



Crime News - Robbery

Keevil
1846

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

A young man of about 22 years of age, named **Wm. Mattock**, the son of respectable, industrious parents, was charged with having robbed **James Lemon** of his money at Steeple Ashton, on the 10th of Nov.

Lemon, who is a baker at Keevil, had, it appeared, during the day, been carrying round bread to his customers in the neighbouring villages, and was returning in his donkey cart, through Hinton Lane towards home about 8 o'clock in the evening, when the prisoner stopped him, threw him upon his back, and rifled his pockets of their contents (about 13s.). The prisoner was most ably defended by Mr. B. Bayley, and, an effort was made to prove *an alibi*. Notwithstanding, however, all the legal ingenuity that was displayed in his behalf, he was found guilty and sentenced to *10 years' transportation*.

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