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Loudoun) from which I am well assured His Lop will see
clearly that His Majesty's Service is not interrupted or clog'd in
this Gov^t by any private Instructions or (as they speak in Pens^a)
by Proprietary Measures, but that in Truth the Assembly is averse
to giving Money at all. It would not be very unnatural I think
to conclude from their attempt to assume or take into their own
Hands the Power or Right of directing how such Troops as they
would agree to support should act, that they had really forgot that
I am sufficiently impow'ed by his Lop's Commission & the Laws of
the Province to compel every Individual to march to any part
where I may judge their Service necessary, & that if no more than a
few Men to range on our Frontiers are wanting I need not apply for
them to the Lower House of Assembly. I am very sorry to be laid under
the Necessity of protecting the Frontier Inhabitants with Militia
only but since the Earl of Loudoun has undertaken to support a Gar-
rison at Fort Cumberland I hope I shall be able to protect them
effectually & it is not improbable I think that by the Militias being
thus called upon to defend their Country they will in time be inspir'd
with a Fondness for Military Reputation & that a Man will be the better
esteem'd for having served a while on the Frontiers. Should this be the
consequence of our Troops being disbanded it will in the End prove
a lucky Event. You will see the method that I propose to follow in
an Extract of a Letter which I writ to Col^o Stanwic the Day after
the Assembly broke up & in some Copies of Letters &c. which have been
sent to the Colonels of Militia; the first four Companies go from that