

**DOCUMENT 36 – PETITION FOR DAMAGES DONE TO FREDERICK BERNER'S  
STORE**

**March 30, 1857**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

To His Honor John  
Wentworth Mayor of  
the City of Chicago  
Your petitioner Frederick  
Berner respectfully represents  
to your Honor that he Keeps  
a Provision Store on the corner  
of Sedgwick and Division Streets  
it being  
~~near~~ ^ the Poll in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward  
that during the riot which  
occurred at the last Election  
his Store was badly demolished  
Windows broken to the great  
damage of your Petitioner, that  
his wife (at that time in the family  
Way) was frightened and has been  
very Sick ever Since and that  
therefore your Petitioner prays  
your Honor for his Kind  
assistance in obtaining a  
fair compensation for his losses

Frederick Berner