



## Samuel Freestone Transported For Stealing

At Wilts Sessions, held at Salisbury, before the Earl of Radnor, chairman, and a numerous bench of magistrates, the following prisoners were tried, and sentenced as follows:

Transportation - Fourteen years: Samuel Freestone, aged 20, for stealing 3 worsted stockings from a hedge at Westbury.

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### **OPC NOTE:-**

Samuel Freestone was transported on the “Marquess of Hastings”, which sailed from London on 30 June 1828, and arrived at Port Jackson, in New South Wales, Australia, 12 October 1828, carrying 178 male convicts. Samuel Freestone was assigned to a Captain James Phillips, (a veteran of the Peninsula wars and free settler to New South Wales), who was granted 2000 acres of land at Bona Vista on the banks of the Paterson river. Among the crops cultivated on the estate was tobacco, and a tobacco factory was built there.