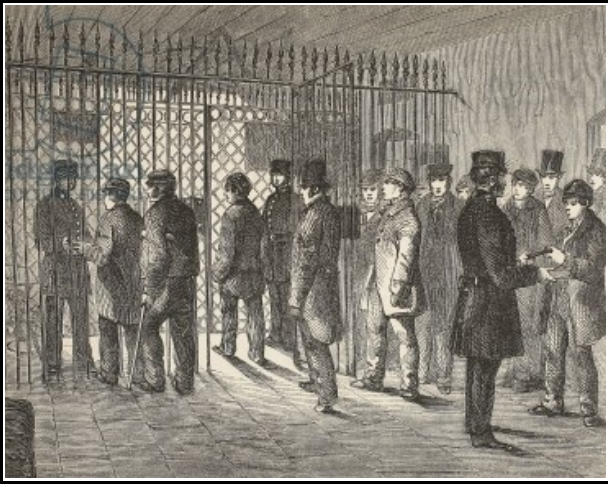


Crime and Punishment

Hankerton



General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for Wiltshire, January 1829

Trial of William Nipper

W Locke, esq., of Rowde-ford presided, assisted by T Scott, esq., and other magistrates.

William Nipper charged with stealing three sow pigs from the farmyard of Mary Tanner, at Hankerton, on the 4th of November last. The prisoner, within a few hours after the pigs were missed, sold them to a person named Noah Oady, who resides near Wootton Bassett, 11 miles from Hankerton.

After the purchase had been completed, it struck Oady that the pigs were worth much more than he had given for them and that they could not have been honestly obtained. He therefore gave information, which led to the apprehension of the prisoner.

The pigs being proved to be the property of the prosecutrix, the prisoner, in his defense, said, "that he met the pigs in the road very early in the morning, and when it came day-light, he saw whose pigs they were, and afterwards sold them to Noah Oady."

Sentence: Twelve months' hard labour.

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