

time, and who was an intimate friend of both Gen. Dodge and Gen. Henry, that such was the fact, that he was present and heard the conversation.

Neither is it true, that Gen. Henry's men and officers attempted to mutinize at this place. I deem it quite unfair as well as ungenerous in the extreme, to detract from the merit of Gen. Henry's men and officers, and every body else, for the purpose of making a Gen. Jackson of Gen. Henry—a thing which Gen. Henry would never have done; he was a brave and generous man, and no man esteemed him higher than I did. I had known him from my boyhood, and he had been one of my father's warmest and most intimate friends for more than ten years. But at the same time, many of his friends and officers were my friends and intimate acquaintances, and are yet living, and it is but justice to them that I should repel this slander.*

From this point Gen. Dodge was certainly the main-spring, the life and energy of the army, suggesting and planning all its movements; and none could be mistaken in this particular who were present, and unprejudiced. This was but natural, and can be said without any just prejudice to the reputation of Gen. Henry. Gen. Dodge had acquired a high reputation as a military man, and as an Indian fighter. He was well acquainted with the country, with the Winnebagoes (who were our guides), with Mr. Poquette (who was our interpreter); and Gen. Henry was not so vain-glorious, as to be unwilling to be governed by the suggestions of Gen. Dodge.

Many particulars on the march from this point (Fort Winnebago), to the Wisconsin, are very incorrectly given, and many omitted by Gov. Ford. But as it is not my purpose, upon the present occasion, to point out all of the mistakes of Gov. Ford, only where they effect the parties concerned, I will only notice

*It would appear that there was, after all, something that squinted towards mutiny among a portion of Gen. Henry's troops. We have Gov. Ford's statement corroborated by Gov. Reynolds, in his *Life and Times*. In Gen. Bracken's strictures, allusion will also be found to it. L. C. D.