

FORGERY AT HUDDERSFIELD.—On Thursday, at the Huddersfield Police-court, Joseph Shale, joiner, Kirkheaton, formerly an inmate of the Mirfield Reformatory, was placed in the dock on a charge of forgery. Mr. Learoyd prosecuted, and Mr. Drausfield defended. It appeared that for some months up to December 25th, 1866, the prisoner had lodged at the house of John Denton, maltster, Hopton. Denton had an account with the Huddersfield Savings Bank, and in October, 1864, drew out £6. Since then he had not drawn anything out, but went half-yearly to have the interest added to the amount in the bank. In July last he had over £70 in the bank. On the 5th instant he went to the drawer where he kept his bank book, and missed it. He went to the bank and found that some one had drawn out £65 of his money at different times in sums varying from £1 to £5. The person was described, and he recognised him as the prisoner, then he took out a warrant, and Police-sergeant Lucas apprehended Shale at the house of his father-in-law at Kirkheaton. Mr. Hirst, one of the clerks at the bank, proved that the prisoner had drawn out £65 at various times, and had repeatedly signed Denton's name; always representing himself as Denton, and duly producing Denton's bank book. Mr. Drausfield remarked that he could not contend against the evidence, but he asked the bench to admit the prisoner to bail. The bench committed the prisoner for trial, but refused to admit him to bail.