

mistake, and had not read it. In this letter I also adverted to the conduct of the officer, whom I afterwards refused to meet. Mr. Wells (as he himself stated before the Court of Enquiry) thinking that Captain Chambers *had* read the letter, and would mention the subject of it, perhaps making worse of the matter than there was any occasion for, shewed it to Colonel Young. The letter likewise contained a message from me to Colonel Young, which Mr. Wells begged him to read. This letter, which spoke plainly of what we complained of, was not taken the slightest notice of (until after my refusal to meet the one to whose conduct it alluded,) by Colonel Young, who continued writing to me in the most friendly way for some time after his perusal of it.*

I will now explain to the reader the reason why the Lieut. Colonel so immediately headed the party against me after its formation. There were other reasons, but this was the one, which particularly drew on me so much malice from him. There was a Regimental Fund established in the Regiment, consisting of about £135 a year, intended of course for regimental expenses, and for the payment of debts incurred by the regiment, but instead of the fund being strictly applied for these purposes, it was chiefly spent in a manner quite irrelevant to the original intention; for instance paying the debts of Companies at Head Quarters, and totally neglecting those on detachment. It would be as well to give two or three instances of the misappropriation of this fund. One was—an officer going on leave, handed over his Company and accounts to the care of another, forgetting to tell him to deduct a debt from a man's account: during the time which this officer was on leave, the man either died or deserted, and having received beforehand his month's pay, it was lost to the Captain of the Company. This debt was paid by the Regimental Fund, whereas, had the proper precaution been taken by him, it would have been settled in the proper manner. This debt was incurred wholly by the carelessness and negligence of the Captain. Again; a Sergeant of the Regiment, according to the order of his officer, broke open the door of a stable, and took a horse out, which the owner had refused to lend. This case would have been brought before the magistrates, but proceedings were stopped by the payment of ten dollars out of the Regimental Fund. Also, the sum of three pounds seventeen shillings was voted by the Officers of the Regiment, to buy a sword as a present to the Sergeant Major. Accordingly, the Colonel bought a new one, of an officer of the Regiment, who had brought from Toronto half a dozen for sale, gave the new sword to his son, an Ensign of the Regiment, and an old one; that his son had been wearing, to the Sergeant Major.† This was another improper expenditure of the Fund. Now, while much more of this mis- expenditure was allowed, the officers on de-

* I dined in company with him, and he lunched at my house after he had read it—nor did he mention ever having read it.

† Before I could believe this, I asked Colonel Young if it were true—who answered, that the Sergeant Major preferred the *old* one. This might be likely; but why not charge the value of the old one to the Fund: the old sword was worth about three or four dollars.

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