

Letter Bk. I. the same time to assure y^r Ldp that the Regard you are pleased to shew for M^r Wogan will make me see your Ldp's Expectations with respect to him punctually complied with.— A few Days after I did myself the honour to address a Letter to your Ldp in Jan^y last I departed for the Camp at Wills Creek to put in Execution what I then mentioned. After I
 p. 114 had been there a week I had the pleasure to see S^r J S^t Clair arrive also, after which we tarried there only one Day & in Order to examine the Channel of that River we came down Potowmack by water for the Distance of about 250 Miles, the many Falls & Shoals in that River will we find render the conveyance of Artillery & other Stores to the Camp by water impracticable, the 5th Day from our leaving the Camp we reached Alexandria or Belhaven a Town on the South Bank of Potowmack just below the great Falls of that River having purchased & secured all the Provisions & Forrage that was to be gotten on each side the Water as we came down, staying a Day at Belhaven we proceeded to Dumfries & Fredericksburg in Virginia providing & engaging Quarters for the Troops in each of those places & from thence we journeyed to Williamsburg where we hoped to find General Braddock by that time arrived. We have agreed to quarter 5 of the Companies from Europe for a month or so to refresh themselves after their Voyage if the General approves thereof, in your Ldp's province, one Company at Marlbro, one at Bladensburg a third at Rock Creek three Towns in Prince George C^{ty} & two at Frederick Town which stands on Monoceasy River in Frederick C^{ty} beside the Maryland Company which I have before mentioned to your Ldp I had raised 80 more Recruits in this Province but have reason to fear they will be so much approved of that 150 from the Company & them will be drafted into the English Regiments in that Case I shall form two Companies each consisting of 50 Men in your Ldps Gov^t for the honour of the province even tho the Assembly should determine to grant no farther Supplies.

I have rec^d a Lett^r yesterday from Gen^l Braddock dated at Williamsburg where He arrived the 25th Feb^y the Transports with the Train of Artillery are also arrived in Virginia & the Troops from Ireland are dayly expected Governor Dinwiddie
 p. 115 also advises me that He has sent an Express to the Northw^d wth Dispatches from the General desiring Governor Shirley would as soon as possible give him a Meeting at Annapolis to concert the plan of Operations so that I expect to have the pleasure of seeing those Gentⁿ here in about a fortnight or 3 weeks I shall wait on the General at Alexandria as soon as I hear of his Arrival to conduct him to Annapolis & your Ldp will be pleased to think that I shall chearfully obey y^r Ldp's