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THE Morning before *Turpin*'s Execution he gave 3 *l.* 10 *s.* amongſt five Men, who were to follow the Cart as Mourners, with Hatbands and Gloves, and gave Gloves and Hatbands to ſeveral Perſons more. He alſo left a Gold Ring, and two Pair of Shoes and Clogs to a married Woman at *Brough*, that he was acquainted with; though he at the ſame Time acknowledg'd he had a Wife and Child of his own.

He was carried in a Cart to the Place of Execution, on *Saturday*, *April* 7th, 1739, with *John Stead*, condemn'd alſo for Horſe-Stealing; he behav'd himſelf with amazing Aſſurance, and bow'd to the Spectators as he paſs'd: It was remarkable that as he mounted the Ladder, his Right Leg trembled, on which he ſtamp'd it down with an Air, and with undaunted Courage look'd round about him; and after ſpeaking near Half an Hour to the Topſman, threw himſelf off the Ladder, and expired in about five Minutes.

His Corpſe was brought back from the Gallows about Three in the Afternoon, and lodged at the *Blue Boar* in *Caſtlegate*, 'till Ten the next Morning, when it was buried in a neat Coffin in St. *George*'s Church-Yard, without *Fiſhergate* Poſtern, with this Inſcription, *J. P.* 1739.

R. T. aged 28 *. The Grave was dug very deep, and the Perſons whom he appointed his Mourners, as above-mention'd, took all poſſible Care to ſecure the Body; notwithſtanding which, on *Tueſday* Morning about three o'Clock, ſome Perſons were diſcovered to be moving off the Body, which they had taken up; and the Mob having got Scent where it was carried to, and ſuſpecting it was to be anatomiz'd, went to a Garden in which it was depoſited, and brought away the Body thro' the Streets of the City, in a Sort of Triumph, almoſt naked, being only laid on a Board, cover'd with ſome Straw, and carried on four Men's Shoulders, and buried it in the ſame Grave, having firſt fill'd the Coffin with ſlack'd Lime.

* He confeſs'd to the Hangman, that he was 33 Years of Age.

The following Account Turpin *gave of himſelf, to the Topſman, the Week after his Condemnation, and repeated the ſame Particulars to him again at the Gallows; which being taken down from his own Mouth, are as follows:*

THAT he was bred a Butcher, and ſerv'd five Years of his Time very faithfully in *White Chapel*; but falling into idle Company, he began to take unlawful Meaſures to ſupport his Extravagance, and went ſome times on the Highway on Foot, and met with ſeveral ſmall Booties; his not being detected therein, gave him

him Encouragement to ſteal Horſes, and purſue his new Trade in *Epping* Foreſt on Horſeback; which he had continued about ſix Years. Having been out one whole Day, without meeting any Booty, and being very much tired, he laid himſelf down in the Thicket, and turned his Horſe looſe, having firſt taken off the Saddle; when he wak'd, he went to ſearch after his Horſe, and meeting with Mr. *Thompſon*'s Servant, he enquir'd, if he had ſeen his Horſe? To which *Thompſon*'s Man anſwer'd, *That he knew nothing of* Turpin's *Horſe, but that he had found* Turpin; and accordingly preſented his Blunderbuſs ar *Turpin*, who inſtantly jumping behind a broad Oak, avoided the Shot, and immediately fir'd a Carbine at *Thompſon*'s Servant, and ſhot him dead on the Spot; one Slug went through his Breaſt, another thro' his Right Thigh, and a third thro' his Groin. This done, he withdrew to a Yew Tree hard by, where he conceal'd himſelf ſo cloſely, that though the Noiſe of Mr. *Thompſon*'s Man's Blunderbuſs and his own Carbine had drawn together a great Number of People about the Body, yet he continued undiſcover'd two whole Days and one Night in the Tree; when the Company was all diſpers'd, he got out of the Foreſt, and took a Black Horſe out of a Cloſe near the Road, and there being People working in the Field at a Diſtance, he threw ſome looſe Money amongſt them, and made off; but afterwards the ſame Evening ſtole a Cheſnut Mare, and turning his Black Horſe looſe, made the beſt of his Way for *London*.

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Some Time after he returned to the Foreſt again, and attempted to rob Captain *Thompſon* and his Lady in an open Chaiſe, but the Captain firing a Carbine at him, which miſs'd, *Turpin* fir'd a Piſtol after the Captain, which went through the Chaiſe between him and his Lady, without any further Damage, than tearing the left Sleeve of his Coat; the Captain driving hard, and being juſt in Sight of a Town, *Turpin* thought it not proper to purſue him any farther.

Next he ſtop'd a Country Gentleman, who clapping Spurs to his Horſe, *Turpin* followed him, and firing a Piſtol after him, which lodg'd two Balls in his Horſe's Buttocks, the Gentleman was oblig'd to ſurrender: He robb'd him of Fifty Shillings; and asking him if that was all, and the Gentleman ſaying he had no more, *Turpin* ſtrip'd him, and found two Guineas more in his Pocket-Book, out of which he return'd him Five Shillings, but at the ſame Time told the Gentleman, it was more than he deſerv'd, becauſe of his Intention to have cheated him.

After this he ſtop'd a Farmer in *Epping* Foreſt, who had been to *London* to ſell Hay, and took from him Fifty Shillings; and hearing of ſeveral Coaches coming that Way, laid wait for them; but they being inform'd of the frequent Robberies in thoſe Parts, took another Road.

Another Time meeting a Gentleman and a Lady on Horſeback, in a Lane near the Foreſt, he ſtop'd them, and preſented a Piſtol, at which the Lady fell into a Swoon; he took from the Gentleman ſeven Guineas and ſome Silver, and

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ſrom the Lady a Watch, a Diamond Ring, one Guinea, and fifteen Shillings in Silver.

He likewiſe owned, that he was a Confederate with one *King*, who was executed in *London* ſome Time ſince; and that, once being very near taken, he fir'd a Piſtol among the Crowd, and by Miſtake ſhot the ſaid *King* into the Thigh, who was coming to reſcue him.

He alſo confeſs'd the Facts of which he was convicted; but ſaid, many Things had been laid to his Charge, of which he was innocent. Tho' 'tis very probable he was guilty of ſeveral Robberies not here mentioned, yet this was the whole Confeſſion that the Topſman could get from him.

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