

so peaceably to possess ourselves of Lands that they call their
ancient Possessions. These that I have ^{above} enumerated together
with the want of one Engineer at least & a proper Train of
Artillery are some of the Difficulties that occur to me when
I consider what might be expected from the Commission
that I now bear, & they are such as will not I hope be deemed
trivial ones whatever be the Event of my Endeavours to
surmount them. I have however the pleasure to acquaint
you that Governor Denardie has given me the greatest
Assurances of his Friendship & firm Resolution to support
me as much as is in his power & as I think no time is to
be lost while the Enemy are making such large strides to
Conquest & have already made prodigious progress in execu-
ting their Grand ~~Design~~ ^{Design} I will not be a moment idle
but endeavour to manifest as much as I may be enabled
to do, my Duty to His Majesty, to approve myself not entirely
unworthy of the Commission He has honoured me with &
to merit the Continuance of your Regard & Affection