

ROSCOMMON ASSIZES.—MARCH 9.
[Before Baron Smith.]

ROBERT BROWN, PATRICK O'NEIL, WM. LOCKEY, WM. GALVIN, and THOS. GOOLD were indicted for the wilful murder of John Connor.—This trial excited great interest, & the Court was excessively crowded during the seven hours which the inquiry lasted.—The prisoners were watchmen of Athlone; Browne was the commander of the party. The unfortunate man who was murdered was a person of good character, and the evidence proved that the prisoners took away his life in a most wanton and barbarous manner.

The LEARNED JUDGE summed up the mass of evidence taken, and such was the profound attention paid by the audience that a plea might have been heard to fall in the Court.—Some parts of the evidence produced a strong sensation in Court against the accused, whose duty it was to protect the peaceable citizen.

The Jury found O'Neil Guilty of Murder, and the other four prisoners were found Guilty of Manslaughter. Sentence of death was passed on O'Neil, and the other prisoners were sentenced to transportation for the term of their natural lives.

His Lordship's address to the prisoners was suitable and impressive. The trial his Lordship described as one in its effects highly important to the due execution of the law by persons entrusted with authority, and calculated to furnish an example of impartial administration of justice in this country, and the protection which the Tribunals are ready to afford to the poor and humble against the oppressions of persons in power, or persons abetted and countenanced by those who were. Against all abuse of an authority vested by the laws he protested, as what Courts of Justice ought to punish in an exemplary manner.

HENRY LEE was indicted for the

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