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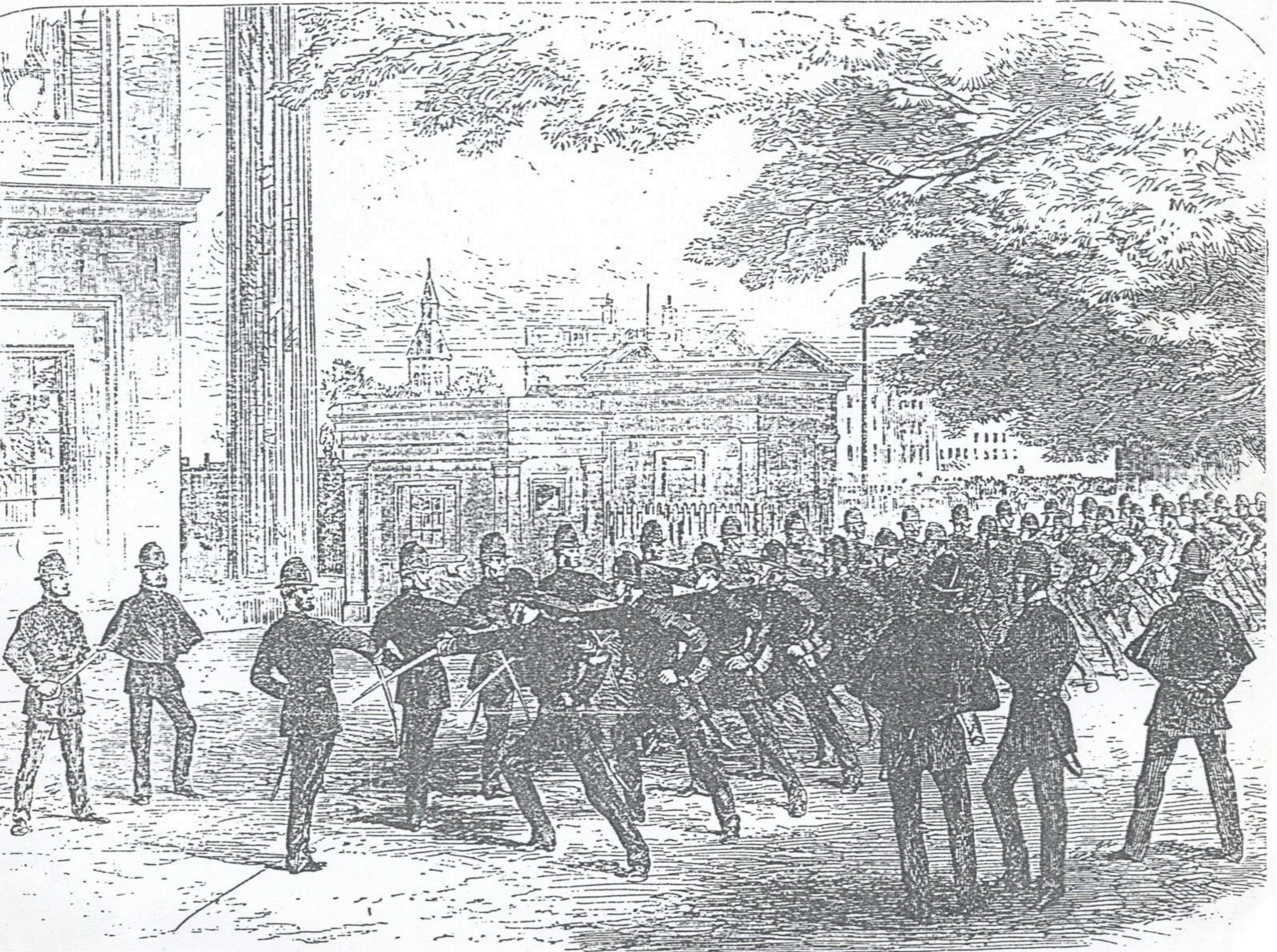


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METROPOLITAN POLICE LEARNING THE CUTLASS EXERCISE AT THE WELLINGTON BARRACKS.

THE frequent repetition of murderous attacks on the police in these days of Fenian fury makes it highly expedient that the civil guardians of our peace should be taught how to use more formidable weapons than the truncheon, in

case of need, for the purpose of self-defence. Arrangements have, indeed, been made for the instruction of the officers and constables of the Metropolitan Police Force in the cutlass exercise; and a portion of the ground belonging to the Wellington Barracks, St.

James's Park, has been placed at the disposal of Sir Richard Mayne, being more convenient than any space which was available at Scotland-yard. A squad of twenty or thirty of the police sergeants and inspectors now assemble there

daily to be instructed by Inspectors Fraser and Robinson, who have already been initiated in the exercise. The sergeants and inspectors will communicate similar instruction to the constables under their command.