

STEALING FROM A RAILWAY TRUCK.—Two men from Mirfield, named George Parkin, a boatman, and Saml. Muffett, a tailor, were placed in the dock on Tuesday, charged with stealing a quantity of grey stockings from a bale directed to Messrs. Washington, drapers, of New-street, while on a truck at Heaton Lodge Junction. On the 3rd November, the prisoners were in company offering the articles for sale to a shopkeeper named Jessop, and sold him a dozen for 8s. Muffett staid in the kitchen while Parkin went into the shop and bargained with Jessop. On the same day Muffett went to the Dusty Miller Inn, Mirfield, and offered a dozen of them for 8s. The landlord looked at them and said they were only made of dog hair and were not worth more than 5s., which he would give for them. Muffett went to the door to consult Parkin, who was waiting there. They both returned to the house and agreed to take 5s. 6d. for them, and were paid with 5s. and three pints of ale. Information of the robbery was conveyed to Mr. Heaton, who was on the look out for the goods being offered, and heard of the above transactions. He inquired further into them, and on the 16th, in company with constable Townend, he went to Mirfield, and apprehended the parties. The bale had been dispatched with two others from N. Cora and Sons, of Leicester. Mr. Mee, manager to the firm, recognized the goods as being the same he had laid out with others which had found their way to Messrs. Washington. They had been tied up in a peculiar manner, according to the directions given in the order, and which enabled him more particularly to speak to the articles. Mr. Washington produced the wrapper which had covered the bale, and showed that it had been cut open and something extracted, and Mr. Whitworth, invoice clerk of the goods department, of the London and North Western Railway Company, showed that according to the way bill, and the weight of the parcel when it reached Huddersfield, it was 14 lbs. short of its weight when delivered into the hands of the Midland Company. Mr John Clay defended the prisoner Muffitt, and contended that he was not a *particeps criminis*, but merely going with him for the sake of the beer. The Magistrates considered there was a sufficient case made out against the prisoners to justify them in committing them to Wakefield House of Correction, to await their trials at the next quarter sessions. Each of the prisoners endeavoured to explain their conduct, but did not make it sufficiently clear to induce the Magistrates to alter their determination. Bail was applied for on behalf of Muffett, but was refused.