Learning that Cornwallis had sailed from Portsmouth, Lafayette marched north, believing Cornwallis' objective to be Baltimore. With arrival of news of his landing at Yorktown, Lafayette marched in that direction.

The text is not clear on Tarleton's movements after taking Charlottesville. Tarleton rejoined Cornwallis at Elk Hill by 7 June, while Lafayette was on the Rapidan. Cornwallis ordered Tarleton to move from Elk Hill to Albemarle on 10 June but cancelled the movement upon hearing of Lafayette's southwesterly advance from the Rapidan.