

thare Plan on fut to March Over the Works But the Lims and tops of the Trease on the Side for the Diek Stuck fast in the Ground and all pointed at upper End that thay Could not Git threw them til thay ware at Last Obliged to Quit that plan for three forths ware Kild in the atempt But the Grater Part of the arney Lade in the Rear on thare fases til Nite while the British ware Batteling a Brest work Nine Logs thick in Som plases which was Dun without ye Help of Canan tho we had as fine an Artilyrey Just at Hand as Could be in an arney of fifteen thousand Men But thay ware of no youse while thay ware Lying on thare fases. Just as the sun was Seating Abercrombie came from left to Rite in the rear of the troops ingaged and Ordered a Retreat Beat and we left the Ground with about two thousand two hundred Loss as I was Informd By an Officer who saw the Returns of ye Nite Wounded and Mising.⁴² We ware Ordered to Regain our Boates at the Lake Side which was Dun after traveling all Nite so Sloley that we fell asleep by the Way. About Nine or tenn in the Morning we ware Ordered to Imbark & Cross the Lake to the Head of Lake George But to Sea the Confuson thare was the Solgers Could not find thare One Botes But Imbarked Permisherley [promiscuously] whare Ever thay Could Git in Expecting the french at thare Heales Eavery minnet. We arived at the Head of the Lake in a short time—took up our Old Incampment which was well fortified. After a few Days the arney Began to Com to themselves and found thay ware safe for the hole of the french in that Part of the Country was not more than three thousand men and we about forttee thousand. We then Began to Git up Provishan from fort Edward to the Camp But the french ware so Bold as to Beseat our Scouting Partey Between the Camp and fort Edward & Cut of all the teames, Destroy the Provishun, Kill the Parties and

⁴²For a full description of this action, including the death of Howe, the advance attack, the Trout Brook, the mills, and Montcalm's breastwork defense, see Parkman, *Montcalm and Wolfe*, ii, pp. 83-113. The actual loss was over nineteen hundred. Pond's description of this action is sufficient, by its accuracy and vigor, to prove the value of his journal as an historical source.—Ed.