

Condition aboard Convict Ships

Sentenced to Transportation 1812

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this County commenced at Devizes on Tuesday last. William Whatley, for stealing four bushels of wheat, and one sack, the property of Henry Ford, of South Newton and John Gay for feloniously cutting down and destroying a maiden oak tree, in a field at Broughton Gifford, the property of Mrs. Katherine Long, were sentenced to be transported for seven years.

Besides the above there were 37 prisoners on the calendar for trial, 19 of whom were sentenced to be imprisoned for short periods, and the rest were discharged.

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