

John Mobley, a wool sorter – he was tipsy, saw Martin Dew the wheelwright, Robert Cotton, the boat builder, Edward Townsend the sawyer, &c.

Affirmation of William Mander of Banbury, chairmaker [makes mark]:

I am employed by William Thompson of Banbury, chairmaker. I remember the night &c...saw a good many, mostly boys, but some men, going round with an effigy which they called Lord Norreys. [They] went round town 2-3 times and then carried [it] into Market Place and set [it] on fire, burnt him down to breeches, then carried what was left into Red Lion Street, and there went about the street amongst the mob. Broke windows of Red Lion inn. Neville of Cropredy carried the effigy. Jack Robinson, a basket maker, was among the mob, he hallowed 'No machinery! No machinery!', was joined by Martin Dew, Thomas Ryley, John Mobley, John Neal of Grimsbury &c. Mobley made a speech. They cried out 'to Jack Pain's – break his machine'. Jack Robinson and the rest followed up Red Lion Street, across Horse Fair, and down to Mr Pain's at Neithrop. About 300 people. When mob got to [the] gate of Mr Pain's rickyard it was locked. They lifted [it] off the hinges and, thrown down, went up yard to a hovel, found hay-making machine fastened by a chain and lock to a beam – caught hold of shafts. Found another waggon and cart &c. Lad in field named Herbert who was smoking a cigar said a chap named Penn had some matches – not found – but William Pain [son of John Pain of North Bar, shag weaver] went to first of cottages in Rag Row and fetched a candle. Ryley had a screw hammer and broke a little box which contained the wheels and let down the wheels. Herbert, a shag weaver, took screw hammer and finished breaking the boxes &c. I saw John Jackson throwing – had a lot of stones in his smock flock. Saw Jackson take plough share from Thomas Smith and help knock machinery to pieces.

Deposition of John Bonner of Bodicote, carpenter, 27 December 1830:

I am a private in the Bloxham and Banbury corps of yeomanry commanded by Major Stratton, (and was in the) detachment of the corps on duty at Banbury on Monday 29 November. About 9 pm the detachment marched from Banbury to Neithrop. In a close adjoining the village was a large concourse of people. .. saw William Bennett another member of the corps, came to his assistance, and took Joseph Upton.