☞ Owing to the great length of the report of the trial at Monmouth, and other articles of intelligence, which came late, we were unable to get the Journal to the Post Office in time for the Western Mail, we therefore claim the indulgence of our friends who may be disappointed of receiving them.

OXFORD,

Saturday, Jan. 4.

AMONG the many customs which prevail at this season is one that has been adopted by friends abroad of sending to us, exchanging with each other good wishes on the commencement of a new year; to reciprocate thanks for benefits conferred and received; and, in short, to make an interchange of mutual civilities. A most laudable custom, now however practised in a few particular districts only, we shall to a certain extent avail ourselves; not indeed to go *personally* from house to house, though in our Journal we hope so to do, and thus take an opportunity of thanking our readers for the kind support they have given during the by-gone year to *Jackson's Oxford Journal*. Established as this paper has been 80 years and upwards, the principles on which it has uniformly been conducted must be well known; nor do we think we shall be guilty of boasting too far when we say that we have attended the Journal shews those principles have been duly appreciated. What are those principles? Not that the Press may now in our columns sought to inculcate? The fear of the Lord—Honour to the Sovereign—Obedience to the Laws! Such were the principles laid down for its guidance when the *Journal* first commenced its career—They have adhered to for its conduct ever since—they will be the principles by which it will be guided in time to come. But while we pursue those principles which have found so many far so much favor with the public, we by no means shall allow our senses to be deadened to the improvements that may be made, and which time or a change of circumstances in the affairs of the Empire may render necessary, even as regards the Constitution under which it is our blessing to live. But the changes it may be found expedient to make must be such as shall receive the sanction and support of wise and good men, not introduced by wild and visionary schemers, or to suit the purposes of a day, but to be a benefit to us and to our children. Men are now anxiously looking for what will be introduced into Parliament, having for their object the improving and strengthening the already beautiful edifice of the Constitution; we shall receive every honest support, while any measures having a contrary tendency we will always grapple with, and hope to see destroyed. Independently of our duty as journalists to notice the politics of the day, we are under another obligation to our readers, and one which we think will require no pledge from us that it will be duly performed, namely, to furnish a correct epitome of the news of each week, carrying with it as it does great interest for the general reader, but more particularly to give from time to time correct reports of the great public meetings that occur in this city and the immediate neighbourhood; for what we have done in both these respects will be the best guarantee, if any were required, for the future. Need we remind our old friends, that we have already favored us so largely; that the extended sale *Jackson's Oxford Journal* has acquired, not only in this but in the neighbouring counties, recommend it more particularly to their continued notice. Finally, gentle readers, we make our bow, and, not doubting you have found a *happy Christmas*, allow us to wish you most heartily a *happy New Year!*

It is not often that we avail ourselves of the opportunity Mr. O'Connell is continually affording us by his intemperate speeches of making any observations on the same; but we cannot let the fact be with the existing administration, kept in as the parties who have been so abused by his power, whatever he says is a political point of view possesses a degree of importance which it otherwise would not have. We admit it is disagreeable to us shewing the evil the country must labor under while governed by men so entirely under the finger and thumb of this man; but that evil is of such magnitude that the sooner the O'Connell ridden crew is get rid of the better, and that will hardly be while he continues by his balderash to exercise the influence which at the present time he undoubtedly does over the people of Ireland. We will would think that if any—aye, even of his Irish hearers, were to sit down and calmly read over one of his political speeches, they could not fail to be impressed with the feeling of disgust and abhorrence of the man, who, to suit his own evil views, dared put by wholesale the poisonous stuff with which those speeches are charged; no matter whether he is speaking of bodies of men, or attacking private individuals. Take one of his most recent exhibitions at a meeting in Dublin, held on the 24th of December, at the Adelphi Theatre. After describing the Tories of England "as ready to trample on the precincts of the Crown," and as "Traitors;" and arraigning the conduct of the Conservative Lords, during the last Session, he proceeds to lug in the name of Lord Brougham by the head and shoulders, and with as much reason as *Sancho Panza* did his proverbs. Read what the mountebank says—"There is that man of talent, Lord Brougham, who is one of their principal supporters, and who is possessed of more great and extended talent than almost any man in existence; but who is, at the same time, viler in his practices than any other Statesman that ever lived. Let us look to one of his last acts. He had an only child, whose death a few weeks since filled with grief the heart of every man of feeling who heard of it. It was supposed that he would have at once retired from the public eye, and have sought to indulge his sorrow in silence, or to use an Irish phrase, that he would have gone to 'eat his heart alone, &c. but what do we find him doing? In the very first instance we see him parading as chief mourner at the funeral. Did we ever hear of a father attending his child's funeral before?

Who ever heard that a father did not? Who ever heard, unless there was illegitimacy, or a father allowing his child's mortal remains to be committed to its parent dust without accompanying those *remains* to the grave, and taking "a last fond lingering look?" But for this fellow he has no feeling—he has no heart, however, to individuals, he describes the Lords as wishing to bring about "an oligarchy," and vomits forth this bizarre language—"Let the Lords wish to bring about a *revolution*, and says, "that end is actually in progress in that country (England);" and then he goes on to commit this perjury, "And, so help me God! I am at this moment fully convinced that, but for the spirit of freedom that breathes in the breasts of the people of Ireland, that revolution would have, ere this, broken out!" But we must be heavily providing a heap of rubbish that, thank Heaven, is never to be met with coming from the lips of any, save Dan. We pass on to notice the most impudent thing that any man with an unblushing front could utter in a parliament. We all know he must be pledged himself to agitate the repeal question—that he would never rest until the question was fairly settled. Now what do our readers think is the reason he assigns for giving that game up for the present? Why, "*he's too busy watching the Orangemen.*" This man who wove "*henceforth my heart is upon the waters as a Reposer.*" *Oh! he is too busy watching the Orangemen!* Now who is this Daniel O'Connell? He is the man who was found guilty of a misdemeanor—he is the man denounced in a Speech from the Throne by the present Ministry, who is the country's ruler for the time being, in power, and that is the great secret, that while petty offenders are prosecuted for disseminating hand-bills, he who spouts *treason* by wholesale is allowed to go scot free.

The Rev. Lawrence Eberall Judge, M.A. has been appointed by Dr. Phillimore, the Chancellor, a Surrogate of the Bishop of Oxford for granting Marriage Licences and Proving Wills in the county of Oxford.

PREFERMENTS.

The Queen has been pleased to order a congé d'lire to pass to the Great Ecclesiastical Dignitary the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Lichfield to elect a Bishop in that See, the same being void by the death of Dr. Samuel Butler, late Bishop thereof; and her Majesty has also been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Right Rev. Father in God Dr. James Bowstead, now Bishop of Sodor and Man, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Lichfield.—*London Gazette.*

The Rev. William Scott, M.A. of Queen's college, in this University, late Curate of Christ Church, St. Pancras, has been nominated by the Bishop of London to the Incumbency of Christ Church, New North-road, Hoxton.

The Rev. John Douglas Giles, M.A to the Vicarage of Skendleby, Lincolnshire, on the presentation of Lord Willoughby de Eresby.

The Rev. Frederick Reigale Walton, to the Vicarage of Ainderby, near Northallerton, void by the resignation of the Rev. J. Robson.

The Rev. Edgecombe Rimell, Curate of St. Blazey, to the Vicarage of Marystow, Devonshire, vacant by the death of the Rev. Thomas Robyns.

The Rev. Daniel Rowlands, Llanllwch, to be Chaplain to the Earl of Gosford.

CLERGYMEN MARRIED.

Dec. 27, at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, the Rev. Charles Wardroper, B.A. Leigh, Gloucestershire, to Laura Matilda Montague, fourth daughter of the late Lieut. Col. Timms, R.M.

Dec. 31, at Winwick, Lancashire, the Rev. T. J. Whittington, M.A. to Anne Margaret, eldest daughter of Thos. Cringham, Esq.

Dec. 31, at Camo, Dorsetshire, the Rev. C. G. Newcomb, son of J. Newcomb, Esq. of Upton, Bucks, to Emily Georgiana Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the Right Hon. and Rev. Lord W. Somerset.

CLERGYMEN DECEASED.

Dec. 26, at Mansfield, at a very advanced age, the Rev. R. Wood, D.D. He was upwards of 30 years Chaplain to the county goal, and for upwards of 40 years first usher and then Head Master of the Free Grammar School, Nottingham.

CLERGYMEN, DECEASED.

Dec. 27, at Twyford, Hants, Elizabeth, widow of the late W. Short, D.D. Prebendary of Westminster, aged 79.

At Clifton, the Rev. Thomas Stretton Cudrington, Vicar of Broughton, Wilts, aged 39.

At Heighington, the Rev. Robert Blacklin, aged 97.

In his 77th year, the Rev. George Saville, Rector of Howell, Lincolnshire, and Perpetual Curate of Shireoaks, Nottinghamshire.

Aged 34, the Rev. Alfred Sadler, M.A. brother of Benjamin Sadler, Esq. of Ancheswes.

At his house at Haydon, near Taunton, the Rev. H. Barker. A.M.

PREACHERS AT ST. MARY'S.

Rev. Mr. Hawkins, Pembroke, on Sunday morning.
Rev. Mr. Clifton, Worcester, in the afternoon.
Rev. Mr. Clifton, Worcester, in the evening.

PREACHER AT CARFAX.

Rev. Mr. Fleth, on Sunday morning and evening.

BIRTH.—Dec. 26, at Doddington Grove, Kennington Common, of her third son, Mrs. G. J. Till, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Hellier, of Chalgrove, in this county.

MARRIED.

Dec. 26, at Charney, Berks, by the Rev. W. Evans, Mr. H. Hitchcock, chemist, of this city, to Anne, second daughter of the late Mr. J. Beesley, of the former place.

Dec. 28, at Black Bourton, near Bampton, by the Rev. G. Carr, Curate, the Rev. Thos. Ford, of Great Harrington, Gloucestershire, to Miss Elizabeth Green, niece of Mr. John Cox, of Black Bourton.

On Wednesday last, at St. Dionis Church, London, Mr. M. J. Wyatt, of Kilkenny, Ireland, brother of Mr. W. Rippington, of Harlesdon Green, Middlesex.

Dec. 31, at Bensington, Mr. Richard Powell, to Mary Ann, only daughter of Mr. Richard Costar, both of the same place.

On Tuesday last, at Steeple Claydon, Mr. W. King, jun. of Horton Hartshorn, to Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr. Cooper, of Clayton Pond's Farm.

DIED.

On the morning of Christmas Day, at her residence in Walt-street, Mrs. Indoor, Sarah, relict of the Rev. Henry St. John Bullen, late of Kilsby, Northamptonshire.

Dec. 25, at Hastings, William Gisborne, Esq. of her Majesty's Ceylon Civil Service, son of the Rev. Thomas Gisborne, Prebendary of Durham, and brother of Thos. Gisborne, Esq. M.P. for Carlow.

On the 21st of June, on board the *Marshal Bennett*, south-seaman, Mr. John Smith, brother to Mrs. Kirkpatrick, S. Merton-street, in this city.

Since our last we have seen and well-known *worthies* of this city have paid the debt of nature—William Marsh, better known by the name of *Mouth* Marsh, and—Hart, alias *Chicky* Hart. We fear that both have for some time past undergone many privations, as their appearance betokened every sign of wretchedness and poverty. The latter died in Bedlam, as a vacancy as almsman of Bartlemas, and we hear that Pinnock, the drover, who has the respect and good-will of all who know or employ him, is a candidate.

At the last weekly meeting of the Asylum Committee a donation of 20 guineas was received from Mr. William Spencer, of Adderbury, in this county, being the amount of the prize which he obtained at the great agricultural meeting for his victorious sample of red wheat.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS, FOR CHARITY.—The Members of this Society commenced a series of dramatic entertainments about a week ago, and have given two performances during last week. The Theatre was literally crowded to the very ceiling each evening, and the performances appeared to give the greatest satisfaction and delight. We hear the Managers of this Society are credit for having attained that which they aimed at, namely, the affording of a rational entertainment to a very large number of all classes, during the Christmas vacation.

Inquests before G. Cecil, Esq. Coroner.—On yesterday se'nnight, at Caversham, on view of the body of Robert Broadway, aged 36 years, who died on the preceding Sunday. "Verdict, "Accidental death."—On Saturday last, at Garsington, on view of the body of James Hedges, aged 11 years, who died on the day before from injuries he received by his clothes taking fire on the preceding day at his father's house. Verdict, "accidental death."—On Monday, at the Shoulder of Mutton, in St. Thomas parish, on view of the body of Thomas Hart, who died suddenly at a lodging house in that parish. Verdict, "died by the visitation of God."

OXFORD MARKET.—Wheat, from 15s. 6s. to 17s. 12s. 6d. per load; Barley, 28s. 0d. to 40s. per qr.; Oats, 26s. 6s. to 34s. 0d. per qr.; Beans, 32s. 0d. to 40s. per qr.; Peas, 33s. to 40s.

TOWN COUNCIL, JANUARY 1, 1840.

The following absentees were fined 5s. for non-attendance:—Alderman Butler, Mears, Fisher, Hitchings, and Bartlett. Alderman Thomas Wyatt and Mr. J. Thorp were excused on the ground of illness.

The minutes of the last Council were read, and the following Committees and Trustees were appointed:—

MARKET COMMITTEE.—Previous to the appointment of this Committee the Mayor stated that he was disturbed in his mind at the market during the last year. A long discussion ensued as to the money that had been expended, which was terminated by Mr. T. Day moving a vote of thanks to the Market Committee during the last year. Seconded by Mr. W. Thorp, and carried almost unanimously.

The Committee which was appointed by the last Council to meet the Market Committee, and consider the propriety of making an avenue from the Corn Market, reported that they had met and ascertained that the expense would be so great that they could not recommend the Council to take any further step in the matter.

The Market Committee was then appointed, consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen Browning, Sadler, Butler, L. Wyatt, and Mr. Alderman Hunt, Messrs. Day, Fisher, Mr. William Day, no longer a Councillor. The Commissioners for Lighting and Paving, and the Trustees of Folly Bridge and Hinckley Hill were then appointed. The Trustees of the Charitable Information of Estates, respecting the repairs at the Town Clerk's Office and the encroachment on Fort Road and Jericho Tenements, was agreed to.

It was ordered that Ellis Smith be admitted to his freedom, as recommended by the Committee.

Mr. Slatter moved the return of 4s. per week be allowed to the widow of the late Sheriff's Sergeant, Wm. Barnes. Seconded by Mr. Towle.

Mr. Hunt opposed the motion on the principle that it was perfectly illegal. This view of the case was taken by most of the members, and the motion was consequently negatived by a very large majority.—Mr. Hunt embraced the opportunity of stating that one of the Oxford papers (alluding to the *Chronicle*) had grossly misrepresented him, and that he was no longer a Councillor. He begged to state, as he did on that occasion, that had he been a Councillor at the time the motion was made against any grant to the Carfax Church while the city possessed no surplus, he felt that he would have supported the Mayor's salary, because it was perfectly legal and justifiable in the eyes of the law, and beneficial to the city.

Mr. Talboys's motion, relative to the Mayoress's fees, was postponed.

Mr. Thorp's motion, to remedy the nuisance of exercising horses, was also postponed.

Mr. Hunt gave notice that at the next Council he should move that the vote of 1*l.* per week to the widow of the Town Clerk be rescinded.

Mr. Towle moved that the consideration of the claim of Mr. Robinson Symons to the freedom of this city be referred to the Freedom Committee. Agreed to.

Mr. Hunt gave notice that at the next Council he should move that the taxed costs due to the city since March, 1837, of 167*l.* 7s. 6d. from Mr. Ewin, and which he has refused to pay, be recovered by the regular legal process.

BANBURY, JANUARY 2.

MARRIED.—On Tuesday week, at East Hadden, Mr. J. H. Lamprey, ironmonger, of Banbury, to Ann, 2d daughter of Mr. Wm. Lucas, of the Grange, Northamptonshire.—On Saturday last John Wilson to Ann Marriott, of Banbury.—On Monday last Thos. Robinson to Elizabeth Locker.

DIED.—On the 31st ult. John Stephen, infant son of Mr. Wm. Hawtin, Bankers-street.—Yesterday, in the 1st inst. at Helmdon, Mr. Wm. Baylis, farmer and maltster, aged 50.—On the 30th ult. at Banbury, Catherine Watkins, a widow, aged 74 years.

Managers at the Savings Bank.—Jan. 2, R. Brayne, Esq.; Jan. 9, R. C. Hanley.

Banbury Market, Thursday.—Wheat, 7s. to 9s. 6d. per bushel; Beans, 5s. to 6s. per do.; Barley, 30s. to 40s. per qr.; Oats, 24s. to 30s. per ditto; Flour, 50s. to 56s. per sack; Bread, 8d. 4lb. loaf.

Banbury Sessions were holden on Saturday last, before James Manning, Esq. Recorder, John Munton, Esq. Mayor, and other Magistrates, when *George Fortnam* was convicted of stealing a pair of ladies' boots, the property of Messrs. Jee and Bragg, from their shop, and was sentenced to be imprisoned 3 months and kept to hard labor; and two private prisoners, *Thomas Road*, broker, was indicted for stealing three pieces of carpet and some iron rods, the property of Joseph Garrett, of Neithrop, builder. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. The carpets were purchased at an auction by Mr. Garrett, and delivered to the porter to take care of, and he missed them, and found that they had been taken away. Enquiry was publicly made about the goods in the auction room, when Road, the prisoner, was present, and made no observation. The porter, with another person, went to the house of Road, and asked him if the goods had been brought there by mistake, and he said he knew nothing about them. Road afterwards produced the carpet, &c. which were in his bagge.—Several persons who were present at the sale stated they thought Road was the purchaser of the goods.

James Shuttleld stated that Road lived with him from a youth. Always found him very punctual, praise-worthy, and honest in every things; and from his being so, always called on him when witness went to Leamington; and half Leamington would speak for him, if they were here. Mr. and Mrs. Jee and Bragg, proved the property.

Charles Hallam—Knew Road for four years or more. Had been a considerable purchaser of him, at sales, and always found him perfectly honest.

Joseph Jarvis—Have known Road about three years. Have had many transactions to a considerable amount with him, and have always found him perfectly honest and straightforward in his dealings. Could not say Road had paid for the goods he was paid for last Tuesday. Perhaps there is a running account between them for two or three years.

Robert Kirby—Have known Road about two or three years, and have always found him very correct and honest in all his transactions.

The Jury retired for some time; on their return both the Court the Foreman returned a verdict of *guilty*. Sentence—Six months' imprisonment and hard labour; the first and last month solitary.

A petition to the Queen in favour of the prisoner, Road, has been prepared, and is now lying at the Red Lion Inn, for signatures.

BICESTER PAUPER INFIRMARY.—At the Weekly Board, on Tuesday last, 11 patients were discharged, of whom 3 were cured, 4 relieved, and 2 made out-patients. At the same time 13 were admitted, amongst whom 2 had accidents.—119 remain in the house. Out-patients admitted, 10; remain, 310—Physician for the ensuing week, Dr. Ogle; Surgeon, Mr. Hitchings. Reported, a benefaction of £1 to the Samaritan fund, from the Rev. C. L. Keeby, of Stoke Talmage and Bampton, in this county.

CITY POLICE.—*Friday, Jan. 3.*—(Before T. Mallam, Esq. Mayor, Aldermen Butler, C. J. Sadler, and L. Wyatt, and Thos. Taylor, Esq.)—Edwin and Wm. Florey, for assaulting Nathaniel Culverhouse, constable, the last month in ejecting a house of payment were committed to the city goal, Edwin for 14 and Wm. for 7 days.

CITY SESSIONS

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this City were holden on Tuesday last, before Jas. Manning, Esq. the Recorder, Thomas Mallam, Esq. Mayor, and other Magistrates.

The Grand Jury having been impannelled and the Queen's Proclamation against vice, profaneness, and immorality read, the Recorder addressed a few words to the Grand Jury, merely observing that the cases to be brought before them were of a trifling nature, and such as he hoped would be speedily disposed from him, and he would therefore at once dismiss them to their duties.

The Recorder then stated that he found two errors in the inquisition found by the coroner's jury against James Wright, for killing and killing his wife Sarah Wright, and in consequence of such errors the prisoner must be discharged; but the Grand Jury should be sworn to enquire into the case whether he was guilty of the serious crime with which he had been charged, and stated that it was now too late for him to offer any atonement to his wife, whom he had murdered, but he should require his sureties bonds to protect; he must therefore make his atonement to Almighty God and society. The Jury then found a bill against the prisoner for the crime of manslaughter, and stated that he had heard the prisoner was very much addicted to drinking such violent spirituous liquors, and they hoped he would be brought to a sense of his crime, and that he would amend his course of life for the future, and become a member of society. The expenses of the prosecution were allowed.

William Sherman pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with stealing, on the 19th of November last, 4 lbs. of bacon, the property of Wm. Esley, and was sentenced to be imprisoned for one month and kept to hard labour.

James Price pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with stealing, on the 18th of November last, 4 lbs. of bacon, the property of John Carpenter, and was sentenced to be imprisoned for one month and kept to hard labour; he likewise pleaded guilty to another indictment for stealing, on the same day, a fleece, value 1s. the property of Mary Ann Moore, and was sentenced to be imprisoned 3 months and kept to hard labour, and to be once privately whipped. The prisoner said, if he did the Recorder would send him out of the country after his time had expired; for if he did not he should be in more trouble next time;—he was determined to quit this country, as his life here was become quite a misery to him, in consequence of his friends disowning him.

Lewis West, the younger, indicted for stealing an apron, value 6d. the property of Ann Bailey, on the 6th of November last, pleaded not guilty.

Ann Bailey deposed she lately lived at Mr. Bailey's, at the Sherborne Arms; that the prisoner came to the house on the day in question, and went out with something under his frock, which she afterwards discovered was her apron, which she had; William Bailey, the landlord, said he followed the prisoner and took hold of him, and afterwards found the prisoner had produced the apron under the gate, near to where the prisoner stood.

Verdict, guilty. Sentence—to be imprisoned for three months, the first and last of which to be solitary, and afterwards, and to be twice privately whipped. It appeared that the prisoner had been several times before the City Magistrates, and that this was not his first offence.

Thomas Stedman, charged with stealing, in August last, 6 lbs. of sugar, value 3s. the property of W. Hughes, shopkeeper, Cowley-place, Jane Harper, a dealer in marine stores, said the prisoner brought a copper and sugar to sell her, which weighed about 6 lbs. and which she bought; she afterwards delivered it to the constable, on hearing that it was said to have been stolen.

William Bailey, of the Sherborne Arms, said he had a copper coal scuttle in September last from his back premises, and that witness produced in Court was the same; that Mrs. Harper identified it as the one she bought of the prisoner. Prisoner said in his defence that he bought it of a man in the street for 1s. 6d.

Sarah Hedges, wife of Mr. Hedges, Bedford-street, said she spoke well as to his honesty and general good conduct, and one of the jurymen also gave him a good character. Verdict, not guilty.

James Weller, charged with stealing, on the 26th of November, a wheelbarrow, value 5s. and other articles of furniture, the property of Thomas Peake, pleaded not guilty.

James Carter, who works for Mr. Peake, said he missed the barrow on the 20th of November, and found the garden gate broken, the potatoe pit opened, and about a sack of them gone, and a little boy told him where he had seen the barrow and potatoes, a sack had stood.

Ann Hedges, inspector of police, saw the prisoner, on the 19th of November last, wheeling a barrow, with a sack, which he between had potatoes in it; heard next morning that potatoes had been lost, and on the 20th she went to the house of the prisoner, at Mrs. Perry's, and afterwards took him into custody.

Maria Perry, wife of Thomas Perry, carpenter, said the prisoner brought some potatoes to their house on a Tuesday night, and her husband gave him 3s. 6d. for them, as the sack was not full, but the prisoner said he had a sack of potatoes and gone with his barrow, which he did. Afterwards gave Church the potatoes, and he took the barrow home. Witness knew where the prisoner had put it; but did not know that it was the same that prisoner brought, as she had left home.

James Perry said that he had ordered a sack of potatoes of the prisoner for 4s. but when he brought them the sack was not full, and therefore he gave only 3s. 6d. for them.

Carter was re-called, and said he knew the barrow to be the same he had lost from his premises.—Church produced potatoes from the pit, and also some from Perry's, which appeared similar to the Jury.

Mr. Joseph was then sworn, and produced a statement made by the prisoner, after the examination of all the witnesses before the Magistrates, that he stated that *he denied taking or selling any potatoes to Mr. Perry at all.*

Witnesses were called on the prisoner's behalf, who spoke well of him as a general good character, and Mr. Joseph, Mr. Perry, and recommended to mercy by the Jury. Sentence—to be imprisoned for two calendar months and kept to hard labour.

William Brian, charged with keeping a disorderly house, in the parish of St. Clement, for some time past, pleaded guilty. It appeared that Brian had left the house and also the parish, and now entered into recognizance to appear when called on to abide the judgment of the Court.

COUNTY SESSIONS.

The Chairman, in his address to the Grand Jury, remarked that although the number of prisoners for trial at this Session was certainly greater than usual at this period of the year, the cases were nevertheless such as to require no observation, and different from those usually presented before Grand Juries at the Sessions, and therefore he did not seem to require any particular comment from him; but if in the discharge of any duties the Jury needed any assistance, it would be most readily afforded them.

The Chairman said he was sorry to notice from the number of prisoners sent in so small, that the crime of sheep stealing is becoming very prevalent in Oxfordshire. He hoped they would have to try those prisoners would probably pass severe sentences upon them, in order to stop the progress of so unmanly and base crimes. Prevention, however, was better than punishment, and he trusting a proper and vigorous force the now so frequent occurrence could be prevented, it was necessary that Magistrates are very difficult to watch over, and persons formerly convicted of sheep stealing were sentenced to 7 years, but the law in respect had lately been altered, and the punishment now was transportation for life.

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The following Magistrates were present at these Sessions, viz.:—W. H. Ashhurst, Esq. Chairman, the Right Hon. the Lord Norreys, the Right Hon. the Lord Barrington, Viscount Villiers, M.P. the Lord Norreys, M.P. the Hon. Colonel Wyndham, Sir L. Pickering, Esq. S. P. Cox, Esq. A. T. Rawlinson, Esq. Chas. Peers, Esq. John Loveday, Esq. Thos. Fremoux, Esq. Colonel J. Sidney North, Hon. F. G. Spencer, J. W. Henley, Esq. G. J. Harcourt, Esq. M.P. Sir Thos. C. F. Wyatt, Thomas Thornhill, Esq. Robert Marsham, Esq. D.C.L. John Lethbridge, Esq. Joseph Phillimore, Esq. D.C.L. the Rev. Robt. Phillimore, the Rev. F. Wyatt Cleli, D.D.; the Rev. W. C. Ford Newdigate, the Rev. R. Goddard, Clerk, B. J. Whippy, Esq. W. S. Blackstone, Esq. M.P. Charles Lane, Esq. the Rev. Thos. Fox, Clerk, the Rev. T. L. Cooke, John Fane, Esq. J. H. Langston, Esq. the Rev. C. J. Keene, W. F. Willmore, Esq. the Rev. Jas. Wright, Esq. J. C. Wilson, Esq. Henry Peyton, Esq. Philip Bliss, Esq. J. H. Whitmore Jones, Esq. T. B. Evans, Esq. James Morrell, Esq. Jas. Ewin, and W. H. Ashhurst, Esq.

The following appeals came before the Court, viz.:—Bloxham parish appellants, and St. Giles's parish, Oxford, respondents. Appeals against order of removal entered and respited until the next Sessions, on the motion of Mr. Keating.

St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, appellants, and the parish of St. Michael, in Oxford, respondents. Appeal against order for removal entered and respited until the next Sessions, on the motion of Mr. Walesby.

The Proprietors of the Oxford Canal Company appellants, and the parish of Bletchington, respondents. Appeal against Poors' Rate further respited, on the motion of Mr. Walesby, for the appellants, and with the consent of Mr. Keating, on behalf of the respondents.

The parish of Banbury appellants, and the parish of Bourton respondents. Order of removal entered and respited, but not upon the merits. Mr. Walesby for appellants, and Mr. Keating for the respondents.

The trial of John Hastings against a conviction for offending against the Thames Commissioners Act was respited until the next Sessions, on the motion of Mr. Walesby, and with the consent of Mr. Keating.

The parish of Finstock appellants, and the parish of Charlbury and Walcot respondents. Appeal against order of removal entered with the consent of the Court, and respited until the next Sessions, on payment of the costs of the day to the respondents.

The trials of the prisoners were then proceeded with:—

James Leach, for stealing, on the 27th of October last, a hat, a silk stock, and a woollen comforter, at the parish of Bicester, the property of John M'Nulty—to be imprisoned three months in the house of correction and kept to hard labour.

Augustus Turner, for stealing, on the 4th of November last, five pecks of wheat, the property of Joseph Kearsey, of Witney—to be imprisoned for six weeks.

William Dowling, for stealing, on the 19th of October last, two pounds weight of green copperas, the property of Thos. Sagues, of Radcot—to be imprisoned 14 days in the house of correction.

Samuel Rudeg, for stealing, on the 20th day of November last, a quarter of a hundred weight of coal, the property of Sarah Billing, of Woodstock—to be imprisoned two months in the house of correction, the last month in solitary confinement.

Thomas Phillips, for stealing, on the 30th of October last, five sovereigns and a pair of boots, the property of his master, George Sole, of Witney—to be imprisoned three months in the house of correction.

Jas Nicy, for stealing, on the 14th of November last, a leather table cover, a towel, and divers other household articles, the property of the Right Rev. Richard Bagot, the Lord Bishop of Oxford—to be imprisoned three months in the house of correction.

William Coridge, charged with stealing, on the 21st of November last, a quantity of potatoes, the property of John Harris, Bury, of Bicester; and *John Tippings*, charged with stealing, on the 27th of November last, an almanack, value 6d. the property of Samuel Cook, and also with receiving the same.

William Lardner, for stealing, on the 2d of December last, a quantity of elm wood, the property of Wm. Millin, of Ramsden—to be imprisoned in the house of correction for three months and kept to hard labour.

John Croxton, for stealing, on the 2d of December last, a quantity of cleft wood, the property of Wm. Millin, of Ramsden—to be imprisoned for four days.

William Hunt and *Thomas Aris*, for stealing, on the 20th day of October last, a bushel of wheat, value 7s. the property of Wm. Hall, their master, of Finmere—to be imprisoned in the house of correction for three months.

Thomas Fletcher, for stealing, on the 3d day of December last, a quantity of wool, the property of Edward Payne, of Thame—to be imprisoned for fourteen days, and to be once whipped.

Henry Lorner, charged with stealing, in October last, a barn door and other things, the property of John Barlow, of Chinnor, was acquitted.

Rose Tunnacod, for stealing, on the 3d of December last, two cabbages, value 2d. the property of Thomas Ford, of Great Haseley—to be imprisoned 14 days in the house of correction.

Jesse Small and *Elizabeth Smith*, for stealing a piece of oak timber, value 5s. the property of the Right Rev. Lord Bishop—to be imprisoned in the house of correction for six weeks and kept to hard labour.

Charles Osborne, for stealing, on the 13th of December last, two bushels of apples, the property of Merrick Fowler, Esq. of Wilcote—to be imprisoned for fourteen days in the house of correction.

Thomas Green, for stealing a quantity of lead and brass, value 1s. and upwards, the property of Henry Nath. Byles, of Henley—to be imprisoned for one month in the house of correction.

Richard Boswell and *William Sodon*, for stealing two pecks of Scotch potatoes from Sarah Ann Hedges, of Oxford, the value 1s. 6d. were sentenced as follows—Boswell to be imprisoned 14 days and kept to hard labour, and Sodon to be imprisoned for six months.

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Matthew Rawlins and *John Munday*, for stealing fifteen fagots from the house of Mr. Alderman Butler, of Garsington, were sentenced as follows—Rawlins to be imprisoned for six months, and Munday to be transported for seven years. Munday, it appeared, had been in gaol several time before, and on one occasion for two years, for maliciously killing a cow.

Benjamin Wilkins, *William Wheeler*, *James Goodwin*, *George Nelson*, *John Gibbs*, *Robert Killop*, *Michael Lewis*, *William Sessions*, and *Thomas Rawlins*, for a riot at Deddington, on the 26th Oct. and assaulting James Hastings, constable, in endeavoring to assist the constable, to be imprisoned for one week.

Mary Gibbs, for embezzling different sums of money, amounting to 1s. 8d. the property of his master, Edward Coleman, of Westcot Barton—to be imprisoned for three calendar months.

Philip Harris, for stealing two pair of trowsers, a pair of stockings, and other articles of wearing apparel, the property of Hedges, of Nettlebed; and *William Smith*, indicted for stealing seven spoons and dishes, and a dinner napkin, the property of Wadham college, and on the 19th of last November, the property of R. Marsh; and *John Smith*, indicted for stealing two sheep skins, the property of Edward Powell, of Black Bourton, were all acquitted.

Thomas Buckingham, for stealing a watch from Richard Wilson Greaves, out of his rooms in St. Edmund Hall, was imprisoned for three months and kept to hard labour, and to be once whipped.

Mary Cotton, charged with stealing a quantity of lead, the property of Mr. Alderman Butler, Schoolar of Corpus Christi college, Oxford, and also three shirt studs from Arthur Barker, of Magdalen college—to be imprisoned two months and kept to hard labour, and to be once whipped.

Thos. Ewin, for selling two geese and various other articles of wearing apparel, the property of Sarah and Ann Tame, two servants, living at Deddington—to be imprisoned four calendar months and kept to hard labour; and *James Gibbs*, his father, for receiving the property, knowing it to have been stolen. *Mary Gibbs*, charged with receiving some of the stolen goods, was acquitted. The elder male prisoner had been in gaol several times before.

In consequence of the non-attendance of the persons summoned on the Petit Jury the Court was delayed a considerable time in the trials of the prisoners. The Jurors were then all called over by the Clerk of the Peace, and eight or ten of them fined 10s. each, which fine was afterwards remitted, but be strictly enforced. Jurors will therefore do well to pay more attention to their summonses in future.

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