

Crime and Punishment

Bowerchalke



STEALING LEAD FROM BOWER CHALK CHURCH

John Mitchell was indicted for stealing 84lb. of lead, the property of Henry Hughes, at Bower Chalk, on the 30th of January. Mr. Snowden appeared for the prosecution.

It appeared that the prisoner and other persons were employed in repairing the church at Bower Chalk. Some sheets of lead were taken off the roof of the church, and were carried into the office of the foreman of the works. The prisoner went to a neighbour, of the name of Harrington, and asked him if he could take something for him into town on the next day. Harrington told him he could take it, and then the prisoner went away, but returned in a short time with a piece of lead, which he asked him to sell for him at Salisbury. The witness took the lead to Still's, on the Canal, at Salisbury, and sold it for 12s. 3d. The lead was identified as being that which had been stolen.

The Jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

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