

made appropriations, in all vessels then in the harbor. It was made was omitted. The British arrived from Tennessee, of them not armed, at this time the city received force from the arrival of their leader had refused which were refused to Gen. Jackson for their bravery their chief received a full pardon. The arrival of gun-boats left the side of the lakes, to close all the canals, to enable the enemy to pass through the strip of dry land. This important duty was performed by a native of the city, with the secret password stationed at the rendezvous was captured, they reached the dry forest at the bank of the river at five o'clock P. M. on the morning consisted of four companies, moving directly on to the battle, and moved to the rear, as it was now, in their power. The unexpected and alarming communication to Gen. Jackson who had been taken

prisoner, but escaped. The General, with his usual promptitude, hesitated not a moment. He issued orders for the troops under the command of Gen. Coffee, stationed some miles up the river, to march to the place of rendezvous, and giving orders for all the other corps to be collected with the utmost speed, he put himself at the head of the regulars, the city militia, and the battalion of colored troops, and advanced a few miles below the city, where he halted to give time for the remainder of his forces to join him. The schooner *Caroline* was at the same time ordered to drop down the river. Gen. Jackson being joined by the other troops, now pursued his march, but it was some time after dark before he came near the British encampment. Gen. Coffee with his rifle men was placed on the left near the woods, while the other troops led by Jackson in person, attacked in front. The signal was given by a broadside from the *Caroline*, which did great execution, as the British were gathered round their fires and entirely off their guard. The enemy were at first struck with consternation, but after some time being rallied, they formed and returned the fire of the Americans. A thick fog which about this time arose, and Jackson considering it imprudent to continue the fight any longer, sounded a retreat; a company of city rifle men, however, missing their way, fell in with a body of the enemy and were taken prisoners. The General retired to a piece of ground two miles nearer the city where there formerly had been a mill race; this position offered considerable ad-