

Extract of a letter from Poughkeepsie, July 8:

“ On Friday last the 4th inst. 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 of Virginia; last Thursday evening, proposed having a procession the next day; but on the remonstrance of many of the anti-federalists 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 anti-federalists 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 a 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 greatest rage, and determined obstinacy, till at length the anti-federalists 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.

“ It gives me pleasure that I can add that the the dispute is since peaceably settled.

“ P. S. Since writing the foregoing, I am informed that the wounded are twelve Feds, and six Anti-feds. and among the Feds, is a Mr. Graham, badly, tho' not dangerous.”