



The Night Coach. [After Rowlandson.]



NARROW ESCAPE

On Tuesday afternoon last a young man, named **Thomas Povey**, in the employ of Mr. Thomas Hickman, had a very narrow escape of losing his life. Whilst bringing a waggon load of straw drawn by two horses down the hill in the Russley Road, between Ridgway and Bishopstone, the wind, which was blowing very strong at the time, caught the waggon and horses and threw them completely over.

Fortunately, Povey, who was walking by the side of the waggon, stepped a little forward and thereby avoided being buried beneath the waggon. The horses escaped without any serious injury. The accident occurred near the spot where Charles Beckett, postman to Earl Craven, lost himself.

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OPC Note:

See inquest report on Charles Beckett 1881.