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"The first half of the 18th century was distinguished by two fatal riots in Leeds. On account of the exportation of corn, on which there appears to have been a bounty, the prices of provisions greatly advanced, the indignation of the populace was roused, and tumults broke out in various parts of the kingdom. The conduct of the rioters in Leeds was so violent that the king's troops were obliged to fire upon the multitude, and eight or nine of the people were killed. While this first riot is thus hastily dismissed, the second meets a more extended description."