

have never seen any where, and my opportunities have not been limited. Every impartial man, even of the enemy, will admit that the disaster was not to be attributed to the troops. They were not only ready, but eager for a more active participation in the field than was allowed them. The incredulity of General Armstrong, Secretary of War, as to the attempt of the British to make an attack upon Washington prevented the necessary precautions, and the disposition of the troops on the day of battle was any thing else than judicious. The actual commander was paralyzed by the presence of a superior who had taken none of the preliminary measures suggested by military experience.

With great respect, your friend,

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THE END.