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also much censured for having ordered the Retreat to be beat
as soon as the Troops had been once repulsed, but he is
above all condemned for having brought back his whole Army
of 14,000 Men over the Lake immediately after the Action
when he was sensible by the Enemy's not pursuing that
these Numbers were much inferior to those whereof he had
the Command; Had he encamped & intrenched himself, they
say on the Enemy's Side of the Lake he would at least
have been on an equal Footing with them & would have kept
them in awe, he had the sole Command of Lake George &
had several hundred Battos on it ready to bring him Pro-
visions or to bring back his Army when he could stay there
no longer but by retiring so precipitately as that the Troops
left behind them their Provisions & Baggage he has made
the Enemy confident & left them at Liberty to pour down
their Troops to the Ohio to oppose General Forbes or to send
Reinforcements to Cape Breton where they may be landed
on the Westernmost part of the Island & as some say be able
to throw themselves into the Town notwithstanding the
Precautions that have been taken by our Generals to prevent
the Success of such an Attempt. All that I have heard
offered in Defence of General Abercromby's Conduct is that
the Attack was made agreeable to the Opinion of a Council
of War, that after it was begun many of the Provinci-
als behaved very ill & that in particular one whole Corps
of the New England Troops peremptorily refused to take
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