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Committed to our Castle since our last.—John Thomas, for uttering base coin at Burnley;—William Entwisle, for uttering forged Bank of England notes at Church Bank, also, for having another forged note in his possession;—Henry Entwisle, for uttering a forged bank note to Thomas Brabin, at Great Bolton, also, for having forged notes in his possession;—James Grime, sen. for uttering forged notes at Bolton, also, with having in possession;—Jas. Grime, jun. and Solomon Mather, for uttering forged notes at Bolton;—James Twist and William Mather, for uttering forged notes at Liger-

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LANCASTER ASSIZES.

This day our Assizes commence, before the Hon. Chief-Baron Richards, and the Hon. Baron Wood—John Walmsley, Esq. Sheriff. —The Calendar contains a list of no less than 111 prisoners for trial:—Their names and the offences with which they are charged, are as follow:—

Wm Entwisle, 26, for uttering a forged one pound Bank of England note to Hannah Whitehead, at Blackburn.

H. Entwisle, 56, for uttering a forged one pound Bank of England note to T. Brabin, at Bolton.

Jas. Grime, sen. 60, for uttering a forged one pound Bank of England note to Jas. Isherwood, at Bolton.

Jas. Grime, jun. 22, for uttering a forged one pound Bank of England note to Betty Towler, at Bolton.

Solomon Mather, 29, for uttering a forged one pound Bank of England note to W. Wolfenden, at Bolton; also for a similar offence, at Sharples.

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LANCASTER ASSIZES.

The commission was opened at the Castle, about six o'clock in the evening, by Baron Wood, with the usual formalities. The Lord Chief Baron did not arrive until Sunday evening. On Monday, at ten o'clock, the Chief Baron sat at the Crown Court for the dispatch of business. The following Gentlemen were sworn of the Grand Jury:—

Wm. Hulton, of Hulton-Park, Esq. Foreman.	
Wm. Asheton, Downham	J. Hargreaves, Ormerod-House
John Clarke, Ashfield	James Hamer, Liverpool
R. T. Crosse, Crosse-Hall	James P. Machell, Hollow Oak
John Entwistle, Foxholes	T. Molyneux, Newsham House
Ralph Fletcher, Hollus	L. Rawsthorne, Penwortham
Wm. Feilden, Fenniscowles	Jas. Roydes, Mount Fallage
Jon. Fildes, Jun. Quarry-Hill	Miles Sandys, Graithwaite
Chas. Gibson, Quernmore-Park	Isaac Smith, Liverpool
Robert Gregge Hopwood,	Wm. Townley, Townhead
Hopwood-Park	Richard Weston, Halewood
Joseph Hornby, Ribby	Thomas Wood, Rochdale,
	Esquires.

The Chief Baron, in his charge to the Grand Jury, said, that though the calendar was numerous, it did not, except in one or two instances, contain any cases of a very black nature. After some observations on the case of a female, who was of tender years, and who had been the victim of a brutal outrage, his Lordship recommended the state of the County Gaol as a subject of inquiry; and he took occasion to pay some well-merited compliments on the excellent management of this gaol, which is, without exception, the best conducted gaol in the kingdom.

BANK OF ENGLAND PROSECUTIONS.

TUESDAY, March 23.

The Calendar contains the names of 17 prisoners, charged with uttering forged Bank of England Notes, or with having possession of them without lawful excuse. The Grand Jury having returned a number of true bills, the trials of several of the prisoners, charged with these offences, came on this day.

HENRY ENTWISTLE, aged 56, was placed at the Bar, and arraigned on a charge of uttering a forged Bank of England Note, knowing it to be forged.

The prisoner, addressing the Court, complained that the constable who had apprehended him had taken from him 8*l.* in good money, which had not been returned to him, and that he was thereby deprived of all means of making his defence. The Chief Baron directed the money to be returned, and the trial to be postponed until he had had sufficient time to instruct counsel. The Chief Baron said, he wished all constables who were present to take notice, that such conduct was highly illegal.

Mr. SCARLETT, the leading counsel for the prosecution, declined to proceed with the other prisoners until Henry Entwistle had been tried. In about two hours it was intimated that Entwistle was ready for trial. He was then placed at the Bar.

Mr. COURTNEY opened the indictment, and Mr. SCARLET stated the case on the part of the prosecution. He prefaced his detail of the facts by observing, that the persons concerned in the circulation of forged Bank paper might be divided into three classes. The first, in point of guilt, were the actual forgers and manufacturers of the notes;—the next in order were the wholesale distributors of them to ignorant and necessitous persons, who were usually employed to put them in circulation, and to whom they were sold considerably under their nominal value;—and the third class were those who put them into actual circulation at their nominal value, and it was from this class that the convictions had been most numerous. The original forgers of them had unfortunately escaped detection. Mr. SCARLET said the prisoner was an active member of the second class, and had been the leader and centre of a numerous gang of utterers in Bolton and its neighbourhood. The principal witness was a person in a respectable situation in life at Bolton, who had been applied to by the prisoner to become a negotiator of forged notes. This overture he communicated to the police-officer at Bolton, under whose direction the subsequent steps were taken to detect the prisoner, and to procure evidence against him. We shall state, as briefly as possible, the evidence of Samuel Lee, the person referred to in the opening of Mr. SCARLET as the principal witness on behalf of the prosecution.

Samuel Lee stated that he was a farrier at Bolton; was employed by Mr. Barrett, the head-constable of Bolton: he was employed by him to detect the utterers of forged notes. Witness first met the prisoner on the 11th of June, when they had some conversation about bad notes, and which ended in the prisoner selling him a one pound Bank of England Note for 10s. At a subsequent meeting with the prisoner, on the 29th June, where he bought of him five one pound notes, for 11s. 6d. each; and on the 19th July, at Bury, the prisoner sold him four other one pound notes, at the same rate. Witness said he delivered the notes as he received them to Mr. Barrett, the constable, having previously marked them. Witness also stated that the prisoner, at two different times, had paid for the full value two other notes, which turned out to be forged;—and it was the circumstances attendant on the circulation of these notes which furnished the most material confirmation of the evidence of this witness, which our limits will not permit us to detail. Witness, on his cross-examination, admitted that he had received sentence of transportation, and had served three years and a half on board the hulks. He had also been tried, after that, on a charge of felony, but on this charge he had been honourably acquitted.

Thomas Brobin also proved the payment of a one pound Bank of England note, on the 20th of July, by the prisoner.

Thomas Barrett, the younger, apprehended the prisoner at Bury Fair, on the 18th September, and found upon him four Bank of England one-pound notes, and some other property not material to the purposes of this inquiry.

Thos. Barrett, the elder, stated that he had employed the witness (Lee) to detect the utterers of forged notes. He said that Lee, from time to time delivered to him the notes in the manner he had stated in his evidence. These notes, as well as the three others that the prisoner had negotiated, and the four notes found upon him when he was apprehended, were all proved, by Mr. Lees, the Bank inspector, to be forged. This is a short view of the evidence in this case. After the charge from the Chief Baron, the Jury, without retiring, found the prisoner—*Guilty*.

Wm. Entwistle pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with having in his possession, without lawful excuse, one forged Bank of England note, knowing the same to be forged; and he was acquitted upon the capital charge of having uttered a forged note. *Solomon Mather*, aged 29, *James Grime the younger*, aged 22, and *John Golding*, aged 44; also pleaded guilty to a similar charge of possession, and were severally acquitted on the capital indictments which had been preferred against them.

James Grime, the elder, was also convicted of uttering a Bank of England note, knowing the same to be forged. There was nothing peculiar in this case: the uttering was of a single note for its nominal value.

John Kay was also convicted on a capital charge of uttering forged notes at Manchester, which, in its general features, very much resembled the case of Henry Entwistle.

MANCHESTER, March 24.

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LANCASTER ASSIZES.

On Saturday afternoon week, Mr. Baron Wood, attended by John Walmsley, Esq. the High Sheriff, and a numerous retinue, entered the town of Lancaster, and immediately proceeded to the Castle, where his Lordship opened the commission, with the usual formalities. The Lord Chief Baron did not arrive at Lancaster until Sunday evening. On Monday, at ten o'clock the Crown Court was opened for the despatch of business, and the Grand Jury were sworn.

BANK OF ENGLAND PROSECUTIONS.

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Henry Entwisle was placed at the bar, and arraigned on a charge of uttering a forged Bank of England note, knowing it to be forged.

The prisoner, addressing the Court, said, that the constable who had apprehended him had taken from him £8 in good money, which had not been returned to him, and that he was thereby deprived of the means of retaining counsel. His Lordship having ascertained that the fact was as the prisoner had represented it, directed the money to be restored to the prisoner forthwith, and the trial to be postponed until he had an opportunity of instructing counsel. His Lordship said, if there were any constables in attendance, he wished them to take notice, that such conduct was highly illegal. In about two hours it was stated, that Henry Entwisle was ready for his trial. The Jury having been sworn.

Mr. Scarlet stated the case on the part of the prosecution, and called the following witnesses.

Samuel Lee stated, that he was employed by Mr. Barrett, the head constable of Bolton, to detect the utterers of forged notes. Witness first met the prisoner on this business at Grime-hill. The prisoner pulled out two notes, and said he would let the prisoner have one of them for ten shillings. Witness gave the note he had received of the prisoner to Mr. Barrett, the constable, having first marked it. The prisoner said he could let him have any quantity of them. Witness met the prisoner again on the 29th of June, at Musburry Common, at James Grimé's house. Witness asked the prisoner if he had got any notes: he said he had five, which witness might have, and witness purchased them of him for the sum of 11s. 6d. each. These notes the witness delivered to Barrett, the constable, having previously marked them. The next meeting with the prisoner was on the 19th of July, at Bury. The prisoner there pulled out a quantity of notes, of which the witness bought four, at the same rate as he had purchased the others. These notes he also delivered to Mr. Barrett. Witness was in company with the prisoner also on the following day, 20th July, at the Three Crowns, in Bolton. The prisoner paid for one of the pints with a Bank of England note. In the morning of the same day, prisoner told the witness, that he had given a £1 note to his niece to get some ale at a public-house. Witness was with the prisoner again on the 17th of August, at the King's Head, Bolton. Mary Allen, Solomon Mather, the witness, and the prisoner were there. The prisoner desired Mary Allen to go and purchase a pair of shoes for him, and he gave her a £1 bank of England note to pay for them; Solomon Mather accompanied her. In a short time, Mary Allen returned with the shoes and the change, which she gave to the prisoner. Witness was cross-examined by Mr. Coultman. He was once in a court of justice in a different character to that of witness, and was sentenced to be transported for seven years, but he was quite innocent of the charge. Witness was also tried at the New Bailey, and was honourably acquitted. Witness was at the hulks about three years and a half, when he was discharged.

Mary Allen corroborated the evidence of Lee with respect to the prisoner having given her a £1 Bank of England note to purchase a pair of shoes for him; and she also stated, that on another occasion he gave her a similar note to purchase some ale with. Grace Phithian, the wife of the publican, and Wm. Wolfenders, the shoemaker, were also examined in confirmation of this part of Lee's evidence. The notes paid to these persons had been delivered to Barrett, the constable, and were proved to be forgeries.

Thomas Barrett, the elder, the chief-constable of Bolton, stated, that he employed the first witness, Samuel Lee, to get information about forged notes, and that he mentioned this to

a magistrate, Colonel Fletcher, and what Lee did
 ness was with the approbation of the witness
 Fletcher. Lee communicated to him, from time to
 proceedings, and delivered to him notes which he
 received from the prisoner. Witness marked them
 upon them the date when he received them
 previously marked by Lee. Five notes were
 the witness, which, he said, he received from Lee
 of July (one of which was the note charged in the
 Witness stated the same with respect to the notes
 negotiated by the prisoner.

Mr. John Lees, the inspector of notes to the
 land, examined the eleven notes negotiated to the
 also the four notes found upon the prisoner, and
 all forgeries.

The Chief Baron having summed up the evidence
 without retiring, found the prisoner *Guilty*.

John Kay, aged 55, was then placed at the bar
 an indictment for uttering. This case

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LANCASTER ASSIZES.

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The awful sentence of DEATH was passed upon no less than forty-four men, viz.

W. Wallwork, T. Roberts, W. Stephenson and Robt. Reeves, W. Lewis, G. Cooper, T. Rawsthorne and J. Walker, Jos. Thomas and T. Thomas, S. Jones, J. Smith and J. Buckley, W. Sadler and W. Yates, Jas. Crawshaw, Jas. Crawford, M. Perry, J. Berry, Jas. Devine, Frs. Morgan, T. Lawson and J. Owens, and Jos. Wilkinson and W. Pate, sen. for burglaries;—W. Dunbobbin, Edw. Butler, J. White, Edm. Kelly, and W. Smith and T. Williamson, for highway robberies;—T. Howarth, J. Nield, Geo. Goodfellow, W. Allen, and T. Spence, for horse-stealing;—J. Tattersall, for maliciously shooting;—H. Entwistle, Jas. Grime, sen. J. Clarke and J. Horseman Drake, and J. Kay, for uttering forged notes;—C. Bridge, for uttering base coin, third offence;—and H. Moncrieffe, for a rape.

His Lordship gave no hopes of mercy to Drake, Clarke, Kay, Entwistle, W. Smith, and Moncrieffe.

Transported for fourteen years:—

P. Howcroft, W Entwistle, Jas. Grime, Solomon Mather, J. Golding, Ellen Barret, and Patrick McCormick and Mary McCormick, for having forged notes in their possession;—and Mary Thomas and Ellen Carr, and Joseph Smith, for receiving stolen goods.

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Transported for seven years.—B. Heans, J. Sill.

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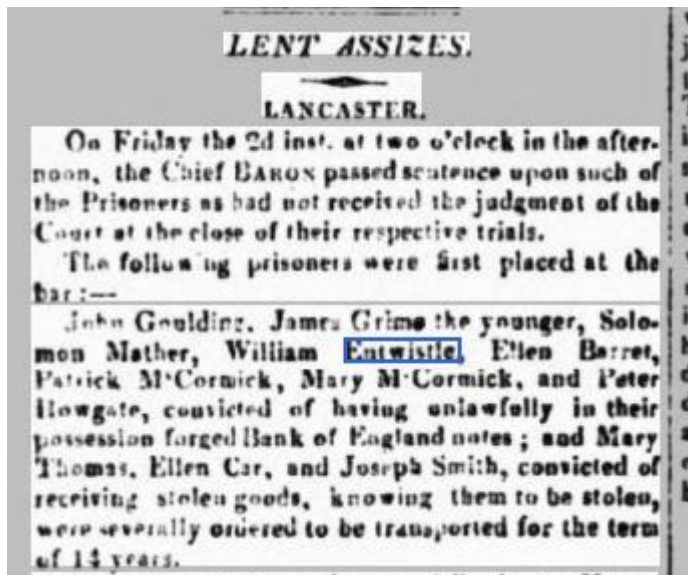
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LANCASTER ASSIZES.

Our Assizes, which commenced on the 20th ult. did not terminate till nearly two o'clock in the morning of Tuesday last, the 6th inst. although Chief-Baron Richards continued to assist Baron Wood, by trying causes in the Crown Court, till Saturday evening. Before the Judge left the town, he was pleased to relieve all the prisoners who had received sentence of death, except the six following, viz. J. Clarke, J. Horseman Drake, J. Kay and H. Entwisle, for uttering forged Bank of England notes; W. Smith, for highway-robbery, at Winwick; and H. Moncrieffe, for a rape, at Ellel, near this town;—who are left for execution.—Our readers will find some Wher

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The forty-four unfortunate prisoners who received sentence of death on the 2d inst. were brought up in four separate divisions.—The Chief-Baron thus addressed the seven last who were condemned:—“ Henry Entwisle, John Kay, John Clarke, and John Horseman Drake, you have been convicted of uttering forged Bank of England notes, knowing them to be forged, under circumstances of great aggravation; and I think it my bounden duty to inform you, that the sentence which I am now about to pass will be carried into execution, and that there remains for you no hope of mercy in this world. As for you, Jas. Grime, the elder, who have been convicted of the same offence, it is possible, but of this I can offer you no assurance, that in your case there may be some mitigation of your punishment. With respect to you, William Smith, though you are young in years you are old in crime: and

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LANCASTER ASSIZES.—The number of prisoners sentenced to death at these assizes was forty-four. As the bar was much too small to contain at one time all the wretched men who had incurred this dreadful penalty of the law, they were brought up in four separate divisions, arranged according to the nature of their respective crimes; those who were intended to be left for execution being included in the last lot, among whom were the following:—James Grime the elder, 56; Henry Entwistle, 56; John Kay, 55; John Clarke, 26; and John Horseman Drake, 32; convicted of uttering forged Bank of England notes: Henry Moncrieff, 22, convicted of a rape; and William Smith, 17, convicted of highway robbery and burglary. These men having been placed at the bar, the Chief Baron, previous to passing the sentence of the law upon them, addressed them in the following terms:—

“ Henry Entwistle, John Kay, John Clarke, and John Horseman Drake, you have been convicted of uttering forged Bank of England notes, knowing them to be forged, under circumstances of great aggravation; and I think it my bounden duty to inform you, that the sentence which I am now about to pass will be carried into execution, and that there remains no hope of mercy for you in this world. As for you, James Grime the elder, who have been convicted of the same offence, it is possible, but of this I can offer you no assurance, that in your case there may be some mitigation of your punishment. With respect to you, William Smith, though

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At the late Assizes at Lancaster, a very old man, an Irishman, was found guilty of an offence for which he was sentenced to 14 years' transportation. On receiving sentence, he bowed profoundly to the Court, and thanked his Lordship, for, “ Indeed (said he) I did not think I had so long to live, till your Lordship told me!”

At Lancaster, the following six prisoners have been left for execution: Henry Moncrieff, aged 22, convicted of a rape; Wm. Smith, aged 17, convicted of highway robbery and burglary; John Clarke, aged 26, and John Horseman Drake, aged 32, Henry Entwistle, aged 56, and John Kaye, aged 55, convicted of uttering forged Bank of England notes. The other thirty-eight prisoners, capitally convicted, have been reprieved.

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Execution.—Soon after twelve o'clock, on Saturday last, the six unfortunate men, condemned at our last Assizes, underwent the awful sentence of the law, on the Drop, behind our Castle, viz. Henry Entwisle, aged 56, a native of Edgworth Moor, in this county, for uttering a forged Bank note, at Bolton; John Kay, 55, a weaver, from Tinsley Banks, near Leigh, for a similar offence, at Manchester; John Horseman Drake, 32, a cattle-dealer, from near Skipton, for a similar offence, at Leigh; John Clarke, 26, from near Darlington, for a similar offence, at Leigh; Henry Moncrieffe, 22, a sailor with one arm, from Cork, for a rape on a child not ten years and a half old, at Eller, near this town; and Wm. Smith, aged only 17, a weaver, from Warrington, for highway-robbery, at Winwick.—They all behaved in a manner becoming their unhappy situation, and appeared to die penitent. Entwisle has left a widow, now under sentence of transportation. Kay and Clarke have also left widows, with large families, to lament their untimely end.

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Execution at Lancaster.—Henry Entwistle, aged 56; John Kay, 55; John Clarke, 26; John Horseman Drake, 32; William Smith, 17; and Henry Moncrieffe, 22, suffered the awful sentence of the law at Lancaster on Saturday se'night.—Entwistle commenced his guilty career at 16 years old with petty offences, till he became a wholesale dealer in forged notes, and employed many others under him to circulate them.—Kay was found guilty of putting into circulation in Manchester forged notes to a very large amount; was a weaver by trade, became a dealer in forged notes twenty years since, then relinquished the practice, but again returned to it.—John Clarke and John Horseman Drake assumed the characters of horse-dealers, the more readily to deceive the public in paying forged notes of a large amount, such as £20 and £10 in fictitious value.—Smith, found guilty of robbing R. H. Twist on the king's highway, was an atrocious character: not contented with robbing this harmless man, he attempted to murder him, by making a deep incision in his throat. Another indictment found against him was for a burglary in the house of Peter Bargeti.—Moncrieffe was a wandering beggar, found guilty of committing a rape at Elliel, near Lancaster, on a girl only 10½ years.

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