

improvements since I went last, has not afforded new matter for
another Lett^r, but lest there should seem to be any Corroboration
between a Clause in my last & a Paragraph in my Lett^r of Feb^r 4,
I beg leave to observe that when I intimated in that first Lett^r that
the Sum of Money ordered to be sunk by the Law concerning
Ordinaries passed in 1746, might in a year or two be expected
to be discharged by the said Law, I had received such information
from the Gent^l whom I consulted thereon, but in reality from
by the Scrutiny & Examination which the Lower House have
since made, & submitted to me, that the Gent^l had been out
three or four years in their Calculation - I have not yet seen
any thing of Mr Copp mentioned in the Docs^r Instructions
of January, nor of the Pres^d Mr Hope, of whom you spoke in
your favour of April the 17th - Affairs with respect to
the Disturbances on the back of these Provinces are in the same
Situation they were in at the time of my last writing, the French
are strengthening themselves & building several Forts on Monongahela
& Ohio, we learn they have begun one on Green River, there
which is actually within Augusta County in Virginia, & is
pretty well inhabited by English Settlers - The French it seems
claim to the very Fountain Head of Monongahela,oughlyoghinia
& all the Streams flowing into Ohio or Mississippi, so that their
pretensions extend to a great Number of Acres within this
Province which I am afraid no Person will be prevailed on to
take up till the French be obliged to relinquish the Forts
they have already built on those Rivers - Pensilvania will