

Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park



Sir Henry Clinton

Maj. Gen. Sir Henry Clinton was second in command of British forces in the Americas. On June 28, 1776, he led an army of infantry at Breach Inlet, part of the Battle of Sullivan's Island, but failed to cross the inlet to assist the British Naval fleet's attack.

Clinton then returned to New York where he took part in a successful assault on New York City in 1776. He continued to serve in supporting roles until he was named Commander-in-Chief in 1778.

Two years later, he led the Siege of Charleston, resulting in the largest capture of patriot forces during the entire American Revolution.