

MALLINSON v. SENIOR.—SLANDER.

Mr. E. TINDAL ATKINSON appeared for the Plaintiff, who is a butcher at Ravensthorpe, near Mirfield, and the Defendant, a butcher at Mirfield, conducted his own case. The alleged slander took place in the Market-place in Wakefield. Defendant had asked plaintiff's son to drive some sheep from Wakefield to Mirfield, and the lad refused to undertake the work at the remuneration offered. Hearing of the small sum offered, defendant publicly abused plaintiff, calling him "a ——— scamp," and "a ——— thief who had stolen his fat when they had dealings together."—His LORDSHIP, in addressing the jury, said that the law could not take cognisance of vulgar abuse.—A verdict was given for *Defendant*.