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Return as soon as the Party met him he declined pro-
ceeding till he should be reinforced by the other Troops
who were now in motion toward him & in the mean time
employed himself in opening a Road from the Frontiers
of this Province toward the Enemy's Fort. While he was
in this Situation about Midway between the English
Settlements & the Enemy a Party of his Men fell in with
Monsieur Jumonville a Lieutenant & about 30 Men from the
Fort (who were sent as was supposed, to intercept a Convoy
of Provisions designed for our Men) & having killed Jumonville
& 7 or 8 of his Detachment they took the rest Prisoners & sent
them under a Guard to the Governor of Virginia where they
yet remain. Not sooner did the News of this Skirmish reach
the Ohio but the Enemy drew together from the several
Fortresses which they have built up & down that River near
10000 Men in order to fall on our Troops & return the Com-
pliment. Mr Washington being apprized of this a few
Days before the Enemy approached him with Advice
of the other Officers retired a few Miles to a place called
the Meadows, it being Low Land between two Eminences
or small Hills where he encamped & as well as the time
would permit endeavoured to secure himself by drawing
around him a small Ditch & building within it a Sort
of Log House. here on the 3rd of July about noon the
French attacked him & having killed him about 30 Men
obliged him toward the Evening to capitulate & accept
Terms which indeed were very fair from being pretty hard