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his service commanded colonel Williams, a brave offi-  
 er, who met the baron within four miles of our camp.  
 About an hour after colonel Williams's departure, a hea-  
 y fire was heard; which evidently approaching, gene-  
 al Johnson judged rightly, that our detachment was re-  
 reating: for the French were superior in number, a-  
 mounting to about 1800. Upon this he sent out a rein-  
 forcement to support them; which was very judiciously  
 conducted, on the death of colonel Williams, by lieute-  
 nant colonel Whiting, a Connecticut officer. General  
 Johnson informs the governors of the provinces, "that  
 about half an hour after eleven the enemy appeared in  
 sight, and marched along the road in very regular or-  
 der, directly upon our center: that they made a small  
 halt, about 150 yards from the breast-work, when the  
 regular troops made the grand and center attack;  
 while the Canadians and Indians squatted and disper-  
 ed on our flanks." This halt was the baron's capital  
 error: for, amidst the consternation at the camp, had he  
 closely followed up the detachment, he had easily forced  
 their lines, and gained a complete victory. But by  
 continuing for some time a platoon fire, with little exe-  
 cution at that distance, our men recovered their spirits.  
 As soon as the artillery began to play, Dieskau and his  
 regulars found themselves totally deserted by the militia  
 and savages, who all skulked into the swamps, took to  
 trees, and maintained a scattered fire upon our flanks,  
 for some time, with variable and intermitting briskness:  
 Having now no command of any part of his army, ex-  
 cept his handful of regulars, the baron thought proper  
 to retire; which he did in very great disorder. A party  
 from the camp followed him, fell upon his rear, dispersed  
 the remaining soldiers about him, and being himself  
 wounded in the leg, was found resting on a stump, ut-  
 terly abandoned and destitute of succour. Feeling for  
 his watch, to surrender it, one of our men, suspecting him  
 in search of a pistol, poured a charge thro' his hips.  
 Upon his retreat, the militia and Indians retired in small  
 parties: and as the British neglected to continue the  
 pursuit, they halted about four miles from the camp,  
 at the very place where the engagement happened in the  
 morning. Opening their packs for refreshment, they  
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