

Enniskillen Assizes

March 21, 1816

Henry Brooke, Esq., Foreman
Gerard Irvine,
George Nixon,
John Irvine,
John Armstrong,
John Richardson,
W. D. Irvine,
Edward Archdall,
John Hassard
George Lendrum,
George Hassard,
Henry Leslie,
Hamilton Irvine,

James Denham,
C. Fausett, Callowhill
Montgomery Nixon,
John Irvine,
Samuel Gamble
Wm. Hassard, Carn,
Francis Graham,
John Hassard
John Aiken,
Christopher Humphrey,
Wm. Montgomery,
Richard Dane, Esq., Sheriff

Our calendar compared with the enormity of many others throughout the kingdom, presented a contrast illustrative of the moral character, and internal civilization of the County. The only capital offense that came under the consideration of the court was that of Edward Rutledge for the murder of his nephew James Rutledge in February 1815. As this trial was gone through at two former Assizes here, and on both occasions fully reported by us, the facts and circumstances, as they appeared in evidence, are already before our readers, and must be fresh in their recollection. At present therefore we have only to state that it came on yesterday for the third time. After a minute examination of the same witnesses as formerly, the Jury retired about 3 o'clock, and have not yet at the hour of this paper going to press, (8 o'clock Thursday morning,) arrived at a decision. We suppose they will again be carted to the verge of the county, and the prisoner remanded for fourth trial!

Among the civil causes, and minor offenses, there were no trials of particular interest and as the courts are yet sitting we are obliged to postpone our report to next week's publication. The judges will proceed for Omagh, on tomorrow.

March 28, 1816

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Agreeable to expectation the trial of Edward Rutledge terminated in the matter expressed in our paper of last week, and is again to come before the county at next Assizes.

With the exception of prisoners for offenses connected with illicit distillation of whom 30 were convicted and sentenced to fine and imprisonment, the following are the only trials which came before the court.

George Adams for stealing wearing apparel from sundry persons in the neighborhood of Florencecourt, to be transported for seven years.

John McNamee, for stealing a vessel of caraway water from Robert Tremble at Enniskillen, to be imprisoned six months and burned in the hand.

Robert Duncan for stealing poultry, to be imprisoned for three months.

James McAuley, Roger and James Murphy, for issuing base tenpenny tokens, to be imprisoned six months.

William Neil and Thomas Emerson for robbing Philip Maguire of 18£s. 9s. 8d.— no prosecution.

James Mulligan, for stealing a mare the property of James Corrigan— Acquitted, but ordered to give security for his good behavior for seven years.

Nothing of interest or importance came out on evidence on any of the above cases and the business terminated on Friday.

[news item]

On Friday last an inquest was held by Mr. Henry Irvine of this town, coroner, on the body of a person named John Trotter of Letterkeen near Kesh, who was found in a shrubbery on Thursday last. It appeared that the deceased had been at the fair of Pettigo on the Monday preceding, where he drank rather freely, and that on his return home he missed his way and got entangled in the above place, where from the inclemency of the night and his being intoxicated he foundered—a verdict to that effect was returned by the jury.

On Monday last Mr. Irvine held another inquest on the body of an unknown female who was found on the lands of Blaney near Churchhill. A person of the description of the deceased was seen on the road the preceding evening, seemed to be in a state of intoxication; when [illegible] she had her feet in a pool of water on the [illegible] side, through which it was supposed she had waded some distance before she foundered. Irvine had a medical gentlemen to inspect the body; but no marks of violence appearing, it was concluded that she perished in the water from the effects of intoxication. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

Hugh Maguire, William Sheridan, and Thomas Dixon, convicted at the Assizes of Trim for robbing the Enniskillen Mail, were to be executed at Lismullen, the scene of their atrocity on Monday last.

Summer Assizes, 1816

[A notice in the newspapers of July stated that Enniskillen Summer Assizes were to be held August 5; however, no report on those Assizes was found in subsequent issues of the paper.]

News item

[The following appeared several times in August 1816]

Whereas the Parish Church of *Aghalurcher*, contiguous to *Colebrook* was feloniously entered on the night of 15th or morning of the 16th of July, and robbed of the following articles, namely a Surplice and Gown, a considerable quantity of Scarlet cloth appertaining to the Chancel Table, Pulpit, and Reading Desk, and Scarlet Marine Drapery with worsted fringe, attached to the Arch of *Colebrooke* Seat [?] and one Stand of Yellow Silk Colours.

NOW we the undersigned hereby offer the sums annexed to our names for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons concerned in the aforesaid outrage within six months from the date hereof.

	£	s.	d.
Henry Brooke	30	0	0
Robert Russel	10	0	0
Henry Leslie	5	0	0
Hamilton Irvine	5	0	0
Arthur Brooke	5	0	0
Francis Graham	5	0	0
W.G.D. Hearn	3	0	0
Bernard Donnelly	1	2	9
Patrick Donnelly	1	2	9
Robert Johnston	1	2	9
Walter Rea	1	2	9
Anthony Kidd	1	2	9
John Maguire	1	2	9
Thomas Johnston	1	2	9

Cornelius Maguire	1	2	9
William Little	1	2	9
Adam Little	1	2	9
John Macartney	1	2	9
James Hastings	1	2	9
Mar[?]on Dixon	1	2	9
John Armstrong	1	2	9
Hugh Rennick	1	2	9
Robert Armstrong	1	2	9
Hugh Hastings	1	2	9
Robert Armstrong	1	2	9
Thomas Orr	1	2	9
Edward Noble	1	2	9
Richard Macken	1	2	9
James Nixon	1	2	9
Andrew Corry	1	0	0
James Whitely	1	0	0
James Reed	1	0	0
Henry Whitely	1	0	0
George Whitely	1	0	0
Alexander Clarke	1	0	0
Gabriel Wilson	0	10	0
John Baxter	0	10	0
James Morrison	0	10	0
William Neil	0	10	0
Bernard M'Eniff	0	10	0
Richard Searles	0	10	0
John Whitely	0	10	0

I do further offer a Reward of TEN POUNDS to any person who will give such *private information* as will enable me to prosecute to conviction the perpetrators of said Robbery—and if any person concerned therein, shall discover his or her accomplice or accomplices, such person shall be paid the said Reward of £10 and application made to the Government, for his or her pardon.

HENRY BROOKE

Colebrooke, July 23, 1816