

EXTENSIVE ROBBERIES OF CLOTH BY A MIRFIELD FARMER.—Yesterday, the magistrates sitting in petty sessions at Dewsbury were engaged several hours in investigating a charge of robbery preferred against Arthur Blackstone Ellis, farmer, of Mirfield. For several months past large quantities of cloth have been stolen from the manufactories of Mirfield, and also some from the railway station, and no reliable clue to the perpetrator was obtained until a few days ago, when the prisoner was apprehended. He had a forged receipt in his possession for one truss purporting to have been sold to him by James Whitehead, ticket collector on the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway at Thornhill, on the 7th July, 1866, but it was proved by witnesses that Whitehead (since deceased) was in Huddersfield Infirmary, suffering from an accident. The bench committed the prisoner for trial, and refused to allow bail. Mr. Brearey was for the prosecution, and Mr. Wainwright for the defence.