

should have won for me their approbation; and it is my sincere desire that they should continue to enjoy, without molestation, the utmost freedom in the exercise of their religious rights. I have the honor to be, Sir,

"Your faithful and obedient servant,
"JAMES GRAHAM.

"Sir Colman O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Catholic Committee-rooms, 45,
Lower Sackville-street, Dublin."

DUBLIN POLICE—SATURDAY, MAY 3.
HEAD OFFICE.

A TRACT DISTRIBUTOR AGAIN!—Richard Odlum, a stout, demure looking middle-aged person, charged Thomas Westerman, on summons, for using abusive and threatening language to him.

Mr. Kelly (a barrister, we were informed) appeared for the complainant.

Mr. Geary attended as solicitor for the defendant. The complainant stated that on Tuesday, he was distributing, in Thomas-street, some "invitations" to a sermon. He dropped one of them into a cellar, and then went into Mrs. Fagan's house. She invited him to sit down, and he was engaged speaking with her on the subject of religion, when the defendant rushed in and called him a robber—a bloody robber—clenched his fist, and threatened to break the eyes in his head. A crowd of persons assembled round the door outside, and one of them shouted out, "lay on him, it has been decided at the head-office that nothing can be done to you." The defendant entered the house a second time, and renewed his threats, the crowd using most revolting and abusive language.

Mr. Magee—Is this the man that you had at this office the other day.

Complainant—Yes. Cross-examined by Mr. Geary—Did you not know that the defendant lived in the place where you dropped the tract before you went into Mrs. Fagan's?

Complainant—Not of my own knowledge. Did he not remonstrate with you in the first instance about distributing those tracts?

I heard no such remonstrance. Was it not for your personal safety that he brought the police there?

It was I who brought the police. Defendant—It was not; I brought the sergeant and gave you in custody to him.

Complainant—I swear that it was I who sent out Mrs. Fagan's servant girl for a policeman, and, when he came, I called upon him to protect me from the mob; on my doing so, the defendant said, "I charge that fellow (complainant) for distributing hand-bills," and the sergeant, on that, took me a prisoner.

Mr. Magee (to defendant)—What have you to say to—

Mr. Kelly, interrupting, asked might he have a copy of the summons.

Mr. Magee—The summons is for using abusive and threatening language, and you have heard the evidence.

Defendant—I deny having used those expressions which he (complainant) has stated.

Mr. Magee—He swears you did. He says that you called him a robber, clenched your fist, and threatened to break his eyes.

Defendant—In the heat of passion I certainly might have used such expressions, but I cannot say that I did.

Mr. Magee—It is quite likely that you might have said so in the heat of passion. A man like you, excited by that placard or bill, might have said so. I certainly must say that this is not the way to convince people that they are wrong. However, whether right or wrong, that is no reason why you (defendant) should make use of language of this kind to any person.

Mr. Kelly (to complainant)—Is this a true statement of what occurred on that occasion. [Counsel was then about to read from a newspaper, when Mr. Magee said that certain facts had been already sworn to, quite sufficient for the purpose of the summons.

Mr. Kelly—But I want to adduce more facts.

Mr. Magee—But no more facts are wanted. The complainant has already so far proved his case, and no statement of anything else is required. You must confine yourself to that summons. The simple fact is that this man has been abused.

Mr. Kelly—The summons is issued for using threats and intemperate language.

Mr. Magee—And these facts have been now proved.

Mr. Kelly—Not as fully as I wish, or as it would be for the interest of my client to have established.

Mr. Magee—But they have been proved to my satisfaction, and I deem it quite unnecessary to let in any newspaper paragraph.

Mr. Kelly was not going to put in any newspaper paragraph. These (taking up the newspaper) are my instructions.

Mr. Geary—But the examination of the witness is closed, and Mr. Kelly is now seeking to do that which is utterly irregular. He has no right, after I had closed my cross-examination, to begin and examine the witness over again.

Mr. Kelly—This is a matter which has become notorious.

Mr. Magee—Yes, it has been made notorious by some person or other.

Mr. Kelly was sorry to say that there was too much ground for notoriety in the transaction entirely arising from expressions loosely and carelessly dropped from the bench in that office; however that might be, these expressions, which he was willing to assume were so carelessly dropped, had led to unfortunate breaches of the peace, and had been mischievous in their effects.

Mr. Magee was perfectly unaware of any such breaches of the peace; on the contrary, a man who was brought before one of his brother magistrates in that office was sent for trial, was convicted before the Recorder, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The complainant was then examined by Mr. Kelly, but the greater portion of his evidence was mere repetition. The witness identified a copy of the "invitation" or bill which he had dropped into the cellar.

Mr. Kelly (to the office-sergeant)—Hand that into the bench that it may be marked.

Mr. Magee—I do not want the bill.

Mr. Kelly—Does your worship object to the reception of it?

Mr. Magee—Under this summons I certainly do. [The matter contained in this paper was of a very offensive character as regarded the Catholic religion, and strongly calculated to excite and irritate the feelings of those whom it purposed to "invite" to a controversial sermon.]

Mr. Geary (to complainant)—How long were you engaged in distributing these tracts when this occurred? I had dropped about five or six of them in that street.

Were you not aware that the great portion of the inhabitants of that neighbourhood were Roman Catholics? Undoubtedly I was.

Do you think it was right or proper of you to be distributing such papers as these amongst Roman Catholics?

Mr. Magee—I may have my own opinions with regard to the mischief of this, yet where a case of this kind is won to and proved, we cannot allow persons to make use of threats of this kind. It is for other parties to consider whether it be right or proper to excite bad passions—particularly religious passions amongst the lower orders. I shall bind the defendant in his own recognizances of 20l. to be of the peace to this man and to every one else for one year. When a case of this kind comes before us, we must protect the public from such threats being used, let the misconduct of parties be what it will.

The required recognizances having been complied with the defendant was discharged.

THE TENANT LEAGUE.—At a Tenant League Conference, at Belfast, Mr. Lucas and Dr. McKnight have been appointed to proceed to London at the earliest possible moment, for the purpose of conferring with Mr. Crawford, and of terminating, if possible, any existing differences, and then reporting to the council in Dublin the result of their mission. "It is highly necessary," says the *Banner of Ulster*, "that a Tenant-right Bill should be immediately laid before the country as a test for Parliamentary candidates at the expected elections: and we may almost venture to promise that, ere long, in one form or another, this object will be accomplished."

Tuesday, the Very Rev. Dr. Vaughan, Vicar Capitular of the diocese of Killaloe, presided at a meeting of the clergy at Ennis, to petition the legislature against penal enactments.

The Hon. and Rev. George Spencer's sermon for the Magdalen asylum of the Sisters of Charity, Cork, brought a collection of £103.

DEATH OF THE EARL OF BANTRY.—Intelligence reached town yesterday, of the death of the Earl of Bantry, which event took place on Friday night, at Glangariff Lodge. The deceased nobleman was in his 84th year, and was advanced to the peerage for services at the threatened French invasion, 1797. He succeeded in his titles and estates by Viscount Berceaven.

DEATH OF LORD NEWRY.—We regret to announce that Viscount Newry expired on Tuesday, at his residence in Grosvenor-crescent.—*Times*.

Mr. Michael Desmonde, of this city, who died on Tuesday last, of consumption, has bequeathed a large sum—6,000l.—to the Catholic Church, for various pious purposes, such as masses, the completion of the new cathedral in this city, &c. Bequests are said to have been also made to some of our local charities. The executors are H. Potter, J.P., and T. Hart, J.P., Esqs.—*Kilkenny Moderator*.

LORD CLARENDON'S LETTER TO LORD SHREWSBURY.—We have the best authority for stating, that some of the subjects so unscrupulously dealt with by Lord Clarendon, in his now celebrated epistle, are likely to form matter for discussion in the Court of Queen's Bench. Some of the parties whose characters have been assailed, and who have been themselves so grievously libelled, in the letter of the noble lord, have, we are informed, already taken the preliminary steps necessary to bring the matter under the cognizance of the court.—*Freeman*.

A new trial is ordered in the case Wyne, v. Marquis Westmeath.

The Lord Lieutenant will give the Cork agricultural committee double the amount of their subscription, to commence buildings on their model farm.

The clause in the towns improvement bill, prohibiting the sale of butter within four miles of Cork, has given offence there, and the merchants are unanimously petitioning against it.—*Limerick Chronicle*.

REPRESENTATION OF BELFAST.—We are authorised to state that on the dissolution of the present parliament, Sir James Emerson Tennent intends becoming a candidate for the representation of this, his native town.—*Belfast Chronicle*.

REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY OF SLIGO.—It is stated that Mr. Daniel Jones, of Banada Abbey, who contested this county in 1837, with Colonel Percival, will again come forward on the Liberal interest, at the next general election.—*Sligo Chronicle*.

DISCOVERY OF STOLEN PROPERTY.—The Great Southern and Western Railway Company had been plundered of much property for some time past, and about the Maryborough station, without their being able to obtain any clue that would lead to the detection of either the thief or the receiver. On Wednesday last, Patrick Moore, a pensioner, who deals in old iron, metal, rags, &c., lodged at the Maryborough station-house a number of weighty parcels to be forwarded to Dublin by luggage train. Strong suspicion having arisen as to the nature of these parcels, Constable Garrett was sent for to examine them, and the result was the discovery of 89 railway chairs, 67 screw-bolts, 100 spikes, 4 pieces of permanent rail, and other articles, which had been stolen from the company. The articles being fully identified, Moore was committed to abide his trial at the Stradbally quarter sessions.—*Leinster Express*.

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCE.—On the 25th April, two youths were employed to clean the chimney of Castle Martin House, near Kilkullen. The younger having ascended, the other got a light for the purpose of aiding his companion to explore the dusky scene of his labors. Before getting up in another room himself, he inadvertently let the lighted material he had fall on a quantity of soot, which soon ignited and sent a volume of smoke and flame up the chimney. The result was, that the sweep who went up in that room tumbled down in a state of suffocation, and was severely burned from foot to head. His comrade (whose neglect caused the distressing occurrence) also found it necessary to descend, being involved in a scorching suffocating atmosphere. He also was burned extensively, but not so severely as the other. Both were placed in the Kildare infirmary, under the care of Dr. Geoghegan, where the younger sweep died in great agony on Thursday night. The elder boy is going on favorably; his legs and thighs are very much burnt.—*Ibid.*

A KIND LANDLORD.—Bernard Kennedy, Esq., proprietor of the Kilnagully property, near Ferbane, in the King's County, visited his tenantry a few days ago, and, acting under the impulse of the benevolent feeling that always has characterised him, he presented to one of his tenants, who desired to emigrate to America with his family, the magnificent gift of sixty pounds. It is worthy of remark that the tenant in question had occupied only twenty-five acres of land, and was indebted to Mr. Kennedy to the amount of one hundred and fifty pounds.

KINDNESS TO TENANTS.—Messrs. Smithwick, the proprietors of the estate of Lower Grange, in this county, have, in addition to remitting all arrears of rent due to 1st May, 1850, made the liberal reduction of 25 per cent. in all accruing rents to the tenants who hold immediately under them. These lands have been hitherto held at rents under Griffith's valuation.—*Kilkenny Journal*.

A MAN AND HORSE STRUCK DEAD BY LIGHTNING.—On Friday last the district around Graignamanagh, in this county, was visited by a violent storm of thunder and lightning. A poor man who was ploughing in a field, at a place called Analack, became so terrified that he rushed for shelter between the horses, but, whilst crouching there, awful to relate, he was struck dead by the electric fluid, as was also one of the animals of his team. It is said that another man in the same field ran for shelter under a cart, which soon was struck and shivered to atoms by the lightning, whilst the man, most miraculously escaped uninjured. An inquest was held on the deceased, and a verdict of "died from the visitation of God" returned.—*Kilkenny Moderator*.

EARLY POTATOES.—A specimen of early potatoes, which have already attained considerable size and firmness, has been left at our office. The potatoes were grown in the bishop's garden, in the open air, and are being sold at a shilling per lb.—*Derry Journal*.

KILLARNEY UNION.—The admission of paupers on Monday was over 300, thus making the total number in the house close to 5,000.

CALLAN UNION—REFUSAL OF OUT-DOOR RELIEF.—At the meeting of the Callan board of guardians on Wednesday, a majority of twelve guardians against eleven, decided against the extension of out-door relief. The Earl of Detart and some other ex-officio guardians, with some of their adherents among the elected guardians, formed the majority. The minority consisted altogether of elected guardians.—*Kilkenny Journal*.

Sunday evening an extensive robbery was committed at the dwelling of the Rev. Mathew Moore, Caherconish parsonage. A large quantity of plate and other valuable property were taken, also, the rev. gentleman's clothes, which were left to be brushed by the domestic.—*Limerick Chronicle*.

On Thursday, at the hour of three o'clock, Jeremiah Power, the caretaker at Lord Waterpark's farmyard, discovered a large rick of straw on fire. On hastening to the spot, he saw a man and a boy running out of the yard in different directions; he pursued the man whom he knocked down and took into custody, after which the boy returned and surrendered himself. The man, named Moses O'Brien, a wretched looking being, aged about 45 years, confessed that he set the rick on fire solely for the purpose of getting himself transported, but from the boy, William Gorman, nothing was elicited at the time. They are to be sent to Clonmel gaol this morning for trial at the next sessions for the county. In consequence of the calmness of the morning, and the rain which fell very heavily, the buildings escaped.—*Nenagh Guardian*.

OPHTHALMIA.—We are happy to learn that this cruel disease has not much increased since the first week of its appearance among the paupers in the Castlebar workhouse and auxiliaries.—*Mayo Telegraph*.

EVICTON—THREATENING NOTICE.—On the 25th ult., the Sub-sheriff of the Queen's County evicted three families from the townland of Moat, near the village of Ballinakill. On last Sunday a threatening notice was found attached to a tree, near the gate of Ballinakill chapel. The following is the copy:—"Notice to the public—Let all men who love their lives beware and do not propose for the Lands of Moat, or if they do they will Soon Have Land Enough at Cheap Rate.—Dated April 27th, 1851."—*Leinster Express*.

DEATHS IN THE POORHOUSES.—Upwards of one hundred deaths have taken place within the last month in the Cashel poorhouses. Surely some inquiry is necessary.

The wife of a process-server named Attridge, was drowned in a bog-hole near Ballydehob, Cork, on Saturday night, while accompanying her husband home, and both drunk.

Bridget Lyons, the widow and supposed accomplice of the unfortunate man executed on Saturday week, still remains at Kirkdale gaol, no further communication having been received from Sir George Grey, as to the sentence impending over her.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.—On Saturday last, the inhabitants of Cotehill, were alarmed by a rumour that the throat of Mr. Patrick Fay, woollen draper, of that town, had been cut with a razor by his wife, which turned out on inquiry to be well founded. Sub-Constable, Patrick Byrne, having received information of the circumstances, proceeded to a cabin belonging to a cobbler, of the name of Mathews, situate in one of the purlieus of Cotehill, in which Mrs. Fay had taken refuge after she committed the act, and here he found her concealed and arrested her. It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Fay, have been for several years addicted to dram-drinking, and consequently led a most unhappy life, which resulted in Mrs. Fay, being affected with intermitting attacks of *delirium tremens*—under the influence of one of which attacks she procured a razor, and whilst her husband was enjoying an after-dinner glass, approached him stealthily, and inflicted a frightful gash with the razor on the right side of his throat. The wound, however, was not sufficiently deep to sever any of the large arteries, and hopes are, therefore, entertained of his recovery. Mrs. Fay has been fully committed to abide her trial for the offence, at the ensuing assizes of Cavan.

An elderly man, named James de Lancey, was brought before the magistrates in Limerick, on Saturday, charged with obtaining money under the pretence of belonging to a religious order. When in custody he blasphemed horribly, and the magistrates observed that it was quite clear that he was an audacious impostor, and had never lived with monks as he had represented. Informations were ordered against him, but he was discharged on Tuesday, no one having come forward to prosecute.

DINNER TO DR. POWER, M.P., AT QUEENSTOWN.—On Tuesday evening the friends and admirers of this gentleman entertained him at a public-dinner in Kilmurry's Hotel, Queenstown.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PACKET STATION AT GALWAY.—"Some time since we called attention to the attempts of government to decide on an eligible port on the west coast of Ireland as a point of departure for America. The establishment of a packet station at Galway or elsewhere is of so much importance, not only to the sister island, but to the intercourse of the two worlds, that we cannot but look with interest to every step made in advance, having reference to that end. Such a step has recently been taken a few days since, in the registration of a European and American company, the object of which is to establish a line of first-class steam-packets, to ply between Galway and the new world.—The company we believe, is miscellaneous, and the shares are likely to be in the general market.—*Athenaeum*.

DROGHEDA, MAY 7.—After a tour through the greater portions of the counties of Louth, Armagh, and Monaghan, I feel grateful in being in a position to inform you that the crops in all the places where I have been present a most cheering and promising appearance. In the different localities through which I passed potatoes were being planted on a large scale, and preparations making on an extensive acreage for the sowing of barley, oats, and turnips. I also noticed a large quantity of rape in good condition. However a great acreage of land lies waste or idle rather, and from inquiries made I learn that this is consequent on the immense number of persons that have left the country. This is a state of things which if continued long will tend very materially to weaken our agricultural and commercial stability.

Two hundred passengers left the port of Limerick, in the Maria Brennan last week, and over one hundred sailed in the Limerick Lass and Belle, on Saturday evening.

MURDER NEAR DUNDALK.—A murder of great atrocity was perpetrated a few miles from Dundalk on the road to Crossmaglin, on the morning of Friday the 2d inst., when an extensive farmer named Samuel Colter was killed within a short distance of his own house. It appears that he was first shot, and that his head was then battered in a frightful manner with the butts of a gun and pistol which were broken to pieces. Several wounds with a bayonet were also inflicted. The unfortunate man survived until next day, when an inquest was held on the remains, but was adjourned to Tuesday last, when the following verdict was returned:—"We find that the deceased Samuel Colter came by his death early on the morning of the 2d instant, at about the hour of two o'clock, in consequence of severe fractures of the skull, inflicted by some person or persons unknown, on the road leading from Dundalk to Crossmaglin, on the morning of Friday, the 2d of May inst.?" Several persons have been arrested on suspicion.

PROSPECTS OF THE SEASON.—We cannot avoid feeling alarmed at the present appearance of this country, when we look around and see such a comparatively small tillage of the doubtful potato and of corn crops. We believe there never was so small a quantity of tillage, nor for the past five years was the spring's work so backward, owing chiefly to the state of the weather and heavy fall of rains.—*Mayo Constituents*.

THE BELFAST JUNCTION RAILWAY.—The line from Dublin to Belfast will be opened by the 1st of November next, with the exception of the bridge across the Boyne, near Drogheda. This will not be finished until October, 1852. Mr. Mare, of Blackwall, is the contractor for it, at 22,000l., which is said to be an extremely low price.—*Herald*.

A poor man, named M'Mahon, lately discharged from Kilmurry workhouse, died on Wednesday night last near Carrigahol, in the county of Clare, and was buried on Thursday morning without a coffin. The people at whose house he died stated that he came tottering to their door on Wednesday evening for relief; after going a few paces distance he fell; they then brought him in, laid him on a wisp of straw near the fire; he died; they buried him early in the morning; could not stand the fearful bad odor from him; could not get a coffin. The coroner came on Friday—disinterred M'Mahon. The verdict—"Died of starvation." On Saturday the relieving officer came and again disinterred him, for the humane purpose of putting a coffin on by order of the guardians. The proverb "killing with kindness" is outdone by them, for they are kind even after the man is killed. Those who would root up the graves sooner than let a poor man go without his last jacket must have been maligne'd—they must have clothed their live paupers well.—*Limerick Examiner*.

THE LATE MURDER.—Mr. Sheehy, with whom Mary Hanley (who was so brutally murdered a short time since) lived as servant, has discovered at a pawn-office the petticoat and apron worn by the woman, now in custody, on the morning of the murder, and these articles have a quantity of blood on them.—*Limerick Examiner*.

Lord Fielding has published a letter to say that he does not repent of his conversion to the Church. "I write now from the Eternal City, the home of the Christian soul, the centre of Christendom; where to devout hearts all is genial, all speaks of Christ, the very air breathes of religion and the world to come. Here, how petty appear all those bickerings and strifes of tongues which are now shaking the Protestant communities to their centre! The waves rise, the storms rage, but the bark of Peter, with Christ at the helm, suffers not—cares not. She alone defies the tempest of human passions; and mocks the efforts which her enemies make to injure her. . . . In England, all cries of war: here, peace and unity in faith reign. What a contrast!"

Some Catholics do incalculable mischief. Some tell their anxious Protestant friends that they can be saved out of the Church, — without Faith, which must be possessed in order to please God. This is downright cruelty to them. When Christ said that he who believeth not, shall be damned; when the Apostle anathematized heretics, when St. John, the apostle of charity, said; though we, or an angel, teach a contrary doctrine, let him be accursed,—they said these things with hearts overflowing with charity for poor stray sheep who are not of the Fold.—*Boston Pilot*.

On Tuesday, a thousand dollar bill was lost in Boston, and on being advertised, was returned to the cashier by a poor Irishman named Michael Brady, who had picked it up in the entry of a bank. He received \$50 for his honesty.