

TO THE PUBLIC.

WHEN a man makes his appearance before the public, upon occasions of this kind, it is necessary, that his grounds should be good.— Mr. Wm. Smith, a *Merchant* of this place, and formerly of Lexington, Kentucky, (a man much larger than myself) assailed me on monday last, in the Missouri Bank, in the most villanous and infamous manner, with a large club.—Circumstances prevented me from calling on Mr. S. until to day; when he, in the MOST COWARDLY AND DASTARDLY manner, refused to give any satisfaction, for the outrage committed on my person and reputation.

I therefore pronounce the aforesaid *William Smith*, to be a most infamous SCOUNDREL, RASCAL, & COWARD, and notify the world accordingly.

W. THARP.

St. Louis, (Saturday) Sep'r. 27th 1817.