

anything else of them is most ungenerous as well as most untrue. They were in their own country, defending their own immediate families and firesides, and it was expected of them that they would take the foremost rank at all times of danger, and in no instance was that expectation disappointed.

At the battle of Bad Ax, Gen. Dodge, and his squadron are again grossly misrepresented by Gov. Ford's History, as I am informed by those who were there, and with whom I have conversed since seeing the publication in your paper, and in whom I have the utmost confidence, as their version of the affair corresponds with what I have always understood to be the facts. That here, as upon other occasions, Gen. Dodge and his squadron were in front, and in the thickest of the fight; Capt. Dickson, of Grant county, commanded the spy company, and brought on the engagement between the scattering parties, while Capt. Gentry of Iowa county, with his company, brought on the engagement between the main bodies.

Again, it is not true that Gen. Henry was placed in the rear, in charge of the baggage trains. First, there were no such trains upon this occasion, as every man carried his own provisions. Second, Gen. Henry marched next in front to Gen. Dodge's command; and that Gen. Atkinson had no wish to degrade Gen. Henry, or detract in the slightest degree from the merit he was entitled to, as intimated in Gov. Ford's History, it is only necessary to mention the fact, that after the battle at this place was over, Gen. Atkinson met Gen. Henry and Gen. Dodge both at the same time, and taking each of them by the hand, said, with much warmth and feeling: "my brave fellows you have forced me on to victory."

Without wishing to do the slightest injustice to Gov. Ford or his History, I am constrained in justice to all parties concerned, and in justice to the truth of history, to say, that the accounts which he gives of all, or nearly all, the incidents contained in the two chapters published in your paper, are very incorrect, and I hope I may be permitted to make the remark, that too many of our