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The great Scarcety of Waggon's & Horses in these Parts & the
Difficulty of getting those that are by reason our Affairs
had granted no Money for the Payment of them & for any
such Purposes obliged the Troops to move very slowly so that
they did not reach Fort Cumberland till the 2^d of June in
May & all the Stores were not got thither till some time
afterwards. The 20th of May a Detachment of 600 was ordered
to march & bring a Bridge over a Stream that flows 14 or 15
miles from Fort Cumberland westward & the General with the
rest of the Troops followed the 10th Inst. & had on the 17th with
good deal of Difficulty on Account of the Hills & Mountains
that occurred marched about 25 or 30 Miles. I believe they
have as many more Miles to march before they get into
level Country. [The Army consists of about 2300 Men
fifty of whom are left under the Command of Colo. Innes
(he is a Gentleman of N. Carolina was a Captain at Carthage
but has since sold his Commission) at Fort Cumberland.] The
Troops have hitherto been pretty healthy, I am informed so
Invalids only are left behind with Colonel Innes. After
this week we shall be in daily Expectation of receiving
Letters from Fort Duquesne that will give all his Friends
& these Colonies Room to congratulate themselves on the Generals
Success. He tells me that he proposes to repair the Fort that
the French have raised in case he reduces it or build
some other Place of Defence there as a Barrier against
future Encroachments which he will garrison with the
Virginia & Maryland Troops & leave it to these two Colonies
to victual them: I do not know who is to have the
Command of the Garrison at present. all the Provincial
Troops