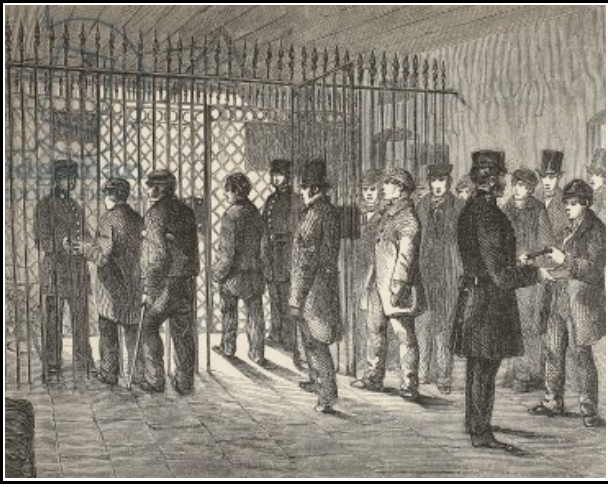


# Crime and Punishment

## *Purton*



ATTEMPT TO MURDER. – Last week a man named Henry Wharle went into a house situate in a lonely place at Broad Hinton, and asked permission of a girl named Chilcot, to light his pipe. After he had done so, he remarked to the girl that it was a lonely place, and asked her if she was not afraid of being there? The girl replied she was not afraid, and that she expected her father and mother back soon. The man directly drew a knife from his pocket, seized the girl, and placed one hand over her mouth, and with the other drew the knife across her throat; and then shoved her on the fire. Fortunately the knife was very blunt, and only inflicted a slight wound, and the girl escaped without much injury. The man then fearing an alarm ran off. – Had the knife been sharp, the girl's throat must have been cut from ear to ear. The fellow has not been apprehended. – There is also a charge against the same person for having broken open a labourer's cottage at Tadpole, near Purton, and ransacked the place. It appears he was convicted at the Summer Assizes last year of house-breaking, and sentenced to six months imprisonment.

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