

# The Proceedings of the Old Bailey 22nd May, 1822

## AMBROSE FOLKER. Theft : simple grand larceny.

**AMBROSE FOLKER** was indicted for stealing, on the 12th of May, 40 lbs. of hemp, value 12s., the goods of William Dunbar jr. Appeared before Mr. Recorder and the first Middlesex Jury

**William Dunbar jr.** I live in Mount-street, Whitechapel.

**Richard Carter** . I am a constable. On the 19th of May at six o'clock I saw the prisoner in Mill-yard, Rosemary-lane, with this bag of hemp; he said he brought it from his master's in Red Lion-street, and was going home. I took him to the office. He threw it down and refused to carry it - I said if he did not I would handcuff him, he then took it up. Shields came up; he then said he was taking it to a man, whom he did not know.

**John Shields.** I found Carter with the prisoner, and asked him where he got it, he said from Mrs. Essex's son, Red Lion-street, and was taking it to Stepney, but he did not know the man.

**Eliza Essex.** The prisoner was once in my employ; I gave him no hemp.

**James Essex.** I am Mrs. Essex's son. I gave him no hemp.

**Francis Batchelor.** I am a servant to Mr. Dunbar; he has some sheds in Gower's walk, and on Monday morning about seven o'clock, I found the staple of the lock drawn, and missed this hemp, which was safe on Sunday night, at six o'clock.

Property produced and sworn to.

**Prisoner's Defence.** I have a wife and four children. Prisoner aged 39 .

**Verdict.** Guilty. Recommended to Mercy. Confined Six Months .