



A typical flour mill in Wiltshire of the late 1700s - this at West Lavington

Arson at a Flour Mill

Whereas on Monday night the 24th of April last, a Flour Mill, commonly called Byde Mill, in the parish of Potterne, in the county of Wilts, the property of John Giddings, was feloniously broke open and set fire to, whereby the same was totally consumed together with about 40 sacks of flour.

Whoever will discover the offender or offenders, so that he, she, or them, may be convicted of the said offences, shall receive a reward of 20 guineas; and if an accomplice will make such discovery, and give evidence to conviction, such person will be entitled to the same award and a free pardon, to be paid by the said John Giddings.

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