



The Allies at Yorktown Initial Deployment (September 30, 1781)

posts which, being in good condition, would have obliged us to open the trench in front. This would have delayed us about eight days. Secondly, in a siege, one should never decide to tighten defenses until the last minute.

General Washington and Mr. de Rochambeau spent the entire day of the 30th reconnoitering the works on the left of the enemy, on the side of the lower York.