

conscientiously and cautiously, and he asked what title deeds there were, and what power his father had in the disposal of his property. William Gowan informed Mr. Donovan that he believed his brother Ogle Gowan had a deed, which he alleged to have destroyed, and he wished to know whether it could set aside the will. What answer Mr. Donovan made to this I cannot tell. William brought Mr. Donovan to Mount Nebo, to the bedside of the testator, and he drew up the will, none being present but Wm. Gowan and Plaintiff; and William Gowan directed that he himself should be made one of the executors in it, and that there should be a clause introduced for the protection of the executors. On the 10th of May, William Gowan again went to Mr. Donovan and got him to draw a codicil to the will, leaving an annuity of £100, to him out of the lands of Ashwood, those very lands which his brother alleged were made over to him by a prior deed. Mr. Gowan shortly after sent for Mr. Medicott, and told him that he wished to obtain his assistance in altering his will. Mr. Medicott remonstrated with him, and told him that he ought to give up all earthly affairs, and that it was not any business for him to undertake. Mr. Gowan however entreated that he would draw up a codicil for him cutting down the annuity of £100 to £50. Mr. Medicott then said, it would be necessary that all persons should leave the room; but it will appear that one person remained behind, concealed under a blanket on the floor!!! The servant maid gave a hint of it to Mr. Medicott, who communicated the circumstance to the testator. Mr. Gowan immediately ordered that the person should be turned out. Gentlemen, Mr. Medicott was perhaps too scrupulous on the occasion, for he turned away from the person, so that whether it was William or Ogle Gowan that was concealed under the blanket we cannot tell, but the person accordingly left the room. Mr. Medicott then sat down to draw up the codicil, but while he was so engaged, William Gowan burst violently into the room and abused Mr. Medicott; said it was no business of his, and that he ought not to interfere between a father and his children. He said he would leave the room if Mr. Medicott would promise to do nothing against his interest. Mr. Medicott acted as became him. He said he would make no promises, and he threatened if William Gowan would not leave the room he would leave it himself. The old man put out his hand from the bed and entreated that Mr. Medicott would not leave the room, and he then peremptorily ordered William Gowan to quit it. William Gowan was obliged in consequence to go out of the room. Mr. Medicott then

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