

Letter Bk. I. Braddock was then arrived together with the Train of Artillery. I can now acquaint your Ldp that the Regiments too mustering about 500 Men each were the 28<sup>th</sup> of that Month all disembarked in good health & Spirits at Alexandria where they received the Generals Orders to Encamp till enough Drafts from the Maryland & Virg<sup>a</sup> Companies & Recruits could join & compleat them to near 700 each, since his Arrival the General has received Instructions to have those Regiments increased to 1000 each for which purpose Officers & parties of Men have been ordered into each part of this Province as well as Pens<sup>a</sup> & Virg<sup>a</sup> to recruit. The second Day after proroguing the Assembly I waited on & paid my Respects to General Braddock at Alexandria & the Tuesday following the General Commodore Kepple Gov<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie & the General's Aid de Camp & Secretary came hither in Expectation of meeting Governors Shirley Delancey & Morris at this place but they not arriving

p. 122 according to Appointment the General & Company returned to Alexandria the Monday following & gave Orders for the Troops to march Colo: Dunbar's on this Side & Col<sup>o</sup> Halketts on the other Side Potowmack towards Wills-Creek; & I expect that e'er this the Regiments are Encamped at Frederickton on Monocasy & at Winchester in Virg<sup>a</sup> respectively & the Train of Artillery is also on the Road thro Virginia to Wills-Creek. Of the 180 Men that I had raised only 60 are left (the rest being Drafted into the Regiments) which compose one Company from this Province & the Virginia Troops are formed into 9 Companies of the same number to be disposed of & employed as General Braddock shall think proper; at present two Virg<sup>a</sup> & the Maryland Company are engaged in opening a Road to Wills-Creek & thence towards Juniata River in Pensilv<sup>a</sup> which flows into Susquehanna. Two of the Independant Companies will I believe remain at Wills Creek during the Campaign & the third will march to the westward with the other Forces. The three Governors above mentioned from the Northward came hither the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Inst, & this Day Sennight I proceeded with them to Alexandria, which place we left again Thursday morning & they are now on their way returning to their respective Govern<sup>ts</sup> General Braddock departs from Alexandria to Day & I have promised to be with him next Tuesday Evening at Frederickton where I shall tarry till the 1<sup>st</sup> of May when all the Troops will be in Motion & he will proceed to Wills Creek & thence without any Stop or Delay for the Ohio. The General & M<sup>r</sup> Shirley seem to expect & insist on the Assemblies of your Ldp's Province Pens<sup>a</sup> Virg<sup>a</sup> & the two Carolina's being once more summoned on the same Business that has been lately so earnestly recommended to them; Governor Dinwiddie intends to shew his