



Salisbury Guildhall, Where The Wilts Special Commission Was Held

The “Swing riots” - Wilts. Special Commission

Abstract of the Sentences, &c. passed at the late Wilts Special Commission:

Sentence of death was passed upon two, who are to be executed on Tuesday next the 25th inst.; against 12, convicted of riotously assembling and demolishing machinery used in certain manufactures, 1 for burglary, and 35 for robbery, (in all 48) sentence of death was recorded, but which sentence has been commuted to various terms of transportation, mostly for life: 1, (Offer, the elder, who, from circumstances with which our readers are acquainted, will no doubt be discharged), was sentenced to be transported for life; 3, twice convicted of felony, are to be transported for 14 years; one hundred and one are to be transported for 7 years; 1 is to be kept to hard labour for 2 years; 1 for 18 months; 2 for 15 months; 25 for 12 months; 3 for 9 months; 14 for 6 months; and 7 for 3 months; 21 convicted of misdemeanours, having entered into recognizances to abide judgement when required, and to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for 2 years, were discharged; 70 were acquitted, and discharged by proclamation; the bills against 20 were ignored; and 15 were discharged for want of prosecution. Total number 334, viz. 50 death; 105 transportation; 53 imprisonment; and 126 discharged.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 20 January 1831

THE CONVICTS

Two vans, drawn by six horses each, started yesterday morning from Fisherton for Portsmouth with 36 of the men convicted of machine breaking, &c. viz:-

James Blandford, James Lane and Joseph Chubb, to be transported for 14 years; Samuel Barrett, Richard Pitman, James Mould, (of Tisbury), Samuel Banstone, alias Macey, Thomas Vinen, James Mould, (of Hatch) Thomas Topp, Thomas Rixon, John Barrett, Charles Jerrard, William Snook, Thomas Burl, William Bartlett, William Munday, John Olden, Henry Thornton, Henry Potticary, Joseph Beaminstor, James House, Samuel Harford, Joseph Hunt, James Wheeler, William Smith, Edward White, Thomas Abree, Thomas Light, William Rogers, Henry Herrington, Thomas Gange, William Cook, David Baker. John Vokins, and John Sheppard, to be transported for seven years each.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 20 January 1831