show his Dollar but without any success.
As they returned from breakfast Benton ap-
peared no ways inclined to converse or to
keep near to any of the undersigned, but
kept some distance before them. The unders
signed Lavenders at length called to him
out to walk so fast, adding that he wished
to have some conversation with him on
a particular subject. Benton slackened
his pace, & when the undersigned came up
Lavenders mentioned to him the suspicions
that they had of his having taken their money,
by that the only way of elucidating those sus-
picions was to submit to an immediate
search. Benton denied the charge & with up
lifted hands called the gods to bear witness
to his innocence. Lavenders replied that this
would not convince him, & told Benton that
he must submit to a search. Benton then
put his hand into his pocket, pulled out his
pocket-handkerchief & offered Lavenders
his key telling him that he might search his
trunks. Lavenders refused the key telling Ben-
ton that he must search his pocket-book.
After finding that Lavenders would not be put
off with the key he agreed that his pocket-book
should be searched. In the mean time how-
ever, he kept his hand employed in his pocket
& the undersigned believe did them actually
take