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as the Capt carries no Guns & has now stayed till a Fleet is going
under Convoy from Virginia the Garland being ordered to sail thence
with the Trade this Month. I have thought it more advisable to send
the other Papers by that way as the Losses that our Merchants suffer'd
last Year shew that the Risk which homeward-bound Vessels that
sail without Convoy run is at this time very great. I can at last in-
form You for certain that Ld Loudoun is gone from N York, the
Ships of War & Transports under the Command of Sr Cha: Hardy left
Sandy Hook the 20th June & we hope that they & Admiral Holborn's Squa-
dron have in this joined. Since my last the People of this Province
as well as the Inhabitants of Virg^a & Pens^a have been exceedingly alarmed
as I doubt not but You will readily believe when You have perused the
following Account. On the 10th June I received a Letter dated the 14th from
Fort Cumberland wherein Capt Dagworthy told me that some Chero-
kee Indians who were just come thither from Fort Du Quenne declar-
ed that there was a large Body of Regular Troops & a great Number
of Indians with a Train of Waggon's & some Artillery actually marching
towards the Frontiers of this Province. As this Account did not much dif-
fer 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 Inten-
tion to assemble the Militia of that County & to act in Conjunction
with Colo Stanwix or as His Majesty's Service & the Honors of the
Enemy should require, On my Arrival at Frederick Town I dispatched
a Letter to Colo Stanwix who was then at Carlisle to let him know
that if the Accounts which we had received were not contradicted before
that