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My Ld

When I last did myself the honour to write to your Ldp I acquainted you with my having issued a Proclamation for the Assembly to meet the Day after; I now send your Ldp a Copy of my Speech at the Opening of the Session with the Addresses of both Houses in Answer thereto. Your Ldp will observe that I recommended nothing more to the Assembly than what I was obliged to do by the Letters that I had received from the Secretary of State & Lord Loudoun lest they should by a Multiplicity of Business be diverted from that on which they were more especially convened. Notwithstanding this precaution the Managers contrived to hinder the House from doing any thing for a Fortnight & then prevailed on them to desire me to communicate to them whatever Matters I intended to lay before them this Session. This was done that if possible an Occasion might be thence taken to throw something into the Bill that should overset it, but I am in hopes that their Views have been in a great measure disappointed as I learn a Bill is brought into the House for appropriating £5000 towards raising Men in this Province for the Royal American Regiment & another part of the £10000 to compleat Fort Frederick & raise another Company of a hundred Men for the Protection of our Frontiers. A Bill is also brought into the House for the better Regulation of the Militia but as there has not as yet been any Debate thereon I cannot say what will be the Fate of it tho I doubt the People in general are very averse to any such Law. As Lord Loudoun on receiving Intelligence of the Loss of Oswego writ in the most pressing & importunate manner for a number of Recruits & promised that if the Assembly would not be prevailed on to make provision for repaying the Bounty Money that I might advance he would engage to see me reimbursed I sent Instructions to the Colonels of Militia & engaged other Gent<sup>n</sup> to enlist Men in their respective Counties I have not yet received Returns from all of them but I conclude from what I have already sent hither that I shall by these means get a hundred men for His Ldp before the Assembly has made any provision for that Service. The Virginia Assembly did not meet till more than a Week after ours but I hear they have already made provision for raising 500 men & transporting them to the Royal American Regiment at New York. I have not received any authentic & Circumstantial Account of the Siege & Surrendry of Oswego but herewith I transmit to y<sup>r</sup> Ldp in the Gazette such particulars as are come to us & which give us room to hope that the Indian Intelligence