

with white sticks; they made attacks on the barracks, and were always drove back; always when a fresh party came from the north part of the town, they made a new attack; there were about five or six different attacks made; saw a large man with a red cloak and white wig; they gathered round him, and he spoke two or three minutes, and they gave some different cheers for the Main Guard; they said they would do for the soldiers.

*Archibald Bowman.* Saw a number of people hallooing fire, fire, in different quarters; numbers inquiring where the fire was; they gathered in a large body; some went up by way of the post-office, some went up the lane by the pump, and some came down forcibly as if chased; they whistled through their fingers and cried fire; observed a gentleman with a red cloak and white wig; the crowd gathered round him; they staid a little while with him, and then drew off and huzzaed and then dispersed.

*John Cookson.* Was at the Green Dragon on evening of 5th March; heard ringing of the bells; some one said it was not fire, but a rumpus.

*William Strong.* On evening of the 5th of March was at Mr. Marston's; we heard the cry of fire; some said we will go out and see where the fire is; went and saw several people running to and fro; asked what the matter was; they said a soldier had killed a boy; some people said, "We will go back again and get our sticks; saw a number of people running up to King street; one of them struck the ground with his stick and shivered it;

the people encroached on the sentinel; he retreated back and they went forward; at last I saw him go on the steps of the Custom-house, and they went closer, and he set his back to the door and loaded; heard the ball go down distinctly; about ninety or more people were there. The generality of them were young men; he presented his gun, and said, "Keep off or I will fire upon you"; the reply was, "Fire, fire and be damned;" there was a man standing by me; he had the butt end of a bat in his hand, and said he would throw it at the sentinel; I said, "Do not, for he will fire at whatever place it comes from";

*William Dixon.* Went to the balcony, and saw people going up that alley where the barracks are; they increased from the North end to pretty large numbers; then gathered together in a crowd opposite to where I stood, and huzzaed for the main guard.

*John Gillespie.* On the evening of 5th of March I met not less than fifty people, with white sticks in their hands, in small parcels; somebody said there was fire; met Mr. Fleeming's man coming back, and he said it was no fire, but the soldiers and inhabitants fighting; saw two engines, and the people putting their buckets and bags in people's houses; inquired where the fire was; got the same answer, no fire, but the soldiers and inhabitants fighting.

*Thomas Knight.* On 5th of March heard the bells ring, which I took for fire; ran to the door; the people were passing pretty thick, some with buckets, some with bags, and numbers with