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the Western Frontier of that Province, 100 to the Sea Coast, & 200  
to South Carolina. What Number the Province of So. Carolina  
is to support I know not but it will be left to them to victual  
all the Forces that are sent to them hence & from the other Colonies  
& as there is room to fear that the French are meditating an  
Expedition ag<sup>t</sup> that Province, it is not doubted but they will them-  
selves raise a considerable Number of Men on this Occasion. Since  
my Arrival here an Embargo has been laid by His Ldp's Orders  
on all the Ports north of the Carolinas that His Ldp might be  
supplied with Shipping & Sailors for the Transportation of the Troops  
& Stores that he intends to take hence; The Trading People com-  
plain heavily of this Step but as His Majesty's Service absolutely  
required it I hope Your Ldp will approve of my sending the same  
Orders to the Collectors & Naval Officers in Your Ldp's Province  
that Governor Denny & the other Governors gave to the Port-Officers  
under their Direction. As His Ldp has no farther Commands for  
us Governors Dinwiddie Dobbs & myself intend to set off for  
Annapolis next Friday Morning, the Assembly is to meet there the  
Monday following, if the Small Pox rages less there than it has  
lately done perhaps we shall be able to get a House but if the Mem-  
bers decline coming thither for fear of that Distemper I shall  
with the Advice of Your Ldp's Council prorogue the Assembly for  
a few Days & then appoint them to meet at Baltimore Town  
in Case the Small Pox should not be at that Place. As a consi-  
derable part of the £40000 remains still unexpended I hope I  
shall be able to persuade the Assembly to furnish the Quota that