

Crime and Punishment

West Dean



Found in Possession of Stolen Leather

On Sunday the 15th inst. between six and nine o'clock on the evening, the dwelling-house of Mr. William Rogers, at Britford, near this city, was broken open and robbed of bank notes and securities, of several hundred pounds value, while Mr. Rogers and his family were at a dissenting meeting-house in this city. Suspicion fell upon Henry Waters, late a servant to Mr. Rogers, and the house where he lodged at Homington was searched, as well as several other suspected houses in and near this city, but no discovery has yet been made of the offender. However, upon searching the premises where Waters lodged, other stolen goods were found, amongst which was some leather, which has since been proved to be the property of Mr. George Burt, a shoemaker, at West Dean, and was stolen with a larger quantity out of his house when it was broken open in the night of the 25th of October last; and upon this charge Waters was examined before the Justices on Tuesday last, and committed for trial at the next assizes.

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Henry Waters, for breaking into the dwelling house of George Burt, at West Dean, and stealing goods from thence; received sentence death, but have since been reprieved.

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