

# Crime and Punishment

## Charlton (Malmesbury)



**1771**

On Wednesday James Cromwell was committed to Fisherton Gaol, for breaking into the dwelling house of Mr Still, publican, at Charlton, in Wilts, and stealing six silver tea spoons etc. He was convicted of stealing a brass furnace from Mrs Hicks, of Seend, at Easter sessions 1768, and ordered to be transported seven years, but having hurt his back in lifting a cart, he affected to be quite lame, and was refused by the merchants; in consequence of which a pardon was granted him, and he was sent to his parish to be maintained; but he is now returned to his former lodgings quite recovered.

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