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## For the Patriot. An Account of an Amusing Duel.

A few years ago, in one of the border rounties os an adjoining State, there liv in stature and personal appearance, One, whose
name was Billy Patterson, was a large, fat, sleek fellow, after the order of Fallstaff; and had a most
unconquerable propensity for fun and frolick that "diseretion is the beter part of valor," yet thi
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the exercise of all the ingenuity he could comman The other, who was called Tommy Tompkins, w
a lean, hungy, Cassius looking fellow; quick
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with a total absence of personal courage. with a total absence of personal courage.
Billy Patterson, thinking that he thoroughy un
derstood the character and peculiarities of Tomm Tompkins, eutertianed the opinion that he was a
marvellously fit subject on which to practice some of his freaks of fun and misobief; and as he f
that he could do so with entire impunity, he on o occasion resolved to make the effor. The plan
adopted was to use some very offensive and disparaging remarks concerning Tommy Tompkin in the presence of one whose part it was to ma Tommy Tompkins hat a dee regas" Billy Patte
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nd the weapons to be used, but also to prescribe
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