

# Cambridge Borough Police, Station House Journal, April 1837

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

## ***Disorderly Persons***

P.C. Benton reports that he put a stop to a disturbance at the "Guy Earl of Warwick" in Warwick Street about 4 o'clock

## ***Complaint PC to Report***

Richd. Deatry came to the Station soon after 10 o'clock to complain that P.C. Benton (on day duty) was drunk and insulted him on the Market Hill about 9 o'clock pm - & said he would appear before the Watch Committee against him and "do all he could for him". I considered Benton who came to report himself as coming off duty a little the worse for liquor. J.C.

## ***P.C. to Report***

P.C. Tyler being warned for 8 o'clock duty did not come to report himself as going on duty at that hour but came to the Station after 9 o'clock

## ***Disturbance Stopped on Market Hill***

P.C. 18 and 25 report that they put a stop to several disturbance on the Market Hill between 9 and 12 o'clock.

## ***Goods Removed***

P.C. Deborix reports he saw a man named Percox remove his Household Goods at 12 o'clock P.M. from a house in Gothic Street PC Bidwell saw it taken into a house on the East Road near Binders' Row John Lee was assisting them.

## ***Disturbance in Binders' Row***

P.C. Simkin reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Binders Row at ½ past 12 o'clock AM.

## ***Accident thigh broken***

About 1 o'clock PM P.C. Bidwell came to the Station for the Stretcher to convey Mr. Creek (Porter of Emmanuel) home who had his thigh broken by the kick of a horse in the Market.

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

## ***Disorderly House***

P.C. Benton reports that he suppress'd a fight at the Cross Keys Magdalen St. at 5 minutes before 9 pm. there were about 20 persons there chiefly watermen.

## ***Public Houses Visited***

Insp Green reports that he visited part of the public houses in the town and those at Castle end and two others on the Madingley road and found them all in good order.

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

## ***Imposter***

The Rev'd. Mr. Sherwood of Parkers Piece came to the Station to say that a Man calling himself John Brown of Gold St. went to his House and said his wife was dead and he had no money to bury her he was told to call again but did not and from several circumstances believes him to be an imposter. another Gentleman came from Christs College with a similar story.

***P.C. to Report***

P.S. Rooke reports P.C. Bidwell off his beat and found him laying down in Mr Fosters stables in Mill Lane  
P.C. Benton in the stable the same time 3 am.

***Wheeling Barrow on Pavement***

P.C. 9 Richardson reports that he saw Charles Golding of Sidney Street wheeling a barrow on the pavement in Regent Street at ¼ after 10 pm.

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

***Beer Shops to Report***

Inspr Green Reports that the Beer Shop called the brickiln kept by Thos Willett in Chesterton lane was open at 11 ½ and a large party were there P.S. Rooke reports they were dancing at 2 ½ am.

***Fight Prevented***

P.C. 8 Hackney reports that he stopped a fight at 11pm in Staffordshire Place Barnwell.

***Public House to Report***

P.C.22 Pond reports there were 5 persons drinking at the Friendly hand Eden walk at 12 pm Thos Robinson

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

***P.C. to Report***

Insp. Corbyn reports P.C. Tyler for gossiping and smoking a Cegar (sic) whilst on duty in the Market Hill on Tuesday Evening 4th Inst. about 8 o'clock.

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

***Horse and Cart Found & brought to the Station.***

P.C. 11 Richardson brought a horse and cart to the Station which he found in Jesus lane no person being with it, it belongs to Thos Swann, Baker at Landbeach – at 10 ½ pm

***Cart Searched***

P.C. 11 Clements & Hackney stop'd a cart passing thro Barnwell, it proved to belong to Kidman and was laden with Rags and bones coming from St Neots.

***P.C. to Report***

Inspr Green reports that at ¼ before 1 am after walking thro P.C.16 Bentons beat without finding him he found him in the farthest stable of Mr Fosters with his light turn'd off he profess'd to be looking if any person was there and was afterwards very abusive in language because I said he ought not to have gone there. P.S. Rook also reports that he was very abusive to him.

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

P.C.6 Bidwell was found by Inspr Green in Mr Beales Stable with his light turned off 10 mints before 1 am.

***Memo for Inspectors***

The Supt wishes the Inspr to be very particular in recording the names of persons whom may be brought to the Station and dis[charge]d by them not one word about Brown who was apprehended by Sergt Watts at Napel, and dis'd and no report made by the Sergt or Inspector.

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1837

### ***P.S. Stearn went to Royston upon Special Business.***

P.S.2 Stearn reports that he was sent by Mr Hallack to Melbourn on business concerning the sessions at 12 o'clock and returned at 7 P.M.

[Mr Hallack was a member of the Watch Committee]

### ***Disorderly Collegians***

P.C. 9 Richardson reports at ½ past 12 o'clock he took two Gownsmen into Custody for knocking at peoples doors in Regent Street one of them struck him and they ran away one leaving his Gown behind him - but being retaken by the assistance of P.C. Barton the Proctor came up and took their names - the one that struck P.C. 9 is named Cape of Peterhouse the other name they forget but the Proctors name is Burkett of Emmanuel - - P.C. Rider reports there were three in the party. J.C.

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1837

### ***Persons to be summoned for showing their horses in the Market Place Contrary to the Act***

P.C. 16 Henry Benton reports that Mr. Wallis of Haddenham and Mr. Parr of Meldrith were showing their Horses and galloping them up and down Downing Street on the morning of Saturday the 8th contrary to the Acts for paving and lighting the Town of Cambridge, wherein they forfeit the sum of 40/-.

### ***P.C. to Report***

P.S. Stearn reports that P.C. 20 Atkinson was drunk on the Station house beat at 9pm. Inspector Green also states that he observ'd that Atkinson was drunk at 7pm appeared to get worse towards 9pm.

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1837

### ***Disorderly Collegians***

The Superintendent reports that five collegians were creating a great disturbance in Bennett St and Kings Parade and when spoken to they were very abusive and still continued to disturb the peace of the Town. He succeeded in getting their names Kemp Lencon at Caius and Hunter of Trinity, - P.C. Lee Hull followed the other three to Clare Hall and having seen the Porter promised him he should give him their names if he called in the morning, the occurrence took place at 12 o'clock. John Francis, Rackham & Halstead were the other three.

### ***P.C. 12 Sick***

P.C. 12 Earl reported himself sick a little before 9 P.M.

### ***Thief Taken on Suspicion***

P.C. 6 Bidwell apprehended a man named Thos Brown of Trumpington about 10 P.M. who had half a sack of flour which the P.C. suspected was stolen and upon inquiry proved to be the case. Beneath is added in darker ink – "Convicted at Midsummer Sessions and transported for 7 years".

[Cambridge Chronicle 8 April 1837 p3 includes details of Brown's committal in this case]

### ***Public Houses Visited***

I visited most of the public houses in Barnwell from 11 to ½ past 12 o'clock and found them in good order  
JC

### ***[Beer shop to report]***

Inspr Green reports that there were 8 persons at the Beer Shop called The Boot in King Street Trinity Parish kept by Jas Poole at 20 minutes past 12 – each of them had ale before them – several were Smoaking (sic). The other houses in the Town in good order.

**Gratuity**

P.C. 19 English Tylor reports a University Gent gave him 1/- to drink his Health. May he be allowed to retain it.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1837****Informations**

As several informations will be heard to morrow those connected with them will be at the Town Hall to morrow at 11 oc

**Neglect of duty**

P.S. Watts has not yet made out any report of the apprehension of Brown the imposter. This entry is over-written "Wanted for the morrow. The report enter'd in the book of charges not taken. J.C."

**Imposter**

In consequence of information receiv'd respecting a man nam'd Brown having succeeded in obtaining money by false representations from I.Swan and Captain Coe and others, the Super'd applied to the Mayor stating that several persons wish'd to have him apprehended and having heard that a man of that name and dress'd as the man Brown was, was at Napwell, P.S.Watts was sent to apprehend him – he apprehended a man Brown whose dress corresponded with the person describ'd he was taken to Mrs Crawford and Captain Coe who could not identify him – therefore he was liberated.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1837****Assault**

P.C.6 Bidwell reports that he was called by Mrs Taylor at 10 P.M. in New Street who gave her husband in charge for striking her but P.C. Bidwell did not see the assault he recommended her to obtain a warrant.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1837****False claim of a man breaking his leg**

The Supt reports that a man named John Samfield was charged with being Drunk and obstructing the police in the execution of their duty. After being locked up he became very violent in knocking at the Station House door, when Mr Green and Stearn were about and take off his shoes. He began to grone and said he had broken his legg consequently Dr Catty was sent for who came immediately and on his examining his leg, found nothing the matter with it. Mr Catty ordered his conduct to be made known to the Magistrates which has been done J.T.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1837**

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**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1837**

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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1837****Showing Stallions**

.... Continued from the missing page ... of Parliament and a man name Wright in Occupation Road was trotting a horse up and down Downing Street 1 ½ P.M. J.C.

**Ditto**

Also P.C.20 James Atkinson reports he saw a man name [space left on page for a name to be added]

showing a Stallion Horse between Downing Street and the University Arms – [the entry continues in a different hand] the Horse belongs to Mr W.Hubbard, Potton, Beds.

***Disorderly Gents***

P.C.7 Barton and P.C.11 Clements report that they put a stop to a great disturbance between several University Men and Townsmen on the Market Hill at 10 P.M.

***P.C. Sick***

P.C. Ballard came to the Station to report himself sick and unable to come on duty a little before 9 o'clock P.M.. P.C.5 Game went off duty sick at 2 o'clock AM

***False Alarm of an Attempt at Burglary***

P.S.Stearn reports he went by order of the Supt to Mr Creek's at the top of Regent Street in company with Mr Levitt to inquire into an attempt at robbery that was advertised in the Independent Paper. We examin'd the back door where the servant girl said the cap of the lock had been forced off and the bolt unfastened from the outside, Mr Levitt & myself were satisfied that the attempt never could have been made on the outside as there were no marks on the door and I think had such been the case one of the Policemen must have heard it, as there are three men come within 60 yards of the said door.

***Showing Horses***

P.S. 24 Rocket reports that Fred Peaks of St Ives was showing several horses in Downing Street at 2P.M.

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

***Sow Dead***

Mr Collier of Silver Street sent a man to the Station to say that a sow of his had been killd last night in a field of Mr Beales' at Newnham and the hind quarter taken away also wishes some P.C. might be sent to see it.

***P.C. to Report***

Mr Smith Staymaker (or Haymaker), Market Hill found fault with the conduct of P.C. 21 Simkin at 6 ¼ pm on Saturday promiss'd to report him to the Committee. P.S. Rooke thinks that Simkin acted properly.

***Public Houses Visited***

P.S.Rooke reports that the public houses in Castle end and at the river side were in good order.

***Ditto***

Inspr Green reports that the public houses at Barnwell were in good order between 11 and 1 AM

***P.C. 7 Sick***

P.C.7 Barton sent word to the Station at 8 ½ pm that he was unfit for duty. P.S. Stearn went and found him in bed.

***Public House to report***

P.C.19 Tyler reports that 3 or 4 persons came out of the 3 Swans at 1 am landlord Pamplin Castle end.

***Accident***

P.C. 14 Richardson reports that a man was run over by the Mail in St. Johns Street at 12 ½ he was not much hurt as he afterwards walk'd to the King's head, Sidney St.

***Public houses to report***

Insp Corbyn reports that the public houses in Cambridge were in good order between the hours of 11 and 1am.

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

***Cart examined***

P.C.6 Bidwell reports he stopped & examined a cart in Magdalene St belonging to Wm Halsey of Brandon Place at 11 P.M. and found all right.

***Copper Troughing (sic) found upon a Suspicious Person***

P.C.21 Simkin reports he stopped a woman name Mary Perry on the Trumpington Road with a large bundle and asked her what she had got, she answered Horse Hair, but on examining the Bundle found it contained a quantity of copper troughing, which is supposed to have been stolen, from some person unknown.

[Over-written is "repmded" which might be assumed to be a contraction of "reprimanded", but may be a hastily written mistake for "remanded". The Cambridge Chronicle 22 April p3 reports on this, stating that the woman was committed by the Mayor for further examination]

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

***Disorderly Beer House***

The Superent. reports that about 20 Prostitutes were dancing at the Beer Shop in Binders Row Barnwell at ½ past 11 o'clock last evening.

Across the entry is written "Reported"

***Ditto***

Also at the sign of Every-House-in-the-Town some persons were playing at cards in a back Parlour and a booth was fixed in the back premises & several persons dancing therein at ½ past 11 o'clock last evening.

Across the entry is written "Reported"

***[Thefts from Toft]***

Mr Barclay, Clergyman of Toft came to the Station to say that a quantity of lead was stolen from the Church last night and to offer a reward of 5£s (sic) for the apprehension and conviction of the parties concerned. A horse and cart has also been stolen from the same place at the same time the property of George Creeke – the mare a bright bay blind and a littly grogy the cart light square blue body raves not painted runs wide George Creeke occupies a windmill in the same place the mill was broken open last Thursday night and 12 lb flour stolen therefrom. The cart was back'd to a dunghill which was open'd with a fork which has also been carried away and it appeared that some property which had been secreted there which was also taken away.

There is extensive over-writing across half of this entry providing an up-date as follows:

James Neaves Trumpington found the Horse and Cart on the Road between Shelford and Trumpington the next day Wednesday at 7 AM He saw the Horse and Cart on the same place and went over to Toft and informed Miss Creek where the Horse and Cart were and she went after the cart but when she got there it was gone and a man told her a person name Jackson of Harston Mills had taken it away, it is since been taken Home to Toft. [Reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 22 April p2]

***Garden Fencing Broken***

Thomas Smith, Mill Road came to the Station to say that on the night of Thursday last his garden fences were broken by those University Gents who committed various depredations in that neighborhood and that a carpenter to repair them will charge 8/- which he hopes will be paid.

***Fight Prevented***

P.C.8 Hackney reports that he put a stop to a fight at 8P.M. in Sun Street Barnwell

***Dog Carts***

P.S.Smith reports that he examined three dog carts in Bridge Street at 10 P.M. and found all correct.

***Ditto***

P.C.9 also examin'd a cart & a wagon belonging to Thos Walton East Road at 3 AM found all correct.

### ***Disorderly Beer House***

P.C.19 Tyler reports that the beer Shop kept by Mr Ward in James Street was open till 1 ¼ am 3 persons were drinking.

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

#### ***Sheep Stealing***

Mr Whitt of Winfold Waterbeach came to the Station this morning & stated that some thieves had been upon his ground and Slaughtered two fine sheep- and taken away the carcasses and left the Skinks in the field and requested that a Police Constable might be allowed to go to Waterbeach and make enquiry into the Matter & he would give a reward of twenty guineas on the conviction of the Parties. The Supt named the circumstances to the Magistrates and a P.S. was allowed to go over and make enquiry agreeable to the request of Mr Whitt.

Written across the entry: "P.S.Stearn went and made enquiry respecting this robbery on application to the Magistrates but did not succeed in making anything out."

#### ***Poor Man Sent to Spinning House***

About 1 o'clock pm P.C. 10 Carson bought an old man to the Station whom he found sitting on Miss Sutton's door-step very ill. Mr. Catty was sent for but he was not at home. He then went with the P.C. to the Board of Guardians who were then sitting but they would order no relief. He was then sent to the Spinning House with a Note from me and Mr Wright kindly took him in - the old man appeared like a pauper and said he has been in the Poor House at Davenport. J.C.

#### ***Assault***

A little before 9 o'clock P.M. Mr Benson of No. 6 Elm Street came to the Station to say some Man dressed like a groom with top boots on, indecently assaulted his wife in Christs Lane he was coming from the direction of Mr Humphrey's Mews and She can identify him if she should see him again. J.C.

#### ***Nuisance to Report***

I beg to report that the circumstances may be noted in the proper quarter that I always find Mill Lane in a very dirty state on Sundays when visiting the Public Houses and am sure the Scavenger does not do his duty. J.C.

#### ***Beer House to Report***

P.C.7 Barton reports the "Hop Bine" Beer Shop Fair Street open at 12 ½ o'clock Wm Henry Apthorpe Landlord – also the "Sir Robert Peel" Beer Shop Hobson Street open ¼ 3 A.M. Freeman Landld. This entry is over-written "The P.C. did not go in to see if they were drinking - not a good case to report."

#### ***Sick Men to Report Themselves to the Sgt at the Station.***

The Police Constables who report themselves sick do not observe the Order requiring them to come to the Station House previous to going to the surgeons particularly P.C. Barton and Clements on Wednesday Mornng 19<sup>th</sup> Inst.

#### ***Sheep Found***

At about 5 o'clock A.M. P.C. Ballard brought to the Station 4 Michaelmas Norfolk lambs a fat sheared wether - which he found in Sidney Street.

#### ***[P.C. to report]***

P.C. 7 Barton absent at 3 o'clock parade.

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

#### ***Robbery at Histon***

Miss E.Peck of Histon came to the Station to say that her mother's house at Histon was broken into last

night and 4 shirts 2 of which were marked W.B. and the other 2 J.S. 3 silk and 2 cotton handkerchiefs 1 neck do. & 1 white cravat stolen therefrom the cravat is marked W.J. another house in Histon was also rob'd last night.

***Public Houses to Report***

P.C.6 Bidwell reports that the Bell Public House kept by Pell Hall in Northampton Street was open at 2 A.M.

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

***Sheep Found***

P.C. Garner reports a sheep was found in Jesus Lane and he locked it up in the Premises of Mrs. Knowles Butcher, Bridge Street.

***Collegian to Report***

P.C. 16 Benton reports that at 12½ P.M. Mr. Smith of Queens College was creating a disturbance in Trumpington Street by knocking at the doors and Shutters with a stick. P.C. 16 wished him to desist which he refused to do and struck him with the stick. P.C. Benton and P.C. Rocket then took the stick from him and took him to his College. The Porter gave his name Smith - the stick was bought to the Station.

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

***Robbery***

Stolen from Corpus College on Monday last from the Porters Lodg[?e] a Tunbridge dressing Case, containing two Rasers and a Shaving Brush also £1-12-7 in Money. The case was taken from a chest of drawers, which was not locked. The door of the Porters Lodge was left open, and a Man was sitting at the Door on duty, but he pretends to know nothing of the Robbery. The Box is about 12 inches long and of a light colour.

***Robbery***

Mr Emson Cherryhinton came to the Hall on Wednesday and informed the Supernt that some thief had on Tuesday night stolen from his premises a lead pump with the name of [?Finch?] upon it, he wished the Police to give a look out and would pay any expenses incurred.

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

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

P.C.7 Barton absent from 3 o'clock parade & also from duty at 9 o'clock P.M. (but came at 2 A.M. to 10) (says he came across a Prisoner in the Morning)

***Public Houses Visited***

I visited most of the Public Houses in Barnwell between 11 & 1 o'clock & found them all in good order J.C.

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

***Robbery***

P.C. 22 Pond reports that the weigh bridge house on the hills road was broken into and a blanket stolen there from.

***Key Stolen***

Mr Headdy at No 11 Radegund Buildings left a bunch of keys handing (sic) in the outer door on the night of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst they were taken away by some person.

### ***Search Warrant Executed***

Inspr. Corbyn reports that he attended Mr. Pryor of the Petty Cury who obtained a search warrant to search the Boxes of the servant girl Darnell who lives with a Family on the Hills Road & who was suspected to have some Goods stolen by Henry Driver - but nothing was found - I did not go into the house with Mr. Pryor but was ready with the warrant in case of need (this took place on Saturday morning 22nd inst.).

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

#### ***False Alarm***

P.C. Atkinson reports that the Servants at Mr Marsh's house in Hobson Street were alarmed at a noise in the House at 12 o'clock and requested him to go in which he did & search'd the House but found nothing amiss.

#### ***Gas Lamps to Report***

P.C.22 Pond reports that the Gas Lamps on Trumpington Road were all out at ½ past 11 P.M.

#### ***PC to Report***

PS Stearn reports PC19 Tyler off his beat one hour from ¼ before 3 o'clock also PC21 Simkin off his beat.

#### ***Beer House to Report***

The Beer Shop on Maids Causeway Kept by Mrs Brightwell was open all night there being a dance there the company were quiet and respectable. Watts P.S.

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

#### ***Suspicious Character taken Back to St Neots***

A man from St. Neots came to the Station to say that two men who represented themselves as Captains Cook and Walters had obtained two £s of the Landlord of the Bell at St. Neots partly in refreshments and cash in the name of the Revd. Allington of Little Barford but upon enquiring found they were imposters. He had followed them to Cambridge. Flindle the Parish Constable at Barnwell had seen the men at Barnwell. P.S. Smith went but could not find them, they have a boy with them who has been detected in endeavouring to pass two counterfeit half Crowns in this Town. (Written across this entry is "All three taken at Cambridge before 11 o'clock of the 27 Inst. Sent to St. Neots).

[A further entry in this journal on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1837 gives an account of the prisoners at St Neots and Huntingdon. A more detailed account of the offences can be found in the Cambridge Chronicle May 6<sup>th</sup> page 3]

#### ***Disorderly Gownsmen***

P.C. Simkin reports that at 9 ½ P.M. 12 University Gents came out of Benet St. and knock'd a young man down on the Kings Parade he follow'd them into Bridge Street and met P.C. 6 Bidwell when Mr. Clement Cream of Pembroke and Joseph Lawson Sisson of Jesus College struck Bidwell. The gent who knock'd the man down in the Parade went into Magdalen College. The porter said he did not know his name. Simkin will know him again.

#### ***P.C. to Report***

P.C.7 Barton ¼ of an hour late for duty.

#### ***[Dance]***

There was a dance at John Newberry's Fountain St Andrews they broke up peaceably at 3 A.M.

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

***Cruelty to a dog***

P.S. Stearn reports that seeing a crowd of persons about the shop of Mr. Edis in All Saints Passage he went up and found that the Shop Boy of Mr. Edis had wilfully stuck a pair of scissors into the back of a valuable Dog & wounded it severely. He was going to take the Boy into custody but Mr. Edis prevented him by pushing him back - P.S. Stearn brought the scissors away with him  
Written across the entry is "A summons is taken out against this party".

***Accident by Furious Driving***

P.C. 9 Richardson reports that Wm. Rooke of Over in a Cart & another-Man on horse back ran a race up Castle Street & ran the Shafts of the Cart through the window of Mr. Miller & broke the four squares of Glass and the window frame & the shafts also went into a corner cupboard & broke it - as also several Cups & Saucers. The P.C. did not see it done. Damage about £2 Written across the entry "Warrant obtained".

***Window broken by a Country Man***

P.C. Barton reports that two Gownsmen one named Chevalier of Caius College and the other [space left in the entry for the later addition of a name] pushed a Country Man against the window of Mr. Curson [Carson] in Petty Cury & broke a pane of Glass valued 3/- they denied having done so but Mrs. Taylor of Barnwell and another Woman with her said they would swear the Gownsmen did push the man.

***Shop Door Found Open***

P.C. Garner reports that he found the shop door of Mr Gifford Butcher New Town wide open – he called them up & they were very thankful -

***Door Broken Open***

A Man and his Wife Tenants of Mr Turtle Carrier who hire a dwelling in a yard adjoining Mr Turtles in Sidney Street where several other Tenants reside – found the Passage door fasten'd & they forced the door open. 12 ¼ o'clock.

***Knocking at Miss Bones Door***

P.C. 16 Benton reports that at different times during the night the Servant Girl at Mr. Smiths Hogg Hill came out and knock'd at Miss Bones Shutters and then ran into the House again.

***Gratuity to P.C.22 Pond***

P.C.22 Pond reports he found a Horse with bridle and saddle on coming down Trumpington Road it belonged to a Gentleman of Trinity who ordered him to take it to the Hoops which he did and received 5/- for his trouble.

***Windows Broken***

P.C.20 Atkinson reports that Mr Grimes of Manor Street had his window broken by some Gents – it was afterwards found out who they were by their calling on him & paying for the damage.

***Disorderly Collegians***

P.S. Watts reports at 3 o'clock A.M. he and others of the Police saw some Collegians drunk and riotous he followed them about till they dispersed but they did no damage. One was Rose of Trinity and another Reighly of Clare Hall.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1837*****[Officer absent]***

Absent from 3 o'clock parade P.C.19 English Tylor – explained

***Robbery from a Cart***

Stolen about 3 o'clock yesterday from a Cart while standing on the Huntingdon Road near the Turnpike – the property of Mr Warren Grocer Bridge Street 4 Hair Brooms and several of Hand brushes The Robbery was effected during the time the driver of the Cart was absent who left the Cart and went back

to Cambridge.

***Horse and Cart left at a Public House***

Mr Oliver Landlord of the Star and Garter gave information to P.C.19 E.Taylor that a Man who had the appearance of a Brick layer left a Horse and Cart at his house last Evening & ordered him to give it some hay &c and that he expected to remain there some days. There is no name on the Cart and the owner has not been near the House since.

***Information***

Mr Smith Pawnbroker came to the Station and reported that on Sunday last, two country looking men, came to his shop with a Bag full of some valuables, but he could not tell what and they wanted to borrow £20 on it, which was refused they came again on Wednesday but did not succeed.

***Disorderly Public Houses***

P.C.16 Barton reports the Blue Lion St Andrews Street open and a number of persons dancing therein at half past 12 o'clock.

***Explanation about a horse and cart***

P.S.Watts reports he made enquiry respecting the Horse and Cart left at Mr Olivers and found it belonged to Mr Parr, plumber whose man left it there.

***Enquiry respecting some brushes that were stolen***

Also made enquiry about Mr Warrens brushes & found the Carter had been and let Cook know of the suspicion there was of him. Cook has not been seen about home since – could not hear anything of the property.

***Attempt a suicide***

Chas Cridgell 18 was brought to the Station for attempting to cut his throat - & was not left alone – he was taken before the Magistrate & reprimanded.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1837**

***Pane of Glass broken***

Israel Haggis Landlord of the "Six Bells", Mill Road sent for a Policeman to apprehend a Man who had wilfully broken a pane of Glass but when he got there - there was no charge the man having satisfied him for the damage 11 P.M.

***Police at the Station on Maberley's Account***

The whole of the Police were in attendance at the Station House from 12 to 4 o'clock P.M. in case of any disorder in Parkers Piece arising from Mr. Maberley's publickly (sic) speaking about the Poor Law Bill. [Frederick Herbert Maberly (1782-1860) was a graduate of Trinity College, rector at Bourne and an active politician and campaigner – previous public meetings at which he had spoken had resulted in large attendance and some disorder. Maberly had advertised in the Cambridge Chronicle 8 April 1837 p2 that he would be speaking at Parkers Piece on 29 April to petition against the Poor Law Bill. The full turn out of the force in case of disorder was therefore a wise precaution, and rain on the day was no doubt of great assistance in ensuring the event passed peacefully. Later in the year, at the hustings on Parkers Piece, Maberly tried to speak again against the poor law reforms and the police apprehending a breach of the peace arrested Maberly and took him off to the station house and, when the building had been attacked by the mob and the Riot Act read, to the town gaol. At the gaol the mob rescued Maberly and carried him off on their shoulders – Cambridge Chronicle 29 July 1837 p.1 and see the entries in this journal for 24 - 30 July 1837. ]

***Showing Horses***

P.S. Smith reports he saw John Mynott of [blank space] showing a Horse up and down Downing Street at 2 P.M.

Over-written "to be summoned"

***Searching after stolen property***

P.S.Watts reports he went in search where silk might have been sold throughout Cambridge and could get no knowledge of it whatever.

***Disorderly Persons***

P.C. Atkinson reports that some Gentleman created a disturbance in Fields Passage St. Andrew Street and knocked a woman's tooth out but he made his escape before any P.C. could get near.

***Disturbance on the Market Hill***

P.C. Deborix reports he put a stop to several disturbances on the Market Hill at different times during the Night.

***Ditto in Green Street***

P.C. Simkin reports that a disturbance took place at 11 o'clock with some Gents coming out of Crisps in Green Street one of them had a Poker which he gave up to him when he requested him. They afterwards dispers'd.

***Beer House to report***

P.C. Rider reports that the Worlds End Public House New St. was open ¼ to 1 am and a great disturbance in the House which he was obliged to quiet. Landlord Thos. Swann.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1837**

***Report of Men sent to Huntingdon***

Inspr Green reports that the two men John Munro & Wm King with the lad John Abbott who he took to St Neots were identified by Mr Palmer a Magistrate at Eynesbury as having obtained 5/- of him by presenting a petition which he beleiv'd to be a forg'd one, but as no other Magistrate could attend there and as I had seen D.Veasey Esq Mayor of Huntingdon who recogniz'd Captain Walters otherwise John Munro as having presented a petition to him and was very importunate with him to subscribe to it I took them to Huntingdon where with the evidence of Downes Martyn Esq Mayor of Godmanchester J.Munro was convicted on his own acknowledgement to have assum'd the name of Capt Walters for the purpose of levying contributions from those he could impose upon. He was committed to Huntingdon Goal (sic) for two months hard labour Wm King and the lad were remanded till next day to time to procure evidence from St Neots and the Mayor of Huntingdon wrote to Mr Palmer to request him and such witnesses as were necessary to attend at Huntingdon on Saturday last when King and Abbott were to be examin'd.

***Disorderly Persons***

P.S.Watts and P.C.Rider stop'd several disturbances in Barnwell from 10 to 11 ½ P.M.. P.C. Rocket stop'd a disturbance in George Street at 11P.M.

***Constables Staff Stolen and Assaulted.***

P.S. Watts Reports that he saw Wm. O'Nobin [O'Robin?] lurking about Barnwell with a prostitute and wan'd him to go home but he refusd. He was afterwards taken in custody by P.C. Rocket when he took his staff from him and aim'd a violent blow at him and afterwards struck the Constable with his staff and again with his fist and threatened to murder him and ran away with the staff which was found again in the street - was taken in custody at 5½ P.M.

***Sack Found***

P.C.25 Spinks found an empty sack at 1 A.M. in Trumpington Street and brought it to the station – mark'd D and C in red.