

diately dispose of Majoribanks, despatched Captain Pendleton with orders for the Legion of Cavalry to fall upon Coffin and repulse him.

We give the result in Captain Pendleton's own language,—“ When Coffin's Cavalry came out, General Greene sent me to Colonel Lee with orders to attack them. When I arrived, Lee was not there, and the order was given to the next in command, who made the attack without success.” By this time General Greene having ordered a retreat, Coffin, who certainly proved himself a brave and active officer on this day, had no sooner repulsed the Legion of Cavalry, then he hastened on to charge the rear of the Americans now dispersed among the tents.

Colonel Hampton had been ordered up to the road to cover the retreat, at the same time that the order was issued to effect it, and he now charged upon Coffin with a vigour that was not to be resisted. Coffin met him with firmness, and a hand to hand conflict was for a while maintained.

But Coffin was obliged to retire, and in the ardour of pursuit, the American Cavalry approached so near Majoribanks and the picketed