

THE MIRFIELD MURDERS.—It is understood that some very important, though somewhat suspicious additional evidence, has been traced out with respect to the perpetrators of the triple murder of Mr. and Mrs. Wraith and their servant, Caroline Ellis, at the residence of the former at Mirfield, in May last. It will be remembered that, at the last assizes for Yorkshire, before Mr. Justice Wightman, Michael McCabe, one of the men charged with the offence, was admitted to give evidence; and although he swore that Patrick Reid, his supposed accomplice, was the man whom he saw at the house at the time the crime must have been committed, still the jury found Reid not guilty. It has since transpired that a young girl, whose parents have prevented her from giving the information, mentioned at the moment the deed was first discovered, that she saw the crockman, McCabe (who was well known to the villagers as a hawker of earthenware), come out of the house by the back door about one o'clock, and that she afterwards saw the nephew of the deceased Wraith enter the garden, then go round and look through the window, and subsequently leave the premises for assistance. She further adds, she remained about the spot until McKinnell, landlord of the public-house, arrived, and entered the premises by the kitchen window, that being the room in which the body of the servant girl Ellis was found. In other circumstantial particulars the girl is confirmed; and if she should be brought forward at the next assizes, and bear out these statements, her evidence will materially alter the features of the case as it at present stands; but we are not aware what, if any alteration, it will cause in McCabe's position, he having been admitted as Queen's evidence against Reid, for the murder of Mr. Wraith, at the late assizes. McCabe is still detained in York Castle, and treated in every respect as a prisoner for trial. The authorities are quietly pursuing their investigations into the horrible and mysterious affair; and as McKilty and his wife, who so distinctly swore to the fact of the soldering iron being fetched the night before from their house, by Reid, are still kept in York Castle,—though not, of course, subjected to the same rules, nor confined in the same part of the prison, as criminal offenders, but merely with the view of securing their evidence on a future occasion,—there is no doubt but that this dreadful affair will again become the subject of inquiry before a jury, at the next assizes for Yorkshire.

LEEDS AND BRADFORD RAILWAY.—EXTENSION TO SKIPTON.—This line was opened for passengers on Tuesday last, and arrangements are being made for the conveyance of merchandise.

BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY.—The new act on bankruptcy and insolvency, will take effect on Wednesday next, the 15th inst. It contains 21 sections, and is entitled "An act to abolish the Court of Review in bankruptcy, and to make alterations in the jurisdiction of the Courts of Bankruptcy and Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors." By the act the insolvency business of the Court of Bankruptcy is transferred to the Insolvent Debtors' Court within 20 miles of the Post-office, and the other business of that court, as well as the district courts in matters of insolvency, is given to the new County Courts. The new rules by the Insolvent Debtors' Court have not as yet been printed; the new forms are, however, in a state of preparation. It is understood that the four Commissioners of the Insolvent Debtors' Court whose circuits are abolished by the act will hold several courts at the same time, but such an arrangement would seem to be unnecessary, as the business under the two systems now committed to them could be disposed of by one court sitting daily, without huddling parties into a room and destroying the respect due to the administration of public justice.