

**[Newspaper cutting (1887?) "An Irish giant in court" about 7' 5" James Patrick Folly's arrest and trial for drunken assault on a police officer in Tottenham Court Road].**

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those of Mr. Arkley, the proprietor of Dunninald, and Lyall, the father, and is in every respect entitled to the fullest credit."

## AN IRISH GIANT IN COURT.

This morning, at Bow-street, before Sir Jas. Ingham, James Patrick Folly, 48, a man standing 7ft. 5in., was charged by Police-constable 46 D R, with being drunk and assaulting him between one and two this morning in Tottenham-court-road.—The Defendant stepped into the witness-box to the great astonishment of all present. He is a well-proportioned man, of great breadth of chest, and appeared to be double the height of the officer who took him in charge.—The Constable said the Defendant stopped him early this morning and insisted upon his writing down the number of a house near. The officer seeing the man was drunk, temporised a little, but the giant insisted upon the number being written down, and seized hold of the constable and struck him on the breast knocking him down. Defendant said he would have satisfaction, and the officer replied, "You shall have it, if you will come with me," whereupon the giant did go with the officer to the police-station. But when there he threw himself down and began to kick at everybody. It was only by strategy the officers succeeded in locking him up.—Sir James Ingham, who had looked with astonishment as the Defendant entered the dock, said, Now, Mr. Folly, what have you to say?—Defendant said he only came into London yesterday afternoon from Belgium. He had been exhibiting himself there as a giant, with pictures, and the Belgian authorities had kept his pictures. He was a native of Carlow, Munster, and wanted to exhibit himself to-morrow and Easter Monday, but all his pictures were in Belgium. He did not think he hit the constable; at any rate, he did not intend to. What he wanted was to get a solicitor to take up his case.—Sir James said he would like to communicate with Defendant's friends about him, but finally inflicted a fine of 10s.—Subsequently, the Defendant was brought once more into the Court, and he had to bend his head as he came through the door.—Sir James (addressing the giant), said, Mr. Folly, where are you going to reside in London?—The Defendant said he did not know yet, as he wanted to exhibit himself.—Sir James: Well, I understand you are not in funds at present. When could you make it convenient to pay the fine?—The Defendant: I will pay it on Wednesday next, or give myself up, your Worship.—Sir James: Well, you shall have until this day week. Take his recognisances until then.—The Defendant gave Sir James a military salute, and bending his head, passed under the doorway out of court.

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