the supports from the staging, & broke up the gathering. On the 6th an indignation meeting" was called, of Nat: Amer.s - at the same place, to denounce the previous interruption. The Catt: clergy, apprehensive of tumult, went round & advised our people not to attend, & they did not. Two speeches were made, resolutions were adopted; and all things went on quietly, till a sudden gust of wind & rain came on, which threw down the flags, & compelled the persons composing the meeting to take shelter under the market house, hard by; where some 12 or 15 Irishmen were assembled, looking on, from a sufficient distance to be rather disconnected with the assemblage. As the crowd rushed in, under the Market house, they rushed the Irish out, & one of the latter resisting, as was natural, his immediate opponent, or another of the same party, presented a pistol at him. The Irishman then fled, & took refuge in the Hibernia Hose house, close by, where he procured a pistol, & presenting himself at a window, exclaimed "now I defy you" - On this, a general attack was made on the hose house - the Americans firing first - & one of them being killed & others wounded - they fired the house, destroyed the engine, & apparatus, then sacked several adjacent houses, & the contest became general. The subsequent events have been pretty accurately detailed - except that there an "armed" mass meeting, of Nat: Amer.s, was called for the following afternoon at 4 O'Clk, and our friends Mr. Stokes & John R. Read called on the mayor, & represented that he ought to prevent it - it being an illegal meeting (of armed persons) he refused to do so: and though he attended, it was a perfect farce, his attempts or pretended attempts to disarm men, who with blunderbuss on their shoulders ran round & dodged him, like boys at play. The meeting, as you know, was harangued by clergymen, & others; & adjourned to the Irish quarter 4000 strong, with a false & inflammatory placard attached to the Amer: flag, which had been soiled in the rain of the day before - The poor Irish, seeing what was coming, armed as best they could, & resisted most gallantly the attack on their school house, & private dwellings - But the bell has sounded, & I must close. Bp Kenrick states it was the universal impression, on Friday, that a general massacre of Catholics was intended - Every Catt house was marked, by persons unknown, with a cross - even where there was only a single Catholic. ~~God will~~ He then fled in disguise to Balt., & his clergy did similarly - "God reeth": He will bring good out of all this - Adieu - my regard to your family - Your sincere friend

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