

## Crime and Punishment

## Hankerton

## **Trial of Joseph Major**

Joseph Major, a lad, of Hankerton, was charged with stealing a rabbit, value 1s, on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, the property of Earl Suffolk.

Prisoner, who was beating with others in the long wood at Charlton Park on the day previous, stepped on a rabbit and let it remain until the following morning, when he went to fetch it,. The keeper caught him and took it from him. The defence was that when he stepped on the rabbit his mate told him to let it stay till morning, and then went and informed the keeper, who laid wait for him.

Fined 5s and 18s costs.

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