



## FELONY

Hungerford, Berkshire, November 23, 1765

Whereas John Wild and Joseph Marten, otherwise Cheeseman, both of Hungerford aforesaid, labourers, are charged with having been concerned with three other felons, now in Reading Gaol, in sheep-stealing, are all strongly suspected of having been guilty of divers other felonies, lately committed in the neighbourhood of Hungerford aforesaid, on which account the said John Wild and Joseph Marten, otherwise Cheeseman, on Tuesday the 12th day of this last November absconded : Therefore whosoever will apprehend and secure the said John Wild and Joseph Marten, otherwise Cheeseman, or either of them, and give notice thereof to Mr. Mundy, Attorney at Law, in Hungerford aforesaid, shall immediately receive of him the sum of ten guineas, if both taken, and if one, then five guineas, over and above the reward of ten pounds such person or persons will be entitled to by Act of Parliament for apprehending and convicting every sheep-stealer, which said five guineas are raised by a voluntary contribution of the several parishes of Hungerford, Shalbourn, Kintbury and Avington, in the said county.

And whereas information has been given, that the said offenders had been projecting of murder upon several of the inhabitants of Hungerford, there may be probable reason to suspect their being concerned in the murders of Mr. and Mrs. Cheney, late of Hungerford aforesaid, which, if it should happen to be discovered that they were the perpetrators of, the person or persons who shall so apprehend the said John Wild and Joseph Marten, otherwise Cheeseman, will also be entitled, on their conviction, to a reward of one hundred guineas, offered by a former subscription of the said parish of Hungerford.

And in case any person or persons shall hereafter make a discovery of any other offence, amounting to felony, committed within either of the said four parishes, such person or persons shall receive of the said Mr. Mundy five guineas, on the offender or offenders being brought to justice : and if an accomplice, shall be entitled to the same reward, and admitted an evidence.

N.B. The said John Wild is a thin man, about 28 years of age, about five nine inches high, with his own black hair, dark eyes, with which he has a heavy downward look, fresh complexion, has an infirmity in both or one of his ankles, which makes him go somewhat lame, has stump or short feet, and hath also a remarkable rough deep voice.

Joseph Marten is rather a well-fed man, about 25 years of age, about five feet seven inches high, with flaxen hair, of a light complexion, and somewhat pitted with small-pox.

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