

PATRICK HALL, aged 55.—Charged with unlawfully and falsely pretending to John Nicholson that he was authorised to collect charity money for a poor man of the name of Joseph Riley, who had broke an arm and leg by falling into a coal pit, and by means of such false pretence obtained two shillings and sixpence, with intent to cheat and defraud the said John Nicholson of the same—pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Balguy appeared for the prosecution.

John Nicholson deposed, that on the 5th of March, the prisoner came to his house with a paper, asking some money for a man named Riley, who had some little time before met with an accident;

the witness put down his name 2s. 6d., and the prisoner asked witness to add to his name "churchwarden."—George Riley deposed that he met with a bad accident in February last. Remembers Patrick Hall coming to his house, and he asked the way to the minister's house; he said nothing about collecting money for the witness; nor did witness authorise him to collect money. Prisoner offered witness 15s. which he refused, never having authorised any collection.—Hannah Bland said that Patrick Hall came to her house in the latter end of March; he said he had completed his job; and he also said he had taken 10s. to Riley.—John Aldrigg deposed, that the prisoner at one time wished witness to accompany him to collect money for Riley; he proposed also to witness that they should go to Liverpool together, and collect what money they could, and then go to America.

The prisoner being called upon for his defence, produced a paper upon which were marked the subscriptions collected, amounting to 3l. odd; and all these were obtained by the prisoner, in company with a person named Hawkins, a cousin of Riley's.—Guilty. Seven years' transportation.