

COUNTY LIMERICK INDEPENDENT CLUB.

RESIGNATION OF MR. S. O'BRIEN. Notwithstanding that notice had been given for another meeting of this club at Quinlivan's...

At four o'clock, the members held conclave pro forma, when the Rev. Mr. Costelloe announced the receipt of a letter from Mr. S. O'Brien...

Dublin, 4, Westland-row, July 27, 1847. MY DEAR DR. COSTELLOE—Since I wrote to you yesterday I have had an opportunity of seeing the report which appeared in the Limerick Reporter...

The perusal of that report greatly augments my anxiety to retire from Parliament.

I appreciate very much the value of that cordial opinion which has hitherto subsisted between County and City, and I have always considered the Citizens of Limerick to be as much my supporters as if they were actually my constituents.

It is now little more than twelve months since the most triumphant demonstration of popular favor that has ever exhibited in Limerick was awarded to me.

My reward is now—the foulest calamity. You are aware that finding myself unable to concur in the policy adopted by the Repeal Representatives in London, I signified to several of my political friends...

If there were any hope that a Repeal party would be formed in Parliament, which would be prepared to act independently of Ministerial influence, I would still feel a desire to occupy a seat in the House of Commons.

Mr. Powell's views of Repeal policy are totally at variance with mine. Mr. Powell avows himself to be a place-hunter—I conscientiously believe that a Repeal Place hunter is a more dangerous enemy to the Independence of Ireland, than either a Whig or a Tory.

Neither can I vote for Mr. Monsell, since he does not avow himself to be a Repealer; though in other respects I believe him to be perfectly qualified to become an efficient Irish Representative.

Under these circumstances if the electors of the County feel disposed to return me, without expecting that I should commit myself to the support of either of the other candidates, I shall continue to serve them as their representative to the best of my ability.

which cast a stigma on the late city meeting, and those who took a part in the proceedings.

The Rev. T. O'B. Costelloe gave his entire concurrence to the address, and said, the vile expression of "murderer" to Mr. S. O'Brien, the most pure, honorable, upright, and faithful follower of the Father of his country, should not have been permitted by the Mayor, as chairman, nor be recorded on the minutes of their proceedings.

Capt. Kane said the observations of Rev. Mr. Costelloe were not calculated to conciliate.

Rev. Mr. Costelloe—Let those who sanctioned the expressions used at the city meeting condemn them manfully.

Mr. Russell O'Shaughnessy also censured the epithets used in reference to Mr. S. O'Brien, and said the Mayor ought not to have sanctioned them.

The address was then agreed to, Capt. Kane alone dissenting.

On the motion of Mr. Stephen Hayes, seconded by Mr. James O'Shaughnessy, the chairman was requested to forward the address to Mr. S. O'Brien.

The Rev. Mr. Costelloe said it now devolved upon him to nominate a candidate in room of Mr. S. O'Brien. He eulogised the services of Mr. Caleb Powell for the past seven years, and felt much pleasure in proposing as his colleague a "Garryowen boy"—the son of a man who in his (Rev. Mr. C's) days, carried all before him, (hear and laughter.) He was no new Repealer, but a staunch member for many years, and who on every occasion attended public banquets and political demonstrations for Ireland—He stood side by side the late revered Liberator at the great Clare election, and in him the Liberal cause ever had a strenuous friend, and he has evinced his patriotism in the City by giving £50 to the election fund, in order to secure the return of Repealers—(cheers.)—Along with other qualifications he was a cousin of his own, and he therefore begged to propose George John O'Connell as the representative of this County, in conjunction with Mr. Powell. Both gentlemen would advocate the Tenant right—(applause).

Capt. Kane seconded the nomination which was unanimously approved of.

Mr. R. O'Shaughnessy said all necessary preparations for a contest had been made by the Club, who had ample funds subscribed to defray expenses.

The meeting then broke up.

The usual cautionary order has been issued by the Boards of Customs and Excise, against their officers, in any way interfering in the coming elections for members of Parliament.

Major General Napier left this day for Kilkee. Captain Dickson, 13th Light Dragoons, nephew of Samuel Dickson, Esq. of this City, is appointed a Magistrate of the County Limerick.

A squadron of the 13th Light Dragoons, four companies of the 13th, and 68th from Dublin, and a squadron of the Bays from Newbridge, left on Thursday to attend the elections at Drogheda, Dundalk, and Carlow.

A troop of the Queen's Bays is ordered from Newbridge to Waterford, to assist the civil power, during the election for that city.

A company of the 64th relieved a company of the 70th at Cappawhite yesterday, the latter returning to head quarters, Templemore, this day.

Lieut. the Hon. W. S. Knox, 85th, has arrived at Dungannon park, Tyrone, on leave of absence from Portumna.

A company of the 44th from Newry is ordered to Dundalk, to attend during the election for that town.

Major Burnaby, Royal Artillery, yesterday took the command of the Phoenix Park Magazine, void by the death of Colonel Shortall. The appointment is £100 a-year.

Captain Heitland, R.A., died of small pox, on board the Appollo troop-ship, going up the St. Lawrence, to Quebec, from Portsmouth.

A magazine is to be built at Belfast barracks. 26TH CAMERONIANS, BUTTEVANT.—The light company, under Brevet Major Mylius and Lieut. Andrews, have arrived at Mallow. No 4 company, under Capt. Edgar and Lieut. Preston, arrived at Charleville on Tuesday, and relieved the detachment 47th. No 1 company, under Lieut. Park, has received an order of readiness to march to Kanturk to relieve detachment of 47th. Capt. Frennd on Wednesday, for a wager, ran across the square from one messroom door to the other and back, a distance of 400 yards, within a minute. Major Hogarth has obtained six weeks leave.

Colonel F. Campbell, who commanded the Royal Artillery the last nine years in Canada, and recently returned to Woolwich, has been appointed Director of the Royal Military Repository at Woolwich, and Inspector-General of Ordnance, R.A. deceased.

AWFUL MURDER NEAR THE CITY.—Between eight and nine o'clock last night as David Connell, servant of John J. Jones, Esq., of Clino Cottage, was returning on horseback from this city to his master's house, he was met a short distance outside the Blackboy-pike, on the high road, by four men, whom he saluted, and rode on, but did not proceed more than fifty yards, when he came up with five or six other fellows, who were armed. The unsuspecting man accosted them in a civil manner, when one of the ruffians struck him on the head with a club so forcibly as to knock him off the horse, and the unoffending man fell to the ground almost lifeless. They then robbed him of some money he had in his possession, and decamped. He was removed to his father's house, where he lingered in great agony, until death put an end to his sufferings in about two hours.

A young gentleman, eldest son of Richard White, Esq., of Abbeyville, in this county, was shot dead yesterday at Greenhall, near Newport, county Tipperary, by his cousin, a son of Henry White, Esq., while making a seizure of cattle under the Superior Court. Mr. White, jun. was a gentleman of most amiable character, and his untimely death, at the hands of so near a relative, has caused the utmost consternation in the country.

This day, Pat Sweeny, a farmer, and Pat Broderick, were lodged in the county gaol by Mr. Tabiteau, for conspiring to murder John Donnelly, of Amogan, whose house was lately attacked.

DARING OUTRAGE AT CASTLETOWN.

We much regret to have to record an attempted outrage on the faithful steward of the Rev. William Waller, Castletown. In the afternoon of Tuesday last, 15 armed men, with their faces blacked, entered this gentleman's demesne, and proceeded to where some labourers were at work, and enquired for the steward. Not finding the object of their search, they ordered the labourers to lie down with their faces on the ground, and posting a notice, commanding the steward to quit Mr. Waller's service or he would be shot, they then firing shots, departed. The steward fortunately perceived this formidable gang approaching, and knowing it could be for no good purpose, ran to Castletown house. One of Mr. Waller's sons armed the steward, butler, and some other domestics, and joined in pursuit of these ruffians, but we regret to say they could not discover the slightest trace of their route. We understand that Mr. Waller, with a manly determination, for which we give him credit, has discharged the labourers in his service, as the whole matter was evidently got up by them. The steward not being in the least afraid, is determined to retain his situation.

Is this not a deplorable state of society where armed gangs thus go about coercing the domestic arrangements of the resident gentry, and driving their faithful servants from their employ? This is, indeed, an ungrateful return for Mr. Waller's many acts of practical benevolence. He is a constant resident on his property—giving daily employment to a large number of persons at the highest wages of his district—at great personal inconvenience he has, for over 20 years, devoted a day in every week to the working of one of the few prosperous "loan funds" in the south of Ireland. His estates are well-known to be the most underlet in the county. He is constantly employed in endeavouring to ameliorate the condition of the poor, without distinction of class or creed. Nor does it stop here—his amiable wife and daughter have actually created manufactures in their locality, employing a number of females in manufacturing linen, lace, flannel, stockings, &c., which are disposed of in Dublin, London, and elsewhere; and by doing so, they have preserved many families from starvation this year.

We would implore of the people to reflect before they drive such benefactors as these from the country. If such an outrage is repeated, can it be wondered at if Mr. Waller were to turn his demesne into a grazing farm, and retire to some country where his private worth would be acknowledged, and his household respected.

At 11 o'clock, on Thursday night, the house lately occupied by John Enright, at Ballinruan, parish of Feenagh, the property of Mr. Sergeant Warren, who lately bought the interest and good will of the outgoing tenant for a considerable sum, was set on fire by an incendiary, and would have been reduced to a total ruin, had not Constable Hamilton, of Feenagh, and Sub Constable Dalton, of Heathfield, come up timely to extinguish the fire, after half the house was consumed to ashes. This house has been unoccupied during the last three months, since the inmates emigrated, and were liberally provided for by Sergeant Warren; but now that the farm was on the eve of falling into other hands, the vindictive and ungrateful spirit which predominates to a great extent, actuated the incendiary to this unjustifiable act.

It having been necessary to change the steward on the Railway works near Tipperary, his successor, and an assistant from Limerick, were visited on Monday, by five armed men with their faces blackened; they put the steward and assistant on their knees, fired at and wounded them; this was done in the presence of about 150 men who were at work, but did not interfere. The consequence was they have been all discharged.