

Police Intelligence.

MANSFIELD PETTY SESSIONS
THURSDAY, Feb. 14th.—Before J. Paget, Esq.
and T. H. Oakes, Esq.

USING OBSCENE LANGUAGE ON THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.—James Shacklock, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, was charged with using obscene language on the Midland Railway, at Pye Bridge, on the 17th ult.—Thomas Beeby, station master, at Pye Bridge, said on the above evening, about a quarter to seven o'clock, the defendant arrived by a train. After all the other passengers had left the train his attention was called to the defendant who was drunk in a carriage. He went to him and asked for his ticket, and the defendant showed him one from Mansfield to Sutton. The defendant then used most abusive and obscene language to him and they were obliged to lift him from the carriage. When he got the defendant to the gate he again asked him for his fare, and the defendant struck him and also threw stones at him.—A witness having given corroborative evidence, the defendant said he was fresh, but did not remember throwing any stones.—The Bench fined the defendant 21s. including costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT AND ASSAULT.—James Shacklock was charged with refusing to quit the

USING OBSCENE LANGUAGE.—James Shacklock was fined 10s. 6d., for using obscene language in High Pavement, Sutton-in-Ashfield, on the 6th inst.

HIGHWAY OFFENCES.—Wm. Wilson, carrier, Sutton,

James Shacklock acquitted of robbery with violence

CROWN COURT.

THIS DAY.—(Before Mr. Justice LINDLEY.)

ALLEGED FELONY AT SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.

JAMES SHACKLOCK (on bail) was indicted for feloniously robbing John Wm. England and stealing 10s. in money from his person, and also at the same time violently assaulting him at Sutton-in-Ashfield on the 11th February 1879. Mr. Lindsall prosecuted, and Mr. Morley defended the prisoner.—When the name was called the prisoner did not surrender. It was explained that he had gone to the station to meet his solicitor, but after waiting about 20 minutes his Lordship directed that the recognisances of prisoner and his sureties be estreated.—Prisoner shortly after surrendered and was placed on his trial.—Prosecutor, a young man, stated that he was a framework-knitter, of Sutton-in-Ashfield. On the 11th of April he was out for a drive with his uncle, Benjamin England. They stopped at the Dewdrop Inn, where they had a pint of ale. Prosecutor went up the yard, and a man named Marsh asked him to lend him a shilling. He told him he had not change, and Shacklock then said he knew a — sight better. Prosecutor went back to his uncle, who was standing by the pony and trap. His uncle and witness got into the cart, and four men then jumped on the back of the cart, making the pony start off. It ran them into a ditch, and then stopped. One of the men, while they were going, pulled his uncle back, took the whip out of his hand and struck him with the stock. Witness then jumped out and went to his uncle's assistance, and he found that he was on the ground, Marsh having his foot on his mouth, and Shacklock lying on top of him. Witness pulled Marsh off, and the latter then knocked him down, got his head between his legs, and thus held him tight. He called out, "Come on Jim, I've got him." "Jim" was the prisoner Shacklock, and the latter came to him, and he felt some person's hand in his pocket, taking out a half sovereign. The men then went off, and witness, after putting his uncle in the cart, felt in his pocket and found it ripped nearly out, and the money was gone.—Cross-examined:

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The pony started off before he had time to seize the reins, and it ran about 300 yards. Did not ask Marsh, Shacklock, and a man named Beastall to have a ride as far as the Blue Bear, nor did they take them some way on the road and then drop them.—Benjamin England corroborated the evidence of his nephew, and stated that he did not know two of the men.—Mr. Morley, for the defence said that he should contradict the evidence of the prosecution, and show that the uncle and nephew gave Marsh, Shacklock, and Herbert Beastall a drive, the latter getting out near his house and the others driving off.—The waiter at the Dewdrop stated that the two Englands were in drink on the day named. He saw them holding a conversation with Marsh, Shacklock, and Beastall, and then England the elder let down the back of the cart, and the three men, by Benjamin England's invitation, went into the trap. They drove off together.—Herbert Beastall stated that on the evening of the 11th February he was at the Dewdrop Inn. About seven o'clock he was about to go home. The Englands and Marsh and Shacklock were there, and were all drunk. England asked them if they would have a drive to Sutton town. He refused at first, on the ground that there was no room, but afterwards when the younger England had let down the back he agreed to go with them. Benjamin England drove, and when they had gone a short distance witness got out seeing there was danger of being turned over. The others went on. Cross-examined: Heard that there had been a bother or a fight, or something of the sort that same night, and next day it was stated that young England had been robbed. Did not offer England's father some money to make this up.—William Bolston, farm labourer, corroborated the evidence of the last witness.—Abraham Briggs, hoiser, of Sutton, stated that prisoner had worked for him, and had always been well behaved. Had known him 14 years.—John Pickard, hoiser, also gave prisoner, who worked for him for five or six years, a good character.—Mr. Morley having summed up his case, and Mr. Lindsell replied, his lordship addressed the jury, who retired to consider their verdict. On their return they acquitted the prisoner.

charge the prisoner.

DRUNKENNESS.—George Greatorex, Mansfield Woodhouse, was fined 10s. 6d. for being drunk on the highway at Mansfield Woodhouse, on the 22nd ult.—Jas. Shacklock for drunkenness at Sutton-in-Ashfield, was fined 10s. 6d.; and for a similar offence at the same place Elias Bowring and James Shacklock were fined 10s. 6d. each.—Frank Hurst for drunkenness on the 31st ult. in Queen-street, Mansfield, at half-past nine o'clock in the morning, was fined 21s., or one month's imprisonment.—Alexander Smith, drunk and assaulting P.c. Willows on the 31st ult., was discharged on condition that he left the town.—Geo. Cooke was fined 10s. 6d. for drunkenness on the 7th of January last.

ACCIDENT ON THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY AT SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.

On the 11.35 p.m. train due out of the Town Midland Railway Station being brought to a standstill at the starting signal, Guard Tillison heard moans proceeding from the cutting of the Great Northern Railway, which runs underneath the Midland line. Giving information to the officials at the station, Messrs Wilson and Allen immediately proceeded to the place, and they there discovered James Shacklock, 50, widower, of 5, Union-street, Sutton, lying injured. He had a great wound on his head. Police and doctors were summoned, and on the man being conveyed to his home on a stretcher it was found that he was suffering from injuries to his back and internally. It is supposed that Shacklock got on to the Hardwick-street recreation ground, and by some means or other missed his way and fell down the embankment, a distance of about 18ft., on to the line. The man lies in a precarious condition.

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