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By a gentleman from Green-Brier county, we learn, that a number of the inhabitants of that county, headed by one [Adonijah] Matthews, have lately attempted to stop the court from proceeding to business—and had nearly effected their purpose—but in consequence of the interference of civil authority, Matthews thought proper to retire, and the rest dispersed. It is said Matthews has since been apprehended, and is now in close confinement.

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