

own Subalterns, thereby avoiding the society of such an heterogeneous mixture of officers which I knew the Regiments of Militia must from their manner of granting commissions necessarily contain. The same day on which I received my appointment, I wrote a letter* to Colonel Chichester (the officer on "Particular Service," at that time commanding the Western District) stating my particularity as to the description of officers whom I should wish to admit into the Company, begging him to appoint Mr. Chambers as my Lieutenant, he being both by birth and education a Gentleman, and had been a short time at a military college in England. A few days afterwards Mr. Chambers received his appointment as Lieutenant, although at that time there were only five men recruited for the Company. Mr. Chambers joined me in Chatham about a month after, and at the expiration of the service of the Company joined the 2nd Battalion as Adjutant.† I shall therefore leave this subject to which, however, I regret I must again refer. I joined the 2nd Battalion in November of the same year.

But before I commence a regular detail of events, I must make the reader acquainted with a few facts necessary for elucidation. In doing this I tread upon delicate ground, but am compelled to allude to the conduct of one, whose name I do not wish to mention, and to which I shall only refer as lightly as possible. Upon joining the Regiment, I found in it one, of whose character and practices I had but one opinion, in which most of the officers at Head Quarters coincided, and which was generally the subject of animadversion in our frequent meetings, and I had often expressed my determination, if unfortunately any difference should arise between that officer and myself—not to give him the satisfaction due to a gentleman, and that if I had been in the British Army, or in a Militia Regiment of seven or ten years service, I should report every thing to the Commanding Officer. I proved this by the testimony of two witnesses at the Court of Enquiry which ensued. For a month before I left the Head Quarters, to take the command upon the St. Clair frontier, I was employed as President of a Court of Enquiry, which was ordered to investigate sundry debts then due by a late Captain of the Regiment, both to civilians on the St. Clair, and the soldiers who had been under his command. I was thus employed on the evening before I left Chatham for the St. Clair. Having been ordered to leave at day-light next morning, I called on my landlord for my account. He brought it into the room, and I objected to an item of 2s. 6d. currency. The man began to abuse me, and told me I was no gentleman for refusing to pay such a paltry sum, &c. &c. Whereupon I told him I was very busy indeed, and requested him to leave the room. Upon his refusing to do so, I repeated my request, the last time adding, that if he did not go, I would turn him out. Upon his still refusing to go, I collared him and put him out.‡ This occurrence took place in the

* Which Mr. Chambers read.

† Colonel Cameron had unfortunately resigned the command of the Regiment.

‡ It may here be observed that it was not the over-charge of 2s. 6d., but the