

APPENDIX.

maintained their posts, but Spencer had suffered so severely, and having originally too much ground to occupy, the commander reinforced them with Robb's company of riflemen, which had been driven, or by mistake ordered from their position on the left flank towards the centre of the camp, and filled the vacancy that had been occupied by Robb with Prescott's company of the 4th United States regiment. His great object was to keep the lines entire, to prevent the enemy from breaking into the camp until day light, which should enable them to make a general and effectual charge. With this view he had reinforced every part of the line that had suffered much; and as soon as the approach of morning discovered itself, he withdrew from the front line, Snelling's, Posey's (under lieut. Albright) and Scott's, and from the rear line, Wilson's and Norris's companies, and drew them up upon the left flank, and at the same time ordered Cook's and Baen's companies, the former from the rear and the latter from the front line, to reinforce the right flank; foreseeing that at these points the enemy would make their last efforts. Major Wells, who commanded on the left flank, not knowing his intentions precisely, had taken the command of these companies, had charged the enemy before he had formed the body of Dragoons with which he meant to support the infantry; a small detachment of these were however ready and proved amply sufficient for the purpose. The Indians were driven by the infantry at the point of the bayonet, and the dragoons pursued and forced them into a marsh, where they could not be followed, Capt. Cook and Lt. Larebee had marched their companies to the right flank, had formed them under the fire of the enemy, and being then joined by the riflemen of that flank, had charged the Indians, killed a number, and put the rest to a precipitate flight.

The action was maintained with the greatest obstinacy