

EXECUTION OF JAMES SKEAHAN AND JAMES QUANE.

A great multitude of persons assembled in front of the county gaol, yesterday, to witness the execution of these two culprits for the murder of Mr. Ralph Hill, of this City, at Rathurd, where the father of James Quane held a farm from Benjamin Frend, Esq. but failing to pay his rent, incurred a distraint, the consequence of which was a nefarious conspiracy to defeat the landlord's just right, by forcible possession of the property under seizure, and the far more heinous offence of shooting his accredited representative, while in discharge of a lawful duty, and leaving him a mangled corpse on the public road. The trial of both criminals at the recent Commission established their guilt in the fullest manner; Skeahan as the immediate instrument in the actual murder, and Quane as present, aiding and abetting, and who had borrowed the gun with which his accomplice was armed for the deadly outrage. Such is the simple narrative of this atrocious deed. Yesterday morning the culprits were permitted to take a last farewell of their relatives within the prison. Quane of his father, mother, brother, and sister; Skeahan of his brother; the interview was painfully affecting at all sides, and the final separation from each others firm embrace provoked exclamations of heart-rending grief which moved even the rugged nerves of iron warders who attended the melancholy spectacle. The words exchanged were few, but the look and action was expressive of deepest emotion, however not a syllable was heard relating to the supposed crime; the guilt or innocence of the prisoners, and as if by mutual understanding it was studiously avoided. The night before their execution the unfortunate men were allowed to remain in the same cell, and with the indulgence of candles, from the governor of the prison, devoting the short time between life and death to repentance and prayer, watchful of the few hours they had to wrestle for their salvation, and awaiting with silent composure the first rays of that glorious luminary whose sunset they were not destined to behold. At an early hour the Rev. W. Bourke, RC chaplain, entered their cell to encourage and strengthen them for the awful ordeal by his exhortations. He led and continued with them in fervent supplication until the appointed time, when the Sub Sheriff, William Leake, Esq. having ascertained if all was ready, gave the signal for the last stage of their mortal pilgrimage, and the culprits moved on towards the scaffold, supported on either side by the Rev. chaplain, Rev. Mr. Bunton, Rev. Mr. Ryan, and Rev. Mr. Quinlan. They walked with a slow but firm step, reciting the litanies of Jesus and the Virgin Mary, and holding each a crucifix, the clergymen joining in prayer. They ascended the tower staircase without support, and then beholding the scaffold a few steps above them, bowed to it, as if in acceptance of God's retributive justice. They knelt for a few minutes at the foot of the scaffold, absorbed in devotion, and then mounting the drop, their spiritual advisers still close to them, the executioner adjusted the ropes, and drawing the bolt, the platform fell, launching both victims into a dread eternity, without having spoken a word in acknowledgement or denial of the justice of the sentence. James Quane appeared to die with comparative ease, and almost without a motion, but his companion, James Skeahan, was violently convulsed, and his dying torture was protracted by the fault of the executioner, who did not place him exactly under the drop, the rope right over his head, as Quane stood—so that he fell off slanting, with a violent jerk, and struggled hard from the impulse of his fall. The vast crowd before the gaol looked up in silent awe at the degrading exhibition of two human beings suspended in the arms of death; but the example appeared soon to lose its effect, and while some prayed for the dying sinner, others ventured a coarse joke upon the frailties of their common nature. In fact half the multitude withdrew from the spot under the impression of having enjoyed a public entertainment. After hanging for an hour the bodies of the culprits were taken down by the executioner, and delivered over to their friends, who placed them in coffins for interment within the precincts of the gaol. Though neither Quane and Skeahan made a declaration of guilt or innocence, no second opinion prevailed inside or outside the walls of court or prison of the justice of the fate to which they were doomed for the murder of Mr. Hill.

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