

in you disagree with Lieutenant Bracken, after the detachment came to Fort Hamilton.

Your friend,

ALEXANDER HIGGINBOTHAM.

P. S.—I perceive that my name is not inserted, either by you or Mr. Bracken, as being in the battle. I claim no particular glory. I was, however, in the battle. The omission was, of course, unintentional.

TOWN OF WIOTA, Jan. 30, 1853.

MR. PETER PARKINSON:

DEAR SIR—According to your request of the 26th inst., I will state my recollection of the incidents connected with the burying of Spafford, Searls and others, who were killed on the Pekatonica, during the *Black Hawk war*, the particulars of which you request.

In relation to what took place at Fort Hamilton, about the command of the detachment, I can state distinctly that some trouble took place at Fort Hamilton about that matter. Some wished Col. Parkinson to take the command. But he objected, and said that the detachment had come from Fort Defiance under the command of Maj. Kirkpatrick, and that he wished it to go on under his command. Maj. Kirkpatrick then objected to, or declined taking farther command, unless he were re-elected. Upon which, an election was gone into, and Maj. Kirkpatrick was elected. The detachment then proceeded under his command, and continued so, until they returned to Fort Hamilton.

The remainder of the incidents, until the killing of Apple, are correctly given in your account published in the *Tribune* (which I have seen), except that no Indian on horseback pursued me.

Mr. Bracken is quite at fault, when he speaks of Spencer's diving the river, leaping the bank, &c.* I am the man most

*This was plainly an error of the printer, in dropping Million's name where it should have appeared in the narrative, which is now properly corrected.