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anguine as the winter approaches, I do not hear that they
are yet in Motion from the Fort that was built last Year
on Lake George & it is rumoured that they will hardly act
offensively this Summer. Immediately on the Receipt of Lord
Loudoun's Letter I summoned the Assembly to meet to Morrow when
I shall in Obedience to His Lordship's Commands recommend
to them in the most earnest manner to appropriate part of the Money
lately granted towards raising a Number of Recruits for the Royal
American Regiment which is not likely to be otherwise completed
& unless these Colonies will make Laws for Sending Men at this
Conjuncture to fill that Regiment & reinforce His L^{ty}'s is not
improbable that the French will presume on this Conquest to advance
farther into the Province of New York or one of these Colonies with
such a Force as it might be difficult in the present Situation of
Affairs for His Lordship to oppose. The Pennsylvania Assembly has
been sitting a Fortnight & am still disposed to proceed in a way
that affords Governor Denny no very agreeable Prospect, They have
sent him a Bill for £6000 to be sunk as it is said in 20 Years
tho they saw from some Instructions that were laid before them that
it was absolutely out of his power to accept any Money Bill in
such a Form. Should they persist in their Obstinacy & refuse
granting Aid to Lord Loudoun or a Supply for the Defence of their
own Frontiers the L^{ty} of Oswego will not I am afraid be the
only Misfortune that will happen to us this Campaign. What can
hinder the Indians or a Body of French from advancing into the
Heart of that Province? Cumberland County is I hear already
entirely abandoned & the Indians have lately fallen on the Inha-
bitants of York County, the Western Limits of which do not
extend beyond Monocacy which Your L^{ty} will be pleased to
observe is not more than 70 or 80 Miles from this Place. The