

I immediately proceeded to the place, with the hope of preventing, by remonstrances, any further violations of the peace of the State, and soon discovered a large party of the "Fardowns" advancing down the line of the Rail Road, who commenced pulling down and burning the shantees of their opponents, the "Corkonians." I prevailed upon the advanced party to desist, and to retire, but stronger parties pushing on, they recommenced their work of destruction. Finding that peaceable means had no effect in stopping their proceedings, and that several murders had been committed previous to the requisition being made, I determined to assemble what force I could, and to compel them to respect the laws of the State. With this view I proceeded to the Savage Factory, about two miles off, where I had previously ascertained there were about 50 stand of arms, in good order, with ammunition and men ready to use them. In less than 30 minutes, I collected a volunteer force of about 50 men, under the command of Capt. Capron, of the Savage Factory, to which were added 6 or 8 volunteers on horseback; with this force I proceeded to the Rail Road, and intercepted the advance of the rioters, towards the 8th section, 1st division. We discovered them advancing along the line of the Rail Road, when I stationed the volunteers under Capt. Capron, so as to prevent their passing in a body, and with the mounted volunteers made a dash at the nearest party, and succeeded in capturing 31, most of them armed with muskets, pistols and pikes, the rest dispersed through the different fields; and finding that great apprehensions were entertained of a riot at the 8th section, 1st division, about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from Waterloo, I immediately moved down the line of the Rail Road, and on approaching the 8th section, about 7 o'clock P. M. found there had been some fighting, and discovered two men dreadfully beaten, one of them died in the course of half an hour. As my force was much exhausted from having marched at least eleven miles, on a warm sultry day, since 4 o'clock P. M., and we had the prisoners to guard, I marched the whole detachment to Waterloo, where we passed the night.

Early on the morning of the 17th, I directed Capt. Capron to march his men to the 8th section, 1st division, at which place I understood there were from 300 to 400 of the "Corks" well armed, who had possession of the ground, the "Fardowns" being dispersed in the adjoining woods and fields; and was informed by Mr. Miller, Civil Engineer, in the service of the Rail Road Company, to whom much praise is due for his great exertions to preserve peace and