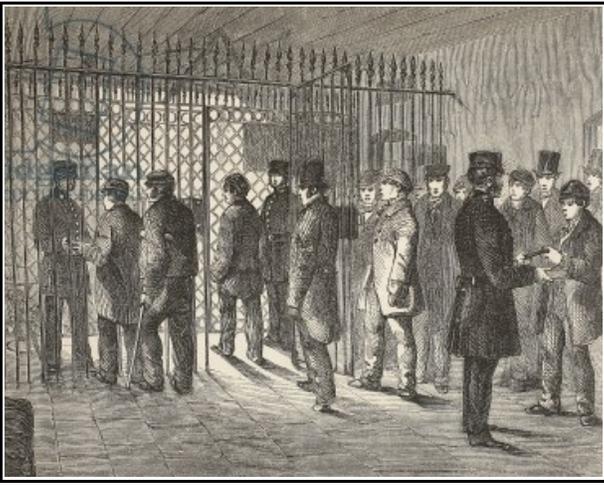


# Crime and Punishment

## *Wootton Bassett*



The crime of horse-stealing seems to increase in this county. – On Saturday night two mares were stolen from the parish of Wootton Bassett – one of them the property of George Hooper, esq., was a bay, 5 years old, 14 hands high, with a small streak in the forehead, also a small spot in the nose; the shoes marked with the initials T.H.A. The other, the property of Mr. Francis Templer, was a black mare, 5 years old, 14 hands high, with a small star in the forehead, switch tail, and in very good condition. A saddle and bridle were also stolen from Mr. Templer's stable. The police traced the horses for some distance along a road towards the downs, and an active pursuit is being made.

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