



## **Bishop of Salisbury Confirms Convicts at Portland**

On Sunday last the Bishop of Salisbury held his annual confirmation at the Portland Convict Establishment. Divine service was performed in the chapel in the morning, and his lordship preached an excellent sermon from St. Matthew, chap 3, v. ii. - "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." At the conclusion of the afternoon service 66 prisoners were confirmed, most of them young men. Previously to the administration of the holy rite his lordship delivered to the catechumens an earnest address, and expressed a hop that all concerned were impressed with the solemnity of the vows they were about to take. The bishop again addressed them at the conclusion of the service, forcibly impressing upon them the danger of trusting to their own strength to carry out the good resolutions they had made.

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