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of the Addresses that were presented to Me by both Houses in Answer thereto - As I had Nothing to ask of them but what the least Regard for the Safety & Ease of the People would induce them to grant I thought it unnecessary to be so importunate, as I have been on former Occasions, & the rather because the Conduct of all our Assemblies manifest that the more earnest or anxious a Governor seems to obtain Supplies the more the Representatives of the People clog the Bills whereby Provision is to be made for the Service that is recommended to them. So much time has been spent by them since they met in determining contested Elections, appointing Committees & sounding each others Inclinations that little or no Business has been yet done, neither is it yet easy to guess what will be the Issue of their Deliberations, tho' indeed I am apprehensive that they are in general very averse to keeping up so great Number of Men as have been supported this last Summer for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants. I have not heard any thing of the Earl of Loudoun's Motions since I last address'd Myself to Your Ldp, nor of Admiral Holburne besides what is contained in the Gazette that I herewith send for Y^r Ldp's perusal. Some People have been lately killed on the Frontiers of Pens.^a & Virg.^a but None that I hear of in this Province. By the Account of two Deserters that are come to Fort Cumberland there are at this time in Garrison at Fort Du Quesne about 400 Men, their Magazine has been well supplied with Provisions from their Settlements down the Ohio & with more than 300 Barrels of Powder. If this Account is to be depended on I presume we need be under no Apprehensions on

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