

England by English labourers, who considered the Irish as intruders on their soil, and encroachers in their field of daily labour. On arriving at Newry, these ejected sons of Erin repaired to Lissummon, where they found large numbers of the friends of these English enemies and persecutors employed, and they immediately set about summarily ejecting them from Irish soil. On Saturday morning a report reached Newry that in the scuffle that ensued, several lives had been lost but this statment was entirely false.

"However, the disturbed locality was in such a state that Captain Armstrong of Newry was obliged to proceed to the spot, and was on the ground during the entire of Tuesday. The active sub-Inspector did not arrive a minute too soon, for it appears that the stalwart farmers and labourers of the district, far and wide, digusted at the conduct of a portion of the navvies, assembled, and 'armed to the teeth' marched on the locality where the navvies reside. It was said that the armed party consisted almost entirely of Orangemen, who were deeply offended at the wanton insult offered to the Englishmen. We have made, however, careful inquiry, and find that, though Orangemen may have been among the armed party, the force was not exclusively of that society.

"The 'turn-out' to resist the outrage of the navvies appears to have been general — confined to the members of no society or religion or class. After great exertion, the armed party consented to leave the ground, but so potent was the military array, and so effective the bold front of the men of the neighbourhood that the 'navvies' rushed pell mell from the works and 'skedaddled' to Newry. For the moment peace was restored, but the navvies having returned to the neighbourhood of the works at Lissummon, on Tuesday night, some confusion and disturbance again rose. A small body of police stationed in the locality were totally unfit to maintain the peace in the neighbourhood and the navvies, when the male inhabitants of the districts are scattered, are masters of all. It was thought that the fellows might conduct themselves in a more orderly manner in future, but this day (Wednesday) as the Petty Sessions business was being disposed off, a mounted policeman arrived at the Court House in Ballybot from Lissummon with a request for assistance, as the rioters had again declared war, and hostilities had been resumed. The special messenger was at once brought into the Magistrates



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