

go to work. Said they was at breakfast. They went to a cottage near my house in which Joseph Cartwright and James his son who work for me live, brought them out, went away without them.

Deposition/information of George Adkins and Joseph Bloxham, both of Tadmarton, 3 December 1830:

On Wednesday afternoon 1st December there was a riotous and tumultuous assembly of about 40 persons at Tadmarton. They hooted and made a great noise and disturbance, proceeded to a threshing machine on the farm of John Adkins of Tadmarton, which they broke into pieces and destroyed. Then they went on to Thomas Bloxham's at Tadmarton, where they broke and destroyed another threshing machine, then went on to John Painter's of Swalcliffe, broke hay-making machine. Say William Cox, Philip Green, James Needle, James Morey, Samuel Cox, James Bodfish, all of Tadmarton, amongst mob.

Deposition of John Painter of Swalcliffe, 3 December 1830:

On Wednesday evening, 1st December, about 7.00 pm, several persons came to his residence in riotous and tumultuous manner, to the number of about 40, and broke and destroyed a hay-making machine, his property. Says William Cox, Philip Green, James Needle, James Morrey, James Bodfish, Joseph Harris were amongst these persons. Then John Painter came to George Stratton on 9 December 1830 and said that Nathan Preedy and Samuel Cox, both of Tadmarton, labourers, were present in destroying the machine.

Philip Green, in answer to charge preferred by John Painter:

I never laid a hand on Mr Painter's machine but I was along with the party so I speaks the truth. The disturbances was as if the justices had not come into the parish – special constables to preserved the peace of the parish – then there would have been no disturbance in the place. The people only struck for higher wages. I have nothing to say. Wages was what they wanted. The people were expected to do away with all the machines unless the farmers rose their wages. There would have been no machine broken if it had not been for that. We were all a party concerned.

John Painter's information read to:

Joseph Harris: nothing to say. I was there. I would not have done it if I had known it.