

"Not Wilfully"

Kilmallock Murder Case

Prisoner's Reply When Charged

Before Mr H L Connor, B.L. at Kilmallock Court, Patrick Coll, an extensive farmer, and also father of four children, appeared in custody charged with the murder of James Maher.

The tragedy took place near the cottage of Maher's father-in-law, on the road between Bruff and Brurea, while Maher was engaged in conversation with Mr Russell, of Ballysimon, Limerick, who was also wounded.

The court proceedings lasted for only a few minutes while Inspector Brazill gave evidence of arresting and charging accused. Some discussion was raised as to where the hearing of the case would be taken.

Mr J J Power, State Solicitor, said the Guards had not yet completed their enquiries and therefore he would have to ask for a remand, having first given evidence of arrest. There would be a large number of witnesses to be examined—at least 40. The principal witness was in hospital under treatment, but he might be able to leave hospital within a week. He would suggest holding a special court at Bruff on Saturday 18th instant, at 11 o'clock.

Mr R Fox, solr. for the accused—I am satisfied with that arrangement.

Inspector Brazill, at present in charge of the Bruff station, made a deposition in which he stated that he arrested accused at 9.30 p.m. on 4th July and charged him with the wilful murder of James Maher. After being charged the accused said: "Not wilfully, sir."

Accused was then remanded in custody to Bruff Court on Saturday, 18th July.