



Wilts Special Commission

Saturday January 8. Before Mr. Justice Parke.

Charles Pizziel, aged 24, was indicted for feloniously robbing William Randall of £1, his property, in the parish of Great Bedwin.

It appeared that the prisoner went along with a mob of forty or fifty persons to the prosecutor's house, to demand of him 10s., which he falsely asserted the prosecutor owed him. The prosecutor refused to give him that sum, upon which the prisoner, who was armed with an iron bar, said that he would knock his brains out if he did not. The prosecutor then gave the prisoner 10s., upon which the mob said that they must have victual and drink. Acting under the influence of terror, the prosecutor gave them both. The mob went away, but shortly afterwards returned, when the prisoner demanded more money. The prosecutor refused to accede to this demand, whereupon the prisoner said "D--n thee, Randall, if thee doesn't give me the money, I'll split thy head, and will come at night and set fire to thy house." The prosecutor borrowed half-a-sovereign of one of his servants, and gave it to the prisoner, in order to prevent him from carrying into effect his dreadful menaces.

Mr. Justice Parke summed up the evidence and commented on the atrocious conduct of the prisoner.

The Jury returned a verdict of Guilty.

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Charles Pizzie, 24, a ploughman, from Great Bedwin, married, (his wife Sarah at Great Bedwin). He was sentenced to Death, commuted to transportation for life. He was transported on the Proteus, to Van Diemens Land, arriving 4 August 1831. In May 1840, he sought permission to marry Agnes Calder, who had been a convict transported on the ship "Arab". He was granted a Free pardon 24 May 1841. On 23 February 1842, aged 35, Charles Pizzey, a free labourer, married Agnes Calder, 35, free, in St. John's church, Launceston, Tasmania. He is described as a single man.

Tasmanian Records