

THE RESCUE OF CAPTAIN FARNUM.

On Tuesday afternoon, about dusk, our county jail was visited by some four or five persons who effected the rescue of Captain Farnum, who was arrested in New York, and brought to this State for trial on a charge of complicity with the slave trade in the Wanderer case. The circumstances of the rescue, so far as we can learn, are as follows: Captain Farnum, it appears, has been allowed every privilege at the jail, consistent with a liberal construction of duty; his confinement being almost a nominal thing. Arrangements were made between him and the rescuers that Captain Farnum should give up his parole under which he had been allowed such freedom from restraint, when the former were to rush in, bind the jailer, and release the prisoner. This was carried into effect, an opportune moment being selected, when Mr. Stone, the jailer, was out on parade, and Peter Luddy, his deputy, in charge. Captain Farnum requested Luddy to lock him in his cell, which was done, and Luddy had returned to the hall leading through the jail, when he was met and held by the rescuers; his keys taken from him, the prisoner released and conducted to a carriage in waiting, and driven off to the Pulaski House, where he was surrounded by his friends, who farther defied the law by protecting him from arrest. The District Attorney, Hamilton Couper, Esq., heard of it, while casually visiting the office of the Pulaski House, and endeavored to take the necessary proceedings for a re-arrest; he agreed to let the matter rest until yesterday morning. Farnum's friends, in consideration of Mr. Couper's consenting to adopt that course, pledged him their honor that they would produce the man and make application for bail, the ensuing morning; such application not having been made at two o'clock, Mr. Couper notified Mr. Farnum and his friends that he should now require that Mr. Farnum should surrender himself into the custody of the jailer before he would consent to notice any application, after that hour, for bail on his part, and that if they refused to adopt that course, he would call upon the proper authorities, and require his forcible arrest. Mr. Farnum then surrendered himself into the custody of the jailer of Chatham county. We understand he will make his application for bail this morning.

At one time matters wore a squally appearance in the office, and 'shooters' were exhibited with freedom. The parties engaged in the affair, we believe, make no secret of their complicity; they did not even take the trouble to disguise themselves, but went about their work with a boldness and apparent disregard of consequences that show they were determined to override every obstacle, and set the law at defiance. Their object is accomplished, and our community have the proof before them that our courts avail us nothing, if a few determined men see proper to set their actions at naught.