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of getting Intelligence of the Situation, as well as Strength
of the Enemy's Forts, Settlements on the Lakes, Rivers & inland
Country which have offered themselves to His Majesty's Lieutenant
Governor of Virginia to whom I must beg Liberty to leave
that part till my hopes are gratified, which I indulge myself
in, of being able very shortly to write more particularly & satisfactorily
thereon myself. As there is great Room to fear that the Dis-
putes which have arisen & still subsist between the Indepen-
dent Companies & the Troops which the Colonies have raised
on this Occasion may be carried to such a Length as to disturb
the Service unless some Remedy be timely applied, I humbly
hope that what Governor Dinwiddie writes on this matter
will be thought to deserve some Consideration & that you will
be pleased by your Instructions to remove this Evil for the
future & till Governor Dinwiddie, or myself be honoured
therewith I will do my utmost Endeavour to remove & prevent
all Animosities between them which I dread as certain Ob-
structions to his Majesty's Service. Permit me once more
to declare that it shall be my constant Study to conduct
myself so as to deserve the Continuance of the favourable
Opinion you have been pleased to conceive of me & by every
Means approve myself
Worthy Sir Your mo^o devoted &c



Letters were also writ at the same time to Lord Baltimore
& M^r Calvert.