

faction prevailed with the men throughout, for I am confident that it was the jealousy of the Illinois officers towards Gen. Dodge, growing out of this cause, which has given rise to the false statements respecting the conduct of Gen. Dodge upon the occasions alluded to in Gov. Ford's history. It is but just to say, and I do say it without the fear of successful contradiction, that after the main army reached this country, every prompt and energetic movement of the troops which had a tendency to overtake the Indians and terminate the war, was suggested and urged forward by Gen. Dodge; and if any particular credit is due to any one individual for the successful termination of the war, it is certainly due to Gen. Dodge. I am confident in my own mind, and I have heard the remark often from men in the Illinois forces, as well as men of this country, that if it had not been for the prompt and energetic movements of Gen. Dodge, the Indians would have made themselves masters of this country, despite Gen. Atkinson and the "*Sucker army*," as it was called. This was the universal impression and expression at the time of all unprejudiced persons.

All the historians who have written respecting this war, have given Gen. Dodge the credit of being the principal man in it. These men, or many of them, write from dates kept by them, in camp, kept from day to day, and not from information given them by jealous and unsatisfied officers, and had it not been for the superior sagacity of Gov. Ford, of Illinois, the extremely small and insignificant part which Gen. Dodge took, or acted, in the *Black Hawk war* would probably never have been known.—How long it took to make this discovery, we are not informed. But one thing is certain that it never came to light until about 22 years after the circumstances took place and not until after the author, and nearly, if not quite, all of his sources of information had passed out of existence.

I have not the least fears, but that a just and discriminating public will readily discover the true object of the historian. As to the secret connivance of Gen. Dodge and Doctor Philleo about