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### Nationalist protesters have their charges dismissed



**Eighteen republicans from the Newtownbutler area of Co. Fermanagh, accused of attempting to hinder a loyalist parade marching through Newtownbutler on August 3rd last year, had their charges against them dismissed by Resident Magistrate Brian McElholm at Enniskillen court.**

Later this month in Omagh court, over thirty loyalists will find themselves before the same magistrate, facing similar charges arising out of protests at a republican march of celebration, marking the 1798 rebellion when thousands of Protestants were slaughtered by their Roman Catholic neighbours.

There is documentary proof of at least one policeman swearing lies in a statement identifying the Editor, Rev. Foster, as being one of those guilty of a breach of the law.

In the light of the decision in the case of the republican protest, it will be interesting to see just what decision will be taken in Omagh. There will be more than just the loyalists on trial. The administration of the law and the magistrate conducting the trial will also be on trial.