

misstated facts which ought to have been known to him, as a mere cursory examination of the papers upon which he professed to have passed judgment must have shown him that most of his statements were, to say the least, erroneous.

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STATEMENT OF MR. MEREDITH

WITH REFERENCE TO THE GUARD ON THE PRINCE'S RESIDENCE.

I was on the evening of the Prince's arrival regularly warned by the Adjutant of the regiment to take command of the guard which was to relieve, on the following morning, the guard of that day (afterwards called the old guard.) I neither sought, nor desired to occupy the position which was assigned to me, but acted in what I subsequently did simply in the performance of a military duty, rather irksome than otherwise, but a necessary one. On the following morning I went to the drill shed to take charge of the guard and march it to the Prince's residence. The guard assembled at the usual hour, was inspected by the Adjutant, handed over to me and marched by me to the residence of the Prince, and there drawn up for the purpose of relieving the old guard, but its captain *refused to be relieved by me*. I then, for the first time that day, met Captain Walker, who informed me that he had been ordered by the commanding officer of the regiment for the duty I was performing. I informed Captain Walker that I had been warned for the duty on the previous evening *in the regular way*; that the guard had been inspected and handed over to me, and that it was my duty not to surrender it to any one. Finding that the captain of the old guard would not permit me to relieve him, I sent for the Adjutant to produce the orders under which I was acting, but before his arrival the commanding officer of the Battalion appeared upon the scene *in plain clothes, and in a coarse and ungentlemanly*, though not the less characteristic manner, publicly insulted me and the subaltern officer under me in charge of the new guard; refused to hear or to listen to my explanations or statement, and in an insulting and contemptuous manner ordered the men forming the new guard *not to obey me*, and in the presence and hearing of the men ordered Captain Walker to make prisoners "of those men," referring to myself and the subaltern officer above alluded to. Had I acted strictly up to my sense of duty I ought to have made him or any one else interfering with my guard prisoners, but being desirous of avoiding an unseemly disturbance in front of the Prince's quarters and in his hearing, I did not do so, but retired from the command of the guard.