturbances prevented***

P.S.Stearn reports that he and Bidwell put a stop to several disturbances in New St at 10 ½ pm.

***Shutters unfastened***

P.C.Garner reports that at 12pm he found Mrs Harris' window shutters unfastnd the bolt was nearly out – a woman told Garner that three suspicious looking men made off from the window as he was coming up.

***P.C.s to report***

The Supt reports he found P.C. Deborix and P.C. Anable gossiping together at 1 am Deborix was off his beat. Anable fined 6d and Deborix 1/- by order of the Committee