

Wellingborough Petty Sessions, December 5th 1879

Before F. U. Sartoris, Esq. (in the chair), and R. Arkwright, Esq

The Harrowden Wool Robbery.—John Smith, alias Dickey Bird," Kettering, was charged with being concerned, with others, in stealing eighty fleeces of wool, valued £40 the property of Mr J. Sanders and another, at Great Harrowden' on the 24th of January last.—Mr Heygate appeared to prosecute.—in opening the case, he stated that the facts of the case were well known. Prisoner was charged with being concerned, with five other men, who had been convicted, in taking the wool from Mr A. Turnell's Lodge, Great Harrowden, the theft, as near as could be ascertained, being committed on two occasions— the 20th of December, 1878, and the 20th of January, 1879. —Mr A. Turnell and George Hawkes, who was concerned in the robbery, and subsequently admitted as Queen's evidence, repeated the testimony given by them in the cases of the men who have already been convicted.—Detective Inspector Swain spoke to apprehending the prisoner Burton Latimer, on Sunday last. Prisoner asked if he was the last of the party, and witness replied the affirmative. Witness had since seen the prisoner in the cell, and he said he would plead guilty, and would not give any trouble. "Linell," he said " was the cause of it he persuaded to fetch it."—Prisoner, who said nothing in answer to the charge, was committed for trial to the ensuing Assize

Winter Assizes

TRIALS OF PRISONERS

Jan 8th 1880 before

FIRST COURT. Thursday, Jan. 8. Before H. M. Stockdale, Esq deputy-chairman (presiding) ; Lord Henley, E. P. Monckton, Esq

H. O. Nethercote Esq Christopher Smyth, Esq T. W. Thornton, Esq and Drury Wake, Esq

John Smith, alias Dickie Bird" (33), finisher, to being concerned with others in stealing eighty fleeces of wool, the property of John Sanders and another, at Great Harrowden, on the 29th January, 1879. —Prisoner, against whom there was a previous conviction, was committed for Fifteen Months' hard Labour