

the Lord, and to return again as well as he could; but not one step was taken, nor a single disposition ordered to secure his retreat in case of a repulse, or make a proper improvement of the conquest, if success had attended him. Had the former been the case, few, very few of our troops, would have ever return'd to tell the direful tale. This, together with the loss of men the colonies have sustained during the war in America, and in storming the never to be forgotten breastwork at Tichonderoga, would have given them a most severe shock, in this their infant state. If only two thousand Provincial troops, which were kept unemploy'd at Lake George, had been order'd to follow us, and take post at Oswego, we might have thrown up some defensible works, and brought over and preserved all the shipping, artillery, ammunition and provisions fort Frontenac would have amply supplied us with. We might then have had it in our power to have taken Niagara, and secured that important pass, long the object of the nations desire; the immense quantities of Indian goods with which the stores
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