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Baugh 28th October 1861

Police Record

Neil Lamont Merchant and Cattle Dealer, residing at Cornaig, parish and Island of Tyree, and County of Argyll, is charged with malicious mischief, in so far as that he thrust, or pushed, Mr Lauchlan McLean Farmer residing at Crosh, parish and County aforesaid, off his horse whilst riding on horse back, into a lake, whereby he got two of his ribs broken, and his person injured, being confined to bed for three days afterwards in consequence of said injury, this took place on the main road, between Gott, and Ballaphetrish, upon the morning of Saturday the twelfth day of October current, between the hours of 6 and 8 P.M.

Finlay Fraser P.C.

Evidence

1st Lachlan McLean Aged 57 years before designed, states upon the morning of Saturday the twelfth day of October current, as I had been returning home from the Steamer on horseback, I invited Neil Lamont Cornaig who had been returning with me to a share of my horse, he mounted at my back - we did not proceed very long when suddenly he fell into a lake of water at the road side, dragging or tumbling me with him at the same time,

[in margin] Name of lake & where situated.

I had been stunned so much by the fall, that I cannot say what way he took me down,
[in margin] Was there anything done before or after fall by Niel Lamont Were any blows struck or violent [.....] before or after fall. Was MLean in any way molested Were any feats of strength spoken of. Did Lamont say anything before or after fall : if he did what ;

I fell on my side into the lake and unfortunately a big stone had been under my side whereby two of my ribs were broken, I had been confined to bed for three days afterwards, I feel weak yet, it is my firm belief that it was Neil Lamont that put me down, and that it was intentionally he had done it, when I got up I was wishing to be revenged on him for so doing, but he fled ;

[in margin] why did you feel by pushing you off horse

he seemed quite steady at the time I gave him no cause to treat me in such a manner,

[in margin] What do you mean when you say you gave him no cause to treat you in such a manner

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riding together before we fell, we did not quarrel, he did not strick me with his fist at all.

2nd Donald McLean Aged 27 years, a Boatman residing at Kennaway, parish and County aforesaid, states I had been coming home in company with Lachlan McLean Crosh upon the morning of Saturday the 12th current, I saw Neil Lamont Cornaig mounting at Neil Lachlan McLean's back with Lauchlan McLean's consent,

[in margin] Where was this & what was Did you ... keep close by them or what did you do... How long did they travel & what length of time elapsed after getting on horseback & what you observed their fall - what distance were you from them did you hear what was said

they did not proceed very far when I observed they both tumbling into a lake at the road side, and heard McLean saying "shame, shame" I observed Neil Lamont going away and left McLean in the lake, perhaps it was for to overtake McLean's horse he went, both McLean and Lamont seemed to be quite steady, Lamont did not turn back to see McLean, Both seemed to be on good terms whilst riding together before this took place, I cannot say what was the cause of them falling, I did not observe any of them striking blows, John Lamont Neil's father, had also been there at the time.

[in margin] Was he near them

Remarks

I did not examine Mr John Lamont he is away out of the Island at present.

Finlay Fraser
P.C.

[added in pencil] Examine Mrs McLean as to appce of husband after going home

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Police Report
Neil Lamont
Assault
Recd. 7 Novem. 1861

Reported case

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Police Information

Upon Saturday the 26th Oct, 1861 within the shop in Toby occupied by Alexr. Black Merchant there Neil Lamont residing at Cornaig Tyree Assaulted on Duncan Cameron a Seaman on board the Tyree packet by striking him a Severe blow with his clenched fist on the face & other part of his person to the serious injury of his person, otherwise conducted himself in a drunken quarrelsome & disorderly manner in breach of the public peace

Allan Cameron

Witnesses

D. Cameron Packet
Hector McLean shopman
John Lamont porter

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Report
Assault by
Niel Lamont
1861