

Washington was at Kingston when he
 received intelligence ^{that the enemy had} of the ~~change of route~~
 changed their route and were advancing
 toward Newmarket could have. He
 immediately dispatched two regt
 men under Roy & Hager and gave
 command of the much advanced corp
 including ~~excellently~~ ^{excellently} Regt 5 Hager
 consisting of all to at least 4000 men
 light infantry to the Major Genl Lafayette

Mr & Mrs Adams

request the pleasure of Mr
 Irving's company at dinner
 on Tuesday next the 11th
 inst at 1/2 past 5 o'clock.



January 4th

45 Lafayette Place.

with order to take the part for other
 security of attacking the enemy on
 rear. / At the same time leaving
 his baggage at Kingston he advanced
 on the morning of the 25th
 to Cremona to be ready to support the
 advance corps

The command of the advance of Reppel
 belonged to Lee at seven miles from
 but he had openly ~~proceeded~~ ^{proceeded}
 against even a partial attack on the
 enemy and readily ceded the command
 to Lafayette, ~~as the order from~~
~~was withdrawn~~ on the 28th while
 Washington leaving her baggage
 at Kingston. moved with the main
 body to Cranbury to be ready to
 support the advance corps in case
 of an action.

Lee had Lafayette not yet known
 that Lee reported having ceded been
 the command and ^{offered} ~~wrote~~ to Washington
 that he would ~~the~~ to be reinstated
 alleging that he had not been aware of

* ~~having~~ expressing his opinion that
 the plan would fail and his willingness
 to be freed from all responsibility in the
 matter Lafayette reported on that
~~that Lee reported having~~
 ceded the command.

to report & express doubtless. Where
 he had another council of war ~~and~~
~~which~~ as to the conduct he desired
 whether to hazard a general attack
~~attack the enemy~~ make a general
 or partial attack or to pursue the
 enemy & attack them. If not what mea-
 sure to take to annoy the enemy



Lee took the lead in determining
 upon a general action "in which he was"
 pressed by all the officers except Wagner.
 It was generally agreed that 1500 men
 should be sent to turn the flank in
 harassing the enemy's rear.

From Lafayette & Sumner on an
 after communication sent for attacking
 the enemy on the rear with a last
 dash! while the main ~~army~~ ^{army}
 should be prepared or before battle.
 Generally ~~that~~ of that advice.

Immediately after this council
 Washington detached 1500 chevrons
 under Brig. Gen. Smith to reinforce them
 near the enemy.

already ~~in the~~ near the enemy

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