

morning at nine o'clock, when information reached me of their having reorganized themselves the previous night, and by deluding a number of persons who had signed the paper with no further intention than to obtain the prisoners release, into a belief that no harm was intended to the Administration, signed their names to another paper to drag the Governor out of his place and compel him to resignation. — These facts had not reached me over half an hour, when the approaching sounds of drum and pipe indicated beyond doubt that the report I had received was not altogether unfounded. — Headed by a number of the disaffected and a few of the County Annexation party, a body of young men and some of the least respected of the Community who had just been filled with

rum and wines to drunkenness by McGill, Jackson and Cassell — saying nothing in this sentence as to how largely Drayton contributed —; and who were armed with cudgels, pistols and knives, came down the street; and on arriving near my door commenced their attacks upon a few peaceable and well deserving citizens who were standing thereabout. Unaided by the presence of the most thoughtful and experienced of the Community, who live some distance from West Harper, and who had taken no part in this affair; and perceiving the condition of the rabble, I saw and felt at once the influence and tendency which the show and use, arms would have upon the few men of my party, and therefore proclaimed sickness by writing to the Lieutenant Governor

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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