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Cumberland & advised You of my Intention to have
him formally examined before the Council; this was done
the 13th of this Month as You will see by a Copy of the
Council Minutes herewith sent & as the Fellow gave
pretty much the same Account then that he had before
done a Warrant was issued for apprehending & bringing
before us on the 29th the several Persons whom he had
on his Examination accused or named. They were Yesterday
brought hither & some of them examined but as they soon
convinced us that the Prisoner had charged them wrongfully
that he had assumed a feigned Name & was in fact a
great Impostor we discharged them & several of them being
extremely poor I ordered the Sheriff to defray their Expens-
es & convey them back to their respective homes. As I inclose
You the Minutes of this Council also I need not tell You
that the Informant did not when he was called into the Room
where they were so much as know the Priest or Mr Wheeler
& that he thereupon made a Recantation giving us at the
same time the Reasons that induced him to frame & insin-
uate such a Story as he had before told & sworn to the truth
of. I shall forthwith send for that Drummer & the Soldiers
that came with him from Fort Cumberland & I doubt not
but it will on Enquiry be found that the Fellow has
given a true Account of their Behaviour towards him. I
have already advised the Earl of Loudoun of my having
such a Person in Custody & as I presume enough witnesses
will