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Police Report
v
Hector Cameron
&
Donald McKinnon
No 17. 1880

Tobermory 1 Sept 1880
Tried summarily
Cameron guilty
McKinnon Not Guilty
Diet deserted pro loco qua McKinnon
Sentence Cameron
Fine 3/6 or 3 days Impt

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Alleged Assault by Hector Cameron on Donald McKinnon

I enclose Precognition in this Case

Tiree 17th August 1880

Donald McKinnon 21 years a Joiner son of & residing with Donald McKinnon a Tenant residing at Balivulin Tiree Argyllshire says I have taken on rent since last Whitsunday Cornaig Mill Tiree, about 7 P.M. on Thursday 12th Augt Currt. I was coming home from a Funeral and on passing I went into said Mill which is under repair by Archd McLean Joiner Cornaigmore and Hector Cameron 30 years a Joiner Cornaigbeg Tiree who both were then in the Mill along with Donald McLean a Tennant Cornaigbeg. I in a few minutes left for home and on passing the water wheel outside which is also under repair I steped up to it & looking at it when Cameron (Accused) came up to the wheel also I said ye are coming on well at the work, when Cameron said yes, but we do not want an Inspector till the work is finished. I said he would not need to take it ill though I called at passing. Cameron said he was better learned than that the work should be Inspected by a fool like me, I said I was no more fool than him and anything that I could not do, he would not need to try he was at same time driving wedges in the wheel with a claw hammer whereupon he did with said hammer strike me on the cheekbone of left eye whereby I was thrown down to the ground from a height of from 6 to 7 feet he came down on top of me with the hammer in his hand. I took hold of him & got both on our feet & were fighting each other when the said Donald McLean & his Brother Archd took us separate Cameron struck me on the nose at separating us when my nose lost much blood, Donald McLean washed my face, I then went up on a higher spot of ground when Cameron came to me when we had some more of it, Donald McLean washed my face the second time. I would need to defend myself, then I saw my Uncle Alexr McKinnon 68 years a Tenant at Balivulin and Alexr McDonald a Tenant at Balivulin coming from said funeral along with others I then told Cameron

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Cameron to come & show what he could do without the hammer when we joined it the third & last time, when My Uncle & McDonald took us separate in presence of both Archibald McLean & Donald McLean my nose lost much blood for I was struck twice on it, no blood came from where the hammer struck me but it swelled & discoloured my eye, the front of my shirt was saturated with blood, which came from my nose ---

Donald McLean 40 years says time & place above refered to McKinnon left the Mill I thought he went home, Cameron (accused) went out for the tools to the water wheel a few second after McKinnon left. I shortly went out of the Mill along with my Brother Archd to go home when we saw the two on their feet on the ground at the wall that supports the water wheel & thrang fighting holding & striking each other McKinnon's nose was blooding & I think Cameron's mouth was blooding, when we told them it was a shame for them to fight, & separated them. I then washed McKinnon's nose, I saw a blue lump on his eye or cheekbone, when McKinnon saw his Uncle & others coming from a funeral he told Cameron to come on now & after his Uncle came joined the fighting but were soon separated by Alexr. McKinnon & Alexr McDonald. I heard him say that Cameron struck him with a hammer I did not see him struck with a hammer I washed McKinnon's face twice I saw a hammer in some person's hand I think it was McKinnon (Alexr) or Donald McKinnon that he had the hammer.

Archd McLean Corroborates with his Brother's Statement

Alexr McKinnon 68 years says I am a Tenant at Balivulin I saw the two joining the fight after we came but Alexr McDonald & I separated them & they went away. I saw a claw hammer down in the burn near where they were fighting I saw round his eye black & his cheekbone swelled -
I saw much blood on the front of his shirt

John McDougall Constable

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A copy of a Criminal Libel containing a charge of Breach of the Peace, consisting of Three pages, was in the Thirtieth day of August eighteen Hundred and Eighty years, served by me upon Hector Cameron a Joiner residing at Cornaigbeg and Donald McKinnon a Joiner residing at Balivulin Tiree, Argyllshire. personally apprehended ~~

On which copy was marked a notice of compearance before the Sheriff Court of Argyllshire at Tobermory on the First day of September eighteen Hundred and Eighty years at 12 O'clock noon

John McDougall Constable

Upon the Thirtieth day of August eighteen Hundred and Eighty years, I John McDougall constable for Argyllshire passed and Lawfully Summoned, warned & charged Donald McLean a Tenant residing at Cornaigbeg & Archibald McLean a Joiner residing at Cornaigmore, Tiree, Argyllshire, both to appear within the Criminal Court House at Tobermory on the First day of Sept

Eighteen Hundred and eighty years at 12 O'clock noon, to bear evidence for the Complainer at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal of Court for the Public Interest against Hector Cameron and Donald McKinnon accused of Breach of Peace ,and that under a Penalty of One Hundred Merks Scot, if they fail to appear, This I did by delivering a just copy of citation to the above effect signed by me and bearing the date hereof to the foresaid Donald McLean & Archd McLean personally apprehended

John McDougall Constable