

The very moment information was received by Lt. Green & myself
of the Enemy's intention to come down, the Regiment moved
forward in front of the mine & commenced their march. Fearing
that unless the ground was personally marked out, there would
be some difficulty in forming them in the midst of so heavy
a fire, I rode forward myself - I went to the ground on
the left of the Battery which was to have been my
station, found it occupied by some Reformation Co. - Then went
to the left, ordered Capt. Janney's Company to take their
position, & waited myself for the Regt. to come up. After some
time the fire becoming especially heavy - I found that the
Sailors & Marines were retreating well from the Fort - I seeing
Com. Porter among the last, I ran to him & asked if he had
ordered it - He replied that he found it impossible to main-
tain the fort longer against so disproportionate a force -
I could myself proceed very little farther &

Com. Porter
at the
last