

The small Fort that the Virginians had erected on the River Ohio  
a Body of near 1000 French Troops have about a week since, summoned  
& taken before the Forces raised in Virginia, Carolina & New York  
could muster & go to its Defence or Relief. The Gov<sup>t</sup>. at home, have  
sent Orders to the Independent Companies at New York & Carolina  
to join these Troops which will make them near 1000 compleat, an  
unequal Force by what intelligence we have received to the French  
already posted on, & about that River — Your Favour of the  
5<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup>. with His L<sup>o</sup>s instructions I have lately received & shall  
shew the greatest Diligence, in procuring & sending satisfactory Answers  
to the particulars therein enjoined; The Laws I am getting ready trans-  
scribed so as to reject those expired or dissenting of which returned  
authenticated I hope will give satisfaction. An express Answer to  
what relates to the Boundaries, the Examinations & Observations I  
had before & have now ordered to be made will very soon as I before  
observed enable me to make. I have by this sent the Preferences to  
supply the Defect complained of in the Answer to Logan's State  
of the Claims & I hope a Preference to the 7<sup>th</sup> Article of my  
private Instructions will induce you to excuse the seeming improp-  
riety of the Expression concerning the Newcastle Radius in my  
first Letter which might be in part occasioned by the sole way  
of measuring in use here to wit by the Chain fraugre Mill or Dale  
that shall occur, by a Question started by the Commissioners of the  
two Provinces at running the temporary Line, & by an Apprehension  
that the Peninsula might be divided in such a manner by a new  
Agreement between the Proprietors that no Relation might be wanted  
to be had at all to the Spherery of the Newcastle Circle.

J. Oron