



Knook

HYDROPHOBIA

A few days since, a dog in a rabid state, the property of a person residing at Deverill, Wilts, after being pursued, in the endeavor to destroy him, made his way to the village of Knook, in the same county, where he bit a small dog belonging to Mr Parham, which a few days afterwards entered the sheep-fold of his owner, and lacerated 23 sheep, 6 of which have since died, and the remaining 17 are under great excitement, rolling about and biting the wool from each other's backs: it is supposed they cannot long survive.

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To the Editor of the Salisbury & Winchester Journal.

Sir – Observing in your Journal of Monday last, a paragraph respecting a dog in a rabid state entering my sheep-fold, and lacerating several of my sheep, I beg, through the same medium, to correct the mis-statement therein contained. It is true that a dog affected with hydrophobia, from Deverill, passed through this village, but it did no mischief, and was eventually killed at Bapton. Some time after the above occurred, another dog, unknown, laboring under great excitement, entered my sheepfold early in the morning, and bit 31 of my sheep. The dog was taken on the spot by my shepherd, and secured (after also biting his dog, which was immediately killed), in order to ascertain the true nature of the disease, and, after lingering in a state of stupefaction two days, he expired. Out of the 31 sheep bitten, 19 have since been killed, four are evidently becoming affected, and eight have not as yet shown any symptoms. This, Mr Editor, is the correct version of the story. – I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

Thomas Parham.

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P.S. – I beg also to observe, that the sheep bitten do not exhibit such symptoms of agitation as your correspondent affirms, in biting the wool from one another, which is an erroneous statement.

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