

After the Review at Orono on Monday the 6th Instant, we Dined a number of friends at the Rochais Coffee House, and as we were returning home about 9 O'clock in the evening I heard music appointed at Mr. Wards, upon which, I proposed to Mr. John Picaube to step in for a few moments. we both went in together, but not untill we had made particular enquiry, and had fully ascertained it to be a public Sal. Mr. Thomas LeMarchant and Mr. Peter Denny, who were also of the party, very soon followed us into the Room. On entering it, I immediately put aside my sword with my Light Drumbury's Cap on a small table which stood behind the Door, after which I went up to a girl who was dancing with a Mr. Bishop & addressed her as well as another girl who stood next to her, and with whom I was to have danced the following dances. Mr. Bishop from motives best known to himself told me to desist speaking to the Lady who was his Partner, but I paid very little attention to what he then said, he kept on repeating those words several ^{upon which} times, I answered him to this effect "Sir, whilst these Ladies are satisfied with my conduct I presume you have no business to interfere." I thought in giving this explanation, I had condescended a great deal and that it would have appeared this Man, but no, he again attacked me, and I heard him distinctly say "Mansell by God you'll not speak to this Lady, or I'll make you sit down." this language was to me insupportable, particularly coming from a Man like this Mr. Bishop, whose Character and occupation are well known in this Island, consequently had no other alternative left to avenge myself, but by threatening to horse whip him, which I certainly would have done, if I had not been withheld by those who were present, I called him repeatedly a damn'd Scoundrel, with

the addition of "you English Butcher I will mark you" I attempted several times to collar him, and made use of the epithet of Butcher very often. At that time all was confusion in the Room, and Mr. John Picaule as well as myself were assailed by about Twenty or Thirty of Mr. Bishop's party, who knocked us down several times, and ^{we} found ourselves entirely overpowered by numbers. At this period I received a blow from some one behind me, which brought me to the Ground, and when Mr. John Picaule perceived that I had been attacked in so unfair manner, he deemed it prudent in his own defence to draw his Sword, and declared that he would make use of it, if any one attempted to strike him. The moment I recovered from the blow I had received, I flew to the place where I had deposited my Sword, which I threw down and brandished it about, but I solemnly aver that Mr. Bishop was not then in the Room, in the scuffle Mr. Godwin received a slight cut in the Arm and afterwards Mr. Picaule and myself returned to Town.

The above Narration contains facts which I can prove before any Court of Justice from the evidence of some very respectable Persons who were present at the time this affair occurred

Frederick Mansel

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