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thought proper to carry all their Artillery & Stores from Fort Du Quoin  
down the River, but before the Garrison moved off it is said they blew  
up the Fort & set fire to all the Houses that had been built near  
as well on the other as on this side the River. I cannot indeed venture  
to assure You that this Relation is true, because I have not as yet  
received any such Advice, from the General or any Officer under his  
Command but I am informed that several Persons on the Frontiers of  
Pensilva<sup>a</sup> have received Letters from their Friends at Loyalhannon to  
the same Purport & upon the whole I do not entertain any Doubt a  
bout the Truth of what is abovementioned; if the Enemy have aban-  
doned that Fort I flatter Myself the Indians will not trouble our  
Frontier Inhabitants this Winter & that effectual Measures will be  
taken in the Spring to prevent their <sup>Enemy's</sup> returning to take Possession again  
of that Country, tho I do not indeed entertain any hopes of seeing the  
People of this Province interest themselves at all in the Affair. The  
Assembly is still sitting nor have they yet offered any Thing of Consequence to  
the Upper House, except the Bill for continuing the Inspection Law which I before  
mentioned to You & to which I have now given my Assent, I understand  
however that the Assent Bill is at length brought in once more, & now under  
the Consideration of the Lower House, thro which I expect it will be again  
carried but not by a Majority of more than four or five Voices. Doctor Stewart's  
Affair is still depending but whenever it comes to a Hearing I have reason to  
think that the Aldermen's Right of Voting will be established. You may  
remember that I sometime ago insinuated to You that I should be very  
glad to have it in my Power to confer the Naval Office of Accomack on  
Capt. Henry & to in the N<sup>o</sup> Goldborough. Surveyor General of the Eastern  
Shore; both these Offices are at present held by M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>m</sup> Young who  
living in Baltimore County & being therefore obliged to pay a Deputy.