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Higham Ferrers Petty Sessions, Monday 13th Jan before the Mayor (B. Flintham) and Mr J. Crew
John Francis Hawkes was summoned for assault on Mary Ann Harbour, on the 12th ult and there was
a cross summons. Mr Bond appeared for Hawkes. This was paltry squabble, arising out of some
neglect on the part Hawkes in not answering letter of Harbour's. She went to his house to inquire
the reason, when Hawkes came out to see her, and if she was to be believed the language used was
not fit for ears polite. They closed in anything but loving embrace, Harbour holding on to Hawkes like
grim Death while he was trying to eject her from the premises. The Bench dismissed both cases, the
costs being 8s 6d in each case.