

MIRFIELD.

BREAKING INTO A PROVISION STORE AT MIRFIELD.
—**APPREHENSION OF A GANG OF BURGLARS.**—Numerous burglaries and garotte attacks have lately been committed in the neighbourhood of Mirfield; but the officers of justice, however active, have hitherto failed to bring the offence home to the guilty party. Early yesterday morning, however, four notorious characters, the leaders of a gang, were apprehended whilst in the act of leaving an extensive provision store, having in their possession a large booty, consisting of hams, bacon, &c. From information received the previous night, Mr. Superintendent Hall, with Police-constable Hindle and other officers, placed themselves in such a position as to command a view of the store and adjoining shops. After being there some time, a light was observed in the provision store, and suspecting that a robbery was intended, a search was made, some of the officers getting on to the roof of the shop. Soon it was found that an entrance had been effected by removing some of the tiles of the roof, and the men had then let themselves through the opening by means of a rope attached to a piece of wood. After making this discovery, the officers had not long to wait before three men were seen to issue through the aperture, and they then commenced, by means of the rope, drawing up hams, sides of bacon, and other articles. The officers on this closed on the men with drawn cutlasses, and in the struggle one of the burglars fell through the hole into the building, severely hurting himself, although the fall was broken by his coming in contact with some bales of cotton. The other two men were secured, and some of the officers descended into the building and apprehended other two. Their names are Joshua Gledhill, William Parkinson, John Parkinson, and Richard Spink, and it is supposed that they are the parties who, about a month ago, broke into the counting-house of Mr. Oates, and stole therefrom upwards of £30. On the roof of the provision shop were found four hams, two sides of bacon, and a quantity of other articles. A heavy life-preserver, a "jemmy," and other house-breaking implements, were also found on the premises.