



## **WILLIAM DOEL - FOR THE MURDER OF JAMES DAVIS AT WESTBURY**

Westbury, Wilts, February the 2nd, 1784.

### **A MURDER**

Escaped from Justice, WILLIAM DOEL, of the parish of Westbury, who stands charged with the wilful murder of James Davis.

Whoever will apprehend and secure the said William Doel, so that he may be brought to justice, shall by applying to the Churchwardens or Overseers, or to Mr. Thomas Gaisford, of the parish aforesaid, receive Ten Guineas Reward.

N.B. The said William Doel is about 22 years of age, about five feet four inches high, slender made, of a thin visage, dark eyes, his nose pitted with the small pox, wears his own dark brown hair which curls a little, walks a little drooping with his head, is by trade a Shearman; had on when he went away (the 22nd of January last) a round hat, looped up on the sides, a dark sand coloured cloth coat, very much faded, with plain white metal buttons, a light mixture cloth waistcoat, and old leather breeches.

#### **Newcastle Courant, Saturday 14 February 1784**

Tuesday last was committed to Fisherton gaol, William Doel charged with the wilful murder of James Davis, at Westbury. Doel was apprehended at Steilly Bridge, in Lancashire, through the information of an acquaintance of the name of Tucker, on whom he had called, and trusted with the cause of his elopement.

#### **Bath Chronicle, Thursday 4 March 1784**

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On Tuesday last ended the assizes for this county; ..... William Baker, for the murder of his mother at Marlborough, William Doel, for the murder of James Davis, at Westbury, were branded and ordered to be imprisoned one year.

**Reading Mercury, Monday 22 March 1784.**