

Crime and Punishment

Sutton Mandeville



We have great pleasure in announcing that James Mitchell, the wretch who assassinated Miss Welchman, in Mount-street, Hanover-square, London, on the morning of Friday se'nnight, was apprehended on Wednesday last at Sutton Mandeville, in this county. It appears that he is a native of Sutton, and had doubtless effected his retreat thither in order to elude justice. Mr Edward Bracher, a respectable farmer of the parish, most fortunately recognized Mitchell, who formerly worked for him as a labourer, and as his person exactly answered the minute description of the assassin given in the newspapers, Mr B. without hesitation, took him before Mr Penruddocke, who immediately committed him to Fisherton goal, for further examination. Intelligence of Mitchell's apprehension having been transmitted to Bow-street, two Officers from thence arrived here and conveyed him to London on Friday last. - Not the smallest doubt is entertained of this Mitchell being the assassin, as, besides his completely answering the description in point of person and dress, his demeanor in Fisherton gaol betrayed guilt and horror; his spirits forsook him, and he occasionally shed tears. Many persons through curiosity visited him in prison, but although he was not questioned directly as to his guilt, he acknowledged to several persons on Wednesday evening last, that he had a brother in Bath, that he had been a servant to Mr J. C. Jervoise, and to Capt. Death, and that he had lately been in Spain.

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