

"Negro Stampede," Richmond (VA) *Dispatch*, May 26, 1856  
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**NEGRO STAMPEDE.**—Eight slaves, two women and six men, belonging to individuals in Hampshire county, Va., broke out of the jail in Romney, on Friday last, and made for a free State. There was a reward offered of \$2,200 for their apprehension. The whole of them were arrested near Frankfort, on Sunday, after a desperate fight. It appears that the negroes were armed, and when an attempt was made to arrest them they fired upon the party. The shots were returned and two of the negroes were badly wounded.

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