

guards in company with him. The man after starting quietly with them, became somewhat indiscreet, and the citizen (Mr. Mass) in striking him over the shoulder with a pistol, unintentionally (this is his own account) shot him. The man was brought across, and medical aid immediately ordered by me. But I learn that he is since dead. Mr. Mass, in my presence made a full confession of these facts before a magistrate, W. H. Crocker.

In the course of the day captured and destroyed many stands of arms, some prisoners, and destroyed by Mr. Fisk's order, several shanties.

Friday 30th Employed about the Tunnel, completing the work begun yesterday. Major Barnes reports his troop & Mills in the rear engaged by Mr. Fisk's further duty. Marched at 10 A.M. Col. Hollingsworth's troop required by Mr. Fisk is detached to join Major Barnes, south of the Tunnel. At Town Creek, Col. Hollingsworth's squadron rejoined us. Reached old Town and encamped. Distance 14 miles.

Saturday 31st Marched at 6 A.M. At Francis Bluff (Krowley's section) captured several prisoners, twenty or thirty stands of new arms, just imported from Baltimore, - destroyed several shanties, - reached Cumberland at 5 P.M. when the prisoners 26 in number, were secured in jail and the companies dismissed to their homes. Distance 16 miles.

Thus accomplishing in 5 days a march of 31 miles in direct route, besides making along the whole distance detachments to search for prisoners and arms.

The state of the country along the whole line was in the most unhappy condition! The lives and property of citizens and contractors, so utterly at the mercy of ruffians, that not one of the people within their reach was willing to give information or even to be seen communicating with us. It was high time that decisive measures were taken to quiet the country - a regular organization among the laborers was forming for any other than legitimate purposes. They possess as far as I could learn, 500 stands of arms and on Tuesday last a further supply, 50 large duck guns was procured from Baltimore. Of these captured last, we brought home about 25 stands, which I hold subject to your order. We found a number of copies of printed Tracts, words and counter signs, one of which will be handed you by Col. Hollingsworth.

A. W. Hughes is now lying at the point of death, near the mill near Belle Plains. And I saw a Dutch laborer, who had