



Knook

The whole of the southern part of the county was visited on Monday night and early on Tuesday morning with a very severe storm of thunder and lightning, and a fire, caused by the lightning, broke out in a newly-erected barn and skilling in the occupation of Mr Thomas Parham, of Knook, which were completely destroyed. There were four sheep in the skilling, and the poor animals were scorched to death. The barn, which was of extensive dimensions, and had only been finished last autumn, was filled with barley, all of which was consumed by the flames. The stock was insured in the Globe office. The building (the property of Lord Heytesbury) was uninsured.- *Devizes Gazette*.

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A tremendous thunder storm passed over the neighbourhood of Warminster, on Monday night last, it also extended over some part of Somersetshire. During the storm, a barn, containing a large quantity of oats, standing on Knook Farm, near Heytesbury, was struck by the lightning and entirely consumed. The dwelling-house was much injured.

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The Storm

On the large and beautifully cultivated farm of Mr Thomas Flower, at Knook, near Heytesbury, no less than 36 acres of wheat, 41 acres of barley, and a large quantity of swedes, were entirely destroyed. Mr Flower has since had his loss estimated, which, at a moderate calculation, at present prices, amounts to £500. On the farm of Mr Parham, adjoining Mr Flower's, damage has been done to the extent of £250, and many others have suffered serious injury and loss. The hailstone fell as large as walnuts, and some idea can be formed of the violence of the storm from the fact, that about 50 rooks were picked up, which with many other birds, were felled to the ground.

(*Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette* – Thursday 10 July, 1851)
