

Relate what you saw at the dismissal? Mr. John Willson read some charges and there was a stagnation for three or four minutes. It was then put round by ballot, I suppose whether he should be dismissed, and he was then told that he was dismissed. He was told to give up the papers. There was a good deal of asseveration about it, and Judge Taylor was consulted, and at length all the papers were taken away; some were taken from a trunk in court opened by the Sheriff and some from Mr. John Rolph.

Was any time given Mr. Rolph to make a defence? I do not think any time or opportunity was given for a defence—I do not think he was called upon to make a defence, for the impression on my mind at the time, was, that the proceedings were unjust as removing a person without a defence. I think the charges were not prepared in court or I should have seen it done. There was no attempt to prove the truth of the charges.

Does the office appear to you to be better filled since Mr. Rolph's dismissal? I have been on Grand Juries both before and since Mr. George Rolph's dismissal, and I do not think, indeed I know that things do not go on as well now as when Mr. Rolph was in office.

(By MATTHEW CROOKS, Esquire.)

To what case do you refer in particular that things do not go on as well? There was one case prosecuted by the late Mr. Hare for a nuisance, for taking away the water of a stream. The Grand Jury waited for an indictment and not receiving one, the jury applied to the court, and were told it should be done, but it was not done. There was no indictment and the prosecutor therefore failed.

(By THE COMMITTEE.)

What was Mr. George Rolph's conduct on the occasion of his dismissal? I thought Mr. Rolph bore every thing as calmly as any man could, considering that he was removed on charges not proved and without an opportunity of a hearing, which is not I think suited to a British Court of Justice.

(By MR. G. HAMILTON on the part of the Magistrates.)

Has not Mr. George Rolph often delayed the court by his being too late? No: I cannot say that I have seen Mr. George Rolph delay the court—I believe Mr. Rolph was generally there when the court was ready.

Has he not delayed the court by having other business of his own? No: I cannot say I have ever seen Mr. Rolph by other business of his own interrupt the business of the court.

Was not Mr. George Rolph at his dismissal called very particularly by the chairman to attend to the charges? I do not recollect Mr. Rolph being called to attend so very particularly to the charges..

Was there not a pause to give him an opportunity? I did not think the pause was for any defence, but from their feeling they were going on too fast.

What made you think the conduct of the magistrates so uncivil; was it that Mr. Rolph lost his office? I thought it uncivil to charge