

*Arrest of John Merryman, Esq., by the Military.—Writ of Habeas Corpus.*—Quite an excitement was produced in the city on Saturday morning by the announcement of the arrest of John Merryman, Esq., of Hayfields, near Cockeysville. It appears, that on Friday night, Lieut. Abell, with a squad from the forces stationed at the Relay House, on the Northern Central Railway, moved up the road. They reached the house of Mr. M. about two o'clock on Saturday morning, took him into custody, and awaited the passage of the down train, in which they reached this city shortly before 8 o'clock. He was then placed in a hack and taken to Fort McHenry. While in the custody of the military he declined to hold any conversation with those on the train. The charge upon which he was arrested is said to have been a participation in the burning of the bridges on the Northern Central railway, between Cockeysville and the Maryland line, after the departure of the Cockeysville camp. Mr. M. is still detained at Fort McHenry. He is a prominent citizen of Baltimore county, has for several years held the position of president of the Maryland State Agricultural Society, and is respected by the people generally.

Yesterday morning a petition was presented to Judge Taney, asking that a writ of habeas corpus be issued requiring Gen. Geo. Cadwalader to produce the body of Mr. Merryman at 11 o'clock to-day, and show cause why he should be detained. The writ was accordingly issued and placed in the hands of Deputy U. S. Marshal Vance, who proceeded to Fort McHenry at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and served it upon Gen. C. Judge Taney issued the writ in his capacity as chief judge of the Supreme Court of the United States. The petition for the writ of habeas corpus was presented by George M. Gill and George H. Williams, Esqs., counsel for Mr. Merryman.