

presence of two officers, who both agreed that I was perfectly right in doing so. After my departure for the St. Clair, this man instigated by others, drew up a petition to the Governor General, (vide appendix) who ordered the case to be investigated by the Colonel of the Regiment. In consequence of which the Lieutenant Colonel wrote to me, giving me the choice of attending at Chatham personally the Court of Enquiry to investigate the complaint, or to send my written statement of the case, as well as that of the two officers who were present on the occasion. I received also the same day an intimation from an officer at Chatham, that *one* of those officers intended to give evidence against me. Owing to the receipt of this information, I thought it would be the most prudent course for me to attend, and replied to the Lieutenant Colonel to that effect. The reason for the difference of statement made by this officer (the same who afterwards called me out) before the Court of Enquiry, from that expressed by him to me and others when the affair took place, is this : During the time I was a resident in this Boarding house, this officer I heard was coming to live there also, upon which I told the Landlord, who was trying to obtain any lodgers, no matter who or what they were, that if he received him into the house, I should be obliged to leave it, as I could not live with one whose manners and habits were so different from those which I had been accustomed to. After my turning the landlord out of the room he in revenge told him what I *had* said, and a great deal more which I had not said.— The information thus received from my landlord, together with the following circumstances induced this officer to call me out. While on the St. Clair I had been in the habit of corresponding with two friends in the Regiment then at Head Quarters. In most of our letters the conduct of this officer was represented as highly improper. In one of mine, I had spoken in rather strong terms of something they had communicated to me. This letter was shewn by Mr. Tench (to whom it was addressed) to Mr. Dewson the Surgeon, one who had invariably been present when we met, and who had censured most severely the conduct to which that letter alluded. Mr. Tench when talking upon the subject with Mr. Dewson one evening, shewed him my letter in confidence, and to prove how we had all coincided in our opinion. Mr. Dewson agreed with the contents of that letter, and animadverted strongly upon such conduct being allowed. Mr. Dewson finding a little time after, from what the boarding house keeper had said, that there was likely to be an explosion, in order to get himself out of the scrape, told my opponent what I had expressed in that letter, although he himself had at the time of reading it agreed with its contents, and had animadverted strongly upon such conduct being allowed by the Commanding Officer. Another letter of mine directed to Lieutenant Wells of the same Regiment, had been opened by Captain Chambers, who sent it to Mr. Wells assuring him that he had opened it by

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insolence which followed in consequence of my refusal to pay it, that made me take this step.