

The former Fisherton Gaol

Execution Of Robert Perry For Robbery

Tuesday last Robert Perry, for robbing Mr. William Bowles, and Mr. Henry King, of Broadchalke, on the highway, was executed pursuant to his sentence, on the temporary drop in the court-yard of Fisherton Gaol. This man was an atrocious offender, and had before been sentenced to transportation for felony, which he had expiated on board the hulks at Woolwich.

His present offence was much aggravated by his having induced his two sons to be parties; for which they now lie under sentence of death. At the place of execution he behaved with much fortitude, decency, and penitence.

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OPC Note:-

Robert Perry was sentenced to death for Highway Robbery on 8th March 1794. The sentence was carried out on the 25th March at Fisherton Gaol as reported. At present the fate of his two sons is not known. There is no record of them being executed at Fisherton.