



## Horse Theft

Salisbury Assizes.

Henry Potter was indicted for stealing a black filly pony, at Little Cheverell, the property of Robert Pearce.

It was proved, that the pony was in the possession of the prisoner, and identified as the property of Pearce.

The prisoner, in his defence, said, he bought the pony off a gipsy.

A witness gave the prisoner a very good character.

Guilty.

The learned judge asked the person who had given him a character, and with whom the prisoner had always worked, if he would take him back again, if the punishment was commuted?

The witness said he should be happy to do so. Sentence of death was recorded, the learned judge intimating that he should make the proper representation to his Majesty.

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