

1740-41 RIOTS: THIRD CENTURY (1740-1850) IN THE POLITICS OF PROVISIONS BEGINS HERE

1740's Weather: (Malcolmson, in Charlesworth, *Atlas* (CA) 83-5): W & Sp v. cold, some die; (Cf GM, NhM)

RIOTS: --where: most in E, n of Thames - not many in s and w; - mostly in grain growing regions and ports;

NEW areas - seem Yorks WR, mills, Teesside, Tyneside; Edinburgh; Pembs, Staffs;

--why: Main grievance was export from areas in which defcy already felt;

Export not prohibited till Nov 1740 - then to last till Dec 25, 1741 (Post, *Food Shortage, Climatic Variability and Epidemic Disease*, 189): But Lords Justice (PC) Jun 26 order laws agt engrossers enforced; and tell customers to watch corn entered for expt very carefully and tell justices [can't ban Xpt w/o parl, but trying to chill]

SOURCE ABBREVS: For more Abbreviations, please see Census I source note, and Bibliography for *The Politics of Provisions*, posted on this website.

W = Wearmouth, *Methodism and the Common People of the 18C* (1945), p. xxx.;

SP = State Papers in W.

DP: *London Daily Post and Genl Advertiser**

LM: *Leeds Mercury* (symp to rioters)

YC: *York Courant* (more cons anti)

WM: *Weekly Miscellany**

NM: *Northampton Mercury*

IJ: *Ipswich Journal**

GM: *Gentleman's Magazine*

SP: State Papers (ms) researched by JB

[* newspapers quoted in Wearmouth]

For other sources, see Bibliography posted elsewhere on this website.

Riots are classified and counted by the crowds' primary action as follows:

Categories (used in frequency Tables in *The Politics of Provisions*)

T = Food Transport Interception;

M = Marketplace "Regulation";

R = Raid/attack Mill or Grain Storage;

C = March into Country to pressure Farmers;

O/U = Other or Unspecified.

Abbreviations in the Census are generally formed by omitting vowels.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Rioters & Riot Category</i>	<i>Their Actions</i>	<i>Forces of Order</i>	<i>Their Actions</i>	<i>Court Sentences</i>	<i>Relief Mesurs</i>
April ---last Sat 26th; Sun 27th; Mon 28th; Tues 29th	DEWSBURY- WAKEFIELD nbrhd WR	#4-500#"mob from D, Battley, Earls Heaton and Or adj villages"(YC) Assize & QS: 42 + 4 identified artisans, clothiers., labrers T	YC: to prevent the badgers from making wheat meal or flower to send or counties= adv P in Yks; at first twd D mill, but meet Wilson's cart - decvd by bran dust; ¹][attack <u>bolting mills</u> TL: att to stop load of meal and flr going into Lancs - failed; damage mills at D and Thornhill, asslt Sir John Kaye and the Sheriff; intend to destroy mill of Jos Pollard, resisted - sevl wounded Tues: go to Wakefield boasting they wd release psrs and pull down Pollard's house ²	Local Mag, Constable mily b) Sun: Sr Jn Kaye, MP for county; S Armtge, Hi Sheriff; Jn Turner esq	C: read Riot Act://knock dwn 3-4, arrest 6-7 --expostulate, propose interview at Grange, Sir John's seat to redress grvnces ³ if any	19 arr rioters brot fr W to York Castle 4 July Assizes: 2M G of riot at Criggleston, remain in gaol for 1 yr fine 6/8; 2M G att rescue =1yr+6/8. 9 Trans 7 yrs ⁵	None?

¹ YC 5-6 [1740] – all these newspaper dates (American Style – viz, here, May 6) are 1740, unless otherwise specified.

² W 19/ [/ means Wearmouth quoting] DP 5-10; WM 5-17 SP 36; LM (Leeds Merc. 5-6: York Courant 5-6

a) Sat: dealers in wht flour bot lge quants to sell into Lancs, to wh crowd blamed the advance in P; and one of the mills being esp much employed in grinding for the badgers, the poor could not have their corn ground without a bribe to the miller; attack carts loaded with bran dust; [cd boulting-mill be innovtn? -- see YC -- that practice raises P]

b) Sun: 4 pm grt posse from adjacent towns, uncover Millhouse, demolished bolting engine, insult constable, carry off 20 packs of flr; [met by bigs = svts; read proc -- people pay no attn, throw stones at them;]

then cross the river to Thornhill, make havoc of corn, [carry much away, pulld part of the mill down, carry away the poor Millman's provision as Beef, bacon etc] but damg inconsiderable, comp to Dewsbury; sifting or bolting mills made unservicable - ret to Dewsbury to attck D Mill, but confronted by Big Gents who promise conf next day[w/ nbring justices]

c) Mon 28 1400 rioters to Sir John's [with beat of drum and colors before them, in defiance of authority; rioters moved on huzzaing they neither cared for Hi Sheriff or JPs] [as they went along their no's increased and many grt disorders committed] but Hi Sher not come, they go on to Britain[Bretton] Mill, which suffers same fate, and carry off 30 packs of flr, sevl loads of wht, lge quants of oats ready for grinding;

--same day to Woolley Mill, but corn had been moved to nbring house -- they break in, seize a pack, and destroy molting mills[broke all b mills, szd all corn and meal]

--crowd then went to New-Miller-Dam fr wh all corn conveyed to Barn bel to Pollard at Crigglestone [went to Crigglestone in Sandal Par., broke into barn of Jos Pollard, carried away grt quant of flr; Pollard having some fire arms, shot at some of them, took psrs to Wakefld on Tues] when they had pulled down the bolting engine there, they marched to the barn but were attacked by well-armed peopl, forced to retreat/ sevl wounded, 5 seizr sent to Wakefield HC on Tues 29th; d) Tues 29th [auths met at Burtons; 2 pm]; crowd to Wakefield, marched up Westgate, beating a drum, boldly saying they would release psrs, pull down Pollard's house, and hang him up and

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10 or 17 May, and continuing	KETTERING	huge crowd pretend football 500 a side R	secretly designed to pull down Ld. Betey Germain's Mills ⁶ Re Corn export				
10 or 17 May, and continuing	PETERBOROUGH	numerous rioters, number of women M	Rose in tumult-s manner, rioted the farmers out of their sacks, and strowed their corn in the street; also seized it, entered barges & boats and took away great quants of wheat freed imprisoned comrades ⁷ -- Re Corn export	Trupe ⁸ Mags	- R Act		
C. May 15	MANSFIELD, Nhs	M	Mob rose upon the Corn Buyers but dispersed without doing much damage ⁹				
May 19	BURES (W SUFF) BAILINGTON & adj places	grt no. R	destroyed sevl boulting mills etc. ¹⁰				

skin him like a cat; - Capt Burton came out of his house, advanced to their head with a stick, and said by what auth? - they replied were come to release our men, and have em we will - and Capt told twnspeopl to seize them [knocked down 3-4, took 6-7 psrs] and seizd 7 more - to prisn - rest fled;

The care of Sir Jn and Sr Samuel et al sending for mily -- arr at Wakefield in eve -- restord quiet; trps split between Wk. and Huddfld - something suspected there; Guard also at HC, Pollard's in Criggleston, and at Wilson's in D. just now hear some of the ringleaders have absconded. [still great murmurings among the common people]

³ LM 5-6 [1740] - [all these newspaper dates (American Style - viz, here, May 6) are 1740.] (*Leeds Merc* only read thru mid-Sept)

⁴ YC 5-13

⁵ YC 7-29

⁶ W 19/sp SP 36/51/I/1 D Stanley 1 Jun 1740

⁷ W 19/sp SP 36/51/I/1 D Stanley 1 Jun 1740, and SP 36/51 I/98 Mags of Peterborough, Jun 18, 1740; and W 53, over corn exports abroad; and Thompson, "Moral Economy Reviewed," 323, quoting *Gloucs Jnl*, Jun 24, 1740.

⁸ SP 36/50/418 Jn Creed to Newcastle, 19 May 1740

⁹ LM 5-20-40

¹⁰ NhM 6-2

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May 19-22,	STOCKTON, DU	3000 Rioters: [rioters] idle and disorderly persons T	resent price inc; try pvt expt of grain; commit sevl outrageous acts;	Sheriff Mily, Sedg- field Posse	attack, disperse, arrst 7 ¹³ negot with arr rioters	QS July 16, 1740-see printed address by Bp of	Merchn ts and mags offer lge
June 6	Stockton	NO MEN? T	Rising settld by 2 MPs who stop further exprtn*(ambig) and bot 600 Bu. of it and distrib to poor at 3s/bu ¹¹		Let rioters go (so near an election") ¹⁴	Durham to G-Jury (KressLib)	quants (1000B u) ¹⁶ of
June 10		T	Stockton rioters send for colliers of Ederly & Caterhorn		Wmson ready to use force (order firing) if given <u>some immunity</u>	-- Dur Aug Ass -- 1M and 2W trans 7 yrs for taking grain out of a boat	grain at cut prices
June 13	Durham	crowd	R: when 7 of rioters brot to Durham from St. -- in "the hurry of the mob and the unactiveness of their guard 3 escaped - 2m, 1 w - she recapt ¹²		Durham – sevl poor–wounded in exchange with auths ¹⁵		
ca. May 20	PEMBROKE	lge no. of colliers ¹⁷ T	Break open Xpt ship; take grain; and demand grain at their own price - tho tis as cheap as any mkt in England	Mags	read Proc (R Act); arr 2 but release to crowd; ask for trps		colliery owners supply colliers 18
May 20	COLCHESTER	sevl 00 persons T	[14 May: sevl persons ass to pvt corn being sent out - mags persuade them it's dangerous and folly] ¹⁹ TL: rose in tum mannr, stop 2 waggons of meal frm leaving town[threatend to destroy them] ²⁰	?Mily ²¹ Myr—	atts to disperse, fails; calls out mily to guard grain to shipt; RAct read		

¹¹ NhM 6-30 [All dates American Style & 1740]

¹² YC 6-24

¹³ W 20/sp, wm 6-28

¹⁴ SP 36/50/432 Wm Wmson to Bp Durham, 24 May 1740

¹⁵ Rollison, *Origins of Mod socy* 225, citing *Gl Jnl* - 8 July 40

¹⁶ Ashton & Sykes, *Coal Industry*, 118.

¹⁷ SP 36/50/429 Jenkin Ferrior, myr, Pembroke, & Jos Rickson JP to Newc; May 23 1740

¹⁸ SP 36/51 Wm Owen, MP for Pembroke, June 17 1740 - collery owners supply men w/ corn and keep em in order-no dist

¹⁹ LM 5-27 [1740] – all these newspaper dates (American Style – viz, here, May 27) are 1740.

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RIOTS CENSUS III. 1740-41 (Ch. 4 in *Politics of Provisions*)

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AREA RIOTING May 21 (W)	RHUDDLAN, FL. ²² Mold Dyserth, etc	400 men, w & ch w/ clubs, colliers from Mostyn, Byck- ton, Trelogan T	Ass, sze Expt Wht wagon bound for Lpool, extort discharge of five pstrs from mag	Mags	read proc; Mercht arrest 5, but mags release under threat	6m, 1 wife G, transp 7 yrs ²⁸	London Lead Co. imports grain to retain its worker s at Gadlys 29
May 23(F)	Rhudd, Cwm, Newmarket, Rhyl, St Asaph, and Prestatyn	700 M, firearms, swords, halberds(from Mostyn Hall) T	break into shops, warehouse, cellars, houses, destroy goods, corn for expt; carry off gunpowder ²⁴ , fire it on the bridge				
May 23 F	Abergele, Conway ²³		Join and go to Conway, nada	Mags	call for united magcy, beg for troops promise to proclaim no exports [Dodd 79]		
May 24 (Sa)	Rhuddlan (also at Newmarket)	3-400 [Continuation of above]	demand money, threaten JPs and gents, threaten to lay the town in ashes;				
May 25 (Su)	All churches		proclam agt corn expt, read in Ch				
May 26 (M)	Dyserth		Dyserth - force Steventon to sign recog not to export corn ²⁵				
ca June 1	Mold	women	at Mold they had secured corn in the Town House ²⁶ --				
June 6			unload ship's cargo of wheat ²⁷				

²⁰ NhM 6-2

²¹ W 20/sp, ij 5-24 [means **Wearmouth, p 20, quoting State Papers & Ipswich Journal, May 24, 1740.**]

²² K. Lloyd Gruffydd, "Vale of Cywyd Corn Riots of 1740," 36-42. [based on SP 36/50-52; Clwyd RO; and Chirk Castle MS in Natl Library Wales -- see sept note]

²³ SP 36/50/435 Foulkes May 25 1740

²⁴ SP 36/50 433 (3/92) JPs Price, Myddleton, and Foulkes to D. Newc, St Asaph, May 25, 1740, and enclosures; and f 435 David Foulkes to Sr Geo Wynne, 25 May 1740; DM 6 - 5- 40

²⁵ SP 36/51/ f 69 Depositn of Jn Steventon June 10 1740

²⁶ SP 36/51 f 73 (2/58) Edward Legard, offer, Flint June 13 1740

²⁷ T. S. Ashton & J. Sykes, *The Coal Industry of the Eighteenth Century* (Manchester, 1929), 120.

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May	WREXHAM	Mob led by town freeholders & tradesmen R	Found 40 stone (560 lb) of meal lying idle in a barn; Lower Gwersyllt; asked gents @ bowling to distribute it (Wynn folks) – when Wm W Wynn refused, they set up a cry of “Myddleton forever, down w/ Watkin!” ³⁰				
May 25?-Jun 4	NOTTINGHAM ³¹	country people then town mob R	threaten bolting mill at Radford-grinds for big -- factor in Nm; dearness of corn also a factor		Call out Blues; read R Act; arr 2		
May 30	Denbigh	Parties [not crowds?]	take wheat drink and money from Ed Jones				
May 26 Tues	NEWPORT-PAGNELL	cunning old Women; then 300	TL: try to intercept 2 waggons of wht "exptd" by farmers - - women stop them a few miles from NP; battle them 2x- - take corn, bring back to twm, probly divide it up -(plans) ³² .				
end May	DOVER, KT	T women	rose tum, cut sacks size grain farmers bringing to ports for shipping - resent expt - pelt teams and drivers with stones for 3 mi out of town ³³				
Early June	EAST DONY LAND, MANNINGTREE, ESX	T apparently Colch crowd T	Sze, carry away lge Quant of Flower intended for shipt to other parts; then to M, where seize 2 1/2 loads of wht, vow to pull down granaries and mills if no meal found ³⁴				

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²⁸ Gruffyd, 40.

²⁹ Gruffyd, 37 n. 10.

³⁰ A. H. Dodd, *History of Wrexham* (1957), 79.

³¹ Newcastle Papers, Add Ms 32693 f 311 Langford Collin to Newc, June 4 12740

³² NhM 6-2-1740 : Cunning old women intercept 2 waggons of wht, disguised as Cheeses, sent by farmers to factors, thot for exportation; - women stop a few miles from NP; farmers win battle, but women being unwilling so much corn shd go out of kdom while they wanted bread swore they would lose their lives before they would part with it; w/ reinfcts fight farmers, who have to submit to numbers; corn carried back to town with grt acclamations of joy, put under guard, conquerers now holding grand Council to decide what to do with it; genly thot they would divide it among themselves - notable bravery among the "tender" sex is surprise to "lords"

³³ W 20/ij 5-31 -- also Newcastle papers -- Add MSs 32693 f. 278 Dover 11 May 40 -- blames French merchants riding around the country to sell to Sp -- people cut sacks.

³⁴ W 20/sp, ij 6-14

	<i>Category</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Sentences</i>	<i>Measrs</i>
12 June	COLCHESTER, ESX ³⁵	mob, led by Geo Mallard; other poor people, GM flourishes a sword T	Mob to plunder a vessel laden with corn for London; owner Wm Frost atts to bargain, offers drink -- they refuse*(S) - offers half-peck opf corn/meal; Mallard offers to help supervise, but crowd cuts open sacks and helps themselves ³⁶	
ca Jun 1	Bocking ESx	spinning workmen	when master tries to cut sp wages, they threaten him ³⁷	

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³⁵ grain riot in 1740 (as in 1674 and 1692-93) -- printed acct -- Procs at Assizes

June 12 Geo Mallard led a mob bent on plundering a vessel laden with corn for London -- owner, Wm Frost , went down to the Quay to try to bargain with them -- Mallard refused, flourished a sword "and said that he and the other poor people were come for Corn, for that they had neither victuals nor drink, nor broke their fast the whole day." Frost tried to bargain -- mob refused drink, so he offered them half a peck of meal each -- "as they insisted on having meal" Mallard offered to help supervise the distribution but disrupted when the rioters began to cut the sacks open and help themselves." J. A. Sharpe, Crime, 138

³⁶ Sharpe, Crime, 138, Proceedings at the Assizes for the County of Essex held at Chelmsford 17th, 18th and 19th Days of July (London 1740). Mallard refused to bargain, a: "he had a naked sword flourishing in his hand, and said that he and the other poor people were come for Corn, for that they had neither victuals nor drink, nor broke their fast the whle day." ; Frost: "as they insisted on having meal, I thought it be the best way to give them some." q Sharpe.

³⁷ W 20/ij6-7 [means Wearmouth, p 20, quoting *Ipswich Journal*, June 7, 1740.] DM May 29, 1740.

		<i>Category</i>		<i>Order</i>		<i>Sentences</i>	<i>Measrs</i>
June 20	SUNDERLAND	Mob	Enter Malt house, granaries; beat up a baker				
		R					
early May ³⁸	NEWCASTLE	women/bells	Impede corn packhorses	Ald	Negots w/		
June 19-20		colliers & Keelmen;	Seize passing corn, pile it on main mkt place ³⁹ ; negot w/ mags; "voracious factors" fail to reduce price of grain,	Ridley;	crowd,	ASS: I: 2 fely	Ridley,
		M		Militia;	cornfactors	trans; 1 riot-	pot MP
		Jun 19 --	Also -- stop coals = indust actn	then Wed	whom he	6mos;	cand in
		Pitmen in		25, new-	induces to lower	5(total 7)	1741,
		nbring collieries		raised co.	their prices	men trans 7	supplie
				of Gents [yrs; 10M, 2W	d corn
				posse) - b/		acqtd of Gd	to
				Myr		Larc, but ind.	employ
				disbands;		for riot - <u>gaol</u>	ees;
June 26		pitmen, women & Ch	2d phase: scuffle at ship quay - 1 of crowd K by gent; c-k become ext violent, march to Guildhall where mags mtg, plunder, destroy records, sze money ca £1400. ^{40 41}	Ald w/ gents	Negots agn; scuffle -- 1K by gent	till sureties for Assizes 1741; 7M	
				Ult - trps	Arrest 5, comm to QS for want of sureties ⁴²	2W ditto ⁴³	
June 27, 29	ROCKCLIFF, CU ⁴⁴	grt no, armed, blacked - Scots tho advised by known locals	raid houses, lst find little; 2d - took grt qs of oatmeal and money parcel; scatterd the rest	vict, nbrs	2w, 6m locals	Identified	
		C			pursued, szd 1m & 8w of Rigg in Scotland		

³⁸ Joyce Ellis, "Urban Conflict," 340

³⁹ Ellis 341

⁴⁰ W 20-21/ dp 7-2,3

⁴¹ GM x,1740, 355 Begins with Ald. Ridley conferring w/ factors, that all who applied shd have corn at a fixed rate -- but when the pitmen keelmen and poor applied, they found the shops were closed (21st) - and the mobs plundered the granaries - then discovered vessel going off with corn, and stopped and sold to poor at fixed rate; on 25th the mila disbanded, and 26th rioters assd on the sandhill, while myr et al met - decided to defend the ship while serving the poor -- Gent went to tell the colliers -- he's beaten up - gents fire on rioters - one K others W - rioters than fall on gents in Hall, then march around sts threaten to destroy all, but in eve 3 co.s of Howard's regiment entered the town, and rioters dispersed -- 40 committed.// See big letter in DM

⁴² NhM 7-28-40 One Eleanor Haddock sent to gaol for 2 mos. for forestalling; also indcted for riot.

⁴³ YC 8-12 [1740] - all these newspaper dates (American Style - viz, here, Aug 12) are 1740.

⁴⁴ all from ASSI 45/21/4 Sr 1740 [Sr = Summer]

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29 June (Sun)	WISBECH, I. OF ELY	no of rioters, entering the twn from Upwell T	incensed by P increase, Rtrs take away corn <u>to pvt exptn</u> - size 25 Lasts of wht./brk corn merchnts windows, force wagon to carry it off ⁴⁵ // sell it at 1s4d/bu; [forced merchts to sell it to them at 43d bu. and also to the bakers where they regulated the price and weight of bread*]visit shopkeepers collect nr £80.//30] -- retire to Upwell [the residence of many of them, and chief rendezvous - struck terror into them; townspeople bring in stragglers] ⁴⁶ where 60 arrested ⁴⁷ also visited gents' and tradesmen's houses, extorted 5s. to 5 Gns. ; whole damage = £5-600. From DM	Gents, w/ 500 hired mercenarie s	//Gentry and richer traders, at first unconcerned, met the 1st, subscribed £200, and by beat of drum enlisted 500 men, w/whom they marched to Upwell to arrest 40 - ; 60 in all, and by that means peace restored.	ASS: 14 condemned; (Sept 4) 2 ord for Exn, rest transported for 14 yrs ⁴⁸ or 4 ex, 10 trans; sevl whipt, many transptd (LG) ⁴⁹	

⁴⁵ // GM x 1740 355

⁴⁶ NhM 7-14

⁴⁷ W 21/gm 355, ij 7-12; DM 7-10-40

⁴⁸ GM x 1740, 464

⁴⁹ NhM 8-25

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July 6 Sun -- five days	NORWICH	Others begin? meanest of people Thousands M	Rioting on acct of Ps and Weavers' lowering of workmen's wages ⁵⁰ to prevent exportn -- riot begs when fish-men raise P mackerel ; meanest people visit bakers, affix note with price red; FS, broke open granaries ⁵¹ then attack prison to release comrades/provokes some to fire then attck dw houses of myr, ald; seize boat on river, sell contents, parade town, extort money and provsns from inhabs ⁵²	Myr Mily	//Read R Act -- Court meets at Hall in Mktpl, calls Gd of Drgns, prints ad to tell Mult that mags will enforce PC proc agt expt ⁵³ ;arrests some, 8K //8pm myr commits 3-4 to psn; psn firing-> 3M, 2W, 1 boy K, many more dang wounded (n14)	City Assize 1 recog; 2 fined and 2 yrs prsn; 1 transported for 14 yrs; and 15 fled b/ indicted; Cnty: 2 Rrs to be hanged (Ors Trans?) ⁵⁴ [?Are those two the Wisbech rioters?]	
July	G YARMOUTH, NFK	Mob T	Mob plundered vessel about to sail overseas with wht; forced dealers to sell at 2s / bu ⁵⁵				

⁵⁰ Big letter in DM, July 7, 1740.

⁵¹ SP 36/51 f 265 Jn Nuttall to PC, 7 July 1740

⁵² W 21/sp, gm 356, ij 7-19,26, dp 7-22

⁵³ //GM x 1740 356

⁵⁴ NhM 8-11 [1740] – all these newspaper dates (American Style – viz, here, Aug 11) are 1740.

⁵⁵ D. Ormrod, *English Grain Exports* (1985), 59, q. Palmer, *Perlustrations of Great Yarmouth* (1872-5).

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July	DERBY Cf Thomas	Women (& men?) T	TL: 2 wgn of 24 bags of fine flower, belongng to Wm Evans & Isaac Turner, sent from Derby to Leek(Staffs), stopped and brot back to the mktplace, where bags cut and contents carried away - only 2 bags saved ⁵⁶	Myr & mags	try to pvt; warn merchts; intervene to get brot back; R Act; then condemn FRE <u>and</u> riot, indicts merchts for FRE, b/ released	2 w transported 7 yrs; many more indicted ⁵⁷	
16 June, 1 July	TAMWORTH,ST (Alder Mill) ⁵⁸	150 incl 1m & 4w R	gather at mill, BWs			2w, 1m G > whipt 1spnster G fined 1s 1wife - NG bec in co. w/husbd	
10 July	STONE, ST ⁵⁹	30 opu [<i>other persons unknown</i>] -3M = currier & 2 websters T	took 40 bu barley fr yeoman's wagon			3m [men] Pl G,fd 1s [Pled Guilty, fined 1s.	
7 July	ENVILLE, ST ⁶⁰	20 opu; 1m, 4w (1spr; 3w Lr) T	WmRds, Kinfare miller, loaded 10 bags wht on horse; people rang pans, assltd svt, cut bags - wht to street			4w & 1m PIG - to be whipt at Wolvhptn (10 mi)	

⁵⁶ W 22/ij 7-19; GM x 1740 356 (no details); LM 7-22-40; M. Thomas, 39: consider it contraband - tried to dist; DM, 7-10-40.

⁵⁷ DM 8-6-40

⁵⁸ Wm Salt Library -- Hand Morgan MS 31/5 QS Minute Book, Staffs Trans July 1740, p 246-7 (I owe this reference to Pointon's PhD thesis at Keele U, 1991); and Staffs R.O., QS rolls 577 (Trans 1740) ff 22, 30-- note that Alder Mill was one of the first to be attacked in 1756

⁵⁹ QS Minute Book, Staffs Trans July 1740, p 248; Staffs R.O., QS rolls 577 (Trans 1740) f 17

⁶⁰ QS Minute Book, Staffs Trans July 1740, pp 248-9; Staffs R.O., QS rolls 577 (Trans 1740) f 28-9

1 July	STOKE, ST ⁶¹	20opu 1m,2w(w of cordwainer; widow) O	Ry [<i>riotously</i>] assltd svt, spoiled 6 thraves of straw				2w1mPIG-fd 1s
17 July	WOOLSTANTON ST ⁶²	4M - Wwrt, 3 colliers T	Take & detain 120 Bu oates & Ry ass. [= <i>Riotously assembled</i>]				4m submittd, fd 1s, dischd estreated
2 Dec	CANNOCK, ST ⁶³	5M + 20opu; 4 colliers & 1 naylor M	Ry take 60 bu white pease; reduce farmers' prices	Farmers	pursue colliers underground, arrest csome		i trans; 2=?; 2 G fined 1s, imprisnd for 1 mo till surety for 3 yrs
--Dec ?-- -- ? --	NEWCASTLE, ST WOLVERHAMPT ON, WALSALL, ST	T colliers	Intercept shipments to Lpool & Chester ⁶⁴ Incursions into markets	Mags	handbills that promise redress ⁶⁵		
?Dec	STAFFORDSHRE LEEK, ST	colliers T	commandeered a quant of corn, cheese a gent had intended to sell the poor at a cheap rate ⁶⁶ /half price Intercept shipts to Lpool & Chester ⁶⁷		9 arrested, to Stafford gaol		

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Rioters & Riot Category</i>	<i>Their Actions</i>	<i>Forces of Order</i>	<i>Their Actions</i>	<i>Court Sentences</i>	<i>Relief Measu res</i>
6 July at night, 1740	EVESHAM, WO ⁶⁸	11M, 2w (W&w) incl 1 yeoman T	Stopped & entered barge and took 100 bu wht and 20 bu barley	Myr	Read Proc	2 NG; rest at large	

⁶¹ QS Minute Book, Staffs Trans July 1740, p 252; Staffs R.O., QS rolls 577 (Trans 1740) f 5

⁶² QS Minute Book, Staffs Trans July 1740.; Staffs R.O., QS rolls 578 (Mich 1740) f

⁶³ Staffs R.O., QS rolls 579 (Epiph 1741) f 28; Hay, diss., 266, 278.

⁶⁴ Douglas Hay, "Crime, Authority [diss]", 268. quoting NhM Dec 15, Jan 12, 1740-1; StaffsRO, D1742/ 429-37

⁶⁵ Hay, diss., 278

⁶⁶ W 22/dp 12-12

⁶⁷ Hay, Diss., 268.

⁶⁸ ASSI 4/19 Worcs Process Book, Sr 1740; and ASSI 5/60 pt 1 Assize Rolls, Worcs Sr 1740

early July, 1740	WELLINGBOROU GH ⁶⁹ /KETTERING RD	T	take 5-6 C. of Cheese in road bet K & W; to prevent it from being exported or engrossed ⁷⁰	Twnsop, svts of Earl of Nhptn & Or gents	- arrest, gaol 33, well guarded with guns(as n 28)	T: ASS: 6 transportd incl W of Nh; 26 recogs for next Ass; 9 acqtd; 1 indctd for perjury re cheese ⁷¹
?July	OXFORDSHIRE	1 Woman Jane Pullin T	for endeavoring with Ors to take a bag of corn out of a wagon by force ⁷²			QS:to be whipped
?July	Redbrook, FD GI	3M R	att to destroy dwHo and Corn-mills of Jos Sayer of R ⁷³			Gloucs QS? fined £5 ea, recogs for 1 yr
?July	?MORETON IN MARSH, GL	4 W R	enter DwHo of Robert Shirley, Innholder, taking lge quant of wht ⁷⁴			Glouc Ass(7- 26) 4w fined 5s, & 1 -> be whippt next mkt-day
early July ca July 20-26	NORTHMPTON ⁷⁵ CARMARTHEN	U U	gen outrages ⁷⁶			

⁶⁹ GM x 1740 356 (no details)

⁷⁰ NhM 7-14; SP 36/52 f. 158 Petition of Wm Anderson [Sept 1740]

⁷¹ NhM 7-28

⁷² NhM 7-28

⁷³ NhM 7-28; DM 7/31

⁷⁴ NhM 8-4; LM 8-5

⁷⁵ GM x 1740, 356 (no details)

⁷⁶ SP 36/51 f. 346 I Morgan 26 July 1740, begging for trps; but SP 36/52 f 57 Arthur Bevan Aug 23 1740 denies riot, asks trps removed. Morgan write again 36/52/f58 24 Aug = split in Corp/mags

July	SAFFRON-WALDEN	M & W R	Force open mills of John Windstanley and Hen Archer and RY take quant of corn ⁷⁷			3 Transp, 1 for sim offense @ Wm Daniel's mill nr Colchester b/ 3 W = NG < Ry taking corn from JW & HA ⁷⁸	
??	Cornwall		Breaking open granry, carryng away corn ⁷⁹			Bodmin Assz: 2 M sent to death	
Sept 22 (Mon)	nr BRISTOL; CSIDE FROM BATH TO BRISTOL	Grt no of Kingswood colliers C	Threats agt Bristol mills; --looking for millers & innkeepers susp of hoarding corn ⁸⁰ march twd Bristol to complain to mags of excessve price of wht - return when hear of mily ready to meet them ⁸¹ ; send dep to Council Hse - w/ weavers, wives, abund women to negot w/ myr	Mily myr	ready (Assize of Bread already settled) promises "justice"		only low Assize 82
Nov	POOLE, Dorset	R	Besieged miller, detected shipping flr in Norwayman ⁸³				
Nov 24	COLCHESTER, ESX	grt no of disord people; consid no. of poor inhabts of out-parts T	in Magdalene St, ass & stopped sevl wagons of meal,, one = wht, going to Hythe for Xpt to foreign parts; Brot 2 back to mkt place, obliged owner to sell for 2s. /Bu, . . . threaten to sze but disperse when mily arrives; next day assd to sze any grain bound for Xpt ⁸⁴	Mily	appr	10 Men for Ry assign in sts of Colch.	

⁷⁷ W 22/ij 7-26

⁷⁸ LM July 29, 1740; ASSI 31/1 Essex Summer Assizes 1740

⁷⁹ DM 8-21-40; Rule, Diss, says – not riot , 160-61.

⁸⁰ *Gloucester Jnl* 30 Sept, 7 Oct. 1740, quoted in Rollison 226

⁸¹ W 22/sp, dp 9-30, ij 10-4; SP 36/52 f 176 Ste Clutterbuck, myr, to Duke. Newc, 23 Sept 40; cf. DM Sept. 1740

⁸² Malcolmsen, [Kingswood colliers] -- " A set of ungovernable people" 116-17. (Chas Wesley battling Satan with the colliers)

⁸³ GI Jnl. 25 Nov 1740, quoted in Rollison 227

⁸⁴ W 22/dp12-2; DM 12-4-40; ASSI Essex July 1741 -

ca Nov 15	{Youghal & Dungarvon, Ireland}	mob	rose by drum - thretn Any Xpt ship (after merchts gave orders to ship corn to Dublin) ⁸⁵		
Dec	STAFFS	[see page 12 above]			
1741 Jan	BLYTH, NMBLD	colliers R	broke into 2 granaries(Foster & Jubb), carried away £500 of wht ⁸⁶		
early Mar1741	Pembroke, PE ⁸⁷	grt no. M & W T	Brig loaded w/ corn for Bristol, attackd & boarded, sacks brot ashore	master called sloop / Lt & troops	Fired powder 1 st & irritated crowd; skirmish, in danger, trps fired ball, 1 Killed, 2 wounded, perhaps mortally ! Lt & others are in custody to be tried for the shooting !
later in 1741	Bradford Trowbridge nbrhd WILts	weavers O	insurr feared when weavers angered by masters refusal to improve their wages -- show inclin to viol, quietd by mily arrvl ⁸⁸		

⁸⁵ DM 12/4// 40

⁸⁶ W 22/dp 2-3-41

⁸⁷ DM, 3/12/41

⁸⁸ W 22/sp