power to render the meeting pleasant. He states, that he and a lady led? the child into the room; and immediately on seeing the mother she escapeds from them, and fled into another apartment. He followed with the intention of persuading her back; and the mother immediately followed him.-The child finding further escape impossible, shrunk behind him to avoid the mother; General: Henry, observing this, and the child being in great trepidation, requested the mother to be seated; and she, seeing the propriety of the request, complied, and made no other effort to approach. Mrs. Polk remained as long as she desired, and no complaint of Gen. Henry's conduct. was made or heard of till Mr. Polk's publication. On that occasion Gen. Henry acted from the purest motives; and was sincerely desirous of quiet-

ing the excitement which agitated both mother and child.

The parties then returned to Somerset. This was on Saturday; and on Monday Mr. Williams set out for the Church, where we were to meet at 12 o'clock. Mr. Crisfield and Mr. Carroll were a few minutes in advance of Mr. Williams, and on arriving at the Church they found Mr. Polk and the ladies named in his publication. About the time they arrived Gen. Henry, whose residence is but a short distance, came up with a letter from Judge Spence in which the Judge stated he should not be there and gave, as his reason for not coming, that he had received a letter from Mr. Polk informing him that Mrs. Polk declined prosecuting the Habeas Corpus, and that he need not come. This intelligence led to the suspicion that Mr. Polk had some. improper design. Why should he be there after Mrs. Polk had refused to prosecute? Why should he and his associates come, when he had requested. the Judge not to appear? Had we then known, of what we have since been. informed, his designs would not have been a matter of speculation. We have since learned, that Mr. Polk finding he could not obtain the child lawfully went to the Church with the intention of taking her by force; that one man, George Drura, was there, hired to assist him; and that he endeavored to hire others! We presume he will hardly deny this; but he cannot if he would; the certificates of Mr. S. W. Jones, and Mr. Martin, hereto annexed put this point beyond controversy. We are therefore not surprised to find him charging us with being "hired to act our parts;" Guilt is always suspicious and is ever saving to its neighbor, thou art worse. than I. Hired to act our parts! Pitiful slander! We were not hired; and we can assure Mr. Polk, we neither hire, nor can be hired to do a mean action, or violate the laws. Two of us as the counsel of Mr. Williams expected to. be paid for trying the cause, & if the knowledge will gratify Mr. Polk, we can assure him we have been paid: And we can further assure him we will resist. violence and oppression wherever we find it. Had Mr. Williams, an aged and feeble man been an entire stranger to us, and had we seen him rudely assaulted by Mr. Polk or any one else, and an attempt made to wrest by physical force from his possession what the law has placed under his control, we would have interfered, and if necessary have smote the oppressor. Much sooner then would we do it, knowing and esteeming as we do Mr. Williams&his family. As soon as we received Judge Spence's letter, one of us, Mr. Crisfield, went and met Mr. Williams some distance from the Church, com-

municated to him the contents of Judge Spence's letter, informed him Mr. Bolk was at the Church, and advised him to pass on immediately. to Gen. Henry's, where he had been invited to dine. Mr. Williams did so, and thus was eluded a design to take the child by force; of which at that moment we were ignorant. If it be asked why Mr. Williams was advised not to stop ot the Church, we answer because Mr. Polk's conduct excited our suspicion, and because we knew an interview with the mother. would be painful to the child. Mr. Carroll then informed Mr. Polk of the Judge's letter, and we left him and his associates at the Church. We soon. joined Mr. Williams, the Doctor and the little girl at General Henry's, where we were accompanied by Gov. Carroll and his sons; Mr. Handy of the Navy being there before us. We had scarcely arrived, when we were followed by M. Polk and the ladies; in fact Gen. Henry had not reached his house before, he was overtaken by them. Mr. Polk asked the Gen. if the mother could be permitted to see the child which he said she was anxious to do; Gen. H. replied "he would throw no impediments in the way." They drove up, Mr. Polk & his niece were conducted to the parlor, his sister declining to leave the carriage. Mr. Polk then made the same inquiry of Mr. Crisfield as he had already made of Gen. Henry, to which Mr. Crisfield replied, that he felt sure that Mr. Williams had no objection if the child would consent And here we will add, that so far as our knowledge extends, Mr. Williams has never. been unwilling for Mrs Polk to see the child whenver she desired. He was unwilling that she should be taken away and carried beyond his control .--The reason, why Mrs. Polk had not seen her since the death of the father, is. because the child was unwilling to be seen by her.

On obtaining Mr. Williams' consent, General Henry and Mr. Crisfield. sought the child and persuaded her to come down and see her mother. In. doing this they supposed they were acting as mediators, not making themselves parties -- for they were very anxious to soothe & allay the excited feelings in the bosom of the child. They found her much agitated, and very. unwilling to come down. She seemed fearful of some design on the part of the mother to carry her off--she begged us not to let her go--and after all our entreaties she ultimately consented to come down, only on the condition. that we would remain with her. This we promised, and she then very re-

fuctantly permitted us to lead her down.

On entering the room we took seats on the side opposite the mother; Mrs. Polk immediately approached with a rapid movement, the child shrunk from her, throw her aims around Mr. Crisfield, and endeavored to get behind him so as to throw him between her and the mother. At this moment, Gen. Henry believing a more gentle approach would be most likely to seothe. the excitement and alarm of the child, begged Mrs Polk to be seated for a moment for which purpose he offered her a chair. Had Mrs. Polk been seated but for a moment, the child would probably have become calm & the interview might have been prolonged at the pleasure of the mother. But she rushed on and seized the child around the waist to which no reristance was made; in fact Mr. Crisfield endeavored to disengage himself from the grasp, of the child and present her to the mother. For a moment Mrs. Polk was