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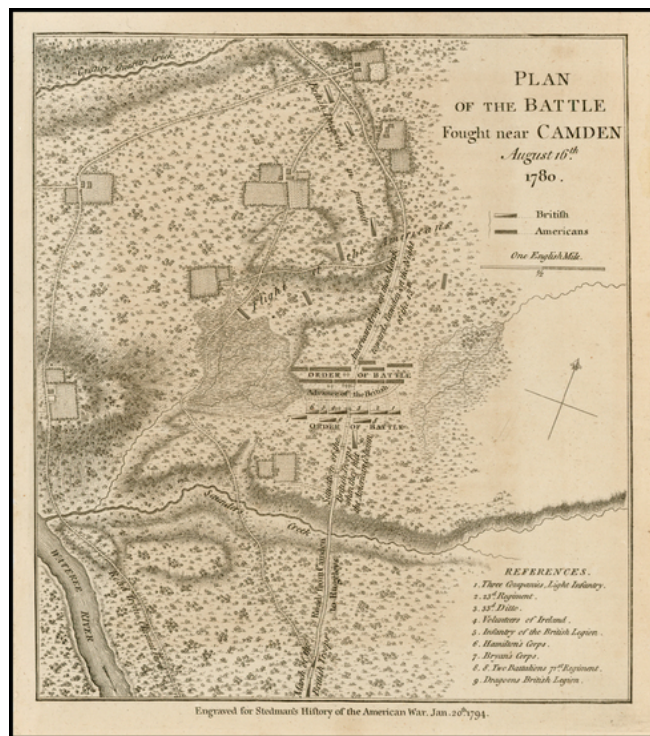
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Plan of the Battle Fought near Camden August 16th 1780

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Place: London
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Description:

Nice example of Faden's plan of the Battle near Camden, first issued in Banastre Tarleton's *A History of the Campaigns of 1780 and 1781, in the Southern Provinces of North America* reissued by Stedman in his *History of the American War*.

The map identifies British and American troop positions and movements, roads, rivers, topography and annotations.

On the night of August 15, 1780, Major General Horatio Gates and his troops met the British Troops led by Cornwallis, just north of Gum Swamp. Cornwallis had arrived in Col. Rawdon's camp at Camden, South Carolina on August 13th to lead the British Army to battle. A short night battle was fought under a full moon and both sides pulled back. At dawn the ranks were in place and the battle commenced again. The Americans had about 2300 hundred men spread across the sand facing about 2000 British soldiers.

At first light, the American cannons opened and the British 33rd Regiment advanced into the Patriot militia with bayonets fixed. Most of the American militiamen on the American left flank from North Carolina and Virginia broke their positions and fled the battlefield. DeKalb's Continentals advances and



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pushed back the Loyalist Provincial troops, but the failure of the American left soon flanked DeKalb and forced the Continental's retreat. Gen. Gates joined in the flight and did not stop until he reached Charlotte. Some of the North Carolina Militia remained and First Maryland moved to the far left through the retreating ranks and advanced engaging the British right. The American right led by Baron de Kalb held the hill and fought until they were either captured or forced from the field. The American right advanced through the Loyalists before they were surrounded by most of the British Army. A fighting retreat was made across a narrow stream to the rear where Baron Dekalb and some of his troops made a final stand. The Battle of Camden was a tremendous field defeat for Gates' "Grand Army" by the British Southern Army.

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