

ised to act. That in reply to Klines request for his assistance Hannaway said he would have nothing to do with it, he would not assist - the negroes might defend themselves, that by this time a large number of negroes arrived on the ground armed with guns, scythes, corn cutters &c; & Hannaway said, in their hearing, that he did not care for the act of Congress, or any other law, & the negroes had a right to defend themselves"

That about this time, Elijah Lewis, another white man, came up accompanied by a negro & he also read the warrants & was summoned in the name of the United States, to assist in the arrest, but he replied that they had better go away, & leave the negroes, otherwise blood would be shed.

That about this time Officer Kline, finding 60 or 70 negroes on the ground, variously armed and others running from the fields & woods towards the place, begged the white men, for Gods sake, to let him withdraw his men, and save them. But Lewis waived away saying in the hearing of the negroes, that they had a right to defend themselves, but stopped a short distance off, & looked back and Hannaway then rode his horse in among the crowd of negroes in the lane, and said something in a low voice, when they shouted; Oh he is only a Deputy." Hannaway then rode off some twenty or thirty yards & stopped to look around, when the negroes advanced & began to fire.

That Lewis (who is a Merchant & Post Master of the United States), had no business at Parker's & had said, on his way, to a negro, who was digging potatoes, that it was no time to be digging potatoes, when Kidnappers were at Parker's door, & he the negro, must come along with him; and the negro went with him to Parker's.

That after the conduct of Lewis & Hannaway as above detailed, the negroes advanced singing the hymn, "we are free," towards the deceased Edward Goreuch, & firing many guns at the deceased, & his party, who, except the deceased & his son, about this time broke & fled, Officer Kline sheltering himself by the side of a fence in the corn field, until he saw young Goreuch wounded and staggering & led him into the woods. That the deceased