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say that now the Frontier Inhabitants are quiet & free from Alarms it must
be the Agents own fault if he does not make the Farmers account regularly
& make due Payments, since if they neglect to do so he may & ought to put
their Bonds in Suit; as I have more than once told him; but indeed several
of them have declared to me that they have not been able sometimes to pre-
vail on him to receive their Money, or give them Acquittances when he has
received it. As to settling the Naval Officers Accounts I cannot conceive
there is much Difficulty in that; since these Accounts are very simple & I
believe all the Gentlemen except perhaps Mr Young make up & return their
Accounts punctually every Year within a Month or six weeks after the 29th of
Sept^r — the next Article I shall take Notice of is that of the Tines &
Forfeitures which it is the Sheriffs Duty to Levy & Account for Annually
to the Agent; to whom also the Clerks of the Provincial Court & of the several
Counties ought to return annually under their Hands & Seals of Office. Lists
of the Tines & Forfeitures that are leviable by the Sheriffs respectively. I
know not any other Accounts besides those I have mentioned that the Agent
has to keep except that of protested Bills of Exchange, in which there can
be no great Difficulty, tho' from the Nature of it this Account can never
be properly closed annually as I think the others may, however that would
not occasion any Inconvenience if a regular Method is pursued. Having inhi-
mated to your L^{dy} what I think might & ought to have been done
by the present Agent & his Predecessors for their own Ease & your L^{dy}s Sa-
tisfaction, I will take the Liberty to communicate what I think may be
further done here for the future to prevent Fraud & Error on the part
of the Agent or Receiver General & save your L^{dy} or your Secretary in.