

is confirmed to me by the Earl of Loudoun but His Ldp does not in his Letter descend to particulars or acquaint me with the State of the Garrison tho it is asserted & generally believed that they were all but a few put to the Sword after the Commanding Officer had signed a Capitulation. This unhappy Event has I find thrown the Northern Colonies into great Consternation as they can no longer question whether the French have a large Army in America & as their hopes concerning the Success of the Provincials agst Crown Point become less sanguine as the winter approaches. I do not hear that they are yet in Motion from the Fort that was built last year on Lake George & it is rumoured that they will hardly act offensively this Summer. Immediately on the Receipt of Lord Loudoun's Letter I summoned the Assembly to meet to morrow when I shall in Obedience to His Lordship's Commands recommend it to them in the most earnest manner to appropriate part of the money lately granted towards raising a Number of Recruits for the Royal American Regiment which is not likely to be otherwise compleated & unless these Colonies will make Laws for Levying men at this Conjuncture to fill that Regiment & reinforce His Ldp 'tis not improbable that the French will presume on this Conquest to advance farther into the Province of New York or one of these Colonies with such a Force as it might be difficult in the present Situation of Affairs for His Lordship to oppose. The Pensilvania Assembly has been sitting a Fortnight & seem still disposed to proceed in a way that affords Governor Denny no very agreeable Prospect. They have sent him a Bill for £60,000 to be sunk as it is said in 20 years tho they saw from some Instructions that were laid before them that it was absolutely out of his power to accept any Money Bill in such a Form. Should they persist in their Obstinacy & refuse granting Aid to Lord Loudoun or a Supply for the Defence of their own Frontiers the Loss of Oswego will not I am afraid be the only Misfortune that will happen to us this Campaign. What can hinder the Indians or a Body of French from advancing into the Heart of that Province? Cumberland Co^{ty} is I hear already entirely abandoned & the Indians have lately fallen on the Inhabitants of York County, the Western Limits of which do not extend beyond Monocasy which Your Ldp will be pleased to observe is not more than 70 or 80 Miles from this place. The Flight of the Pensilvians from the Western Parts of that Province has left our Northern Frontier beyond Monocasy much exposed, the Enemy has now free Access to us thro Pens^a & if some Measures are not speedily taken for the Defence of that Colony neither Fort Frederick nor its Garrison can be of much Service, for our People will follow the Pensilvanian's Example, a Pas-

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