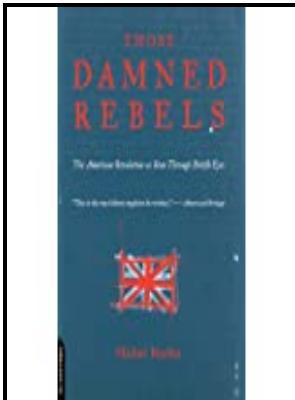


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. This small band of Patriots turned back a dangerous invasion well designed to separate and dismember the united Colonies. North Carolina Patriot militia leaders and , from the now northeast Tennessee , met and agreed to lead their militiamen against him.

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His decision to halt the executions came after an impassioned plea for mercy from one of the Biggerstaff women, although accounts vary as to whether it was Martha Biggerstaff, Aaron's wife, or Mary Van Zant Biggerstaff, Benjamin's wife.

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Firing was difficult for the Loyalists, since the Patriots constantly moved using to their advantage. The battle was a pivotal event in the Southern campaign. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Da Capo Press.

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Waiting three days for reasons that are still unclear, Ferguson ordered a retreat to Lord Cornwallis and the British main forces in Charlotte, sending a message to Cornwallis requesting reinforcements.

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Additionally, the destruction of Ferguson's command and the looming threat of Patriot militia in the mountains caused Lord Cornwallis to cancel his plans to invade North Carolina; he instead evacuated Charlotte and retreated to South Carolina. He was the only regular British soldier in the command, composed entirely of Loyalist Carolina militia, except for the 100 or so red-uniformed Provincials enlisted colonials from New York.

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After an hour of battle, Ferguson was fatally shot while trying to break the Patriot line, after which his men surrendered.

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Shelby, Sevier and Campbell reached the top of the hill behind the Loyalist position and attacked Ferguson's rear. Campbell called on to bring his Wilkes County, North Carolina militia to the rendezvous.

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Receiving intelligence on the oncoming attack, Ferguson decided to retreat to the safety of Lord Cornwallis's army. The request did not reach Cornwallis until one day after the battle. The Overmountain Men crossed the next day, and proceeded in a southerly direction for about thirteen days in anticipation of fighting the British Loyalist forces.

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