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many. The Regiments since their arrival have been  
increased by about 200 Volunteers from this Province but  
the General, still finding the Regiments incomplete, gave  
Orders for Recruiting Servants, tho' I in vain endeavored to  
persuade him off from, representing the chiefly Detriment  
that the Inhabitants must suffer from such a measure; the  
Servants immediately flocked in to enlist, Convicts not excepted,  
& their Masters made innumerable, Applications to me for  
Relief which I was sorry to be unable to grant. here I found  
myself in difficult Circumstances, many of the Peoples Cases  
really called for Pity & Pity, as the Planters Tortures here  
consist in the Number of their Servants (who are purchased at  
high Rates) much as the Estates of an English Farmer do  
in the Multitude of Cattle. The General on his part I saw  
positive because he thought himself too weakly provided with  
Troops for what he has hopes of executing. As I have endea-  
voured so I hope I have behaved in such a manner as to give  
no Offence to either the General or the Province but I confess  
I shall not be surprized if the Officers at their Return (if it  
shall so happen) do not meet with the kindest Reception among  
the Inhabitants. I have received a Letter from the Camp since  
the General & the Troops have been at Mills Creek, but it contained  
no Intelligence at all of the Number of the Enemy at the Fort or  
any thing of the last Importance. I believe the Stores must be  
by this all carried up & I expect they will leave Mills Creek &  
march westward, some Day next week. I have not been advised by  
either of the Governours how nearly the Corps forming in the  
Northern Govern<sup>ts</sup> are compleated tho' I hear the Series go on briskly  
& expect to receive Letters informing me, of their Success in Nova Scotia  
every Day. I am very sorry to find that Mr. Bladen interferes so  
much at home & has had influence enough to persuade my Lord  
to discountenance both Mr. Calverts & my Recommendations of a