

DEWSBURY.

On Sunday this town and neighbourhood were visited with the most terrific thunder storm ever remembered. We regret to say that a man residing at Mirfield was struck dead by the electric fluid, while sheltering under a tree. His body was discovered on the return of some parties from the interment of the man who was killed last week near the Thornhill Lees station. Mr. Stephenson, of Chickenley, had two ewes and a lamb killed. At Thornhill the damage at the rectory was very great; report says from £500 to £600.

MIRFIELD.

An inquest was held at the Beaumont's Arms, Mirfield, on the 4th instant, on the body of William Baker, a young man, aged 21, a carpenter. From the evidence of the father of deceased, it appeared that his son lived with him at Wellhouse. He left home on Sunday last after dinner, at about one o'clock, not saying where he was going, and was quite well. John Broskom deposed, that on returning from a funeral, he saw deceased laid on his back across the footpath in the second field from Mirfield church; he observed his clothes torn, and he found deceased quite dead. He was immediately taken to Mr. Armitage's. It was about five o'clock when he found him. He was near to an oak tree, and he appeared to have been standing under it for shelter. He seemed to have been struck by lightning on his right arm; his coat sleeve and shirt being torn open and his arm laid bare; also his trousers down below the right knee, and the lower part of his trousers on the right leg, and the boot on his right leg, torn open and turned inside out. Verdict, "Accidentally killed by lightning."