

Miscellaneous.

[No. 4.]

Copy of Governor's Letter to Stipendiary Magistrates, relative to case of Patrick Kenny.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
5th January, 1861. }

GENTLEMEN,

The Colonial Secretary has sent me your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to him, relative to the case of Patrick Kenny, sentenced by the Police Court to pay a fine of Five Pounds, and in default of payment, to be imprisoned for forty-two days, for an assault on Daniel Lamey.

I also perused the deposition of Lamey, taken before you on oath, and quite concur with you that the assault was a most aggravated one, and that any mitigation of his well-merited punishment is entirely out of the question.

By the deposition of Lamey it appears that he and the prisoner had been drinking and playing cards at the house of a person named Walter Joy, in Water Street, where they had quarrelled, and that Lamey appears to have been waylaid and assaulted on his way home.

I have to request that you will inform me whether the house of Walter Joy, in which these two men appear to have been drinking and playing cards, is a *licensed* public house, and I shall thank you also to refer me to the existing laws relative to the granting of licenses.

Having at the opening of the session alluded to the small number of Policemen in a town with such a large population as St. John's, it is my intention when the Assembly meet, again to bring the matter to their notice; and, from your long experience as Police Magistrates, I shall be glad to have your opinion on this important subject.

I remain, &c., &c., &c.

(Signed),

A. BANNERMAN,

Governor.

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