

On Saturday Mr. T. D. Sullivan, M. P., sent specially from Dublin to Galway to visit R. Wm. Farrell, J. P., chairman of the Mullingar Town Commissioners, and Mr. Messrs Tufts, T. C., Mullingar, both of whom have recently been lodged in Galway Prison suspects under the Coercion Act. Mr. Sullivan had interviews also with Mr. T. Harrington, Mr. Matthew Harris, and Mr. P. Gordon, who are detained in the same prison, which now contains no fewer than thirty-seven of Mr. Foster's suspects. Of all the arrests made under the Act that of Mr. Farrell is, perhaps, the most extraordinary. The warrant charges him with being reasonably suspected of having been guilty of inciting persons to assemble unlawfully for the purpose of obstructing a sheriff's sale by violence and intimidation. But the absurdity of this charge is shown by the facts that Mr. Farrell, a name highly popular in the locality, was actually released by the sub-sheriff to attend the sale referred to for the purpose of using his influence to preserve peace and order, that in compliance with such request he did attend the sale, and that the proceedings went off without disturbance of any kind. Mr. Farrell's thanks for this service was to be arrested shortly afterwards on the charge we have mentioned. As it is clear that his arrest must have been a gross blunder, and is entirely unjustifiable, it is thought that his imprisonment cannot be long continued. Mr. Farrell was the chairman of the local Land League, but any one who knew anything of him knew that his wishes and his expressed repeated advice was that the action of the body and of every member of it should always be kept well within the limits of the law. In conversation with Mr. Sullivan Mr. Farrell complained much of his unjustifiable arrest.—*Connaught Telegraph.*