

Washington determined to make an
attack upon the rear the moment they
should get on motion from their ad-
vanced ground. ~~In that case he kept his troops~~
~~thence lying on their arms to be~~
~~ready on the instant when and the~~
communicated this intention to Genl
Lee and told him to make dispositions
for such an attack and to keep his
troops lying on their arms when
ready on a moment's notice. The
same precaution was directed with
reference to the troops under his direct
order command.



He carried out these orders
in the night detached some hundreds
of chosen men from Beauregard's brigade
to approach close to the Antietam
as a corps of observation. While they were
with his men was to take post on their
left flank to act to attack them on their
first movement. White House

at day break the first division of the
British army commanded by Knapthorne
and conducting the long train of baggage
was put in motion. ~~When Clinton~~
~~had back with the other~~
~~division to avoid to pass up on train~~
~~in the first part of the march.~~ Soon
after Clinton himself let out between
two and eight. Dickinson was near
with the reconnoitering party sent
on ahead to Warrenton informing
him of the movement of the enemy.
Upon the receipt of this Warrenton
sent orders to Lee to move on and
attack the enemy unless there should
be very powerful reasons to the contrary.
adding that he was marching with
all speed to support him. ~~He did not go~~
~~General order of Warrenton was that~~
~~to all with orders to carry the~~

Lee on the night had made despo-
sition for an attack 
Lee accordingly advanced with his
column, ordering his advance ~~and~~
~~regiment~~ composed of two brigades
under Jackson, to push on or back as
possible and make the attack.

In the mean time both Clinton
~~had gone~~ ~~was~~ with the Rear division
had remained until near 8 o'clock
before marching ^{so as not to pass open} ~~to pass open~~
~~however, with division with the~~
~~long train of baggage train to~~
~~make an effort, to get on in the~~

The Heavy Clinton had not perceived
for when he began to be surprised
by the parties thrown out by him in
the advance appeared on his left flank
and soon skirmishing took place in
the woods. He descended however from

the heavily snow covered at a place
near 3 miles in length, when ~~the~~
~~thick~~ ~~less~~ ~~much~~ ~~deep~~ ~~deep~~ ~~penning~~
down into the plain after them and
began ~~canvassing~~ her rear
while the packing hastes were
now approaching in each way.