

Question by Major Bennett. Do you think if your company had obeyed the order of Major Bennett, there would have been time to attend the Regiment?

Ans. Not knowing the distance, I cannot say.

Question by the same. Did Major Bennett tell you, that if the order ^{had} come thro' him, he would have been happy to have attended, as he never had headed the battalion?

Ans. He did say so, and expressed his mortification that the order had not come thro' him.

Lieutenant Archibald Hamilton {
Sworn - }

On May 29. last I was presented with a letter from Major Bennett; the letter enclosed contained orders ~~from~~ as follows, - to wit, No. 7. -

Newcastle May 29. 1864

Battalion Orders. -

Capt. Rodney's and Wilson's companies composing the first battalions of Artillery, attached to the 1st. Brigade of Delaware Militia will parade on the first Monday in June, on Mendenhall's old field, on the Road leading from Wilmington to Clarke's corner; - to be on the ground precisely at 11 o'clock A.M. - when and where the undersigned Commandant will superintend the order and evolutions of the day. -

L. P. Bennett Majr. 1st Batt.

Artill^y 1st Batt. D.M.

Lieut. A. Hamilton Adj^t. 1 B.A.

Having read them I said very well; - but on looking at them observed it was the same day of the Regimental Review. I mentioned this to him, & he said he was determined to see whether he was to be Major or no Major.

The letter I received is as follows, to wit,

No. 8. -

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Newcastle 29th. May 1814.

Lieut. Archd. Hamilton }
Adj^t. 1st. Batt. Artillery. }

Sir, Thro' you as the proper organ the en-

closed Battalion orders will be disseminated to the Officers, non-com-
-mod. Officers and Privates, attached to the 1st. Battalion Artillery, Del.
Militia attached to the 1st. Brigade. -

I am with due consideration & respect, -

G. P. Bennett Major 1st. Batt. A.

Afterwards I gave in substance the orders to Captains
Rodney and Wilson.

Question by Prosecutor. After the arrest of Major Bennett did he tell you
that he would be ^{much} hurt if your company did not attend? -

Ans. I had several conversations with Major Bennett, -
one at Wilmington, but do not recollect that conver-
-sation, - afterwards in Newcastle we had some
conversation. He then told me that he would be
much hurt if the company did not obey his orders.
I told him that I must obey my Captain. -

Question by a Member. Do you think that it was the intention
of Major Bennett to ~~the~~ march from Mendenhall's old field
to New Port, - and do you think there would have been
time? -

Ans. Nothing was said about attending the Re-
-giment. I do not think we should have had
time. -

In the conversation at Newcastle, Major Bennett
insisted on my supporting him. I told him that
he was wrong, and I could not. He said if I
would that he would stick by me until the
last drop of his blood. He seemed to wish us to
parade with him.

Question by Major Bennett. In the conversation with Major Ben-
-nett was it a solicitation to attend, or in the nature of an order?

~~Ans.~~ Answer. I did not consider it as an order
but solicitation as Major Bennett was then under