

city and permanency to those accusations in the shape of historical "Notices of the War," designed for posterity, I did not appeal to and rely upon my friends and fellow-citizens exclusively. Their evidence might have been considered or represented as too feeble, perhaps tainted with friendship or partiality. I had resort to the testimony of the enemy. Captain Fitzgibbon—the British officer, to whom I, with my select corps of sharpshooters, was surrendered by Mr. Armstrong's favored friend, and the authority for his libels, Boerstler—he willingly and most promptly stepped forward and certified against those libels of this our own professed historian.

Situated as Mr. Armstrong was at the time—Secretary at War of the United States, he, of course, can readily command their certificates of his patriotism—his devotion to his country, its rights and its preservation. They were, unquestionably, manifested to those officers at the time. If not, his situation is certainly not now enviable. He can find relief and consolation, only, in the reflection that this is a world of vice and misery, filled with ungrateful unfeeling men, clothed with the ensign of wealth and official station. There I shall leave him to repose. Should he deem it necessary or feasible further to attack my character or my conduct, or require of me personally, either advice, information or chastisement, I shall at all times, hold myself in readiness to answer his call: mean while, remaining as usual, the public's humble servant,

CYRENIUS CHAPIN.

*Buffalo, September, 22d, 1836.*

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ERRATA.—Page 9, in remarks following extracts from Armstrong's "Notices. 3d line from commencement, instead of "before the expedition ordered out," read "before the expedition *was* ordered out," &c. Same page, 5th line in remarks, instead of "what the expedition," read "*that* the expedition," &c. Page 31, 11th line from top, instead of "the President exercised a discretion necessarily," read "the President exercised a discretion *necessarily*," &c. Page 37, 4th line from top, instead of "I organised, controlled and assisted to retake," read "I organised, controlled and assisted *a party* to retake," &c. Page 39, in Gen. Porter's letter, 4th line from bottom, instead of "commissions which were *con*ferred to you," read commissions which were *confided* to you," &c.