

THE ALLEGED OUTRAGE ON THE RAILWAY NEAR MIRFIELD.—In the *Mercury* of Tuesday last there appeared a paragraph to the effect that on the Saturday night previously a man who was standing on a bridge crossing the railway, not far from Mirfield Station, fired a gun at a passing train, that the driver and stoker avoided the shot by stooping, and that the charge lodged in the weather-board. This was the tale told by the men, and it obtained ready credence ; the railway authorities were consulted, and the aid of the police called in. The blue-coated gentlemen have made a minute inquiry into the affair, and have found that neither the weather-board nor any other part of the engine bears the marks of shot corns, and they have come to the conclusion that the story was an invention.