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...Capt. Parsons of the 10th, was dispatched with six light companies to take possession of a bridge that lay three quarters of a mile from Concord, and I was ordered to shew him the road there, and also conduct him to a house where there was some cannon and other stores hid; when we arrived at the bridge, three companies under the command of Capt. Lowry of the 43rd, were left to protect it, these three companies were not close together, but situated so as to be able to support each other; we then proceeded to Col. Barrett's where these stores were, we did not find so much as we expected, but what there was we destroyed; in the mean time Capt. Lowry and his party were attacked by about 1500 rebels and drove from the bridge, three officers were wounded and one killed, three soldiers were killed and a number wounded, notwithstanding they let Capt. Parsons with three companies return, and never attacked us...

CLARIFYING QUESTIONS

1. Why did Captain Parsons and three companies of soldiers cross the bridge?
2. What did the British soldiers find at the farm? What did they do with it?
3. What happened at the bridge?