

DEWSBURY.

INDIGNITY TO A FACTORY INSPECTOR.—Mr. William Arthur Beaumont, sub-Inspector of Factories, appeared at the West Riding Court-house yesterday, and preferred against Wm. Wilkinson, oil extractor, Mirfield, and Geo. Beckett, his manager, charges of obstructing him in the performance of his duties. It seems that on the 13th of June Mr. Beaumont was in Mirfield inspecting the several factories there, and called at Wilkinson's works. He announced who he was, and what was his office, but Beckett refused to let him proceed beyond the room which he had entered, and called upon some of the workmen to turn Mr. Beaumont out. This, however, they did not do, but Beckett locked the door and detained him for fifty minutes. Wilkinson said he was ignorant of what had occurred, and did not learn until the receipt of the summons. Beckett declared that he thought Mr. Beaumont was an inspector, a statement that occasioned considerable laughter in court. The full penalty for obstructing the inspector, it was said, was £20. The defendants were fined £5 each, the Chairman remarking that the Bench considered it a bad case.