

A Guerilla Raid in Maryland.

The Farmers Pursue Them and Give them a Thrashing—Stolen Goods Recaptured—Two of the Bowles of Prince George's County Captured.

On Thursday last eleven guerillas crossed the Potomac near Poolesville, and proceeded to Sandy Springs, Montgomery county, Md., about eighteen miles north of Washington, where they robbed the store of Gilpin & Bentley of some thousand dollars' worth of goods and decamped.

A party of stout farmers, fourteen in number, mostly men of peace, under the lead of a much respected member of the Society of Friends, was quickly gathered and started in pursuit. They found the marauders encamped, on Friday, under command of Captain Chatmar, in the woods four miles northwest of Rockville, where they had encamped for the day, with the intention of crossing back into Virginia under cover of darkness. A spirited little fight ensued, the farmers making the attack with shot guns and such weapons as they had, and some thirty or forty shots were exchanged on each side. The guerillas finding they could not defend themselves, and that the farmers were determined in their efforts, started toward the river, headed by their captain, Chatmar, and nine of the party thus escaped. Lieutenant Walter Bowie, son of W. W. Bowie, of Prince George's county, who was of the rebel party, was killed while attempting to shoot one of the pursuers. His body was left at the house of a Mr. Ward, with directions that his (Bowie's) father should be notified of the fact.

Bruce Bowie, also a son of W. W. Bowie, and a sergeant of the First Virginia (rebel) Cavalry, who was with his brother, was taken prisoner and was handed over to Gen. Anson by a detachment of the pursuing party: Not one of the pursuing farmers was hurt in the least, and they succeeded in recapturing most of the goods stolen, and also recaptured four stolen horses. This gang of thieves was a detachment from McCabe's command, which is at times divided off into small squads and each squad is ordered off on these thieving expeditions to different parts of Virginia and Maryland.

Two of the pursuers, with whom we conversed, expressed the belief that the whole party could have been captured had there been a concerted action. But each man in pursuit acted on his own responsibility, no leader having been chosen, and in that way the rebels made their escape. However, the farmer-soldiers did a good work, and have taught the daring guerrillas a lesson they will not soon forget.— Wash. Star.