

advance, and then retreated, endeavoring to bring the States troops out, as the Indians were very anxious to meet them.

"At length about 500 infantry with a few dragoons came out. As soon as they made their appearance the greater part of our Indians retired to the woods by Chorus's, which was far the best position. Accordingly we followed them and lined the front of the woods and edge of the road. The enemy came on within 300 yards of the road, when a party of dragoons made a charge. We were ready to receive them, but at a few yards distance they wheeled about and went back. A few of our foremost men gave them a shot, which the States troops returned at 300 yards distance, which gave our men courage to advance. We had but sixty men near us, the rest being half a mile in the rear. Ball and myself dismounted and urged them on. As the States troops perceived we were advancing in earnest, they retired very precipitately. As soon as the Indians saw this they all ran on shouting in the most hideous manner.

"A party of the enemy, consisting of two officers and fifty men, were sent out from Mrs. Butler's on Ball's road with an intention of flanking us. I pointed them out to the Indians who ran to the right and completely cut them off from the main body. Only seven of them made their escape.

"I gained my horse, left off the pursuit, and turned my attention to the prisoners. The first one or two were brought out from the wood at the end of the lane by Blackbird, the Indian Chief, who threatened them with instant death, accompanied by gestures not of the most pleasing or agreeable description. I rode up between them and was very shortly threatened myself for interference. The poor devils were crying and imploring me to save their lives as I was the only white man they saw. After getting an interpreter, they promised the lives of the prisoners should