

I endeavored to conciliate them & strive to keep up their friendship.

Question by same

Did the General say that if Major Bennett ordered his Battalion out, without permission, he would arrest him and come down over him?

Ans. I heard something of the kind. He said he would not suffer any corps to be ordered without his permission.

Question by same

Did you hear the General say that he was wrong in issuing orders to the Captains?

Ans. I did not. I expressed my opinion that the orders should have issued to the Major. He did not either explicitly deny or acknowledge the correctness of my opinion.

Question by same

Did the General appear to come into your opinion, and was the chief difficulty with Major Black?

Ans. He did not assent to or deny my opinion. In a conversation afterwards with Major Black, we had some argument on the subject, & he concluded the General's order was correct - & stated the General neither admitted nor denied my opinion. Major Black & myself appealed to Major Crow, as to how the order should have issued, and I believe he was of my opinion.

Question by same

What is your impression of your conversation with General Stockton? relate any tendency to show that he wished to bring Major Bennett into contempt in a military sense.

Ans: I do not think, there was any intention with either to bring the other into contempt. I never have been taught to believe there was any personal resentment - there may have been, but I do not know of any.

Question by same

What has been Major Bennett's character in the army and Militia?

Ans: He supports the character of a good & efficient officer in the army. In the militia he has been a useful officer in training & other militia duties.

Question by same

In what capacity did Major Bennett enter the army?

Ans: As far as I have heard, I believe as a common soldier.

Major John Crow, a
member, sworn

Question by same.

Did you ever receive orders as a Major of Cavalry, from the General to Major Black, to parade the whole or any part of your battalion of horse?

Ans: I received the orders referred to by Major Black, in 1812 & 1813. August 26th 1812 is the date of the first order, to parade on the 12th of September following and directed to me as Major.