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The Riot On The Wawaset

Butler's Wounds Supposed to be Mortal –

His Assailants Held for a Requisition from the Governor of Maryland

Yesterday afternoon Officers Dodge, Barry and Leach, of the first precinct, arrested John Brooks, John Smallwood, Samuel Tyler and James Sanders on the charge of committing an assault and battery with intent to kill John Butler on the steamer *Wawaset* on Tuesday, an account of which affray was published in the yesterday's Star. The prisoners were taken to the police court this morning and committed to jail to await a requisition from the governor of Maryland, the offense having been committed within the jurisdiction of that state. Messrs. Hinkle and McConnell have been retained as counsel for the two last named persons, who, it is alleged, took no part in the assault on Butler, the man who was cut with razors and otherwise maltreated. If so, it is probable that they will be required to give bail as witness.

Butler, it is feared by some, will not recover, he having sustained a slight fracture of the skull. The most serious cut is a straight one extending from his forehead directly down his nose, cutting through the bridge of the nose and a portion of his upper lip.

Judge Fisher examined into the case this afternoon, and entered a nolle pros, as to Sanders.