

RIOT.

An affair which seemed at first to threaten serious consequences, occurred in this town on Tuesday evening last. A quarrel happened between an *Irishman* and a *Yankee*, which drew together a crowd on each side, consisting of several hundreds. Some of the leaders talked big about liberty—said they had as good a right to fight for it as the French had—said they lived in a land of liberty, and had a right to say what they had a mind to,—concluded to kill all the Irish women and children, because some of the men showed fight—armed themselves with stones and clubs, proceeded to the Paddy Camps, and began the work of destruction; but some one fired off a blunderbuss, when they turned upon their heels and run, fell down, picked themselves up, bruised their shins, &c. &c. This was about 9 o'clock in the evening.—About 10, they worked their courage up to the sticking point, and made another assault upon the camps, but another explosion of powder scattered their forces hither and thither. They collected again on, and about the upper bridge on Lowell street, at a respectful distance, to be sure; but the cry—“The Paddies are coming,” induced them once more to try the speed of their heels.—They then dispersed swearing to be revenged on Wednesday evening. At the appointed time, some two hundred had collected, when the Justices of the Peace, the Constables, Sheriffs, and Selectmen made their appearance among them. Several were marked out for examples, and on Thursday packed off to Concord Jail.

The *Irish* and *Yankees* were about equally to blame in the onset; but the Yankees rendered themselves obnoxious to censure and the law by attacking indiscriminately the innocent and the guilty. It was in fact dis-

gusting to hear the mob talk of liberty; and of a free country at the same time that they invaded the liberties of the Irish; who came here to enjoy the sweets of liberty and freedom, denied them in their native land. The rioters complained bitterly that the officers were all on the side of the Irish; and insulted every decent individual who opposed them. They abused the President—said he was a paddy and ought not to live, &c. &c.

It is but justice to say, that very few inhabitants of the town had any concern in breaking the peace. The rioters, particularly the leaders, were Idlers who wandered here professedly in pursuit of employ.

It is sincerely to be hoped that all peaceably disposed citizens will lend their aid in detecting and bringing to justice those whom they know to be engaged in violating the laws.

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