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tageous circumstances, and with the loss of 461 regulars killed, 29 missing and 1117 wounded; 87 Provincials killed, eight missing, and 239 wounded, including the officers of both corps; he drew his men off<sup>w</sup>, and retired to the camp he had occupied the night before, with those that were capable of duty: sending off the wounded to the batteaus, which laid about three miles farther; and next morning followed with the whole army to the same place, and embarked for the camp at Lake George.

This defeat and retreat set the busy and observant world to work; who, according to their connections and apprehensions, were very liberal in their censures and apologies. He certainly is to be commended for drawing off his men from an attack, in which they were exposed entirely to the fire of a covered enemy: and he might be deceived, and yet not culpable, in regard to the report of the enemy's strength, and situation of their camp; which certainly was the case: both in regard to the strength of the works, and to their extent. But who can exculpate a general for

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<sup>w</sup> About three o'clock, as the regulars were retreating, one regiment in the center and the troops on the left threw in a very heavy fire, intending to retreat likewise: but the enemy hoisted English colours, and clubbed their arms, shewing themselves on their breast-work, and beckoning to our men; on which the whole advanced briskly: but when they were come within 15 or 20 yards of the enemy, they struck the English colours, and threw in upon them a most terrible fire, such as they had not yet experienced, which killed multitudes, and obliged them to retire.