

monwealth has been in commotion for twelve days past. The courts of common pleas and sessions were holden at Cambridge for the county of Middlesex last week--measures were taken by the insurgents (or, as they stile themselves, Regulators) to prevent it--a number to the amount of about 400 from the counties of Hampshire and Worcester, rendezvoused at Shrewsbury--about 20 horsemen from Boston, composed of men of very large fortunes, made an excursion as far as Shrewsbury, in order to take some of their leaders, but they having received information, eluded their vigilance--they removed from Shrewsbury to Holden, but on report of the horsemen having wounded a man in Shrewsbury, a number went back to that town after the horsemen returned to Boston, and on Saturday marched to Grafton; of the others who were at Holden, some who lived in neighbouring towns returned home. Captain Shays with his party from Hampshire, we are told, marched to Rutland, and his men took quarters in the barracks there, and we learn he issued orders to many towns in Hampshire and this county, to turn out and join him at Rutland. On Sunday evening about eight o'clock, the party who had marched to Grafton came into this town, and took possession of the court-house with the intention of stopping the court of common pleas and sessions, to be holden this week for this county, they were joined in the night and the next day by several parties more. On Monday the training-band and alarm list of this town, paraded on the common agreeably to order, when, about 170 men turned out for government; these marched by the insurgents, who on this occasion were all paraded--the militia marched to the Hancock tavern, and then returned to the parade, and were dismissed until Tuesday 10 o'clock A. M. In the evening the regulators beat to arms, on an alarm that a party of the light-horse from Boston were approaching--this report proved groundless, they mounted guard in the court-house, and the remainder were permitted to go to their quarters, with strict orders to lay on their arms all night. About sundown on Monday came on a violent snow storm such an one as we have not had for many years; intelligence was received that several companies of militia were on their march from Leominster, Brookfield, &c. Tuesday the storm continued with redoubled fury, travelling almost impracticable, a number of men

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however, from Holden, and some of the neighbouring towns arrived and joined the insurgents; owing to the bad travelling one or two of the Justices of the Pleas, did not arrive in town; but the court was opened in the afternoon, at the Sun tavern, and adjourned by proclamation until the 23d of January next, Wednesday morning they were joined by about 80 more from Belchertown, &c. Committees from the towns of Sutton and Douglas arrived after the adjournment of the court, with petitions that the court would adjourn until March term; these petitions were said to be in consequence of the request of the Regulators, who desired those towns to interfere in this way; the Hon. Mr. Justice Baker, was stopped by a guard, as he was returning out of town, but was afterwards released. On Tuesday evening sentinels were placed by them around Mr. Justice Allen's house, where the Hon. Mr. Justice Ward resided. Several parties from towns in this county joined them on Wednesday; and about two o'clock, Capt. Shays, with his men, about 350 in number, arrived in town, the whole body were then paraded, and their total amount was about 800. At the time that this Magazine went to press, they had not dispersed, but some additions were making to their number.

After the adjournment of the court, orders were forwarded to the militia in the several towns not to proceed.