

& yourself should not arrive at London so soon tho she is to sail hence before the Ship from Phila<sup>a</sup> I am sorry to acquaint you that little regard has been paid by the Lower House to his Ldp's Requisition concerning an Amendment of the Inspection Law which I inforced by a Message as soon as I received his Lordships Instructions with how great Concern must I advise you also of the Issue of our last Session of Assembly which concluded the 26<sup>th</sup> of last Month. After a Month had been spent in sending Messages from one House to the other (those from the Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Upper House containing Objections to the Bill offered for granting a Sum of Money for His Majesty's Service & supporting those Objections, & those from the other Gent<sup>n</sup> to inforce the Bill they had offered) the Upper House put an End to the Dispute by rejecting the Bill absolutely chiefly on Account of its farther Mortgaging & appropriating the Ordinary Lycences, whereupon the Burgesses came to a Resolution (which they would not be inclined by two Messages to recede from) not to grant a Shilling by any other means then such as were similar to those proposed by the Bill which was framed last Session. I have now prorogued them to July next but cannot indeed entertain the least hopes of meeting them with greater Success at that time. The Assembly of Pensilvania are now sitting but the same Cause as before has again made the Governor reject a Bill offered for £25,000. however we are told that they have resolved to give a Sum of Money from their Treasury to buy some provisions for Governor Shirleys & S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Pepperels Regiments as they did before for those that are in Virginia under the Command of General Braddock. Letter Bk. I.  
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The Virg<sup>a</sup> Assembly are to meet again in May but Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie seems to entertain no very sanguine Expectations.

The second day after I had prorogued the Assembly I set off for Alexandria where the Regiments were encamped to wait on & pay my Respects to the General who came thither two Days before. last Thursday the General, Governor Dinwiddie, Comodore Kepple & two other Gentlemen came hither in Expectation of meeting Gover<sup>r</sup> Shirley at this place but He not arriving according to Appointment the General & Company returned to Alexandria last Monday. Governor Shirley has not yet reached Annapolis but I expect him & Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris to Morrow & shall the next morning accompany them to Alexandria where the General proposes to tarry till the Middle or End of next week whence he will proceed to Frederick Town in his way with the Regiments to Wills Creek. With the Generals Approbation all the Men that had been raised in this Province are taken into the English Regiments except a Company of 53 which is still kept up for the honour of his Ldps