

Such statement I then declined making, which I now very much regret, because I put it out of the power of General Dodge to refute by any other than his own statement the many misrepresentations with regard to himself, which were summed up in a letter addressed by Governor Ford to him, dated from Versailles, Brown county, Ill., April 13th 1847. I further regret that I did not make such statement at that time because, if submitted to Governor Ford, it might have been the means of enlightening him on the subject, and thereby prevented him from publishing many misrepresentations that now appear in his book as history.

Having very lately perused Gov. Ford's history, and seen in it so many misrepresentations, I have come to the conclusion, that it is a duty which I owe to the future, and an act of justice which I owe to Gen. Dodge, to state what I personally know, more particularly regarding the movements under Dodge and Henry from Fort Winnebago, by which the Indians were overtaken and defeated at the Wisconsin; wherein I differ materially from Governor Ford, as well as in some other matters touching that campaign.

It is my intention to place this statement in the archives of your Society but before I do so, I submit it to the public in print,\* so that if I have made any misrepresentations, they may be corrected. I will here state, that in my narrative of the war, published in your History of Wisconsin, at page 219 in the third volume, you say, "a detachment of some 250 men, consisting of the commands of Henry, Posey, Alexander and Dodge." You should have said, "Dodge's command of about 250 men, together with Henry's and Alexander's brigades." I merely refer to this error in your history, because, if not corrected, there would appear to be a discrepancy between it and my present statement.

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Every person who has read Ford's history of Illinois, will agree with the author of the introduction to the work, that Gov. Ford was "a man of strong feelings." I knew him personally, and can

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