

Rock River, and were doubtless placed there to decoy the whites on shore into an ambushade. Though Maj. Taylor dated his report at Fort Madison, that fort had not been re-occupied; he must have stopped there, and there dated his dispatch. I may add, that my object in accompanying the expedition was twofold; to furnish supplies, which I took along, to such of the Rangers as I had contracted to supply, and also to act, if needed, in the capacity of a spy or scout.

The death of Gen. Howard, after a two days illness, at St. Louis, in September, 1814, was a serious loss to me. The certificate which he had given me in 1813, I had carried with me in my pocket during my spying service, in rains and storms, until it got frequently wet, and finally worn out; and I had relied on Gen. Howard to make the proper application for me to obtain adequate compensation from Government; but amid his multiplied public duties, he had neglected to make the necessary representation, so far as I know, to the War Department. Thus was I left at the close of the war without my certificate, and Gen. Howard in his grave.

Early in the spring of 1815, while the Indians were still hostile, the young men of Cape Girardeau, St. Genevieve, and parts of St. Charles and St. Louis counties, to the number of 750, formed themselves into a regiment, with a view of offering their services to the Government for the protection of Upper Louisiana. Meeting at Cape Girardeau, I was chosen Colonel, and Levi Roberts Major of the new regiment. The Rangers had been disbanded, perhaps the preceding fall. Two hundred and fifty of the regiment embodied at Portage des Sioux, about April, 1815, and taking the command, I marched them up the Mississippi to Rock Island; and finding no enemy there, we went across towards the Illinois River, crossing Spoon River; and on the Illinois we met an express from Gov. Clark, from St. Louis, with the news of peace, stating that all hostilities would cease, and a treaty be held at Portage des Sioux in June, to which the Indians were invited. Returning home, and the war now ended, no report was made of