

ing address and a military bearing. I was also acquainted with Col. Woodruff during the same time and at the same place. He had no commission in our service, for the reason, as it was said, that he had been *a little too cautious* the winter before, in the Van Rensselaer expedition, and he went with us for the purpose of wiping out that stigma. He was perfect in a knowledge of military tactics and drill, and for a number of years had been employed to instruct and drill the officers of the Militia of the State of New York. He was a kind hearted gentleman, a firm friend, and as far as noticed, cool and brave. Capt. Buckley I saw almost every day during the summer of 1838. He was a Salina salt manufacturer and had accumulated a handsome property. He was a genial, generous man, of cool courage, and very popular among his associates. Col. Abbey I only became acquainted with during the trip on the steamer *United States*, and at the Mill. He seemed to be a genial gentleman, of very strong impulses. What I saw of the other officers, whose names I have forgotten, gave me a very favorable opinion of them and assurance that they could be trusted in any emergency of war or friendship.

It may appear singular, perhaps, to military men,