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Majesty's Service, & endeavour to gain that Fort also which
the Enemy have built on Buffalo River. But notwith-
standing I should be successful were in that Attempt, yet I
cannot think that His Majesty's Dominions on the Continent
will be thereby effectually secured, or a free & open Trade
with the Indian Natives ensured to us while the French
are Masters of so many Forts on the Lakes & have fortified
so many Places in the inland Country behind us; but as
nothing less than a considerable Body of European Troops
can be expected to oblige them to relinquish these I shall
confine my Views & attend only the Business which I have
at present in hand hoping that by the time I shall have
another Opportunity of addressing myself home I shall be able
to send a satisfactory Account of my Proceedings & Conduct.
In my other Letter I took the Liberty to mention the
Disputes that have arisen & still subsist between the Indepen-
-dant Companies & the Troops which the Colonies have raised
on this Occasion, I presumed to hope that what Gov. Dinwiddie
had written relating thereto might be thought to deserve
some Notice & that you would be pleased by your Instructions
to remove that Evil for the future, in the mean time it
shall be my constant Care & Study to prevent any animos-
-ities among them & at all times to shew that I have a
due Sense of the favours you have been pleased to confer
on
Honble Sir
Your most devoted &c.