

MURDER OF A PROTESTANT CLERGYMAN!

The Rev. Charles Dawson, of Kilcarrig Cottage, Carlow, son of the late Charles Dawson, of Charlesfort, County Wexford, Esq. was waylaid last Monday while walking his own farm at Ballinacarriga, in this County, by three assassins, who fired at him in the open day, and brutally murdered their unoffending victim, within a few perches of Melon, the residence of his brother-in-law, Montiford Westropp, Esq. where he had been on a visit for a week or ten days only. The Reverend Gentleman, a few minutes before the atrocious and fatal outrage, was attended by John Lynch, a publican, in that part of the country, and explaining to him some improvements he contemplated on the property which but lately came into his possession, and on which he proposed to fix his residence, when two country fellows with fire-arms approached.— The leader, partly disguised in woman's apparel, pointing his gun at Lynch, commanded him to be off, an order which he promptly obeyed, and immediately after the truculent villain levelled at Mr. Dawson and fired. The shot did not take effect as they wished, and Mr. Dawson, although wounded, made a run from his assassins, to implore protection.— It was in vain: a cottage door was slapped against him, and another shot, fired with more deadly aim, arrested his flight, and brought the Rev. gentleman to the earth.— The murderers soon pounced upon their prostrate victim, but not satisfied with the bleeding and apparently lifeless body before them, they next fractured his skull in a shocking manner, with stones and the butts of their guns, the hind part of the head being completely sunk in! The remains of the Rev. Charles Dawson were removed soon after this to Melonhouse, where an inquest was held next day before the coroner and magistrates of the district. Lynch, who saw the commencement of the attack is now in custody.— One of the shots appeared to have been fired from a gun loaded with slugs, which had only the effect of grazing the back in a few places, and tearing the clothes between the shoulders. The other shot was more effective. It must have been fired with the muzzle of the piece near to the shoulder of the deceased, as the shirt and waistcoat, &c. were actually burnt by the discharge, while the two bullets, with which the piece was loaded, entered together between the neck and left shoulder behind, broke the spine in passing, and came out in two separate places on right side of the neck. The unhappy victim of this monstrous outrage upon human life, of which the Irish peasantry, are to their shame be it spoken, characteristically reckless, has left an amiable wife, and interesting daughter, a widow and an orphan, to lament an affectionate husband, and parent, snatched from their arms, under circumstances of atrocity which it is harrowing to reflect on. He was a clergyman, and almost personally a stranger in the barony of Kenry, a gentleman of elegant manners, and truly benevolent mind, whose anxious desire it had been to improve the condition of the occupiers of the soil, without recourse to the exercise of any harsh extremities. He had no interest in tythes, which might have created irritation. Yet some persons on the property would not listen to any proposition but what accorded with their own views for its management, and hence must have arisen the nefarious plot which hurried the Rev. Charles Dawson into eternity. In appearance he was a fine, clever, handsome man, and we believe his other qualifications were equally prepossessing. We hope to announce before long, the arrest of the perpetrators of this horrid murder. A bailiff of the name of Leddin was shot on the same lands two or three years ago.

Summer Assizes are expected to commence rather early this year. Munster Circuit the middle of next month.

Saturday night last four sheep belonging to Darby O'Grady, of Linfield, Esq. in this County, were stabbed to death on the lands of Clough, by some malicious wretches.

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A very important and respectable Thursday in the Session Court of Nenagh magistrates present, among whom were Hon. Lord Dunally, Sir Amyrald Dancer, Hon. F. A. Prittie, Captain Jackson, O'Brien, Esq. late of Blatherwyche, Messrs. Bayley, Brereton, Sadler, W. Parker, Lee, Holmes, &c. The Subj. Duckett, Esq. being unanimously moved W. Bayley, Esq. was requested to accept taking the chair, Mr. Duckett expressing Lord Ossory, the High Sheriff, though preside, was obliged to be absent. He petition for convening the meeting, and compliance with this requisition we meet here is one of vital importance to the prosperity one worthy the advocacy of the assent wealth and influence with which I now beholding our court-house thronged.

Lord Dunally, in proposing the first at seeing the gentry and land-proprietors their desire to have the Navigation improved on every gentleman to contribute to on the subject; and he hoped that the precursor of other useful improvements prosperity and happiness, liberally and beautiful and romantic country.

Sir Amyrald Dancer seconded the motion that he would always, as on the present join in any undertaking that would promote the promotion of the agricultural or commercial country—(cheers.)

The resolution was then unanimously adopted. The Hon. F. A. Prittie, in proposing hoped, that in a short time, petition from every part of Ireland, soliciting imperial parliament, on behalf of a country of which had been too long neglected.

Stafford O'Brien, Esq. in proposing gave a minute statement of the improvements of the almost incalculable benefits which such improvements. He said that he the river Shannon, and that he admired beauty of the (almost American) scenery in its magnificent flood, while urging career. There is, this gentleman said claimable land in Ireland; there are necessary; need he go beyond their not this, the centre of the Ormonds, but court house, a gaol, a canal, a market public buildings would be necessary. individuals would get employ, were improvements set on foot for immediate effect (cheers.) By the improvement of the river, a permanent intercourse would be it and several parts, not only of Ireland Upon its banks, Towns, Villages, District Stores would start in to existence probable, that between several inland river, canals would be cut, or rail-roads facilitate commercial communication a course. Public works should be instituted individual employed, in order that none it was the want of employment to supply of nature that forced him to the commission the laws of the land. Mr. O'Brien is of opinion that the gentlemen residing in the Shannon, should use strenuous efforts improvement of its navigation to a speed but just, that such gentlemen should fight themselves? Will not Government