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Affair is decided & I persuade myself that that will now be
within a Month or five Weeks at farthest. I do not find
that any late Intelligence has been received concerning the
Strength of the Enemy but I understand that a Company of
about 50 Volunteers whom I prevailed on to go from this Pro-
vince to join the General & to serve without Pay went from
the Laurel hannon a few Days ago with a Resolution to
proceed to Fort Du Quesne in order to make Discoveries & get
a Prisoner. I am sorry to inform Your L^{ty} that there are
at present with our Troops no more than six Indians three of
whom are Cherokees & the other three Delawares but it is said
that about 40 Catawbaes are just arrived at Winchester & that
these intend to continue with the General to the End of the
Campaign. Your L^{ty} will I presume have heard before
this can reach You of the Repulse that General Abercromby
has met with in an Attempt to force an Intrenchment which
the French had made at a small Distance from Ticonderoga.
I understand that the General has been much blamed for not
giving himself time to look about him & reconnoitre the Enemy
& the Adjacent Country which they say he might easily have
done & that instead of marching up his whole Army to the
Face of the Intrenchment which in the French Phrase was
tout garni he might have landed some of his Troops on the
Eastern Side of Lake George or rather of the Strait that
joins the two Lakes & have raised a Battery there so as to have
annoyed the Enemy greatly & divided their Force. He is
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