in possession of Mexicans

enemy Thus in the found some of the foraging parties of the enemy, in Bay Prairie, who were in Caney Bottom — a few minutes previous to the discovery of the foraging party I left my company and went a few hundred yards to Campbell Halls Plantation to see if any trace of Fannins men could be found, with an understanding that I would join them in a few minutes, by a nearer cut, on a road that lead across the main road to the prairie — On my arrival at the plantation, I found that a large foraging party had just left — as fifty or more bushels of corn had recently been shucked at the crib, and partly taken away, also from the bucket that hung over the well, the water was streaming rapidly. I proceeded to the main road to join my party, going down the road until I came to a place where no tracks had been made since the last rain; I then went to the edge of the prairie and from the top of a tree, I saw on the head of Berg's Bayou some twenty or thirty men, attending to a large drove of horses, which was but a few hundred yards from where we had lain down, on a fresh burn to rest ourselves and horses three nights previous when we were aroused by the sound of voices a little before day dawn — and from which we retreated into the bottom — My company coming upon the Mexicans, and finding them too numerous to attack them and supposing myself to have been taken prisoner, retreated into the bottom and on the next night got to Fort Bend, and found the Mexicans there encamped; they made their escape, ~~and rode towards the Mexican camp and made their escape~~ and proceeded to Jones'