



Causes and Consequences of the Swing Riots

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The report by the Commissioners into the disturbances, vandalism and aftermath of the Agricultural Riots and Burnings of 1830 and 1831 asked a number of questions.

Question 53 asked:

Can you give the Commissioners any information respecting the causes and consequences of the Agricultural Riots and Burning of 1830 and 1831?

John James Calley for Blunsdon St. Andrew responded:

The decided aversion of the Labourers to the thrashing machines, and the lowness of wages.

James Wild for Blunsdon St. Andrew responded:

Caused by the distribution of improper tracts, and much increased by the distresses state of the agricultural part of the country.