

THE reader will perhaps ask upon seeing this Pamphlet, why was it not printed before ; I can answer this only by stating, that circumstances, over which I could not possibly have control, have prevented its appearance at an earlier hour: however the delay, which has taken place, will prove that it is not written while labouring under any excitement, caused by angry and malevolent feelings, but after the most mature and deliberate reflection.—Without any other preface I must plunge at once “ in medias res.”

As the reports to which I shall allude, and which have been the cause of my taking upon myself this most unpleasant task, emanated chiefly from Capt. Chambers, although conveyed by channels ever ready for such employment, I shall commence with my acquaintance with that officer. One evening in October 1838, I was visited at my house by Mr. Chambers, who informed me that the Militia were shortly to be called out for active service, and that as I had already seen service, I could easily obtain a Company, and begged me to apply for one, and give him a Lieutenantcy in it.—I consented to proceed to Toronto with him to make the application for employment, but gave no definite answer about his commission in case of my success.—The next day during the progress of our journey, I stated to him that I had heard commissions were given *only* to those who could raise a certain number of men, and that as I had just arrived from England with no interest in the country, and no money to pay the expenses attendant upon recruiting, I despaired of being able to raise a Company, even if Sir George Arthur would give me the command of one. Mr. Chambers then begged that I would try, and offered if I gave him the Lieutenantcy, to pay half the expenses of recruiting and keeping the Company in the best possible order. This he said he would be able to do, from his having means independent of his pay, which would make him on a footing with me, who, as Captain, would draw double allowance. To this I consented. Upon our way to Hamilton, I met the bearer of a communication from Colonel Cameron to me, in which I was informed that, by the recommendation of Sir George Arthur, I was authorised to recruit men for a Company in the second Battalion of Incorporated Militia. Upon being received by Sir George Arthur, I stated my inability to do so, expressing a desire to command an *Independent* Company, with which I should be more likely to succeed, reminding him that a Coloured Company was to be raised in Chatham. Sir George Arthur most kindly and willingly gave it to me, observing that he would have offered it before, if he had thought that I should be pleased with the command of *coloured* men. I told His Excellency that I preferred them to the Militia of this country, because I should be able to maintain more discipline and authority among them than with the others. He replied that he was glad to hear I thought so, and he coincided with me in opinion. I also had another reason which was, that in an Independent Company I should have the appointment of my