



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FEDERAL ARMY CROSSING FROM CINCINNATI, O., TO COVINGTON, KY., ON A BRIDGE OF COAL-BOATS HASTILY CONSTRUCTED THAT THEY MIGHT DEFEND THE BORDER FROM THE INVASION OF GENERAL KIRBY SMITH.—FROM A SKETCH BY H. LOVIE.

A part of the plan for Bragg's invasion of Kentucky in 1862, was to threaten Cincinnati as a feint to cover an attack on Louisville. A division of Kirby Smith's corps, led by General Heth, and a detachment of Morgan's cavalry, under Basil Duke, advanced to the Ohio at Covington. No attack was made as the move was simply a demonstration to cause the Union authorities to mass troops there instead of at Louisville. Smith attempted to recruit Kentuckians for the Confederate armies, but was not successful. The appearance of a large force of Union volunteers at Covington compelled Smith to recall Heth's force, and in the withdrawal several sharp skirmishes took place in the vicinity of Covington between Duke's cavalry and the volunteer home guard.