

## From The Times 4th October 1821

**CHARGE OF BURGLARY.**—John Garrett, a powerful young man, a navigator, was brought up, charged with having committed a burglary and robbery in the house of Mr. Hood, a publican of the Dartmouth Arms, Sydenham Common.

Mr. Hood stated, that on Friday morning, as soon as he got up, he found that his house had been broken open, the shutters being wrenched off. Upon going to the bar, he found that the thieves had broken open the bar-door, and taken the contents of the till. They also took two large half gallon bottles, containing brandy and cloves, a quantity of tea, sugar, and coffee, a large cheese, &c.

William Vaughan, a watchman, stated, that about six o'clock on Friday morning, he met the prisoner coming up the Kent road, with two bundles. The prisoner turned into Hunter-street, and was followed by the watchman, who upon overtaking him, said, "Ship-mate, where do you come from?" He replied from Sevenoaks: and that he was going to take the things he carried to his brother in Bermondsey-street. Witness told him he must go to the watchhouse. The prisoner immediately dropped the bundles on the ground, said, "I'm d—d if you come with me," and ran off. Witness followed, crying "stop thief."

Wm. Smith stated, that he lived in Wilderness-street, that as he was coming out of his house he heard the cry of "stop thief." Saw the prisoner running with great rapidity, followed him, and brought him to by hitting him with a brick-bat. Witness found on his person a quantity of halfpence tied up in a handkerchief, two small bones, and a brass pipestopper in the shape of a leg. He saw under the prisoner's coat a crow made upon the most ingenious plan, and asked him for it, but the prisoner raised it up, and struck at witness several times, making the most desperate struggles to get off. Vaughan then came up, and the prisoner was secured completely.

The landlord of the public-house identified a part of the property. The bundles which were dropped in the road were those which held the bottles of cloves and brandy, and the cheese.

The prisoner said he had dropped no bundles, and that he found the crow in the road. Fully committed for trial.