

RYDE PETTY SESSIONS. - On Monday last, before J.P. LIND, esq M.D.

Edward PHILLIPS, a smith, in the employ of Mr. CAVE coachbuilder, of Ryde, underwent an examination, for beating and severely injuring **Richard Thomas THORRELL**. It occurred at a house in the High-street, and the complainant was carried away from the house on Sunday morning, between three and four o'clock, in a most woeful condition, - the scalp of his head being severely cut and loosened, his body covered with bruises, the breast-bone beaten in, and the top of his spine injured.

The evidence went to show that the complainant went to the house with the wife of the defendant, whose mother was placed there to take care of the premises until it should be let; that PHILLIPS ordered him out, and he (THORRELL) refusing to go, PHILLIPS took hold of him and pushed him out, and in the struggle at the door they both fell over the area below, on some flag-stones, at a distance of about ten feet.

The two witnesses examined, named Mrs. SAUNDERS and John LININGTON, stated that they neither saw nor heard them fall, although in a room close to the spot, and did not know anything about it till LININGTON went to look after PHILLIPS to go home, when he found both in down the area, and he (LININGTON) then assisted PHILLIPS in putting the poor man in a knife-house.

These statements were, in many points, very conflicting, and quite in opposition, we understand, to the depositions of the injured man, who states that he never entered the house, but was struck down by a blow, close to the lower entrance of the house, near the kitchen-door, and was in a senseless state until he was conveyed away in a Bathchair to his home, which was not till between two and three hours after the affray.

The prisoner was not at all hurt, whilst FARRELL lies in a most precarious state, and, according to medical opinion, very little, or no chance of recovery, The prisoner was remanded till Tuesday, and further remanded till Monday next.

FATAL AFFRAY. - Mr. **Richard Thomas FARRELL**, who received such severe injuries from a man named PHILLIPS, (mentioned in our last week's paper), died on the 25th instant, leaving a wife and four children totally unprovided for. PHILLIPS was had up again on Monday, and further remanded.

The Inquest on the Body. - The inquest was held at the Crown Hotel, on Wednesday, before H. SEWELL, esq., coroner, to inquire into the cause of the death of the deceased who it appeared died from injuries received at St. Peter's-house, on the night of the 16th September and which deceased stated were inflicted on him by Edward Charles PHILLIPS, blacksmith.

The Jury having been sworn, and Mr. William BRENDEEN appointed as foreman, they proceeded to view the body, and afterwards inspected the premises at St. Peter's-house.

The Coroner and Jury wished to have the attendance of PHILLIPS during the inquiry, who was then in the custody of Inspector CAMPBELL, at the Station-house, Ryde, who, on being asked by the Coroner to produce him, said he could not do so without an order from the committed magistrate. A note was accordingly sent to Dr. LIND to that effect, and it was understood that his answer state - "he would do so if he had the power." The Coroner said as he had no power to compel the magistrate to produce him, he should proceed without him, unless the jury were determined to have PHILLIPS present, - if so, then he would adjourn the inquest, and get him brought up by an Habeas Corpus.

After much delay, the Coroner and Jury proceeded with the investigation without PHILLIPS. The witnesses called were B. BARROW, esq. G. SAUNDERS, J. LINNINGTON, and Jane SAUNDERS, the substance of whose evidence was given last week, and a verdict of ultimately returned by the Jury of "Manslaughter," against Edward Charles PHILLIPS, who was on Thursday again brought before the magistrates, and committed to Winchester, to take his trial at the next Assizes, in March, for the above offence.
