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## BRUTALITY OF COL. TITUS.

We learn from a reliable source, that Col. Titus—Gov. Shannon's right hand man, and the same one that offered \$500 for the head of Capt. Walker—a few days ago, attempted to take possession of a claim, belonging to a Free State man by the name of Smith, who resides near Lecompton, and was one of the first settlers. Titus took advantage of Smith's absence, went to his claim, tore down the house, and erected a shanty of his own. On Smith's returning, and finding his house demolished, he rallied a few of his neighbors, and re-erected it. He had not much more than got it up, however, before Titus came along with a few of his crew, and ordered him off, which order he did not seem to be very hasty about obeying. Titus became impatient, and seeing that he was much the largest man, both in regard to bulk and gas, and as he had plenty of his crew to back him, he concluded that it would be perfectly safe in attempting a fist fight. After pounding Smith to his heart's content, and leaving him helpless upon the ground, he ordered one of his men to go and set fire to his building. The man was rather reluctant about obeying so tyrannical a mandate when Titus drew his revolver, and threatened to shoot him, unless he obeyed. He accordingly set fire to the building, which was burned to the ground.

Shannon's attention was immediately called to these facts by Smith's friends. He promised them that he would attend to it; and he did so, the day following, by ordering on a company of U. S. dragoons to defend Titus in his assumed right to the claim and improvements.

Damnable as this last act of the appointee of President Pierce may seem to some, it is strictly in accordance with his previous course, and with the spirit of this great Democratic Administration. Every step that has been taken by the Administration and its supporters, in regard to Kansas, has had but one idea—to drive out or exterminate every Free State settler.

They find that all their threats—the destruction of a large amount of our property by fire and ball—the incarceration of some of our prominent citizens in jail, and even in irons, and the cold-blooded murder of others—have failed to intimidate us; and now they propose to resort to the last expedient—that of driving freemen from their homes—because they dare to differ with them in sentiment. And yet we are told that the time has not yet come to act. We would like to know when it will come. Will it be when a company of U. S. dragoons is stationed on every claim, to protect some bound-like Titus, who wishes to enjoy the fruits of an honest man's toil? Or will it be when we are all tied hand and foot, and confined under a guard of U. S. troops, or hung to the nearest oak?