

ceeded to the farm, and found the murdered men as described by me, with the exception of Spafford. I stated that "we found his body with the head cut off and, literally speaking, covered with an hundred wounds." Mr. Parkinson asserts most dogmatically, that "*Spafford's head was not cut off, and that he had no wounds that he recollects of.*" He denies that Million crossed the river at the point indicated by me, but "at the point where McIlwain and John Bull crossed it," and then he gives us a Munchausen story of his swimming the river five times, and fleet as he was of foot, of his beating an Indian mounted on horseback after a hot chase of ten miles. And so determined does Mr. Parkinson appear to contradict my statements, and so closely does he go into particulars, that he makes Black ride a horse instead of a mare, as stated by me.

Although I reasonably account for the manner in which with Fitch, Higginbotham and Depee, I got ahead of the detachment, by which I was placed within shooting distance of the Indians and secured the first scalp. Yet, as to this fact, Mr. Parkinson is sure my memory is at fault, because, as he asserts, "he was near me when I shot, and so was the General." When my little party encountered and fired on the Indians, they were near the top of the ridge that overlooks the Pekatonica. The General was then across the branch on the top of the opposite ridge, some three-fourths of a mile off, apparently engaged in forming the men in line as they came straggling up. Therefore, while I had not more than two hundred yards to advance, to place myself in contact with the Indians while they were crossing the creek; the General and Mr. Parkinson had more than three-fourths of a mile to traverse, with a muddy branch to cross, before they could come up with the enemy, who when they arrived, had crossed the creek and were advancing towards the thicket in the bend where the battle took place.

Mr. Parkinson also thinks, that "from Gen. Dodge's usual coolness and discretion on such occasions, he could hardly have given such orders to the men as I represent." Had I attempted to laud Gen.