

The profecutor laft July loft five turkies, two old and three young ones. Inquiring after them, he was informed the prifoner had ftolen them; the profecutor thinking no man had any right, be he ever fo rich, to steal his turkies, he complained to the magiftrate; but notwithstanding repeated applications, he could not immediately obtain juftice.

With fome difficulty he got a fearch warrant, and found the turkies he had loft in the poffeffion of the prifoner. We fhall prove that the prifoner did steal them; not only this, but that he corrupted poor ignorant boys to be his accomplices in aiding and affifting him in committing this felony, by giving them money for that purpofe. My client, gentlemen, lives in a wood, has lived there a long time, fo long he is become rufticated, at leaft his manners are not the moft refined : in fhort, he is not a courtier: (you fhall fee him prefently.) I imagine he was not very complaifant to the juftice (perhaps he never faw a juftice before): his turkies having been ftolen, he thought he had a right to punifh the thief; and the ruftick, who is a blunt honeft Englifhman, might fay fo in plain Englifh. I am fure of this, if my client faid any thing to offend the juftice, he is very forry for it. The juftice himfelf might not be well pleafed to hear a brother juftice (I believe the prifoner is in the commiffion) accused of stealing turkies, and might be a little fevere to my client, who infifted on profecuting a perfon of fuch confequence. The profecutor, after many times attending by appointment on the juftice, being put to much expence, he was ferved with a copy of a writ, in order to intimidate him, and to prevent any further profecution. But, as I faid before, my client is an honeft Englifhman, and therefore, not withftanding his being ferved with a copy of a writ, and being brow-beat by the juftice, he ftill thought that the perfon who could be guilty of stealing turkies muft be a thief, and that he was right in endeavouring to bring him to juftice. Finding the great expences he had been at hitherto, were to very little purpofe, he went to Kingfton, and there, at the Quarter Seffions, he prefers a bill againft the prifoner for felony: the Grand Jury found it a true bill; and he now ftands, where he ought to be, at the bar before you, gentlemen, to take his trial for the felony whereof he ftands indicted.