

[Dundee Evening Telegraph, 3 January 1880](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/BL/0000453/18800103/017/0002)

CAPTURE OF A TRAWLER BY FISHERMEN.

For some time back a trawling vessel, hailing from Lossiemouth, has been actively plying the fishing grounds in the vicinity of Dornoch, much to the annoyance and loss of the men belonging to the village of Embo, some of whom had got the whole of their lines cut up and swept away; On Christmas Day the fishermen, taking advantage of a calm, manned four of their boats and rowed out to their enemy, who lay at anchor about two miles from the shore. On coming alongside they requested the captain of the trawler to move off quietly, and nothing would be said about their loss. This, however, he refused to do, and, presenting a revolver, said he would shoot the first man who dared to interfere with him, the fishermen retorting that if he did they would hang him from his own mast. The trawler tried to escape by cutting adrift the net, but this was resisted, and the captain fired a shot over the heads of his assailants, while some the crew tried to drive them off with spikes. The fishermen immediately boarded the vessel, wrenched the revolver from the captain, took possession of the craft, towed her close inshore, and anchored her under Embo village. After lying there for some time the captain, finding he was powerless to resist, agreed to clear out to sea, which he was allowed to do on the understanding that he would never again return to the Embo fishing grounds.

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[Dundee People's Journal, Saturday 3 January 1880](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000697/18800103/084/0005)

SUTHERLANDSHIRE FISHERMEN ACTING AGAINST TRAWLERS. —

While William Reid ("Bo"), trawler, Branderburgh, was employed in trawling on 25th Dec. off Golspie, four boats, without numbers on their bows, or the skipper's name on their sterns, manned by crews numbering about ten each, went alongside and boarded Mr Reid's smack. It is alleged that the invaders, who are stated to have belonged to Embo, laid hold of Mr Reid by the throat, and threatened to drown all on board, because they dared to trawl for flounders in that locality. Reid fired a revolver in the hope that it would frighten the men, but that effect was not produced, and they remained seven hours on board in full possession of the smack, taking the helm and steering on their course. Mr Reid could do nothing, as he had only three of a crew against forty assailants. The case is undergoing judicial investigation.

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[Northern Ensign and Weekly Gazette, Thursday 29 January 1880](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/BL/0002561/18800129/061/0005)

THE CAPTURE OF A TRAWLER AT DORNOCH.— Our Dornoch correspondent informs us that some of the Embo fishermen connected with the capture of the trawler lately fishing in that district were under examination by the authorities at Dornoch last week, and were liberated on bail.

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