

ROBBERY OF WOOLLEN FLOCKS.—Yesterday, at the Police-court, Dewsbury, a woolleyer named Howarth, from Ravensthorpe, was charged with stealing 130lbs. of woollen flocks. He was defended by Mr. Chadwick, and under his advocate's advice pleaded guilty. The evidence for the prosecution proved that the prisoner, who was in the employment of Messrs. Tattersfield, obtained from a flock dealer named John Tattersfield, fourteen sheets of flocks to be woolleyed. One of these, or a part of one, he contrived to have taken to the stable of the Royal Hotel, Ravensthorpe, by the aid of the landlord's brother, Amos Hirst, and it was discovered there by the owner. Amos Hirst was called into the witness-box for the prosecution, but, when cross-examined by Mr. Chadwick, he contradicted himself several times. He, however, stoutly denied that his brother knew of the sheet of flocks having been brought to the stable; but Mr. Chadwick said the fact was the prisoner had been a tool in the hands of the Hirsts, and when he came out of prison he would give evidence against them. The bench committed Howarth to gaol for two months. It was stated that proceedings would be taken against the Hirsts, for having embezzled woollen material in their possession.