

## Serious Assault Upon Lieutenant Dey

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On Thursday, **James Brebner**, a pensioner, was remitted for trial on a charge of committing an assault upon **Lieut. Dey** in one of the police cells. On the previous evening, **Brebner**, had been brought into the office for mising (*sic*) a disturbance, and on being put into a cell began to be exceedingly riotous. The Lieutenant then went into the cell, but on his entering the gas was put out, and **Brebner** dealt him a tremendous blow on the head with a zinc pail, knocking him down, and for a time rendering hi insensible. **Mr. Dey** is confined to bed, the injuries he received rendering seriously unwell.

The only possibility found in the 1871-1881 censuses for the area suggest that this may be **James Brebner**, army pensioner, husband of **Helen Honor** and son of **James Brebner** and **Elizabeth Knowles**. The family lived in Stonehaven during that time.

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