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On Tuesday Mr. Sheriff Monteith went over to Dunfermline, and exerted himself strenuously to preserve the peace of the town by swearing in special constables, &c.; but on Tuesday night the riotous assemblage again appeared, broke more windows, set on fire more looms, and broke into the shop of a man named Scotland, who, besides being a partner in one of the factories, keeps a grocer and spirit dealer's shop, gutted his shop of its contents, and threw them into the street. We understand also that when the Sheriff was conducting one of the prisoners to prison, the mob set upon the constables, wounded several, and rescued the prisoner. It may be stated also, as a specimen of the wild justice obtaining among them, that when they were breaking the windows of one of the inhabitants, under the impression that he was a partner in a factory, he looked out of the window and told them they were mistaken, on which the mob immediately desisted.

The Sheriff (Monteith), we understand, made application for a military force, and, in consequence, half a troop of the Enniskillen dragoons proceeded across the Frith yesterday morning; and as a report was spread that the mob intended to force the gaol, to rescue several of the rioters who were confined there, they were drawn up to protect it. A heavy shower falling in the afternoon served to clear the streets.

There was also a meeting of the weavers in the Abbey Pend, to draw up resolutions, in the afternoon, but we have not heard the results.

Things have a remarkably gloomy appearance, and it would appear that in Dunfermline the serious rioting had been premeditated.

The rioters appear to have been well organized, there not being the slightest misunderstanding among them as to their unlawful proceeding.

The appearance of the military among them has certainly tended to suppress a little outward appearance of additional disturbances, but there is evidently a deep-rooted determination to commit mischief, and it is impossible to predict ulterior proceedings.

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ABERDEEN AND FORFARSHIRE.

Intelligence had been received in Edinburgh on Wednesday night from the manufacturing districts, which unfortunately gives too much reason to fear that the present riotous proceedings will extend to the principal commercial towns and burghs in these extensive counties.