

A. D.  
1758.

March up  
to the ene-  
my.

rush upon the enemy's fire, and not to give theirs, till they were within the enemy's breast-work. A brave and well designed disposition. All the forces, except a guard left at the Landing Place to cover and guard the batteaus and whale boats, and a provincial regiment left at the saw-mill, was put in motion, and advanced to Ticonderoga. But, instead of imperfect works, they found the entrenchments much stronger than represented; a breast-work six feet thick and between eight and nine feet high, and the ground before it covered with felled trees, with their branches pointed outwards: and the ground was filled, for upwards of 100 yards beyond the breast-work, with large logs, stumps, brushwood, &c. over which it was impossible to advance without great deliberation and difficulty. And the enemy, who were entirely under cover of the breast-work, kept an incessant fire from their swivels and small arms, mowing down our officers and brave men by hundreds. Our men, regardless of every disadvantage and danger, like those, that would conquer or die, were not insensible of the embarrassment of the trees, that retarded their advancing with intrepidity and bravery; but the General, convinced by the loss sustained, and the impracticability of forcing the entrenchments, that it was no longer prudent to remain before it, judged it necessary, for the preservation of so many brave men, and to prevent a total defeat, to make the best retreat possible. Thus after several repeated attacks, which lasted above four hours, under the most disadvantageous

English  
defeated,  
and retreat.

tageous

ta  
re  
87  
wo  
he  
ha  
we  
to  
the  
arm  
can  
var  
ned  
the  
be  
atta  
fire  
ceiv  
por  
cam  
gar  
exte  
w  
regim  
very  
hoist  
selve  
whic  
come  
Engli  
such a  
and c  
V