

were ordered to break off by companies, and advance in single lines ; keeping a convenient distance from each other to enable us to form a line of battle, should necessity require it ;— this was frequently done in the course of our advance toward the town, in consequence of the unevenness of the land, and the appearance of many favorable places for the enemy to attack us. In this manner we advanced very cautiously, until we came in sight of the Indian village, when we halted. The Indians appeared much surprized and terrified at our sudden appearance before their town ; we perceived then running in every direction about the village, apparently in great confusion ; their object however, was to regain in season their different positions behind a breastwork of logs which encircled the town from the bank of the Wabash. A chief came out to the Governor, begging of him not to proceed to open hostilities ; but to encamp with the troops for that night, and in the morning they solemnly promised to come into camp and hold a council, and they would agree to almost any terms the Governor might propose ; expressing their earnest desire for peace without bloodshed—but

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