

their front. In the intermediate space between these works, and the body of the place, were two rows of fallen trees, fixed into the earth, in the manner of a fraise work : behind these was a double picketed ditch. In the center of the lines they had constructed a kind of citadel : the artillery mounted on these different works, consisted of eighty-pieces of cannon and mortars.

The siege of Charles Town had in the mean while greatly alarmed the contiguous provinces. Sensible how much it behoved them to preserve a place of such importance, they were exerting their utmost endeavours to raise a force sufficient to its relief. The defeat of the troops in the neighbourhood of Charles Town, by Colonel Webster, had greatly disconcerted them. But that which they regretted most, was the destruction of their cavalry by Colonel Tarleton. They were at uncommon pains to repair this loss ; and with much industry and expence collected another body of horse, which was immediately dispatched to the assistance of the troops that were advancing from various quarters to the aid of the besieged. But on receiving intelligence of their approach, Colonel Tarleton was ordered to attack them. He executed his commission with so much success, that almost the whole corps was either taken or destroyed ; and all the horses with their accoutrements fell into the hands of the victors.

While these successes were obtained in the country bordering upon Charles Town, Admiral Arbuthnot was exerting himself with no less vigour and good fortune on that side which lay towards the sea. He formed a brigade of seamen and marines, with which he made himself master of forts Mountpleasant and Sullivan. The garrison of the first abandoned it without resistance, and that of the second surrendered by capitulation.

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