STAFFORDSHIRE SESSIONS.

(Continued from our last.)

WEDNESDAY.

(Before H. Hill, Esq. *Assistant Chairman.)*

James Hyde pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing 2lbs. the property of Robert John Peel, Esq. at Bentley-Trent. The prisoner, who had been twice before convicted, and sentenced to be transported for seven years, *Thomas Pallister* and *James Bull* pleaded guilty to stealing a quantity of bricks the property of *James Rogers*, at Leek, and they were each sentenced to one month's imprisonment, and to be publicly whipped.

Peter Bloom pleaded guilty to two indictments charging him with stealing a horse, the property of Robert Hindley, at Tunstall; and also with stealing 1½lb. of bacon, the property of Thomas Bailey, at Wolstan. He was sentenced, for the first offence, to one month's imprisonment, and to hard labour, and for the second offence, in consideration of that term to be further imprisoned, to hard labour, for three months.

George Kidd also pleaded guilty to stealing a waistcoat and a pocket handkerchief, the property of Thomas Bowcroft, at Leek, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment, with hard labour.

FELONY AT AN INN, AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

Robert West was indicted for stealing a top coat and a pair of gloves, the property of Thomas Bailey, at Wolverhampton, on the 10th of December. Mr. Keytes conducted the prosecution. The prosecutor, who has been at Kidderminster, was at Wolverhampton on the 10th of December, when he gave his top coat and a pair of gloves, and rug, to take to the Coach and Horses public house. The prisoner, who had been twice before in the Boots, who afterwards put them in the tilbury, where the prisoner was sitting. Shortly after the top coat and gloves were missed, and the ostler, Thomas Butler preceeding to Mr. Langmaid's pawnshop, he found the prisoner with the articles, and taken him into custody on a charge of stealing them. Mr. Banks identified the coat and gloves. The prisoner, on being asked if he had the things given him, was found guilty, and sentenced to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for six months.

CHARGE OF STEALING AND RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.

Daniel Smith and *John Hampton*, the latter a man indicted for stealing twenty-four skins of leather, the property of Messrs. Pickford and Co. at Tettenhall, and *George Miller* (also on bail), a respectable looking man, was charged with receiving the same at Tamworth, knowing them to have been stolen. They were each indicted in the indictment, varying the charge. Mr. Mountjoy conducted the prosecution; Mr. Keytes defended Smith and Hampton; Smith was undefended.

It appeared that the skins in question were sent in July last by Messrs. Webb and Co. of York-street, Birmingham, to Mr. George Smith, of Bridgnorth, and that they were afterwards returned as they did not suit in quality. Mr. Smith, however, never received the skins in question, and they were then sent to the warehouse of the London and North Western Railway Company for returned goods, at Birmingham. They were afterwards missed from this warehouse.

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The prisoner vehemently denied the charge, and said he was not guilty of the charge of stealing the 8 Sharpe's pieces of silver, and that the prosecutor was so drunk that he could not recollect what he had. He was in Her Majesty on the occasion more than twenty-one years, and would get a good character from a number of persons under whom he had served. All that the prosecutor told was being false.

The Chairman.—Here is Captain Malcewing on the bench, who knows you very well; he was in the Lord Ingham, who was at the battle of Navarino. Do you know either of those gentlemen?

The prisoner said he was at the battle of Navarino, and served as a marine.

Inquiry was made of Captain from Lord Ingham, the prisoner stated the vessel he served in at that engagement.

The prisoner Jones was found guilty, and the vessel he had served was there, and he regretted that any one the Chairman said that in that battle (meaning the battle of the prisoner) then did.

The Chairman also expressed his regret that a person who had served his country for more than twenty-one years should be placed in the dock, and he had to sain his character.

To be imprisoned four months.

STEALING TIMBER AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

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INFLUENT THEFT FROM A SHOP WINDOW AT STAFFORD.

Thomas Smith was indicted for stealing a pair of boots, at Stafford, the property of Henry Hall. The prisoner, who was undefended, said he was guilty of the charge, and that he was pushing the undertaker's shop of the prosecutor, and he thought he was pushing the door open, and put the boots, with which he commenced rapping himself. The prisoner, who had been twice before convicted of felony, was found guilty, and sentenced to be imprisoned three months.

Charles Wyn pleaded guilty to stealing 20lbs. weight of iron, the property of Thomas Richards, at Dudley, on the 17th of November. The Court sentenced him to two month's imprisonment.

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Simon Bull, aged 18, a young woman of doubtful character, was charged with stealing 2s. 6d. in money from the person of John Hidage, at Leek. The prosecutor, aged 70, was at Leek Wake, on the 10th of October, and then he went to Leek Wakes, on the 12th of October, and he was accosted by the prisoner, who said he was a good fellow, and he had been, and that he had been 10s. which was returned the following day.

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STEALING A WATCH AT STOURBRIDGE.

Edward Brown, aged 18, was charged with stealing a silver watch, at Stourbridge, the property of William Haynes. Mr. Knowles conducted the prosecution.

The prisoner at the latter end of October lodged at the house of the prosecutor, in Stourbridge, and left on Saturday, the 6th of November. On Sunday night, the 21st of October, he was seen going to bed long his watch up, the prisoner being at the time in the room. When the prosecutor got up the following morning, both the prisoner and the watch were missing. The prisoner and another person, who the prisoner gave the name of Edward Rutter, when the prisoner gave the name of Edward Bonds, to Mary M'May, at Stourbridge, on the 22d of October, and left. The prisoner, with this person, were subsequently taken into custody, but the other man was discharged by the magistrate.

The prisoner, in his defence, denied the charge, and contended, supported by his mother, that the watch was given him by a stranger, at Stourbridge, on the 22d of October, and that he had broken the eighth commandment.

The prisoner has been twice before witness.

The Chairman told him that he was afraid he was not speaking the truth, and the Bible, as a branch of the eighth commandment more probably applied to himself.

The jury found the prisoner guilty.

The prisoner said he had been twice in prison, and he had been committed for stealing potatoes.

The prisoner was then discharged with a caution.

The Court sentenced him to be imprisoned six months, to hard labour.

STEALING FROM THE PERSON AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

William Jones, aged 14, was charged with stealing a purse, one penn ticket, and eight shillings, from the person of Mary Ann Hughes, at Wolverhampton, on the 24th of December.

It appeared that the affair in question were sent in July last by Messrs. Webb and Co. of York-street, Birmingham, to Mr. George Smith, of Bridgnorth, and that they were afterwards returned as they did not suit in quality. Mr. Smith, however, never received the skins in question, and they were then sent to the warehouse of the London and North Western Railway Company for returned goods, at Birmingham. They were afterwards missed from this warehouse.

Charles Kinlen, a publican, at Tamworth, produced the whole of the skins, and deposed to going on the morning of the 3d of November, about half-past one, in company with prisoner either Charles Smith, to the house of the prisoner Miller, at Tamworth, and to his stable in the workshop and store room, and in a box found one skin the prisoner Miller produced. The prisoner said this was all that kind of leather he had got; but afterwards, he said he had more, and he would go and bring them to the store-room and brought out two bundles of skins—one containing twelve and the other eleven skins, for which he said he had paid 26s.

William Rabbitt, landlord of the Malt Shovel public house, Tamworth, corroborated earlier witnesses, as to the prisoner Smith, being at his house on Sunday, the 31st of October, about nine o'clock in the morning. A man was standing at the door. He afterwards saw the prisoner Miller come in, and engage in conversation with Smith. They went out together, which he saw him lead to Smith, saying, "Then is no account." He had been about the premises before and there.

James Yardy, superintendent of the carrying department of the London and North Western Railway, at Tamworth, corroborated Kinlen, the prosecutor, and stated that from Tamworth, taking the prisoner Smith into custody on the 3d of November, and arresting him of selling leather at Tamworth, Smith afterwards said to him, "Mr. the police station, and told him he could tell him where the property was if he was allowed to do so." He asked him who was a porter at the carrying department of the railway, at Birmingham, who taken into custody, and on Friday, the 6th, when he said he was asked by Daniel Smith to go to Tamworth, and that after some persuasion he had he went, and that he had Smith 10s. which was returned the following day.

Mr. Keytes then addressed the jury for the prisoners Hampton and Miller, contending on the part of the latter that there was not sufficient evidence to cause a conviction; and contending on behalf of Miller, that although it was an injudicious step to buy leather of a person of the small trap of business, yet if he had bought it knowing it to have been stolen, he would have taken it to a place of secrecy, and would have destroyed the marks on the skins, whereby identity would have been impossible. The learned counsel concluded by a powerful appeal to the jury on behalf of Miller, who it was contended was perfectly innocent of the charge.

The prisoner Smith, who said he had never been in custody before, also received a good character from several persons.

The learned Chairman then summed up the evidence to the jury, who returned a verdict of guilty against Smith and Miller, recommending the latter to the mercy of the Bench.

Hampton was then discharged with a caution, having been previously convicted of felony.

Smith and Miller were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment to hard labour; the Chairman telling Miller that his conduct was most reprehensible, and that it had been for the recommendation of the jury, he would have had a heavier sentence.

STEALING DEPS AT BEDGLEY.

Thomas Hyde and *Henry Taylor* were indicted for stealing a quantity of deps, the property of Joseph Lea, at Bedgley. The prisoner Taylor had been convicted twice on Tuesday, for felony, when sentenced to one month. Mr. Mountjoy conducted the prosecution. It appeared from the evidence of Richard Jones, of Bedgley, that the agent to Lord Ward at the Bedgley Park Colliery, there were about one hundred yards of deps, and they placed in a shed near the counting-house, about two years since, and that after he had missed a quantity he entrusted where it had been drawn along the ground. It was day in pleasant, and some deps were left in a field, and other parts at the shop of Richard Bodenham, Sarah Dutton, as assistant to Boden, stated that the two prisoners had brought a quantity of rope to her shop for which she paid them 7s. 6d. and the rope was now identified by Jeffrey as that which he had put in the pit in the shed. Both prisoners were found guilty, and previous convictions were then proved against them.

The same *Henry Taylor* was again indicted, in conjunction with *John Yate*, for stealing a quantity of rope, also the property of Lord Ward, at Bedgley. Similar evidence was again adduced as to the shed and the loss of the rope, for which the prisoners received 15s. 6d. which they paid to the landlord. They were both guilty. William Bate, who was tried with Taylor on Tuesday, gave a good character, and Joseph Gilbert, was again placed in the dock, and the learned Chairman addressing the prisoner said, "You were yesterday found guilty of stealing rope, and you have been before convicted; the opinion we have had no effect, and a heavier punishment must therefore be passed upon you. The sentence of the Court is transported in that you be transported for the space of ten years." Taylor, who had been four times convicted before, on seven occasions, and against whom previous convictions had been proved, on two occasions, was sentenced to be imprisoned three months, with hard labour.

BURGLARY AT A LODGER AT TIPTON.

Richard Llewellyn was indicted for stealing a coat, the property of John Holmes, at Tipton, on the 20th of November. Mr. Davis conducted the prosecution. The prisoner was not defended. The prisoner had been living with the prosecutor up to the 20th of November, when he received notice to leave, and in consequence of his being about to be lodging, he left the house, and left at the prosecutor's house. Early on the morning of the 20th of November, the prisoner was seen to enter into the house again, unlocked the door, took his coat, and left with the prisoner, who was with him, and he took to Lodney, in Worcestershire, and at Worcester the coat was found in a pawnbroker's shop, and was now identified by the pawnbroker. The prisoner made no defence, and he was found guilty, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Henry Dainty (on bail), charged with stealing a cotton gown, the property of William Bailey, at Tipton, on the tempting, in September last, was found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Mr. Davis conducted the prosecution.

Joseph Chadwick (on bail) was charged with breaking into the dwelling-house of William Wilkins, at the parish of Kingswinford, and stealing therein a quantity of wearing apparel, and stealing therein a quantity of wearing apparel, the property of the 15th of June last, was found guilty, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

John Hill, a boatman, indicted for stealing an iron bar, from his boat, the property of Thomas Bailey, at the parish of Kingswinford, on the 1st of November last, was acquitted.

John Hammond and *Thomas Lowell* (on bail) were indicted for stealing, on the 24th of November last, a bag, the property of William Bowen, and the latter pleaded guilty to the charge, and the former was therefore put upon his trial. Mr. Hodgkiss appeared for the prosecution; Mr. Keytes for the prisoners. It appeared that the prisoners had been employed by the prosecutor, at Wolverhampton, on the 24th of November, and that on the 14th of October last he received a good character for honesty from his employer in the place, and was found guilty, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Before T. Twemlow, Esq. *Chairman.*

SHOPLIFTING AT BILSTON.

William Hart, aged 18, and *Jeremiah Glover*, aged 17, were indicted for stealing a pair of trousers, at Bilston, the property of Thomas Jones. Mr. Keytes for the prosecution.

The prisoner Glover pleaded guilty. The evidence against Hart went to show that between four and five o'clock in the afternoon of the 22d of December, he had went into the shop of the prosecutor, a pawnbroker, in Oxford-street, Bilston, and asked to see some waistcoats. The prisoner Glover was distinctly spoken to by his side of the bale, and the prosecutor said he was believed to resemble one of the others. They all was by without making any purchase. In the course of an hour the same evening the prisoner Hart came into the sh