

## Evidence of the accused.

### **Edward Townsend:**

I have nothing at all to do with it. I was there. I never meddled with a stone or stick. I can bring witnesses that will prove that I helped Major Stratton on his horse and said 'don't kill him'. I went straight up the field to the soldiers and topped with them some time, and then went to the fire and had a warm.

### **Robert Cotton:**

I was in at Greaves at the public house in Neithrop. I heard there was a fire at Neithrop but I didn't go near it till the soldiers came. I went with the soldier to the gate of the field where the fire was. I stopped at the gate and presently a horse came at gallop and the gentleman in regimentals fell off. I caught hold of the horse's bridle, and Edward Townsend helped him on his horse. I then went into the field and went up to the soldiers. I never struck or threw at any one. I know no more. I came away when the soldiers did and went to bed. I and Townsend went towards the hedge on the right hand side of the field. Townsend said they (meaning the mob) are throwing, and we went there to get out of the way of the yeomanry. I did not stop the horse until the gentleman was underneath the horse.

### **William Austin [makes mark]:**

I heard the Banbury fire bell ring and I and William Herbert the baker went to the field at Neithrop where the fire was and stopped at the fire a long while. He was with me all the while at the fire. I heard some person say 'let us go up to the yeomanry'. I said 'where are they?' I did not know the yeomanry were in the field. I did not leave the fire till four or five of the yeomanry on foot came down to it. I and the rest of us then ran away. I stayed in the road some time and Herbert went into the *Duke of Wellington* public house. I afterwards went home and found the yeomanry come home.

### **Examination of Thomas Strickfield:**

I knew nothing about [the] machine till I heard it was on fire. I was there. I said it was a shame to burn them. While the yeomanry were being abused I went up to the staves in confusion. I had nothing in my hand. I knew they could not get the horses near the fire and I saw a party of them dismount. I say to William Hobday one of the yeomanry 'well done Bill' when he said he did not know his friends from his foes. I neither threw stick nor stone, nor aided or abetted in any respect. I sat