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Yet none of the English that were engaged saw more than 100
many of the Officers as well as Men who were the whole
line of its Continuance in the Heat of the Action will not give
that they saw an Enemy. When the Detachment of 300 com-
manded by Lieut. Col. Gage was beyond the River about
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Mile they were fired on from an Eminence or small
Hill which they were about to ascend, upon which they returned
the Fire & halted till Lt. Col. Blair with the Detachment of 200
came up the General immediately hurried on the main Body
to sustain them while the Enemy who consisted almost entire-
ly of Indians ~~was~~ French in Indian Dress extended themselves
all along the Hill which was on the Generals right flank
& posting themselves severally behind the large Trees that grew
thereon fired in Security & did great Executions The Novelty
of such Fighting struck our Troops with Amazement & Terror
they found themselves destroyed by an invisible Enemy & were
soon thrown into the greatest Confusion. some Companies that
attempted to ascend the Hill were broke by the Fire of their
Enemies who confounded them with the Enemy. In this me-
lancholly Situation they were kept more than three
Hours when having consumed all their Ammunition they
retired in the greatest Disorder & left the Field & every thing
thereon to the Enemy who did not attempt to pursue them
beyond the River but immediately fell to Scalping those that
were killed or unable to get off & then returned with the Killings
& Plunder to the French Fort. The General had unhappily
all his Papers, His Majestys Instructions & the Plan of Operations
that was concerted at Alcaronia with him which fell into