

At this place a number of the Americans and their
horses and baggage was captured by the British -

Immediately after this we retreated to Camden
with as much speed as possible, having with us perhaps
a thousand or more North Carolina Militia. But
upon reaching Camden, Col Bluford feeling himself
secure from the Enemy, except the Tories, and feeling
able to contend with them, the North Carolina
Militia was separated from us, leaving us at Camden
where we remained all night, - It being late the
next day before we could get off from Camden
we only marched about ten miles that day and
struck camp. and it rained so excessively that
night that it was found extremely difficult
to get on with our waggons. and was ex-
pected that day some time before night near
the waggon meeting house - by Col Sartow.
Who sent out a flag to Col Bluford asking
him to surrender - But Bluford refusing
sent for this declaration (Who still and had
all the time since they left Petersburg
continued to act as ^{waggon} ~~quarter~~ master)
and directed him to keep the waggons
as near to gather as could with a view
of protecting his men from the fire
of the Enemy - he done so and in a few
minutes the Enemy commenced firing
upon us - The Battle lasted but a few