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is not, & never can be made, its Situation will not permit  
it (as I am persuaded every one of your Officers if you  
will ask them will tell you) & I know not of any so proper  
as that which I before acquainted you the Engineers had  
pointed out; if you entertain hopes of proceeding to construct  
a Fort beyond the Mountains, I presume you will endeavour  
to procure the Assistance of one of them Gent<sup>l</sup>. Col<sup>l</sup> Morris  
Letters to me express vast Apprehensions of Danger, he seems  
to think the Enemy will make an Attempt on Fort Cumberland  
& I am apt to think, that if they do with any force  
it is as certainly their own - I do not hear that the  
Maryland Company has lost more than two Men by Deser-  
tions, we have beside them a Command of about 20  
at a small Fort on Tonoloway Creek for the Protection  
& Satisfaction of the distant Inhabitants, whereas well as the  
Company is supported out of the Subscription Fund, till  
something farther can be done for his Majestys Service &  
our Protection. I have not learnt that any mischief has  
been lately done on our Frontiers but I am told the  
Country is entirely deserted for 30 Miles below Fort Cum-  
berland since Col<sup>l</sup> Dunbar marched. I suppose your  
Express will inform you that he has now left Phil<sup>a</sup> & is  
proceeding to N York so that if he makes Dispatch the  
Troops may I apprehend be at Albany in a fortnight or  
3 weeks & I hope as he has left us, he will be time  
enough to be of some Service to General Shisky on  
whose account I assure you I am not without some fears