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 The event started at a mere insult. Edward Garrick, an <u>apprentice</u> of Peimont's Wig Making Shop, accused Officer John Goldfinch of not paying his master's debt. Although Goldfinch ignored the young lad, Private Hugh White could not listen to a boy <u>smear</u> the good name of an officer in his <u>regiment</u>. Private White confronted the young man. Words were exchanged when suddenly; Private White struck young Garrick with the <u>but</u> of his <u>musket</u>. Garrick ran from the soldier screaming for help. Private White pursued the young man and struck him again. 			
 8 It was only a matter of time before other people heard the <u>commotion</u> and began to get involved in the incident. 9 Young apprentices started <u>taunting</u> Private White when he returned to his <u>sentry box</u>. 10 Their continued shouts started to attract a crowd. 11 In another part of town, soldiers were already <u>engaged</u> with citizens. 12 Even Officer Goldfinch was trying to <u>quell</u> tempers in the streets. 13 British <u>Redcoats</u> were trying to swat away snowballs from a crowd. 14 One individual was armed with a shovel. 15 Officer Goldfinch was successful in getting the soldiers to leave the scene, though they were taunted by the crowd to come back and fight. 			
 ¹⁶ Some townspeople tried to get the crowd throwing snowballs to quit and go home, but the <u>mob</u> would not hear of it. ¹⁷ The insults and snowballs continued to fly as soldiers returned to their <u>barracks.</u> ¹⁸ Meanwhile, Private White was now <u>receiving</u> another mob near King Street. ¹⁹ Icicles, snowballs, and pried ice from the street were being thrown at him by his attackers. ²⁰ He fixed his <u>bayonet</u> and let every one see he was loading his musket. ²¹ As he did this the crowd continued to taunt him, daring him to fire. 	he 		

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²² Private White could not leave his post but at the same time he knew the crowd would not			
let up. ₂₃ He decided to call reinforcements to the scene yelling, "Turn out main guard!			
<u>Turn Out!</u> " ²⁴ His call for help was answered by another call from the mob, <u>"Town Born turn out!"</u> which meant the crowd was calling for more to join the mob.			
 ²⁵ Six to seven soldiers responded to the call to assist the <u>sentry</u>. ²⁶ As they approached Private White, they <u>brandished</u> their muskets fixed with bayonets to ward off any persons too close to their fellow redcoat. 			
 ²⁷ Even as they did so, people refused to move out of the way. ²⁸ Captain Preston formed his men around Private White, but stood in front of them in order to make sure they would not fire unless ordered by him to do so. 			
²⁹ The crowd became even larger and shouts came from every direction daring the soldiers to fire.			
³⁰ Even some <u>Bostonians</u> loyal to the redcoats took up position behind the soldiers. ³¹ From there they too yelled for the soldiers to fire into the crowd.			
 ³² The snowballs and jarring by the crowd continued. ³³ Suddenly a stick flew from the crowd and struck Private Montgomery. 			
 ³⁴ Montgomery cocked his musket and fired into the crowd. ³⁵ At that same time a man tried to hit Montgomery's arm and made a second blow aimed a 	+		
Captain Preston's head. 36 His swing missed only hitting Preston on the arm.			
 ³⁰ This swing missed only inteng i reston on the arm. ³⁷ Preston moved behind his troop and without warning and not by the command of Captain Preston, the soldiers opened fire into the crowd. 			
₃₈ After a series of <u>volleys</u> from the soldiers, several citizens in the crowd were killed and			
several more wounded. ³⁹ The mob backed off from the soldiers only leaving a few in the streets to care for the			
fallen. ⁴⁰ Captain Preston cried out for a cease fire pushing the muskets into the air demanding to			
know why the soldiers fired. ⁴¹ Their response was that they heard the order to fire come from the captain himself even			
though he gave no such order.			