



Thomas Mathews and James Ward Sentenced for Theft

Thomas Mathews and James Ward were indicted for stealing from the person of Peter Bundy, at Alderbury, two handkerchiefs and other articles.

Peter Bundy deposed that he recollected on the 13th of February last falling asleep on the road to Downton, owing to drinking. When he awoke, he missed his handkerchiefs and two pen-knives.

Ann West deposed that she lived at Wilton. Saw prosecutor on the road to Downton, asleep, and also saw both prisoners shortly before on the same road. Prisoners and witness walked together, and saw prisoners lead the prosecutor about half an hour, and then lay him down on the bank. He was quite insensible. Saw the prisoner Mathews take the articles from the pocket of the prosecutor, and give them to the other prisoner Ward. They asked witness to purchase the pen-knife from them. Witness refused, and immediately gave information to a Mrs. Isaacs, at Bodenham.

William Hunt, police-officer, deposed to his apprehending the prisoners at the Mendacity House, in Salisbury, from information he received from the prosecutor at Bodenham.

Guilty - 4 months hard labour. Each.

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