

from the camp into the woods that bordered these streams, and stretched round to the foot of Hobkirk's Hill. Thus the movements of the British Army were imperceptible at any point beyond their advanced redoubt, until they approached within gun shot of the American sentinels. But it was found impracticable for Lord Rawdon to pursue this route and take with him his artillery ; he believed, however, on the best grounds—intelligence from a deserter—that his adversary would in this respect be no better off than himself. The American General did not think it necessary to change the order of his line from that in which the arms had been stacked after their morning's exercise ; but bringing up the Artillery to his centre, he posted it on the road, and ordering Colonel Washington and Colonel Reid to hold themselves in reserve, calmly awaited the appearance of the enemy.

Lord Rawdon's line was composed of the 63rd Regiment on the right, the New York Volunteers in the centre, and the King's American Regiment on the left. The right was supported by the Volunteers of Ireland, and the left by a detachment under Captain