

Crime and Punishment

Upton Lovell



Henry Dowell, labourer, of Upton Lovell, has been fully committed to Fisherton Gaol, charged with having, on the evening of the 16th of November, willfully set fire to a hay-rick, belonging to Mr John Raxworthy, of that place.

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Henry Dowdle was charged with having, on the 14th Nov. last, at Upton Lovell, willfully set fire to a hay-rick, the property of John Raxworthy, sen. The principal evidence against the prisoner was a man named Thomas Woods, who deposed that he saw him set fire to the rick: but the fellow contradicted himself, and the learned Judge stopped the trial, saying “God forbid that any man should be convicted upon the testimony of such a perjured scoundrel !” Acquitted.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal – Monday 12 March, 1832)

Henry Dowdle, aged 62, was then charged with having set fire to a hayrick, the property of John Raxworthy, at Upton Lovell; but the witness for the prosecution so grossly prevaricated, that Mr Justice Park stopped the case, and directed the prisoner to be acquitted.

(Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette – Thursday 15 March, 1832)
