

The Cavalry of the Legion by being on the American right, had been enabled to withdraw into the woods, and attend to its Infantry, without being exposed to the enemy's fire. In the meantime important changes were taking place along the front ; the North Carolina Brigade yielded and fell back ; the British left, elated at this, sprang forward and their line became deranged. This was the moment for which the American Commander had been waiting. Two Brigades received the order to advance with a shout, and anxious to wipe away the recollection of Hobkirk's Hill, rushed forward with trailed arms. Upon their approach, the British left commenced a retrograde movement in some disorder, but their centre and right still maintained an unbroken front, awaiting the impending charge with unshaken firmness ; no troops ever came nearer. The left of the British centre appears to have been pressed upon and forced back by their own fugitives, and began to give way from left to right, at that moment the Marylanders delivered their fire, the enemy yielded along their whole front, and shouts of victory resounded through the American lines. Why the American Cavalry did not now act