

tachment could not get the money refunded to them, which they were obliged to spend for the good of the Regiment. While I was commanding on the St. Clair, I was obliged to turn one of my barrack rooms into an orderly room, without which I could not manage, having a good deal of business constantly on hand, necessarily connected with the command of the Frontier and two or three detachments. I paid a pound a month for fuel for that room, as my Colour Sergeant and an orderly room Clerk were there constantly writing. I received—a few days before I left the St. Clair for Chatham, to attend the Court of Enquiry, relative to the man Griffis—a letter from Lieut. Colonel Young, requesting that I would collect, from my two Subalterns, and send to him, together with one of my own, a day's pay each, as a subscription\* for fuel for the Regimental School-room. This was an outlay which ought to have been placed against the account of the Regimental Fund. I asked my two Subalterns for their subscriptions, but they, as well as myself, having some charges against the fund, declined paying any thing more until the liquidation of our claims, which I signified to Colonel Young. In mentioning these three instances of the misappropriation of the Fund, I wish it to be understood that I could mention other expenditures, which were found fault with by all previous to my leaving the Head Quarters.

In obedience to the order, I left the St. Clair for Chatham; and after the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry were closed, I received another order from Lieutenant Colonel Young, to return again to the Frontier, as early as possible the next morning. On the same evening, Captain Chambers came to me, and demanded, on the part of the before-mentioned Officer, a meeting in the morning. I sent my friend, Lieutenant Tench, to Captain Chambers, to say, that I could not possibly meet his friend, for certain reasons, some of which were stated at the time. I gave my friend instructions, in the presence of two other officers, to say, that if Captain Chambers should feel himself at all aggrieved at my refusal, I would be happy to meet him. My friend returned, saying, that Captain Chambers did not appear at all offended, but kept repeating to every thing he said, "I shall wash my hands of the affair—it is nothing to me—I have done my duty:"—so that Mr. Tench had no opportunity of requesting him to change places with his Principal. Nevertheless, we remained up 'till late that night, expecting that he would alter his mind, or that his friend would make him do so, but to no purpose. Next morning, according to order, I started at day-light for the St. Clair, and was posted, in the usual manner, as a coward—my friend Mr. Tench signing, and also posting, my reasons for not meeting my opponent. A despatch from London, for the St. Clair Frontier, overtook me, from Chatham about seven miles, at a village, where I was delayed answering it; at which place, also, I was overtaken by three officers of the Regiment, who had driven after me to inform me of what was going on. This number out of the few at Head Quarters

\* This was besides the subscription to the Fund, which would have made two days' pay in that month.