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A fierce spring tide, impelled by the boisterous gale

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A fierce spring tide, impelled by the boisterous gale of yesterday, flooded all the low grounds in the vicinity of this city, and the fields at either side of the Dublin mail-coach road, at Groody-turnpike, at Cratloe, Banratty, and Ballinacurra, are submerged. The causeway from Quinpole was long invisible, having been inundated from six to twelve inches, and the fields to a great extent at both sides of the road resembled an angry river, where large boats could float with facility. A deplorable catastrophe occurred there yesterday, about 10 o'clock in the morning, when Thomas and John Danaher, of Parteen, brothers, Margaret Lynch, and another female (name unknown) were travelling on a horse and car to town. They forded the road with some difficulty, but had not proceeded half way across when the horse, startled by the spray of the tide, which was blown against his face, suddenly turned aside, and fell off the road into the deep water in the fields, where the animal struggled to keep his feet, while the Danahers and one of the women disappeared under the car, and, unable to extricate themselves, unfortunately perished. The accident was observed from a distance, and Michael Donnellan, of the New-road, rode a horse up to the scene of danger, and at great risk, while surrounded by a foaming tide, fortunately released Margaret Lynch, who was clinging with a desperate grasp to the horse's harness. With assistance the poor animal was also rescued, but they had to drag for more than an hour with boats before they found the bodies of the two brothers, which were taken to the Exchange, with the body of the third victim, a woman unknown, when the mayor held an inquest, and, under the melancholy circumstances, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."—*Limerick Chronicle*.

On the 8th inst. some persons in the employment