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yesterday from Major L. P. Bennett, thro' Adjutant A. Hamilton, and ask the favour of your special instructions on the subject, that I may give to Major Bennett a suitable and prompt answer. -

yours &c. David L. Wilson.

May 31. 1814.

I received in reply the following, - viz. -

Sir, I have received a copy of Major Bennett's orders to you and Capt. Rodney; - and have to observe that you are not to obey his orders on this occasion; - our Militia Law gives the Major no such authority, - and that you may see in eighth section of the law; - therefore you are to parade your company as directed in my order of April last.

Ino. Stockton, B. G.

May 31. 1814

Capt. D. Wilson. -

Question by Major Bennett. Did you complain to Major Bennett with respect to the late period you had received the order from the General?

Answer. I stated that I did not think myself well treated as Capt. Rodney received his orders two weeks before, - and there were some evolutions to perform. -

Question by Major Bennett. Did the Major offer you a small field piece to remove the difficulty of want of notice of the Genl's orders? -

Ans. He did & I said that I would send for it by the first opportunity.

Question by Major Bennett. In the conversation at Brinton's corner, did Major Bennett solicit a order you to attend? -

Ans. I understood it as an order; - it was after I had received Major Bennett's written orders.

Question by Major Bennett. Did Major Bennett say to you in that conversation, that he was the responsible person, and that the orders should issue thro' him?

Ans. He did say, the orders should issue thro' him.