

### The "Rights of Little Nations."

Some years ago what passes for Government in Ireland made itself ridiculous enough in its campaign against men for having their names in Irish only on their carts, but now, according to the *Dublin Leader*, it is a crime to answer questions in Irish only to a policeman in an Irish-speaking district. Our Dublin contemporary says: "Ballingeary, as our readers know, is famous for its Irish Summer College. A well-known Englishman, Mr. Claude Chevasse, has become, in some respects anyway, far more Irish than most of the Irish themselves; he is an enthusiast for the Irish language which he speaks and writes. There are four policemen in Ballingeary, none of whom, we understand, knows Irish. That is the England in Ireland way of administering the law to our 'free people'—send non-Irish-speaking policemen to Irish districts. A policeman by the name of Appleby evidently scented danger in the visit of this Englishman and sought him out and asked him questions. Mr. Chevasse, in this Irish part of Ireland, answered the bobby in the national language, and as the bobby did not understand Irish, and as Mr. Chevasse persisted in speaking it, Mr. Chevasse, an Englishman, was arrested for answering a policeman questions in Irish only in a very Irish district! He was duly brought before a bench of Macroon magistrates and fined by a majority of the magistrates £4 and £1 for answering a policeman's question in Irish only."

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