

DUBLIN POLICE—YESTERDAY.

HEAD OFFICE.

COMBINATION—BRUTAL ASSAULT.—On Sunday evening last as Mr. Verschoyle, glue and parchment manufacturer, Cannon-street, was returning from his manufactory at the Seventh Lock of the Grand Canal, accompanied by his wife, and Mr. Rooney, his son-in-law, he was waylaid by six ruffians, who concealed themselves behind a ditch, about half-past seven o'clock, and beaten in the most brutal manner. One of the ruffians, named Stiles, who is said to be leader of the gang, seized hold of Mr. Verschoyle, for the purpose of dragging him off the car, upon which that gentleman leaped on the ground, for the purpose of seizing the weapon which Stiles had, and no sooner had he done so than he was surrounded by the other five, who inflicted several dangerous wounds upon him. The unfortunate man made an effort to escape by dashing himself into the Canal, although no swimmer, yet in this attempt he also failed, for two of the fellows jumped in also, and were in the act of dragging him out, when a boat appeared within about fifty yards of them. The ruffians then decamped, closely followed by Mr. Rooney, who succeeded in arresting one of them, named John Downey, about half an hour after, and had him conveyed to Newmarket Watch-house. Yesterday morning he was brought to the Head-office, shortly after which two decent-looking men, named Stiles and Reilly, came to make inquiries about him, and were taken into custody by the directions of Inspector M'Carthy, of the A division. They were subsequently brought to Mr. Verschoyle's residence, who, though lying in a precarious state, identified them, and they were fully committed for trial at the next commission. It appears the cause of this ferocious attack arose out of a system of combination. Mr. Verschoyle some time since succeeded in getting the government contract for parchment, upon which the men who had previously worked with him refused to continue doing so unless he paid them higher wages. Mr. Verschoyle thought that such a demand was unjust, and resisted it, upon which they quitted his employment. He was then obliged to take two apprentices and to work himself, in order to complete the contract he had entered into, for doing which he drew upon himself the vengeance of these men. After they were identified, two of them applied to Alderman Darley to be admitted to bail, but he positively refused, and the whole three were sent off to Kilmainham gaol to abide their trial.