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ARSON AT MIRFIELD.

ROBERT SMITH (21) was charged with arson at Mirfield, on the 5th December last.

Mr. BLANSHARD prosecuted; the prisoner was undefended.

It appeared that a farmer named Bregan Brook, residing at Mirfield, had on the day in question a hay stack situated in a corner of a field in his occupation. The evidence was very clear. The prisoner was seen to fire the stack, and on being apprehended, he acknowledged having committed the offence, observing that his father had turned him out of doors, and he had nothing to eat. During the trial, some of the witnesses stated their belief that the prisoner was not quite sane.

Guilty; to be transported for fifteen years.

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