



# Crime and Punishment

## *Sutton Mandeville*

Henry Snook was indicted for stealing a quantity of potatoes, the property of Sarah Harding, at Sutton Mandeville.

Mr Everett conducted the prosecution, and Mr Slade the defence.

Sarah Harding said that she had some potatoes in a pit; that about eight o'clock on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February she discovered that the pit had been opened, and a quantity of potatoes taken away; that she procured a constable, and searched the prisoner's house, when they found some potatoes so much resembling hers, that she had no doubt those now produced were the same.

Thomas Jay, constable at Fovant, stated that he searched the house, where he found the potatoes produced.

Mr Slade addressed the Court at some length as to the difficulty of identity in this case – after which, the learned Judge called the attention of the Jury to the evidence that had been produced as to the identity.

The Jury returned a verdict of Guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

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