

"The fact is generally known that war was declared to resist aggression which could no longer be borne, at a time when we were in almost every sense unprepared—without money, without arms, and destitute of clothing, blankets, etc. But the reliance of our distinguished councils was on the American spirit of our country and such resources as it could and would call into action. The result proved their correct knowledge of the American character.

"Considering myself called on by the very declaration of war, thus based upon our own resources and the spirit of patriotism of our citizens, I waited not, or hesitated to inquire, whether the declaration was, at the time, wise or unwise. I knew it was the decision of the councils of my country. I felt that it was the duty of every patriotic American citizen, who justly appreciated the blessings of liberty and felt the love of country, to aid personally, if he could, by going into the field, but substantially by his means when he could not go himself.

"Under the latter impulse I acted. When the volunteer troops to go on Hopkins' campaign began to assemble—living as I do on the Bardstown road—I caused invitations to be sent ahead on the road inviting them to call by companies or by detachments, whether horse or footmen. They called in all ways—by companies, by detachments and singly—eating and drinking the best I could give and taking what they could carry of corn and meat. I was exhausted of both corn and meat, and had to buy both.

"It was soon discovered after the rendezvous was effected, that the soldiers were almost without blankets, lying on the naked ground, badly clothed and shod, and without money. No money arriving from the War Department, discontent began to show itself. Many of my neighbors sent them blankets—I sent all I had, twenty-one in number, and bought buffalo robes to cover myself and children. Still they were so illy provided that mutiny was threatened, and, indeed, might reasonably have been expected.

"At my suggestion the men were drawn up, and Governor Duvall, a man of eloquence and possessing patriotic fire in a high degree, delivered them an address suited to the occasion. It resulted as was expected, in arousing their pride and a promise to wait yet longer, and a reliance upon individual exertion for their relief. I wrote and sent out subscription papers through the crowd. The sums individually subscribed were so small, and the amount grew so slowly, that relief in that way was hopeless. While this measure was trying, the sum needed was ascertained by the officers. It was reported to be \$5,000 to enable the army to move. Without stating further in detail my active and zealous agency, it resulted in obtaining from the branch Bank of Kentucky, at Louisville, upon my note with endorsers, the said sum of \$5,000, together with the promise not to make a call for twelve months, unless pressed by the necessities of