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ted that he would draw up a codicil for him cutting down the annuity of £100 to £50. Mr. Medlicott 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. Medlicott, who communicated the circumstance to the testator. Mr. Gowan immediately ordered that the person should be turned out. Gentlemen, Mr. Medlicott 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 roo n. Mr. Medlicott then sat down to draw up the codicil, but while he was so engaged, William Gowan burst violently into the room and abused Mr. Medlicott; 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. Medlicott would promise to do nothing against his interest. Mr. Medlicott 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. Medlicott 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. Medlicott then proceeded to complete the codicil, cutting down the annuity of £100 to £50 a year. When William Gowan heard this he was greatly displeased, and he and his brother determined at once, if possible, to counteract it. He induced the man to whom I have alluded, a man of the name of Burland, to enter into his views. Burland was a respectable man up to this period, a Permanent Serjeant in the corps of Yeomanry of which Mr. Gowan was Captain, and intimate with the family. And why did they get his co-operation on the occasion? because they knew that his character and intimacy with the family would give weight to the transaction. The two brothers went to Burland, they told him that he must endeavour to make their father draw up a will in their favour, or they must forge one for him! Wm. Gowan undertook to make the draft. They had by some means obtained a copy of the original will. As Burland was a good penman he was induced to engross it. Gentlemen, we will produce that fabricated will, with the alterations, and in the handwriting of Ogle Gowan!!! They directed him to come to Mount Nebo on the 24th of May. Mind, their father died on the 25th, and he was directed to go on the 24th. In the mean time Burland had some compunctious visitings. He did not wish to go farther, and he left his house. He went to Roundwood, in the County of Wicklow, where he staid four days, and he went from that to Dublin. William and Ogle Gowan went to his house and expressed their surprise that he was not at home, as he had promised, to execute the will. O. Gowan hastened to Dublin. You will find that on the 28th he left his house—on the 29th he was in Dublin, and on the 30th he met Mr. Burland. Mr. Bull, who was in the Sheriff's prison saw Ogle take Burland aside and finally take him away with him. He took him to a public house, the two other witnesses Lawless and Moore, were not in company with them, and he induced Burland to sign the deed as the others had done on the 24th May. The four witnesses had therefore deliberately signed this forged document, and gentlemen you will find that Burland's signature was in different ink from the others, though it is asserted that the document had been oxecuted at one time & at one place. An attempt is made to account for this by saying that there were two ink bottles, but that, I think, speaks for itself. Some of the friends of the family suspected Burland, and when they questioned him on the subject, he discovered all. Gentlemen, these witnesses belonged to what is called an Orange Society, between the members of which there is a kind of link or connection—a bond of brotherhood-they are bound by no common ties, and pledged to assist each other on all occasions. I do not wish to cast any imputation on the society in general, or on persons who may belong to it; but I cannot help saying that the defendant made use of the influence of his situation in it to induce those persons to lend themselves to his purposes. Any of these persons is sufficient evidence against the others .-[Here Mr. Scott read a passage or two from the IV. Vol. of STARKIE, where it is laid down, that where there is a co-operation between any number of persons which shews a community of design, any one of them is sufficient evidence against the