

Enniskillen Assizes

March 21, 1811

On Monday last, the Hon. Solicitor General and the Honorable Justice selector, going judges of Assize, where the Northwest circuit of Ulster, came into this town and opened the commission. On the following morning they proceeded to business. Mr. Justice Fletcher in the Crown Court. The following gentlemen were sworn Grand Jurors.

Major General Archdale, Foreman	
Henry Brook, Esq.	William Stewart, Esq.
Hon. Colonel Creighton	Richard Dane, Esq.
Blaynev T. Balinur, Esq .	William Tiedenneck
Gerard Irvine, Esq.	Henry Leslie, Esq.
J. Richardson, Esq., Rosfad	J. Richardson, Summerhill
Lt. Col. Montgomery	Samuel Lyle, Esq
Jason Hassid (?), Esq.	James King, Esq.
John Armstrong, Esq.	Francis Graham, Esq.
Edward Archdall, Esq.	Montgomery Nixon, Esq.
George Nixon, Esq.	John Aiken, Esq.
George Lendrum, Esq.	John Crosier, Esq.

A number of trials for unlicensed distilling came on, none of which were of any consequence except that of John Robinson, for shooting at ___ Delany, Revenue Officer, near Bellnamallard.

Delany proved the firing of several shots, but could not identify the person who actually fired any of them.

Lieutenant Parkinson of the 90th Regiment who commanded the military composing the party, was called, whose evidence was tantamount to that of Delany.

The Learned Judge then summed up the evidence in a perspicuous manner and pointed out the dangerous tendency of trespassing the law in this way. The jury retired for a few minutes and it returned a verdict of not guilty

August 1st, 1811

Yesterday about two o'clock the Right Hon. Judge Daly and the Right Hon. Baron McClelland came into this town, and the former shortly after proceeded to the courthouse and opened the commission, when the following gentlemen were sworn Grand Jurors:

Lieutenant General Archdall, Foreman	
Henry Brooke, Esq.	Henry Leslie
Sir John Caldwell,	Hamilton Irvine
Blaney F. Balfour	William Hassard
Gerard Irvine	James King
Hugh Montgomery	James Denham
Edward Archdall	Frances Graham
George Nixon	George Hassard
Jason Hassard	Montgomery Nixon
George Lendrum	James Hall
William Stewart	John Aiken, Esqrs
William Tiedennick	

His Lordship did then address them briefly pointing out some of the particular objects for their consideration, and paid a handsome complement to the county, from the appearance of the calendar, which he remarked, differed greatly from some of our neighboring counties in that respect.

There are only five or six persons, we understand on the calendar to be tried for criminal offenses.

August 8, 1811

Our Assizes ended on Friday evening last and the following morning the judges left town for Omagh.

The following are the trials, which took place:

Robert Ker and John Ker for running away with Alice Hillock with intent to marry her to T. Tubman. The former to be hanged on Thursday 5th of September next, and the latter on Friday the first of November.

John Carson, Mary Carson, Robert Tubman, and Alice Morton for the same offense: and the latter for being accessary to Thomas Tubman ravishing and assaulting Mary Hillock. —Not Guilty.

Owen McSorley for shooting and killing Jane Corrigan, otherwise Maguire. Not Guilty.

John Martin for private distilling, to be imprisoned a week, and to give security for his good behavior.

Thomas McCullen & Felix McLoome for a like offense, submitted. Same punishment. John Morrison for a like offense, submitted. Same punishment.

Felix McDonald for ditto, to be imprisoned 21 months and to find security for seven years.

Thomas Kearny for distilling. To be imprisoned a week.

Richard Smith, for stealing two boat oars belonging to Sir Richard Hardinge. To be imprisoned three months, and until he give security to keep the peace for 7 years.

Felix Cassidy, for private distilling—To be imprisoned two months, and until he gives security to be of the peace, etc.

Nancy Kelly, otherwise Ker, for stealing two cloaks —Not Guilty.

James Fife and Hugh Hillock, for private distilling —to be imprisoned a month, and to find security to be of the peace, etc. and not to do so again.