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294. JANE MORRIS proceedingsdefend was indicted for feloniously stealing on the 14th of March , three coats, value 4 l. eight shirts, value 3 l. 10 s. nine handkerchiefs, value 11 s. one pair of pantaloons, value 8 s. and one pair of drawers, value 2 s. the property of Andrew de la Berge proceedingsvictim ; three shirts, value 18 s. eight handkerchiefs, value 6 s. a waistcoat, value 14 s. a pair of pantaloons, value 1 l. 6 s. three pair of stockings, value 3 s. the property of Cisement Walters proceedingsvictim - a watch, value 3 l. and a watch key, value 6 d. the property of John Wingfield proceedingsvictim , in the dwelling house Philip Sirrell < no role > - and MARY EVANS proceedingsdefend for feloniously receiving on the 15th of March , a watch, value 3 l. and a watch key, value 6 d. the property of John Wingfield < no role > , being part of the aforementioned goods, she knowing them to have been stolen .

ANDREW DE LA BERGE. Q. Where do you live. - A. No. 7, Tokenhouse yard at Mr. Philip Sirrell < no role > 's.

Q. When did you lose these things. - A. On the 14th of March.

Q. Where were your things. - A. In my bed room; my linen was in the drawer, and my coats was hanging up in my room, in Mr. Sirrell's house.

Q. < no role > What time of the day was it. - A. I understand at five o'clock; I went out at four and I returned at half past twelve at night.

Q. When you returned you found all these things gone. - A. Yes, my lord, I did.

Q. < no role > Why do you accuse Jane Morris < no role > of taking them. - A. < no role > Because in the evening she went away, and nobody knew where she was.

Q. Was she a servant in the house. - A. Yes, she was, and she left her place that evening.

Q. What was it you lost yourself. - A. Three coats, one pair of pantaloons, one pair of drawers, shirts, handkerchiefs, and cravats; I do not know how many; the greatest part of them were found on the next day, when Mr. Sirrell pursued her.

CISEMENT WALTERS. Q. You lodge in the same house. - A. Yes; I am a merchant of Hamburg; I know no more than when I came home my linen was gone; I left the house on the 14th of March, about three o'clock in the afternoon; I returned home about half past eleven at night.

PHILIP SIRRELL < no role > . Q. You keep the house No. 7, Tokenhouse yard. - A. Yes, in the parish of St. Margaret, Lothbury.

Q. Are you the owner of the house. - A. Yes.

Q. How long did the prisoner live with you. - A. Five days. On the 14th of March, about six in the afternoon, the washerwoman came for the linen to take to wash, which she usually does; my niece Ann Whitelocke < no role > went up stairs to look for the linen; she did not find the linen there; she came down and said, uncle, I have lost Walters' linen; I searched the house I could not find it. I made enquiry for Jane, I found she was gone; I waited some time looking over the house, in hopes of finding what was lost; then I went in pursuit of her myself to Piccadilly, to a person who could inform me where her lodgings was, before she came to live with me; when I got there the family were all a bed; the next morning I went in pursuit of her to the same house; I met with the person I wished to enquire of, who went with me to her lodgings; when I went up in the room there was nobody there; I went away and going down Chandos street I met with Evans, who lodged with her; I asked Evans to inform me where Jane Morris < no role > was; she said she had not seen her that day, she had seen her last night; I threatened her if she did not tell me where she was, I would make a prisoner of her; I left her with the person who was with me, in a room in a public house; I went out about a minute and a half; the person came to me, and said she has confessed; she says if you will go to Covent garden, you will find her dressed in men's clothes.

Q. In what street was her lodgings. - A. In Vine-street. I then went into her room, I found her fitting in Mr. de la Berge's clothes; his coat and pantaloons, the waistcoat I do not know; I desired her to unbutton her coat and waistcoat, she refused at first, she did at last; I wanted to be satisfied whether I was right or not; I saw a bundle laying by the side of the bed, the person opened it, I found it belonged to Mr. Berge; I sent for a coach, took Evans up at the bottom of the street, and I took them both home to my house.

Q. What is Evans. - A. She is unknown to me, they were at work at army clothing work. When I brought them home to my house, I put them down in the kitchen; I desired my family not to let them come out of my house; I fetched Daniel Cartwright < no role > from the Mansion house, he searched Morris, he found half a crown in Morris's pantaloons pocket; in doing of that he was looking round, Evans was fumbling about her pocket, he saw something shine, he thought it was a silver spoon; he searched Evans, he took a watch from her that belonged to Mr. Wingfield; after I came from the counter, I went to the lodgings again, to see if I could recover any thing more belonging to Mr. de la Berge; I found various articles, one bundle tied up in the bed curtains by the bed side, which I took my knife and cut down; I brought it home and delivered it to the officer.

Q. Whose property was that. - A. Mr. de la Berges and Mr. Walters.

Q. Did you ask her about the watch. - A. Yes, she said she found it in the water closet in my house.

Q. How did Evans account for having the watch. - A. Upon account of breaking the glass to stop the watch she gave Evans the watch to have it repaired; Evans said a coat and two shirts were pledged in Chandos street; the gentlemen are here with them.

JANE MORRIS < no role > (to Mr. Sirrell). Was I not in liquor in your house that day, so that I did not know what I was doing of. - A. I did not see any thing amiss with you, I never conceived that you was tipsey; I was perfectly satisfied with you from the day you came in my house until you did the mischief.

THOMAS CHAPMAN < no role > . I am a pawnbroker. I produce two shirts pawned for ten shillings, on the 14th of March; to the best of my knowledge by Mary Evans < no role > .

JOHN WINTER < no role > . I am a pawnbroker. I live in the Strand. I produce a coat pawned by Mary Evans < no role > on the 14th of March for twenty five shillings.

DANIEL CARTWRIGHT < no role > . Q. You are an officer. - A. Yes; I produce the shirts of different gentlemen, and the clothes she had on at the time, and a silver watch.

Q. Is there three coats. - A. < no role > (Mr. Sirrel). There is one lost and some linen.

Q. to Mr. Wingfield. Is that your watch. - A. Yes.

Q. to Mr. de la Berge. Is that coat the pawnbroker produces yours. - A. Yes, these are my two coats, my name is on the sleeves; the shirts are all mine; two of them were quite new, and one of the coats was almost new; the black one was quite dirty on her when Mr. Sirrell took her.

Cartwright. This handkerchief she had on her neck; Mr. Walters owns it.

Q. to Walters. Are your things there. - A. Yes, one shirt and handkerchief is mine. I lost a pair of pantaloons that is not found.

Jane Morris < no role > 's Defence. I leave it to you, my lord, and gentlemen of the jury. I was very much in liquor.

Evans was not put on her defence.

MORRIS, GUILTY - DEATH , aged 35.

EVANS, NOT GUILTY .

London jury, before Mr. Recorder.