



Death Penalty for Sacrilegious Theft

At Salisbury

The business of our Assizes commenced on Monday last, before Mr. Justice Abbot and Mr. Justice Holroyd; the former presiding in the Crown Court, and the latter at Nisi Prius. The calendar of prisoners was very heavy, and their trials were not concluded till Thursday morning.

The awful sentence of death was passed on the following prisoners, 17 in number:

William Gale, convicted of having, between Sunday the 28th of December and the Tuesday following, sacrilegiously robbed the Church at North Bradley, of a box containing wine, napkins, and other articles.

Of the prisoners sentenced to death, all have been reprieved excepting William Gale, for sacrilege, who is to be executed on Tuesday the 24th instant.

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