



## Violent Assault and Robbery on Mr. Hazell

John Hazell, farmer, of Whittenditch, near Ramsbury, on his return from Hungerford market, was attacked and robbed between Chilton and Knighton farm, by three footpads, who took from him five guineas, some silver, and his watch. The ruffians beat Mr. Hazell in a cruel manner. One of them is in custody, and has impeached two brothers, his accomplices.

**Bath Chronicle, Thursday, 29 April 1790**

Monday last, Isaac Andrews, of Ramsbury, Wilts, labourer, was committed to Fisherton Gaol, charged on the oath of John Hazell, of that parish, with having together with William and David Moone, (brothers) labourers, in the evening of Wednesday the 21st instant, knocked him from his horse, and robbed him of a purse, containing five guineas, and his silver watch. The prisoner was servant to Mr. Hazell, and his conduct to his master at the time of the robbery was attended with much cruelty and aggravating circumstances. Happily, Mr. Hazell recognized the villain, and upon his return home sent for his servant, and had him taken into custody. He immediately impeached his accomplices, who have since been taken at Reading, and are committed to Devizes and Marlborough Bridewells.

**Bath Chronicle, Thursday, 6 May 1790**

Tuesday last Isaac Andrews, aged 28 years, William Moon, aged 26 years, and David Moon, aged 23 years, were executed on a temporary scaffold erected for that purpose in the courtyard of Fisherton Gaol; the former for having (in company with the two latter) violently assaulted Mr. Hazell of Ramsbury, on the highway, and robbed him of five guineas in gold, and a silver watch; William Moon, for being an accomplice in the said robbery, and also for assaulting and robbing Mr. Anger, of Bishopstone, of two guineas; and David Moon for being also an accomplice in robbing the said Mr. Hazell. They all died penitent, acknowledging the justice of their sentences.

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