

5th day Monday July 12th

First Middlesex Jury before Mr Recorder

Case 1024

Richard Briginshaw and James Cole were indicted for stealing on the 1st July, one bound book, value 5s. the goods of Ann Roberts Spinster.

Ann Roberts: I keep a booksellers shop in Great Wild-Street. On the 1st of July the prisoner Cole, came to the shop, the other prisoner stood by the door - Cole offered some books for sale. I said they would not suit me, and returned them to him. He was going away, and all of a sudden I missed Briginshaw from the door. A medical book was taken from the window; Cole immediately went out. In a few minutes they came back, and showed me some other books. I told them I suspected they had stolen a book, and they had better produce it. They both smiled. Cole said he knew nothing about it. Briginshaw went out, and Cole followed him. The Constable afterwards brought them back.

William Smith: I keep the Black Lion Public-House in Vinegar-Yard. On the 1st July Briginshaw came into my house with a saddle on his back and said 'My lads, see what a good day's work I have had! I have cut it from a Gentleman's Coach.' As soon as he saw me, Cole put the saddle on his head and walked out. In about a quarter of an hour they came in again with the book - they had several others offering for sale, and were secured.

Francis Murray: I am an officer. I took the prisoners in charge, Briginshaw had the book. I found several books on Cole.

Briginshaw - Guilty Aged 14
Cole - Guilty Aged 18

Transported for seven years

Jury

George Radburn
George Kemp
Thomas Marsh
William Green
Samuel Betteley
Harry Hales

John Moore
James Turner
James Maiden
Thomas Harrison
Thomas Stunt
James Madon

This time luck had run out and found guilty they were returned to Newgate Gaol

