



Swing Riot Trial of Aaron Stone and Henry Lane

Wilts Special Assizes, Salisbury, Tuesday

Henry Lane, 21, and Aaron Stone, 36, were indicted for extorting money from George Nun, at White Parish.

Mr. Nunn is a surgeon at Whiteparish; on the 23rd of November upwards of one hundred men came to his house with large sticks; they said they wanted some money; Lane was ten or twelve yards off, and had a trumpet in his hand, which he blew soon after; he gave them a sovereign.

The Jury found Stone Guilty, and acquitted Lane.

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OPC Note:-

Aaron Stone was transported to New South Wales on the Eleanor with 135 other prisoners, leaving England 15th February 1831 and arriving in New South Wales 26th June 1831.

The National archives at Kew, (Ref : HO 17/59/15) holds 1 collective petition (12 people from Whiteparish) on behalf of Aaron Stone, labourer, convicted at Wiltshire special assizes Salisbury in December 1830 for robbery of 20 shillings. Grounds for clemency: repents crime, promises to make reparation for offence by future good conduct. Initial sentence: transportation for life commuted to 14 years transportation.