

Money by False Pretence

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“MIDDLESEX SESSIONS

A man named Woolgar was tried upon an indictment, charging him with having defrauded a poor man of a sum of money, under a false pretence – namely, the pretence of procuring a situation for him in the East India House.

The prosecutor stated the case, which resembled in most particulars those which have already appeared before the public. It differed, however, essentially in one respect. The prosecutor swore that the prisoner had, to his knowledge, procured places in the East India House for several persons; and he believed it was the intention of the prisoner to do so in this instance.

The CHAIRMAN – “Then you can’t say he intended to defraud you?”

Prosecutor – “No, I dare say he would get it if he could, and perhaps he’ll get it yet”.

The prisoner then said he had procured places for half a dozen people lately, through the influence of a nobleman and several highly respectable persons with whom he said he was well acquainted. He mentioned the names of his friends, and seemed disposed to give a history of the proceedings he had adopted to procure situations, when

The CHAIRMAN interrupted him, and told him not to expose his plans, or they might be adopted by others – He was immediately acquitted.”