

DOUGLAS, THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1871.

VICAR AND WARDENS OF PATRICK v. JOHN COWLEY,  
and MARIA COWLEY, his wife.

Mr STEPHEN, for plaintiffs, said the suit had been instituted under the following circumstances:—At an Ecclesiastical Court, holden on the 14th May, 1869, his Worship had granted an order against the defendants John and Maria Cowley, to receive into their house and to maintain, according to the station of life in which they lived, John Callister, the father of the said Maria Cowley, he being wholly unable to maintain and provide for himself. The defendants, in compliance with his Worship's order, had received Callister into their house, but on account of the ill-treatment which he had received at the hands of the defendants he had since been obliged to quit their house, and had in fact now nowhere to go. Under these circumstances the Vicar and Wardens had considered it their duty to apply to the Court for advice as the old man Callister would be obliged to die in a ditch, if no relief could be had. He thought the Court ought to make some order against defendants, as Callister, if not provided for, would become chargeable upon the parish.

His WORSHIP said that Mr Dickinson need not reply; he did not see how such a suit could be sustained for a moment. In fact, it was an application to him praying that he should make a poor law for the country, which he had no power whatever to do, and, therefore, the suit must be dismissed.

Mr DICKINSON moved for costs.

Mr STEPHEN said he had no objection to costs being granted as it was the case of a pauper.

Mr DICKINSON: But the vicar and wardens are not paupers (laughter).

His WORSHIP: I think it is a case for costs.