

Connecticut Courant, May 3, 1815:

The three persons who as we have before stated, were apprehended on suspicion of burning the barn of the late John Chenevard, Esq. and of taking the several pocket-books with very considerable amounts of money in them, which were lost by our citizens on that occasion, have been within a fortnight tried before the County Court, proved guilty of the theft, and publicly whipped as the law provides for this description of crime. The pocket-books were many of them recovered, with the loss, however, of most of the money. On Tuesday last by a special Superior Court summoned for this purpose, the same persons were tried for burning the barn and convicted of that offence also; for which they were sentenced to confinement and hard labour in Newgate for seven years—to which place they were conveyed on the same day. They assumed fictitious names, calling themselves Pickering, Jones and Bellamy; but it appears that Pickering's real name is Parker, and that for some time he was employed as a driver of stages and hackney-coaches in Boston—that Jones' proper name is David Balcom, jun. and that he was born in Attleborough, (Ms.) —the true name of Bellamy is unknown, but he is supposed to be the hardened wretch, who was apprehended for setting fire to Portsmouth. There is every reason to believe that these same men burnt the stables and picked the pockets recently at Medford, Massachusetts; and we consider it peculiarly fortunate, that they have been thus seasonably arrested.

While society is infested by such monsters in vice, as will not for the accomplishment of their wicked designs, hesitate to expose a whole town to destruction by fire, and thereby reduce hundreds of families from comfort and competence to beggary and distress; we hope to hear no more regret expressed, that we have such a place of confinement as Newgate—and that while it is recollected *that none suffer there*, but those guilty and depraved wretches who commit the very worst of crimes, and the grossest outrages, no exertions will be made from mistaken notions of humanity to substitute a milder punishment.