

which he touched up, and then a reduced photograph was made from it.

In reply to Mr. Waddy, witness said the light inside the church was bad. He had to use artificial light to photograph the beam in the gallery, and had to whiten the letters carved there in order to make them clear. With a magnifying glass he could see on a photo of a coffin lid (not the one touched by the prisoner) the letter "s" and part of a lion. The lion on the elaborated photograph appeared to be on the same lines as the figure on the photograph which had not been touched up. "Touching up" was a common practice both with amateur and professional photographers. It was an ordinary thing to touch up a photograph and take another photograph from it.

*Mr. Lushington*: That must destroy its value.

*Mr. Waddy* said he was not of that opinion, but as the case would probably go to another Court he would not argue the point.

Witness, in reply to further questions, said the bones he saw in the coffin appeared to be loose—not a complete skeleton.

#### **7th October.**

The first witness was *Mr. C. A. Bradford*, of the Home Office, who proved the receipt of two letters signed "H. Davies, B.A., &c., Lincoln College, Oxford." In the first it was stated that Colonel Shipway's father was buried at Minchinhampton about sixty years ago, and the Colonel, as the sole descendant, being anxious to erect an elaborate memorial, sought permission to open the grave in order to examine the inscription on the coffin. A reply was sent to the effect that if the chapel authorities did not object, and the coffin was not disturbed, this could be done without a license from the Home Secretary. The second letter stated that Colonel Shipway wanted to open the grave of his ancestors at Whidborne, Gloucestershire, to examine the inscription on the coffin, as he wished to erect a monument over it. The reply to this was similar to that sent to the first letter.

*John Stidiard*, sexton at Mangotsfield Church, said he dug up the ground of the chantry at the prisoner's request. The prisoner stated that he had authority from the Home