

Post-Chaise from Lewes

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“A few evenings ago, as Messrs. Hood, Woolger, and Banks, were proceeding in a post-chaise from Lewes to the New Inn at Seaford, which house they had left of the proceeding morning, they halted to take refreshments at the Bridge-house at Newhaven. On their re-ascending the chaise, the driver closing the door after them with more than common violence, the horse took fright, sprung forward, and turning to the left crossed the bridge at full gallop, when inclining to the left, they took the road to Seaford, and defied every effort of the postillion to overtake them. Messrs. Banks and Woolger, at the extreme risk of their lives, threw themselves out of the vehicle, and both of them were considerably, though not dangerously hurt. Mr. Hood, not altogether approving of the conduct of his friends, coolly kept his place, and, what is truly singular, the horses at length, from long habit of stopping at that spot, halted at the door of the New Inn, where Mr. Hood alighted in safety. It is supposed that the horses reached Seaford from Newhaven, which is between four and five miles distant, passing every object, and turning every corner with as much apparent caution as if the postillion had been with them, in something better than ten minutes.”