

VI.—Death of Tecumseh

The subjoined letter and accompanying affidavit have been handed to us by the distinguished citizen to whom the letter is addressed, and inasmuch as they throw some light upon an interesting point of American history, we deem them worth giving to the public. If there has hitherto existed any serious doubts as to "who killed Tecumseh," surely sufficient evidence is presented to remove them.

In this connexion, we are happy to learn, that Gen. Witherell is casually engaged in collecting interesting and prominent incidents in the history of this section of the country. The task could not have fallen into better hands, as, besides his high intelligence, he has been a resident of the country since his childhood.—*Detroit Free Press*.

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Gen. Cass—Dear Sir—I read with interest your remarks in the Senate of the United States, last winter, relative to the death of Tecumseh, in which you expressed the opinion that he fell by the hand of Col. Johnson.

Honorably and actively engaged, as you were, in all the stirring events of the war of 1812, on this frontier, your opinion, made up from circumstances at the time, and being yourself on the field of battle, is entitled to great weight.

The affidavit of Capt. James Knaggs, with whom, as with nearly all our old citizens, I believe, you are acquainted, will, I think, set the question at rest.

Being at the river Raisin a few days since, I called on Capt. Knaggs, who was a brave and intrepid soldier, in the Ranger service.

He stated to me all the circumstances of the battle on the Thames, so far as they came within his knowledge, and at my request, he made an affidavit, (a copy of which I herewith send you,) narrating so much of the action as is connected with the death of the great chief.

Col. Johnson stated at the time, and afterwards often reiterated it, that he killed an Indian with his pistol, who was advancing upon him at the time his horse fell under him.