

Friday, 29th June, 1855.
Before His Worship the Mayor and Dr
Sturt, J.P.

SHIP RAVENSCHRAIG.

James Craig, an articulated seaman belonging to this vessel, who had been remanded since the previous day, was brought up for further examination.

George Nicholson, Esq., the medical gentleman in charge of the emigrants, being sworn, stated—That about four or five weeks after the vessel leaving England, he observed this seaman act in a very insubordinate manner, plainly telling the Captain of the vessel that he would not do as he was ordered, which was relating to his introducing himself upon the poop. On another occasion, viz. on the 6th April, Craig behaved with great insolence to him the Superintending Surgeon on board, and when directed by him to remove himself from the women's hatchway, he rejoined in a volley of the most disgraceful abuse. In fact, through this man's insubordinate behaviour he was compelled to adopt much more stringent measures for the management of the emigrants than he would otherwise have had to do, and which involved considerable more trouble upon him and the rest of the officers on board.

In answer to this accusation Craig called a person of the name of Donovan, whom, it appeared, acted as fiddler on board, for the purpose of satisfying the court that the last witness, Doctor Nicholson, allowed both fiddling and dancing on the voyage.

This evidence being considered irrelevant to the matter at issue, went for nothing.

The Mayor observed that he never remembered perusing a document more replete with instances of the bad conduct of a sailor than

bottles of spirits from off the counter of Mr Murphy's public house, at the Bell Post Hill.

It appeared that the prisoner stole into the house, and suddenly possessing himself of the 3 bottles of brandy, ran off down the road, followed by the servant women who had observed his manœuvres; Mrs Murphy ran to her servant's assistance, and had the fellow taken into custody.

He was sent to gaol for 3 months.

BREACH OF THE TOWN POLICE ACT.

John M'Kelzer, who had the misfortune to allow his horse and dray to run over a man in Moorabool-street last week, was brought up for further disposal.

Joyce, the person who had been injured by the accident, now appeared in Court, having so far recovered from the effects of the shock, and the master expressing his willingness to defray the medical expenses to which he had been subjected, a nominal fine of £5 was inflicted upon M'Kelzer for allowing his horse to escape from his control.

that detailed against Craig in the log-book kept by Dr Nicholson. In the hopes of checking such unruly behaviour in future, and to prevent vessels arriving at this port being subject to such demoralisation as the conduct of Craig had a tendency to produce, he should send him to gaol for four months.

DAMAGING CROWN LANDS.

A person of the name of Morris, was called upon at the instance of Mr Lennox, of the Crown Land Commissioner's Department, to answer the charge of removing soil or loam within the limits of the Town Boundary.

His Worship the Mayor observed, that in this instance he should not decide, at least, at the present moment upon the information, he should, first of all, correspond with the Local Government on the subject, and ascertain whether land situated within the limits of the Corporation, became public property over which the Corporation, alone, had control. He was not certain on the question, but was strongly of opinion, that the Crown Land Commissioner's Department had no control whatever over those portions of the Town and Suburbs situated in the Boundary, and believing this was the case, he was not willing to place authority in the hands of another, which should be exercised by the Mayor, for the time being, in the name and in behalf of the Municipal Body.

After complimenting Lennox for the activity he displayed, His Worship ordered the case to be remanded till Friday next.

ROBBERY IN A PUBLIC HOUSE.

John Leod was charged with stealing three bottles of spirits from off the counter of Mr