

In reference to the Bar, Richard J. Uniacke, the Attorney General, must first be noticed. On many points he was a most extraordinary and remarkable person. He may, indeed, be said to have ranked in the gigantic order, or class of humanity, both as to bodily proportions, and mental powers. I have travelled extensively, in many countries, and neither in courts of law, parliaments, or general society have I met with his equal, as to the combination of all those qualities. It was most interesting, as well as entertaining, to hear him in any specially important case. His force of fluent language, versatility of views and ideas, vast range of knowledge, and style of remark,—this latter, at times, rather irrelevant,—his *sarcasm*, *humour*, and *invective* when he chose to employ them, and his various illustrations, were truly amazing. His voice and style of address were extremely forcible, and it seemed as easy for him to speak, as to breathe. I recollect hearing him speak for about four hours, without intermission, in a law argument; during which I think he cited about *fifty* or more cases. The Chief Justice seemed to be tired of it, for he sat, a large part of the time, with his head bent down, his elbows on his desk, and the knuckles of his hands pressed on his forehead.

The Solicitor General, James Stewart, Esq., could not be called eminent in the profession, but possessed a good degree of mental power, and of legal and other attainments. He became one of the Judges. The universally admitted *premier* at the Bar, for enlarged and solid legal knowledge, was Foster Hutchinson, but he was not, in popular estimation, what is called eloquent,