

nothing more seemed wanting but to close upon their flanks, with the Regiments on the right and left : the orders from the American Commander were thus delivered—" Let the Cavalry make for their rear, Colonel Campbell wheel upon their left, and Colonel Ford upon their right, and the whole centre charge with trailed arms." But Green had no common adversary to deal with, in Lord Rawdon. The British supporting columns were instantly protruded ; the American wings were quickly exposed to the disadvantage which they had hoped to impose upon the enemy, they were out-flanked, their wings were enfladed, and their rear threatened, the extreme right and left were necessarily checked and deflected ; but no permanent effect could have resulted from this state of the wings, had not other occurrences produced worse results in the centre. The 1st Maryland Regiment, the 10th Legion of the Army, renowned for its former deeds, shrunk away in a panic which was not to be overcome. The first symptoms were exhibited by a firing contrary to orders ; then the fall of a favourite Officer causing a halt in those nearest to him, the check was rapidly communicated, and a