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not that I have any Objection to the Letter; but I repeat it once
more bold Lloyd never will resign any Office that he holds until
he finds that he can keep it no longer & therefore it will be in vain
to make any Proposals whatever upon that Supposition. We hear
that Admiral Boscawen is at length sailed from Halifax, & we flat-
ter Ourselves with hopes of receiving ere long some agreeable Accounts
from Louisburg; what General Abercromby is doing I know not, nei-
ther can I learn any thing for certain concerning his Motions. I am in-
formed by a Person that is just come hither from Pennsylvania that
Montgomery's Battalion is at length arrived at Phila.^a but no Acc^t
has been yet received of the Vessel that was expected from Europe with
Artillery & Stores for this Southern Expedition. I understand however
that Brigadier Forbes has made up a small Train with some Can-
non & Mortars that he collected at N York & Phila.^a but I am
afraid the Troops will not be on the Allegany Mountains before
the end of July or the Beginning of August. The General seems
inclined to take the Maryland Troops (which are now reduced to
about 350 Men) into His Majesty's Pay as Rangers during the Cam-
paign, & I hope he will be prevailed on likewise to pay them the
Arrears that have become due to them since the 1st of Oct. last in Expec-
tation that the Assembly will reimburse him at their next Session. Those
of the Men that are at Fort Frederick are to march towards Fort Sum-
nerland about the 16th Inst. & I shall then garrison the former Place with
two Companies of Militia which I have ordered out from the western
Part of this County for that Purpose. I find that the Army is to
march thro Pens. to Rays Town, & not by Fort Frederick as I
expected. Many of the Cherokee that were lately on the Frontier