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was from some friendly Indians who had been on a Scout & returned to  
his Camp on the Evening of the 24. Orders were immediately issued for  
Col: Dagworthy to march next Morning at Break of Day with a  
hundred Men to reconnoitre & if the Indians Intelligence was true, to take  
Possession of the Fort. He had scarcely left the Camp when he met  
Parris one of our Officers who had been sent out the Night before, with a  
small Party to make Discoveries & by him he was apprised of the Truth of  
what the Indians had before told the General. The enclosed Plan or Map  
which Col: Dagworthy has at my Desire sketch'd out from his Memoirs  
will show Your L<sup>ty</sup> what Works the French had made in what Con-  
dition they left them. & the other enclosed Paper will inform Your L<sup>ty</sup>  
how the General has disposed of the Provincial Troops that served on  
this Expedition. Besides the 200 Provincials who are destined to gar-  
rison Fort Du Quene this Winter Col: Dagworthy left most of the High-  
landers & Royal Americans there, but he supposes that they are by this time  
coming in with the General (who was in a very ill State of Health) &  
that all the Regulars will be sent down among the Inhabitants for  
Winter Quarters. As soon almost as our Troops arrived at Fort Du Quene  
four or five Indians appeared on the other Side of the Ohio & desired to  
be fetched over & introduced to the General which they were the next Day  
on the 27 they were dismissed with an Answer to the Message they had  
brought from their respective Towns & M<sup>r</sup> Coghlan the Deputy Agent for  
Indian Affairs with an Interpreter was ordered to accompany them. Col:  
Dagworthy does not know what passed between the General & those Indians  
but he says it was expected that all the Indians on the Ohio will imme-  
diately come in & sue for Peace. In my Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst I told Your  
L<sup>ty</sup> there was a Report that the French had only retired to another Fort  
which they had built about 20 Miles lower down the Ohio but I learn  
from Col: Dagworthy that there is no such Fort & that those of the  
enemies