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the information he can concerning this Matter & to communicate
to me his Discoveries without Delay which I shall lay before
the Judges of the Land Office & then give such further Instructions
as in our Opinion shall be for His Ldps Interest & most agreeable
to His Intentions. Being not required by any Lett^r that I have
lately received from the Secretary of State to convene the Assembly
again & having no Business of Consequence at present to lay before
them, I have by Advice of His Ldps Council prorogued them to the
th 11 of next Month & if no Instructions from home nor any Occurrence
of an extraordinary Nature here should lay me under a Necessity
of Meeting the Assembly then; I am apt to think the Gent^l of the
Council will advise another Prorogation. The Pensionaries think-
ing I suppose that We have nothing more to fear from the French
in this Part of America have disbanded all their Troops & are except
three Companies of fifty Men each who together with part of the
1 Battalion of Royal Americans & the Virginia Reg^t are employed
in garrisoning Pittsburg & the several Forts on the Communication.
Brig^{er} Stanwix commands at present on the Ohio but whether he has
taken up his Quarters at Pittsburg for the whole Winter or is determi-
ned to stay & finish the Fort which was begun the latter End of
last Summer under his Direction I cannot tell. The Indians in
that Quarter have been very quiet & tractable ever since the Procla-
mation of Niagara but I see by the publick Papers that some of
the Cherokees have lately committed several Murders on the