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... forging a bill, respectively indicted,
... irregularities at meetings

Reported in Tibberton in the 1760's to 1780's

While George III was coronated following the death of his German speaking father George II.

Britain began its transition to modern manufacturing, with rising textile and iron industries, paving the way for unprecedented growth and domestic incidents such as a devastating shipwreck and dockyard fire, all while Britain solidified its global empire and parliamentary power.

The HMS *Royal Katherine* ran aground off Devon, resulting in 699 deaths, making it a massive loss for the Royal Navy.

Captain James Cook was among the first Europeans to discover Eastern Australia and New Zealand. In April 1770, he became the first European to encounter the eastern coast of Australia, landing at Botany Bay.

Meanwhile in Tibberton...

A melancholy Accident happened Yesterday at Tibberton in this county.

A Man who was washing Sheep in a Pool let one of the Sheep get from him, and in endeavouring to catch it fell into a Hole very deep in Mud and Water and, was suffocated; one of his Companions who stood on the Bank, immediately jumped in to after him and met with same Fate, and a Boy, who was with them, in endeavouring to help them, fell in also and was drowned.

*Richard Byard buried in Holy Trinity Graveyard
20th June 1861 – no grave marker. (1)*

WHEREAS ROBERT BUTT, hired Servant to William Byard, of Tibberton. Gloucestershire left his Service, without any Provocation. This is to give

Notice, that if the said Butt will return, he shall be received and forgiven, otherwise he will be dealt with according to Law, made the last Session of Parliament for punishing Servants who run away from their Masters..., and if any one entertains the said Robert Butt, he will be sued with the upmost Rigour, by me.

W.M. BYARD

Robert Butt was hired for a Carter, is about five feet eight inches, and appears to have lately had the Small-Pox. (2)

On Monday night the dwelling house Tibberton Farm the property of Mr Elton of city burnt to the ground. Farmer Trigg and family, who lived there had scarcely time to save their lives. Their household goods were all lost, and above a ton of cheese was burnt. The accident happened from a beam which into the chimney taking fire. The barns outhouses were luckily preserved. (3)

WHEREAS on Saturday night or Sunday morning last, some ill-disposed person or persons did maliciously pull up the floodgate of the great pool at Tibberton's Court Farm, and let out the water, and robbed or intended to rob the said pool. Whoever will give information of the person or persons concerned in pulling up the said floodgate and stealing the said fish, so that they be convicted thereof, shall receive **FIVE GUINEAS REWARD**, and if more than one were concerned, the impeacher shall be entitled to the same reward and a free pardon, from me.

EDWARD ELTON (4)

WHERAS on the 20th April last, a Man named **WILLIAM BENNETT** about five feet Inches high, sandy Hair much,

pitted with the Small-pox dressed in dark blue, trimmed with black, Corduroy Breeches, and Boots, stands charged with forging a Bill on F. Gibbons of Stroud which paid for a bright bay Gelding, purchased of the said F. Gibbons and which he rode off with. The said Gelding is about 15 Hands a half high with a nicked Tail, and a Stripe down its face.

—The said William Bennet the same Evening, left in the Hands Ralph Barrett of Tibberton (from whence he was pursued) a cropt eared bay Mare, with Bar Shoes before a nicked Tail, which if not claimed in seven Days, will be sold.

Whoever will apprehend the said Bennett, so that he may be brought to justice, shall receive a Reward of one Guinea by me RALPH BARRETT, of Tibberton aforesaid. (5)

THE Occupiers of LANDS on each side of Leddon, from over to the further end of Rudford and also the Occupiers of LANDS on side Tibberton's Brook, both north and south of Leddon, have this public notice given them, that if the said river and brook are not properly cleansed before Michaelmas next, they will respectively indicted at that sessions. (6)

FOREST OF DEAN
NEWNHAM, April 30

IT having been represented to us his Majesty's Justices of Peace acting in and for the division Forest of Dean and county Gloucester that many great irregularities have committed certain Meetings have been and are annually held during Whitsun-week in various division but particularly on Blaze-Bailey, Blakeney-Hill Pope-Hill, Glass-House-Hill, May-Hill, Wigpoole-Hill, Westbury, Northwood's-Green, **Tibberton-Bovone** :

We do hereby strictly forbid the said or any other illegal meetings' held within the

division, during ensuing Whitsun week, or at any other time of the year, as the offenders will answer the contrary at their peril.

We require alehouse-keepers to observe that licence for selling ale and spirituous liquors is granted selling only within the house or place described in such licence; and selling them in booths, or other unlicensed places is illegal and liable to conviction.

And are determined every possible encouragement support only to the constable's other peace-officers also to exertions all other individuals in the prevention or other illegal meetings.

J GUISE

T CRAWLEY BOEVEY

J PYRKE FOLEY of Newent

The above-mentioned Representation made by us,

EDMUND PROBYN, Sen.

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ROYNON JONES,

D ELLIS,

JOHN WADE,

J PROBYN Rector of Abenhall,

W PROBYN Vicar of Longhope,

GYLLETT Vicar of Minsterworth,

T. PARKER Sen. Rector Taynton,

T. PARKER Jun. of Churcham,

J MORSE Rector of Huntley,

G WALLETT Curate of Westbury,

SANDIFORD Vicar of Awre,

J FRYER Curate of Newnham,

By 4 James c.5, and 21 James, c. 7, it is enacted, —

“That all and every person, who shall be drunk, and convicted thereof of by view of any Justice of the Peace, or on oath of one witness, shall, for every offence, forfeit 5s. and, if not paid, shall be placed in the stocks; and if any constable neglects his duty therein, he shall forfeit 10s.” (7)

Story extracts from:

1. Gloucester Journal Tuesday 8th June 1761
2. Gloucester Journal Monday 20th October 1768
3. Gloucester Journal Monday 11th October 1773
4. Gloucester journal Monday 29th May 1780
5. Gloucester Journal Monday 24th January 1786
6. Gloucester Journal Monday 21st April 1788
7. Gloucester Journal Monday 5th May 1788