

them they attempted set fire to the house  
house: but the boys watered it out they then  
planted and burned Gov Robinson's house  
and camped 2 miles from town that night  
the next morning Akins company of 50  
men and 2 cannon came through town  
on their way to platter to me  
~~and they~~ proceeded by messenger saying  
they would merely pass peaceably through  
the boys wanted to draw the whole of them  
but concluded not to: Old Shanner  
immediately called out the W & S  
troop to prevent the forces of Free State  
men at Tappan and oth places from  
concentrating and hanging him as they  
all expected: the whole thing was plan-  
ned and legalized consequently we ca-  
ld but submit Mr Lucas of Independ-  
ence was here & left a note for me telling  
me he was a border truffer I hoped I  
was all right on the score since Math  
told him to call on him me some two  
thousand men were engaged in the  
battle north from Morrison's killed but little  
and in the end I think nothing yours sincerely Jas A King  
Anti-Serv



He spent an hour in town and made  
two arrests Deitzler & Judge Smyth  
immediately after the Marshal left  
town Sheriff Jones entered with a large  
mounted posse demanding the guns  
and Sharp Rifles then his watch was  
given 5 minutes for reply Genl Pomeroy  
told him the cannon he could have  
but the rifles were private property and  
he could not speak further - he then  
told him the grand jury had declared  
the hotel a nuisance and had ordered  
the destruction of it and the Printing  
officers Jones then sent out for addi-  
tional force when the entire force then  
came in with 4 cannon (300) The people  
had always determined not to oppose  
U.S. officers Jones then gave the Eldridge  
2 hours to remove the furniture which  
he declined in the meantime A. Chinn  
was delivering a speech in the fore-  
noon of town they certainly were the  
most demoniac looking crowd I ever