

to the general interest of the colonies. He therefore very soon communicated his thoughts on this subject to the commander in chief,* laying before him his reasons for the practicability of the undertaking. Many objections were started, and many difficulties rais'd against it, as an unfeasable plan. However, the deceas'd Lord Howe, who excell'd in penetration and judgment, highly approv'd of the scheme ; remov'd every objection, and obtained the assent of the general, to its being carried into execution, as soon as our army had made an establishment on the north side of Lake George : at the same time General Abercrombie was prevailed upon to have a fort built on the Oneida Carrying Place ; a disposition was made accordingly, and a number of batteaus built and prepared at Schenectady.

Our army having assembled at Lake George, and made an unsuccessful attempt on the enemy's post at Ticonderoga, re-

* Major General Abercrombie.

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