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N° 18
Police Report
Marg^t Campbell or
M^cFarlane
July 1873

Assault

Tobermory 30 Sept 1873
Tried summarily
Plea Guilty
Finding Guilty –
Sentence 5/ or 2 days
Imp^t

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Tyree 28th July 18713

Police Report

Margaret Campbell or M^c Farlan (40 years) a widow and residing in Balinoe Island and Parish of Tyree, & Shire of Argyll.

Is charged with assault & Breach of Peace, so far as on the forenoon of Saturday 26th Inst. and within the house or Hut situated in Balinoe aforesaid, and occupied by the said Margaret Campbell or M^c Farlan. the said Margaret Campbell or M^c Farlan did attack and assault Angus M^cDonald a Labourer and residing in Moss Tyree aforesaid, and did with iron tongs strike the said Angus M^cDonald a severe blow on the forehead, whereby he was cut & wounded to the great effusion of his blood & serious injury of his person. (Further 2) time and place aforesaid, and also in front of the said House or Hut the said Margaret Campbell or M^c Farlan did conduct herself in an outrageous manner, cursing and swearing, throwing stones and making use of threatening language towards the said Angus M^cDonald & John M^cFadyen a Labourer residing in Balymartin Tyree, and Hector M^cDonald Joiner or Cartwright residing in Hillipol Tyree aforesaid. all whereby a Breach of the Peace was committed.

John M^cDougall
Constable

List of Witnesses

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- 1st Angus M^cDonald a Labourer residing in Moss Tyree aforesaid.
- 2nd Hector M^cDonald a Joiner or Cartwright residing in Hillipol Tyree aforesaid.
- 3rd John M^cFadyen a Labourer residing in Balimartin Tyree aforesaid.

X Angus M^cDonald says I am married, a Labourer and employed by M^r Geekie. On Saturday morning 26th Curr^t I was sent by my employer along with the said Hector M^cDonald & John M^cFadyen to carry accused's furniture out of said House or Hut to get her put away, who often got previous & legal warnings to leave said place of abode, but to which she gave no heed. ~ I was after leaving one article of her furniture outside the door and going to lift a second, when accused with iron tongs struck me on the forehead above the left eye, which staggered me, She made to strike me the second time, I warded off the blow, took hold of the tongs & said woman are you going to commit murder.

I took the tongs out of her hands, I left to get the wound dressed from which blood was oozing, being all of us driven away with stones & strong language. we left.

X Hector M^cDonald says, I am also in the employments of M^r Geekie. I saw M^cDonald struck by accused, and I corroborate with all M^cDonald's statements. I said if she attempted to murder the man, she said she did, & she would do the same to me,

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John M^cFadyen says, I am married a Labourer, & working to M^r. Geekie, by whom I was sent along with Angus & Hector M^cDonald, on Saturday 26th Curr^t, to get accused away out of said house (as already stated)

I did not see accused strike M^cDonald, being out side with some article of her furniture when I heard M^cDonald say, woman, are you going to commit murder. she said I am. I immediately came in, saw M^cDonald's forehead cut & bleeding. He took the tongs out of her hands. we went outside. she commenced throwing stones at us, one of which struck me on the left foot. we went away & left her cursing and swearing with much noise.

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Sir,

the Sheriff Officer was not present at the time of the assault on M^cDonald's forehead, by M^{rs} M^cFarlane, but he was present in December last at taking the roof of said house, when M^{rs} M^cFarlan put sticks across the wall where she since remaine. ~~

the wound was about an inch long. I told him to shew it to the D^r. that I might report afterwards, if danger was attached to it which he did on 28th Ult.

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To which the D^r. said he did not consider danger attached who said yesterday he would send to P. F. the medical report by first Packet

But he was sent for last night as M^cDonald is getting worse. therefore will send his medical report per next Packet.

I am

Sir

Your obed^t Serv^t

John M^cDougall

Police Officer

W^m Sproat Esq^r

P. F.

Tobermory