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myself. I have intimated to the General, how unpropitious  
my prospect at present is, & let him know that he must  
not entertain any great Expectations from the measures  
now taken in Compliance with his Request. As to his Desire  
that I will order the Militia of this Govern<sup>t</sup>. to join with  
some from Virg<sup>a</sup>. & East provisions, & Stores to Fort Du  
quesne, it shews only what an inadequate Idea he has  
of the Constitution of these Govern<sup>ts</sup>. or the Power of the  
Governors. for want of such a Militia Law as is in force,  
in the Northern Provinces we can scarcely oblige the  
people to act in the Defence of themselves & properties  
when immediately attacked; how then will they obey  
our Orders to leave their Business, Families to march  
out of the Province, when they have not the least pros-  
pect or Expectations of receiving a Reward for their  
Trouble. I am advised that 400 Men marched from  
Littles Creek the 20<sup>th</sup> of May in Order to secure a passage  
over Georges Creek about 12 Miles beyond Fort Cum-  
berland or Littles Creek. I suppose they have thrown a  
Bridge over it & raised some kind of works for its  
Defence, in case the Enemy should act Offensively.  
I imagine the General marched with the Rest of the  
Troops last Monday or Tuesday he had about 50  
Indians with him, & had reason to expect more would  
join him on his March. I received a Letter lately from  
New York advising me that 300 French & some Indians  
passed by Oswego Fort on Lake Ontario the 13<sup>th</sup> of May  
& that there is great reason to believe some other De-  
tachments went from Canada at the same time.