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Company of Militia that is here to one of the Field Officers of
Frederick County. Besides the 320 Soldiers which are distinguis-
hed by the Appellation of the Maryland Troops I have had
influence enough to raise among our Frontier Inhabitants
to send the General a Company of 50 Volunteers who are all
excellent Marksmen & accustomed to the Woods, they chose for
their Captain one of our Provincial Lieutenants who is extreme-
ly well acquainted with the Woods & I am informed that this
Company went on from the Laurel Hannon towards Fort Du
quesne last Tuesday in order to make Discoveries. It is said
but I know not whether the Report is to be depended on that
the French have only a very few Indians on the Ohio at
this time, this however is certain that there are no more
than 6 Indians with our Forces but it is said that a Par-
ty of about 40 Catawbaes are just come to Winchester with
a Design to join them. You will have seen an Account
of the Ticonderoga Affair long before this can reach You
& as I know Nothing more of it than what has been com-
municated to the Publick in the News Papers I shall only
say that General Abercromby's Conduct is much censured
in the first place for not taking time to discover the Enemy's
Situation better before he attacked them & again for bringing
back his whole Army to this Side of Lake George immedi-
ately after he had met with a Repulse when it was evident
by the Enemy's not pursuing him that if he had continued on
the other Side of the Lake & had intrenched himself there
they had not a sufficient Force to attack him, by such