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sufficiently shown that they have nothing so much at heart & desire  
Nothing more than to increase their own Power & render the other Branches  
of the Legislature odious or contemptible. They perceive that No-  
thing can be now done without their Concurrence & thence conceive a  
great Opinion of their own Importance; The oftener they are convened  
the less tractable they grow, & become more extravagant in their Demands  
on the Govt. I hear Lord Loudoun has writ in a more peremptory  
manner than usual to Governor Dinny demanding a large Sum of  
Money from that Province towards establishing a general Fund for his  
Majesty's Service & requiring them to build Barracks at Phila. for the Recep-  
tion & Accommodation of a Battalion of the American Regiment  
Lest the Soldiers should be otherwise ordered to quarter themselves  
on the Inhabitants the Assembly will perhaps think proper to provide  
the Barracks but tis a doubt whether any regard will be paid  
to the other part of his Lords Requisition. In the last Letters that  
have been sent us from the Northward we are told that the French  
Army at Crown Point consists of more than 13,000, where all the  
Troops that are under the Command of Lord Loudoun do not a-  
mount to 11000. The People of the Northern Colonies are exceedingly  
anxious about the Event of this Campaign & most earnestly hope there  
will be no Action this Year in that Quarter. Our Accounts from the  
Southward are I think less favourable tho' there is room to hope that  
the Report concerning the Cherokees having obliged Major Lewis  
to surrender to the French the Fort that he has at their own  
Request been building in the Cherokee Country is without founda-  
-on. Two Spies have been lately taken near Fort Cumberland;  
One of them being known to have deserted from the Virginia Regiment.