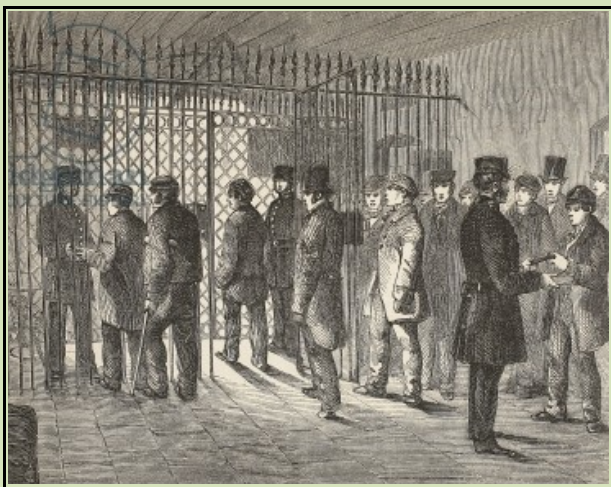


Crime and Punishment

Seend



The Crimes of James Rawlings Aged 16

Wilts, Seend near Devizes

Escaped from Justice on Tuesday the 14th November inst. James Rawlings, labourer, (after he had been taken into custody for divers burglaries and felonies) 16 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches and a half high, fair complexion, grey eyes, and dark brown hair; stoops in walking. He had on when he absconded, a white handkerchief, light cord waistcoat, a striped fancy ditto (waistcoat) with fustian sleeves, dirty smock frock, dark velveteen breeches, and worsted stockings.

The said Rawlings enlisted in the 10th battalion of the Royal Artillery, recruiting at Devizes, on the 9th inst. Whosoever will give information of the said James Rawlings, and cause him to be apprehended, or delivered up to the Constable of Seend, shall receive two guineas reward, and all reasonable expenses.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 20 November 1815

Committed to Fisherton gaol, by Thomas Bruges, Esq:

James Rawlings, of Seend, (a private in the 10th battalion of the Royal Artillery), charged with having committed divers burglaries at Seend, and also with having stolen a quantity of cheese from a waggon, the property of Mr Thomas Wiltshire, of Cray's Marsh Farm, near Melksham. **Salisbury and**

Winchester Journal Monday 27 November 1815

OPC Note

According to the Criminal Registers a James Rawlings was sentenced to death at the Wiltshire Lent Assizes 1816.