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Charge of Trespass

At the Haslingden Petty Sessions on Friday last, before R. Holden and Henry Slater, Esqrs, John Hargreaves, William Ormerod, George Hargreaves and Edmund Rostron, were charged by John Hoyle, Esq., with trespassing on land belonging to him at Ramsclough, near Haslingden. It appeared that Ormerod had gone to Mr Hoyle and given him Mr Patrick's compliments, and requested Mr Hoyle to let him (Mr P.) have a few rabbits. Mr Hoyle said he would, and fixed a day for Ormerod and John Hargreaves to come for the rabbits. Ormerod, along with John and the other defendants, came over with dogs, nets, ferrets, &c., and entered the plantations of Mr Hoyle, who happened to come up shortly afterwards, and seeing a well known lot of men there, he desired them to desist and go away. It appears that the defendants adjourned to a beershop, and after some time made their appearance a second time in the plantations, when they were again discharged. The cases against Ormerod and John Hargreaves were dismissed, as no one swore to seeing them a second time, but George Hargreaves and Rostron were convicted in 20s and costs each. It ought to be stated that Mr Patrick was present at the sessions, and denied on oath that he had sent Ormerod or any of the others to Mr Hoyle.