

the publication of the battle of the Wisconsin in such a way as to rob Gen. Henry of his merit in that affair, I know nothing and moreover do not believe there is one word of truth in it. I know that the account published in that paper (the *Galenian*) of that battle, as well as all others, was substantially true, and I also know that Gen. Henry was too bold and daring a man to have passed unnoticed any such low and cowardly conduct. Neither would Gen. Dodge or Dr. Philleo (who was a brave and warm-hearted man, and an old friend and acquaintance of Gen. Henry) have been guilty of any such meanness.

The letter which purports to have been written, by Gov. Ford, to Gen. Dodge may have been written, but I am confident no such letter was ever received by Gen. Dodge—at least, I never heard of it.

Gov. Ford endeavors to throw disrespect upon Gen. Dodge for assuming to be Colonel commanding Michigan volunteers when in fact he was only Major, as Gov. Ford calls him. If Gov. Ford had been correctly informed on this subject, as he should have been upon all others about which he wrote, he would have known that Gen. Dodge was in fact Colonel commanding Michigan volunteers. We were then under Michigan jurisdiction, and General Dodge was appointed Colonel by Gen. Cass, the Governor of the then Territory of Michigan, and his forces were Michigan volunteers.

I have already extended this communication much beyond what I contemplated in the out-start. I am well aware, that my communication is not written in the same interesting, racy and spicy manner as Gov. Ford wrote, but it contains facts derived mostly from my own personal knowledge, and the remainder from the most reliable sources, and as you no doubt had no motive in the publication of Gov. Ford's chapters, except that justice should be done to all, you will no doubt readily give this the same publicity.

I would here remark, that I have not been prompted to write this communication by any feelings of obligation to Gen. Dodge,