

submit the matter to an impartial public, and to you, to determine or decide as to the facts in the case.

Your obedient serv't,

PETER PARKINSON, JR.

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To Gen. W. R. Smith, State Historian :

In October last I had the honor of addressing you a communication, through the columns of the *Wisconsin Tribune*, giving you the details of the "Battle of the Pekatonica," and the events that led thereto. In a note appended to that publication, I stated that I might, from the lapse of time, have made some errors, more particularly as to the names of those who were actually in the action. This was the case. I omitted the names of Alexander Higginbotham and Benjamin Lawhead, who were in the fight, and Thomas H. Price whom I placed in the line, was one of the horse guard.

Mr. Peter Parkinson, Jr., one of the survivors of that battle, in a communication addressed to the Editor of the *Tribune* in November last, has given his version of the affair, for the purpose, as he avers, "of doing justice to the dead as well as the living, and also in justice to the correctness of history." In that communication Mr. Parkinson negatives, or gives a different version to almost every fact stated by me. First, that I did not command the detachment from Fort Defiance, but that R. H. Kirkpatrick did; that "the next morning, before starting from Fort Hamilton for Spafford's field, a difficulty took place between D. M. Parkinson and myself about the command," I claiming it, *in virtue of my second Lieutenancy*, which was objected to by D. M. Parkinson (which was the commencement of the memorable difficulty between that person and myself). That Major Kirkpatrick then declining to take further command of the detachment unless he was *re-chosen*, upon which an election was gone into, and Major Kirkpatrick (as he was commonly called) was unanimously elected;" that this difficulty being settled, the party pro-