

NORTH HILL CHATTERER

North Hill Miners Jailed For Violent Assault

Hard Labour for Reynolds and Crabb

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CAPITAL FARM to LET, in NORTH HILL, CORNWALL.

TO be Let by Tender, for a Term of 7, 10, or 14 Years, all that FARM situate in the Parish of NORTH HILL aforesaid, called **LANDREYNE**.

Consisting of a Dwelling-House newly built, a Threshing Machine worked by water, and every convenient Out-house; together with about 120 Acres of excellent Orchard, Arable, Meadow, and Pasture Land.

The Estate is in excellent condition, having been in the occupation of the Proprietor for several years past.

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Tenders will be received for the same at the Office of Messrs. Gurney and Lethbridge Cowlard, Launceston, until the 20th day of June next.

For viewing the Estate, application may be made to the Hind at Trebartha Hall; and further particulars known of Messrs. GURNEY & LETHBRIDGE COWLARD, Dated May 16th, 1840. Attorneys-at-Law, Launceston.

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Launceston Christmas Market.—An extraordinary Heifer of the North Devon breed, fed at **Trebartha** Hall, was killed for this market, and proved to be the greatest weight, according to the size of the bone, ever fed, her carcass weighing 9 cwt. 50lbs., and her rough fat 9 score. She measured 5 inches in the fat of her rump and surloin, and measured round the leg under the knee *only* 7 inches. The heifer was just over 3 years old, and fetched 30 guineas.

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VIOLENT ASSAULT.—**GEORGE REYNOLDS, 23,** and **STEPHEN CRABB, 30,** were indicted for having, on the 6th of November, in the parish of Northhill, violently assaulted William Manley. Mr. SHILSON appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. STOKES defended the prisoners. The only two witnesses examined were William Manley and Jane Elford, and from their evidence the following appeared to be the facts of the case. William Manley is a miner working at Wheal **Barriow**, in the parish of Northhill, and on the 6th of November he went to Mr. Couch's public house, near **Barriow-bridge**, between eleven and twelve o'clock. He sat down in the kitchen and drank some beer with his "comrade." About three o'clock the prisoners Reynolds, Crabb, and four others came in, all being miners, and having sticks. Mr. Couch the landlord, desired them to walk into the lower room, and they did so, but afterwards returned to the kitchen, and here, it appeared, the assault was committed. Manley states that as he was sitting in the kitchen, with his arms folded across his breast, the prisoner Reynolds pulled off his coat, walked up and knocked him off the chair. This was done, Manley stated, without anything being said on his part, and, in fact, he had never spoken to the men in his life. When Manley was knocked off his chair, he tried to get into another room, but the prisoner, Reynolds, lifting a chair, said he would "cleave his brains out," and the other men getting around, belaboured him with their sticks. The landlord ran in and took away the chair from Reynolds, but the other man having knocked Manley down, the prisoner Crabb seized a poker and with both hands struck him over the head so as to bend the iron considerably. He was completely stunned, and removed to the bar, where his head bled a pint of blood. Nor was this all the consequences of the row. Mrs. Couch, fearing some harm to her husband, attempted to get him away, upon which Reynolds struck her a blow on the temple with a stick. Then running forward, he said he would kill the whole of them, which so frightened the servant girl, that she jumped through a window, and Miss Couch followed her. A man that was in the house, and had nothing to do with the fight, rushed out and ran half a mile to get out of the way. The witnesses were subjected to a strict cross-examination by Mr. Stokes, who elicited that a good deal of beer had been drunk, although Manley persisted in asserting that he was sober, and so were all the rest. It also appeared that after Manley's head had bled a pint, and he had recovered from his "stunning," he drank some more beer, before he went home! He was much bruised, and could scarcely move his arm for some time afterwards. The defence set up was the improbability of such a fight commencing without some provocation being given by the prosecutor. A good character was given the prisoners by some witnesses who spoke of their previous conduct. They were both found *guilty*, and each sentenced to *six months hard labour*.