

by stopping the British
on August 22

When the Secretary of the Navy decided to ~~defend~~^{protect} Washington City at Bladensburg, President Madison with his wife Dolley,* and all of his cabinet came out to see the ^{initial} engagement from an ^{advanced} American camp at Long Oldfields, nine miles ^{south} east of the ^{town} city. A week later, Joshua Barney, still at anchor off Nottingham, wrote to tell Jones that the enemy was advancing, and he was preparing to employ two of General Winder's guns from ~~the~~^{the} 36th and 38th Artillery Regiments [which had served so successfully at Cault's Field] to protect his flanks. (T) ^{Taken} ^{as he withdrew from} ^{Colonel Wadsworth's} ^{Pig Point}

* Before leaving, Dolley had the White House Staff prepare and set out an elegant "victory dinner".

Refs. (7) Dudley/Crawford - Vol. 3; 207-208, Barney to Jones, August 29, 1814.
Scott - Vol. 3, Chapter 11; 304

However, Jones ^{then} ordered Barney to proceed with his ⁴⁰⁰ men to a position ^{that protected} the city's Eastern Branch (Anacostia River) Bridge, where he ~~had~~^{was} outfitted with two 18pdr and ~~three~~^{three} 12pdr field pieces, ^{and} on the following morning ^{August 29th} received ammunition and ^{horse} carts ^{from} the Marine Barracks and ^{was} ordered to march to Bladensburg as quickly as possible. By the time they ^{men} had marched to the site, the battle had started and they ^{were} exhausted from the long march in 100°F weather. Barney ^{and his troops} took a position ^{leaving guns along} on the Washington Turnpike ^{above the} behind a steep rise, while Captain Miller and his 200 Marine infantry ^{regiment} took a position ^{to} his right flank. Beyond Miller to the right a hill were 750 ^{militia} under Colo. Beall and Hood. while ^{an} the entire brigade of Georgetown militia ^{under Col. Peter} with 500 rifles ^{and} and six 6-pdrs ^{under} and some ^{more} 1000 muskets held the left flank along the heights out to a ravine formed by Turncliffe Creek. Across the ravine was Captain Alexander Stuart with his squadron of warships. Farther out on Washington Turnpike ^{next to} overlooking Turncliffe Bridge was Captain Kramer's infantry regiment.