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MOST INTERESTING TRIAL.

DORSETSHIRE, (ENG.) July 25.

Before Mr. Justice Park & a special Jury. CONSPIRACY AND ABDUCTION.

The King, on the prosecution of George Lowman Tuckett, Esq. vs. James Bowditch, John Bowditch, William Bowditch, Susanna Bowditch, Elizabeth Ellen Gibbons, Susanna Mulrairie, Thomas Paul, and Juliana his wife, Jane Mark and Elizabeth Snell.

This was one of the most important causes that ever occurred in the history of criminal jurisprudence, and although the jury did not think it necessary to trouble his Lordship to sum up the evidence, the trial occupied the attention of the most crowded Court we ever beheld for the space of fourteen hours. It was an action instituted at the instance of Mr. Tuckett, of Taunton, against all the defendants, for having wilfully and wickedly conspired to carry off Miss Maria Glenn, the daughter of Mrs. Ann Fenton Glenn, of the Island of St. Vincent, who is only 17 years of age the 23th of August next. The indictment contained several counts, in order to meet all the exigencies of the case; it charged the defendants with having conspired and carried away the young lady in the night, from the care of her guardian Mr. Tuckett; with having falsely imprisoned her, in order to procure a marriage between her and James Bowditch a laborer.

Mr. Williams stated the indictment.

Mr. Sergeant Pell addressed the jury, in doing which he observed, that he should do it with much sincerity of feeling, that a case so replete with wickedness, fraud, and cruelty, he had never heard of in a Court of Justice. If the circumstances should be made out in evidence, which he had no earthly doubt they would, he should be authorized in saying that it was an unexampled combination of treachery and guilt resorted to for the purpose of overthrowing innocence and happiness. He (the learned Sergeant) was not anxious to fatigue the attention of the jury previous to the investigation of the whole of the facts; he should therefore merely confine himself to a reference of the situation of the parties. The learned Serjeant then proceeded to advert upon the situation of the parties, and to detail the whole circumstances of the case, which may be collected most accurately from the following evidence:

George Lowman Tuckett, Esq. a barrister, resident at Taunton, was the witness; he married the aunt of Miss Glenn; the young lady was intrusted to his care by her mother, who resided at St. Vincent's. In July, 1817, Miss Glenn, who had been ill with the hooping cough, was sent for change of air to Holway Farm, occupied by Mrs. Bowditch, attended by Mary Whitby, the nurse maid, and Mr. Tuckett's two infant children, not knowing at the time that Mrs. B. had any son residing with her. He was in the daily practice of visiting his niece, the place being within an easy distance from Taunton. He never observed any thing that could excite any alarm, but occasionally saw James Bowditch, a young man of about 25, at work as a common laborer among the reapers. Miss Glenn had very great expectations; her mother had property, and her grandfather possessed two large sugar estates in the West Indies. She was an only child; she returned to Taunton on the 2d September. Her mind and disposition were the gentlest he had ever seen.

Maria Glenn, an interesting looking girl, was then put into the box, and was accommodated with a chair. She went through a very long examination. She related the circumstances of her going to Mrs. Bowditch's, and of her being ignorant for some time that Mrs. B. had a son living with her. She had seen the person whom she afterwards knew to be him, but considered him as a common labourer; he sometimes put his hand to his hat as she passed, but she did not know that he was part of the family. A daughter of Mrs. B's was married while the witness continued at Holway. On the Saturday before the 2d of Sept. the day of her return to Taunton, Mrs. Bowditch and Mrs. Mulrairie, a visitor at Holway, came to the witness, and asked if she really meant to go home; she, witness, replied yes; upon which Mrs. Bowditch said her son was lost, and she knew not what was to become of him. This was repeated once or twice, and when the witness asked what was meant, Mrs. Mulrairie observed that she could not be ignorant, nor have been so long in the house without knowing of James Bowditch's attachment. Witness expressed much astonishment, and asked what her uncle and aunt would say if they were told this, begging them to say nothing more of this sort, as it greatly distressed her. She took her little cousins by the hand, and walked away. The following day Mrs. Mulrairie came and requested her to speak to James Bowditch, who was like one distracted at the thought of her going away; adding, that his family could not reason with him, but that if the witness would speak to him, he would be contented, and made sensible of the difference of their situations. She felt that it was wrong to go, but yielded at length, and expressed her surprise at his conduct, his sister having shortly before assured her, that what his mother said was in joke. James made no reply—but Mrs. Mulrairie said it was no wonder if, when so very nice a young lady was in the house, a young man should become attached to her; but she need not be uneasy, as it would come to nothing; she returned home the next day. On the 15th Mrs. Mulrairie and Mrs. Gibbons, the sister, who was married while witness was staying at Holway, called on her, and whilst alone with them, they begged her to ask permission of her aunt to walk out along with them, as they had something particular to say. She applied to her aunt, who refused her leave. One of them said, "I thought so," and began the former conversation about J. Bowditch; that he was quite distracted; that he declared he would not live without her, but would rather murder both her and himself. Mrs. Gibbons said she was sure he would do it, for she never knew any one so resolute as her brother. Mrs. Mulrairie professed a great regard for the witness, which had induced her to make the communication; for Mr. Bowditch had declared he would follow her to any part of the world and destroy her, adding, that if she told her uncle the danger would be greater. In consequence of this, she was terrified exceedingly, believing all to be true. Mrs. Mulrairie begged her to reflect what a shocking thing it would be to be murdered, and told her to swear on her life and soul that she would do what Mr. Bowditch wished her. In her alarm she promised to do so. They then left her. The same day met Jane Marke, the cook, on the stairs, who said that she had just seen Mr. Bowditch. Witness took no notice, but was followed by Marke into her bed room, when Marke began to talk of Mr. Bowditch's great regard, said he was to be sure too low in life, but she never had seen any body so resolute; desiring her not to mention it to her uncle or aunt.—Elizabeth Snell, the house-maid, often spoke to her on the same subject. On Monday Snell found the witness crying, and told her not to vex herself. She replied she was quite miserable, and to re-

lieve her mind she must speak to her uncle and aunt about it. Elizabeth Snell exclaimed, "what! and be murdered; I would not for the Indies in gold." Mary Whitby, the nurse-maid, sometimes spoke in a similar manner. On Saturday, the 20th September, when walking alone in Taunton, having been sent by her aunt to market, she was met by James Bowditch and Mrs. Mulrairie. The latter said, "come with us, I want to tell you something." Witness refused, when J. Bowditch waved his hand, and with a menacing look, cried out, "Go, go, you know what I have declared—there is no occasion to repeat it." Mrs. Mulrairie, "why not go?" and Bowditch added, "Aye, and I'd do it." Witness followed them up a court in East-street, and they led her into a house, where the only person she saw at first was Mrs. W. Bowditch. They took her into a parlour, where Mrs. Mulrairie produced a paper, and observed, that they wished her to write something, and terrified her into signing it.—The subject of the contents being, that she would comply with all that J. Bowditch might wish her to do. Immediately after this, a man entered with W. Bowditch, whom she had since seen, and knew to be Mr. Oxenham of Taunton, an Attorney. He had a large paper in his hand, written in a character that looked to her like Greek. She was desired to sign it, and he placed her hand at the bottom of it, as she trembled a good deal.—James and William Bowditch stood on each side of her, and when she left, Mrs. Mulrairie told her that she would not be molested. The next day was Sunday, and when returning from Church with her aunt, the latter informed her, that she was going in a day or two to a boarding school, at Chelsea. The elder Mrs. Bowditch with them at this time; witness was much surprised, but felt the greatest pleasure at hearing she was so soon to leave Taunton. In the course of that day, Jane Marke brought her a note from Mrs. Mulrairie, saying, that James Bowditch was determined to take her away at the end of that week, or the beginning of the next: she went to bed between nine and ten o'clock, wholly unaware of what was to happen, and feeling quite tranquil and happy, at the thought of going to school, and getting free from danger. Her bedroom door was shut and her little cousins slept in the same room, which was adjoining to that of her uncle; she soon fell asleep, and the first thing she recollected was that of being awake by Jane Marke, who came without a light in a long black dress, saying, "get up, they are all waiting, and you know what Mr. Bowditch has said." Witness was then lifted out of bed, but was unable from terror either to speak or cry; Marke threw some of her clothes over her, but without facing them; she was just able to pronounce in a low voice, "Oh, Jane!" as she hurried down. She saw her uncle's study window and door open; and looking through the window, she saw James & William Bowditch, & some others in the garden; the two former took her by the arms, and she could remember nothing further till she found herself sitting on a step, and Mrs. Gibbons putting on one of her shoes. Mrs. Mulrairie said, "only think of her walking so far without her shoes." She was then taken to Wm. Bowditch's house, and thence to Holway farm. She went up to a bed room, where she saw a lady, named Mrs. Owen, & exclaimed, "what will become of me! Oh that I was at my uncle's!" Mrs. Mulrairie said, you had better not let Mr. Bowditch hear you say that; however, I had nothing to do with it. Mrs. Owen remarked, "That it was a most scandalous and abominable thing, that so young a creature should be kept in this situation." Old Mrs. Bowditch then said, "you must come with me directly," and led her into the kitchen, and forced her to drink a cup of something black and bitter like medicine. James

and Wm. Bowditch afterwards led her through a field, and placed her in a gig. Before they drove off, she was obliged to drink another cup of the same liquid, which caused her to fall into a stupor. She could remember nothing further, till she heard James Bowditch in the middle of the night asking what o'clock it was. They soon after arrived at Thornford, at the house of Mr. Paul, one of the defendants, who was married to a sister of the Bowditches. Paul walked up and down, and said in an exulting manner, "we shall now hear the bells in the Parish ringing." Mrs. Paul asked if they had not had a tiresome journey. James Bowditch said "yes, I could hardly keep her in the gig; she was one minute laughing and another crying, all the way." They afterwards conducted her into a room where a tall man was sitting at a window, reading some papers very earnestly. He asked her her age. She said 16 years—and he asked whether she had the consent of her parents or friends to be married? and she said No. He then said it was plain the marriage could not be lawful. James Bowditch then gave her a severe look, but said nothing. The other said, "never mind, you may be married just as well." She felt ready to fall, and was carried up stairs, where she remained until dinner time. Temple, a clergyman, dined that day at Mr. Paul's; she was induced, much against her will, to sit down to dinner; but she could not eat any thing. Being in the kitchen that day, she attempted to write a letter, but James Bowditch came in and snatched it from her, called her a little —, & said nobody could blame him if he used her ever so unkindly.

In her cross-examination by Mr. Casbert, she said she was born in the West Indies, and came to England about six years ago; she had heard that her mother had married early in life; when at Holway Farm she used to ride a poney, and James Bowditch occasionally assisted her on and off, and she was a bad rider. She walked out twice with him at her aunt's desire, but he walked behind her, and they had no conversation. They were accompanied by her aunt's servant, Whitney. The letters now produced were not in her hand-writing. [For these letters see the defence.]

Mr. Tuckett was again called, and said that Miss G. was the most affectionate creature ever known, and was devoted to her mother, as she was to his children. He saw Bowditch talking to his servant Whitney on the Sunday previous; he looked red in the face, touched his hat, and went away; he had seen him two or three times passing and repassing, and on making inquiries as to the reason, he understood that he was at work in that way. The next morning Mrs. Tuckett went into her room at four o'clock, and found she was gone. She adopted every means of sending in pursuit of her. He met Mrs. Mulrairie, who with much agitation, told where Miss G. had been carried. He told her she had been carried off by a foul conspiracy; to which her reply was that she had nothing to do with it, being a mere visitor at Mrs. Bowditch's. His niece had before seen Mr. Oxenham, and accurately described him as the person who made her sign a paper at Wm. Bowditch's.

Maria Glenn was again called & confronted with Mr. Oxenham; & swore positively that he was the man she had seen at Wm. Bowditch's house, and who there produced the second paper which she was compelled to sign at that place. Before she knew it was Mr. Oxenham, she described him as a short man with black hair and a greasy face.

Mary Whitby, the nurse maid, confirmed the testimony just given in the material points, and denied that there was any familiarity between Miss Glenn and James Bowditch. She undressed Miss Glenn and saw her in bed on the night of the 21st Sept. and believed she had no idea of elopement.

The Rev. Blakely Cooper, Surrogate to the Dean of Sarum, proved the granting a marriage licence to James Bowditch, on his swearing that Maria Glenn was of age and had the consent of her relations. This was the case on the part of the prosecution.

(To be concluded in our next.)

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