



Crime Reports

Wiltshire County Assizes Convictions 1818 Lent Session

At Salisbury

The business of our Assizes commenced on Monday last, before Mr Justice Abbot and Mr Justice Holroyd; the former presiding in the Crown Court, and the latter at Nisi Prius. The calendar of prisoners was very heavy, and their trials were not concluded till Thursday morning.

Charles Taylor, Emmanuel White, and Robert Burke, for having in their possession forged bank-notes, knowing them to be forged, to be transported 14 years.

And James Witchell, Andrew Forward, and Rachael Francis, convicted of grand larceny, to be transported 7 years.

John Francis, John Ember, Robert Lawrence, William Chapman, James Smith, James Signell, Wm. Wilkins, Geo. Seavory, Wm. Young, Ann Sly, Wm. Edmonds, Joseph Limington, Mary Baker, Thos. Dickman, John Thomas, Wm. Jennings, and Wm. Gray, convicted of grand larceny, were sentenced to various periods of imprisonment in the house of correction at Devizes, and kept to hard labour; the three latter to be privately whipped.

Betty Brimson, for receiving goods knowing them to be stolen, to be kept to hard labour two years in the house of correction at Devizes, and to be once privately whipped.

George Sidnall, for breaking prison on the 1st of March, 1817, and escaping from Fisherton Gaol, in which he was detained on a charge of felony, to be kept to hard labour in the house of correction at Devizes for six months.

John Broomfield, for bigamy, to be fined 1s and imprisoned 12 months.

Charles Andrews, for grand larceny, to be imprisoned two months, and once privately whipped.

Geo. Maggs, for grand larceny, to be once privately whipped and discharged.

Ed. Lovegrove, for breaking into a house with intent to steal, to be imprisoned 12 months.

Richard Hawkins and John Hawkins, for a riot and assault, fined one hundred pounds. Eighteen other prisoners were tried on various charges and acquitted; against four no bills were found, and two were admitted witnesses of the Crown, and discharged.

We understand that Wm. Sherwood, who broke prison and escaped from Fisherton Gaol, with several others, on the 1st of March 1817, is now in safe custody in Gloucestershire

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