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march was stopped by the arrival of Lord Loudon, while the necessaries were providing for their subsistence on the road. For, his Lordship, how much soever inclined to forward General Abercrombie's orders for the relief of Oswego, was so peremptorily and obstinately opposed, in that measure, by New England, New York and the adjacent provinces, which insisted upon the reduction of Crown Point previous to all other operations, that, although they were at last prevailed with to consent to the march of Major General Webb, with the regiment first ordered by General Abercrombie, it was the 12th day of August, before this supply could set out from Albany, and indulged the enemy with such an unaccountable opportunity to complete their plan against Oswego, that, by the time Major General Webb could reach the Carrying Place, between the Mohawk's river and Wood's Creek, he met with the disagreeable news, that the French were masters of Oswego, and had made the garrison, and 300 workmen and sailors, employed to defend the passes between the fort and Burnet's field, prisoners of war.

The siege  
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Forts On-  
tario, Os-  
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By this misfortune the nation lost the two forts Ontario and Oswego<sup>n</sup>: Forts, that had been run up in a hurry, unfinished, and untenable against a regular force. The Marquis de Montcalm, an enterprising officer, and successor to Mr. Dieskau, was charged with this expedition, having under

<sup>n</sup> See page 164 and 165.

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