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## SQUIRREL HUNT.

On Monday last, a number of the young men of this town assembled for the purpose of amusing themselves by shooting the Squirrels, which are uncommonly numerous this spring, in our fields and in the adjacent woods. Finding, however, that their numbers were very inadequate to the destruction of any considerable proportion of this formidable enemy of our *corn fields*, they entered into a resolution to assemble again on Wednesday, to form themselves into parties, and to make a general effort for the extermination of the common enemy.

Accordingly on Wednesday morning, about twenty of our *sharp shooters* appeared on the *parade*, properly armed and equipped for the contest: and placing themselves under the command of Captains *Canfield* and *Putman*, marched for the field of action. A heavy firing was heard upon the adjacent hills during the greatest part of the day; and it was not until a late hour in the afternoon, that our *invincibles* returned from the scene of action, bringing with them the *scalps* of 1663 of their *fallen foes*.

Captains *Canfield* and *Putman*, and Lieut's. *Hinsdill* and *A. Canfield*, particularly distinguished themselves—for which they have received the thanks of the neighborhood. The number of squirrels killed on Monday added to those killed on Wednesday, amount to 2163. Calculating that this number does not exceed one fifth of the whole number of this animal which infest our fields—and supposing that each squirrel consumes or destroys two quarts of grain annually—it will be found, that the quantity destroyed in the course of the year, will amount to 675 bushels and 30 quarts. Then calculating that this Town has been settled 30 years, and that the annual destruction of grain during that time has not been over rated in the above statement, it will be seen, that 20,882 bushels, and 26 quarts of wheat, rye and corn, have been consumed by this little animal, since the first settlement of the Town; which at the prices produce now bears would be worth 17,402 dollars, and 97 cents.

Arlington, May 15th, 1807.