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enabled to comply with his Requisitions, but at the same time  
hinted to him my Apprehensions that it will not be put in  
my power. From hence I think you will collect that we  
shall not want any Addition to be made to the 37 Suits of  
Cloaths which were received of M<sup>r</sup> Castle. The promoters  
thereof met with so many Obstructions & Obstacles in the way of  
the Subscription that it has been entirely dropt. I am surpris-  
ed you had not received my last Letter which should have ac-  
quainted you when I left the General. I learn that a Detach-  
ment of 600 marched the 20<sup>th</sup> of May under the Command of  
Sr. John to open a Road & throw a Bridge over George Creek  
a Stream that flows into Potowmack at about 10 Miles Distance  
from Mills Creek. The General with the Rest of the Forces  
have I imagine or will follow them to Morrow. The Comman-  
dant at Cowego sends Advice that 300 French & some Indians  
in 30 large Barkes passed by that place for the Ohio the 13<sup>th</sup> of  
May & that two said & expected more would immediately follow.  
I have sent you a Copy of the Deposition of a Frenchman  
who with his wife is just come down to inhabit in the Province  
of N York. Governor Shirley's Regiment was to embark  
the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. at Providence for Albany. Peppersels was not then  
more than half compleat, which has induced Governor Shirley  
to get the Destination of the Jersey Troops enlarged they  
will be now employed under his Command against Niagara.  
I know not whether the Provincial Troops are compleated or at  
what time they will be in motion. Some hundred Men  
are at work I am told at N York about their Fortifications  
which when finished will it is said render that City pretty defen-  
sible. Succeed to your wishes, & enjoy as perfect health as does  
at present Your son