

that Von Schoultz, aware of the desperate situation in which he was placed, should not at once have despatched a guard under the charge of a reliable officer, to take possession of and prevent the departure of the *Paul Pry* until his force was embarked upon it, but it must be taken into consideration that he was a Polander, having a very favorable opinion of American character, and not knowing of the want of military drill and experience among persons of such apparent dash and courage as volunteered in the expedition. This was illustrated throughout. He first placed implicit confidence in the representations, pledges and promises of men in high places, whom he supposed possessed that lofty honor that he had been accustomed to see manifested by the Polish noblemen, and by them was induced to believe that he was to co-operate with a powerful invading army, instead of leading a handful of men upon a hopeless expedition. Even when it was discovered on Tuesday morning, that Bill Johnson had abandoned us with our schooner, guns and ammunition, no doubt was entertained by him that he would return with reinforcements.

The character and standing of Preston King was known to us, and for Von Schoultz to have doubted his courage or good intentions, or his ability to carry