

have to be obtained from London. The prisoner called again the same day, soon after Mr. Phillimore left. Witness spoke to him, asking him by what authority and where he got this photo. The prisoner replied that he took a snap-shot in the office, and that he had been allowed to take photos at Birmingham and other important registries. But witness knew the registrar at Birmingham, and remarked that he should be seeing him that day, whereupon the prisoner endeavoured to back out of his former statement. There was an official index of these wills, and the sixty-fourth will of the year 1647 was that of John Nelme. The name of Shipway did not appear on the list. The will of John Nelme should have appeared on the seventy-fifth page of the book, but it had disappeared, and in its place was what purported to be the will of one John Shipway. Mr. Phillimore pointed this out to witness. He did not see prisoner after the day he learnt that John Nelme's will was missing. Witness now produced another volume containing the will, dated 1690, of John Shipway, of Beverstone. In it the testator described himself as "I, John Shipway, of Beverstone, &c., yeoman."

In reply to Mr Waddy, the witness said that he could not say that the prisoner ever saw this latter will.

*Mr. William P. W. Phillimore*, solicitor, Chancery Lane, said that he was greatly interested in ancient documents, and had specially directed his attention to Gloucestershire. Sir Thomas Phillips printed an index to the Gloucestershire wills about forty years ago, and there was still a copy in the Bodleian Library. In 1892 witness checked this list with the wills in the registry, and subsequently printed an index to all the Gloucestershire wills from 1508 to 1650.

Witness said that he was acquainted with Colonel Shipway, and in February, 1897, the latter showed him a photo of the will of John Shipway dated 1547, as well as copies of the wills of James Shipway in 1524, and John James Shipway in 1490, and this puzzled witness so much that he went down to Gloucester and Worcester to investigate. He checked the 1547 wills over with Mr. Wallis, and found that the will of John Nelme of Came, which he remembered seeing there, was missing, and had been replaced by this Shipway will. Witness formed a very strong opinion about this document, and after inspecting two other alleged Shipway wills at