

12 Mo 25 Pleasant day the naviga-  
tion still continues open the Packet runs  
last week, Steamboat still runs  
27 tolerable highing at this time  
Last week I took from the Post office  
10 Papers Directed to John Hance  
and to day 27th 3 one marked  
J Hance, one A. E. Ekin & one W. G. H.  
with dates 27th Inst. The Post Master  
informed me they had not come for some  
days except Hances.

It was on Dec. 22. & they were the first  
I had taken. I wrote to A. H. H. on the same  
day to that effect. 12 Mo 29th I was awak-  
ed this morning about 4<sup>o</sup> clock by the cry of  
Murder from 2 or 3 persons who appeared  
to be peeping up Market Street. The whole  
Street was aroused from their slumbers and  
many turned out to learn the cause, the bell  
was rung from an apprehension it

was Fire that had been cried, But it  
Proceeded from some Blacks 2 Men  
their wives & 4 Little Children who had  
been dragged from their Beds, Chain and  
brot from Rees Manors in their  
Shirts alone. Most of them at the dead  
chorn Night or rather Morning in one  
of the severest Snow & hail Storms  
we have had, they were arrested by  
J. Loper Constable (on a Warrant issued  
by W. King) and some 8 or 10 Strangers  
one of them said to belong to Phila by  
name Donohue who Patted more impu-  
dence than all the others united, and who  
Drew a Pistol in <sup>the</sup> Front Room at Skirrow  
in the Presence of the Court & civil authority  
and also drew a Dagger and threatened  
to strike the Sheriff who was about to  
arrest him for breaking the Peace when  
I see the Dagger raised I thought to

Strike I assisted the Sheriff to arrest the  
Blow and advised Donahue that he  
was about to stab the High Sheriff  
for the County of Salem, whereupon he was  
disarmed and taken to the Jail by many  
Persons as and under appearance the above  
Facts are substantially correct and when  
ever called on by the proper authority I shall  
be willing to testify to. I have committed  
them to paper in order they may not slip  
my memory in case I ever shall be called  
on - during the arrest of Donahue I  
was afterwards informed the Prisoner  
made her Escape with her child out  
of the window but I did not see  
anything of her at all - 12<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1834  
8<sup>o</sup> Clock in evening I was  
30 the Judge Bush had the further  
Investigation of the Structure  
of the Court House in Salem

and the House was crowded  
with anxious Spectators. The Black  
ks were not in Court this morning  
in chains (they having been taken  
in the Jail the night previous  
for safe keeping. The Council for  
the Blacks moved the Court the  
Blacks be discharged on account  
of the illegality of the Papers refer-  
-ring to a Power of Attorney to Don-  
-thorpe for the arrest and Sale of  
the Blacks. The affidavit made  
by the Lady giving the Power of  
attorney was not signed by her  
M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Liffen M<sup>r</sup> Callowick & Thomep-  
-son spoke manfully in defence  
of the Blacks. The arguments  
were brought with about 1.00 AM  
But the Judge declined deciding  
on the Legality of the Papers etc

Afternoon, the Court adjourn to 2  
o'clock but did not meet before  
three at which time the house  
was crowded, the Judge offered  
and although the weather was awfully  
cold and the snow and hail descending  
the Perspiration stood in large drops  
on his forehead while those around  
then standing with cold the trouble  
was he appeared sorely perplexed  
and undecided. What kind of an  
opinion to render, but at length he  
decided on the Legality of the Power of  
Attorney & ordered the Parties to pro-  
ceed whereupon the Council for  
the Blacks craved an adjourn-  
ment of the Cause till March  
term the Blacks having made  
affidavit of the absence of material  
Witnesses - at this time P. 1.

Thompson made a soul stirring  
speech in favor of the Blacks &  
demanded an adjournment as a right  
and that an outraged community  
would not suffer the Law trampled  
indefatigably longer. The slave holders  
became alarmed and consented  
to a postponement of the cause. Messrs  
McCallister & Leffers told the court  
as I thought there must have been  
some cause unknown to them for  
his unlawful accession respecting  
the papers, which opinion appeared  
to occupy the minds of the audience  
generally, the cause was then adjourned  
to March 1835. Mr. Donohoe  
when arrested yesterday had his coat  
(Tail / frock or similar coat) torn off  
above the pocket during the scuffle  
and when in the Jail observed

He had lost his Pocket book and pa-  
pers, whereupon I informed him  
I would go and look for them and  
started to do so and met someone  
Just coming in the Side door with  
the Skirt of his Coat. I took it from  
him and handed it to Donahoe  
who immediately put his hand in  
one of the Pockets and took out a  
Long Leather Pocket book which  
he opened and examined the contents  
and observed they were all safe  
and appeared entirely satisfied  
The Sheriff requested him to be sworn  
as he wanted to. Examined him and seeing  
he had any more unlawful weapons  
he declared he had not, and pulled  
out a comb & some other trifling  
things. Dec 31st The Slave  
holders started for Philadelphia this morning

Mr Donahoe included, who was  
Bailed out of Prison after having  
remained there 2 or 3 hours on  
Monday last.

1835

January 1st this year came in rather  
pleasantly the cold. The Sleighing is  
quite good. - Jan 4th the first day  
of Helen's & Charles, my nephew & I  
took a Sleigh Ride as far as Pennsboro  
in the night after our return I  
was taken with a violent Pain in the  
Back, 5th I was very sick &  
to day. 9th I was still continuing quite  
sick this morning he broke out with  
the Small Pox. 11th the weather  
is still cold the Sleighing is good, I  
is quite determined to day to get out  
of Bed & dress himself & am down  
stairs - 12th still continues delirious



Sheldon Formist Robert C Johnson  
interrupted the harmony of the meeting  
by talking & other unbecoming conduct  
in front of the house so  
much so that Miss Thim &  
myself had to go out of the  
meeting & keep the peace. Johnson  
went so far as to threaten my  
life at least he swore I  
should not live to see the  
next night. at the same  
time he was walking with  
Grace Baumgardner, 31 St to night  
there was quite a commotion & a  
disparagement among the Noble and some  
others who make some pretensions  
to respectability to have a riot  
& prevent the Section from going  
on but the Good Citizens turned  
out with the determination

to put them down they however  
assembled to the number of 3 or  
40 around & in front of the house  
& altho they behaved rude and  
indecent there was no riot  
your fear only. Robt C Johnson  
was again at the head of them  
and when the speaker came  
out of the house he was the  
only one that hiss'd him  
this day I wrote a Note to R. C. W.  
Williams, Publisher of the Emancipa-  
-ator Ten dollars for 11 numbers of  
that paper for one year from the  
1st of Augt 1835. I 8.25 leaving a  
Balance of 1.75 to be paid to the  
Treasurer of American Antislave  
ry Society to the Credit of F. Garrison  
Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1835 I had a summons served  
on me this day by the Deputy Marshal  
of the State. He called on me

Thos B Culbreth of Maryland in a  
Plea of Trespass for the Escape of a  
Black Woman of 10000 dollars  
B. Griscom Jos Hancock, J. H. Menitt  
Calvin Belden Charles Quincy Isaac  
Nicholson & John Brown to appear  
at the 3<sup>d</sup> District Court of the M. State to  
be holden at Trenton on the 6<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 35  
Sept 29 1835 we all met this Evng  
at W. Meffers office and entered into  
an article of agreement to defend us  
and argue the cause to its end for the  
sum of 100. fr. each of us having paid  
him 5.00 in advance the agreement  
was given to Bayan Griscom for safe  
keeping. W. Wed. 23 First Day Mornng  
about 3 o'clock this mornng I  
had to go for Sact. Lewis's daughter  
& Sarah Dennis & Friend Smart  
My Wife was deliv'd of a daug

After about 6:00 Clock - Margaret  
Williams Nurse. Mr. Selly died  
a week or so before this occurrence  
12 Mo 1st. 1835. Court this week  
I served on the Grand Jury we pro  
2 Bills one again at the Green Term  
-ish Fox - Edward Waddington & Son  
Doct. E. D. Keashy Clerk. E. P. Ruple  
was tried this Term for Forgery and  
acquitted. 4 Donohows Case  
was called up & postponed to Lunterm  
1836. Apric there has been no  
-a Snow & better sleighing this  
Winter than I ever knew -  
4 Mo 25<sup>th</sup> I got a little girl Sus  
-an Wintzle from Bushtown  
14 year old in Jan'y last.  
5 Mo 15th 1836 the Chosen for  
Solden met this day and in  
the morning appointed me