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The Issue of his Assembly's Meeting was such as I apprehend
would follow the proposal that common Rumour informed
me had been made as I intimated to your Lordship in my last
Letter. I have sent Mr Calvert for your Lordship's perusal
the several Messages & Resolves that passed between the
Governor & Assembly on that Occasion which evidently dis-
cover the Disposition of that People, I am afraid that
if our people were to be convened they would not esteem
the Pennsylvanians proceedings as precedents unworthy their
imitation; that Reason & the Consideration that our Mite
(in case the Assembly should have met generously disposed
& inclined to avoid Disputation & Controversy) would not have
been effectual without the Concurrence & Aid of the Pennsylvan-
ians, determined the Gentlemen of the Council to advise
against a Session till I should be honoured with your
Lordship's farther Instructions. The Virginians have
granted the Sum of £40000 for the Service, & are raising
Men therewith for the Protection of their Frontiers, in
case they can form a Body of 1000 or 1200 Men within
these two Months the Governor will order them to march
over the Mountains & construct some Place of Defence
on the Western Side of the Allegany Ridge. I received
a Letter from Fort Cumberland near a Month ago
expressing the Governor's Apprehensions that some French
& Indians who had been discovered at the Meadows were
coming to attack that Place but as I have not since heard
any thing further on that Subject I am apt to think
the Governor's fears were in some sort groundless, tho' the