

# Crime and Punishment



## ***Knook***

### *To The Editor*

Sir- A fire breaking out this week at Knook, which (there is too much reason to fear) was the act of an incendiary; it may be useful caution to any misguided persons who can for a moment entertain thoughts of a like nature, to remind them that at the last Assizes for Somersetshire, five persons were convicted of the offence of setting fire to wheat ricks, 3 of whom, viz. Wm. Wall, John Rowley, and Richard Clarke, have since paid the forfeit of their lives to the offended laws of their country; and the two others have been transported for life.

Rowley's last words are important, "I hope others will take warning by us."

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