

Mill leading to oDell Town were attacked at an early hour yesterday morning by the Enemy in great force collected from Platsburg, and Burlington under the Command of Major General Wilkinson. The attack on the Burtonville road was soon over, when the Enemy shewed themselves on the road from the Mill that leads direct to oDell Town where they drove in a picket stationed in advance of La Cole about a mile & half distant and soon after the Enemy established a Battery of three Guns (12 Pounders) in the Wood.—with this Artillery they began to fire on the Mill.—when Major Handcock hearing of the arrival of the Flank Companies of the 13th Regiment at the Block house he ordered an attack on the Guns which however was not successful from the wood being so thick and so filled with men ; soon after another opportunity presented itself when the Canadian Grenadier Company and a Company of the Voltigeurs attempted the Guns but the very great superiority of the Enemy's numbers hid in the woods prevented their taking them—I have to regret the loss of many brave & good Soldiers in these two attacks, and am particularly sorry to lose the services for a short time of Captain Ellard of the 13th Regiment from being wounded, while gallantly leading his Company.

The Enemy withdrew their Artillery towards night fall, and retired towards morning from the Mill taking the road to oDell Town.

Major Handcock speaks in high terms of obligation to Captain Ritter of the Frontier Light Infantry who from his knowledge of the country was of great benefit. The Marine detachment under Lieut^s. Caldwell & Barton, The Canadian Grenadier Company, and the Company of Voltigeurs, as well as all the troops employed the Major expresses himself in high terms of praise for their conduct so honorable to the Service—

Major Handcock feels exceedingly indebted to Captain