

Crime and Punishment

Great Somerford



1689

The business of the Assizes for *Wilts* commenced at Salisbury on Monday, and was terminated in both courts at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Mr Justice Burrough presided in the Crown Court. There were only 50 prisoners for trial. The prisoners convicted were sentenced as under:-

Death - ... at Great Somerford: Wm. Smith and John Harvey, for assaulting Geo. Drinkwater on the towing path of the Wilts and Berks Canal, and robbing him of his watch-ribbon, gold seal, and key...(All the above culprits have been reprieved).

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