

liquor without license, but denied that his holding the office of Sub-Indian Agent cut him off from his professional privileges, and he denied that his defending those men was the cause of the drunkenness of the soldiers, or that the work of the garrison was retarded on that account. The defense of Mr. Burnett, addressed to Gen. Street, is lengthy, but as it gives items in his history of which we have no other means of knowing, and at the same time embodies an able legal argument and defense, with a correct history of the case, it is given here entire:

"Sir:—In the investigation which you are making, under the orders of the Department of War, of the charges against me as Sub-Indian Agent preferred by Capt. Mason, Nov. 3d, 1830, and in his letter to Major Garland of the 8th of July last, and Major Garland's letter to the acting Secretary of War of the 31st of July last, endorsing the charges, I beg leave most respectfully to submit the following response:

"Before going into a particular examination of the case, I will say, without hesitation or fear of contradiction, and challenge a reference to all or any who have been acquainted with me in public or private, from my boyhood to the present time; that to those who have *known* and *understood* my conduct, official or otherwise, and who have no personal feeling to gratify, it needs not the formal ceremony of an investigation, and the production of testimony, to satisfy them of its general correctness, and of my disposition faithfully to discharge any duty with which I may be charged. In this case I am highly gratified that after so tedious a delay since the origin of the charges, an investigation has taken place that will lay the whole truth of the matter before the Hon. Secretary, confident that when he knows the whole truth, a correct decision will be given.

"The appointment of Sub-Indian Agent was given me on the 15th of Oct., 1829, and although the salary is a mere pittance, it was accepted in consideration of recent misfortunes, and with the expectation of being able to render a situation in this country ultimately advantageous. On the night of the 2nd of that month,