

how upon the serious consequences
that would have been attendant
upon the loss of Genl Ab., and that
he ran too great a risque ~~and~~
~~to go thinking~~ in landing with
the very first boats, ^{is evident} I am led to
suppose the consequences would
have ^{been} serious, if not fatal to the
Army, from ^{his} ~~Genl Ab.~~ keeping so
perfectly secret, even from the 2nd in
Command his plans & arrange-
ments; for how things could have
been carried on, if we had been
so unfortunate as to have lost
him, I have no idea. with such
a man as Col Ralph Jean's help
thinking it rash, his Character
as a brave Man, has been long

order to

have

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you coming to sea the coast