Jireh Platt Diary, December 5, [1853], quoted in Henry Dutton Platt, "Some Facts about the Underground Railroad in III.,"
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"Dec. 5. (Year not given) "Within a month past, there
"has been a great Stir, Advertising, Telegraphing, & hunt"ing Property from Missouri. Oh, what a spectacle! Eleven
"pieces of Property, walking in Indian file, armed &
"equipped, facing the North Star! \$3000. Offered for
"their Apprehension, after they were safe in Canada! The
"hunters say they must have gone from Mendon to Jacksonville on a new track."