

PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF WATERFORD.

By Thomas Francis Meagher.

**From '98 and '48: *The Revolutionary Literature* by John Savage.
On July 19th, 1848 the police in Waterford were engaged all day
in posting Castle proclamations. The following was posted in
every direction where the former appeared, on the same day.**

To the People of Waterford:—

FELLOW-CITIZENS: The English Government have this day issued a Proclamation declaring you disqualified to bear arms; declaring, therefore, that you have forfeited the first privileges of free citizens.

This is another act of despotism—threatening the liberties of the country—testing the patience and the heroism of the people.

It is done to surprise—to alarm—to intimidate.

It shall not do so. It has come too late. You know your duties well, and you will have the virtues to fulfil them.

In Limerick, in Carrick, in Tipperary, the arms act has been in force for many months, and in those districts it has neither dismayed the spirit nor checked the organization of the people.

Imitate the example of these gallant men. Be firm—be steady. Organise calmly, *speedily*, fearlessly.

The men in whom you confide, and to whose ability and courage you look for guidance and success, will not fail to give you that advice which the perils of the day demand.

I am, fellow-citizens,
Your faithful and devoted friend,
THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER.

God save the People!