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a final Resolution on the Matters that I have mentioned to them & hope I shall send you an agreeable Account tho' indeed my hopes are not very sanguine. The Pens.^a Assembly has again thought fit to set us a glorious Example, as you will see by the enclosed Paper, the high Opinion that these Gent.^l entertain of the Power of their House will I doubt not be much approved of by our People, tho' I think they will all perceive the weakness of the Arguments that are urged to induce the Governor to waive the Right of nominating Militia Officers, at least I am sure that every Person in this Province & I believe in all the Neighbouring ones is convinced that the Right which the Pensilvanians make such a Stir about gives the Governors very little Weight or Influence in Elections. I have not received any Letter from the Earl of Loudoun since he returned from Halifax, neither do I hear how the Troops that are under His Lordship's Command to the Northward are at present employed. By two French Desertors that came into Fort Cumberland about a Month ago we are told that there were at that time no more than 400 Men in Garrison at Fort Duquesne, but they were well provided with Ammunition & Provisions having lately received very large Supplies of both from the Mississippi. If this Account of the Desertors is to be depended on I presume the Enemy will not make any Attempt on Fort Cumberland or any other of our advanced Posts this Season but we must expect that a few of the Frontier Inhabitants will at times be cut off by their Indian Partners

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