

one of them took no part in an action in which victory was achieved by the other. (A. 5, 6 and 7.)

The credit due to the undersigned, is a subject he refers to with pain and reluctance. But he hopes delicacy may not be violated in expressing a belief that his conduct on that day did not disgrace a life exclusively devoted to military pursuits, and inured to the field of battle; that he did not shrink from his duty, as a leader of untried recruits, to show an example in his own person of the conduct he wished to inculcate—to unite the duties incumbent on a soldier, with the conduct required from a General—in fine, to be the first in danger, as well as in command. Whatever credit he deserved, was fully awarded to him by the troops who witnessed his efforts; and the warm, animated, and ardent congratulations of the commander in chief, at the close of that day—the praises he so feelingly lavished upon him—if not grateful from the consciousness of deserving them, were so at least from the implied approbation of his conduct. They at least sanctioned the proud reflection, that in executing a difficult trust, he had discharged his duty to his country.

If it be objected that the consequences, notwithstanding, were less brilliant than might have been expected from our means, permit me to inquire, if more ought to or could have been done by the brigade I had the honor to command, and the light troops under Col. Scott? The same body of troops that, unassisted, beat the superior foe, *alone* pursued him, and if greater effects would have resulted from a continued pursuit, its abandonment cannot be objected to one who only acted in obedience to the positive commands of his superior. In suggesting that the undersigned was not consulted in the plan of the expedition, he is far from reflecting on the commander in chief. He was not authorised to obtrude his advice, nor were his superiors bound to consult him; he was satisfied with the honor conferred upon him, in being suffered to lead the gallant corps that constituted the advance. Neither does he express any opinion against the mode of the projected attack. But as far as his opinion may be of importance, he respectfully suggests, that it was freely communicated before the battle to Commodore Chauncey, and to Gen. Winder. That

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