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Towsontown, Maryland,

Saturday evening, April 20, 1861.

Civil war is in our midst? A riot has occurred between soldiers from the North and the citizens of Baltimore, and unarmed men have fallen beneath the musket shots of soldiers from another State. We have stood long by the Union Flag-we have contended thus far beneath its folds, but now we must coincide with Governor Hicks and Mayor Brown, as well as with the sentiment of the people of the entire State in saying that Northern troops shall not pass unharmed through the State of Maryland, for the purpose of subjugating the South. Northern troops are now, it is said, marching to Washington, intending to force themselves through Maryland, and we can but say to our people, respond to the call issued by the Governor, and defend your State.

It is said that Government troops who came as far as the Gunpowder, on the Philadelphia Rail Road, were prevented from proceeding by the bridge being destroyed, and that they

are now marching on foot towards Baltimore.

The Baltimore County Horse Guards, of this place, has been ordered out, and manfully are they responding. They are now gathering, and will march before the going down of the sun.

The "Towson Guards," have yet not received orders, but are momentarily expecting them.

All is excitement here, and, with a few exceptions, all ap-

pear to be of one mind.

On the N. C. R. R., the bridges over Western Run and Beaver dams, near Cockeysville, and several bridges near the city, including the iron bridge at the Relay House, have been destroyed, to prevent the transportation of government troops from the North.

Question. Have you examined that paper?

Answer. Yes; to the best of my knowledge, I believe it is an exact duplicate; the first time I saw the original it was nailed on a tree in front of Mr. Longnecker's printing office; I know they were the same sentiments that he expressed on Ady's porch that day.

LOUISVILLE, JOH. 221 Cross-examination.

Question. Are you familiar with the print of Mr. Longnecker's paper?