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with the Points for which they have been contending & that the Lives & Safeties of the people must submit to their Caprice & Humour. Finding it was impossible to prevail on them to grant any Supplies or make such Provision as it was my Duty to solicit & a common Prudence & Humanity should have inclined them to give, I complied with their repeated Request by proroguing the Assembly to January next when Your Lord's Council will advise farther to prorogue them unless Your Lord shall in the mean time be pleased to signify Your Pleasure to the contrary. Gov: Morris advises me that the Assembly of that Province have been concluded their Session just in the same manner & are determined to abide by their former Resolutions unless they be compelled to recede by some superior Authority. I have also received a Letter from Gov: Dinwiddie wherein he tells me that the Assembly of that Dominion have granted £10000 more for the Encouragement of the Expedition & upon receiving Intelligence from their Frontier Cities that two parties of Indians & French amounting together to about 190 Men had been seen there & had destroyed 9 Families & burnt their Habitations, they have also empowered him to raise 200 Men for the Protection of the Distant Settlements: As no other Hopes now remain I am about to set off for Frederick to try what can be done with the Militia of that City whose Officers are ordered to meet, & I intend to have 80 Men furnished from their several Companies by Lot or otherwise which I shall form into one Company of Rangers & impreg Victuals according to the Directions of the Militia Act for their Subsistence till the Barbarians shall decline to infect our Borders. We learn by the way of Phila. that the French Fleet consisting it is said of 6 Men of War & 9 large Transports with 4000 Land Forces are in the Harbour of Louisburg & that Admiral Boscawen with 13 Sail of the Line lies before that Place. We hope very shortly to hear from General Waradock at Fort Du Quaine & from Oswego on Ontario Lake where Gov: Shirley with the Troops under his Command must we expect to be by this time arrived.