

# The Court of Assize

This Court of Assize (Assizes) dealt with the most serious crimes, such as treason, rape and murder, and was held twice, or three times, a year. Two judges from the King's courts in Westminster would be sent to each 'circuit' (a region, often made up of around three to four counties, that the Westminster judges would administer in the Court of Assize) to hold the Assizes. The local county Justices of the Peace would usually be in attendance, alongside a Grand Jury consisting of local freeholders chosen from the defendant's area. The Assizes were a much more grand and public affair due to the nature of the crimes and the attendance of members of the King's courts. 'The Court of Assize was replaced by the establishment of a single permanent Crown Court in 1971

## The Calendar of Felons

The Calendar of Felons is a series of published lists of felons convicted at the York Assizes and moved to York Castle for their sentences to be carried out. The lists include names, ages, details of their crimes and the sentence passed. It also includes details of those who were punished by being transported to Australia as an alternative to the death penalty.



Castle Gate, one of the entrances to the prison complex centred around Clifford's Tower y942\_741\_hem\_07





# THE CROWN CALENDAR

FOR THE

## Yorkshire Summer Assizes,

TITLE of YORK, in and for the COUNTY of YORK, on SATURDAY the 20th Day of July, in the Third Year of the Reign of the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the presence of the Right Honourable Sir CHARLES ABBOTT, Knight, Chief Justice of our said Lord the King, assigned to hold Pleas before the Right Honourable Sir GEORGE WOOD, Knight, one of the Barons of our said Lord the King, of his Court of Exchequer.

**RICHARD BETHELL, Esquire, High-Sheriff.**

DGSON the elder, committed at the Lent Assizes, holden the 9th day of March, 1822, for wilful and corrupt perjury, as a witness in the prosecution—(the King against Robert Sellers.)

ON, committed the 18th day of March, 1822, charged upon the oath of Edward Coss, of the township of Whithy, in the North-riding, mail-rider between Whithy and Pickering, with having, on Monday the 11th day of March, 1822, feloniously stolen from Whithy, feloniously robbed him the said Edward Coss of the mail-bags, which he was conveying from Whithy to Pickering.

INSON, late of Stainland, in the county of Westmoreland, miner, committed the 19th day of March, 1822, for that he, together with one Paul Armstrong, John Brown, Thomas Lowe, John Ewebank, John Dennison, and one in the number of twenty and more, on the 12th August, 1821, unlawfully and riotously did assemble together, in the parish of Grinton, in the North-riding, in a tumultuous manner, for unlawful purposes, with intent then and there to cause a large space of time—And further charged, on the oath of Thomas Alanson, of Keld, in the county of York, gamekeeper, with threatening to kill, wound, maim, or otherwise hurt the said Paul Armstrong.

LOH, committed the 21st day of March, 1822, charged upon the oath of Richard Sykes, of Stainland, in the West-riding, innkeeper, and others, with having, on the morning of the 20th March, 1822, feloniously stolen and taken away from his dwelling-house, in Stainland aforesaid, nine shillings and sixpence in silver, one ham of bacon, one large piece of hung beef, five shirts, and three pair of stockings, the property of the said Richard Sykes.

AKER, and DENNISON, committed the 27th day of March, 1822, charged upon the oath of John Durham, of Masham, in the North-riding, with having, on the night of Friday the 15th day of March, 1822, feloniously and burglariously broken open the dwelling-house of Thomas Durham, of Masham aforesaid, and stolen therefrom a quantity of copper, handkerchiefs of several denominations, worsted merino stockings, British and foreign cambrics, and other chattels of the said Thomas Durham, John Durham, and Robert Durham, of the value of three pounds.

ERT, committed the 28th day of March, 1822, charged upon the oaths of William Bew, of Barton Hall, Thomas Whitaker, of Glass Houghton, and Thomas Brough, of the North-riding, with feloniously stealing three ewe sheep, the property of William Bew.

ERT, committed the 28th day of March, 1822, charged with being strongly implicated in the above felony, and cannot find sureties for his appearance at the ensuing Assizes, to give evidence against the said William Bew, for the said felony.

LEY, and DENNISON, committed the 9th day of April, 1822, charged upon oath, for that they the said Robert Mossley and Robert Hibbeton, in the night of the 7th day of March, 1822, at Bradford, in the West-riding, feloniously did enter the dwelling-house of one Edward Warburton, and therefrom did steal, take, and carry away twenty-three promissory notes, for the payment of one pound each, two coats, two breeches, one top coat, one shawl, one cloak, three silk spencers, eight yards of bombazine, thirteen gowns and gown pieces, and divers other goods, the property of the said Edward Warburton.

WITH, late of Giggleswick, in the West-riding, committed the 12th day of April, 1822, charged upon oath, with having, on the 2d day of October, 1821, feloniously stolen, taken, and carried away a certain paper promissory notes to the amount of one hundred and fourteen pounds two shillings, the property of William Birkbeck, John Birkbeck, William Nicholson Alecock, Henry Alecock, John Peart, and John Moffatt.

Y, committed the 12th day of April, 1822, charged upon oath, with being an accessory after the fact, in receiving a paper parcel containing certain promissory notes to the amount of one hundred and fourteen pounds, the property of William Birkbeck, John Birkbeck, William Nicholson Alecock, Henry Alecock, John Peart, and John Moffatt, knowing the same to be feloniously stolen.

Y, late of the city of York, committed the 19th day of April, 1822, charged upon the oath of John Glover, with having purchased of him three steel saws and three files for the purpose of cutting iron, and also with having, on the 19th day of April, 1822, feloniously stolen and taken away from her husband John Hardy, then a prisoner and convict in the said castle of York, one of the said three steel saws, and three files.

Y, committed the 20th day of April, 1822, charged upon the oath of John Christian, of Gilling, in the North-riding, shop-keeper, with suspicion of burglary, by forcibly breaking into the dwelling-house of the said Gabriel Mitchell, and John Mitchell, his father, at Hackfeth, and feloniously stealing and carrying away from thence one hat, and various goods and chattels, his property, to a very considerable amount, on Tuesday night, April 23d, or early on the following morning the 24th day of April, 1822.

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Y, committed the 2d day of May, 1822, charged (with one Robert Gill, not in custody,) upon the oath of Jonathan Toothill, of Hopton, in the parish of Mirfield, in the West-riding, and others, with suspicion of burglary, by forcibly breaking open the dwelling-house of the said Jonathan Toothill, at Hopton aforesaid, and feloniously stolen therefrom six silver tea spoons, and one pair of silver tongs, the property of the said Jonathan Toothill.

Y, late of the township of Selby, in the West-riding, committed the 6th day of May, 1822, charged by the oath of Matthew Finch, of the said township, painter, on suspicion of having stolen and taken from out of a desk of the said Matthew Finch, a quantity of provincial notes, several pieces of gold of different value, and some silver, the whole amounting to thirty or thirty-five pounds, a gold watch chain, two wedding rings, and one empty snuff box, the property of the said Matthew Finch.

Y, late of Scarborough, in the North-riding, labourer, committed the 4th day of June, 1822, charged upon the oath of Thomas Arthur, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, chain cable manufacturer, on suspicion of having, on the 1st day of May, 1822, feloniously stolen and carried away from the person of the said Thomas Arthur, privily and without his knowledge, a guinea note, of the banking house of Messrs. George Liddell, Hall, made payable to Mr. John Newton, or bearer, and dated the 14th August, 1820, No. A 2509, signed "Joseph R. Pease," the said note being the property of the said Thomas Arthur.

Y, committed the 11th day of June, 1822, charged by the oath of Thomas Mylan, for that they the said Henry Thompson and William Brauner did, on the 4th day of June, 1822, at Sheffield, in the West-riding, feloniously steal and take away from the person of the said Thomas Mylan, on the King's highway, a purse containing twenty pounds and upwards.

Y, committed the 18th day of June, 1822, charged upon oath, with having, on Saturday evening then last, at the parish of Swillington, in the West-riding, violently and feloniously made an assault on Elizabeth Dixon, in the said riding, singlew-man, and feloniously ravished and carnally known her against her will.

Y, late of Leeds, in the West-riding, labourer, committed the 21st day of June, 1822, charged upon the oaths of Francis Hotham, John Matthew, and William Watson, of Bishop Wilton, George Boys, and Thomas and William Spence, of Emwell, all in the East-riding, with having, on the night of Thursday the 20th day of June, 1822, feloniously stolen a black gelding, from off the lands of the said Francis Hotham, in the township of Emwell, the property of the said Francis Hotham.

Y, committed the 22d day of June, 1822, charged upon the oath of Sarah Brown, that he the said John Skille did, on Tuesday the 18th day of June, 1822, by force, feloniously commit a rape upon her the said Sarah Brown.

Y, committed the 24th day of June, 1822, charged upon the oath of Robert Naylor, of Heckmondwike, in the said riding, and others, on strong suspicion of having, on the night of the 22d, or early on the morning of the 23d day of June, 1822, feloniously stolen and taken away, from a fold in the possession of Abraham Naylor, of Heckmondwike, one pair of sheep, the property of the said Abraham Naylor.

Y, committed the 12th day of July, 1822, charged upon the oath of Betty Harrison, of Golcar, in the parish of Huddersfield, in the said riding, singlew-man, for that they the said William Lumb and Joseph Oldfield, on the 2d day of July, 1822, at Linthwaite, in the parish of Almondbury, violently and feloniously did make an assault upon, and did make an assault upon, and then and there feloniously did ravish and carnally know.

Y, committed the 11th day of July, 1822, charged upon oath, that he the said Francis Postey, on the 7th day of July, 1822, at Leeds, in the borough of Leeds, feloniously did assault one Mary Ann Rawson, and then and there feloniously did ravish and carnally know.

Y, committed the 10th day of July, 1822, charged upon the oaths of Hannah Reynard and William Waller Howard, with having feloniously stolen divers and sundry articles of wearing apparel, the property of the said Hannah Reynard.

Y, committed the 20th day of July, 1822, charged upon oath, with suspicion of feloniously and burglariously breaking and entering into certain houses, and out-houses, belonging to and occupied by the said Richard Wilson, of Ferriby, in the county of the town of Kingston-upon-Hull, and stealing therefrom a quantity of goods, the property of the said Richard Wilson.

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