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on the Jersey Govt to let their 500 Men be employed, under his
Command against Niagara. It is expected that by this time Shirley's
Regiment as well as Pepperells are at New York, & ready to march.
Several Companies of them are already gone to Oswego; by which
place, 300 French & many Indians in 30 large Barks, were seen by
the Garrison to pass toward the Ohio the 13th of ~~April~~ ^{May}. 500 Men mar-
ched from Fort Cumberland, westward the 20th of May to secure a
passage as I conceive & fling a Bridge over Georges Creek (a Stream
that flows into Potowmack about 12 Miles above Fort Cumberland)
where perhaps they may raise some Sort of work lest the Enemy should
act offensively. I apprehend the General with the best of the Troops
must be leaving Mills Creek or Fort Cumberland about this time.
Their Recruiting parties have met with great Success lately so that
they do not I believe number at this time less than 2500 Men.
You will see by a Copy of a Letter which I have lately received
from the General what his Expectations & Requisitions from this
Province are which indeed I think very reasonable, but am afraid
I shall find the Assembly of different Sentiments, at least that we shall
be as dissonant as ever when we talk of the Mode of giving even so
small a Sum. The Assembly by the Advice of this Lords Council will
meet the 23rd Inst. I shall not be much surprized, if some of them
express a Dissatisfaction at the Behaviour of the Troops before they
left this Province, & will be murther at their Enlisting & taking away
good many Servants from the Inhabitants of Frederick, Prince-
Georges, & Baltimore Counties, as well as impressing their Carriages &
Horses. I wish I may be able to prevail on the Lower House to
relieve such of the People as have suffered thereby, but I am doubtful
their Number is not considerable enough to influence or weigh with
the Assembly who too seldom regard things which do not immediately
affect themselves. The Pennsylvania Assembly broke up last Month
without doing any thing but resolving that they will on no Account