

CASE NO.138

BAPTISTE CAMPBELL (HALF BREED)

Proceedings of a Military Commission
commenced at Camp Release opposite the mouth
of the Chippewa River by virtue of the following
order

Order No 33

Head Qrs Camp Release Sept 28 1862

A military commission composed of Col
W. Crooks of the 1st Regt Lt Col Marshall of the 7th Regt
Captains Grant & Bailey of the 1st Regt and
Lt Olsen of the 3rd Regt will convene at some
convenient point in camp at 10 O'clock
this morning to try summarily the Maultto
and Indians or Mixed Bloods who may be brought
before them by direction of the Colonel Commanding
if found guilty of Murder or other outrages
upon the whites during the present state
of hostilities of the Indians the proceedings
of the commission to be returned to these
Head Qrs immediately after their conclusion
for the consideration of the Colonel Commanding

The commission will be governed in
these proceedings by Military Law & usage

By order of the Colonel Commanding
Military Expedition

Signed S H Fowler

U. S. A.

Order }
No 65 }

Head Qrs Camp Release Minn Oct 13 1862

I The Military Commission whereof Col
W. Crooks 1st Regt Minn Vols is President
will convene tomorrow at 10 O'clock A M
or as soon thereafter as practicable and proceed

with the business before it

II Lt Col W. R. Marshall 7th Regt Minn.
Vols being absent on duty Maj. Geo. Bradley
of the same Regt is hereby detailed to fill the
vacancy thus occasioned.

By order of Genl H. H. Sibley

J. H. Fowler

Lt Col

A. A. A. G.

Head Qb Camp Release

Oct 1862

The military commission met
pursuant to the above order

Present

Colonel Green 1st Regiment M V

Maj. Brinley 7th " " "

Capt Grant 6th " " "

" Bailey " " "

Maj. Olen } 3rd " " "

Judge Advocate } " " "

Adjutant General McPhail's Mounted

Rangers Records

Members

The military commission was then
duly sworn and Baltate Campbell a half
breed was arraigned on the following charge and
specification viz

Charge & Specification against Babtute Campbell a half Breed.

Charge. Participation in the murders robberies and outrages committed by the same Indians on the Minnesota Frontier

Specification In this that he the said Babtute Campbell a half Breed did join with & participate in the murders robberies & outrages committed by the same Tribes of Indians on the Minnesota Frontier between the 18th day of August 1862 and the 28th day of September 1862 particularly in the Battles at the Fort. New Ulm Birch Lake & Woodlake - and also with having ~~parted~~ joined at a white man

By order of W. H. Sibler

Witness
Mar-ze e. Co-mind
Henry Melrod

Attest
Lt Colonel
Cady

Baptista Campbell states

They ask us to go
on the other side of the river to catch horses
& cattle - that they couldn't catch them - we
went over - Henry Miles, Ange & some Indians -
Crow told us, "if you don't help,
I'll see some white men you shall be killed -"
I went to a house - didn't think there
was any people there - saw a white man - by
a mound a long distance off - I shot first -
He went around the tree - I couldn't
hurt a man if we hadn't been pushed -

Antonie Kremer's sworn - I heard witness state
that Miles, Ange - an Indian & himself
went over the river to get cattle, saw a
white man, & fired at him -

Murphy's sworn - I know of it - One morning
all the Indians had left Red Wood except
another Indian & I who went over the
river to get oxen - saw the half breeds
coming from somewhere - heard they had killed
a white man - Miles was one - Dgt.
was one I saw coming home - Don't think
he had a gun -

Parmer states -

I had a wife & 2 children
at Crow village -

Little Crow said I must kill all the white men I met. He told me if I didn't do as he said he would find away to kill me -

I went to the Big Woods in a m. party. They had a fight with the soldiers - Crow was along - They followed them along the river - We went to a little town & they had a fight - The soldiers & Indians ran so fast that I couldn't keep up with them - Jo. Campbell was there & Narcisse Premier - Louis La Belle - We went above the town, crossed the river 3 or 4 miles ^{above} - We heard the firing at the town - After we heard the firing Crow asked us to go towards the town - When we got within a mile & a half of the town saw Indians with a white woman as a prisoner - Crow said the whites were too many for us & we left -

And thereupon the case being closed, the Commission was closed, and proceeded with their finding and sentence.

The Military Commission after due deliberation on the foregoing find the prisoner the said Bathiste Campbell, a half-breed, as follows

Guilty of the Specification,

Guilty of the Charge,

and sentence him to be hanged by the neck, until he is dead,

J. V. D. Board Recorder - }

R. C. Orr

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Judge Advocate Mo. Com.

Manly Grove
Early Co Minn
Berth Mill Corny

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Charge, testimony, &c

vs

Robert Campbell

Sentences to be hung

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