was made said affiant saw a light in the direction of said Buckley's house, and that he fully believes said house was at that time burned. That he believes, from circumstances within his knowledge, that said house, together with his own, was burned by persons concerned with said mob; and that he has reason to believe that some of said houses were fired by said Branson aforesaid, assisted by a German, commonly called Dutch Charley; and they were counselled and advised thereto by one Farley. This affiant further says, that at the time of the rescue of said prisoner he was at a house near Hickory Point, and that he there saw three women, who told him that there had been an armed force that day who notified them to leave, and all other pro-slavery families in the neighborhood; and since, said families have left said neighborhood and fled to the State of Missouri. Said affiant says that he believes there were at that time in said neighborhood about fifteen pro-slavery families, nearly all of whom have fled, as aforesaid, to the State of Missouri, for protection. Said armed force was represented to consist of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty armed men.

Sworn and subscribed before me, S. G. Cato, associate justice of Kansas Territory.

United States of America, Territory of Kansas:

Be it remembered, that on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1855, personally came before me S. G. Cato, one of the associate justices of the supreme court of the Territory of Kansas, Samuel J. Jones, sheriff of the county of Douglas, and Territory aforesaid, of lawful age, who being by me duly sworn, deposeth and saith that on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1855, he received from the hands of Hugh Cameron, a legally appointed justice of the peace for said county of Douglas, a peace warrant issued by said justice of the peace and to him directed as sheriff—obtained upon the oath of one H. W. Buckley, against one Jacob Branson, and immediately after receiving said warrant he summoned a posse of ten men and proceeded to the house of said Branson and made the arrest, and on his return he and his posse were met by a mob of some forty men, armed with Sharp's rifles, who forcibly rescued the prisoner out of his hands, and defied his recapture, swearing at the same time that they recognized no law in the Territory, or no officers from the governor to the lowest officer, and relied only upon their rifles as the law of the land, and would at all times defend themselves from being arrested by any process issued by any officer of the said Territory. That he immediately made requisition on Gov. Wilson Shannon for a sufficient force to enable him to arrest the said Jacob Branson, and execute other process in his hands as sheriff of said county; that the said Jacob Branson was taken into the town of Lawrence, in said county, and there, as he verily believes, as he was informed by good authority, tried and acquitted by the citizens of the said town without any legal investigation; that a mob of some fifteen