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forbid me to expect any thing considerable for you
I am much obliged to you for favouring me with a
particular Account of your Situation at the time you
writ which indeed seems to have been none of the best
but as you expressed some Expectations of being put
in a better Condition by the Arrival of a Convey of
Provisions I entertain the most sanguine hopes that
you was not disappointed in much of your Expectations
p that every thing has since fallen out according to
your Wishes. Since Colonel Dunbar left Fort
Cumberland the Indians have made frequent Incursions
p cut off many of the Inhabitants. The Garrison of
the Fort is reduced by Desertions to about 140 Men
who are as it were shut up by the numerous Parties
of Indians that infest all that part of the Country.
Of the Troops in Fort Cumberland about 100 are
the Remains of all the Virginians; in pursuance of a
late Act of their Assembly Govern Dinwiddie has
ordered them to be compleated to 1000 by Colonel Washington
who is to have the Command of them when so
regimented. Since General Braddock's Misfortune
we have not been able to get any Intelligence
from Fort Duquesne but a French Deserter
who left it a good while ago tells me that the
French have a Magazine of Provisions between
Fort de Niagara & the Lake at the Distance of about
9 miles from the first