

The house was of brick, and strong enough to resist small arms, and surrounded with various offices of wood, one particularly, a barn of some size. In the open ground to the South and West was the British encampment, the tents of which were left standing.

The superiority of his enemy in cavalry made it necessary that Colonel Stewart should cast his eye on the Eutaw house for retreat and support. To that, therefore, he directed the attention of Major Sheridan, with orders on the first symptoms of misfortune to throw himself into it, and cover the army from the upper windows.

On the right in the thickets which border the creek, Major Majoribanks, with 300 of his best troops was posted, with instructions from the Royalist Guard to watch the flank of the enemy. As soon as the skirmishing parties were cleared away, a steady and desperate conflict ensued, which between the Artillery was bloody and obstinate in the extreme. The Militia behaved with wonderful gallantry and perseverance. From the first commencement of the action, the Infantry of the American covering parties on the right and left had been steadily engaged