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them as are directory I now proceed to mention what has occurred  
worthy Notice since I last took the Liberty to address myself by  
Letter to your L<sup>ty</sup>; & first I am to acquaint you that the Earl of  
London did not sail from N York before the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. tho the Troops  
embarked at the time that I mentioned in my last Letter, the Embargo  
As I understand taken off in all the Colonies & We presume tho we have  
not received any certain Advice thereof that the Fleet which has been so  
long expected from Ireland is at length arrived at Halifax. On the  
18<sup>th</sup> Inst the Inhabitants of Virginia Pens.<sup>a</sup> & this Province were great-  
ly alarmed & I received a Letter dated the 1<sup>st</sup> A by Express from Fort  
Cumberland wherein Capt Dagworthy told me that some Cherokee  
Indians who were just come thither from Fort Du Quesne declared  
that they had seen a large Body of Regular Troops & a great  
Number of Indians with a Train of Waggon & some Artillery mar-  
ching thence towards the Frontiers of this Province. As this Account  
did not much differ from what we had been bid to expect by  
some Prisoners that made their Escape from the French in the  
Winter I could not help giving some Credit to it & therefore on  
Sunday the Day after I received Capt Dagworthy's Letter I set  
off for Frederick Town with an Intention to assemble the Militia  
of that County & to act in conjunction with Colo Stanwix or as the  
Majesty's Service & the Motions of the Enemy should require. At  
my Arrival at Frederick Town I dispatched a Letter to  
Colo Stanwix who was then at Carlyle to advise him thereof  
& to let him know that if the Accounts which we had received  
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