

**COMMISSION OF OYER AND TERMINER**  
YESTERDAY

Mr Justice O'Brien and Baron Fitzgerald sat in the Court House, Green street, yesterday, to dispose of the remaining business of the Commission.

THE SADDLERS' CASE.

The hearing of the charge against the traversers, George Lyster and Henry Lynch, for writing a libel to Lord Listowel concerning the Messrs Lennan, saddlers, Dawson street, was resumed.

Messrs Macdonogh, Q C, and C Molloy, instructed by Messrs Smith and Dalton, appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Messrs Lennan; and Messrs Butt, Q C, M P, and William M'Laughlin, instructed by Messrs Byrne and Sons, appeared for the traversers.

At the sitting of the Court,

Mr Augustine Lennan was examined by Mr Molloy, in reference to the saddle sent to Lord Listowel – He stated that he had packed the saddle which was made on the premises, Dawson-street, and gave it to the porter Dunne to deliver to Mr Fishbourne.

Mr M'Laughlin then proceeded to address the jury on the evidence. He said the Messrs Lennan were very respectable men in their business, and the traversers were equally respectable in their rank of life. It was to be regretted that unpleasant feelings had arisen between the workmen and the Messrs Lennan. The workmen thought they had a grievance, and the Messrs Lennan thought they had a grievance also. They were disputing among themselves since before the month of June, and some time the one got the statement to be true, though he did not know it of his own knowledge, but acted upon the information of others, it might so happen that he would be privileged in stating in a document what he had heard from others, even though it should turn out that his information was wrong. The jury were to consider the circumstances under which the document in the present instance was written, and it would be for them to say whether the document, or any portion of it, was written maliciously, or was written and sent to Lord Listowel in perfect *bona fides*.

The jury then retired.

Baron Fitzgerald stated, in reference to the question of privilege referred to by Judge O'Brien, that he was of opinion there was no evidence of privilege, and none of *bona fides*.

The jury after half-an-hour's deliberation, returned into court with a verdict of Guilty against the pri-[*transcript cut here*]