

with less confusion than could have been expected from veterans placed in a similar situation. As soon as the Governor could mount his horse, he rode to the angle that was attacked—he found that Barton's company had suffered severely and the left of Geiger's entirely broken. He immediately ordered Cook's company and the captain Wentworth's, under lieutenant Peters, to be brought up from the centre of the rear line, where the ground was much more defensible, and formed across the angle in support of Barton's and Geiger's. His attention was there engaged by a heavy firing upon the left of the front line, where were stationed the small company of United States riflemen (then however armed with muskets) and the companies of Baen, Snelling, and Prescott of the 4th regiment. He found major Davéiss forming the dragoons in the rear of those companies, and understanding that the heaviest part of the enemy's fire proceeded from some trees about fifteen or twenty paces in front of those companies, he directed the major to dislodge them with a part of the dragoons. Unfortunately the major's gallantry determined him to execute the order with a smaller force than was sufficient, which enabled the enemy to avoid him in front, and attack his flanks. The major was mortally wounded and his party driven back. The Indians were however immediately and gallantly dislodged from their advantageous position, by captain Snelling at the head of his company. In the course of a few minutes after the commencement of the attack, the fire extended along the left flank, the whole of the front, the right flank, and part of the rear line: Upon Spencer's mounted riflemen, and the right of Warwick's company, which was posted on the right of the rear line, it was excessively severe: captain Spencer and his first and second lieutenants were killed, and captain Warwick was mortally wounded—those companies however still bravely