and others. Mr. Parkson made some observations relative to an attack upon the House, but treated the idea of such an attack with perfect indifference and contempt. I stain there but a short time; while there, however, I heard, as I thought, a musket fired at some short distance; I looked out at the front window, and found it proceeded from four Persons of the Military School under the direction ~~[illegible]~~ of Mr. Craig, the tutor, who had been out exercising and had fired a salute opposite to General Hucker's house. At the same time I saw several persons put their Heads out of the window of the House then occupied by Mr. H. and others, as if to ascertain the cause of the firing. I then left Mr. Parkson's, and proceeded to Charles Street, Mr. Thomas C. Perkins, who lives in the House adjoining that of Mr. H., was sitting at the front door with his wife. Lafayette and had some little conversation with him relative to that House, when ~~[illegible]~~ his wife told me, "that the persons in it had been barracadoing the gate, and filling the alley with wood and that the windows below ~~which were~~ having only inside shutters were barracaded in the same manner." It was Mr. P. opinion expressed to me, as it was mine, that no attack would be attempted, and with Mr. Perkins laughed at the idea of such a thing. Observing, that in this case the persons in the house would be consequently disappointed, ~~[illegible]~~

During the conversation, a Negro Man came out of the front door of this House with a large Stone Pitcher in his hand, and proceeded to a Pump for water, as I believe, on his return, there was