



### **Mr. Alexander, Victim of Barbarous Assault and Attempted Robbery**

On Wednesday evening last, as Mr. Alexander, of South Farm, near All Cannings, was returning from Devizes market, between six and seven o'clock, and had arrived within 200 yards of his house, he was attacked by two men, who dragged him off his horse, and beat him in a most barbarous manner. They at the same time filled his mouth with dirt, in order to stifle his voice, until every appearance of life was extinguished. They then rifled his pockets, and whilst the hand of one of the villains was actually within a pocket which contained a considerable sum in bank notes, Mr. A. had the presence of mind to change his position so as to make the attempt difficult. After searching every other pocket, containing papers, keys, and articles of little value, they retired. The injury Mr. Alexander has sustained from extensive wounds in his head, it is feared will prove very serious; he has ever since been confined to his bed. A Reward of one hundred pounds has, with a becoming promptitude and spirit, been offered by the inhabitants of All Cannings, for a discovery of the offenders.

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