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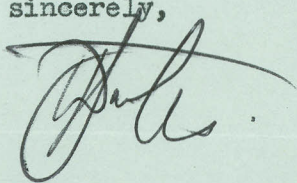
Dear Mr. Handley,

Please find enclosed a copy of the second indictment which I promised to send, together with a few explanatory notes. It is a somewhat meagre contribution to your collection, but one of the more significant items relating to Turpin's career. If I were to send you everything which was relevant there would be enough to paper the walls of the Rose and Crown and your visitors would spend all their time reading instead of drinking your beer.

We enjoyed our visit immensely and found Hempstead a charming village, surprisingly unspoiled, and hope it remains so. It was so peaceful. Thankyou for your hospitality and for shewing me the Turpin Library, etc. books which I hope you are able to date; and when you next see your regular customer Mr. Wm. Coote I would be grateful if you would give him my regards and thanks for telling me about the village, and say that I was sorry not to have seen him again when we came back from Thaxted in the evening.

Yours sincerely,

J. Handley Esq.,
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D. Barlow

The Second Indictment against Dick Turpin.

Yorkshire to Witt the Jurors for our Lord the King upon their Oath present that John Palmer otherwise Pawmer otherwise Richard Turpin late of the Castle of York in the County of York Labourer on the First day of March in the twelfth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second now King of Great Britain & c. at the parish of Welton in the County aforesaid one Gelding of a black colour of the price of three pounds of the goods and chattels of one Thomas Creasy then and there being found did then and there feloniously steal take and lead away against the peace of our sovereign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity.

SIMON

Witness: Creasy Gill Goodyear Smith Sawood

The Gelding (as were the mare and foal in the first indictment) was stolen not from Welton as stated, but from Heckington in Lincolnshire; Turpin returned with them to Welton and eventually sold the mare and foal to a Captain Dawson. The gelding was still in his possession when he was arrested by Carey Gill, a Constable, for shooting a tame fowl. His theft of the horses was not discovered until he had been removed to Beverley and subsequently York Castle on suspicion of having committed other offences.

The signatory to the indictment was that of the Clerk of Assize, Henry Simon. The witnesses were Thomas Creasy, the owner of the horses, Carey Gill the constable, George Goodyear, a neighbour of Creasy's, and James Smith and Edward Saward, both from Hempstead.

Turpin was convicted on both indictments and hanged at York the 7th of April, 1739.

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