

His Excellency Caesar Rodney Esquire

Xteen Oct<sup>r</sup> 9.1779

Sir.

I wrote you a few days ago, & promised your Excellency a farther acc't of the disturbance in this city. I have rec<sup>d</sup> such by letter from one that was in the city light horse, a gentleman who opposed the rioters. He writes me nearly this acc't.

On Monday morn<sup>g</sup> a Handbill appeared for the Militia to collect on the Commons, in order to fall on a plan, to drive from the city, all disaffected persons, & those who supported them, & made out a list of their names that he intended to seise & put on board the prison ship to be sent to New York. Among those names was Beck Sims & Thos Story, & Jno Drinker. Those they caught & had them prisoners at Paddy Burns, till they got the whole. The next they were after, was James Wilson, the lawyer, who had always plead; for such he applied to the Assembly for Protection. On hearing he was amongst the number they referred him over to the Governor & Council, but in the mean time he found the militia were coming. Before civil aid was at hand, called in a number of his friends & armed, secured the doors. However a firing began, when they were opposed. Some say that one begun first, & the others

contradict it. The firing continued on both sides some time, in the House fell Capt Cammel of Invalids, wounded Saml Cad-morris thro' the arm; John Mifflin, a ball thro both hands, Sharp Delancy, a slight Wound; the others doing well. Four of the Mob & Negro boy were killed. in all 14 wounded. In the mean time the Governor had ordered out the Light Horse of the city, who just came in time to save the lives of all in the House, for they had forced the doors, & the cry was blood for blood. The Governor ordered them to charge with Swords, -they did- & after some cutting they broke them for that time. The Governor hearing that the Germans were coming down to resent the loss of their Countrymen, as 3 killed, were dutch, he went up with a Troop & pacified them, for the present. At present there is a parley. The president, magistrates, & clergy of all denominations, met the militia, & with very great difficulty, prevailed on them to lay their grievances before the Assembly, & have chose a captain & 2 privates, out of each battalion, to lay the state before the assembly. But he thinks it is not over. They will have blood for blood, & dreads the consequences yet, & says they are very numerous.

An answer to the review I wish to Mand

I am your Excellencys most

Humble Servant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Patterson

His Excellency Caesar Rodney Esq.

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Sir

I have just recd a letter in much confusion that a party risen in Philad<sup>a</sup> last Monday against the merchants &c were Engaged to a large number both sides by which some were killed dead on the spot, & several badly wounded - some of which are dead, amongst them a Capt Campbell, of the Invalids &c. a Colonel his name not yet to hand.

Mr Sharp Delany badly wounded & Mr John Berclay wounded & was thought <sup>to</sup> next day would be more terrible. God help us - Terrible times when all is in our favour. I next shall write you more. The poor starving here & ripe for redress.

I am your Excellencys

Most Humble Servant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Patterson

Many flying the city for fear of Vengeance

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