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The Governor not being aware of the proslavery  
trick signed the document & so it was fixed no doubt  
much to the satisfaction of the proslavery party  
at length the day of election arrived there was between 50 & 60  
legal votes from our precinct but to our great astonish-  
ment when we arrived at the Polling Booth we free  
soilers were confronted by 200 Missourians not one of them  
having a right to vote & every one of these men armed  
with a brace of revolvers a Rifle & Bowie knife &  
if at any time they were challenged in regard to the validity  
of their vote they would answer the Challenge with  
a dreadful threat to blow his brains out (at the same  
time holding forth a revolver) if he said another  
word concerning the matter & when the free soil election  
Judge was returning from the Election in the evening  
many was the Rifle balls that whistled after him  
& it & thus was the Kansas Election by brute  
force or mob law  
but it was not only the case in the precinct where  
the Author voted but in every other precinct in  
the territory the author has not the least doubt  
existing in his mind that if only those who had  
a legal right to vote had been allowed to do so  
there would not have been a proslavery Member  
in the Council or in the Assembly.