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FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE



ON THE

NEWRY BOROUGH ELECTION PETITION:

AND ALSO,

THE MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE THEM.

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SIR JOHN BYNG, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the merits of the Petition of *Dennis Maguire*, Esquire, of *Newry*, in the County of *Armagh*, in that part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Ireland*, a Merchant, one of the Candidates at the last Election for a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *Newry*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, informed the House, That the said Committee have determined;—

THAT the Honourable *Arthur Marcus Cecil Hill*, commonly called Lord *Arthur Marcus Cecil Hill*, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *Newry* :

THAT the Petition of the said *Dennis Maguire* does not appear to the said Committee to be frivolous or vexatious :

THAT the opposition to the said Petition does not appear to the said Committee to be frivolous or vexatious.

Sir JOHN BYNG, from the said Select Committee, also acquainted The House, That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to The House;—

Resolved, THAT although it has not been proved that the sitting Member was implicated by the existence of unlawful practices during the late Election for the Borough of *Newry*, it appears that a system of Bribery prevailed there to a considerable extent, in which certain Members of a Club called “the Union” were concerned; and the Committee wish to direct the attention of The House to the part taken in these transactions by *James Lisle* and other Electors.

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MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE THE

Select Committee on the *Newry* Borough Election Petition.*Sabbati, 9^o die Martii, 1833.*

THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN BYNG, BART.

IN THE CHAIR.

THE Names of the Members were called over; all present.

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Mr. *Harrison* and Mr. *O'Hanlon* appeared as Counsel for the Petitioner.Agent, Mr. *George Ogle*.Counsel for the Sitting Member, Mr. *David Pollock*, Mr. *Follet*, and Mr. *Talbot*.Agents, Messrs. *Handley* and *Durant*, and Mr. *R. W. Green*, Newry.Mr. *Harrison* was heard to open the case of the Petitioner.Mr. *Isaac Glenny* was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by
Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows:

YOU are the Seneschal of the borough of Newry?—I am.

Mr. *Isaac Glenny*.Do you produce the poll-book?—I have it [*the Witness produced two books*];
these are the books of the two deputies.

What is the other book?—This is the book of the proceedings.

[*The Witness delivered in the same.*]You are the proper person to keep those poll-books, and you kept them upon
the former occasion?—I did.

The records of the borough of Newry are kept in your custody?—They are.

You hold a court there?—I do.

And you keep the records of your own court?—Yes.

Do you know the clerk of the peace for the county of Down?—I do.

Who is it?—Mr. John Craig.

What situation did he fill at the election?—Not any, that I know of; there was
a deputy of his.

Did you see him there?—I did.

Where?—In the street, in the court-house, and at the hustings.

Did you see him in any room there?—No.

Never?—No.

Were you, upon any occasion, yourself in the tally-room of Lord Marcus Hill?
—Never.

Do you know a house kept by a man of the name of Black?—Yes.

Were you in that house at any time during the election?—No.

Do you know of the existence of a club in Newry called the Union Club?—
I have heard of it, and I believe it.

Have you ever dined with them?—Never.

Nor supped with them?—Nor supped with them; I never was in their club-
room.

Mr. Isaac Glenny.

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Do you know who was the sub-sheriff in the county of Down in last October?—
Mr. Caldbeck.

Did you see him in Newry during the election?—I did.

Where?—In the street.

Who was he with at the time?—I do not know.

Did you see him with Lord Marcus Hill?—I cannot say that I did.

Do you know Mr. John Boyd?—I do.

Did you see him with him?—I think I did.

Did you see him with Mr. James Lisle?—No.

Did you see him with Mr. Robert Green?—I do not think I did; I do not recollect.

Do you know Mr. De Lasheroy Cromlin?—I do.

I believe he is a person of very strong politics?—I believe he is; I never knew him till the late election.

Did you know him by name?—I had heard the name.

Do you know that he holds a very high office among the Orangemen of Ireland?—I do not.

Was any subsequent application made to you, in the course of the election, for the appointment of any other magistrates?—There was.

How often?—I cannot tell you how often; Mr. Maguire applied to me, and several of his friends.

What complaint did they make to you?—That they could not get a magistrate to qualify the Catholic voters; there were, I think, three appointed, and afterwards two more.

Will you tell us who they were?—The books will tell you; but, as well as I remember, there was Mr. Smith and Mr. Trevor Curry, Mr. Cromlin, and afterwards Mr. White and Mr. Hancock, of Lurgan.

Do you recollect any complaint being addressed to you by the agent of Mr. Maguire, with regard to the appointment of some constables?—Yes, I do recollect that; I would wish to explain that respecting the constables.

Do you recollect Mr. Ogle, on the part of Mr. Maguire, addressing any question to Lord Marcus Hill in your presence, in the first stage of the proceedings, with respect to the conduct of the election?—I do not recollect anything of that kind.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

On what day did the election begin?—On the 20th of December.

How many days polling were there?—Five.

Were they consecutive days, or was there any interval?—There was Christmas-day and Sunday.

So that the election terminated on the 27th?—I think so; but the books will show.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Mr. John Boyd, was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by
Mr. Harrison, as follows:

Mr. John Boyd.

WHERE do you live?—At Newry.

You are a merchant there?—Yes.

You are member of a club there?—I am.

How long has that club been established?—I suppose about a year and a half.

Six months before the election?—More than that.

It is called the Union Club?—The Union Club.

Did you go as a deputation to Lord Hill from that club?—I did.

Who accompanied you?—Mr. James Lisle.

And Lord Hill agreed to come and stand for the place?—He did.

Did you represent that you came from this club?—The representation that was made was, that we came from a large body of respectable individuals at Newry.

Are a large body of the respectable individuals at Newry members of that club?—Yes.

Where is the club generally held?—At a tavern kept by a Mr. Black.

In what street?—In Hill-street.

Does that tavern adjoin the market-place?—No.

Is Captain Seymour a member of the club?—Yes.

Was he a member of it at the time of the election?—Yes, and before.

Was a merchant of the name of Henry Thompson a member of that club?—No, I believe he is not.

Is James Thompson?—James Thompson is.

Where does James Thompson live in Newry?—In Lower North-street.

Is John Ritchie a member of the club?—He is.

Is he a merchant too?—He is.

Where does he live?—At Sugar Island.

Do you know a gentleman of the name of Armour Boyd?—I do.

Is he a member of the club?—Yes.

Is Mr. James Lisle a member of the club, the gentleman who went with you to solicit Lord Hill to come?—Yes.

Where does Mr. James Lisle live?—In Downshire-road, rather out of the town, leading to Belfast from Newry.

What is Mr. Lisle?—A merchant.

Has that been always his employment?—No, at one time he was a pawnbroker.

But that he has quitted, and he is now a merchant?—Yes.

Do you know Mr. Richard Blackham, of Bolt-street?—I do, he is a bookbinder.

Is he a member of the club?—I believe not.

Robert Hancock, of Hill-street, a saddler, is he a member of the club?—I believe not.

Is Hill Urvine, of Hill-street?—He is.

Is John Barr, of High-street?—No.

Is William Ruttle, a painter?—He is not.

Is John Marshall?—No.

Do you know Thomas Lang, of the Market-place, a pawnbroker?—I do.

Is he a member of the club?—He is.

Did you attend yourself at the committee, did you take a very active part in the election?—I did.

Did you attend the committee?—I am not aware that there was any committee.

Did a party of Lord Hill's friends attend at the tavern kept by Black?—The club met nightly.

Did not a certain number of the members of the club also meet daily there during the election?—I am not aware that they did.

Were you in the habit of attending the tally-rooms?—I was.

The tally-rooms were the places where the lists of voters were made up to send up to the poll?—It was.

Where was the tally-room?—Close by the booths.

Did the tally-rooms communicate with the market-house?—They went down by stairs, and communicated with the market-house.

They are under the same roof, are they?—They are.

Is there a public-house close by the tally-room, at the back of the tally-room?—Yes.

Who is that kept by?—I believe a person of the name of Marren.

Can you come through that public-house to the tally-room?—Yes, from the booths.

And in passing from the booth you go through that public-house?—Yes.

And it also communicates under the same roof with the market-house?—Yes.

There was part of the market-house used as a tally-place?—Yes, the lower part of the market-place was where the booths were held, and we had a room over.

Then there was no other place where the business of the election was carried on but at the tally-room?—There were several places.

Was any part of the business of the election done at the tavern kept by Black?—Yes, in different rooms of his tavern.

If the gentlemen who were taking care of the tally-room wanted to consult those conducting the election, what was to be done; did they go to any gentlemen that happened to be assembled at Black's tavern?—It was merely at night that we met at Black's tavern.

In the day-time were any gentlemen at Black's tavern, with a view to give directions?—No.

Then all the business of the election, as far as they were concerned, was conducted at the tally-room and the room adjoining the tavern?—Yes.

And the members of the Union met every night during the election?—Every night during the election.

Do they always meet every night, or did they only meet every night during the election?—No, they have monthly meetings at other times.

But during the election they met every night?—And during the registry also.

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Did they begin to meet there every night some days before the election?—They did for a week or fortnight before.

Was that meeting for the purpose of discussing what ought to be done to carry Lord Hill's election?—No, long before we knew anything of Lord Hill.

How long did Lord Hill arrive before the election began?—I think it was either two or three days; he came on a Sunday morning, I believe, and the election commenced on the following Thursday.

Had you been before Lord Hill came making preparations for the election, for the purpose of getting a candidate?—We had.

How long had you been meeting in that way every night, previous to your obtaining Lord Hill's consent to come and stand?—I should think three weeks or a month.

Had you applied to any other candidate before Lord Hill?—We had.

And you did not meet with success till you found Lord Hill?—No.

Did Mr. James Thompson take an active part there?—He did.

Was he there almost every night?—He was there often.

Was not he there every night?—No, I do not think he was.

Will you venture to say that during the election he was any one night absent?—I would say positively that he was absent more than one night.

From the time that Lord Hill came, was he after that, till the end of the election, absent any one night?—I was absent myself, so I cannot answer that, but I have not it in my recollection that he was there every night.

You say that he was frequently at the tally-room?—He was.

Did not Mr. Thompson take an active part in the tally-room, in selecting and sorting and carrying up the voters?—Yes.

Do you know Mr. George Scott?—Yes.

Is he the secretary of the club?—Yes.

Did he take an active part at the tally-room?—I cannot say at the tally-room.

Probably he was more active at Black's tavern?—He was there every evening.

Do you know also John Ellis of High-street?—Yes.

Is he a member of the club?—Yes.

Did he also attend at the tally-room and take an active part?—He did.

Did Captain Seymour attend at the tally-room and take an active part?—He did.

Did Mr. Henry Thompson attend at the tally-room also?—I am not aware that he did, except to come and give his own vote.

Was John Ritchie constantly at the tally-room?—No, he was not, but he was occasionally there.

Did he take an active part in the election?—I think he did.

And he was constant at the evening meetings at Black's tavern?—Yes.

Mr. Armour Boyd, did he attend at the tally-room and at the tavern?—He did.

Mr. Henry Wallis, did he also attend at the tally-room and at the tavern?—I do not think he attended at the tally-room.

Robert Hancock, did he attend at the tavern?—I do not remember that he did.

John Barr?—I did not recollect that he did.

William Ruttle?—I do not remember seeing him.

James Hamilton?—James Hamilton I did see at the tally-room, not at the club.

Mr. John Marshall?—I never saw him at one place or the other.

Did Lord Hill come to Black's tavern?—He did.

Did he attend every evening?—For a very short time he did generally.

At what time used you to meet in the afternoon?—Sometimes seven and sometimes eight o'clock.

I suppose you had some supper?—Sometimes.

And anything that anybody chose to take?—Yes, whatever you chose to take and pay for.

Did he very often sit the night through with you, or only stop a little time to know what was going on, and go away?—I very seldom sat the night myself; I went home early, and his Lordship went home early.

But I understood you that he generally came to the tavern every afternoon?—Generally.

How many did you meet?—Sometimes there were 30 or 40, or 50.

Did Lord Hill go occasionally to the tally-room?—Yes.

Was he not generally in the tally-room, or in some room immediately about it, or in the market-place?—Mostly in the booth.

You say there was an upstairs-room in the place where you held your tallies in the market-house; was that the place where you sorted your tallies, or where four

or

or five gentlemen sat who were giving directions about the election?—We had two rooms.

One room where you sorted your tallies, and a room above stairs where any gentleman sat?—They were chiefly law agents.

And the gentleman I have alluded to, Mr. James Lisle, and so on?—I am not aware that he was consulted anything about it.

Then he only acted in the tally-room?—I cannot say what they particularly did.

Then am I to understand that you did not take such an active part yourself as to attend to those details?—I was busy myself arranging the tallies.

Was Adam Black also taking an active part in it?—No.

Did not he take an active part in his own public-house?—Not that I am aware of, excepting perhaps attending us, and providing.

George Scott, you stated, is the secretary of the club; am I to understand that he attended only at the afternoon meetings at the tavern, and not in the tally-room?—I do not recollect meeting him in the tally-room; but he might have been there.

I believe you seconded the nomination of Lord Hill?—I did.

Who proposed him?—General Curry.

And you voted for Lord Hill of course?—And voted for Lord Hill.

Had you any discussion with Lord Hill about the expenses of the election?—I had.

Any bargain about what it was to cost, or anything of that sort?—We could not tell; but we made this arrangement with him, that he was to bear his own expenses.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

You bargained with him that your club would not pay for it?—We did.

Do you happen to know Mr. John Craig, clerk of the peace for the county of Down?—I do.

How far does he reside from Newry?—Twenty-four miles.

Did you see him at or before the election at Newry?—Both.

When you say 24 miles, do you mean Irish miles?—Yes, Irish miles.

Then what may be the distance in English miles?—Twenty-two is equal to about 28.

A very inconvenient distance for men of the lower orders to travel to get their certificates for Newry?—Very.

Do you not know that in order to avoid giving them that trouble, he sent all the certificates to Newry to be given to them?—He did.

So that in order to prevent the necessity of their travelling to his residence he sent the certificates to the spot, that they might all of them have them in due time?—The certificates were sent.

Before the election?—Yes.

When did you and Mr. Lisle go to invite Lord Marcus Hill to come to be a candidate?—I cannot tell you the day of the month, I know it was on a Friday; it was the Friday before the election.

Then it was about two or three days before he arrived in Newry?—He arrived in Newry on the Sunday morning at two o'clock.

And you were with him on the Friday?—I was with him on the Saturday. I left Newry the Friday, and reached where he was, at the Marquis of Londonderry's, on Saturday.

How far was that from Newry?—I suppose it was upwards of 40 miles.

Down to the time on Saturday when you arrived at Lord Londonderry's to ask him to be a candidate, can you state whether he knew anything about the election, or had taken any step respecting it?—I can only say from hearsay, that I understood that an individual in Newry had spoken to him upon that subject.

Had he taken any active step respecting the election at Newry?—None in the world.

Down to that time had not you been in negotiation with another party quite in another family?—We had.

Then the first time that Lord Marcus presented himself at Newry was on the Sunday morning?—It was.

You say that this Union Club has been established about a year and a half?—It has; it was immediately after the election before.

And you say, that when you and Mr. Lisle went, you told Lord Marcus that you came from a large body of respectable individuals?—

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Mr. Harrison.]—Who canvassed with Lord Hill, did you canvass with him?—I did.

And Mr. James Lisle?—I am almost sure he did; I cannot say that I ever saw him, but I have no doubt he did.

And Mr. James Thompson?—I question about James Thompson.

Had he a numerous party canvassing with him?—Occasionally he had.

And Captain Seymour, of course, canvassed with him?—Yes.

And Mr. George Scott?—I am sure he did.

And introduced him to the voters?—Yes.

Did Mr. Ritchie canvass with him too?—I cannot say positively, but I would suppose he did.

And Ellis?—Ellis, certainly.

And Lang?—Yes, I believe he did.

Mr. Pollock.]—I was asking you about your club; usually, I think you say, they met monthly, and knowing that the election was coming on, you began to meet nightly?—Yes.

Do those that attend pay their own expenses?—Yes, they do.

In the usual way?—In the usual way.

Are there any members of the Union Club who are not voters for Newry?—Yes.

Are they mostly voters for Newry?—They are.

What is the general number of the meeting; you have said 30, or 40 or 50; did they meet in that number during the election and before the election?—I think there was a fuller attendance during the election.

And, therefore, if Lord Marcus came in the evening and spent his sixpence for a tumbler of whiskey and water, he was sure to see a great number of the voters of Newry?—Yes.

And to have an opportunity of asking them for their votes?—He might.

And that he did?—He did.

Did not he come in order to canvass them for their votes and to be introduced to them?—I would say that it was a good opportunity for the purpose of meeting them.

Did Mr. Maguire condescend to come to canvass the voters there?—I think not.

Then you think that he did not consult his interest?—Perhaps he might.

You have stated that you are not aware that there was a committee?—I am not aware that there was.

In all the acts of the members of the club as a body, when they met either at Black's or at the tally-rooms, were they acting as a club or as the agents of Lord Hill?—As a club.

Did they communicate to Lord Hill what they were going to do, or what they had done?—I am not aware of it.

Mr. Harrison.]—Might they have done it without your knowledge?—Individuals might have done it as I myself would have done, if anything had occurred to me that I thought would be useful to him.

Mr. Pollock.]—Were the measures taken by them taken as measures of a club, or as the committee of Lord Marcus Hill?—As measures of the club.

Were the meetings held during the election meetings of the club, or of the agents of Lord Marcus Hill?—Meetings of the club.

You have said that when Lord Marcus went about canvassing, he had a numerous party with him?—Occasionally.

How many do you think you have seen in company with him?—Sometimes ten, and twenty, and sometimes only two or three.

And anybody that chose to follow him might do so?—Any friend that chose.

You say you helped to sort the tallies?—I did occasionally.

Will you describe what was the process of sorting the tallies?—There were two booths, and from letter A. to letter M. went to one booth, and from that downwards went to another; and sometimes when letter A. to M. was running short, it was necessary to go and seek for persons of those names, and to bring them to the law agent.

Were those tally-rooms the tally-rooms of the club?—No, the tally-rooms of the members.

And you assisted as one of the club in filling up the tallies?—I assisted as a friend of Lord Marcus Hill.

Did

Did he employ you to do it, or did you do it voluntarily?—I did it voluntarily. *Committee.*]—During the election, was any elector, to your knowledge, prevented voting by the want of his certificate?—Certainly I should say not.

Was any one delayed voting by want of his certificate, to your knowledge?—Not to my knowledge.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Mr. George Scott was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

YOU are a grocer in Market-street, at Newry?—Yes.

Do you know of the existence of a club at Newry?—I do.

What is the name of it?—The Union Club.

Do you fill any office in the club?—I am the secretary.

Do you recollect any discussion in the club with reference to the late election?—We had several discussions; we discussed the question of having Colonel Egan.

Did Lord Marcus Hill, upon any occasion, attend the meetings of the club?—He came as a visitor. It is one of the rules of the club that each member should have the privilege of introducing a friend as a visitor.

Had you the honour of introducing Lord Marcus?—I had not.

Did any conversation take place in Lord Marcus's presence with respect to the business of the election?—Common business of the election, such as the state of the poll, and so on, might have been mentioned at the close of the poll each day.

Under the head of the common business of the election, was nothing but the state of the poll mentioned?—I am sure there was no special business mentioned in the club.

What do you mean by special business?—I do not know exactly, but as to the particular course the club might take as to the course of the election, nothing of that sort was mentioned in Lord Marcus's presence.

Will you explain the difference between special business and general business?—If we should, as the Union Club, try to obtain friends, I should consider that special business.

What do you mean by friends?—Electors, supporters.

Will you say that nothing took place with respect to procuring electors at the club in the presence of Lord Marcus Hill?—I did not hear anything of it.

You will swear that you did not hear any discussion in Lord Marcus Hill's presence with respect to procuring voters at the election?—I will swear it.

Do you know Mr. James Lisle?—I do.

Did you happen to see him in the club upon any of those occasions?—He was a member, and of course I must have seen him.

He was there when Lord Marcus Hill was there?—Yes.

Captain Seymour?—Yes.

Mr. James Thompson of North-street?—I imagine he was.

Mr. Charles Lang?—No, I never saw Charles Lang.

James Lang?—No.

Armour Boyd?—Yes.

John Ellis?—Yes.

John Ritchie?—Yes.

Mr. Hill Irwin?—Yes.

Were you not in the habit of reporting to each other the progress you made in procuring friends?—We canvassed the town: the books show that we had resorted to the usual means of obtaining friends.

Did you canvass with Lord Hill?—I did.

Did Captain Seymour?—I am not certain, but I believe he did.

Did Mr. John Ritchie?—I think he did.

Mr. John Ellis?—Yes.

When you attended Lord Marcus upon this canvass, were you the only person that went about with him?—No; those gentlemen I have mentioned all accompanied me, and I accompanied Lord Marcus.

Will you tell me the names of the persons that accompanied you and his lordship upon that canvass?—Mr. John Ritchie, Mr. John Ellis.

Any others?—Yes, Armour Boyd and Captain Twig.

Any other person?—There were a great number.

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A man of the name of Henry M'Gill?—It is possible he might be there, but I do not know that.

A man living in Margaret-street?—It is possible.

When you met in the club did you report to each other the progress you made in the canvass?—Not further than the books show. Every gentleman had a book in his hand, and he took a note of the names, and we added up the names at night, and found who had promised and who had not.

Did any conversation take place with respect to the names in those books?—No. Of course we felt an obligation to those that promised us; perhaps we might express an encomium upon them for having done so.

How was this book formed; did you put the name of every person that was canvassed?—Yes.

And his yea or his nay?—Yes; and if they were not in the house, we put absent.

Had you any conversation as to the means of inducing those voters to vote for you?

Mr. Pollock.]—When?

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Were those books ever produced in Lord Marcus's presence?—They were private books belonging to the individuals.

But I suppose you were upon confidential terms with Lord Marcus?—Yes, perfectly so; but there were no general books that I had access to.

There could be no desire to keep him from seeing those private books?—No.

Were those books produced in his presence?—I do not believe they were.

Will you swear that they were not?—I do not believe that they were. It was not a matter business to produce them to him.

Were they produced when he was in the room?—I am not aware that they were; it is possible that it might be so, but I am sure it was not matter of necessity that it should be so.

I ask whether, upon any occasion, in the presence of Lord Marcus Hill, any of those private books were produced?—It is possible that they might; they were not matter of business.

Were not they connected with the business of the election?—Yes, they were.

Then when Lord Marcus Hill was present, the business of the election was not the topic of conversation?—His lordship usually came to take some refreshment in the evening. We were all clubbed together, and his lordship came as a friend, and he paid his charge just like the rest.

And Lord Marcus Hill went to Newry, no doubt for the sake of the society of the club?—He was solicited to come to Newry by the club.

Did he express at any time his thankfulness to the club?—He expressed his thankfulness to his friends, who invited him to a dinner, and his Lordship expressed his thanks then.

When?—After the election.

Did you hear him express his thankfulness to any individual; to yourself, for instance?—He did express his thanks to me.

Did you hear him express his thankfulness to any other gentleman than yourself?—I am not aware that he did; he drank to us all for our services during the election at that dinner.

Did you see Lord Marcus Hill in the tally-rooms occasionally?—Sometimes I did.

Who were the persons most active in forming the tallies; was that your department?—No.

What was your department; you made a speech, did not you?—I could not be expected to make so handsome a speech as Mr. O'Hanlon.

Did you see any persons engaged in forming the tallies?—Yes, I saw Mr. Samuel Read.

Was Mr. Lisle employed in forming tallies?—No, I think not.

Was Captain Seymour?—I think not.

Was Mr. James Thompson?—I think not, if you mean to say by forming tallies gentlemen that sit at the table and write names down.

Who did that part of the business?—I think Mr. Samuel Read was the most active person.

You polled by the letters of the alphabet?—Yes.

When you wanted people to make up a tally, who was employed to bring the voters in?—A number of persons.

Was

Was not Mr. Lisle so employed?—I saw him in the room occasionally; if he found a person that was wanted to fill up a place, I am sure he would bring him in.

Were you upon any occasion present at any conversation between Mr. Lisle and Lord Marcus Hill?—At the club I was present when there was common conversation.

What was the subject of the conversation?—Common conversation of a pleasurable meeting of friends.

It was a mere pleasurable meeting?—Nothing else.

That was the meeting in the evening?—Yes.

And in the morning?—I do not recollect Lord Marcus Hill having any particular business in the morning, except to go out on the canvass; we then met him.

Where?—At Black's.

Was there any private room close to your tally-rooms?—Yes, two or three.

Into which you did not admit the voters generally?—Yes.

But the gentlemen that managed the election were there?—The persons that conducted the election had access to them.

Who were those persons?—The club generally.

Did you see Lord Marcus Hill at any of those rooms upon any of those occasions?—I saw him in the tally-room.

I ask you, in the private rooms?—Yes, I think I have seen Lord Marcus Hill there; yes, I saw him when there was a very great crowd at the time; there was an immense mob assembled; I know we had a view from one of those rooms of that mob; it was a most fearful mob.

Where were you?—In same room.

Was that the only occasion when you saw him there?—I think that was one occasion.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

You are the secretary of the club?—I am.

Then I take for granted it is your duty to attend all the meetings of the club?—It is.

Whoever is there, one would expect to find the secretary, and you are therefore very punctual in your attendance?—I am.

You have been asked about canvassing the town; did you canvass the town previously for another gentleman?—I did; for Colonel Needham.

How long before anybody went to invite Lord Marcus had you been canvassing for Mr. Needham?—I should think that we had been canvassing the town for 10 days before Lord Marcus came to Newry.

Do you know whether Lord Marcus is a stranger in Newry?—He was, before the last election, a total stranger. The first time I saw him was on Sunday; his family are not strangers; but he himself is.

Was it then necessary to introduce him to the electors as a stranger?—As a candidate; it is usual for a candidate to call upon the electors upon all occasions; and his friends generally accompany him.

You say that he came as a visitor to the club, we understood that a great number of the club met every night just before the election?—They did.

Therefore it was a convenient mode of becoming acquainted with a great number of the electors at once?—That was the object.

And it was known that they were in his interest?—No one came to the Union Club that was not in the interest of Lord Marcus Hill.

And he had the good manners to thank his friends for the assistance they rendered him?—His Lordship might express his obligation to those friends that did him so high an honour as to send him to Parliament.

You have spoken of a private room at Black's tavern; was not that room occupied by the magistrates for the purpose of qualifying the Catholic voters?—I think not.

Do you know where that took place?—No; I understood it was at a house of Mr. James Leewright's.

In all that you did, did you act as member of the club or not?—I acted as a member of the club.

And an elector of Newry?—Yes.

Did Lord Marcus directly or indirectly employ you to do anything you did?—No.

Was all you did voluntary?—Entirely.

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Committee.—To your knowledge was any elector prevented voting during the election for the want of his certificate?—Not to my knowledge.

Was there any one delayed in so doing from that cause?—I had no knowledge of such a circumstance.

You said that when Lord Marcus Hill joined your club in the evening, he paid his own share of whatever he had?—He did.

But he did not pay the share of any other person?—No, we are a club perfectly independent of his Lordship.

Mr. Harrison.]—Do you know a man of the name of Irvine?—I do.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Catherine Havern, was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. Harrison, as follows :

Catherine Havern.

ARE you a married woman?—Yes

And you live at Newry?—Yes.

What is your husband?—He is a labourer.

Is your husband a voter at Newry?—Yes, he is.

Were you and he at Newry at the last election?—We were.

Do you know where the tally-room is; were you at the tally-room during the election?—Yes.

When did you go to the tally-room?—It was on Monday I went.

Was that the Monday before the election?—It was Monday before Christmas-day.

That was while the election was going on?—Yes.

Did you see Mr. Thompson there?—I did.

James Thompson?—Yes.

Did you see Mr. James Lisle there?—I did.

Do you know them both?—I do.

Had you any conversation with James Thompson?—Yes, I had.

Did you see Lord Hill there?—Yes.

Had you been talking to James Thompson in the room?—He was on the lobby of the stairs; Mr. Thompson and I both, and Lord Hill; he met us on the stairs coming out of the tally-room.

What did Lord Hill say to you?—He asked Mr. Thompson who I was, and Mr. Thompson said I was a friend of his; and Lord Hill asked what was the reason he and I could not agree; and Mr. Thompson made answer and said he could not. And he asked what was the reason, and I said I would not be satisfied because I knew there was more money going than what I had got; and his Lordship told me to make no agreement with any person whatever, and to come to him, and he would satisfy me in money.

Do you mean that Lord Hill said that to you?—Yes.

Mr. Thompson and you came out of the room together?—Yes. Mr. Lisle told one of the gentlemen to treat me; he told Mr. Thompson to allow the woman to come in, and give her some drink.

Then do I understand that Mr. Lisle told Mr. Thompson to take you into the room, to give you some drink?—Yes.

You went into the tally-room, and there you had some conversation with Mr. Thompson?—Yes, in the adjoining room.

And after having had some conversation with Mr. Thompson, you came out of the room upon the stairs, and then you met Lord Hill?—Yes.

I understood you to say that Lord Hill asked Mr. Thompson who you were, and he said you were a friend of his?—Yes.

And then he asked Mr. Thompson why he could not agree with you?—Yes.

And he said he could not, and then you said why he could not?—I said there was more money going.

What did you mean by more money going?—I got but 10*l.* and I could get 25*l.* in the tally-room.

What did Lord Hill say to you?—He told me to make no agreement with any person whatever, but on Wednesday morning to come to him, and he would satisfy me in money.

What were you agreeing about with Mr. Thompson?—He was to give me 25 sovereigns, if my husband would have voted for Lord Marcus Hill.

Was that what you were talking about in the room out of which you came when you met Lord Hill?—It was.

Was

Was his Lordship in the room at the same time?—He was in the tally-room, *Catherine Havern.*
but not in the little room where the drink was.

They offered you something to drink?—They did, but I did not take any.

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Was your husband by?—He was.

Did he carry on the negotiation?—My husband was with me; I was afraid they would have given him drink, and then he would have gone and polled.

Was he a little in drink?—He was, but not much.

There was some liquor in the room?—Yes, he took a pint of ale, and then they wanted to give me a johnny of rum, and I would not take it.

A johnny of rum, is that a glass?—No, half a glass.

You say you were afraid that if your husband had drunk he would go and poll; why were you afraid he would go and poll?—Because it was not with my wishes.

This money was offered you by Mr. Thompson, and you said you would not take it, and then Lord Hill told you not to make any engagement with anybody till Wednesday, and then to come to him and he would satisfy you in money?—Yes.

What was the sum that was offered?—Twenty-five sovereigns, in the tally-room.

What do you mean by the tally-room, the room where you and Thompson had been talking?—Yes, a room off it; it was not the room that the drink was in.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

How did your husband vote?—He voted for Mr. Maguire.

On what day of the election did he vote for Mr. Maguire?—On Thursday.

The first day of the election?—No.

When then?—On Thursday; I think it was on Thursday, I am not sure.

Which day of the election was it?—I cannot tell which of the days; but I think it was on Thursday he voted.

Why do you think it was on Thursday that he voted?—On account of its being market-day.

How long was it after this meeting with Lord Marcus Hill?—It was the next day.

And that you said was on Wednesday?—Yes.

When had your husband promised to vote for Mr. Maguire?—I cannot tell what day.

Did not he tell you when Mr. Maguire had been with him?—He did not.

When did you know that he intended to vote for Mr. Maguire?—I always knew he intended to vote.

Is he a Catholic?—Yes.

And you too?—Yes.

How came you at this tally-room, if you knew your husband always intended to vote for Mr. Maguire; why did you and he go to the tally-room?—I was sent for.

Who brought you?—Mr. Thompson.

Were you at the tally-room more than once?—I was not.

Who took you there that day?—Mr. Thompson.

Did he come to your house?—He did not; but he sent for me to his own house, and he brought me there.

Mr. Pollock requested, that as it appeared that the witness was a Roman Catholic, she might be sworn again with a Testament marked with a cross.

Committee.]—Do you consider yourself as strictly bound by the oath you have taken, as you could be if you took it again with a cross upon the book?—Yes, I do.

[The witness was sworn again with a cross marked upon the Testament.]

Mr. Pollock.]—Did you know before the election began, that your husband meant to vote for Mr. Maguire?—I did.

How long before the election?—A good time.

Who came with any message to you to go to the tally-room?—It was our landlord.

Who is he?—Mr. Ruddle.

Is he a voter?—He is.

Who did he vote for?—For Lord Marcus Hill.

What time was it that he came to you?—He came to me at different times.

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But when you went to the tally-room?—I cannot tell what time of the day it was; it was in the afternoon.

Had you ever seen Lord Marcus Hill before?—I saw him once.

When you came out of the tally-room, you say that Mr. James Thompson was with you?—He was.

Were you having any words with him at the time?—No cross words.

Lord Marcus Hill, you say, asked who you were?—He did.

And Mr. James Thompson said, a friend of his?—He did.

What passed next?—Mr. Hill came and said, "Why cannot you agree with this female?"

Was anything said about agreeing, before Lord Marcus said that?—There was.

What was said?—He was wanting me to take the money.

What was said upon the stairs?—There was not anything said on the stairs; when I met Lord Hill he said that—

Were you talking to Mr. Thompson as you were coming down stairs?—We were coming out of the little room, after taking some drink.

Were you talking to him upon the stairs?—No.

Not a word?—No.

And all that passed before Lord Marcus Hill said, cannot you agree with her, was, who is this; and he said, a friend of his?—Yes, and I asked could he make no agreement with me.

What passed next?—Then he turned round and clapped me on the shoulder three or four times, and told me to make no engagement with any person whatever.

That was the next thing that passed?—Yes, and to come to him and he would satisfy me with money.

That was the next thing that passed, was it?—Yes.

What day was this?—This was on Monday evening, when the candles were lighted.

What time in the evening was it?—I cannot just tell; I suppose it was about four o'clock.

Do you mean, upon your oath, to say that Lord Marcus Hill ever said the word money?—He did.

That you will swear?—Yes, I will.

Was anybody else upon the stairs at the time?—My own husband and Mr. Thompson.

Anybody else?—Not anybody that I know of; Mr. Hill and myself, and Mr. Thompson and my husband.

How high are those stairs?—I suppose they are a couple of stories.

And you mean to swear, that at four o'clock on one of the days of the election, there was no one on the stairs but you four?—I never looked, but I was just coming down stairs, but I did not see any person.

Did you go on Wednesday morning?—I did not.

Then you never did anything upon this afterwards?—No.

But on the Thursday, on market-day, your husband voted for Mr. Maguire?—He did, after getting 10*l.* before, and a clear receipt for 3*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

Do you know Lord Marcus Hill at all?—I think I do.

Was there a candle on the stairs at this time?—No, there was not.

Was there any other light upon the stairs?—There was a little daylight.

I thought you said candles were lighted?—Candles were lighted in the tally-room.

Could they see to write without them?—They could not.

And yet you swear that upon this staircase Lord Marcus Hill was the person you met?—He was.

You think you would know him again?—I think I would.

Now try if you can find out which is Lord Marcus Hill?—It is that gentleman [*pointing to one of the Members of the Committee*]. I think it is that gentleman with his hat on his head.

[*The Witness pointed to Lord Viscount Molyneux.*]

Re-examined by Mr. Harrison.

What is your landlord; is he a painter?—Yes, he is.

Where does he live?—In Monaghan road.

You said your husband had 10*l.*; who paid the 10*l.*?—James Thompson's wife.
Were

Were you with your husband when that was given?—No, but my husband was standing upon the lobby of the stairs, and the door half open. *Catherine Havern.*

And you got a receipt for 3*l.* 10*s.*; who was that from?—I have it here.

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[*The Witness produced the same.*]

Who is Jane Ruddle?—Mr. Ruddle's daughter.

What time was the rent cleared up to?—It was cleared up to May.

Then those two receipts were given?—No, the two receipts were not given, only one.

Your rent was to be cleared up to May?—Yes.

And these papers are signed by the daughter of Ruddle, your landlord?—Yes.

Were you at Newry the whole time of the election?—I was.

Was Lord Hill walking about during the time of the election?—Yes, he was.

Did you see him frequently walking about?—I did; I saw him once or twice; I cannot say that I saw him more than once or twice.

And I understand you to say that you think this was about four o'clock when you saw him upon the stairs?—I think it was about that.

Then it was light enough to see people to know them, but not light enough to see to write?—Yes, they had no candle where they were sitting to drink.

You had been talking with Mr. James Thompson in this room, and when you came out you met Lord Hill upon the staircase?—Yes.

Then he asked who you was, and he was told you was a friend; and then he asked Mr. Thompson whether he had agreed with you?—Yes.

Did you say anything to that?—No; I did not say anything.

Did Mr. Thompson say that he could not agree with you?—He did.

Did you give any reason why you did not agree?—No, I did not.

But Mr. Thompson told Lord Hill you could not agree?—Yes; he said he should not please me in giving me enough. "I cannot satisfy her," he said, "in what she is getting."

And then Lord Hill clapped you upon the shoulder, and said, "Do not agree with anybody else but come to me on Wednesday?"—He did.

Committee.—Did Lord Hill tell you where you were to come to on Wednesday morning?—No, he did not.

Did you go to him on the Wednesday morning?—No, I did not.

Why did you not go to him on the Wednesday morning?—It was not my wish.

On what account was it not your wish?—The reason was, that I wanted to do what was for the good of my country and my children after me, I wished to poll for the man who was for the good of my country.

Did you not go to the tally-room, being willing that, if they made an arrangement that was agreeable to you, if they gave you enough, your husband should vote for Lord Hill?—No, I would not; but if the money was going I thought I might have it as well as any other person.

Whether your husband voted for his Lordship or not?—Yes.

And still vote for Mr. Maguire?—Yes, and still vote for Mr. Maguire.

Then your object was to get the money and then to vote for Mr. Maguire?—Yes.

If you received the money, did you not imagine that when you received the money you would promise that your husband should vote for Lord Hill?—No, I made no promise.

Did you think you should get the money without that promise?—Yes; different people had it.

When the money was offered to you, was it not on condition of voting for Lord Hill?—No.

Was nothing said about voting for Lord Hill when it was offered to you?—Yes, there was a condition to vote for Lord Hill when it was given.

You stated that your objection was that they did not give you enough, was that your only objection?—No, it was not.

Then the Committee are to understand that you meant to get as much money as you could without the least intention of voting for Lord Hill?—Yes.

And that you considered was for the good of your country?—Yes.

Did others, to your knowledge, get money from Lord Hill, and vote for Mr. Maguire afterwards?—Different people did it.

Did you see them receive it?—No, I did not; but I heard them speak of it.

Then you do not know it yourself?—No, I do not.

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Did you see any money paid to anybody?—Only what I got myself.

You received 10*l.*?—I did, from Thompson's wife.

Was it in sovereigns, or in notes?—I got three pound-notes of the Bank of Ireland, and a 35*s.* note and a 30*s.* note, and 1*l.* in silver.

What did you receive that money for?—To vote for Mr. Hill.

And at the time you received that money, you determined that your husband should not vote for Lord Hill?—Yes.

Did you say that to Mrs. Thompson at the time?—No, I did not; but my husband did.

Was any person present in the room when you received this money?—No person but her and I.

On what day was it on which she gave it you?—It was on Friday evening.

Was that before you saw Lord Hill?—It was.

Your husband voted on the Thursday, did not he?—He did.

On the market-day?—Yes.

Was this on the Friday after he voted?—No, it was a week before, on the very first day.

[The receipts produced by the Witness were delivered in and read, as follows:]

"Received of John Havern, the sum of One pound Two shillings and Sixpence, being one quarter's rent due my father, William Ruddle, out of his holding in Monoughan-street, Newry, ending the 1st day of August 1832.

"Dated this 14th day of November, 1832."

"Jane Ruddle."

"Received of John Havern, the sum of One pound Two shillings and Sixpence, being one quarter's rent due my father, W. Ruddle, out of his holding in Monoughan-street, Newry, ending the 1st day of May, 1833.

"Dated this 20th day of May, 1833."

"Jane Ruddle."

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Thomas M'Parland was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

Thomas M'Parland.

WHERE do you live?—At Newry, in Market-square.

You voted at the last election?—Yes.

For whom?—Lord Marcus Hill.

Do you recollect, during the course of the election, receiving a visit from Mr. James Lisle?—Yes, very well.

Where?—At my house.

Let us know what passed upon that occasion?—

Mr. Pollock objected to any evidence of anything which had been done or said by Mr. James Lisle, unless it was proved that he was the agent of the Sitting Member.

Mr. Harrison was heard against the objection.

Mr Pollock was heard in reply.

The Committee room was cleared.

After some time the Counsel and Parties were again called in.

Mr. John Boyd was again called in; and further Examined by the Committee as follows:

Mr. John Boyd.

THE Committee wish to know from you whether, within your knowledge, Mr. Lisle ever canvassed or not; what was your answer upon that subject?—My answer was, that I had no recollection of seeing him canvassing with Lord Marcus Hill, but that I thought he might have canvassed with him.

How many members are there in the Union Club?—I should think 70 or 80.

Did they all take an active part in canvassing?—It depended upon circumstances; if they were disengaged I suppose they would do so.

Was there any other committee besides the club?—There were some particular friends of Lord Marcus Hill's.

The Committee room was cleared.

After some time the Counsel and parties were again called in, and informed that the Committee were of opinion that the question objected to cannot at present be put.

Edward Cardiff was called in ; and having been sworn, was Examined by
Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows :

YOU live at Newry?—Yes.

Do you recollect, in the course of the last election, seeing Lord Marcus Hill in company with Mr. James Lisle?—Yes.

Upon what occasion?—Canvassing for votes.

What other person did you see in Lord Marcus's company upon the same occasion?—Mr. Boyd and Mr. Hill, and Mr. George Frazer.

Do you recollect any other?—I cannot recollect any other.

What employment are you in at Newry?—Soap-boiler and chandler.

Who do you work for?—Mr. John Ritchie.

Did you see him there with Lord Hill?—Not at that time. Lord Hill said, as Mr. Ritchie was not in the house it was all right; that Mr. Ritchie was one of themselves.

Where did he say that?—In Mr. Ritchie's own shop.

Tell me all that happened upon that occasion?—Nothing more than that happened at that time.

Were you working for Mr. Ritchie?—Yes.

Tell me what happened?—Mr. Ritchie asked me whether I was engaged by Mr. Maguire, had I promised him my vote, and I told him I had not.

Tell me what passed when Lord Marcus came to Mr. Ritchie's?—Lord Marcus asked, was this where Mr. Ritchie lived, and the young man behind the counter said it was, and he asked whether he was at home, and the young man said he was not; and then Lord Marcus, turning round said, "It is all right, he is one of ourselves."

Was Mr. Lisle there upon that occasion?—He was at the door.

And the other persons you have named?—Yes.

Was there any conversation with you there?—Not a word.

Was any application made to you for your vote at the last election by Mr. Ritchie?—Yes.

Mr. *Pollock* objected to the question.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Jane Cardiff was called in ; and having been sworn, was Examined by
Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows :

ARE you the wife of Edward Cardiff?—Yes.

Where do you live?—In Canal-street, in Newry.

Your husband was a voter at the last election?—Yes.

Do you recollect receiving a visit from Lord Marcus Hill?—I do.

By whom was he accompanied?—By Mr. Ritchie.

What Mr. Ritchie?—In Sugar-lane, my husband's employer.

What is his Christian name?—John.

What passed upon that occasion?—He gave me a card, and desired me to give it to my husband when he came in.

Did Mr. Ritchie speak to you?—He did twice; he told me to do all I could to intercede with my husband to give his vote for Lord Marcus Hill.

Had you known Lord Marcus Hill previously?—No, I had never seen him before, only the day when he came in with the card.

How did you know it was he?—He gave me the card and his name together.

Did Mr. Ritchie mention his name to you?—He did.

Were there any other persons with him?—No, none but them two selves; the rest were at the door outside.

Who was standing at the door?—I could not tell; there was a great number of gentlemen.

Do you remember any of them?—Mr. John Boyd was there for one, and Mr. Dalzel, of Sugar Island.

Did you see Mr. Lisle there?—No.

Did you see Mr. Lang there?—No, not to my knowledge.

When did you see Mr. Ritchie next?—The Thursday following.

Where?—In our own house.

What passed upon that occasion?—

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Mr. *Pollock*.]—Was Lord Marcus Hill there?Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—No, he was not.Mr. *Pollock* objected to the question.Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—Do you recollect going to Mr. Ritchie's and seeing your husband there?—Yes.

What passed upon that occasion?—

Mr. *Pollock*.]—Was Lord Marcus Hill there then?—Mr. *Harrison*.]—No.Mr. *Pollock* objected to the question.Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—Did you get any money during the last election?—Mr. *Pollock* objected to the question.[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]Mr. *George Ogle* was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by
Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows:Mr. George Ogle.

I BELIEVE you were the agent for the Petitioner, Mr. Maguire, at the last election?—Yes.

You have had some experience in the conduct of elections in Ireland?—I have.

You have been agent in the counties of Down and Armagh?—Yes.

Do you recollect putting a question to Lord Marcus Hill at the hustings, as to who was his conducting agent at the last election?—I did, in order to make the necessary arrangement at the poll; as we polled in tallies I asked Lord Marcus Hill who his conducting agent was, and Lord Marcus Hill told me that it was Mr. John Craig, the clerk of the peace for the county of Down.

I believe the clerk of the peace for the county of Down is the person who attends the registry?—He is.

He has the custody, I believe, of the affidavits?—He has the custody of the affidavits of registry, and he has also the custody of the certificates that were given by the barrister, under the Reform Act, to the voters that applied for them.

Is it part of the duty of the clerk of the peace to deliver a certificate of having taken the oath of qualification to Roman-catholics?—It is.

When did the registry sessions take place for the borough of Newry?—I think in October.

And the election took place when?—On the 17th of December.

When were the certificates of registry, which the clerk of the peace is bound to deliver, generally delivered by him?—He sent his clerk up the day before the election with them; I think it was the day before.

From your experience in the conduct of elections, do you apprehend that a very considerable advantage is gained by the circumstance of the clerk of the peace being employed as the conducting agent of the candidate, as respects his knowledge of the state of the registry, and the certificates of qualification.

Mr. *Pollock* objected to the question.*Catherine Havern* was again called in; and further Examined by the Committee,
as follows:Catherine Havern.

WHEN you were examined before, you stated that when you had some conversation with Thompson you also saw Lisle?—Yes, I did.

Where was it you saw him?—In the tally-room.

Was there anybody else but him and Thompson?—Yes, there were other gentlemen by.

Had you any conversation with Lisle?—No, I had not; but I heard him tell Mr. Thompson to bring me in and give me some drink; that I was quite sober; and with that Mr. Thompson brought me into the room, and he gave me then a johnny of wine and a johnny of rum.

Did the conversation that you said passed between you and Thompson pass in the presence of Lisle?—It did not.

Where was it you had the conversation with Thompson?—In his own house and in the tally-room.

Was

Was the tally-room where you saw Lisle?—Yes.

Where did the conversation take place relative to the 25 *l.*?—In the tally-room.

Was Lisle there when that conversation took place?—He was not.

When did Lisle come in?—He was in from my coming in till I went out again.

Was he in the room when that conversation between Thompson and you took place?—He was in the tally-room.

Was that the same room where the conversation between you and Thompson took place?—No, it was not.

Were there two tally-rooms?—There is a little room where there were people drinking, where Mr. Lisle was.

Then it was the small room you drank in, and the large room where you had the conversation?—Yes.

And it was in the small room where Lisle was?—Yes.

Who was there besides that you recollect?—I cannot tell, the room was full.

Did he talk about the 25 *l.* before so large a company?—He did, every gentleman that was in the room could hear it.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Adjourned till Monday next at 11 o'Clock.

Luna, 11^o die Martii, 1833.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN BYNG, BART.

IN THE CHAIR.

The Names of the Members were called over; all present.

Mr. *George Ogle*, was again called in; and further Examined by Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows:

WAS any additional trouble thrown upon you in consequence of the voters not being generally provided with their certificates of registry?—I do not think there was any trouble.

I believe that the only evidence of a voter being qualified, is his affidavit?—If he has not a certificate you have a right to refer to his affidavit; if he has a certificate, of course the certificate is taken.

Mr. *Pollock* objected to this line of examination as being irrelevant, unless it was first shown that Mr. *Craig* had been in fault.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* was heard against the objection.

Mr. *Pollock* was heard in reply.

The Committee-room was cleared.

After some time the Counsel and Parties were called in and informed that the Committee were of opinion that the line of examination objected to cannot be pursued; and that if any inconvenience had existed upon the ground which had been suggested, the blame rather rested with the electors themselves than with the clerk of the peace.

Had you any conversation with Lord Marcus Hill as to the part that Mr. James Lisle was taking at the election upon the hustings?—I made a remark to my Lord Marcus Hill, on the last morning of the election; we had a large majority which was reduced the night before; that he had so many active friends for us, meaning by that our side, in particular that Mr. Lisle was a host in himself; and my Lord Hill answered, "yes, indeed, and so very respectable a man."

Cross-examined by Mr. Follett.

Mr. Lisle is a merchant in Newry, is not he?—He is at present; he was a pawnbroker.

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Mr. *George Ogle.*

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Mr. George Ogle.

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Do you live at Newry yourself?—I do occasionally; I am mostly in Dublin.

You were there during the election?—I was.

Were you there after the election?—I think I went to Dublin shortly after the election; I was there for some days after.

Did you see any threatening paper against the Catholics who voted for Lord Marcus Hill?—I did not.

Did you see nothing of the sort distributed or stuck about the walls at Newry?—I did not.

[A Paper was shown to the Witness.]

Just look at that paper, and tell me if you never saw that paper before?—I do not think I ever saw a paper of this kind before.

Do you know those persons; do you know Mr. David Berry, a carpenter?—No.

Look at those names upon that paper, and tell me if you know them?—*[The Witness looked at the Paper]*—I do not know David Berry.

Just run your eye down them, and see if those are Catholic voters of Newry?—I should rather suppose, from the names there, that a great number of them are, but I cannot tell.

Some of them you know personally; I suppose the names last upon the list you know?—I know Mr. John O'Hagan; I believe he is a Roman Catholic.

What is he by profession?—He keeps a linendraper's shop.

One of the respectable inhabitants of the town of Newry?—I believe he is.

He is a Catholic?—He is.

He voted for Lord Marcus Hill, did not he?—He did not vote at all, to my recollection.

Do you know the other names there?—There are many of that description that do not come within my acquaintance at all; but I have done business for Mr. O'Hagan, and therefore I know him.

You say you have not seen those papers; did you hear no discussion about it in the town of Newry, that persons names had been placarded who had voted for Lord Marcus Hill?—No, I did not.

Did not you hear it talked of in Newry?—No.

Nor anywhere else?—Nor anywhere else.

You saw no publication of that kind, pointing out to the people who the enemies of the Catholics were?—I did not; I never saw a paper of that kind till you showed me it.

You are not a subscriber to the expenses of this Petition, I suppose?—Indeed I am not.

Who are your employers?—Mr. Maguire.

Do you know how the money is raised for the Petition?—I do not.

You do not know whether there is any subscription among the Catholics of Newry for the purpose?—I do not.

Patrick Duffy, was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by
Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

Patrick Duffy.

WHERE do you live?—At Ballinacraig.

Is that in what are called the Commons of Newry, behind the borough?—Yes.

You voted at the last election?—I did.

Do you recollect receiving a visit from Lord Marcus Hill in the course of that election?—I do.

Where?—I saw Lord Marcus Hill in the tally-room.

In his own tally-room?—Yes.

Who was there at that time?—Mr. Lisle; and I saw several other gentlemen.

Who brought you to the tally-room?—James Thompson.

Had you seen Lord Marcus Hill upon any previous occasion during the election?—No.

When did the election begin?—On Friday.

What day of the month was that?—It was the 21st.

Do you recollect meeting Lord Marcus Hill upon any day a short time previous to that?—I met him a few days before in Ballinacraig, at John Tranier's door.

Was his Lordship alone?—No, there were several gentlemen with him.

Can you tell me the name of any of those gentlemen?—I cannot remember.

Did any of them speak to you?—No, they did not at that time.

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What do you mean by 'not at that time?'—I was only within a few yards of them; I was not speaking to them at all.

When you were coming into town, did you meet his Lordship anywhere?—I did not.

Did you see him in the course of that time with Mr. Thompson; do you know Mr. James Thompson?—Mr. Needham Thompson I did not.

It was not Mr. Needham Thompson that brought you to the tally-room?—It was not James Thompson.

Where does Mr. James Thompson live?—In the lane.

Did Mr. James Thompson say anything to you upon that occasion?—

Mr. *Pollock*.]—You say that Mr. James Thompson took you to the tally-room?—Yes.

Was Lord Marcus Hill there when you got there?—He was.

Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—Tell us anything that passed there?—I met Lord Marcus Hill, the first gentleman that I met; on the top of the stairs, he coming down and I going up, and I put my hand to my hat, and he did the same to me.

When you went into the room whom did you see?—I saw Mr. James Hill sitting in the tally-room.

Mr. *Pollock* objected to the evidence, until it was proved that Mr. Thompson was the agent of the sitting Member.

Mr. *Harrison* submitted to the Committee that sufficient evidence had already been given to show that Mr. Thompson was the agent of the sitting Member.

Mr. *Pollock* was heard in reply.

The Committee-room was cleared.

After some time the Counsel and Parties were called in, and informed that the Committee were of opinion that the questions objected to cannot be put.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* requested that the Committee would allow the evidence to be received *de bene esse*, subject to its being struck out hereafter, if the Committee should be of opinion that the agency is not made out.

Mr. *Pollock* submitted to the Committee that the course proposed would be unjust, and contrary to the usual practice.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* was heard in reply.

The Counsel were informed that the Committee were of opinion that the course proposed was inadmissible.

Murdoch M'Ateer, was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by

Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows:

WHERE do you live?—At the Upper Commons, in the borough of Newry.

Murdoch M'Ateer.

Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

In whose employment are you?—At that time I had employment of Terence M'Camley.

Do you recollect seeing Lord Marcus Hill there during the late election?—Yes, I do.

With whom was he upon that occasion?—He was canvassing along with Mr. Lisle and young Mr. Gordon, and a few other gentlemen of Newry.

Did Lord Marcus Hill go into M'Camley's house?—He did not; he went into the next door but one.

Did you go in with him?—No, I stood on the outside.

Whose is the next house?—The next door but one, George M'Gowen.

What is he?—A publican.

Was he a voter at the late election?—Yes.

Who went into George M'Gowen's house?—Lord Marcus Hill himself.

Who went in with him?—Four or five went in, but I could not exactly observe who it was.

They came out of the house, did they?—Yes.

What happened then?—They went on again, up the same side of the street, into John Smith's.

Did they come to Mr. M'Camley's first?—No, they went past the door.

Had any conversation taken place at M'Camley's door?—No, none.

And they went up the street?—Yes, on the same side, canvassing.

Did anybody ask Mr. M'Camley for his vote?—Not at that time.

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Did you ever hear Lord Marcus Hill ask Mr. M^r. Camley for his vote?—No, never.

Did you ever hear anybody, in Lord Marcus Hill's presence, ask Mr. M^r. Camley for his vote?—No, never.

Did anybody ask you for your vote during the last election?—Yes.

Who?—Young Mr. Gordon was the first.

Anybody else?—Yes, several others.

Tell me who they were?—George M^r. Gowen asked me whether I would vote for Lord Marcus Hill and Mr. Richard Bloxham.

Did Mr. James Thompson ask you for your vote upon any occasion?—He did not.

Or Mr. Lisle?—No.

Did Mr. Parsons ask you for your vote?—Yes.

Which of them?—The son, William Parsons, I think; he sent for me over to Bloxham's house, and kept me there a good part of the night, on Friday night.

Were you upon any occasion in Lord Hill's tally-room?—I was there on Friday.

Who took you there?—Mr. Bloxham.

And you did not vote?—No.

Did you go there again at anytime?—Yes, I went on Saturday.

Who took you there?—Mr. Bloxham.

Did you see anybody in the tally-room that you knew?—Yes, I did, a good many.

Tell me who they were?—I saw Mr. M^r. Gowen and some other gentleman; a man of the name of John Henry.

Did you see any gentlemen writing there?—No, I did not.

What room were you brought into?—A room off the tally-room.

Were you in the room where the gentlemen were writing?—Yes, I was, a good while.

Who were they?—I do not know; they were strangers all to me.

Did you see Lord Marcus Hill there?—No, he was not there at that time.

Did you see Mr. George Scott there?—Yes, I did.

What was he doing?—He was walking backwards and forwards in the room where the gentlemen were writing.

Committee.]—That was on the Saturday?—Yes.

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Did any person speak to you about your voting?—Yes.

Who?—John Henry; and a man of the name of Arthur Nichol shook hands with me, and said, "Are you going to vote along with us."

Did Bloxham introduce you to anybody there?—Yes, he did, to John Henry and Arthur Nichol, and a few others, and desired me to sit down there, and not to leave that place till he returned again to me.

Where did Bloxham go to upon that occasion?—Into another room.

Mr. Pollock.]—Did you go with him?—No.

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Did you see him?—Yes, into another room.

Did you see anybody with him?—I was not along with him at that time.

Was the door open?—It was not open.

Were you in that room upon any future occasion?—Yes.

Who took you there?—Mr. Bloxham.

Who did you see there then?—I think George Scott, James Lisle, and young Mr. Parsons.

What day was this?—Upon the Saturday.

Had Mr. Bloxham gone in before you, and brought you in afterwards?—Yes.

Some conversation then took place about your vote, I believe?—No, there was nothing about the vote whatever.

How long did you stay there?—I suppose 20 minutes.

Did you vote then?—I had voted before.

For whom did you vote?—For Lord Marcus Hill.

What was Mr. Lisle doing there?—He was standing there; and there was some drink upon the table, and some paper and a pen.

Did you see Lord Marcus Hill upon any occasion walking through the streets canvassing?—Yes.

Can you tell any of the persons by whom he was accompanied?—The day I saw him he had young James Lisle, and young Mr. Gordon, and a great crowd; Mr. Lisle was close to him.

Was this crowd the friends of Lord Marcus?—Yes, they seemed to be all friends of his.

Did

Did they go to more houses than one?—Yes, they canvassed the whole side of *Murdoch M^cAteer*. the street that I live in.

Was this in the town or the country?—In the town, in Lower North-street.

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Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

Are you very fond of Newry; have you lived long there?—Yes.

Then you may go back as soon as you like.

Committee.—When you saw Lord Marcus canvassing in the street, did no person who went with him carry a list of the voters, and mark the names of the voters: did you see anybody with a book in his hand?—Yes, I saw a gentleman with some paper in his hand, but I did not know his name.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Hugh Loughrin, was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows:

Hugh Loughrin.

WHERE do you live?—In Market-street at Newry.

Did you live there during the late election?—Yes.

Have you a vote?—Yes, I have.

Do you recollect being in Lord Marcus Hill's tally-room?—I do.

Did you go there of your own accord?—No, I was brought there.

By whom?—Mr. John Marshall.

Whom did you see there?—I saw Mr. James Lisle, and George Scott, and Adam Guy, and George Guy.

Did you see Lord Marcus Hill there?—I did; and I saw Mr. John Ellis there.

Were you brought up to his lordship?—I was brought to one side of the room.

Where were those people?—Standing in the middle of the tally-room, all about Lord Hill.

Did you hear the gentlemen talking?—They were talking all about Lord Hill; and I was brought to one side of the tally-room.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Elizabeth Murtagh, was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows:

Elizabeth Murtagh.

ARE you a married woman?—Yes.

What is your husband's name?—John Murtagh.

Where does he live?—In Chapel-street.

Is that in the borough of Newry?—Yes.

Had he a vote at the last election?—He had.

Do you remember seeing Lord Marcus Hill in the course of the election?—Yes, I did; and James Lisle.

Where did you see them?—In my own house.

Had you known Lord Marcus Hill previously?—No, I had never seen him before.

How did you know it was he?—I was told so.

Who came first into the house?—A great many others; Lord Marcus Hill came in with another gentleman.

Do you know who it was?—I do not.

A great many did not come into the house, did they?—No.

Who came into the house?—James Lisle came in.

Did he speak to you?—He did, and asked me for my husband's vote.

For whom did he ask that vote?—For Lord Marcus Hill.

How did he do it?—He asked, was my husband at home? I said he was not. He asked, would my husband give his vote to Lord Marcus Hill? and I said he would not.

Did anything further pass?—No, they walked out.

Did Mr. Lisle repeat his application to you for the vote?—He did.

Did he take the answer all at once, and go out?—Yes, he did.

Did he ask you a second time?—No, he did not, he laughed.

Did Lord Marcus say nothing to you?—He laughed, and shook hands with Mr. Brown across the room.

Who is Mr. Brown?—Sam Brown.

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Who is Mr. Brown?—A man that lives across the room across my house.
Did you see Mr. Brown upon any future occasion during the election?—I did.

Cross-examined by Mr. Follett.

Your husband voted for Mr. Maguire?—He did.
Mr. O'Hanlon.]—What is the name of that Mr. Brown?—Billy Brown; Sam is his brother.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Thomas M'Farlane, was again called in; and having been sworn, was further
Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

Thomas M'Farlane. DO you remember any application having been made for your vote during the last election?—Yes, I do.

By whom was it made?—By Mr. James Lisle.

For whom did you vote at the late election?—For Lord Marcus Hill.

In whose tally did you go up?—In Mr. Maguire's.

You went up with Mr. Maguire's tally, and voted for Lord Marcus Hill according to contract?—James Lisle contracted with me to go up in Mr. Maguire's tally, and vote for Lord Marcus Hill.

Mr. O'Hanlon stated that he proposed now to ask the witness, whether Mr. Lisle gave him any money for his vote; and he submitted to the Committee, that there was sufficient proof before the Committee of the agency of Mr. Lisle to entitle him to give evidence of his acts.

Mr. Pollock objected to the admission of the evidence.

Mr. O'Hanlon was heard against the objection.

Mr. Pollock was heard in reply.

The Committee-room was cleared.

After some time the Counsel and parties were called in, and informed that the Committee were of opinion that the question might be put.

Was any bargain made with you about your vote by Mr. James Lisle?—Yes, there was.

What was that bargain?—He was to give me 40 *l.* for my vote for Lord Marcus Hill.

Did he pay you that money?—No, they did not.

Did they pay you any money?—They gave me 25 sovereigns; my wife got it.

Committee.]—Did you see her receive it?—I saw her take in a parcel at my own house; it was tied in a parcel; she handed it to me, and I put it into my pocket.

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—What did the parcel contain?—Twenty-five sovereigns.

Committee.]—You opened it, did you?—No, I did not open it for some time afterwards.

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Was it out of your possession till you opened it?—No, it was not; it was opened in the presence of several gentlemen.

Who were they?—Mr. John Read and Charles Connelly.

This took place in your own house?—The bargain took place, and the money was given in my own house.

And you voted for Lord Marcus?—I voted for Lord Marcus.

Whose tally did you go up in?—I went up in Mr. Maguire's.

Had any previous application been made to you for your vote?—Several times; but I never made an agreement till I agreed with Mr. Lisle.

Had you been long bargaining about it?—My wife and he disagreed about it; she said would not he give me 40 *l.*; and then he gave me his hand, and said he would give me 40 *l.*; he said I was to go to Mr. Trayner's tally-room that night, and I did so, and he told me the next morning to go to Mr. Maguire's tally-room, and to go up in favour of Lord Marcus Hill, and give my vote for him, for Lord Marcus Hill would not for five thousand not have a sweeping majority.

Had you seen Mr. Lisle at Mr. Thompson's?—No.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

Where was this bargain made?—It was made on Wednesday night, before the election for Newry was over.

While

While the election was going on?—Yes.

Where?—At my own house.

Did you say that your wife got the parcel?—Yes.

Where did she get the parcel?—At my own door.

Were you there?—I was.

Who gave it her?—I cannot say whether it was a man or a woman, but it was *not* a woman's clothes.

Then it appeared to be a woman?—I cannot say; it appeared to be a woman; the person was dressed in woman's clothes.

Do you know Mr. Quin, an attorney?—I do.

You have mentioned John Read?—Yes.

Had you any talk with either of them about going to Mr. Lisle to bargain before you went?—I told Mr. Read that they were tormenting me for my vote.

Had you any conversation with Mr. Read about going to bargain for your vote?—Yes; I told him that they had been looking after me for my vote, and there was money offered me several times.

Did you tell Mr. Quin so?—No, I never spoke to Mr. Quin upon the subject.

Did not you go by Read's desire to try what you could get?—No, I did not.

That you swear?—That I swear.

Committee.]—You say that you were spoken to several times; where were you first spoken to?—I believe it was the very first or second day of the election people came and said you might get that much.

Was any body present when Mr. Lisle canvassed you?—Yes, Andrew Gourlay accompanied Mr. Lisle to my house.

What was the conversation that took place?—He asked for a candle when he came in, and he said it was not me he wanted to speak to, it was the wife; and the wife and he went on the stairs, and I do not know what happened between them; you will find that out.

Are the Committee to understand that you did not hear the conversation that passed between Mr. Lisle and your wife?—No, I heard part of it; but I will not swear to anything that happened between him and her, only to my own bargain; that was made at the latter end; my wife and he disagreed about the bargain; and when she said 40 *l.* she was going to reach a candle to come to me, and he said I will go myself, and I met him on the stairs, and the agreement was 40 *l.* for my vote.

Was any body present?—There were Mr. Read and Mr. Gourlay in the house, and heard him as plain as you hear me.

This was on the last day but one of the election?—It was on the Wednesday; the election was over on the Thursday night.

Had Lord Marcus Hill a majority at that time?—I cannot say whether or not.

Were there many voters at the poll the last day?—I could not say how many.

Were there many, do you think?—I could not say.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Ann M'Farlane was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

Ann M'Farlane.

YOU are the wife of James M'Farlane, the last witness?—Yes.

Do you recollect Mr. James Lisle coming to your house at Newry during the late election?—I do.

What did he say when he came into the house?—He spoke civilly; and said it was a fine night, or something to that purpose.

Did he ask to speak to you or to your husband?—My husband went to get a candle; and he said it was his wife he wanted to see, and not him.

What happened then?—I was willing to go up stairs; but he said I was far enough, and he whispered me under the ear; he said "It is not me who will give you the money, and it is not Lord Hill that will give you the money; but I am thinking it is a woman."

What money?—He did not mention what it was for.

Had you any difference of opinion about the amount of the money?—I just listened to what he said, and paid attention. Says I, "It is the money in hand Tommy wants;" I call him Tommy; and then he said every word was nonsense, for he knowed me very well, and I knowed him, and he could depend upon me, and I could depend upon him; and after he said that it was a woman, he said then, and I do not know which of

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those words he said last, but this is what happened; he said, "Would you not be satisfied to get the money in an apron in the house, to stop there till Tommy would poll?" and I said, "But Tommy is a sweet creature, and he thinks you ought to have a better opinion of him, on account that he never cheated anybody. I will go and ask him," says I. "Stay," says he, and he put his hand upon his breast, "before God and Heaven," looking up in this way [*describing it*], "the money, he shall get, Nancy." He knewed me very well, for I often took pledges to him.

That was when he was a pawnbroker?—Yes; and so then I was very well with him, for I saw he was so civil with me; and I still said that Tommy would wish to have the money in hand; and to that he says, "If you have a mind," says he, "I will take my oath that the money you shall get." "No," says I, "Mr. Lisle, your word is enough," thinking in my own mind that that was enough. So then Tommy came, and he said, "Go, Nan," or something of that, "go up stairs;" and then we went up stairs to the lobby; and he said, "Was any of those others of Maguire's with Tom to-day;" and, "No," says I: he made a little swither at that.

What do you mean by a swither?—He studied a bit. "Oh," says I, "they might be with him, for he was out the most of the day;" "Very well," says he. "Now," says he, "if you do not take this offer, you will, may be, never get the like again." "That is true," says I, "that is like Tom M'Crae, he would not take 100*l.* at the time of Mr. Needham's election, and then his children was near begging afterwards." I said that to Mr. Lisle; well, he seemed pleased then, and then he began, and he says, "Well, I will tell you what Tommy's to do, he is to go to his own club-room to-night and show himself there; he is to leave there in the morning, and he is to go to Mr. Maguire's tally-room, and he is to leave that," says he, "and to go up on Mr. Maguire's side, and to come down on Lord Marcus Hill's." "Yes, sir," says I. I was paying great attention, that I might tell Tommy. "Then," says he, "but how much money do you want?" "40*l.* sir," says I. "Tut, tut, tut!" says he. "Why," says I, "you know you offered Tommy 30*l.*, but he says he will not take less than 40*l.* now." Tommy had told me that he had offered him a promise of 30*l.*, and this it was I said to Mr. Lisle, and with that I said, "I will take the offer and go and ask Tommy." Tommy was convenient on the stairs, and he says, "I will go myself," and he gave me the candle back, and went down the stairs; and I listened, and I heard him ask Tommy, "How much do you want, Tommy?" says he; "40*l.*" says Tommy. "Do not be so hard," says he; or something to that purpose. I did not hear that so well, and then I turned round with the candle just round the stairs; I was on the stairs, and I said, "Oh, Mr. Lisle, do not be so hard; allow us the 40*l.* it is coming off a broad board."

What did you mean by that?—It is what we call, in an ignorant way, a clever place, where there is plenty; there was no scarcity from what I heard, and I guessed in my own mind it was not Mr. Lisle's money. When I called to him, he clapped his hand in my husband's, and he said, "Well, the 40*l.* he shall get;" and with that he went on with the same directions that he told me. "Go," says he, "to Mr. Trainer's at night to your own club-room and show yourself; and when you have been there, then in the morning go to Mr. Maguire's tally-room, and then go up on Mr. Maguire's side, and come down on Lord Hill's, and the 40*l.* he shall get;" and so with that I came down with the candle, and thinks I, I have done my business well.

Where did you get the money; who did you get it from?—My husband told me that night and told me the next morning, for I did not hear the last words; I heard no more than what I told you. "Now, Nan," says he, "go to Jemmy Thompson's in the morning, and get the money in your apron."

What Jemmy Thompson is that?—He keeps a public-house.

Where?—In North-street; and I went down there, and I went in and saw Mr. Thompson, and I asked was Mr. Lisle there, and he said he was not there in the day; I said, in a whisper, "He was speaking to me last night."

Mr. Pollock objected to any evidence of what passed with Mr. Thompson.

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—You went to Mr. Thompson's, and you asked for Mr. Lisle?—I did.

Did you see him?—He said Mr. Lisle was not there in the day; and I said, "Shall I come down again?" and he said, "You need not, you will be sent for in half an hour." Then I came home, and I thought no more till my husband came

came in awhile afterwards, and he told me, "Nancy," says he, "you are to go down to Hamilton's." *Ann M'Farlane.*

You went to Hamilton's afterwards?—I did.

Did you see Mr. Lisle there?—I did.

Whom did you get the money from?—I got it from some person in the dress of a woman, but I cannot tell whether it was a woman or a man.

What shape was the money given to you in?—It was like what I had often got, cabbages of halfpence, it was almost flat.

What did you do with it?—I got it from the person, she asked "was that where Mr. M'Farlane lived?" and she looked up to the sign, and she says, "Are you his wife?" and I said, "I am;" and with that she asked no more, and gave me what I thought was money; and I turned round to the people that saw me get it, "There is the bribery now," says I.

What did you do with that parcel of money?—I reached it to my husband immediately; and those in the house said, "Open it, and you will see how much is in it;" "No, I will not," says I, "till somebody else sees it;" and I handed it to my husband, and he said he would not open it at that time, and he kept it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

When was it first that you say you talked about your husband's vote to Mr. Lisle?—It was the Wednesday night before the election was over; it was over on Thursday.

That was the last day but one?—That was Wednesday night.

Where was it you first talked to him; at your own house?—It was.

Where was it you received the money?—At my own door, inside of it.

When was it?—It was on Thursday, the very day the election was over.

You did not know the person who gave it you?—No, I did not know; I did not look at her face, or see it, let it be him or her.

You rather suspect it was a man?—I do not know, I spent no opinion upon it.

Who was there beside yourself when you received the money?—I was standing in the hall; my husband was there, and a cousin of mine, a man and a little servant girl.

What was his name?—Phil. Hagan.

And your own servant girl?—She did not see me, I suppose.

Was she there?—She was inside the kitchen.

Was she there when you received the money?—She was in the kitchen.

Then she was not in the hall when you received the money?—No.

Who else was there besides Hagan?—I cannot just say.

Was there anybody?—I cannot say whether or not.

Then you will not swear that there was anybody else; was not Hagan the only other person there besides your husband and you?—Hagan was standing beside.

Was there anybody else?—I cannot tell whether my husband was looking at me or not.

Was anybody in the hall beside your husband, Hagan and you?—There might be people at the back of me, and I not see them.

In your own house?—Yes.

The money you say was delivered at the door?—Inside the door.

Did the woman go away after she delivered the money?—That instant, and I thanked her.

Did not you shut the door?—No, we do not generally shut it; I did not shut it.

Did anybody come in from the street then after the woman went away?—I did not take notice of any one coming in.

Will you swear that there was anybody there, except you and your husband and Hagan?—I cannot tell whether or not the person that gave me the money was inside the hall,

But you say she went away that instant?—Yes.

And you have never seen her since?—I do not know whether I had or not.

Why do you say that your husband would not open the paper?—He said he would not, he wanted to show it to some one else.

Did not you say something about his losing it if he did?—No, I do not believe I did.

Did you see him open it in the presence of anybody else?—I saw him open it in the presence of another.

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Who was it?—Mr. Reid.

He is a friend of Mr. Maguire's, is not he?—I do not know whether or not.

Do you mean to swear that you do not know whether he is a friend of Mr. Maguire's?—I do not know whether or not.

You do not know whether he voted for Mr. Maguire or not?—I thought you meant a relation.

Do not you know that he was a voter for Mr. Maguire?—I know that he wished him well.

Do not you know that he voted for him?—I do not know whether or not; I could not know whether or not; I had not happened to know.

Did not you know that Mr. Reid was a supporter of Mr. Maguire?—I know that he wished Mr. Maguire his election.

How soon did he talk to Mr. Reid about it?—I do not remember, but it was all over before two o'clock.

Do you know of his having talked to Mr. Read about it beforehand, about his getting money?—I do not doubt that we did; we told everything we heard about the election.

Did not you promise Mr. Read you would tell him all about it if you could get anything?—Indeed I did not.

Nor your husband?—I cannot tell for him.

You did not hear anything?—No, I did not.

Have you got any money for telling this story?—No.

Have not you got any promise of money for telling this story?—No.

Not from Mr. Read?—No.

It is all for pure justice?—Indeed it is; I happened to speak this for justice, and then I could not but come.

Committee.]—What day was it you received this parcel?—It was the Thursday that the election was over.

After it was over, or before it was over?—It was after my husband gave his vote.

Was it in the day or in the evening?—It was from twelve o'clock to two that it happened.

And there were people in the house when it was given to you?—There were.

But you do not know how many?—No.

Might there be half a dozen?—No there was not, I suppose; I never studied about that.

Have you had any conversation with anybody respecting the evidence you were to give here?—No, they asked me about it; I said I never was before a justice of the peace; my husband told me that they were all learned gentlemen.

When did you first know that you were to come here?—I cannot say.

How long, a month or two?—No, it was only two or three days before I came away.

Who told you you were to come?—I believe it was my husband told me, and I tried hard not to come, for I was very poorly; I had left children behind me, and I would rather have staid at home.

Had your husband ever voted before?—He had not voted, for he was afraid he could not swear safely on account of lodgers, and he said he would rather not vote than do anything wrong, and he had not voted before.

What do you expect to get for coming here?—Not a halfpenny.

Not another parcel?—I do not expect a halfpenny.

How much was in the parcel when you did open it?—Twenty-five sovereigns.

Do you know what you were sent here for?—I did not ask any question about it, but I see now a little of it.

When the parcel was opened, did you expect to find 25 sovereigns in it?—I do not know, my husband told me I would get the 25 l.

You were understood to say that the bargain had been for forty?—That was another bargain that my husband had, and the next morning he told me to go to Hamilton's, and he said that I was to have 25 sovereigns there.

Then you did not expect to get 40 l. in the parcel?—No, I did not, I just came for the 25 l. as Tommy had told me.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Mr. *John Reid*, was called in ; and having been sworn, was Examined by
Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows :

YOU are a merchant residing at Newry ?—Yes.

Do you recollect, in the course of the last election, being at the house of Thomas M'Parlan in Market-square ?—I do.

What brought you there ?—I went there, having been told that Mr. Lisle was to go there and make an agreement for M'Parlan's vote at 7 o'clock.

Upon your going there, what happened ?—After I had been there some time Mr. Lisle came in, and came up the stairs with M'Parlan's wife, and he offered her 30*l.*

Where were you at that time ?—I was in the room in front of the stairs, it is a board partition, and I was looking through a hole.

Then upon going to M'Parlan's for that purpose you were secreted ?—Yes.

So as to hear what Mr. Lisle said ?—Yes.

Could Mr. Lisle see you ?—No, he could not.

You heard a conversation between Mr. Lisle and M'Parlan's wife ?—Yes ; he pressed her very much to take 30*l.* as it was the last night she would have an opportunity of getting it, and she stood out for 40*l.*

Did you hear the conversation of them two ?—Yes ; M'Parlan came up, and it was concluded that 40*l.* was to be paid, and that he would get no money till after he voted.

Did you hear anything said to him about his going up in Mr. Maguire's tally ?—Yes ; he was to go up in Mr. Maguire's tally, and there would be no oath put to him.

To avoid the bribery oath ?—Yes.

And he was to get the money afterwards ?—Yes.

What night was that ?—It was the night after Christmas, Wednesday night.

Do you know anything more of this transaction ?—After he voted I went to M'Parlan's to see if he had got the money, and he opened a parcel in my presence, which he said was the money he received, and it was 25 sovereigns, which sovereigns he gave me, and I gave them to Mr. Ogle to-day.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

What are you ?—A merchant.

How long have you lived at Newry ?—I was born there.

You are well acquainted therefore with all the parties at Newry ?—Yes.

What party do you belong to ?—I supported Mr. Maguire's interest.

When did you hear of this intended visit of Mr. Lisle's to M'Parlan's ?—I heard of it in the course of the day.

From whom ?—From M'Parlan himself.

Then you concerted a scheme of going and being a listener ?—I told M'Parlan that I would go, and he told me before that, that he was offered money ; he told me in the early part of the election that he had been offered money ; and he told me that day that Mr. Lisle had sent a message to him from the tally-room that he would be there.

He informed you of this, and you consented to be an eaves-dropper ?—I went to listen.

Did you practice that respectable occupation in any other instance ?—No, I did not.

Is Mrs. M'Parlan deaf at all ?—Not that I am aware of.

You were upon the other side of the partition, peeping through, and hearing this conversation ?—I was.

He pressed her a good deal to take 30*l.* ?—He did.

What was said about the offer of 30*l.* at first ?—He said, if she would go to Jemmy Thompson's in the morning, the 30*l.* would be put into her lap, and she would come away with it.

Did you learn when the 30*l.* had been first talked about ?—In the early part they had offered him 20*l.* I think.

In that same conversation ?—No, I did not hear any conversation except about 30*l.*

And you heard a good deal of talk about the 30*l.* ?—Yes ; and he mentioned a case when a man had been formerly offered 100*l.*, and had refused to take it.

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And he pressed her very much to take the 30 l.?—Yes.

What was it she said?—She wanted 40 l.

Did she say why?—No.

Did not she say anything about her husband insisting upon 40 l.?—She asked for 40 l for her husband's vote.

Did she persist in making the bargain?—There was a man came there of the name of Matthew Griffin.

But Lisle was not there then?—No; Matthew Griffin told her she would get her own asking.

I ask whether she insisted for 40 l. as from herself, as if it was her own bargain?—It was for her husband's vote.

But she made the bargain?—He came up before the bargain was finished, and then the bargain was finished, and then 40 l. was settled.

And then they went away, and you went away?—Mr. Lisle went down stairs, and then I went away.

And then some time afterwards you saw that paper?—That was the next day.

How it got into their hands you did not see?—No.

Did you concert with anybody else to go to this place to listen?—Yes, there was another person went with me.

Who was that?—A man of the name of Connelly.

Do you know a person of the name of O'Hagan?—What is his Christian name?

Have you seen a person of that name here to-day?—I have.

What is his Christian name?—John Arthur.

Did you see him outside?—I did.

Did he afterwards come into this room?—I cannot say, indeed.

Did not you desire him to come into this room?—Mr. Maguire told him he would not be required as a witness, and I told him he might go in.

Who was under examination when he came in?—I am not aware that he did come in, and I do not think he did.

Have you had any conversation with O'Hagan since you talked about his coming into the room?—I know I have not; I was sitting near him, but I had no conversation about anything that took place here.

Did you have any conversation with him at all?—He was sitting beside me, we might have had a word together.

What did you talk about?—He asked me what was going on, and I told him that there was a witness in.

What witness was this?—I think it was M'Parlan's wife.

Then you do not know of his having been in?—No.

Nor any other person that has been outside?—I do not know, I was not in myself.

You say you found that 25 sovereigns, according to their statement, had been given to M'Parlan?—Yes.

Had you any knowledge where that came from?—Not the slightest; I had no knowledge whatever of it.

Nor any reason to believe where it came from?—Nor any reason to believe where it came from, except that it came from Lord Hill's party; that is my own belief, but which one of them I do not know.

You have no reason to believe that it came from any other quarter?—I have not.

Committee.]—Did you go to M'Parlan's house at his request?—He told me that it was to take place, and I told him I would come.

Then you volunteered to go?—Yes, he told me it was to take place; when he told me in the early part of the election that they attempted to bribe him, I doubted it, because there were plenty of other votes they might get.

Did Connelly go with you?—Yes.

Where were you both put?—In a room on the right hand; it was on the landing-place that the transaction took place.

Was there a common wall between?—No, a boarded partition.

Did you see M'Parlan open the parcel with the money?—I did; whether he opened it before I do not know, but I saw him open the parcel that the money was in, and I saw him take out the money, and he gave it to me.

To keep?—Yes.

What induced him to give the money to you?—He owed me money.

How much?—£. 70. or 80 l. at that time.

Then you are to keep this money?—Yes.

Why

Why had not you believed that money was offered to him for his vote?—I thought there were others that they could get much cheaper, of a lower class, and I did not know that there was so much going at that time.

Did you know that any was going?—According to reports in the town, not of my own knowledge.

Did M'Parlan's wife put you behind this partition?—M'Parlan himself I think it was.

Did you concert together what should be said when Lisle came?—No, I do not know that we concerted.

Did you take an active part on the other side?—I have taken an active part; I seconded Mr. Maguire, and I proposed him upon a former election also.

Did M'Parlan object to your being placed behind the partition?—No.

How did the money get out of your hands?—I gave it to Mr. Ogle.

For what purpose?—He asked me for it to produce it.

When did he ask you for it?—He asked me for it on Saturday.

How did it happen that this money had remained in this piece of paper ever since the election?—I put it in a piece of a paper, and put it in my safe, and there it remained.

For what purpose did you put it there?—For the purpose of being produced here.

Was the bribery oath put to M'Parlan?—No; he went up in Mr. Maguire's tally, and they put no bribery oath to him.

Had Mr. James Lisle taken an active part in former elections?—He had in the election in 1831.

Have you heard of money being paid in former elections?—No, I do not think there was any money paid at the former election.

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—I believe you went to M'Parlan's in consequence of a communication with Mr. Ogle?—Mr. Ogle told me to go.

Committee.]—If M'Parlan had not got the money in this manner, had you any suspicion that he could not have paid paid you?—Not the slightest.

What is M'Parlan?—He is a ropemaker,

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Thomas M'Parlan was again called in; and further Examined, as follows:

WAS any one in your house at the time Mr. Lisle came to make the offer?— *Thomas M'Parlan.*
There was Mr. Reid and Mr. Charles Conelly.

Where were they?—In a room.

Where about?—On the lobby, on the first flight of stairs.

Where were you?—In the kitchen underneath.

Where was your wife?—The wife and Mr. Lisle were on the lobby, and on the stairs.

Had Reid and Conelly come by your request?—Yes, I told them that he was to be there at that time; eight o'clock was the hour appointed.

Did you ask them to come?—I told them that he was to be there, and they came themselves.

Were they both present when you got the money?—No, they were not present when I got the money, neither of them.

What did you do with the money afterwards?—Mr. Reid took it.

Why did you give it to him?—I gave it to him, as he was a witness to the bargain.

Why?—That he might show it here.

Then it was arranged that it should be shown here between you?—Certainly, when he was a witness to the bargain.

Did you make the bargain that he might speak of it here?—After I got the money I told him, of course, that I had got the bribery.

But you told him before that you intended to get it?—I told him before that I was offered money.

How did you know that you were coming here?—I showed him the money that I got, and he took it with him, and he said he would keep it.

You did not know then that you were coming here?—No, I did not know it till after I got the money, and then he told me so.

Are you to have the money back?—I do not care; whoever owns it, let them take it.

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Are you to have it back?—I do not know whether Lord Marcus Hill will get it or he.

At whose desire did you come here?—I came here in an honest cause.

At whose desire did you come here?—Mr. Reid told me that I would have to come.

Are you in Mr. Reid's debt?—I have been in his debt; I always paid him.

Are you in his debt now?—I am.

You said that you went down stairs, and left your wife and Mr. Lisle up stairs?—Yes.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

James Campbell was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

James Campbell.

WHERE do you live?—In Monslane, in the borough of Newry.

Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

For Mr. Maguire?—Yes.

Do you recollect being called on in the night, shortly before Christmas?—I recollect being called on the first night of the election, Thursday night.

By whom were you called on?—By three men.

Who were they?—John Rogers, and William Brown, a slater, and Frank Fagan, a carpenter.

At what hour was this?—It was after I was gone to sleep.

You were in bed?—I was, and my wife and my wife's sister.

What were those men waking you for?—They rapped at the door, and my wife let them in; and they told me to rise up, that it was now in my power to do something for myself.

Did they bring you anywhere?—They brought me to Mr. Black's.

What Black's?—The tavern, Adam Black's.

That is the tavern where the club met?—Yes.

What passed when they brought you there?—They brought me into the house, and up stairs, and I stopped for a considerable time; there were a great number of people about the room doors up stairs, and I stopped a good bit, and I thought they were keeping me too long; and that they brought me there to humbug me; and I wanted to go down stairs, and John Rogers laid hold of me; and some one knocked at the door, and James Lisle came out and brought me into the room.

Was anybody there when you went in?—Mr. Ellis came in after him.

What Ellis is that?—John Ellis; and Mr. Lisle turned about and put Mr. Ellis out of the room; and he asked me what was I determined to do at the election? I said, I was determined to vote for Mr. Maguire. He said, "What would Mr. Maguire do for me; sure he would not do anything for me. If you get a present," says he, "would not it change you?" I said "I do not know; may be it might." I said I would like to see the present first; he said it was contrary to law for him to give it me, but that I was to go home, and it would be sent to my wife by a lady.

Did you make any objection to the arrangement?—No, I did not. He said, that all I would get to-night would be nothing but an early penny for what I was to get, and that if I went contrary to his wishes, I would get nothing; and when I was going away, "Now," says he, "go out through the country, and bring all the voters you can to me, and I will please them with money, and I will please you for your trouble;" and that was all that passed, and I went home to my wife.

Did you get any money afterwards?—My wife got the money.

And she gave it to you, did she?—Yes.

How much?—Ten pounds.

Your wife gave it you?—She gave it to me that night when she went to Mr. Black's, and she said it was not worth going for; that it was only 2*l.*, and I looked at the money, and it was two five-pound notes, and I went the next morning and told Mr. Arthur Russel.

That was a gentlemen in Mr. Maguire's interest?—Yes, I went to him, and told him I had got the money.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

You voted for Mr. Maguire, I believe?—Yes.

When did your wife receive this money?—I did not see her receive the money.

Was

Was there anybody by when you had the conversation with Mr. Lisle?—Not that I saw, but if there was anybody, he was concealed in the room.

Mr. Pollock.]—Was that all the money you received about that time for your vote?—Yes, all that I got.

Do you know a man of the name of M'Guffin?—I do.

Did not he give you some money about a week after the election?—No, he did not.

Nor anybody else?—No.

Are you sure of that?—I was doing a job for Mr. Quin in M'Guffin's house, that keeps a shoe-shop, and M'Guffin's wife gave me 2 *d.* to treat myself.

Perhaps you told M'Guffin that you had got a sum of money?—I did; I told him that I had got 10 *l.*

Did not you tell him you had got some from the other party too?—No.

Are you quite sure of that?—I am quite sure I did not tell him so.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Susan Campbell was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

ARE you the wife of James Campbell, the last witness?—Yes.

Do you recollect going to Adam Black's tavern in the course of the last election?

—Yes.

Did you go with your husband?—Yes.

Who did you see there?—I saw three gentlemen and a lady.

Who brought you into the house?—My husband.

Did he remain with you all the time?—No, he did not.

How came he to be separated from you?—I do not know; he was taken into one apartment, and I was taken into another.

Who took you in?—A lady.

Who did you see there?—There came in one gentleman.

Do you know him?—No.

What happened?

Mr. Pollock objected to the question.

Mr. O'Hanlon was heard against the objection.

Mr. Pollock was heard in reply.

The Counsel were informed that the Committee were of opinion that the question might be asked.

When you went into the room, you were brought into the room by a lady: whom did you see there?—One gentleman.

Do you not know who it was?—No.

What passed?—She asked me what did I want there; and I said I did not know, that my husband brought me there; and she said, "There is a woman to come here for a parcel; is it you?" "I do not know, ma'am," says I. This was when we came out into the hall again. There were two gentlemen standing in the hall, and they said, "Ask her name;" and so she came forward and asked my name, and I told her; and she says, "You are the very woman it is for; now follow your husband." So I came out, and I passed my husband at the door, and I was at home about 10 minutes before him.

What did she give you?—She gave me two 5 *l.* notes in a bit of paper.

What did you do with them?—I showed them to my husband when he came in.

Can you read?—No.

How did you know they were 5 *l.* notes?—My husband said so; I thought they were two 1 *l.* notes.

Did you know either of those gentlemen that made that inquiry?—I did not indeed.

Committee.]—Do you know Mr. Lisle, when you see him?—I do not know Mr. Lisle at all.

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—You do not live in the town, I believe?—I do.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

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Elizabeth Murtagh was again called in ; and further Examined by Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows :

Elizabeth Murtagh.

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WHAT is the name of your husband ?—John Murtagh.

Where does he live ?—In Chapel-street.

Had he a vote at the last election ?—He had.

Do you recollect paying a visit to Black's tavern, in Hill-street ?—I did.

What brought you there ?—Mr. Lisle brought me there ; he sent for me.

What Lisle ?—James Lisle.

Did you see him there ?—I did.

Had you any conversation with him ?—I had.

What did he say to you ?—He said, if my husband would give him his vote, I would get 22*l.* an hour after my husband would poll for Lord Marcus Hill.

Did he say where the money was to come from ?—He said that Mrs. Black would have it for me an hour after he would poll.

Did he say whose money it was ?—It was Lord Marcus Hill's, he said.

Who do you mean by Mrs. Black ?—At the tavern.

Do you mean the wife of the man who keeps the tavern ?—Yes.

Did he not say anything about where the money was coming from ?—No, he did not ; he said he would get it of Lord Marcus Hill.

Did you consent to this ?—I did.

Did you get the money then ?—He kissed the book, and swore upon the book that I was to get 22*l.* an hour after my husband would poll.

Who did that ?—Mr. James Lisle ; and I went home, and the next morning young Isaac Curry came up to my husband and took him out of the house and fetched him down to Mr. Lisle's, and sent for me in about 20 minutes afterwards, and he told me to go up.

Who told you to go up ?—Young Isaac Curry told me to go up to Lord Marcus Hill's tally-room.

Did you see Lisle again ?—I did, and he shook hands with me.

In the tally-room ?—Yes ; and told me to follow this man that I got the money of.

Where was it that Mr. Lisle took this oath ?—In Mr. Black's, in a little back room.

Mr. Lisle told you that Mrs. Black would give you the money ?—Yes.

Did you see Mrs. Black afterwards ?—I did, and she told me that she would give it me in a white handkerchief.

Did you get any money ?—I did.

What money ?—Ten pound-notes.

Did you get the notes altogether ?—I did ; seven Bank of Ireland and three Belfast.

Was that the first money you got ?—Yes, it was.

Who did you get this money from ?—From Billy Brown.

Did you give him anything for it ?—I did not.

Did you give him any paper for it ?—No, nothing at all.

Do you know what a check means ?—He gave me a check first.

Who gave you a check ?—Billy Brown. James Lisle shook hands with me, and said 'I was a woman of my word, and told me to follow Billy Brown, and he gave me a 10*l.* check and I would not take it.

And then Brown gave you the money ?—He did ; he showed me a 10*l.* check, and then I told him I would give him 1*s.* out of it if he would change it ; and he went out and changed it in a little back room in Lord Marcus Hill's tally-room.

Did anything pass between you and Brown ?—No ; I came straight home. I beg your pardon, he sat me down in a little back room, and told me to stay there till my husband would poll for Lord Marcus Hill ; and I staid there, and he came in and took, as I thought, a small pistol, and said, if I would not deliver up the money till my husband would poll for Lord Marcus Hill, he would do so and so with me. And I said "I did not care, I would not part with the money."

He wanted to have the money again ?—He did till my husband polled for Lord Marcus Hill ; he came twice and would have me give it up, but I would not, and I kept it still.

What did you do with the money ?—I brought it home.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Talbot.**Elizabeth Murtagh.*

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How did your husband vote?—He polled for Mr. Maguire.

Do you know whether he took the bribery oath?—He did.

Did Mr. Lisle say he was a man of his word as well as you were a woman?—
I did not hear him say that.

What trade do you carry on?—My husband retails glass.

Was he in any other way of business before he retailed glass?—Yes; he was three years and nine months a watchman.

Who did he watch for?—The town.

Do you know why he is not a watchman now?—I do, very well.

Why was it?—Because the serjeant of the watch said he was sleeping.

He never said he was a little too wakeful, did he?—What do you mean by that?

Did the serjeant of the watch ever say he took a little too much care of other people's property?—No, he could not say that, nor any other man.

Do you always sleep at nights yourself?—I think I do.

You never pass a night in the streets, do you?—No, my character is better than that.

Was it so before you married?—It was; I was bred and born in the town of Newry, and I lived at my uncle's.

You know the streets well?—I do; I was bred and born in it.

Do you mean to swear that you never walked the streets at Newry?—Yes, I mean to swear that I walked them in the day time, and at night when my business led me, but nothing else.

What was that business?—I cannot tell you my business always.

You know what I mean; was your business never that of a street-walker?—
No.

That you swear?—Yes, I will swear that.

Do you remember your husband at any particular time working very hard at the tread-mill?—No never; he never was in a gaol, nor any other place of confinement.

He never was at Downpatrick gaol?—No.

Nor in Armagh gaol?—No, nor any other gaol.

To your knowledge?—To my knowledge, and I will say, to my belief too.

How long have you been married?—Five years.

Did you know your husband long before you married him?—I did; and all Newry knows him to be an honest and fair man.

Was anybody by when Mr. Lisle swore on the book?—There was not.

Only you and he?—That is all.

Did you make him swear?—No, I did not; but I was wanting the money of him, and he took up the book, and said by the book in his hand I would get 22 l. an hour after my husband would poll for Lord Marcus Hill.

What sort of a book was it?—I cannot tell.

What sized book was it?—A small book, that size, [*pointing to the Testament.*]

Was this in the tap at Black's?—It was.

Lying there?—I suppose it was ready for the same purpose that he used it for me.

Committee.—What day of the election was it you first had this conversation with Mr. Lisle?—The night before the election took place.

And there was nobody present at that?—I was at my tea when Mr. Black came in and Lord Marcus Hill's bailiff.

When was the time that Mr. Lisle took that oath?—It was the Friday night of the election.

Was any body by at that time?—No.

Was anybody by when Mrs. Black said you were a woman of your word?—Mr. Lisle was just a little behind her back.

What did she say you were a woman of your word for?—Mr. Lisle said, I was a woman of my word because I came to Lord Marcus Hill's tally-room the following morning, and fetched my husband with me.

Had he voted then?—No.

When did he vote?—On the Saturday morning.

Did you get the money before he voted, or after he voted?—Before he voted.

Did you know how your husband meant to vote at the time you received it?—
Indeed I did not.

Elizabeth Murtagh. Did not you think it right to return the money when he voted the other way?—
 No, I did not; I thought I might get it as well as another, for there were plenty getting it as well as me.

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[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Margaret Trainer, was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by
 Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

Margaret Trainer. WHAT is the name of your husband?—John Trainer.
 Where do you live?—At the Lower Commons.
 Had your husband a vote at the last election?—Yes.
 Do you remember seeing Mr. James Lisle upon the occasion of the election?—
 Yes.
 Where did you see him?—In Lord Hill's tally-room.
 Did you know Mr. Lisle before that?—I cannot say that I did.
 Did you bring him any paper?—Yes.
 What was it?—I do not know, it was given to me to give to Mr. James Lisle.
 Was there anything written on it?—Yes, inside.
 Did Mr. Lisle read it?—Yes.
 Did he do anything then?—He tore it in small pieces.
 Did he speak to you?—Yes, he did.
 What did he say to you?—He said he would give me 20*l.* for the handkerchief I had about my neck, if I would bring my husband to vote for Lord Hill.
 Did he ask you what the value of the handkerchief was?—I did not mind that he did.
 Did he say anything about any other votes?—He said, that if I would bring him forward, and the man that was along with him, he would give me 20*l.* for the handkerchief that was about my neck, and he would give the same to the other man's wife that was along with my husband.
 Along where?—In James Crawford's; he said, that if I would bring the man forward he would do it.
 Was he to give yourself anything?—He was to give me five sovereigns if I would do the thing right; he would give me five for myself and twenty for my husband.
 What answer did you make?—I said I would return and let my husband know.
 Where did you go then?—I went to Mr. James Crawford's in William-street, where I left my husband, and I told him; and when I was telling him what Mr. Lisle said to me, Robert Moore came in, and I returned and left my husband in discourse with Moore.
 Were you in Mr. Maguire's tally-room that day?—No, I was not.
 Was there any further inquiry after your husband that day?—I left my husband in discourse with Robert Moore, and I came up the street; and after some time my husband followed, and he went into Mr. Maguire's tally-room, and I stopped outside; and Robert Moore came to me, and says he, "if you make any doubt about what the gentleman told you, I have the money to show you," and he put his hand in his smallclothes pocket, and took out a roll of notes to show them to me.
 Did you see Mr. Moore with Mr. Lisle that day?—Yes.
 Where?—In his own tally-room.
 In what tally-room?—In Lord Hill's.
 Was Mr. Moore talking to Mr. Lisle?—He called him in, and asked him if he knew me, and he said he did since I was a child; and Mr. Moore took me by the hand, and says he, "On the word of a man, you will never want a friend if you do the thing right, and I will give you 5*l.* for yourself for bringing your husband forward."
 Was Crawford within hearing of that?—No.
 Was it in the same business that Crawford came to you about?—It was in Crawford's house.
 Was Moore present?—He was.
 Was he within hearing?—I do not know.
 Do you think he might have heard him?—I think he might.
 Was there any talk between Lisle and you, before Moore, about your husband's vote?—No.

Where

Where was it that Moore spoke to you?—He came after me to James Crawford's, and I left my husband and him in James Crawford's. *Margaret Trainer.*

When Mr. Lisle asked Mr. Moore whether he knew you, was there no conversation about your husband's vote?—Nothing; only he asked Mr. Moore if he knew this woman, and he said he did, since I was a child. 11 March 1833.

Was there any conversation about what Mr. Lisle and you had been talking about?—No.

Not a word?—Not a word.

Did anything pass between you and Mr. Lisle?—No, not anything.

Cross-examined by Mr. Follett.

Will you tell us what day it was that Mr. Lisle saw you?—It was on Saturday.

What day of the election was that?—The third day.

Your husband voted for Mr. Maguire?—Yes, he did.

What day did he vote?—On Saturday evening.

At what time of the day was it you saw Mr. Lisle?—I could not say; it was in the middle of the day, between two and three o'clock, as near as I can guess.

Where do you say you saw him?—In Lord Hill's tally-room.

You went to Lord Hill's tally-room?—Yes, I was brought there by Thomas Broadley.

And then you went to Mr. Maguire's tally-room afterward's?—No, I went to the place to wait for my husband to come to him.

Where was your husband?—He was in Mr. Maguire's tally-room, and I was waiting for him.

You did not go into Mr. Maguire's tally-room?—No.

Is your husband a Catholic?—Yes.

And so are you?—Yes.

What is your husband by trade?—A shoemaker.

Committee.]—Did you ever know Mr. Lisle before that day?—I had seen him, but I could not say that I knew him.

Are you sure that it was Mr. Lisle that you spoke to?—Yes, I am; I asked the door-keeper was Mr. James Lisle in; and the door-keeper went forward, and called him down to me; and Mr. Lisle came and asked was there any person there that wanted him, and I said yes.

Mr. Follett.]—You did not know Mr. Lisle before, you say?—I would know him by himself, away from other gentlemen; I have seen him in his own office.

You knew him by sight at that time, did you?—Yes.

Your husband went to vote for Mr. Maguire on the Saturday?—Yes.

Did he take the bribery oath?—No, he did not.

Committee.]—Did you see your husband poll?—No, I did not.

Mr. Pollock.]—Is your husband John Trainer?—Yes.

Committee.]—Did you get any money from Mr. Lisle?—No, only it was offered to me, and shown to me.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Rose Laughran, was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by *Mr. O'Hanlon*, as follows:

ARE you a married woman?—Yes. *Rose Laughran.*

What is the name of your husband?—Hugh Laughran.

Where does he live?—In Market-square, in Newry.

Had he a vote at the last election?—Yes.

Do you recollect seeing Mr. James Lisle upon the subject of your husband's vote?—No.

Were you at Black's tavern in the course of the last election?—Yes.

Who did you see there?—I saw Mr. James Lisle.

Who brought you there?—Mr. Lang, our neighbour.

What is his christian name?—James Lang.

Where did you see Mr. Lisle?—In a room.

Who brought you into the room?—Mr. Lisle and Mr. Lang.

What passed in the room?—Mr. Lisle asked for the apron off my knee, and I gave him the apron; and he took out ten pound notes, and put it into the apron, and asked me whether that would satisfy me for my husband's vote.

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Did he say anything more?—Yes; I told him that it was not to pass his vote that I came there; that he was not determined to give his vote for any person; that he wished to get a small sum to go out of the way, as we had agreed upon before I came out.

I believe they call that sinking a vote in Newry?—Yes.

What did Mr. Lisle say to that?—He said it would be much better for him to have a greater sum, and to pass his vote for Lord Marcus Hill; and I told him he should not do so, because he had already promised his vote to Mr. Maguire, and that it would be much better to take a small sum to sink his vote.

Did Mr. Lisle say anything as to the manner of voting for Lord Marcus?—Yes; he said it was better for him to give his vote to Lord Marcus.

Did Mr. Lisle and you part as friends?—Mr. Lisle asked me what would satisfy me to sink his vote; and I said that I heard there was 10 *l.* going.

For sinking his vote?—Yes; and then I took up my apron, and Mr. Lisle handed me a shilling: “here,” says he, “is a shilling of the earnest of the 10 *l.* for sinking your vote; and will you save a kiss for me?” No, says I, I will not; it is a very impudent thing for a gentleman to ask a married women to kiss him; and then he replied, “I wish your husband would swap a night with my wife.” And then two other gentlemen came into the room.

Who were the other gentlemen?—Mr. Lang and Mr. Ellis.

What are their christian names?—John Ellis and James Lang.

Were they in the room when this conversation took place?—No, they were not.

What were you talking about when they came in; about the kiss?—Yes.

Did those gentleman say anything about the kiss?—No.

Did they take any part about the vote?—Mr. Lang asked me, was that settled.

Did he mean the kiss?—No, the vote; and I replied, “yes” it was; then I took a shilling in part of the 10 *l.*

Have you got that shilling?—Yes.

Did Lisle say that it was settled?—Yes; and he supposed that he would go up on Saturday morning to poll for Lord Marcus Hill.

Did you ask to get any money there?—Yes, I requested that I should get 5 *l.* in hand.

Did Mr. Lisle agree to give it you?—No, nothing but a shilling, and that he should be forthcoming for the remainder.

Did either of those gentlemen speak against your getting 5 *l.*?—No, they did not say anything about that.

What did they mean by asking whether it was settled?—When I came out of the room, Mr. Lang asked me had I settled with Mr. Lisle, and I said, yes.

Had you seen Mr. Lisle before that?—Yes, I was fetched into the square.

What did he bring you to Mr. Lisle for?—To get the money.

Did Mr. Lang ask you for your husband's vote?—Yes, he did.

And then Lang, when you were coming out of the room, asked you whether it was all settled?—Yes.

And that you understood to refer to the vote?—Yes.

Was there any other person but Lang there?—Mr. Ellis was there.

Was Ellis present when Lang asked you this question?—No.

Did Ellis come into the room when you and Lisle were there together?—Yes.

Had Lang come into the room?—He did; the two gentlemen came in together; they had some poor person with them.

A voter you mean?—Yes.

Cross-examined by Mr. Talbot.

Who was that other person?—I do not know him.

What became of the 30 *l.*?—I put it on the table out of my apron.

You would not have anything to do with the 30 *l.*?—No.

Only with the 10 *l.*?—No.

You have got the very shilling now, have you?—Yes.

You have never spent it since?—No.

How did your husband vote?—He voted for Mr. Maguire.

Did he take the bribery oath?—I do not know.

He is a Catholic, I suppose?—Yes.

Are you a Catholic also?—Yes.

Did you tell your husband what passed about the 5 *l.*, and the 10 *l.*, and the 30 *l.*?—Yes, I did, all that passed.

What

What did he say?—He did not say anything; he was not determined to give his vote for Lord Marcus Hill. *Rose Laughran.*

Did you tell him about the kiss?—Yes, I did.

And the swap for the night?—Yes.

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Re-examined by Mr. O'Hanlon.

What was the reason you did not take the 30 *l.*?—He and I had concluded that it was much better if I could get 5 *l.* in hand.

What was the 30 *l.* given you for?—To pass the vote.

And you refused to pass the vote?—Yes.

You would rather have had a smaller sum to sink your husband's vote?—Yes.

When you first came into the box I asked you whether you saw Mr. James Lisle upon the subject of your vote, and you answered no; how do you explain that?—I thought you asked me if he came to canvass for my husband's vote to our place.

Committee.]—How much money did you get altogether?—One shilling.

Mr. O'Hanlon.]—Was that the whole money you were to get?—No; I was to get 10 *l.*

What was the one shilling for?—In part payment; in earnest.

Committee.]—Have you had any conversation with anybody about the evidence you were to give here?—No.

When were you told that you were to come from Newry to London?—Not more than a day or a day and a half before I came.

You did not see Mr. Lisle before you went to Black's?—No.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

[Adjourned till To-morrow at 11 o'Clock.]

Martis, 12^o die Martii, 1833.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN BYNG, BART.

IN THE CHAIR.

THE Names of the Members were called over; all present.

Edward Cardiff was called in; and having been sworn, was further Examined as follows:

I BELIEVE you told me you were an elector of Newry at the last election?—Yes. *Edward Cardiff.*

Do you recollect being at Black's tavern in the course of the last election?—Yes.

Did you see Mr. James Lisle there?—Yes.

Were you alone there?—My wife was with me.

Did Mr. Lisle say anything to you about your vote there?—He told me to bring my wife to his house the next day, and that he would give her 10 *l.*

For what?—For giving my vote to Lord Marcus Hill.

Was there any other person present when that passed?—Mr. John Ritchie, who interrupted him, and said that he would give it himself.

Did Mr. Lisle say anything then?—He said, very well, that will do.

For whom did you vote?—For Lord Marcus Hill.

Were you paid?—I was.

Who gave you the money?—My wife got the money from Mrs. Ritchie.

Your wife told you so?—Yes; my wife gave me the money.

Did you see her get it?—I saw Mr. Ritchie bring it up stairs to his wife, and she says Mrs. Ritchie gave it to her; and he told me before I polled that I was to get the highest money that Lord Marcus Hill was giving.

Mr. Pollock objected to any evidence being received of the acts of Mr. Ritchie.

Mr. O'Hanlon was heard against the objection.

Mr. Pollock was heard in reply.

The Committee-room was cleared.

After some time the Counsel and parties were called in, and informed that the Committee considered that the question might be put with respect to the particular transaction in question.

Edward Cardiff:

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Do you recollect the Tuesday morning after this conversation with Mr. Lisle and Mr. Ritchie?—Yes.

Do you recollect being in Mr. Ritchie's on that morning?—Yes.

Was your wife there?—She was.

Did Mr. Ritchie say anything to your wife in your presence?—No.

Did you see Mr. Ritchie do anything?—I saw Mr. Ritchie go into his own shop, and come out with a parcel in his hand, like money, and he went up stairs and called my wife after him; I had nothing further to say to him.

Did you go home with your wife?—No, she went home first, and I went immediately after; and when I went in she handed me 10 £.

Were you satisfied with that money?—No.

Did you make any complaint about it?—I did.

To whom?—To Mr. Ritchie; and he told me that he would speak to Mr. Lisle and Lord Marcus Hill to get me some more, as he had promised me as much money as was going.

Did you tell Mr. Ritchie that you got any money?—I did.

What sum did you tell him you got?—£. 10.

You said that was not enough?—Yes.

What did he say then?—

Mr. Pollock objected to the question.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

You say Mr. Ritchie went into his shop?—Yes.

What do you mean by saying that he brought out something like money?—

A paper of money in his hand.

A bit of paper?—No, a parcel rolled up.

How much of it did you see?—The end of the roll.

How do you mean to say that it looked like money?—It was like paper; like notes.

The same sort of paper that notes are made of?—Yes.

And he went up stairs with it?—He did.

Out of your sight?—Out of my sight.

When were you first asked to come here to give your evidence?—I volunteered my service to come here to do justice.

When?—Immediately after the election was over.

You say you complained that 10 £. was not enough; how much did you think your vote was worth?—According to the money that was going for votes, my vote was worth 30 £.

Would you have volunteered to do justice if you had got 30 £. for it?—Yes, I would have volunteered to do justice, because it was partly for the sake of employment that I gave my vote.

Then you were the more ready to do justice because they gave you only 10 £.—No.

You are an advocate for justice?—Yes; I am an honest man.

And you sell your vote for 10 £.?—It was offered to me before I asked it.

You are an honest man; and you would sell your vote for 10 £., and would have liked 30 £. better?—Certainly.

To whom did you make this communication to volunteer to do justice?—I made it known to a gentleman.

That gentleman, I suppose, you know?—Yes.

What is his name?—Mr. Jennings.

Who is Mr. Jennings?—A gentleman that lives in North-street, in Newry.

What is he?—He carries on the iron business.

What is his Christian name?—Andrew.

How came you to go to him?—I met with him one day, and I told him I partly had promised my vote to Mr. Maguire; and he was angry, and others of my friends, that I gave my vote to Lord Marcus Hill; I told him that I had done so because I had 10 £., and that I made my situation good by doing so.

Why did you go to Jennings?—I met Mr. Jennings.

Does he happen to be a cousin of Mr. Maguire's?—I do not know.

Had you any cloth given you for a coat shortly before?—Nothing but what I paid for.

Where did you get the cloth?—I bought it in Mr. O'Hagan's, and got a bill of it.

You

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You did not get the cloth from Mr. Jennings?—No.

When were you first told that you were to come over here?—About three weeks ago I was asked would I come, and I said I would, to tell the truth.

Are you going back again to Newry?—Please God, I intend so.

Has no offer been made to you to settle you in London?—No.

Or in England any where?—Not one.

Had you any promise of money for coming here?—Not one penny.

It would have been unjust to have expected it?—I have my hands to earn my bread.

Did you receive no money to come over here?—I got my food as I came along, that is all I received.

No money?—No money.

Not a farthing?—Not a fraction, only what supported me.

And you expect to go back again directly, do you?—Yes, as soon as the business is over that I came here for.

Re-examined by Mr. O'Hanlon.

Were you not in the employment of Mr. Ritchie?—Yes.

And you say you voted for Lord Marcus, partly on account of the money, and partly for fear of losing your employment?—Yes.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Jane Cardiff was again called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

YOU are the wife of the last witness, Edward Cardiff?—Yes.

You told me that you had been waited upon by Lord Marcus Hill and Mr. Ritchie together?—Yes.

Jane Cardiff.

Was that at your husband's house?—Yes.

Do you recollect going with your husband to Mr. Ritchie's in the course of the last election?—Yes, on Christmas morning.

Did you talk apart upon that occasion with Mr. Ritchie?—Yes; on the Thursday night, before my husband gave his vote, Mr. Ritchie came to our house, and he said that there would be some money given.

Do you recollect going to Mr. Ritchie's with your husband?—My husband was there; we did not both go together.

Do you recollect going up stairs with Mr. Ritchie?—Yes.

What passed between you and Mr. Ritchie there?—Nothing at all. He desired me to follow him up stairs, and I went up stairs.

What happened there?—Mrs. Ritchie came in with the money in her hand.

What money do you mean?—£.10 that I got of Mrs. Ritchie.

She gave you 10*l.*?—Yes.

Was Mr. Ritchie by?—No, he was not.

What did you do with that money?—I brought it home, and I counted it when I came home, and gave it to my husband.

Who did you go up stairs with?—After Mr. Ritchie.

Who did you go up stairs with?—Nobody; but he went up before me, and I went up after him.

Did he call you up?—Yes.

What did he do with you there?—He desired me to go into the drawing-room.

And then he left the room, did he?—Yes, into the parlour.

Is the parlour on the same floor with the drawing-room?—Just opposite.

How long were you there before Mrs. Ritchie came in?—I could not say how long; it was, I suppose, for 10 or 15 minutes.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

How did she give you the 10*l.*; how many notes?—There were two 30*s.* and one sovereign, and the rest one-pound notes.

You are sure there was a sovereign?—Yes, there was.

Mr. Ritchie was your husband's employer at that time?—Yes, he was.

Committee.—When you gave the money to your husband, was he satisfied with it?—He did not say anything, but just looked over it.

Had he voted by that time?—Yes.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Patrick O'Hanlon was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by
Mr. *O'Hanlon* as follows:

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WHERE do you live?—In Water-street, in Newry.

Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

For whom did you vote?—For Lord Marcus Hill.

Are you a Roman-catholic?—I am.

Did Roman-catholics generally vote for Lord Marcus Hill at the last election?—

There was a deal of them did.

Who was the other candidate at that election?—Mr. Maguire.

Mr. *Pollock*.]—Did you take the Bribery Oath at the election?—I did not.

Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—Whose tally did you go up in?—I went up in Lord Marcus Hill's.

Can you tell the day on which you polled?—It was on the Monday, the day before Christmas-day.

Mr. *Pollock*.]—At what time of the day did you poll?—I cannot say; I think it was about 12 o'clock.

Mr. *O'Hanlon*.]—Who was the other candidate at the late election?—Mr. Maguire.

Had you any opinion about politics?—No, I cannot say that I had.

Do you recollect being canvassed by Lord Marcus Hill in the course of the late election?—Not himself.

Did you see him in the course of the election?—I did.

With whom was he in company?—He was in company with many gentlemen in the town.

Can you tell me any in particular?—Captain Seymour.

Did Captain Seymour ask you for your vote?—He did.

Was Lord Marcus Hill by?—He was not.

Did you see Captain Seymour with Lord Marcus Hill ask anybody?—I saw him along with Lord Marcus, but I did not see him ask anybody.

What were they doing?—Going from house to house.

Canvassing?—Yes.

When Captain Seymour asked you for your vote, what did he say to you?

Mr. *Pollock* objected to the question.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* was heard against the objection.

Mr. *Pollock* was heard in reply.

The Committee-room was cleared.

After some time the Counsel and parties were called in and informed that the Committee were of opinion that the question could not at present be put.

Jane Cardiff was again called in; and further Examined by Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows:

Jane Cardiff.

YOU said that Lord Marcus Hill came to your house in company with other gentlemen to ask you for your vote, with whom was he in company?—Mr. Ritchie.

Were there any other persons with him?—There was in the house, but none came in then but their two selves.

Was there any other person came up with him to the door?—There were a great number.

Can you tell me any one of those persons?—I do not recollect; I knew them at that time, but I do not recollect now.

Were there many gentlemen?—There were.

Endeavour to recollect them?—There was Mr. Dalzel for one, and there was a captain, who lived upon the Basin.

That was a tall gentlemen, I think?—Yes.

Did you see them going up the street afterwards?—Yes, I did.

Was Lord Marcus walking with anybody?—He was.

Can you not recollect any of the gentlemen that were nearest him?—No, I cannot.

Can you recollect nobody but Mr. Dalzel and the gentleman upon the Basin?—No, I cannot; there were a great number of gentlemen; Mr. Lisle was there.

What Mr. Lisle?—Mr. James Lisle.

If

If you recollect yourself perhaps you can tell us some of those that were there?
—Mr. John Boyd was another.

Jane Cardiff.

Did you see Lord Marcus canvassing anywhere else?—I did see him along the low ground.

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Who was with him then?—I cannot tell; there were a great number; there was Mr. Ritchie.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

When you say a great many, how many do you think there were?—I cannot say.

Twenty?—Far above 20.

Forty perhaps; a large crowd?—Yes.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Edward Cardiff was again called in; and further Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

Edward Cardiff.

DO you understand what canvassing means?—Yes.

What is it?—A going and looking for people's votes.

Did you see Lord Marcus Hill canvassing in Newry?—I did.

Where?—I saw him canvassing in Sugar Island and in Canal-street.

When you saw him canvassing in Sugar-street who was with him?—James Lisle, George Fraser, Mr. George Hill, he belongs to the foundry work in Edward-street, and Mr. George Scott, in Margaret-street.

Anybody else?—I was going home to my dinner, and I met Lord Marcus Hill and Captain Seymour in Canal-street, along with a number of gentlemen; I cannot recollect all their names now.

Was Captain Seymour near Lord Marcus?—He was walking close beside him, and Lord Marcus had a paper in his hand; I do not know what it was.

How was he carrying that paper?—He had it just in his hand, and a glove in the other.

Did you see him talking to anybody?—No, I did not.

Where was that?—In Canal-street.

Was that the same day?—The same day, at two o'clock, as I was going home to dinner.

Was that the same day you saw the party canvassing at Sugar Island?—Yes.

Can you say whether Captain Seymour was with him in Sugar Island?—I cannot, because I was in Mr. Ritchie's shop at that time, and I had not an opportunity of seeing what gentlemen were outside the door.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

At two o'clock you saw him with Captain Seymour; who else was with him at two o'clock?—Mr. Ritchie.

Can you name anybody else?—Yes, George Fraser.

He was with him before?—Yes, and Mr. Hill was with him.

Then Captain Seymour had joined him after you saw him first?—I did not see him till two o'clock.

How many people were with him?—I dare say there might be 20 or 30, or more.

A great number?—A good number.

Who was it spoke to you and called you into the room just now?—I do not know.

What did he say to you?—He said nothing, only I was wanted in.

Did not he say anything about Captain Seymour?—Not a word.

Committee.—When Lord Marcus Hill was canvassing, did any person who was with him carry any book or paper in his hand?—Not to my knowledge.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Patrick O'Hanlon was again called in; and further Examined by Mr. O'Hanlon, as follows:

WERE you in Lord Marcus Hill's tally-room upon any occasion during the late election?—I was, twice.

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Did you see any gentlemen there?—I did.

Can you tell me the names of any of them?—I saw young Mr. Quin, I saw young Mr. Waring, I saw Captain Seymour, I saw Mr. John Ogle, and I saw Mr. Reid, the attorney.

What were those gentlemen doing?—They were some of them writing and some of them sitting.

What was Mr. Reid doing?—He was writing, and Mr. Ogle was writing.

Did you know what they were writing?—I did not; they were making up tallies.

Can you tell me what Captain Seymour was doing?—He was going through the house, and bringing them forward to where they were writing.

Who do you mean by them?—Bringing votes up to where they were writing.

What do you mean by bringing up there?—They were brought into a room where they were writing to make up a tally.

Who brought them in there?—It was Jemmy Hamilton and Captain Seymour.

Did they tell you what they were bringing you in for?—Yes.

Did Captain Seymour ask you for your vote?—He did at different times.

Had you been previously acquainted with Captain Seymour?—Yes; I have had a house of him for five years.

You are a tenant of his?—Yes.

Do you owe him any rent?—I am due about a pound this quarter.

Did you owe him any rent at the time of the election?—Yes; I owed him half a year's rent.

Were you able to pay it?—I did pay it.

Were you then able to pay it?—I had some of it; I had not all of it.

Had you been applied to shortly before the election for your rent?—I was asked at different times for it by himself and his man.

At what time was your rent payable?—It is payable every quarter.

Then you owed him two quarters' rent at Christmas-day?—I did.

Did he make any application to you at that time for payment?—He asked me for it, not during the few days of the election, but before he did.

How long before?—A week before.

I suppose your rent was not due then?—A quarter was due.

When was the half-year's rent due?—In November.

Do you know a man named Hancock?—I do.

What is his Christian name?—Robert.

He is a saddler?—Yes.

How do you earn your bread?—I earn it by driving a horse and car.

Have you been often employed by Hancock?—I was very often.

Has Hancock ever asked you for your vote?—He has often.

Who did he ask for it for?—He asked me for Lord Marcus Hill.

You said you were twice in the tally-room?—At this time and before.

Was it the first time or the second that Captain Seymour brought you up to the tally?—I saw him both times.

Were you twice brought up to the tally?—I was.

Why did you not vote the first time?—I did not like it.

And he brought you up twice?—He did.

Upon what days?—It was on a Saturday; it was twice on the same day.

About what time in the morning were you first there?—I was there about 10 o'clock.

Was that the first time you saw Captain Seymour that day?—I saw him in the morning earlier than that.

At what time in the morning?—I think it was about nine o'clock.

Where?—Going up the street.

Did he speak to you then?—He did not; I was on one side and he was on the other.

At what time did he first speak to you?—On the market, going up to the tally-room.

What time of the day was that?—I think it was between 11 and 12.

Did you go up to the tally-room then with him?—I did.

What was the second time you went up with him?—I went up with another boy and Jemmy Hamilton.

What time of the day was that?—It was a while after that.

Did you see Captain Seymour about there all that time?—I did.

Did

Did you see him bringing up any other persons in the tallies?—I saw him asking people. *Patrick O'Hanlon.*

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Do you know Lord Marcus Hill?—I do.

Where have you seen him?—In the town at different times.

Did you see him in the street?—I think I did.

Can you recollect where you saw him?—I think I saw him on the hustings.

Were you then on the hustings?—I was a few minutes; I cannot certainly swear that I saw him there, but I think I did.

Did you see his Lordship canvassing upon any occasion?—I did.

Do you know any of the people that were with him?—There were a good many people with him.

Did you know any of them?—I saw the two Mr. Currys, young Mr. Curry and the father, and I saw Mr. James Agwright.

Do you know Mr. John Boyd?—I do.

Was he with him?—I cannot say that I saw him.

Do you know Mr. Lisle?—I do.

Did he happen to be with him?—I did not see him.

Were you much about during the election?—I was not; I was only now and again; I was out with the car a good deal while they were canvassing.

Did any other person ask you to go up in the tally?—Yes.

Who was it?—There was Mr. Hill Irvine, he asked me to vote for Lord Marcus.

Was that the same time that Captain Seymour asked you?—It was not; he asked me in his shop, and he would go along with me.

Did you tell him that you had been asked by Captain Seymour to go?—I did.

Did you go up with Mr. Hill Irvine?—I did not.

Why did not you?—I was not ready to go up that day.

What do you mean by ready?—I did not think it was convenient.

Were you engaged particularly?—I was.

How?—I was engaged to go out in the car.

Was that the reason you gave Mr. Irvine?—It was.

You are sure of that?—I am.

Did you tell him how long you would be with the car?—I did not.

Where were you going?—I was going to Warren Point.

Was Irvine in the tally-room when you went up?—He was.

What was he doing?—He was going through the room, he was walking through the tally-room; he was in it the day I was up.

When did you poll?—I polled the day before Christmas-day.

Who brought you up upon that occasion?—Mr. Hill Irvine.

Had you made up your mind in the interim?—I did afterwards, the day I polled.

Had you any conversation with a man of the name of M'Gill that day?—I did.

Was that about your vote?—Yes.

Was it shortly before you polled?—About half an hour.

Did you see M'Gill after you polled?—I did.

Upon what business?—He came up stairs to me.

When was that?—It was after I came down from the polling for Lord Marcus.

Where did you go to?—I went up stairs.

Where to?—To a bed-room in M'Gill's house.

Where is M'Gill's house?—It is off the low ground, near the inn.

You went down to M'Gill's?—Yes.

What did you go there for?—I went there for some money that was promised me.

For driving a car?—No.

How long before you polled did you see M'Gill?—About half an hour before I went up.

Did he go with you into the tally-room?—He did not.

Where did you see him last before you polled?—I saw him in his own house.

Was there any body by?—Not before I polled; there was Mr. Hill Irvine and Mr. Hancock.

Is that the same gentleman that asked you for your vote?—Yes.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw.]

Mr. O'Hanlon submitted to the Committee that he was now entitled to ask the former witness whether Captain Seymour had offered him any money for his vote.

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Mr. *Pollock* objected to the evidence being received.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* was heard against the objection.

Mr. *Pollock* was heard in reply.

The Committee room was cleared.

After some time the Counsel and Parties were again called in, and informed that the Committee were of opinion that the evidence might be received.

Mary Murney was called in; and having been sworn, was Examined by Mr. *O'Hanlon* as follows:

Mary Murney.

ARE you married?—Yes.

What is the name of your husband?—Hugh Murney.

Where does he live?—In the High-street, in Newry.

Was he a voter at the last election?—Yes.

Do you recollect the Friday before Christmas-day?—Yes.

Do you recollect any body coming to your house and asking for your husband's vote that day?—Yes; Captain Seymour came.

Was your husband at home?—He was.

Was it to you or your husband that he spoke?—It was to me.

What was the question he asked you?—He told me if my husband came and passed his vote that morning, that I might have 10 *l.*, and I told him that I would have more; I was promised 20 *l.* the night before; and he said there was no more going than 10 *l.*; and I said that I was promised 20 *l.*; and he put his hand upon his breast and said that there was no more going; and he said to me, did I believe that; I said that I believed what I heard before; and he loosed the button off his breast and took a book out and kissed it; and he said, did I believe that, and I held my head down and said nothing. He told me to go down to Mr. Hill's tally-room, and my husband with me, and I would get the money when he passed his vote; and afterwards he sent a man, James Bowes.

Did he go away after that?—He did.

Had you agreed to go or not?—No; I did not say that I would go down.

What do you mean by passing a vote? Do you mean giving it?—Yes.

Did you receive any message from Mr. Seymour?—Yes.

Did you go to the tally-room?—No, I did not.

What did you do then?—He asked me would I go? I said I would not leave the house for any thing that they had to give me, and that they might bring it to me.

Who was it you are speaking of?—He is Crawford, that works for Captain Seymour.

Did you see Captain Seymour again upon the subject of the vote?—Yes.

What took place upon that occasion?—He came to our house and gave me the half of a 10 *l.* note.

Did you say any thing to that?—I said, Sir, there was no good in that bit of paper, as I was no scholar; and he told me it was half of a 10 *l.* note, and that if my husband would vote for Lord Marcus Hill, I would get the other half of it.

Did you ever get the other half of it?—No.

Who did your husband vote for?—For Mr. M'Maguire.

Do you know Captain Seymour?—I knew him when I was at home.

Are you quite sure it was he?—Yes, I am sure enough it was him.

You have no doubt whatever of it?—Not a bit.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock.

You have known Captain Seymour a great while, have not you?—No, I knew him at that time.

You knew him before you were married, did not you?—No.

How long have you been married?—Eight years.

How long have you known Captain Seymour?—Two years next summer.

Committee.—What day of the election did your husband vote?—It was on Monday evening.

What day was it you saw Captain Seymour?—On Friday.

What became of that half 10 *l.* note?—My husband took it out of the house with him, and he gave it to some person I do not know.

You never got the other half?—No.

[*The Witness was directed to withdraw.*]

Patrick O'Hanlon, was again called in ; and further Examined by
Mr. *O'Hanlon*, as follows :

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WHEN you were in the tally-room, you told me the persons you saw there were Mr. Quin, Mr. Warring, Mr. Seymour and Mr. Reid?—Yes.

And you said you were brought in by Hill Irvine?—No, I was not.

Who was it brought you in?—James Hamilton. I saw Hill Irvine in the room.

What was he doing?—He was walking backwards and forwards in the room.

Was he talking to people?—He was.

Did you see him bringing up voters?—He asked myself.

When he asked you for your vote, what did he say?—

Mr. *Pollock* objected to the question.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* submitted to the Committee that Hill Irvine appeared upon the evidence to stand in precisely the same situation as Captain Seymour.

The Counsel were informed that the Committee were of opinion that they could not at present receive any evidence of the acts of Hill Irvine.

Mr. *Pollock* stated, in answer to a question put to him, that he would admit that the voters voted according to the entries in the poll-books.

Mr. *O'Hanlon* was heard to sum up the case in behalf of the Petitioner.

[Adjourned till To-morrow at 11 o'clock.]