

dians to accompany him. Of these it is certain that fifty or sixty Wyandot warriors abandoned him.

The number of our troops were certainly greater than that of the enemy, but when it is recollected, that they had taken a position that effectually secured their flank, which it was impossible for us to turn, and that we could not present to them a line more extended than their own, it will not be considered arrogant to claim for my troops the palm of superior bravery.

In communicating to the President through you, sir, my opinion of the conduct of the officers who served under my command, I am at a loss how to mention that of Governor Shelby, being convinced that no eulogium of mine can reach his merits. The Governor, of an independent state, greatly my superior in years, experience, and in military character, he placed himself under my command, and was not more remarkable for his zeal and activity, than for the promptitude and cheerfulness with which he obeyed my orders. The Major-Generals Henry and Desha, and the Brigadiers Allen, Caldwell, King, Chiles and Trotter, all of the Kentucky Volunteers, manifested great zeal and activity. Of Gov. Shelby's staff, his Adj. Gen. Col. M'Dowell, and his quarter master Gen. Col. Walker, rendered great service, as did his aids de camp Gen. Adair, and Majors Barry and Chittenden. The military skill of the former was of great service to us, and the activity of the two latter gentlemen could not be surpassed. Illness deprived me of the talents of my Adj. Gen. Col. Gaines who was left at Sandwich. His duties were however ably performed by the acting assistant Adj. Gen. Capt. Butler. My aids de camp Lieut. O'Fallon and Capt. Todd of the line, and my volunteer aids John Speed Smith and John Chambers, Esq. have rendered me the most important services from the opening of the campaign. I have already stated that Gen. Cass and Com. Perry assisted me in forming the troops for action. The former is an officer of the highest merit, and the appearance of the brave Cass more cheered and animated every heart. It would be useless, Sir, after