



Suspicious and Dangerous Fellow at Loose

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A very suspicious and dangerous fellow has been for some time past, and still is, lurking about this Neighbourhood and particularly of late in and about the woods and contiguous hovels, calves houses & c. near the commons of Brinkworth and Braydon.

On Thursday the 2nd instant he rushed out of the woods on some children who were keeping cows near a place called Lydiard Plain and seized their basket of victuals threatening them in case of an outcry, that they should want victuals no more. He was likewise on Saturday morning last seen in a hovel with a woman who goes about begging under various pretences; and with this Woman he has been seen at different times by different persons.

He is said to be a tall, thin, pale pock-fretten young man wearing a ragged, bluish coat and upon the strongest reasons, he is believed to be one Baxter, formerly of Highworth and one of the persons charged with robbery and murder of Carey the Higler.

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