

understanding of this chapter, and the Lord willing, we shall endeavor to give our readers a rational and scriptural view of the subjects in this portion of Paul's admirable epistle.—Ed.]

“Is it lawful for Christians to go to war and militia musters? Some say we should obey magistrates in all things, and defend our country. Is it lawful for Christians in the United States to come in arms against their brethren in Canada, and *vice versa*?”

[Relative to the last question, we answer No, 'TIS NOT!—Ed.]

“Would it be agreeable to the plain commands of our Saviour, who said ‘love one another as I have loved you,’ and of John, the beloved Apostle, who says, ‘we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren?’”

[It would be in opposition both to the letter and spirit of these words to go to war.—Ed.]

“If you thought it right to answer these queries, you would greatly oblige some of your readers and brethren, who suffer to be fined for not turning out to ‘Musters,’ contrary to what they consider the spirit of the truth; and I believe some would willingly suffer the loss of all things, yea of life itself, rather than offend their Lord and Master.”

[These “Musters” or “Trainings” never were, and, in our opinion, never will be of any benefit to the moral, religious, or political character of any nation or country! As to obeying magistrates: if their commands require us to violate any of the precepts of the Lord Jesus or his Apostles, we obey them at our peril! But if not, we should always be willing and obedient subjects. “Render to all their dues,” &c. Rom. xiii. The spirit manifested by those disciples in their conscientious adherence to the gospel of the Lord Jesus, is above all praise. May they continue to act on these principles, and God will bless them an hundred fold.—Ed.]

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