

"A Panic in Talbot County, Maryland," Chicago (IL) *Tribune*, December 5, 1859
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A PANIC IN TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND.—A letter from a reliable source in Talbot (says the *Baltimore Exchange*) thus explains the excitement said to exist in that county: "There will be, I apprehend, some rumors reaching you of an unpleasant excitement here, but I hope that neither currency nor credit will be given to such. It seems that a portion of a letter was picked up yesterday at St. Michael's, without date, signature or address upon it, but making allusion to meetings of servants to be held in three different places in Miles River Neck. The purpose was not stated, but as the fragment stated that six hours would be sufficient for the accomplishment of their objects, it was supposed that a grand stampede was alluded to. Whether the paper is an old affair or of recent origin, whether a genuine document or a hoax, has not been determined.