

## Report on a brawl between Federalist and Anti-Federalists

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NEW-YORK, *July 11.*

Extract of a letter from Poughkeepsie, dated *July 8.* "Friday last the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, a very disagreeable fracas happened in the city of Albany, all the particulars of which, as far as they have come to my knowledge, are — That the federalists having received the news of the adoption by Virginia, last Thursday evening, proposed having a procession next day; but on the remonstrance of many of the antifederalists that it would be disagreeable to them, they gave up the idea. When the next day came, July 4, it was mortifying to the federalists to observe a party of about 50 antifederalists marching in procession to a vacant lot in the skirts of the town, where, after firing thirteen guns, they burnt the constitution. The federalists who were then collected, determined immediately to have a procession; and having arranged themselves, began a march through the principal streets of the city; they met with no interruption till they came to a narrow street in which Mr. Dennison lives ( I believe Green-street) when they were ordered not to proceed, by a large party who had collected there to oppose them; after a few words, a general battle took place, with swords, bayonets, clubs, stones, &c. which lasted for some time, both parties fighting with the greatest rage, and determined obstinacy, till at last the antifederalists being overpowered by numbers gave way and retreated, many into the house of a Mr. Hilton, where they made a second stand, and others into the country for safety. The federalists attacked the house of Mr. Hilton, and in the victory, which they soon gained, did great damage to the building. Many of the parties were severely wounded in the conflict, and one poor man, a cooper, is supposed to have received a mortal wound from a bayonet. Several reports are circulating about men killed, &c. but are not to be relied on.

*P. S.* It gives me pleasure that I can add, that the dispute is since peaceably settled.

*P. P. S.* Since writing the foregoing, I am informed that the wounded are twelve feds and six antifeds. Among the feds. is a Mr. Graham, badly, tho' not dangerous."

The *grand procession* in this city, we are told, is postponed until the decision of the hon. convention of this state, respecting the constitution, be known.