repel an attack which they had heard we were about to make upon them. At this stage of the conference it was thought proper to dismiss the palaver to a future period. Not however without leaving both the Governor and most of his Cabinet strongly impressed with the hostile intentions of our native neighbors. Thus matters continued without any fresh out-break till Monday the 22d inst. when after two or three unsuccessful efforts to procure a conference with the chiefs and headmen, orders were given to fire on the town. In a very short time perhaps less than 20 minutes after the first cannon was discharged the town presented one sheet of flame

The natives, at first did not make a very formidable resistance. In fact many of them seem to have fled, panic stricken, without firing a single gun. Having however gotten beyond Latrobe or East Harper they rallied and attacked our forces in the rear but were soon repulsed. They then fled towards the interior plundering and burning as they went several houses that had been deserted the preceding day Since then they have appeared in small parties at night and robbed and burnt several other houses, among which may be included seven that I have built or purchased on account of the

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