

that institution. This was done upon the faith and in the cause of my country. The money was paid upon my check to the proper officer. Orders were then given to prepare for a march.

"But on the next day Governor Duvall called on me and said that \$500 more were wanted. It was, however, at my instance, critically examined into, and ascertained that \$200 would do. David L. Ward, Thomas Bullitt and myself handed them the money, on the faith of the Government, and it was all refunded within the year.

"The night before the army was to march, Governor Shelby sent for me about or after dark. Upon meeting him, he addressed me in language to this effect: 'Mr. Speed, I am fully apprised of the zeal you have shown and the important services you have rendered at a period so critical and important. Accept my warmest thanks in behalf of our common country. But, sir, there is yet more to be done, and which I must impose on you. The British may have picketed the Indians, and to oust them may cost the best blood of our country. There is a mounted cannon here which must go along, and this night you must have ready a team of at least three horses and gear, with a driver. There is also a baggage-wagon wanted, which must be ready in the morning, all to move with the army.'

"I told him that it should be done. By eleven o'clock I succeeded in hiring a wagon, team and driver for the baggage, to go on the faith of the Government, but could not get the horses and gear for the carriage. I got home about twelve, waked up my overseer, took three of my own horses and gear to the shop—was up all night—but had them shod and upon the ground, together with a driver, in time the next morning. James Stephens, son of Henson Stephens, of this county, was the driver. I paid him on his return one dollar a day for going to and returning from Vincennes, and seventy-five cents a day for ten or twelve days he was kept there in suspense.

"A soldier of Major Thomas Speed's company was on his return with a lame horse. I took a horse out of my plow, sent him back, and kept his horse till his return.

"For the Canada expedition I aided all I could in getting volunteers, and I furnished Nath. Floyd a horse for that expedition under Captain Shively, and a horse to James Hall, of Captain Hite's company. I also furnished Captain Hite the sum of money he supposed would be sufficient to furnish whisky for his company until he joined the army at Newport.

"I may have received pay for sending the cannon to Vincennes, but for anything else I did or furnished I never charged or received a cent.

"These, fellow-citizens, have been my *acts* in relation to the war, and *such the fruits* of my 'old Federalism.' I claim at your hands no additional favor for any services which it had been my consolation to