

advantages they derive from the existence of tribunals which secure to them the possession of the good things with which a happier lot has blessed them. Certainly a judge travels out of his proper province when prescribing how suitors and witnesses shall be clothed; and to refuse costs to a man because he wears a dirty coat is a stretch of power which would invite grave censure were it not so utterly ludicrous. We trust Mr. Lonsdale will reconsider his hasty resolution, and we are sure that no judge will follow his example.—*The Law Times*.

After the grand jury at the last Cork quarter sessions had concluded their business, it was discovered that the book upon which they had been swearing witnesses was not a Testament, but a copy of "Thomas a Kempis," and the whole of the proceedings had to be recommenced.—*Solicitors' Journal*.

A SHORT WILL.—The will of Mr. Kenneth Macaulay, Q. C., formerly M.P. for Cambridge, is contained in these few words:—"One thousand pounds to my brother Tom, all the residue to my dearest wife absolutely.—Kth. Macaulay." The will is without date, but was written by the testator on April 22 or 23, 1865. The testator was cousin of the late Lord Macaulay.

TENURE OF LAND IN GREAT BRITAIN.—In a recent lecture in Manchester it was stated, that in 1770, there were 250,000 landlords who owned land, while now there are less than 30,000, of whom nearly 9,000 are in Ireland. Five noblemen, the Earl of Breadalbane, the Dukes of Argyle, Athol, Sutherland and Buccleugh, own one-fourth of the land in Scotland. Twelve possess one-half, and half of England belongs to about one hundred and fifty persons. The income of the 30,000 land owners was estimated at £150,000,000 per annum.

AN AMUSING AND SOMEWHAT UNCOMMON LAWSUIT has just been made known. Plaintiff, M. David, a carpenter; Defendant, Charles IV., reigning Prince of Monaco; bone of contention, the paltry sum of 35*fr.*, claimed by the carpenter for having repaired the prince's saloon railway carriage. Fancy a

monarch, regardless, perhaps, of all counsel and advice, incurring such tremendous expense! Well, the *Juge de Paix* has condemned his Serene Highness to pay for it; but, on the other hand, the king has forbidden his territory to the daring carpenter. Evidently the only thing that the latter has to do is to have the principality seized and sold by auction.—*Law Times*.

LORD BROUGHAM has left for Cannes, in the South of France. He is to travel at easy stages, and prolonged over several days, so as not to fatigue him unduly. His yearly departure from Brougham Hall greatly distresses him. Last year, just before leaving, he went through every apartment of the old place, weeping disconsolately, as if it was his last farewell of a familiar scene.

DEPOSITS IN BANKS.—A case of some interest to depositors in banks in France has been submitted to the Tribunal of Commerce. A merchant, named Maguet, opened an account with the Société Générale pour Favoriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie. The book given him—*carnet* the French call it—showed that he had made at different times deposits amounting to 26,007 francs. One of the deposits entered bore the date of the 5th of January, 1867, and was of 6,000 francs. But the Bank alleged that it had only received 20,007 francs, and refused to acknowledge itself liable for more. Its books, it said, showed that a deposit of 6,000 francs had been made on the 22nd of December, 1866, and that it formed part of the said 20,007 francs; but that no deposit of 6,000 had been made on the 5th of January, and that it was by error that the receipt of such a sum on that date was recorded in the *carnet*, and certified by the initials of the cashier. The question, consequently, was, whether the bank was to be bound by its own entry in the *carnet*, or the customer by that in the bank books. The court ruled that "it was impossible to admit that in the relations which are now established between banks and depositors, the latter can be exposed to discussions upon deposits made by them personally, or by other parties on their account, which have