

posted Capt. White 2 Sub & 100 Men in my left
in my rear to support me, Cap. Clifford & Cap.
Pappell ^{1st} each with 100 Men Off in proportion
went to the ~~Mag. Battery~~ on the left one into
the Battery the other to support 2 Sub 50 went
to the Battery on the right (the 2d & Master
Battery) & 50 of Lewis took the out Post
between the 3 & 2d Batteries After reconnoit-
ring my Position, for I had never been
outside the Battery, I posted an Off. ^{1st}
& 10 Men at the foot of the Bridge, a ^{1st}
& 10 in the rear of this party to support,
these two Detachments took up the same
Ground as those Detachments, but upon examining
thoroughly their position, I found the ~~officers~~
so completely commanded the bridge
& the river on the right of it, that it was im-
possible anything could get across with-
out their knowledge, I took upon my-
self to post the ^{1st} party, so as to
occupy a position to the left of the Tete
de pont, & Officers ^{1st} took at the ruins
(for the House had been burnt down) of a
Large White house close upon the