

Crime and Punishment

Dinton



SHEEP STEALING

On Thursday last Mr Seth Chinock, farmer, of Dinton, missed four sheep from his homestead, and immediately proceeded towards Salisbury in search of them; he made enquiries on the road, from which he discovered that a man, who was described to him, had gone to Salisbury with them. On arriving between the two bridges at Fisherton, he met a man named James Mullens, whom he took into custody, and placed in the station-house at Salisbury. From subsequent enquiries, he found that the prisoner had sold three of the sheep to Mr Snook of the Butcher Row, and had received £3 on account. - It appears that the prisoner had been in the habit of driving sheep for Mr Thomas Harding, of Tisbury, with whom Mr Snook had frequent dealing. The prisoner told the latter they were sent from Mr Harding of Tisbury, and as he was expecting some of the same sort from that gentleman he received them without suspicion. Prisoner has been since committed for trial.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday 22nd October, 1853 &

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday 27th October, 1853)

Henry Mullings, for stealing four sheep at Dinton – four years penal servitude.

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