



Crime Reports

Melksham

Sailor Violently Assaults Young Lady

On Thursday se'ennight, a man in sailor's clothes, named Samuel Coles, violently assaulted Miss Mary Ann Fox, a young lady, whom he met in the fields, near Melksham. Her cries brought to her assistance several persons, who rescued her with difficulty from the base designs of the villain, and secured him. He is to take his trial at our ensuing assizes, for the assault, as well as for an attempt to murder Thomas Noon, of Melksham, by stabbing at him with a knife.

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OPC Note

Samuel Coles was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment at the Wiltshire Summer Assizes 1815