

curiosity to Merrion-square—the mob had got out of the field they were originally in, and were in another when there was any appearance of a riot with the Police-guard—this was Mr. Atkinson's party. He had heard Sir John Freke and Mr. Hatton advise the people to lay down their stones, and tell them they were wrong. He had heard the conversation between the parties and Alderman Exshaw. The Alderman had said, that there was no danger from their muskets, as they were not loaded. He admitted, that the conversation was loud enough to be heard at a short distance, and might have given them cause to triumph, if they had not been riotous before.

Here the evidence for the defence closed. Mr. Curran, counsel for the traversers, proceeded to make some remarks on the evidence. He first observed, upon the charges contained in the information—none of which had been proved.

He could see no crime in offering advice to a magistrate, when his intemperance rendered it necessary; his clients had done no more. And as to what had been termed an *ILLEGAL* assembly, as a lawyer, he had some doubts. But perhaps new law had been discovered in the new Dictionaries which had been purchased at the public expence, to fill the libraries of the Police Magistrates, and Police Constables, and according to the modern vocabulary, the meeting of men, after seven days hard labour, was an illegal assembly. The Alderman's first impression was right; he returned home, and he ought to have staid there, and not return to foment a riot and immolate innocent victims to the pride of power, or the plenitude of official authority. Who were the men against whom this ruffian force—those drunken myrmidons were to be directed, to collect whom all the brandy-shops in town had been ransacked—the working manufacturer, whose laborious industry paid him a salary, paid for his dinner that day; the men, whose industry was the support of the State, whose manners were the morality of the age; and whose spirit was the strength of the nation. And if the first magistrate was to seize the meanest of his fellow-citizens, not in an act of violence, or open breach of the peace, the laws would punish him for it.

Mr. Curran proceeded with much acrimony to prove that the gentlemen were entitled to the warmest thanks of the public, instead of being dragged forward like felons to the bar, the objects of a criminal prosecution. He considered the present case, as the pride of the Police set up against the freedom of the subject. He inveighed against Alderman Exshaw, for suffering the men to load their pieces. He would not suffer them to load (said he) when intoxicated with brandy alone, but waited until they were inflamed with rage, hoping that one passion should expel the other, and the lives of the people might be more safely entrusted to a mad, than a drunken man. As to Sir John Freke, he observed, his prosecution was a *trick*, to prevent him from giving evidence against the Police, by including him in the information.

He thought upon the whole the object was to gag the citizens from complaints against the Police, by selecting gentlemen of rank and fortune for prosecution. If it was necessary to guard the public peace by such a tremendous monster as the Police, the shorter his chain the better for the subject—and he hoped that jury would not add a link to it, by the verdict of this day.

Mr. Serjeant Hewitt replied to Mr. Curran. He censured meetings of this nature, and quoted a passage from Mr. Justice Foster—the Queen against Tooley, to shew the danger of opposing the magistrate in any case whatever.

Lord Earlsfort summed up the evidence in a very able manner. He complimented Alderman Exshaw in very flattering terms for having properly discharged his duty. He observed, that as to the defence set up by Sir John Freke, it would not be allowed, for in misdemeanors, all were principals.

The Jury retired for near an hour, when they returned a verdict, Richard Griffith, Esq;—guilty.—Sir John Freke, and Henry Hatton, Esq;—not guilty.

Counsel for the Prosecution,  
Attorney General—Serjeant Hewitt—Hon. S. Butler—Mr. Egan—Recorder—and Mr. Beresford.

Counsel for the Traversers,  
Mr. Duquerry—Mr. Curran—Mr. M. Smith—Mr. A. Browne—Mr. Burrows—Mr. Stokes—Mr. Grace—Mr. Rice—Mr. Harvey—and Mr. Spencer.

The Duke of Leinster sat on the bench with Lord Earlsfort during the whole of this trial.

Several members of the House of Commons were present in the court, amongst others, Major Doyle—Sir Edward Crofton—Mr. Parsons—Mr. Hartley, &c.

Among the independent citizens Mr. Grattan is mentioned as a very proper representative for the city of Dublin, at the ensuing General Election.

Richard Richards, and Ralph Ward, Esqs. to be Commissioners and Overseers of Barracks.

At the late election of Trustees for distributing bounties for the encouragement of manufactures, &c. for the present year, the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen:—Right Hon. John Foster, Right Hon. Sir John Parnell, Bart, Right Hon. John Beresford, Rt. Hon. W. B. Cunningham, Rt. Hon. Sir Lucius O'Brien, Bart, Isaac Corry, Esq; T. Burgh, Esq; Chapelizod.

His Majesty's frigate the Porcupine, stationed in our Bay, is failed to Portsmouth, in order to be paid off.

The Earl of Carhampton, late Lieutenant Colonel of the first regiment of horse, is we hear, appointed Colonel of the fourth or royal Irish regiment of dragoons.

DIED, On Monday evening, Mr. Alexander, of Mary's-abbey, an eminent merchant, and father of our present Chief Magistrate.—By his death there is a vacancy in the Commons of the Guild of Merchants.

Waterford, May 9. Between eleven and twelve o'clock on Tuesday night last, the post boy conveying the mail from Dublin to this city, was stopped between Innishoge and Rols, and robbed of the mail.

Same night, John Mc. Donogh, private soldier in the 5th regiment of foot, was inhumanly houghed by some villain or villains, in Ballybricken. A spirited reward is offered for apprehending the offender or offenders.

Ennis, May 8. Last Tuesday, Mr. Noble Newenham, gauger of Tulla walk, assisted by Mr. P. Vaughan, preventive gauger, destroyed a complete and extensive private distillery, which had been carried on for some time near Ranna, in the neighbourhood of Tulla, where they spilled great quantities of singings, &c. and broke a number of fine vessels; bringing off the still, cap, and worm, which were safely lodged in his Majesty's stores that night.—It is but justice to observe that the revenue is in an eminent degree indebted to Francis Drew, Esq; High Sheriff of this County, for the protection of the seizure, and preservation of the Officers' lives; who happening to pass near the place, while the officers were in the act of destroying the distillery, and being applied to by Mr. Newenham, with an alacrity and spirit, which must reflect honor on him as a public officer, a magistrate and a man, stepped forward and remained until the distillery was totally demolished, after which he accompanied the officers with their seizure to the Custom-house stores in this town, a distance of upwards of nine miles from the distillery.

### LIMERICK.

By particular desire there will be a Drum of the Assembly-House on Thursday next. The Company are requested to Meet early.

Sunday se'night were given away in the church at Downham market, Norfolk (England) after evening service, to the poor of that parish, 1200 penny-loaves, which were purchased with the moiety of a mitigated penalty, paid by a person of that town, for killing a hare on the Sabbath-day.—A good hint for all magistrates.

A respite, until further orders, was received on Saturday last by the High Sheriff of the County of Limerick, to stay execution of Patrick Knaw, Richard Hartigan, John Hayes, and John Callaghan, who were to be hanged on the 31st inst. pursuant to sentence at the last Assizes.

We are informed the next Races are to be at Loughmore.

Last Friday two companies of the 27th regt. marched into town from Clare Castle, where they had been quartered for two years.

Died, Last Thursday, Mr. Mitchell Bennis, greatly and deservedly lamented by a numerous acquaintance.

Port-News, May 8. Arrived the Adventure, Loughlin, Cadiz, salt and wine.—The Brillol Packet, Julia, Oporto, wine and fruit.—The Venus, Genoa, Brillol, glass, bottles and coal.—to. Arrived the Friends, G. Mill, Killebegs, ballast.

### Second Summer Assortment

At RYAN's Muslin Ware-House,  
Opposite the MAIN-GUARD.

RYAN's large Assortment of Coloured Mullins is now arrived, elegantly executed in the newest Style, and beautiful Patterns. He has also a vast Variety, as usual, of plain, spotted, sprigged, and tamboured MUSLINS, for Gowns, Cloaks, Aprons and Cravats; with thick and thin Muslin Handkerchiefs, in various Assortments, from 200 up to 16s. 3d.—Yellow Scarfs, Muslinetts, Dimities, and an elegant Variety of new Calicoes, printed Linens, Tabinet Welbores, Silk, Patent, Thread and Cotton Stockings; quilted Petticoats, Ladies Hats, Gauzes, Spa Cambricks, a vast Assortment of GLOVES, &c. &c. &c.

He wants an APPRENTICE.  
Limerick, May 12, 1788.

BARKER, Bart. Killealey Abbey, near Kilkenny, (Letters post paid) or to Mr. WIDENHAM, Limerick; or second Proposal to be received from any one Person.

N. B. No Preference will be given but to the most solvent and best Bidder, who must be restrained from Alienation, by a Clause in his Lease, without Consent from the Landlord, first obtained in Writing under Hand and Seal.—[To be continued only four Posts. May 12, 1788.

### Cannon Ball,

Late the Property of General MASSY. STANDS at Patrick's-Well on the usual Terms. Mr. PEACOCK, (the now Possessor) in compliment to General Massy's Request, lets him continue at so low a Price for this Year only. Excellent Grass and Care at Fort-Atina, at Half a Crown a Week. May 12.

### Michael O'Neill,

AT the House lately occupied by Mr. Michael Barry, Mary-Street, Limerick, has in addition to an extensive Assortment of HARDWARE and IRON-MONGERY GOODS, lately imported a large Quantity of the undermentioned Articles; which he is determined to sell by Wholesale and Retail on very moderate Terms, viz. most fashionable Gilt Plates, Tattlers and Fancy BUCTIONS; an elegant Assortment of Plated Spoons and Knives; Buckles; Scythes, Scythe-Stones, and Reaping-Hooks; Socks, Counters, Shavers, Smiths' Anvils, Bellows, and Sledges; Frying Pans, Dipping Pans, and Coal Boxes; Rod Iron, Smoothing Irons, and Fire Bricks. He is well supplied with Mullins, Kentings, Cambricks, Catgutts, &c. O'NEILL is thankful to the Public for past Favours, and hopes, by always adhering to one Price, and being content with a moderate Profit, to merit their future Encouragement. Hats, Belkows, and Anvils engaged for 12 Months; and any Goods not approved of exchanged, or Purchase Money returned. (6) May 12, 1788.

### Mac Sweeney,

HAIR-DRESSER,  
No. 6, BRIDGE-STREET, LIMERICK:

BEGS leave to inform the Nobility and Gentry in general, that he has this Day imported a vast Variety of PERFUMERY, (particularly Chosen from the original Makers, and which will on trial prove Superior to any ever for Sale in this City.) viz. Eau de Rose, Lavender, Lemon, Thyme, Bergamot, Jesamine, Essences and Waters, Pomatums, Soaps, Meals, Pastes, &c.—Long Brades and Tails at the lowest Prices. May 12, 1788.  
Good FURNISHED LODGINGS.

### Limerick Races, 1788.

ON Monday, July 7th, 50l. for three and four years old, at 7lb. 4lb. and 8lb. two mile Heats.

On Tuesday the 8th, 50l. for five years old, at 8lb. 10lb. three mile Heats.

On Wednesday the 9th, 50l. for six years old and aged Horses, at 8lb. 12lb. and 9lb. 4lb. four mile Heats.

On Thursday the 10th, 50l. for Irish bred Hunters that never started for any Plate but a Hunter's; to be qualified (if required) by the Oath of the Owner or a Gentleman, at 12lb. four mile Heats.

On Friday the 11th, a SILVER CUP, for any Horse that never won a Twenty Pound Prize, or upwards, at 9lb. 3 mile Heats, a Guinea Entrance.

On Saturday the 12th, 100l. given by the Limerick Hunt, for all Ages, three Years old, a Feather, four Yeats old 7lb. 7lb. five Years old 8lb. 4lb. six Years old 8lb. 12lb. and aged 9lb. 2lb. four mile Heats.

On Monday the 13th, 50l. for any Hunter under the Sun that never won a fifty pound Plate (except a Hunter's) at 12lb. four mile Heats.

On Tuesday the 14th, 50l. for the best ten Horses that saved their distance; Weight for Age as above, three mile Heats.

To run according to the King's Plate Articles, 2lb. allowed Mares and Geldings: To enter the 4th of July, between twelve and six o'Clock in the Evening, paying a Shilling in the Pound Entrance, or double at the Post. Non-Subscribers to pay double Entrance. No less than two reputed Racers to start. The Winner of the 100l. to pay two Guineas, of the other Plates, one Guinea each for Scales and Straw, and each Horse to pay 5s. to the Clerk of the Course.

To start PRECISELY at ONE o'Clock, and Half an Hour to be allowed between the Heats. Wine Tents to pay a Guinea, all other Half-a-Guinea each, and no Person will be permitted to erect a Tent on the Ground, who will not deal with Subscribers only, for what they may use.

PLAYS and ASSEMBLIES each Night, and Ordinaries each Day over the Exchange.

All Disputes to be determined by Sir Vere Hunt, Bart. or the Judges he shall appoint.  
Sir VERE HUNT, Bart. STEWARD.

### To be Let,

For any Term agreed on,

THE large HOUSE and back Ground therunto belonging, now tenanted by Mr. John Byrne, Grocer, staunch and in good Repair, situate in the Main-Street of this City, and calculated for any Business; also the commodious Stores situate in Exchange-lane, for many Years held by Phil. Rogers, Esq; the said Premises to be Let together or separate. To save trouble the Rent 40 Guineas each: Apply to JAMES TANDY WILKINSON, Esq; at Mr. Egan's Inn, Thomond-Gate. The Premises will be shewn by Mr. Joseph Anderson, Assembly-Quay. Limerick, May 12, 1788.

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