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matter & be assured that I shall most punctually comply therewith. I
have spoke to Col: Loyd about the Six Mental Books & Bills of Excha.
which were sent to him the 10th Decr. 1754. he says they were all received
& I have also delivered to him the Packets that You sent inclosed to
me with Your Letter of the 23^d of Decr. 1755. I have repeatedly men-
tioned to him what You have writ concerning his Neglect & he
has as often promised me that You should have no farther Cause of
Complaint, but I am a little afraid that such frequent Hints from
me may be disagreeable & that he will be apt to think I busy myself
more about what properly belongs to him than to his Lordship or Your-
self desire me. As to what I mentioned some time since about
reducing the Farmers or Sheriffs Salaries for collecting the Rents
to Six p Cent it cannot be done at present; if ever a fair Oppor-
tunity shall offer I hope the Depy will believe that I will not fail
to obey his Commands, & that I shall agreeable to his Order take all
possible Care to prevent any Inroads on any part of His
Depy's Province. I might refer You to my Letters dated the 18th
of March & 17th of April for an Account of our present Situation, the
Assembly is still sitting, on the Bill that was prepared, some of the Gent^l
of both Houses are holding a Conference, what will be the Event of it
I cannot predict. As there are many Obstacles to be removed, before they
take that Part which imposes a Tax on Lands into Consideration, I
am apt to think the Conference will break up & perhaps the Assembly be
prolonged without His Depy's Honour Lands coming into Dispute
a few Days I think will determine the Fate of this Bill & bring
Matters to a Conclusion; but if we do Nothing for the Protection
of the Frontiers God knows what will be the Consequence; Com-
gauchiegh is already our most Western Settlement & if the Inhabi-
tants of that Part of the Country do not stand their Ground & I
think there is little probability of their doing so, I believe one might
foretell