



The Transportation vessel "Charles Kerr"

Transportation for 7 Years for Stealing a Bridle and Saddle

David Wootton late of Bremhill, was charged with stealing a saddle and bridle the property of Mr Barrett; the prisoner it appears went to the saddle room window, and by taking out a square, contrived to unfasten the window and gain admittance.

Edward Hooper, cordwainer of Trowbridge, on his road to Hilperton, in passing by a field on the road heard a noise, and on looking into the field saw prisoner, who threw something down; prisoner ran out and struck him, on which he ran away and the prisoner followed him; he shortly after met Mr Foley, Constable of Trowbridge, who took the prisoner into custody, he found on him a crupper, and other articles; the bridle was found in a field; the articles were sworn to as the property of Mr Barrett.

Verdict – guilty, 7 years transportation.

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OPC Notes:

David Wootton was imprisoned on the Prison Hulk "York" in Portsmouth Harbour after being sentenced on 3rd January 1837. From here he was transported aboard the Transportation Vessel "Charles Kerr" leaving 6th June 1837 bound for New South Wales