

of Col. McKay to preserve Lieut. Perkins and his men from the fury of the Indians, and his almost superhuman efforts to this end were at length successful. Lieut. Perkins probably surrendered at discretion, as there could have been no time for securing any specific terms. Col. McKay paroled all the Americans, and sent them down the river in the gun-boat *Governor Clark*, and sent a force with them for safety until beyond Rock Island; but they were dogged all the way by a large number of canoes of Indians. After passing below the mouth of Rock River, the British escort withdrew, and in due time the gun-boat arrived safely at St. Louis.

Of Lieut. Campbell's expedition, destined for the relief of Prairie du Chien, in July, 1814, I need say but little. The attack on Campbell was made about three miles above Rock Island, at a small island near the Illinois shore, ever since known as Campbell's Island. Lieut. Campbell disobeyed orders, was heedless, and kept out no spies; and, in the attack, he was badly shot through the left wrist. He was known after the war as Major Campbell, and settled at Louisiana, about a mile and a half below the mouth of Salt River, Missouri, and there lived many years. He was a great spend-thrift, and fond of drinking. He left two sons, sort of traders at Louisiana, who sometimes traded among the Indians.

Maj. Zachary Taylor's expedition up the Mississippi, to punish the Indians on Rock River for their hostile attacks, took place in the latter part of August and early in September, 1814. Having furnished a narrative of this affair for Gen. Smith's History of Wisconsin, I shall only speak in a brief manner of some of the events connected with it. Since learning the particulars of Maj. Taylor's official report, I feel constrained to modify some of my former impressions. I must have been mistaken as to the extent of Taylor's force, as it was clearly less than I had supposed. I know there were twenty-two boats at the rendezvous, but most likely Gen. Dodge's expedition up the Missouri at this time, caused the diminution of the boats and force designed for Maj. Taylor.

I accompanied Maj. Taylor. Near Rock Island, it was dis-