

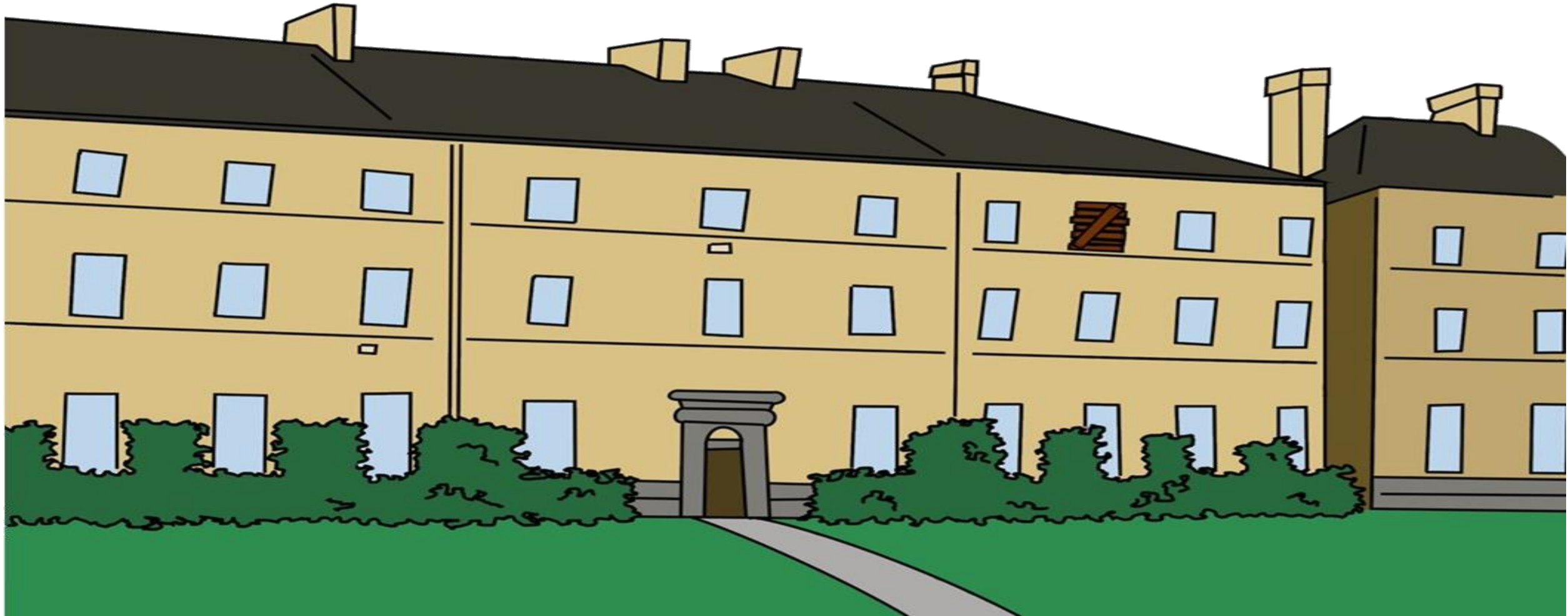
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90 - ATTEMPTS ON QUEEN VICTORIA'S LIFE - JANUARY, 2022



WELCOME TO TOPIC # 090... TODAY WATSON AND I WILL BE LOOKING AT THE ATTEMPTS ON QUEEN VICTORIA'S LIFE BETWEEN 1840 AND 1882.





**THE SEVEN ATTEMPTS WERE GENERALLY
REGARDED PERFORMED BY THOSE WHO WERE
MENTALLY UNSTABLE.**



SERIOUS HISTORIANS DO NOT SEE THEM AS MAJOR EVENTS IN HER REIGN, AND THEREFORE TEND TO PASS QUICKLY OVER THEM.





ACCORDING TO PAUL THOMAS MURPHY, HOWEVER, VICTORIA HERSELF SAW THEM IN A POSITIVE LIGHT, BELIEVING THEY MADE HER MORE POPULAR.



AFTER THE LAST SUCH ATTEMPT ON HER LIFE, SHE
WROTE TO HER DAUGHTER VICKY THAT SHE WAS
MOVED BY...



... 'ENTHUSIASM, LOYALTY, SYMPATHY AND AFFECTION' SHOWN BY HER SUBJECTS, AND ADDED: 'IT IS WORTH BEING SHOT AT TO SEE HOW MUCH ONE IS LOVED'



MURPHY'S BOOK, SHOOTING VICTORIA,
SUGGESTS THE ATTEMPTS AT HER LIFE MADE
BOTH THE QUEEN AND THE ENGLISH MONARCHY
MORE POPULAR.



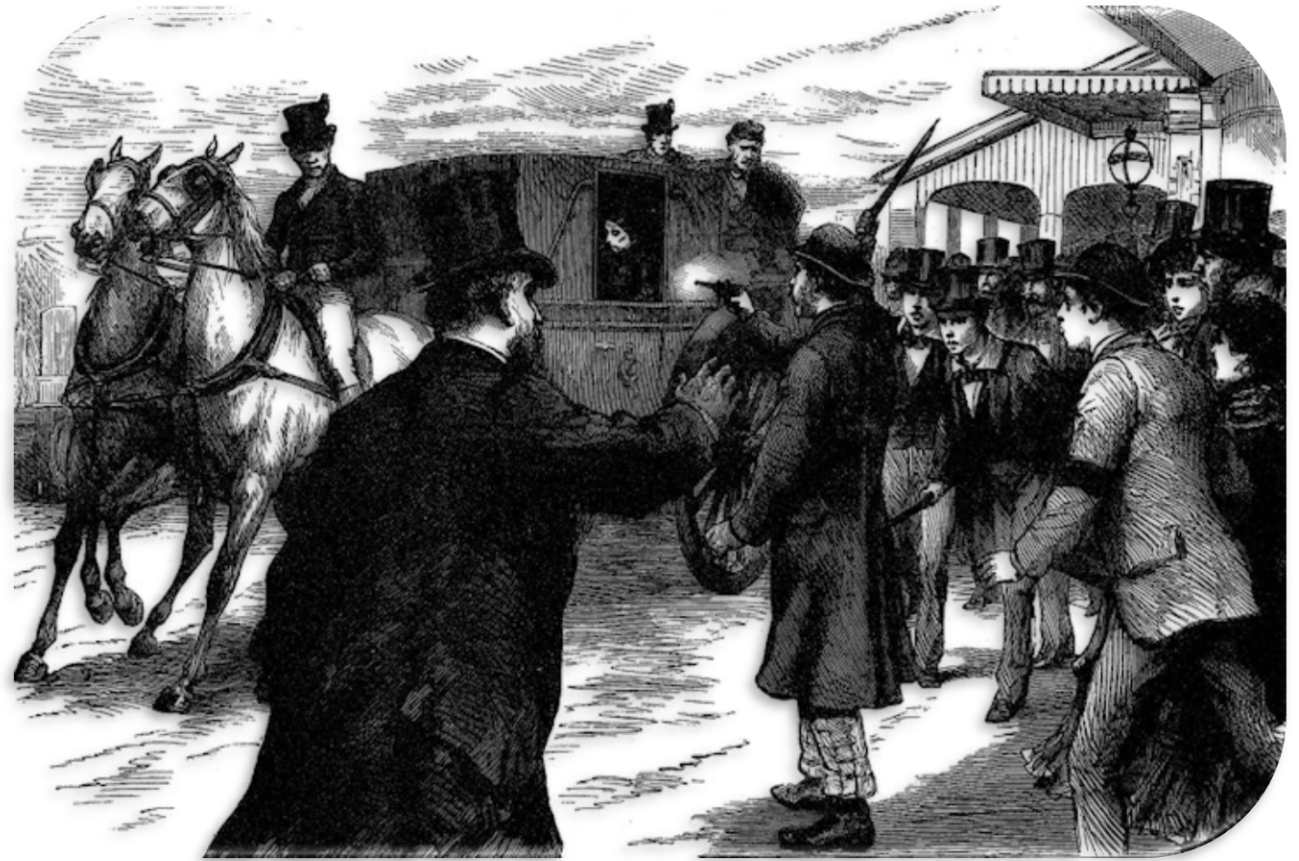
PAUL THOMAS MURPHY



SHOOTING VICTORIA

MADNESS, MAYHEM AND THE
MODERNISATION OF THE MONARCHY

THE CULPRITS TOO HAD THEIR REWARD, IN THEY GAINED SOME MUCH SOUGHT-AFTER NOTORIETY.



THEY WERE EITHER CONFINED AT 'HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE' AND GIVEN FOOD AND SHELTER, OR, MORE OFTEN, ENDED UP MAKING NEW LIVES FOR THEMSELVES IN AUSTRALIA.





**THE FIRST SUCH ATTEMPT WAS BY EDWARD
OXFORD, WHO FIRED ON VICTORIA AND ALBERT
IN 1840.**



HE FIRED A SHOT WHILE THE COUPLE WAS OUT FOR THEIR REGULAR AIRING, BUT MISSED BOTH OF THEM.



HE WAS TRIED IN COURT, AND FOUND GUILTY —
BUT AT THE TIME, INSANE... HE WAS SENT TO
THE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE AT BETHLEM.



VICTORIA'S LAST ATTEMPT WAS BY RODERICK MACLEAN, WHOSE ATTEMPT WAS THE ONLY ONE MADE OUTSIDE THE AREA OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE.



THE QUEEN AT THE WINDSOR RAILWAY STATION
ILLUSTRATED BY MR. BESSON, 1842

*IN MARCH, 1882, MACLEAN FIRED ON THE QUEEN
AS HER CARRIAGE ARRIVED AT WINDSOR STATION.*



AS WITH HIS PREDECESSORS, THE COURT FOUND
MACLEAN A VICTIM OF INSANITY... HE WAS
DECLARED NOT 'GUILTY ON THE GROUNDS OF
INSANITY AND WAS KEPT IN CUSTODY AT THE
QUEEN'S PLEASURE.'





THE QUEEN HERSELF FOUND SUCH
VERDICTS UNSATISFACTORY.





*SHE WANTED THE ATTEMPTS ON HER LIFE TO BE
TAKEN MORE SERIOUSLY BY THE GOVERNMENT,
AND BELIEVED THE CULPRITS SHOULD HAVE BEEN
PUNISHED MORE SEVERELY.*



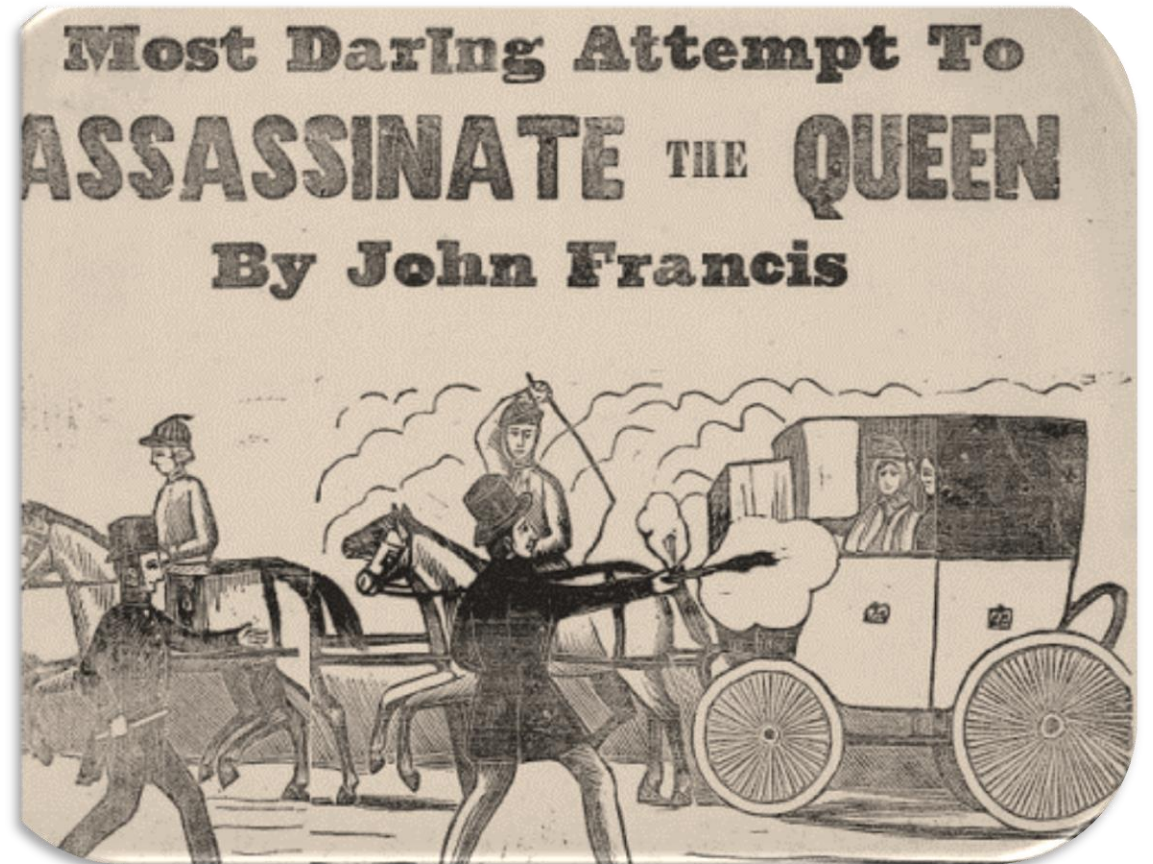
HER GOVERNMENT PASSED A NEW LAW DICTATING
THE VERDICT 'NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF
INSANITY' SHOULD BE CHANGED TO 'GUILTY, BUT
INSANE' FOR EVERY FELONY.



THE CONSEQUENCES, OF COURSE, WOULD REMAIN THE SAME – BUT, THE DETAINMENT AT THE QUEEN'S PLEASURE WAS NEW.



THE REPEATED ATTACKS ON THE QUEEN'S PERSON NOT ONLY FAILED TO REMOVE HER, BUT HELPED TO WIN BOTH HER AND THE BRITISH MONARCHY, AS AN INSTITUTION, GREATER POPULARITY.



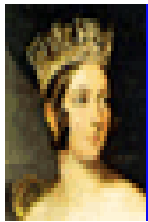
THE ATTACKS, AS WELL AS HER PERSONAL
LOSSES LED TO THE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE
TOWARD THE QUEEN.



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 090 IN OUR SERIES...

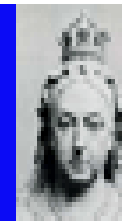
IN TOPIC # 091, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE PRACTICE OF VOODOOISM
DURING THE VICTORIAN PERIOD.





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