

about their Right to judge of the Elections of their own Members, I made
but a very short speech to them when I met them again & avoided every
thing that might possibly have given offence, as they have not yet returned
the Consideration of Mr Woodwards Petition Doctor Stewart continues
still in the House, I am told that many of the Members who were for
disqualifying the Aldermen from Voting have now altered their Opinion,
since they last met they have sent a Bill to the Upper House for reviewing
is extending the Inspection Law five Years longer which I am apt to think
the Upper House will pass but there were not enough Members in Town be-
fore this afternoon to take it under Consideration. I understand that the
Gentlemen of the Lower House have this Day passed a Vote for complying with
what General Forbes asks of us in his Letter of the 22 of last Month as
far as to support 300 Men during the Winter but I am at the same
time told that the Service of these Men is to be restrained to Fort Frederick
as well as about I suppose, & that no Money is to be yet raised unless the
Gentlemen of the Upper House will agree to the Mode of Taxation to
which they have so often signified their Assent.
According to the latest Advice that have been received from the Westward
General Forbes reached the Post at Loyalhannon with the Rest of his
Army the 2 of this Month. On the 13th a Detachment of 1000 Men marched
thence to open a Road towards Fort Duquesne, it is not I am now
told to be carried into General Braddocks but will be several Miles
to the Westward of it. On the 15th another thousand marched from the
Loyalhannon who were followed the next Day by 700 more & a Part of
the Train, It was expected that the General would also march on the 17th
with the Rest of his Troops & as the Weather has been very favourable ever
since we flatter ourselves that he is not at this time many Miles on this
Side the French Post. In my Letter of the 3rd Inst I just intimated
to you that there had been a skirmish between some of our Troops & a
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