

buy, and giving to negroes and other hangers on such goods as they thought proper to carry off; some of which were hawked off to the village and sold for sums ridiculously less than first cost; — he refusing in the mean time, to allow any adequate portion to be left for the support of the families of Mr. Spaulding, consisting of two women and eight motherless children, the oldest under fourteen years of age, besides servants; who, but for the humane interposition of Captain Houghy (who succeeded, almost by stealth in securing a very inadequate supply of provisions for their use) would have been left literally to starve —

Mr. Hayden was arrested a day or two after. Major Summers represented to one of our citizens that there was no charge against Hayden and no suspicion — That he was arrested because he would not give up a paper which a prisoner who had an interview with him in Summers' presence and with his consent, had given him to keep; but that he would release him at once.

We have been informed by the family of Hayden that he was inveigled on board the boat by Summers who represented to him that Spaulding wished to see him, and that he assigned to Hayden as the cause of his arrest, his refusal to repeat a private conversation he had with Spaulding. Summers stated to Hayden that there was no charge against him and he would release him, having received no orders to arrest him. Failing to do so, he (Hayden) took advantage of Summers' absence from the boat to make his escape, leaving a note informing him that he should proceed at once to Washington and report at Head quarters. This we understand he did, reporting himself the next day to Captain Todd, who advised him to report to Col. Baker, the arrest having been made by one of his officers.

We are informed that when he reported himself to Baker he was told by him that he was the very man he wanted for a long time, that he would listen to no statements he had to make; and ordered him at once into solitary confinement, where he is still retained without an opportunity of consulting counsel or of seeing his friends — It is also said that when Hayden's note was handed to Summers, he exclaimed with an oath "I must get to Washington before him". We know that he left for Washington the same night. We believe it can be proved that the property of Hayden has since been wantonly injured and carried off by Summers and his party, and that the wife of the overseer asking to be paid for some chickens which Summers and his party had taken, was told by him to take what she wanted of Hayden's property as it was all his (Summers')

Another of our citizens, Mr. Gilmore, a school-master boarding with Hayden, was arrested after Hayden's escape, his trunk opened and searched by Summers who allowed a negro in his party belonging to a widow, and whom he afterwards carried off, to dress himself in Gilmore's clothes and take off other things from his trunk and from the house.

A party of three young ladies with a small boy, passing from their Mother's house to visit a sister, were hailed by a boat's crew of Summers' men carrying a load of goods from Spaulding's store to the steamboat, and failing to stop, were fired