

THE CATHOLIC.

QUOD SEMPER, QUOD UBIQUE, QUOD AB OMNIBUS CREDITUM EST.—WHAT ALWAYS, AND EVERY WHERE, AND BY ALL IS BELIEVED.

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ARRIVAL OF THE BRITANNIA O'CONNELL AND HIS SON ARRESTED.

The Royal Mail Steamer Britannia arrived at Boston on Saturday Evening at 7 o'clock, and brings important news from Ireland.

The disturbances in Wales are not yet quelled, but a better feeling continues to manifest itself among the farmers.

From *Willmer's Liverpool News*, Oct. 19.
IRELAND.

For the previous three weeks public attention, in Ireland, has been directed to the approaching "monster meeting" at Clontarf, which was announced to be held last Sunday week.

The Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by the Lord Chancellor, arrived in Dublin on Friday morning. In the afternoon they were in consultation for some hours with the law officers of the crown. On Saturday morning a privy council was held, which sat in deliberation till half-past one.—Shortly afterwards the following proclamation was issued;—

By the Lord Lieutenant and Council of Ireland.
A Proclamation.

"DE GREY.—Whereas it has been publicly announced that a meeting is to take place at or near Clontarf, on Sunday the 8th of October instant, for the alleged purpose of petitioning Parliament for a repeal of the Legislative Union between Great Britain and Ireland.

"And whereas advertisements and placards have been printed and extensively circulated, calling on those persons who propose to attend the said meeting on horseback to meet and form in procession, and to march to the said meeting in military order and array:

"And whereas meetings of large numbers of persons have been already held in different parts of Ireland, under the like pretence, at several of which meetings language of a seditious and inflammatory nature has been addressed to the persons there assembled, calculated and intended to excite discontent and disaffection in the minds of her Majesty's subjects, and to bring into hatred and contempt the government and constitution of the country as by law established:

"And whereas at some of the said meetings such seditious and inflammatory language has been used by persons who have signified their intention of being present at and taking part in the said meeting so announced to be held at or near Clontarf:

"And whereas the said intended meeting is calculated to excite reasonable and well-grounded apprehension that the motives and objects of the persons to be assembled thereat are not the fair legal exercise of constitutional rights and privileges, but to bring into hatred and contempt the government and constitution of the United Kingdom as by law established, and to accomplish alterations in the laws and constitution of the realm by intimidation and the demonstration of physical force:

"Now, we, the Lord Lieutenant, by and with the advice of her Majesty's Privy Council, being satisfied that the said intended meeting, so proposed to be held at or near Clontarf aforesaid, can only tend to serve the ends of factious and seditious persons, and to the violation of the public peace, do hereby strictly caution and forewarn all persons whatsoever, that they do abstain from attending at the said meeting: and we do hereby give notice, that if, in defiance of this our proclamation, the

said meeting shall take place, all persons attending the same meeting shall be proceeded against according to law: and we do hereby order and enjoin all Magistrates and officers intrusted with the preservation of the public peace, and others whom it may concern, to be aiding and assisting in the execution of the law, in preventing the said meeting, and in the detection and prosecution of those who after this notice shall offend in the respects aforesaid.

"Given at the Council Chamber in Dublin, this 7th day of October, 1843.

EDWARD B. SUGDEN, DONOUGHMORE,
ELIOT, F. BLACKBURNE,
E. BLAKENEY, FREDERICK SHAW,
T. B. C. SMITH.

"God save the Queen."

In a short time after this proclamation appeared, a meeting of the Repeal Association was held. Mr. O'Connell was loudly cheered. He spoke with marked calmness: stigmatised the measure of government as a "base and imbecile step," and submitted the following counter proclamation, which was adopted by the meeting, and ordered to be printed and circulated.

"NOTICE.—Whereas there has appeared under the signature of E. B. Sugden, C. Donoughmore, Eliot, F. Blackburne, E. Blakeney, Fred. Shaw, T. B. C. Smith, a paper being, or purporting to be, a proclamation, drawn up in very loose and inaccurate terms, and manifestly misrepresenting known facts, the object of which appears to be to prevent the public meeting intended to be held to-morrow, the 8th instant, at Clontarf, to petition Parliament for the Repeal of the baleful and destructive measure of the Legislative Union.

"And whereas such proclamation has not appeared until late in the afternoon of this day, Saturday the 7th instant; so that it is utterly impossible that the knowledge of its existence could be communicated in the usual official channels, or by the post, in time to have its contents known to the persons intending to meet at Clontarf for the purpose of petitioning as aforesaid; whereby ill-disposed persons may have an opportunity, under color of said proclamation, to provoke breaches of the peace, or commit violence on persons intending to proceed peaceably and legally to said intended meeting:

"We, therefore, the Committee of the Loyal National Repeal Association, do most earnestly request and entreat, that all well-disposed persons will, immediately on receiving this intimation, repair to their own dwellings, and not place themselves in peril of any collision, or of receiving any ill-treatment whatsoever.

"And we do further inform such persons, that, without yielding in anything to the unfounded allegation, we deem it prudent and wise, and above all things humane, to declare the said meeting duly abandoned, and is not to be held.

Signed by order,
DANIEL O'CONNELL.

"Saturday, 7th Oct., 3½ P. M. 1843."

On the Friday evening following a second edition of the *Dublin Evening Mail* announced that information had that day been sworn against Mr. O'Connell and others before Mr. Justice Burton, and that the parties would be arrested the next day.

The information of the *Mail* proved correct. Mr. Kemmis, the crown solicitor, waited on Mr. O'Connell on the following morning (Saturday last), at

half-past nine, when the hon. gentleman was arrested *pro forma*. Mr. Kemmis then handed him the following note:

"Kildare-street, 14th Oct., 1843.

"Sir,—I beg to inform you that I have been directed to take proceedings against you on a charge of conspiracy and other misdemeanors; and I am further to inform you that informations have been sworn against you touching the same, before Mr. Justice Burton."

"May I therefore, request that you will let me know when it will be your convenience to attend and enter into recognizances to appear in the Court of Queen's Bench on the first day of next term, to answer such charges as may be then preferred against you, by Her Majesty's Attorney-General?—I have honour to be Sir, your obedient servant.

"W. KEMMIS, Crown Solicitor."

Mr. O'Connell, on reading the letter, expressed himself greatly obliged to Mr. Kemmis for his courtesy, and stated his willingness and that of his son, Mr. John O'Connell, M. P. (against whom similar proceedings had been instituted), to give bail in the course of the day.

The following gentlemen have also entered into similar recognizances, themselves in £500 each, and two sureties in £250 each, Mr. Thomas Steel, O'Connell's Head Pacifier for Ireland; Mr. Duffy, editor of the *Nation*; Mr. Barrett, editor of the *Pilot*; Dr. Gray, editor of the *Freeman's Journal*; the Rev. Messrs. Tyrrell and Tierney, Roman Catholic clergymen, and Mr. Ray, Secretary to the Repeal Association.

Immediately after Mr. O'Connell had given bail, he published the following letter.

"To the people of Ireland.

"Merion-square, 14th Oct., 1843.

"BELOVED FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.—I announce to you that which you will hear from other quarters—namely, that I have given this day bail to answer on a charge of conspiracy and other misdemeanors, the first day of next term. I make this announcement in order to conjure the people, one and all, to observe the strictest and most perfect tranquillity. Any attempt to disturb public peace may be most disastrous—certainly would be criminal and mischievous.

"Attend then beloved countrymen to me.

"Be not tempted by anybody to break the peace, to violate the law, or to be guilty of any tumult or disturbance. The slightest crime against order or the public peace may ruin our cause.

"If you will during this crisis, follow my advice, and act as I entreat you to do, patiently, legally, I think I can pledge myself to you that the period is not distant when our revered Sovereign will open the Irish Parliament in College-Green.

"Every attempt of our enemies to disturb the progress of the repeal hitherto has had a direct contrary effect. This attempt will also fail, unless it be assisted by any misconduct on the part of the people.

"Be tranquil, then, and we shall be triumphant!—I have the honor to be, your ever faithful servant.

"DANIEL O'CONNELL."

The rent for the week was announced to be £123. Nothing of importance has since occurred in Dublin, and but little excitement has been created in the provinces by the late measures of Government.