

Mr. John Challenor Smith, formerly superintendent of the literary department in the Probate Registry at Somerset House, said that practically the whole of his official work was devoted to antiquarian researches. In 1897, at Colonel Shipway's request, he went down to Mangotsfield. The carving in the church on the belfry beam was undoubtedly modern, while the shield on the Andrews monument was no doubt part of the original memorial, and not fixed there subsequently by mistake. The photograph of the coffin lid showed that the lion rampant was a lion dexter (looking towards the right), while that on the belfry beam was a lion sinister.—"And a very sinister beast, indeed," said *Mr. Bodkin*.—The rampant lion on the seal was also sinister when an impression of the seal was taken. The six Shipway entries in the register were each and all modern interpolations. The witness afterwards examined the alleged Shipway wills at Gloucester and Worcester. Of the wills at Gloucester that of John Shipway, 1547, was certainly not genuine. That of Frances Sheepway, 1627, was genuine, and the name was a natural variation of Shipway. That of John Shipway, 1664, was a fabrication, but the will of the same name in 1690 was genuine. The John Shipway, 1615, will could not be found. The witness also examined the wills of John James Shipway, 1490, and Grace Shipway, 1537, at Worcester, and declared that both were fabricated by a person who did not know what he was writing.

Mr. Phillimore and *Mr. Kirk* recalled, confirmed this evidence.

Detective-Inspector Brockwell said that in addition to the other articles found in the prisoner's house, he found some notepaper with the printed heading, "17, Westgate Street, Gloucester," which was identical with that on which the letter from "A. Blackwell" was written.

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Mr. Charles Underwood, senr., of the firm of Underwood, Son and Piper, Holles Street, Cavendish Square, Colonel Shipway's solicitors, produced copies of certain correspondence which passed between them and the prisoner. The prisoner was told that the Heralds' College wanted some Shipway wills before they could make a grant of arms, and the prisoner in reply announced that he had "found" such wills.