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? As a protest against the eviction campaign then in full blast, about 11 men of the R.I.C. resigned in this district.

To celebrate the event, a monster meeting was organised by my dear friend + cousin Denis E. Shanahan. The meeting was addressed from the balcony of the Crown by Mr. Crilly M.P.

1888? I also remember another meeting addressed by Michael Davitt whom Parnell sent down to put the brake on the activity of the Moonlighters to make things easier for Gladstone who had promised a new Land act - probably that of 1885.

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1886 In February 1886, Parnell sent Michael Davitt to Castleisland to appeal to the people to stamp out the outrages. Davitt was warmly welcomed by the people of the Town. Richard E. Shanahan, secretary of the local branch of the Land League, presented an address of welcome and later Davitt spoke from the balcony of the Crown Hotel to the throng that had gathered in the street. With him were, among others, Archdeacon Irwin, M.K. Wren, T. Kearney and D.E. Shanahan.

1886 Sam Hussey <sup>p. 260</sup> Reminiscences of an Irish Land Agent  
Feb 21 1886.  
Sam describes Davitt as "that apostle of outrage".  
Refers to the Moonlighters as the Land League policemen.  
Sinn Fein + The I.R.A. ?

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A company of soldiers captured a poteen plant at Foyle Philip on a Sunday morning. Passing through Castleisland on the way back, they halted in the Main St., opposite the Crown Hotel, for refreshment. They were surrounded by people coming out from 12 o'clock mass. Shots were fired and a stranger was shot coming out from an eating house at Market Cross.