

JAMES SAGE, Theft > grand larceny, 7th July 1773.

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405. (M.) JAMES SAGE was indicted for stealing a linen shirt, value 1 s. and two linen shifts, value 2 s. the property of Abraham Robbins , May 31 . +

Abraham Robbins . I am a farmer at Kingsbury : my house has been twice broke open; the last time was on Whit-Monday; I was alarmed in the night; I missed a shirt off the clothes; the door was broke open, and there was all the appearance of somebody having broke into the house.

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Edward Williams , I am son-in-law to Mr. Robbins: my mother waked me; I jumped up, opened the window, and saw the prisoner run from the house; I put my shoes, stockings, and breeches on: I went out and saw a man behind an elm tree; I went after him; I traced him as far as Davis's; there I got intelligence of him, and then took him at the Black Lion, at Kingsbury; there were three more, which three were in the house; whether those two were in the house or no I cannot tell; the house is a lone house 30 yards out of the lane, and a considerable way out of the high road; there is no other house near it. When I took him, his white stockings were all wet and dirty, seemingly as if he had been going through wet grass. I am sure the man I took at Kilburn is the same man I saw at the door; I know him by the clothes, and one shoulder was higher than the other.

John Sket . I saw him go through the farm yard; I said old acquaintance where are you going? he said down to Kew Green. The people came after him; I described him to them, and it appeared he was the same man they were in pursuit of.

Robert Smith . I lie in the room over the room where the people got in; I was waked by a clattering at the window; I saw three men in the house, neither of whom were the prisoner. I heard them unlock the door, and heard them afterwards go out; I saw these three men turn round the corner by the yard, and immediately afterwards the prisoner went away from the wall of the house and went straight forward.

Prisoner's Defence.

I was going to Kilburn to see after a place; I heard it was disposed off, and so was returning back again. The prisoner called three people who lived in White-cross-street, who said he lived in their

neighbourhood, and gave him a good character.

Guilty . T .

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