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who destroyed the Advocate office. I stopt at tea from 20 minutes to half an hour, and on my return towards Couper's wharf, I (when on the bank in front of the Advocate office) met three men coming out at the office gate with three cases of type—two proceeded but the third appeared astonished at seeing me there, stopt and partly turned as if to go back: at last however he followed his comrades with his load. This strange appearance made me turn round to see where they were going; they made towards Allan's wharf and threw boxes and types into the lake off the wharf. The moment I turned round to see what they were to do with the types I saw Colonel Allan standing in front of his own pal- ing, close by the corner (as in the plan); no person was with him then nor near him; he was looking distinctly towards me and them—I took partic- ular notice of him: at this moment James Baxter (an apprentice) came out in front of the office, and called aloud that persons were tear- ing down the house or the press, and asked assistance, he requested me to assist but I was only one, and thought that as Colonel Allan did noth- ing, who was a magistrate, I had better not interfere. James Baxter came out before they had got to the lake with the types. I have no man- ner of doubt in my mind but that Colonel Allan heard James Baxter call out for assistance—and saw the whole as well as I did. He made no effort to quell the riot. When the three men ran down over the bank the types rattled in the cases and a good many tumbled out on the road; I looked over the fence inside Mr. Mackenzie's court yard and two or three of them were busily employed throwing the types about the court yard and over into Mr. Monro's garden. I think that the person who almost turn- ed round with the box of type was a son of Colonel Heward. They made a great noise inside, knocking things about. When the press or stone (as I suppose) fell, it made a great noise. As I was coming down from tea (as before stated) when between the York bank and post office, I beheld three persons running round the counting room corner—one of them sung out that all was clear, or words to that effect, and before I got down they were out of sight. It appears to me that as the roadmen had been working before the Advocate office and had just gone off, the gang chose that quiet hour, unseen to commit the work of destruction.

York July 3rd 1826.

(Signed)

WILLIAM MURRAY.

CHARLES RIDOUT Esquire.

I have learnt that this gentleman, who is a son of the hon. Thomas Ridout, can testify on oath that he was on the bank at the time of the riot, and that Colonel Allan the police magistrate, and Colonel Heward the clerk of the peace and auditor general, were on-look- ers to the outrage, and saw the whole just as well as he did—but I did not conceive it necessary to require him to give a written statement in a case where proof abounded. It has been asserted that Colonel Heward cheered some of the mob and cried out well done boys, but that fact must fall to the ground for want of proof.

FIRST OFFER OF THE RIOTERS.

*** Mr. Macaulay's letters would have been published before the trial, had not Mr. Small my Attorney forbid it.