

RESISTING THE POLICE AT MIRFIELD.—On Thursday, at the Police-court, Dewsbury, before Mr. T. H. Cook and Mr. W. Ackroyd, Mr. John Lockwood, commercial traveller, of Mirfield, was charged with being drunk and refusing to leave the Black Bull Inn, in that village, on the 10th inst., and also with resisting the police in the execution of their duty on the same occasion. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. Ferns, of Leeds. The evidence of Superintendent Martin and other officers belonging to the West Riding Constabulary, as well as of some civilians, was to the effect that on the night of the 10th instant the Superintendent was engaged at the Black Bull Inn, getting up evidence against Martha Ann Gledhill, who had been apprehended on a charge of setting fire to a wheat stack, the property of Mr. Hurst, maltster, when the prisoner Lockwood came in and advised her not to say anything until she got a legal adviser's assistance. He then went away for a short time, and, on returning (while in the lobby of the inn), said it was a shame that Miss Gledhill was to be taken to the Dewsbury lock-ups that night, and observed that if there were half a dozen men present of his mind they would not let her be taken. This brought him into collision with Superintendent Martin, and it was asserted on the one hand but denied most strongly on the other, that he throttled the Superintendent of Police, pushed him, and conducted himself so violently that the aid of some constables present had to be obtained, and he was pushed out of the house. While in the yard of the inn it was alleged that he threatened to use a knife against the police, but the evidence for the defence was clear that no threats of that kind were made, that the police officers were the persons who raised a cry of "knife," and that the prisoner was sober, though much excited. He was taken to Dewsbury lock-ups in a cab, but was liberated on depositing £10 with the Superintendent in an hour or two afterwards. When Mr. Ferns was addressing the Bench for the defence, they intimated that they should dismiss the charge of being drunk, &c. The prisoner was fined £15 and costs for resisting and assaulting the police in the execution of their duty.