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Carolina.

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to their  
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Carries fire  
and sword  
into the  
Cherokee  
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heavy hand on the innocent and defenceless planters, many men, women, and children, were barbarously murdered: many who fled into the woods lost themselves and perished miserably; many were carried into captivity; and those, who were best off, and escaped the savages, were reduced from plenty to beggary. This desolation extended upwards of 100 miles, every hour brought to Charles Town accounts of ravages, depredations, scalping and ruin; the unhappy sufferers calling aloud for assistance and protection: but alas! the province (distressed by the expence of Mr. Lyttelton's expedition upwards of 20,000 l. sterling, and at the same time afflicted with the small pox, of which horrid disease, no less than 3000 lay ill at Charles Town) was unable of itself to manage this war.

General Amherst was applied to for help: and, though preparing for the expedition against Montreal, he immediately sent 1200 choice men, under the command of the Honourable Colonel Montgomery. This excellent officer arrived at that town in April; directly marched towards the Indians, and by an extraordinary spirited march of 60 miles, without halting reached and surprized the lower settlements, burnt all their towns, took about 40 prisoners, and drove the rest to seek for shelter and subsistence among the other divisions.

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Charles-Town, June 10. By Authority.

*The following letter to his honour the lieutenant-governor, containing a particular account of the success of his Majesty's arms, under*

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