

# Legal loophole saves four Rebels

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which to work out a plea of want of jurisdiction. Accordingly, Mr. Ryors, who is no longer prosecuting attorney, was retained by the prisoners, to procure a writ of habeas corpus."

The men were duly returned to Bloomington from Jeffersonville

and had their day in court here. The judge apparently listened to the arguments and sent them back to Jeffersonville to serve out their respective terms.

When Sheriff McKinney delivered them to the prison, the warden refused to take them back, "holding with Judge Jewett of Jeffersonville, that he had no authority for restraining them of

their liberty."

Concluded the *Progress*, "The prisoners were accordingly set free, and doubtless, ere this, are far south of Louisville. The prisoners barely escaped hanging by the excited citizens (of Bloomington), in 1865, and they may congratulate themselves that they were not released in Bloomington on last Saturday."