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The *Catoctin Whig* gives the following account of the recent slave stampede from Jefferson and Petersburg, Va:

"They were striking a straight course, for the Pennsylvania line, but were discovered and arrested about two miles above Wolfsville. It required a strong force to secure them, the men making a desperate resistance, being armed with bowie-knives, dirks, &c. Two young men, Uriah Hurley and — Lewis, who assisted in arresting them, received some pretty hard blows, and were also badly cut by knives in the hands of the negroes. We understand that the greatest excitement prevailed among the citizens of Wolfsville, upon hearing of the bloody resistance made by the runaways.

At the latest dates, says the *Whig*, the young men were not expected to recover, being dreadfully lacerated.