

of a riot. I have not patience to deal longer with so disgusting a thing as this coroner's Inquest, and will take my leave of it, only regretting that there is no human law, which can reach & punish those who could thus shamefully outrage all decency; & trample on the body of a murdered man, still bleeding in their view; - Men so heartless should be lashed from the borders of the Union, with a whip of scorpions in the hands of every honest man.

As a still further manifestation of the depraved public sentiment of that neighbourhood, I enclose resolutions passed on the 11th of last October, at Georgetown, in the immediate vicinity, though in another County, which you will read & which amount in spirit & intention to treason against the United States; & which is treason in law - the moment such intentions are carried out by overt acts of resistance, such as that by which the unfortunate Edward Gorsuch perished.

It seems to me proper to inform your Excellency that Alderman Reigart & Mr Thompson, the District Attorney, found it impossible to obtain a sufficient posse in Sadsbury Township, until they called on the labourers engaged in the workshops at Darksburg & in repairing the Philadelphia & Columbia rail road, who headed by Mr Nathaniel Evans & Col Alexander Boggs (Contractors of Columbia, Pennsylvania, immediately volunteered to the number of one hundred & seventy; & by their efficient aid chiefly were the arrests made & the prisoners guarded in this rebellious & lawless neighbourhood. Such patriotic conduct on the part of poor labouring men contrasts nobly with that of the farmers of Sadsbury Township & deserves special commendation as it seems to me by your Excellency, that the Legislature of Maryland may testify their sense of what is due to such men & with that view I enclose an authentic list of their names, I will conclude by expressing my deliberate conviction, that the eyes of all Maryland are now turned on the legal issue of this tragedy, written, as it is, in blood & ~~that~~ by that issue, she will abide, if the verdict of the Jury shall be based on truth.