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SC 2851

DEMOCRAT RIOT, INDIANAPOLIS LETTER, MAY 1863

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

In the spring of 1863 rumors were circulating regarding an armed uprising by anti war societies attending the Democratic Party convention in Indianapolis that included seizing the Federal Arsenal in the city and attacking Camp Morton. General Milo Hascall, commander of the military in the Indianapolis area stationed troops around the city in anticipation of rioting. Democratic Party leaders including Daniel Vorhees and Thomas Hendricks were speaking of the suspension of civil liberties when troops with fixed bayonets disbanded the convention with several participants being arrested for possessing guns. Trains carrying the convention participants out of the city were stopped and those carrying concealed guns were also arrested and several hundred revolvers were seized. Many Democrats threw their guns out of the train and into nearby Pogue's Run, resulting in the encounter being termed the Battle of Pogue's Run.

Sources:

Thornbrough, Emma Lou, *Indiana in the Civil War Era*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1989, p. 202.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a four page letter to Mrs. M. B. Keating in St. Charles County, Missouri from her brother Jimmy in Reelsville, Putnam County, Indiana, 30 May 1863. In addition to routine family related correspondence, the author details a recent riot in Indianapolis between individuals attending the Democratic Party convention and Union Army troops.

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