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**LANCASTER LENT ASSIZES.**

The Assizes for this county commence this day, before the Hon. Baron Thompson and Sir Simon Le Blanc, Knt.—Edward Greaves, Esq. High Sheriff—There are fifty-one prisoners for trial, (many of them, we are sorry to find, charged with capital offences) viz.

Margaret Cunningham, charged with having uttered to Catherine Hughes, at Liverpool, a forged one pound Bank of England note, with intent to defraud the Governor and Co. of the Bank of England.

Martha Entwisle, charged with having uttered to Joshua Lever, at Bolton, a forged Bank of England note, knowing the same to be forged, with intent to defraud the Governor and Co. of the Bank of England.

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Yesterday, being Good Friday, both Judges attended divine service at the Church, in the morning, and at two o'clock they proceeded to try in both Courts.

The following prisoners have taken their trials :

Margaret Cunningham and Martha Entwisle, for uttering forged Bank notes ;—James Robinson and Edmund Chadwick, *alias* Barrow, for cow-stealing ;—Thomas Jehu, for stealing a watch, &c.—Patrick Swinney, for putting off counterfeit silver ;—Wm. Hanna, Edward Fagan, Patrick Duff, Thomas Tuff, Charles M'Allister, and Jane White, for stealing tobacco ;—Bella Ianson, for robbing bleaching grounds at Walton-le-dale ;—Margaret Cloyd, for stealing a surplice out of St. Ann's church, at Liverpool ;—and James Frost, for stealing a book and other articles, at Liverpool ;—were all found *Guilty*.

The Grand Jury were discharged on Thursday, having found true bills against the whole of the prisoners in the calendar, except T. Coates, Hartley Blackburn (no prosecution) R Jackson and G. Wignall, Joseph Ashley, and Mary Gleaves.

True bills were also found against Ann Entwisle and Wm. Pendleton, for felonies ; and Hugh Wagstaff and Thomas Wilson, for misdemeanors.

T. Naylor was admitted King's evidence.

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**LANCASTER LENT ASSIZES.**

Our Assizes did not conclude, at the Crown side, till yesterday morning, when the Hon. Baron Thomson passed the awful sentence of *Death*, on six prisoners, viz.

Charles Sefton (aged 27) convicted last Assizes of burglary; Margaret Cunningham (35) and Martha Entwistle (42) for uttering forged Bank notes; Marg. Cloyd (50) for sacrilege; and James Robinson (19) and Edmund Chadwick *alias* Barrow (25) for stealing cows.

The Judge was pleased to reprieve the whole of those condemned before he left the town.

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### *Martha Entwisle*

was indicted for uttering a forged Bank of England note, at Bolton, knowing the same to be forged, with intent to defraud, to which she pleaded Not Guilty.

Joshua Lever being called and sworn, stated, that he is a tailor and draper at Great Bolton. On Monday the 2d of Dec. two women came to his shop, Ann and Martha Entwisle, the latter of whom is the prisoner. It was about seven o'clock in the evening. Martha said, "we are come to purchase a gown-piece." Witness asked her what sort they wanted? and she said, "we want a print with red in it." Lifted two pieces down from the shelf, and they looked at them. Martha said to Ann, "we must have this, for it has red in it," and Ann said, that would do. Witness cut off six yards and a half, the usual quantity, and whilst he was wrapping it up, Martha said to Ann, "Dost thou think he can give us change?" Ann said, "I don't know." Then Martha handed a note into Ann's hand; did not see where she produced it from: Ann gave it immediately to witness; is sure it was the same note she received from Martha; it couldn't have been changed without witness seeing it. Ann said, "Can you give us change?" Saw it was a 5l. note, and he said he had not change enough, but would go and get change; which he did, and left the women in his shop. Went to Mr. Andrews, who is a cooper, and lives about 14 or 15 yards from his shop. Found his daughter, Mary, shewed it to her, and applied for change. She looked at it, and gave it to Mr. Crompton, who was standing by at the time. Mr. C. laid it on the table, and witness got change, and returned to his own shop; left the note upon the table; there were only Mary Andrews and Mr. C. there; the note was never out of his sight till he left the shop. On his return home, found only one of the women there, which was Ann Entwisle. She said, "If you haven't got change, there is another piece here which the other woman has chosen for a bed-gown." Witness had left it upon the counter, when he went out. Witness said she had better have a gown piece. Had cut the other for a bed gown. Ann said, "It is not my money, it is the other woman's." About 3 yards were cut off for a bed gown, and witness tied them together, and counted out the change to her, which amounted to 4l. 4s. 6d. The goods amounted to 14s. 6d. (Here the

witness evidently makes a mistake in the amount.) Witness was coating the change, when Mrs. Andrews came in, Ann Entwistle was by. Mrs. A. said, "Mr. Crompton rather disputes this note, but if you will mark it, I will take it on your account." Witness marked it, and said to Ann Entwistle, "Where did you get this note, for Mrs. Andrews rather disputes it?" She said, they drew it at John Blackburn's, for they had just begun to make their own goods. Witness asked, what was her name? She said, Ann Nuttall. Asked where she lived? She said, at Belmont, which was near Mr. Ryecroft's, close to their works. Witness wrote *A. N.* upon it, and put different private marks upon it. Returned it to Mrs. Andrews, in the presence of Ann Entwistle.

On his cross-examination, said, there is another man at Bolton, of the name of Lever, but his Christian name is James; is of the same business as witness. Was never at the sessions in his life. Did not see the prisoner after the 2d of December, till she was taken up, which was about a month since. Never saw her before she was in his shop, to his knowledge. It was in the evening, and was obliged to light candles; they were lighted before they came in some time. Witness sports very good mould candles, but has lately had lamps instead, because they are cheaper. They were about ten or fifteen minutes in the shop; talking a good bit; witness was making an agreement with them. When he came back, found the prisoner had disappeared. About three months after, went to where the woman was in custody, at the Bank Inn, in Bank-street, Great Bolton, and was satisfied she was one of the women. Has seen a young woman of the name of Alice Entwistle. Went on the 4th of December to Edgeworth Moor, with the constable, to Henry Entwistle's. Saw Ann and Alice there. The constable asked him, if that was one of the women? Said Ann was one, but Alice was not the other. The constable rather disputed it; but witness never thought that Alice was one of them, and never said she was. The constable said he was obliged to take her, because there were no more in the house but those two. Witness said, that young woman (Alice) was not in the

Edgeworth. Knows the prisoner; lives about 2 or 300 yards from her. She has lived there about three quarters of a year. Has had an opportunity of knowing the person of the prisoner. Before the 4th of Dec. last, had been used to see her about her house several times in a week. On the 4th saw some constables in the neighbourhood, Thomas Kay and Barrett. Saw them come up a place called the Dean meadow, from Bolton. Entwistle's house is nearer that place than witness's. They were coming towards Entwistle's house. It was some time in the afternoon. Witness was out of doors at that time. Can see Entwistle's house from witness's. Saw the prisoner come running by the end of the house, up into the lane, and went up the road a little, from Dean meadow; at the top of the meadow stands her house, from which people coming up the meadow can be seen. Cannot say what door she came out at. Witness came down the lane and saw her stand upon a bit of a hill by the road side, about a quarter of a mile up the lane. Had not his eyes always upon her. Came down to see the constables, who were about 100 yards from Entwistle's house; the woman was still in the same place; went to the constables a little out of the road, and came back again, and the woman was still there. Witness went up the lane and met her, and she returned to her own home. The constables went back again to Bolton after he had spoken to them. Did not see the prisoner next day at her house, nor has he seen her there since. When witness met her, she said, "What, you are taking a tramp, are you?" And witness said he was.

On his cross-examination, said he went to the little hill as well as the prisoner, and stood upon it. Knew the constable at half a mile distant, because he has seen him so often before. Has never felt him, nor been in his custody. Witness has no business at Entwistle's house for any thing he knows, and she might have been in it all the time.

On his re-examination, said he never saw her out of it after that time. Before witness went to speak to the constables, they had been at Entwistle's house, and when he had spoken to them, they went back to Bolton.

Thomas Kaye Green: stated that he is a

that young woman (Alice) was not in the fault. She was younger than the other woman was. Never saw them after, till they were in the Star chamber; had never seen them before, and it was by candle-light; and saw the prisoner only three months after. Had described the woman to the constable, and he said it must be the wife of Henry Entwistle. Alice is his and the prisoner's daughter.

On his re-examination, said, Alice is a young woman. Ann did not appear to be so old as the prisoner by 10 or 15 years, but older than Alice. They light the shops always very brilliant at Bolton; and his shop was lighted better than usual that night, because it was market day. It was so light as to be able to say that he should know the women if he was to see them again, and is quite sure that the prisoner is one of them.

Mary Andrews being called and sworn, stated, that her husband is a cooper at Great Bolton. Joshua Lever came to her house on the 2d of December last, on a Monday. It was market day, and near seven o'clock at night; candles were lighted. He came for change for a 5l note. Witness told him she could give him change for it, if it was a good one; said she was no judge. James Crompton was in the house, and it was shewn to him in her presence, and Lever stood by. Crompton had it in his hand, and said it was such a note as he should take. Witness went and fetched five notes, Crompton still holding the note, and looking at it. It was not possible for it to have been out of her sight. Witness took the note back to Lever's shop; and found a woman there, who called herself Ann Nuttall. Told Lever, Crompton said he could not tell what to think of that note, and therefore she could not take it except on his account. "Ab, but," said the woman, "it's a good note." He then asked her where she had it? Cannot say where she said, but she said her name was Ann Nuttall. The note was marked by Mr. Lever in witness's presence, and witness took it back, and paid it away, and it was brought back to her on the Tuesday evening.

Bolton.

Thomas Kaye sworn; stated that he is a constable at Bolton. Went to apprehend the Entwistles with Barrett. Did not see the prisoner there at that time, but apprehended Ann and Alice. Witness lives about two miles from where the prisoner used to live. On the morning of the 5th went again to look for her, and found only some children in the house. Has been there ten or twelve times or more since then; and has made frequent inquiries about her in all the neighbouring towns. The 15th of February last was the first time he heard any thing of her; according to some information he received, found her upon the top of Craw thorn Hill, a very high hill, bordering upon Edgeworth. Upon the top of it there is a turf pit. Nobody lives upon the hill. Her brother was with her. Witness said "Matty, I've found you; I wouldn't take a great deal of money for you. You must go with me as my prisoner to Bolton, to answer the complaint of a Joshua Lever." She seemed to be much concerned, and said if he would let her have her liberty while Monday, (this was Saturday morning, between seven and eight o'clock) she would find a man that would give witness 20l. He said he would not take 500l. for her.

On his cross-examination, said he made the first mention of money, saying that he wouldn't take a deal of money for her, and she mentioned 20l. Had made it known round the country that he wished to take Martha Entwistle into custody. If he had taken her sooner, she would of course have had to lie longer in prison.

Thomas Glover sworn; stated that he is inspector of Bank notes at the Bank of England, and has had such experience as to form a very accurate opinion of the goodness of bank notes. Upon examining the one stated to have been uttered to Lever, said it is forged; and gives the same account of it as he did of the other forged notes on the former trial.

On his cross examination, said it is such a note as might be received in payment by any other less skilful person.

Thomas Barrett sworn, stated that he is deputy constable of Little Bolton. On Saturday the 7th of December, had some conversation with Ann Entwistle on the subject of a 5l. note. Had her in custody at the time. Had had a description of her given by Joshua Lever. She answered that description. Apprehended her at Henry Entwistle's, the prisoner's husband. Ann lived there: brought her to Bolton. Did not find Martha there; neither did he inquire for her. Took her to witness's house, and kept her till some time on Sunday morning, when she made her escape from the star chamber, which is a lock-up room, and about 18 feet from the ground. She was hand-cuffed and locked with a chain. Lever was with witness, when he took her into custody. There was a young woman there also. Witness asked him what he thought of those two? He said he was convinced in his own mind that Ann Entwistle was one of them, but as to the other he could not say, but that his wife could identify her better than he.

On his cross-examination, said he has been a constable many years, and knows his duty. Mr. Lever did not positively say that Alice was not one of the women; but said, "As to Alice I cannot say, but my wife can identify her better." Witness therefore thought it was his duty to take her, that his wife might see her. Alice was in his custody four or five days. Lever did not see either of them whilst they were in custody.

On his re-examination, said, Lever never said Alice was the woman. In answer to a question by his Lordship, said he thinks Alice was about two or three and twenty.

Henry Barns being called and sworn; stated, that he is a weaver, and lives at

The prisoner being called upon for her defence, said she left it to her counsel, who called the following witness:—

Alice Entwistle sworn; stated that she was taken into custody upon this charge. When Joshua Lever came to their house with Thomas Barrett, witness was weaving, and Barrett came to her, and asked her to come sideways. She said "What d'ye want me for?" He said to Joshua, "Is this one of the women that were in your shop?" Joshua said "Yes." Barrett then said "You must dress yourselves and go along with me." Witness said, "What must I go along with you for? Joshua said, "You were in my shop." She said, "I never was in the shop, as I know of." He said, "You must go with me; you was" Witness said she wouldn't go, and Barrett said, "If you won't go, I must put hand-cuffs on you." She dressed herself and went with them. As they were going to Bolton, Lever hooked on arms with her, and said she had been with Ann Entwistle in his shop, and no other was with her. They took her to Bolton, and kept her there till she was discharged.

On her cross-examination said, Barrett was walking before them when Lever hooked his arm in her's, and said nobody else had been in the shop with Ann. He did not whisper this; the constables might have heard it if they liked, and had hearkened to it. Barrett asked Lever if she was in his shop? He said she was. Had not seen her mother for two hours before the constables came. Her brother had gone on an errand, and she had gone to seek him. Cannot say where she had sent him to. Her brother was about 16 years old. Her mother had sent him with a message. He was a weaver, and wove at home. Her mother said she



would go and seek for their Harry, but did not say where he was gone.

Henry Barns being again called by the counsel for the prosecution, said the constables were about threescore yards from the prisoner's house, when she was passing the house end.

Joshua Lever being also called again on the same side, said he was in the house when the two women were taken; never asserted that Alice had been in his shop at Bolton, but on the contrary said, "This young woman is not in the fault, she is too young for the woman." Said that in the hearing both of Kaye and Barrett.

In answer to questions put to him on behalf of the prisoner, said, he swears that he told the constable she was not one of the two. Believes he said he could not be sure, his wife could identify her better than he. But that was before they left the house and premises. Mentioned it twice over that she was not the woman. His wife is not here.

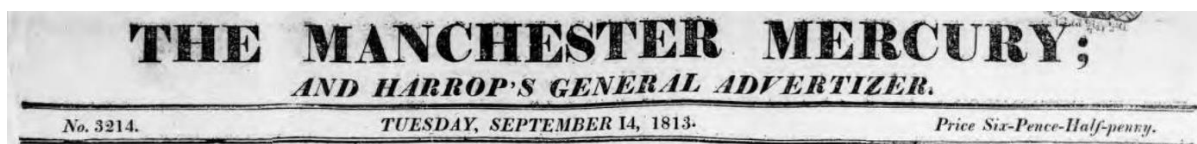
Being questioned on behalf of the prosecution, said it was before she was dressed that he expressed doubts about her being the woman. But after she was dressed did not express the least doubt.

Thomas Kaye being also again called on the part of the prosecution, said he never heard Lever assert that Alice Entwistle was the woman that had been in his shop. When they came out of doors, had to go over a stile, and through the meadow, before they got into the lane. Lever said that Alice was not the woman that had been in his shop with Ann Entwistle. Told witness at different times upon the road that she was not.

In answer to questions on behalf of the prisoner, said, he does not mean to say that he heard every word that was spoken. Did not hear him say that his wife could identify her better than he. Only went with them three miles. Does not mean to swear that he did not say so to the woman. Did not hear him express any doubts. They all went to a public house on the road, where was a gig, and stopt about half an hour. Put the woman into the gig, and Barrett ordered witness to go in the morning to apprehend the other woman, Martha. When he was told to do this, he left them. Thinks no conversation could have passed between Lever and the young woman without witness hearing it. Never saw them linked arm in arm together.

His Lordship after summing up the evidence, left it to the Jury to say whether the witness for the prisoner was to be believed or not, and they, without hesitation, brought in a verdict of *Guilty*.—She received sentence of *Death*; but was afterwards reprieved.





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**LANCASTER ASSIZES.**  
GRAND JURY.

The Hon. Edward Stanley, commonly called Lord Stanley.  
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John Silvester, of Chorley, Esq.  
Stephen Tempest, of Broughton Hall, Esq.  
Bertie Markland, of Cuerden Hall, Esq.

The business commenced on Saturday week, before the Hon. Sir Alan Chambre, and the Hon. Sir George Wood.—There were 52 prisoners for trial, charged with the following offences:

George London, Thompson, with having two

Manchester.—*Pleaded Guilty.*  
**Ann** Entwistle with having a forged Bank of England note in her possession.—*Pleaded Guilty.*  
Hannah Baskifield with stealing 11/1 in Bank notes.