

There was little Probability of his being sufficiently reinforced
 or assisted by these three Governm^{ts} to make another Attempt
 on Fort Duquesne is proceeding in obedience to the Generals
 former Instructions dated the 6th Inst. towards N York or the
 Western Part of that Province which as he has left us I
 hope he will be able to reach time enough to be of Service
 to the Northern Expeditions. Gov^r Morris's Lett^r dated the
 20th together with the Journal of his Assembly's proceedings which I
 presume you will also by this Opportunity receive from him
 fully convince me that Nothing effectual will be ever done by
 these Colonies without the Compulsion of an Act of Parliament,
 in case the Pensilvanians had shewed a different Disposition
 I should as I before hinted to you have met our People
 instantly but as their Behaviour has been such as I would
 not wish to see our Assembly who are fond of following
 such Precedents imitate there is little room for me to
 expect any thing from them were they to be convened however
 I shall consult the Council thereon this Morning & proceed
 according to their Advice; in the mean time we shall endeavour
 to encourage the Subscription that has been set on
 foot whereby I hope to be enabled to support 80 or 100
 Men for the Protection of our Frontiers & to join with you
 in executing what I intimated to you in my last or any
 other Scheme that may conduce to our mutual Security.
 You have learnt from Colo. Innes how ~~Matters~~ what
 motions the Enemy are making on the other Side the Moun-
 tains & how matters are at Fort Cumberland whereupon
 the Hospital is removed down to Fredericktown in this.