

ed to meet him." I *then* related to you what I had partly touched upon before, "That I had understood the same morning from Mr. Forbes, that he had been called upon by Major Coffin to account for certain opprobrious expressions he had uttered respecting Major C. and which had been communicated to Major C. by Lt. Matson; that he had answered by stating that he was sure that Lt. Matson was too much of a gentleman to assert that he had made use of any expressions without having good reason for so doing; that he recollected nothing about it himself, but that he was willing to take them for granted, and to be responsible for them; that Major Coffin then said to him, that he supposed that he would give him the satisfaction of a gentleman, to which Mr. Forbes replied, "most willingly;" that during this discussion Major Coffin said that Mr. Forbes had called him a liar in respect to a certain transaction; that Mr. Forbes answered, "he did not exactly know what he said when he had taken a little too much wine, but that if he had said so, he could only state that Major Coffin knew it to be the case." I will not go into all the details of this business at present; it appears, however, that Major Coffin has been satisfied with Mr. Forbes's saying, either himself, or through Mr. Green, "that it was subject of regret to him that he had taken too much wine on the night in ques-