

ma of cowardice upon the defenders of New Orleans, seems to be as deficient in judgment as in honour and honesty, for in proportion to the want of courage, displayed by their enemy, was the shame and disgrace of their own defeat enhanced.

In his official letter, General Lambert commits a more serious error, by stating that as the British troops advanced, "a continued and most galling fire was opened from every part of the line." Now it is certain that little more than one half of the line was engaged. The majority of the troops under General Coffee, did not fire at all; the engagement was almost exclusively confined to the right and left of the lines, and scarcely a shot was fired from the centre. See Latour's Memoir, page 244.

XVII.

Page 331.—"Making a forward motion, the 7th and 43d presented the appearance of a renewed attack; by which the enemy were so much awed, that they did not venture beyond their lines in pursuit of the fugitives."

All accounts represent the rout of the British, as a total and most confused and disgraceful one. Nothing was less calculated to excite "awe,"