

RIOT AT ABBEYFEALE.

(From a Correspondent.)

On Sunday last, two noted factions who have hitherto disturbed the peace of that neighbourhood, concentrated their respective forces, preparatory to a general engagement, when after some late lapidary exhibitions, which occurred the Sunday before, these two aspirants for fame made their appearance in hundreds in the town of Abbeyfeale, for the purpose of what is styled putting an end to the business.— Lieutenant Cox, of the 39th Regiment and the detachment under his command, attended by Patrick Hayes, Esq. and a Police Constable, having heard of these preparations, very judiciously arranged matters for the safety of the barrack and the prevention of such lawless proceedings; the Constable having acquainted Mr. Fitzgerald, Parish Priest, of the intention of the rioters, he also most emphatically expressed from the altar his disapprobation of their conduct, and the danger of their unlawful and savage proceeding; but his admonitions were useless, and the sanguinary disposition of the parties was not to be controuled by even their clergy, particularly when Fate sounded the trumpet. About 4 o'clock, p. m. both parties having come in contact, at the twinkling of an eye stones flew like hail, so that the sentinel and army were obliged to retire for safety from before the door of the barrack, where they were previously drawn up, on which the officer ordered the party to load and instantly advance towards the centre of the town, where the combatants were then fully engaged; a few shots were fired over their heads, in order to intimidate the rioters to disperse, but all was in vain; several of the soldiers having at that period received wounds from stones, and one of them being knocked down, on his recovery perceiving one of the rioters in the act of throwing a stone, called out to him to desist and surrender himself, which the other refused, and when in the act of making off, the soldiers fired and shot the rioter through the body, of which he died the next morning—his name is John David Roche, a man of about 25 years of age, of uncommon strength and size, and was a principal in the prosecution of the Leahys, for the dilapidation of the barrack of Abbeyfeale, in which he himself was an active partaker. There were fifteen of both parties taken by the military, who were the most active agents in the riot and transmitted to Newcastle bridewell.

The above affair has been under investigation during the whole of Monday and Tuesday, by Alfred Furlong, Esq. at Abbeyfeale; and yesterday, an inquest was held by John Cox, Esq. Coroner, in presence of Mr. Furlong, on the body of Roche; the examination of witnesses lasted until twelve o'clock last night, when the Jury agreed to the following verdict:—"We find that the deceased came by his death in consequence of a gun-shot wound, inflicted by a musket ball fired without orders, by Edward Tobin, one of the soldiers of his Majesty's 39th Regiment of Infantry, engaged in quelling a desperate riot in the town of Abbeyfeale, and after several soldiers of the said Regiment had been knocked down with stones." Lieutenant Piercy, Chief Constable, and Mr. Woodburn, attended in Abbeyfeale.

Several persons engaged in the above affray have met with serious wounds;—the following persons have been reported by Surgeon Franklin, jun.:—Daniel Riordan, skull fractured; John Hartnett, concussion of the brain; Timothy Hartnett, desperately lacerated.

On Saturday night, between the hours of 11 and 12, six cocks of hay were maliciously set fire to on the lands of Lackareagh, County Clare, the property of Robert M'Cutchin, tenant to Thomas Arthur, Esq. and though every exertion was made by Lieutenant Bindon, with the Police

PETTY SESSIONS.

On Monday, Alderman Sir Christopher Marrett and Captain Drought presided in the City Court.

Two men named Flanagan and Divine, apprehended by Serjeant Fitzgerald, of the County Limerick Staff, on Sunday morning, rioting near the Staff House, and who banded them over to the Police, were ordered to be discharged on paying a fine of half a crown each—Divine paid the fine but Flanagan was committed. The above fines of 5s. to be banded to the mother of the young woman, on whose body the inquest was held on Saturday.

Mary Welsh, who stole a scarlet shawl from Mr. Hill's concerns, was discharged for want of prosecution.

Informations taken for assault—Michael Clifford against Patrick Hayes, and John Byrne against James Quin, sailors.—Mathew Looby, a keeper, against Mary Anne Young, for taking forcible possession.

The Mayor, Sir Christopher Marrett, Captain Drought, William Roche, Esq. and the Rev. Josiah Crampton, presided this day at the Petty Sessions.

George Latchford, a baker, had several persons in the same trade summoned before the Court, and his informations, after some investigation, were ordered to be taken against William Connors and Michael M'Namara for an assault; John Carmody, a baker, was also ordered to find security to keep the peace towards George Latchford in £10. and two others in £5 each.—A system of persecution has been practiced for some time back by the journeymen bakers of this City, against the above person, whom they refused to admit into the rules of their society; he is an excellent workman, and has been at the business for 17 years in Limerick; the cause he alleges for it is highly disgraceful and injurious to their characters. The Court did not omit delivering an excellent admonition, recommending peace and good feeling amongst them, and warning them of the consequences that may result from disunion, and the danger of tampering with the laws.

John and James Crimmin against Margaret Houlihan, for an alleged assault, case dismissed.

Hannah Blake against Bridget Ellison, for an assault, informations taken.

Margaret Fitzgerald against Mary Barrett, for an assault, information taken.

John Byrne and wife, against James Quin, for assault, the latter to find security to keep the peace.

The County Galway Grand Jury have entered into a resolution, declaratory that the Hibernian Joint Stock Annuity and Banking Company, are entitled to public thanks, for having originated the establishment, which appears to be founded on just principles, and likely to promote extensively the interests of the Country.

The Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council having decided, that the certificate of the Tithe Composition, proposed in the Parish of Castle Lyons, County Cork, should be amended: a meeting was held there on Thursday, when an adjournment took place to give the Rev. Mr. Champagne, the newly appointed vicar (in place of his relative the Rev. Mr. Wybrants,) an opportunity to consult with the Bishop as to the terms proposed; before the meeting separated, thanks were voted to Mr. Champagne, who shewed every wish to come to an amicable adjustment with his parishioners.

Mr. Purdon, son of Major Purdon, was, on Sunday last, admitted into Holy Orders at an Ordination held by the Lord Bishop of Killaloe at the Cathedral there.

There was some inaccuracy in our report of one of the topics of the Bishop of Killaloe's charge to his Clergy, as stated in our last. His

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