

knew him to have been in the state prison at Baltimore. However, on searching him, which he readily complied with, not one cent of the money could be found either upon his baggage or his person; but in lieu thereof, they found him possessed of a large number of small keys, through which, no doubt, he found means of disposing of any surplusage of circulating medium; whereupon his quarters were changed to Bridewell, until the ensuing term of General Sessions."

Here he remained in confinement until the period of his trial came round; when, for want of sufficient evidence to commit him to the State Prison, he was thence discharged, and the next account we hear of him, brings him before our view under the name of Henry Preston, arrested in the act of attempting to rob the Northern Mail Coach, as will appear by the following article extracted from the *Times*:

"*Police Office, Monday, February 22d, 1835.*—Just as this office was closing on Saturday evening, a very gentlemanly looking man, decently dressed, calling himself Henry Preston, was brought up in the custody of the driver and guard of the Northern Mail Stage, who charged him with an attempt to rob the mail. The accusers testified that within a short distance of Peekskill, they discovered the prisoner about a hundred yards ahead of the stage, and on approaching nearer, they saw him jump over a fence, evidently to avoid notice. This, of course, excited their suspicion, and they kept an eye to the mail, which was deposited in the boot.

"In the course of a short time, the guard discovered the rat nibbling at the bait, and desiring the driver not to stop the speed of his horses, he quietly let himself down, and found the prisoner actively employed, loosening the strap which confines the *Mail bag*! He was instantly arrested, placed in the carriage, and carried to town free of expence.

"Having nothing to offer in extenuation of his offence, Mr. Henry Preston was committed to Bridewell until Monday, for further investigation."

"*Police Office, Monday morning*—This morning, Henry Preston, committed for attempting to rob the Northern Mail, was brought up before the sitting Magistrates, when the High Sheriff of Orange County appeared and demanded the prisoner, whose real name was *Henry Gibney*, as a fugitive from justice!

He stated, that on Friday last, the prisoner was to have been tried for *Grand Larceny*, and was lodged in the *House of Detention*, at Newburgh, on Thursday, under care of two persons—that in the course of the night he contrived to elude the vigilance of his keepers, escaped from confinement, and crossed the river on the ice, and had got down as far as Peekskill, where he says

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