

Robert Horton, 1st September 1769.

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**Description:** Solomon Wood accuses Robert Horton and James Rawlings of various listed robberies and burglaries

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454, 455. (M.) Ann Downs , spinster, and Solomon Gundy , were indicted for stealing one linen shirt, value 1 s. one linen shift, value 1 s. one linen handkerchief, value 4 d. the property of John Bird , August 10 . +

John Bird . I live in Turk's Head Court, Golden-Lane . On the 10th of August I lost the things laid in the indictment. ( Mentioning them.)

I found only one shirt. The prisoner, Downs, was detected in pawning it. I took her myself in Whitecross-street. She confessed they were given to her by Robert Horton and Solomon Gundy , otherwise Solomon Wood.

John Waters . The prisoner brought a shirt, a shift, and a handkerchief to pawn to me the 10th of August, in the day time. I lent her three shillings upon them. She said they were her mother's and her brother's. ( Produced in court.)

Bird. I know the shirt by a place that had been torn in one sleeve. I never wore my wife's shifts, so I cannot swear to that. I lost such a handkerchief, but will not swear to it. I know nothing against the boy at the bar, but what Downs confessed.

Downs's Defence.

I get my bread in the streets. I was by St. Luke's church, when Robert Horton and Solomon Gundy came to me, and asked me to pawn these things. I went and pawned them, and gave them the money.

Gundy's Defence.

Sir John Fielding admitted me an evidence against Horton.

William Downs guilty, 10 d.

Gundy acquitted .

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536, 537 (L.) James Rowllins , and Robert Henry , otherwise Horton , were indicted for stealing four linen shirts, value 8 s. two neck-cloths, a pair of silk stockings, a pair of thread stockings, two pair of worsted stockings, two silk handkerchiefs, a linen gown, a linen apron, and two linen towels , the property of Jonathan Saunderson , July 27 . ++

Jonathan Saunderson . I live in Princes-street, near Barbican . My window was whole over night, and the morning of the 22d of July, about five o'clock, I went to wash myself, but could not find a towel. I looked, and found my window in the kitchen was broke, and the things mentioned in the indictment gone. My wife takes in washing. They were ironed, and hung upon a horse.

Richard Houlston . I am a whipmaker. As I was coming down the street, about six o'clock, or a little after, in the morning, I saw three people stand at a post almost opposite the prosecutor's door. Rowllins and Horton stood there, and another stood at the corner of the stationer's shop. I know the prisoners by sight, by passing by my master's door. My master is named Brown; he lives in Brackley-street. I passed them, and heard one say, Go it. I turned about, and saw Rowllins go down into the area. I was then at the cabinetmaker's door. He chucked up two bundles to Horton; then they all three went away. I came to the door after they were gone, and knocked, and the man stopped me, and took me to a constable.

Q. Why did you not pursue?

Houlston. I was afraid to pursue.

Hannah Saunderson . I am wife to the prosecutor. Here are some of the things. They were brought one morning into the kitchen when I was in bed. Two shirts and four pair of stockings, the things lost, I had to wash. We have got no more of the things again. I was told it was Rowllins's mother that brought these again.

Rowllins's Defence.

I was coming along Princes-street, about half an hour after five, and overtook Horton: he was going into Long-lane, he said, for purl. We saw two bundles in the area: there were two rails out: Horton bid me go down and get them. Just as he spoke these words that Evidence came by, and asked what we were about. I said, there is something in the area, but I do not know what it is: I got down, and gave it up to Horton.

Horton's Defence the same.

Houlston. I said nothing to them as I past.

Margaret Rowlin . I am mother to the prisoner. On the Saturday morning they were brought home, and I carried them to Mrs. Saunderson on the Monday morning following. Mr. Saunderson and his wife desired to get them again, they not being their own, and they begged I would endeavour to find out the boys, and get them.

Both guilty . T .

The trials being ended, the court proceeded to give judgement as follows:

Received Sentence of Death 17.

Abraham Peter , John Hill , George Low , John Stafford , John Priest , Jacob Snarbo , Joseph Stackhouse , William Litchfield , John Hinemarsh , John Anning , Patrick Murphy , Joseph Godwin , John Watson otherwise William Davis, Joseph Simpson , Ann Claxton otherwise Darlin otherwise Underwood, Sarah Haycock , and William Taunton .

Transportation for 14 years, 1.

William Dailey otherwise Deely.

Transportation for 7 years, 48.

Robert Bell , Sarah Holmes , Richard Clements , James Dean , Matthew Crofts , Samuel Gibson , Thomas Babb , Rachael Pindar , Samuel Bailey , George Frazer , Charles Burridge , Sarah Gardiner , William Bagnell , James Rowllins , Robert Henry otherwise Horton, Thomas Law , Elizabeth Ireland , John Caton , William Stapleton , David Price otherwise Pisse, Ann Barrett , William Ireland , Susanna Fleming , Mary White , Paul Coustin , Sarah Baxter , Martha Maddox , Thomas Hall , John Roberts , Edward Melon , John Scott otherwise Piggot, Golden Boosey otherwise Bland, Sarah Gibbard otherwise Mary Jones, Mary Gill , John Edwood , Ann Stroud , William Head , James Mashman , Edward Hughes , Thomas Edghill , Abraham Barnet , Michael Hymes , Stephen Mackaway , Bartholomew Fenton , Elizabeth Brown , Jane Bidds , Robert Lagden , and George Kessell .

Branded, 1.

James Brannan , and to be imprisoned three months.

Whipped, 7.

Mary Jemmison , Ann Downs , John Moon , Catherine Riley , Mary Yates , Peter Cook , and Samuel Marshfield otherwise Mitchell.

Thomas Scot and Joseph Blumore to pay a fine of one shilling each to the King, to be imprisoned in Newgate for the space of two years each, and to find sureties for their good behaviour for twelve months from that time; themselves in 100 l. each, and each two sureties 50 l. a piece.

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