Battle of the Little Big Horn

Henry R. Porter was a resident of Bismarck for many years. There is an article about him that is about 8 pages long in the Compendium of History and Biography of North Dakota. I put a link to the article on the Griggs County Museum website at the bottom of this page.

Some points of interest were that they met Buffalo Bill on the way to Little Big Horn.

Custer said to him:  “Porter, there is a large camp of Indians ahead, and we are going to have a great killing.”

Generals Terry and Gibbon were to close in from the front and Custer was to close in on the rear. They had the Indians completely surrounded.

Captain Cook, Custer's adjutant, came up and said: 'The Indians are right ahead of you, and you are ordered to charge them as fast as possible.'

Custer came to me and said: 'Doctor, I would like to have you go with me, as you are younger and more robust and Dr. Lord, the chief surgeon is not feeling very well.'

I replied, 'All right. I would much prefer going with you.'

Custer then said: 'I will see Dr. Lord and ask him to consent'. We rode over to where Dr. Lord was, and Caster spoke to him about the contemplated arrangement.

The Doctor replied: 'Not much. I am going with you.' The poor fellow in those few words saved my life and sealed his own doom.

The whole story can be read at:

<http://www.griggscountyhistoricalsociety.com/online/compendium/porter_henry_r_m_d.php>

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