



Burglary at Seend

Wilts Assizes Held at Devizes.

George Watkins was charged with breaking open the dwelling house of John Woodman, on Sunday, the 29th May, and stealing various articles therefrom. John Woodman said that he lived at Seend, in the parish of Melksham; that on the 29th May he locked up his house and went to chapel, and on his return he found that the window had been broken, the door unlocked, and a great number of things stolen. Robert Woodman went to Rowde, Bradford & c in search of the prisoner, and found him with several of the stolen articles upon him. The Jury found Watkins guilty, and his Lordship told him that he had always considered house breaking a very serious offence; it was necessary that poor people, who had not servants to watch their houses, should be protected by the law; he should therefore pass upon him a severe sentence.

14 years transportation.

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