

marshal to direct the procession—2nd. Lieut. Davenport, (now adjutant) commanded the escort composed of caps. Brent and Wood's uniform companies—3d. Clergy and Physicians—4th. Corpae borne on a hearse, three Pall Bearers (officers) on each side—5th. Principal Mourners (Joseph Gamble and myself.)—6th. Rifle Company, all as mourners.—7th. Artillery Company from Berkeley as mourners.—8th. Gen Taylor with the officers of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th regiments, and officers of the Army and Navy of the United States.—9th. Privates of the fourth and several companies from the fifth regiment.—10th. Citizens. The procession moved with much order and solemnity to the Methodist Grave Yard, where his remains were deposited with their mother earth—All were mourners at the grave. It was noble to shed tears—None endeavored to restrain them. His funeral sermon will be preached next Sunday.

The officers and privates of the regiment, as a mark of their esteem for our departed friend, are anxious to erect a monument or tomb stone. About 200 dollars have been subscribed for the purpose. It is intended to have his funeral sermon written and published, I shall forward a copy to you so soon as I receive one.—It was also resolved at a meeting of the officers, this evening, that they do wear crape on their left arm, for the time of their continuance in service, as a mark of respect for our departed and much beloved friend.

The rifle company determined at once, to make the crape on their left arm, a part of the uniform, so that they may always have in mind, and imitate the virtues of their much respected but now lost friend and fellow soldier. Such will always be the reward of virtue.

You will please send me his age. He died on the 24th May, about 12 o'clock. His loss is universally lamented, all the officers who became acquainted with him, were so much pleased as to become his friends immediately. Through the influence of some of his friends, he would have received a brevet commission of Lieutenant, the same day on which he was murdered. But he has left this transitory life, and is now free from all the cares of this world!

We shall be removed from this encampment in a few days, to the Norfolk side.

The following is a copy of the resolutions:

At a meeting of the officers of the 4th Regt. Militia, now in service of the U. S. in rear of Fort Nelson, at the request of Capt. Charles Brent, Col. Beatty was unanimously elected President and Capt. Brent Secretary.

On motion of Capt. Charles Brent, a committee was appointed, to adopt

such measures as may be deemed necessary, to carry the views of the present meeting into effect, whereupon, Major Waggoner, Caps. Brent, Roberts and Gregg, and Lieut. J. W. Miller, were appointed accordingly.

*Resolved*, That we whose names are hereunto subscribed, do hereby agree to pay into the hands of the committee, hereafter to be appointed, the several sums annexed to our names, for the purpose of erecting a monument with a suitable motto over the grave of our late Adjutant WILLIAM BALL.

*Resolved*, That the committee request a Clergyman to perform the funeral service, and that he will furnish the committee with a copy, for the purpose of having it printed.

*Resolved*, That the different officers of the 4th Regt. will wear crape on their left arm, during the term they remain in service, in testimony of their respect, and a mark of esteem for their departed friend.

A circumstantial detail of the unhappy event, which has plunged a respectable family into the deepest mourning, having been received by Monday's Mail, the youthful friends of the deceased, impelled by feelings which do honor to the human heart, immediately resolved to meet at the Court-House, in order to adopt such measures, as might be deemed best calculated to testify the sincere sorrow with which their hearts were filled on this afflicting occasion.—The bell gave the signal for meeting, and in a few minutes the house was crowded, with a large and respectable concourse of citizens of all ages. The object of the meeting was stated by Henry St. Geo. Tucker, Esq. in a short but affecting address, after which the letter above recited, was read by Robert B. White, Esq. and produced feelings, which can better be imagined than described.—Many wept!—the hearts of all were sad!—grief was depicted on every countenance!—The following resolutions were read by Mr. Tucker and unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the members of this assembly, impressed with the most lively sense of the exalted worth and endowments of their departed friend and fellow citizen, Adjutant WILLIAM BALL, late of the Winchester Rifle Company, will assemble at the Presbyterian Meeting-House on Thursday next at 12 o'clock, to attend a divine discourse to be delivered there on the melancholy occasion of his death.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Wm. Hill be respectfully requested to deliver a funeral discourse on that occasion, and that Capt. Morris and Lieut. Lauck be appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Hill for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended

to the citizens of this town to wear a crape on the left arm for one month, as a testimonial of their affectionate regard for the memory, and of their high sense of the estimable virtues of their departed friend.

*Resolved*, That Capt. Morris, Messrs. George Brent, Isaac Lauck and Geo. Orrick, be appointed a committee for the purpose of arranging a procession on Thursday next from the dwelling of Mr. William Ball, to the Presbyterian Meeting-House.

The death of Wm. Ball, junr. has occasioned sensations of the deepest regret and sorrow, to all to whom he was known; no young man was held in higher estimation. Among the many virtuous and amiable young men of which Winchester can boast, he was pre-eminently conspicuous. Correct in deportment; modest in demeanor, and amiable in manners—he appeared to have no propensity for any of those vices and indiscretions, to which, too many of our young men are addicted. He was all that a fond parent could wish, or a friend desire. To an understanding uncommonly sound, and which he had taken unwearied pains to cultivate, was added a brilliancy of genius rarely to be found. His avocations had been Mercantile for some time, but his genius led him to other pursuits. His turn of mind pointed out to him a different path. Without any advantage of instruction but the resource of his own mind, he had given some elegant specimens of engraving, which a professed artist might, without disparagement have called his own. By the advice of his friends, and with the approbation of his respectable parents, he had determined to relinquish trade, and was preparing to repair to Philadelphia, for the purpose of cultivating his natural genius with the auxiliary aids which that city affords, and to devote his talents to the fine arts, when he was called into the service of his country. He was one of the number of respectable young gentlemen that formed Capt. Roberts' Company of Riflemen, of which he was first sergeant, and with which he marched to Norfolk, where he was soon distinguished for his assiduity and talents by the appointment of Adjutant to Col. Beatty's Regiment; which he had held but a few days, when the sad and deplorable catastrophe happened which deprived him of his life, his parents of a beloved and affectionate son, and society of one of its most shining ornaments. Panegyric cannot say more than is justly due to the memory of this estimable youth, whose fair prospects have been so prematurely destroyed. The sorrow depicted in every countenance is his best eulogium. He was aged 20 years, 7 months and 10 days.