



A Discourse on the Alton Outrage, Delivered at Peacham, Vermont; December 17, 1837 (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from A Discourse on the Alton Outrage, Delivered at Peacham, Vermont; December 17, 1837 As to the lamented victim of this outrageous violence, it does not appear, - so far as I have seen, it is not even pretended, that he was chargeable with any violation of the Constitution, or of any law of the State, or of his country. He barely asserted and defended his right, the right, too, and one of the dearest civil rights, of every freeman in the country, to write and publish his sentiments on what ever subject he pleased, the subjects of popery and slavery not excepted, responsible only for his abuse of the privilege. Even in taking arms in defence of his rights, and of his property, on the fatal night, he did only what he was sustained in doing, by the laws of the State, and by public Opinion. He was only defending his undeniable rights, and his property, against unprovoked aggression and violence. The taking of his life by his infuriate assailants, therefore, was an outrageous and most aggravated murder, which must...



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