



Attack and Robbery

A brutal and daring outrage was committed on Monday, night, the 9th instant between 11 and 12 o'clock at the top of the canal lock at Seend kept by John Woodman. Two villains called him up under the pretence that a barge was waiting to pass through. The poor man, who is 75 years of age and bears an excellent character for integrity and sobriety, came to their call as soon as possible and began to unlock the paddle, when one of the men commenced beating him with his fists demanding his money. The villain then beat him about the head unmercifully with a broom stick, causing the blood to flow profusely.

The old man, notwithstanding, happily escaped into his house, and instantly locked the door. One of the men was close after him, and declared "we will break the door open if you do not give us the money". He then put through a chink of the door 4s. 3d., with which they went off. Woodman's head is much bruised and several contused wounds inflicted, one two inches in length, and laying the parietal bone bare.

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