

to believe that he is a most respectable witness!!—(Laughter.) Mr. Doherty, after a variety of further observations upon the evidence, concluded a most splendid speech, by telling the Jury that if the Defendant's father could rise from the grave, he would blast from your presence that child who persecuted him during life, and now seeks to deprive him of character after his death.

**O. R. GOWAN** examined by **Mr. M'KEAN**.—Is an illegitimate son of the late J. H. Gowan, is a subscribing witness to the deed in question; saw the late J. H. Gowan sign it on the 15th March: Moore, Burland, Lawless, and Wm. Gowan were present; is quite positive Burland was there; saw all the witnesses sign it on that day at the same time, about 3 o'clock, after dinner; witness's father produced the deed for execution; his father was not in bed or confined by any bodily infirmities at that time, but was sitting in his bed-room near the fire at the corner of a table; his father desired them not to mention that they were there, as it might irritate part of the family; was in Dublin in December, 1823; employed Mr. Fearon, an Attorney, at that time to draw a copy of a deed; and to the best of his belief got that deed, so prepared, either from Mr. Fearon or the scrivener; early in December, Wm. Gowan mentioned to witness that his father wished to make over to him Ashwood, and to get a deed prepared, leaving blanks; went to Mr. Fearon a second time, who said there should be the name of the trustee and of the person to be benefitted in it; witness gave his own name for the person to be benefitted; does not now recollect who the second person was to be mentioned; returned to Mount Nebo about the middle of December; Tom had charged him with having stolen a silver cup from his father; was arrested in consequence of information sworn against Mr. Miller; was taken to Gorey by the Police; his father followed him; was finally liberated; his father was dissatisfied with Tom; was at the Assizes with his father; Mr. Thomas Gowan appeared there to prosecute, with a number of other witnesses; witness's father spoke to witness relative to the deed he intended to make to assign Ashwood to William; his father took ill at the Assizes, during which time he had that conversation; he was afraid he would not get home to mount Nebo to execute the deed for William; left Wexford with his father, and accompanied him as far as Enniscorthy; he stopped at Henry Gowan's he believes that night; his father sent him on to copy the deed, to have it ready with the exception of putting in the Trustees' names and his brother's name;

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