

I received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1814, a note from the General, as follows —

"Sir  
The fourth of July is approaching and I suppose it would be agreeable for the Squadron of horse to parade on that day. Major Crow may order his Squadron to meet on that day and exercise in such evolutions, as he may cause to direct, at any place within the Brigade most convenient — I am Sir

with respt. your O<sup>b</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
"Maj. J. Crow. Jas. Blackton B. G."

Question by same.

viz Major Blackton say that he had not issued to Major Crow orders to parade the Cavalry — but issued them uniformly to the Captain of Brigade corps?

Ans: Major Blackton in conversation with me, did say — that he had not pursued a different course, than that of issuing orders to Captain of Brigade ~~corps~~ corps — and he was so certain, that he offered to bet with me on the subject, and he continued to think himself right, until I convinced him to the contrary.

Question by the same.

viz Capt<sup>l</sup> Isaac of the Artillery, Capt<sup>l</sup> Alexander of the Cavalry, were they Spaniards?

Ans: They did. I won two Spaniards as a Capt<sup>l</sup> of Cavalry & put off one after the order, which I now wear.

Capt<sup>l</sup> Nicholas van Dyke sworn.

Question by same.

viz you hear General Blackton say

that if Major Bennett ordered out his Battalion without permission from him - by God, he would arrest him and come down on him?

Ans: The last fall, I marched "The Union Guards" to Wilmington to parade with the military there - and we were invited to the General's house. Major Bennett accompanied our company by invitation and was also at the house of General Stockton. Some altercation took place between the General & Major Bennett. I entered the room after it had begun - it was about eight & the conversation was very warm. I do not recollect to have heard the expression of growing - but I heard the General say, if he did (I not knowing what) he would arrest him. I might have been with respect to ordering out the Battalion of Artillery - but I rather thought it about the companies of that day - I heard something about a Lieutenant commanding a Copt<sup>y</sup>.

Question by Sam.

Did you hear the General say, he would shoot me, by God?

Ans: I heard something about shooting connected with the controversy, could exactly say what it was about.

Question by the same.

Was there any thing in my conduct to justify the General?

Ans: There was nothing in your conduct or that of the General, I could blame, as I knew not the beginning.

Question by Sam.

Did I say - General I am in your house?

Ans: I did hear you say so.

Question by same.

Was I solicited by the officers to go with the company - & did I ride on Mr. Rogers' horse?

Ans: You were solicited to go - & rode the horse of Mr. Rogers.

Question by same.

Did Major Bennett call at your house with respect to his altercation with the General & did you advise or induce him to let the matter rest?

Ans: The morning after the dispute, Major Bennett called at my house, & stated the whole conversation & appealed to me as to my opinion. I told him I thought it a quarrel that might happen among friends & that the matter did not require any breach of friendship - that I considered neither of them injured by such a quarrel.

I have heard both of them before & often - ever since the arrest, expressing themselves in a friendly manner of each other.

Question by same.

Did the Company under your command give you three cheers on their return to New Castle?

Ans: On our return we went to Mr. Dougherty's where we had some refreshment - & there General Stockton & Major Bennett were both cheered.

Court adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.