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called Westmorland, at present No People inhabit so far back nor will I am afraid for some Years; but whenever there may be enough settled there to support the Expence of Courts I shall take Care to execute his Ldp's Orders. The Instruction that His Ldp orders to be recorded in the Land Office I have sent to the Iudges & given Directions for its being made publick. M^r Young has enjoyed the Profitts of the Surveyorship & Naval Office of Pocomoke ever since his Marriage of which I see His Ldp is pleased to approve. I had prorogued the Assembly to the 20th of next Month before I was favoured with your Lett^s by that time we hope to hear what Measures are taking at home, & it will be as soon as any thing can be done in Consequence of the Assembly's granting Supplies, in the mean time I support Capt Dagworthy's Company at Fort Cumberland, & Lieu^t Stodderts party at Tonalloway in Fred^k Cty out of the Money that was subscribed by the Gentⁿ for that purpose. These Parties I beleive have been in great measure the Protection of our People who have escaped uninjured while Numbers of People in Pens^a have been cut off within Ten Miles of our Forts. The Gov^r of that Province has at last accepted a Bill for £55.000. to be struck in Paper & sunck in four years, the Assembly left out that part of the former Bill which taxed the Proprietaries Estate but appropriated the £5000. that the Proprietaries contribute for the Defence of the Province in the same manner as they have done the Money granted by the Bill. The Assembly it is said would have continued obstinate if a Body of near 400 People had not come in from the Back Country & insisted on their sending up such a Bill as the Gov^r was impowered to pass. The Bodies of three People that had been scalped were brought down to Phil^a by the distant Inhabitants & exposed in the Streets which it is probable would have excited unusual Commotions among the People if the Supply Bill had not been before passed & the Gov^r & Assembly been out of the City. There has not been any Alterations in Affairs to the Northward since I writ last;

p. 181 we hope some more Regiments will be sent from Europe before the next Campaign otherwise I am afraid General Shirley will find sufficient Employment for the four that are already here to secure the Navigation of Ontario Lake, upon which we have advised him to build immediatly three or more larger Vessels than those two that he built last Summer, upon an Information laid before Us that the French have at this time three Vessells of considerable Force on the Stocks in Cataracui Harbour. Gov^r Dinwiddie tells me that finding his Assembly too about to enter into Cabals at their last Meeting he dissolved them & issued Writs for a New Election, which being made he will convene the Assembly again & sollicit farther Supplies

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