THE ASSAULT IN THE SENATE. It is seldom, perhaps, that a more general feeling of popular suspicion has been felt and expressed in regard to the circumstances of the kind, than is called forth in this instance by the outrage and desecration committed by the Hon. Brooks, of C. I., in his violent assault on Senator Sumner, in the Senate Chamber, on Monday last. It is not likely, indeed, that such an attack should have been permitted to become the theatre of venomous invective and personal defamation between members, and that the tone of the public discussion there held should have been so lower as is the case with the present. But it is indeed an humiliation and a degradation to the Senate, as it were, to the whole country, that its sanctity should have been so ruthlessly violated by such a scene as that enacted by Mr. Brooks.

As a matter of course, an occurrence of this kind was not to be lightly passed over, and it is gratifying to observe that both houses of Congress are promptly taking action on the subject, and have appointed special committees to inquire into the transaction, while Mr. Stuart, of Mass., has opposed a new rule for the Senate, prohibiting the admission of speeches in the debates of that body. Mr. Cass is at the head of this special committee in the Senate, and Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, is chairman of the House committee. The telegraph informs us that the Massachusetts Legislature has appointed a special committee to investigate the transaction, and that Mr. Sumner will be one of its members.

On Thursday, after he had sought Mr. Sumner elsewhere without finding him, Mr. Brooks went to the Senate chamber, the Senate having adjourned, and sat near him. There Brooks sat near Mr. Sumner until he was removed from the floor, and then went up to Mr. Sumner, who was at his desk, writing a speech.

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I have read your speech carefully and with as much disposition to do justice as I could, and I have deliberately come to the conclusion that I am not in a position to charge Mr. Sumner with any wanton insult to my absent and grey-haired relative, Judge Butler, Mr. Sumner, and I have determined to refer all matters of a personal character to the courts. Mr. Crippen came up and interposed, saying "don't kill" or something. Mr. Brooks then left the spot and went to the office of Justice Hollingshead, and offered securities for the injuries."