

mander and all engaged in it, and draw the inference from any one sentence it contains, that the General and my comrades were "turking in the rear," while I was in front battling the enemy single handed.

Although Mr. Parkinson professes to have no unkind feelings toward me, or intentionally to misrepresent me, yet a man with half an eye can see what kind of feeling he entertains toward me, in almost every paragraph of his communications. From the day that I indignantly spurned the attempt of his father to supercede me in command to which I was legally entitled by my rank, he has had no particular friendship for me, and it may be, that a little of the old leaven has worked upon him to seek this controversy and "Feed fat the ancient grudge he bears me." * *

My account of the battle of the Pekatonica gives to General Dodge the credit of having conducted and fought the best battle with the Indians, since the introduction of fire-arms amongst them. Mr. Parkinson merely for the purpose of underrating me and my statements, reduces the number of Indians slain on that occasion over one-fifth, thereby attempting to deduct that amount from the well-earned fame of General Dodge acquired by that battle.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Servant,

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