

general panic ensued, which exhibited itself in a tendency to continue the retreat ; nor did the mischief end here ; Colonel Ford's Regiment, dispirited by the fall of its leader, who fell pierced by a mortal wound, faltered, and was permitted to retire.

Nothing could exceed the disappointment of the American Commander at this moment : he spurred his horse to the extreme right, and was leading on Colonel Campbell's Regiment in person, when he was called away to restore order in the centre ; but the effort was vain, and the only alternative was a retreat, during the execution of which the Artillery was exposed to imminent danger. As the British horse under Captain Coffin was ascending the hill in pursuit, Captain Smith was ordered to secure the Artillery at all hazards, and as the men appeared to be giving way, Greene galloped up alone, and dismounting, held his horse with one hand, while he seized the drag-ropes of the guns with the other. Smith's men now joined in the effort of dragging off the guns. When Coffin's corps appeared on the hill moving to the charge, Smith's little band poured a volley into his ranks with such good aim that they fled ; again