

ATTACK UPON JUDGE MCKINLEY. We briefly noticed in a former paper, the fact that Judge McKinley had been assaulted by a mob in Mississippi. The atrocious proceeding is to be reprehended by every citizen, and should receive the decided censure of every body, except, perhaps, Judge McKinley himself. He should be the last to complain of the practical illustration of the principles of Jacksonism, by the advocacy of which, he is what he is. The annexed particulars are from the New-Orleans Bulletin:—

A fight occurred in the Rotunda of the State House, within the view of the Court; one of the combatants retreated into the Court room, the others following, and continuing to fight in the presence of the Court. The presiding Judge, as the organ of the Court, ordered the parties to be brought before the Court to answer for the contempt. Mr Boyd, the Crier, stated that the men were armed, and that the Marshal and all his deputies were absent. Amidst great excitement and confusion, the Court directed the Crier to send for the Marshal. He returned perhaps twice with a confused and unsatisfactory excuse to the Court, when the presiding Judge, who appeared to be a good deal excited by the scene, said, "Why, sir, you appear to be as stupid as a jack; go yourself, and request the Marshal to come into Court." The Judge has frequently expressed his regret that he should have been betrayed into so improper an expression in or out of the Court, and that he would so have stated to Mr. Boyd, if he had applied to him for an apology or explanation.

Without ever mentioning the subject to the Judge, the Crier made the assault upon him in the street, but not as represented. He barely thrust his hand into the Judge's face, and may have touched his nose, but it was so slight as scarcely to be felt. Mr. Boyd seemed to be an inoffensive man, and wholly incompetent to the duties of his office; and no one that knows him will believe that he was any thing more than the tool of others in committing this outrage.

Judge McKinley did most perseveringly devote himself to the business of the Court when at Jackson, and performed the business more rapidly than is usually done by the State Judges. From a sense of duty, he overruled all defences which were interposed by the counsel for the defendants for mere delay, and, as far as he could, prevented lawyers from making long speeches upon plain and settled questions. At the last term, an attempt was made to set aside all the forthcoming bonds, amounting to a great number, and a very large sum of money. The Court sustained the bonds, contrary to decisions made by many of the State Courts. All these things have rendered Judge McKinley unpopular with the debtor class and their counsel, which makes a large majority of the population in the district of country where the Court is held. The plaintiffs are citizens of other States, and their business confided to a few lawyers, compared with the whole number attending the Court. These facts will very readily account for the state of feeling which prevails in the debtor district in Mississippi, and the odium which is attempted to be cast on the Judge of the Supreme Court whose duty it is to preside there.

After such treatment, it is not to be expected that Judge McKinley will ever retail the intolerable jurisdiction. Thus has Mississippi repudiated the salutary restraints and supervision of a Federal Court.