

tion of Mrs. Colclough Gowan; effected a reconciliation between him and his children previous to the 23d of May; they were called round the bed-side, and he shook hands with them all; saw him on the 23d, by a message from him; he was of sound mind, but was much distressed because that in his will £100 a year had been set down to William; this he wished reduced to £50 adding that he had been a good and dutiful son to him, and that he would leave him that; he asked witness to draw a codicil to his will to that effect, as his attorney, Mr. Donovan, lived at a great distance; witness told him it was no part of his business, and that he was not competent to it; afterwards consented. Testator then ordered the room to be cleared; as the last person (a maid servant) was leaving it, she pointed significantly towards a corner, on which witness went over, and discovered the figure of a human being rolled up in a blanket! told Testator, who evinced much displeasure, and desired that he should be instantly turned out; does not know who the person was, as (unwilling to put him to confusion) he left the room until it was cleared; witness then called for pen, ink and paper, and sat down by the bed of the old man, when the door was violently thrown open by W. Gowan, who said he understood that witness had gone there for the purpose of interfering between him and his father; witness told him he had not, and requested him to leave the room; he said he would not until witness pledged himself not to do any thing detrimental to his interest; witness told him that he would do nothing further than commit Mr. John Hunter Gowan's will to paper, but that he came there for that purpose, and be the consequence what they might, he would do it; again requested him to leave the room, adding that if he did not, he (witness) would; Testator caught him by the arm and entreated him not to do so, and peremptorily ordered William Gowan to quit the room, which he did; witness then took the Testator's instructions, and perfected the codicil, which was signed by three witnesses. When Mr. Webb and witness had nearly succeeded in inducing Mr. J. H. Gowan to forgive his son, Mrs. Colclough Gowan started up, and said, "FATHER, IF YOU FORGIVE TOM, I NEVER WILL!" Does not know the contents of the will.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brewster, but nothing material elicited.

Rev. Mr. WEBB, examined by Mr. Scott. Knew the Testator for 14 years, visited him in 1824, shortly before his death, as a friend and a former parishioner, he was of sound mind at the time.

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