

few who cling to the sentiment dare
not open their mouths. Yesterday,
about 12 o'clock, hearing that a large
body of Northern Militia were passing
through the City & that great excitement
existed, I proceeded to Pratt St. (not
anticipating any actual disturbance)
along which six Cars full had already
passed. I found the 7th had been
compelled to return to the Depot,
owing to the track having been torn
up & impeded. On passing through
the crowd, I found them in a
state of fury, many of them armed
with revolvers & one & all declaring
that the Northerners should not pass.
I continued on to the Station, where
I found twenty two Cars full of
Volunteers, the majority of whom
appeared unarmed. They were just
preparing to get out & march up, &
finding a large mob approaching,
with a Secession flag at their head,
I, having had considerable experience
of such affairs in Madrid & elsewhere,
forebaw what was coming & made
my retreat. I had hardly got out of
Pratt St., when the firing commenced.