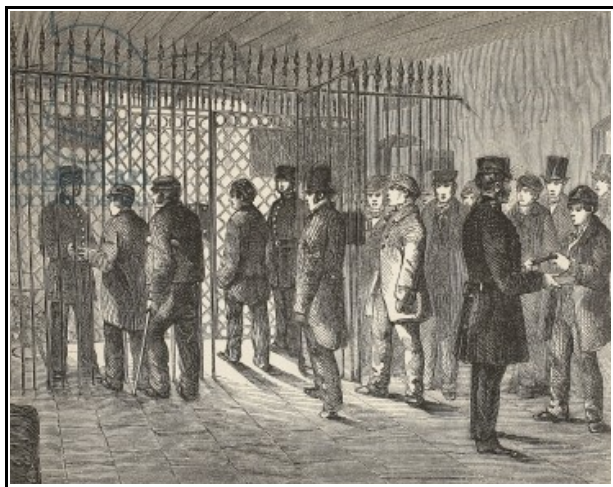


Crime and Punishment

Calne



Calne Parish v Mary Noble *At Calne Town Hall, 16th February 1857*

Thomas Green swore & saith:-

I am the master of the Calne Poor Law Union Workhouse at Calne in this County. The parish of Calne is one of the parishes included in that Union. On the Eleventh day of September 1856 George Noble of the age of four years became chargeable to Calne Parish. He was received into the Workhouse on that day and is now in the Workhouse maintained at expense of the parish of Calne.

Simon Pontin swore & saith:-

I am Relieving Officer of the poor of Calne Union. Mary Noble now present is the mother of George Noble the pauper. She is a singlewoman and the pauper is her bastard child. I gave the order for the child to go into the Workhouse. The child was brought to my house by a woman of the name Mary Ann Rutty. She gave me to understand that the Defendant had deserted her child.

Mary Ann Rutty swore & saith:-

I live in Zion's Lane in this parish. I took the child George Noble to Mr. Pontin. Mary Noble the mother was lodging at my house. The day after Mary Noble left my house I took the child to Mr. Pontin. When she left she told me she was going away. She left the child with me. About a week after she left the child with me was the first time I again saw her. She left no food for the child and consequently I took it to the Relieving Officer.

Convicted 42 days imprisonment in House of Correction at Devizes with hard labour

Justices Minute Books, Calne County Division 1851-1883; Reference B10/100/1