

ALARMING RIOT.

About half after 8 o'clock yesterday evening, while the Magistrates were in the execution of their official duty, a most furious and outrageous mob assembled round the Marine Police Office, and after shouting, instantly attacked the windows, broke the outside shutters, threw in large stones, and did a great deal of damage. As soon as it was possible for the Magistrates and officers to force their way to the street, the Riot Act was instantly read; but before this was effected, while the mob were attempting to break into the house, the officers, who were by this time armed, fired one or two pistols, but the mob continued notwithstanding to be very outrageous, nor was it possible to make the least impression until one of the mob, a coal-heaver, was shot. In a short time after one of the officers was wounded in the hand by a pistol-ball, while standing close by Mr. COLCYNHOYN and Mr. HUNNORR, two of the Magistrates, and soon after it was discovered that a person named *Franks*, who was attached to the Marine Police Institution, was mortally wounded.

The Riot appears, on examination, to have originated with the associates of a Coal-heaver, named *Charles Eyles*, who had been convicted a few minutes before for stealing coals. A more sudden attack, and a more infuriated mob perhaps never was known, and the narrowness of the street contributed in a considerable degree to the mischief which was done, and nothing but the spirit shown by the Officers would have prevented the outrage from extending to the destruction of the building.

It appears from informations taken upon oath by the Magistrates, that a person in a smock frock was heard to utter very threatening expressions just before the outrage began, and immediately after the conviction took place, declaring "*That it shall not rest here, and that they were determined to have the house down.*"

Diligent search is making for the ringleaders of this atrocious act of violence, and hopes are entertained of bringing them to justice.

Greatly to the honour of the Wapping and Union Volunteer Corps, no sooner was it known that outrages had been committed, than they assembled with the greatest expedition, and continued during the night patrolling the street, for the preservation of the public peace.

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