

Letter Bk. II. lowing & by their professions at the opening of the Session fed me with hopes of large Supplies but when they came to the point a Bill was brought in for £7,000 to raise which the Ordinary Lycences were to be farther mortgaged & that His Ldp's Instructions possitively forbad me to comply with, so our Assembly broke up without giving any more aids than the several northern Colonies to whom I had on the Receipt of his Majesty's Commission addressed myself for Assistance. About this time we were informed by many Letters from England that 2 Regiments were ordered hither from Ireland to be under the Command of a General Officer, that Transports sailed to Ireland to take them aboard in Novem. & that Ordnance Stores were shipping at the Tower & also some of the Train. This Acco<sup>t</sup> was confirmed to me by Governor Dinwiddie the 2<sup>d</sup> of Ian<sup>r</sup> & within a few Days I received a Letter from Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson to the same purport. upon this I again set off for the Camp to make some preparations for the Reception of the British Troops at their Arrival in Case the General should choose to march them thither to make an early Campaign; when I had been there about a week superintending that Business I had the pleasure of seeing Sr John St Clair arrive on the same Errand & with the same Design we took our Leave of the Camp the 2<sup>d</sup> Day afterwards & giving the Commissaries that Gover<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie had now appointed proper Directions for laying provision into the Stores that the Men were building we proceeded down Potowmack about 200 Miles & then by Land to Williamsburg in Expectation of meeting the General by that time arrived. being disappointed in such Expectations I was obliged to make the best of my way to Annapolis (reveiwing & discharging many of the Virg<sup>a</sup> Recruits in my way) where I had appointed the Assembly to meet the 22<sup>d</sup> of March & once more repeated my Requisitions for farther Supplies, the old Obstacle has again prevented my succeeding & after sitting & disputing a month about his Ldp's prerogative they have given me evident Demonstrations that they never will grant a Shilling without the Compulsion of an Act of parliament unless the Ordinary Lycences be appropriated contrary to his Ldp's positive Instructions & Injunctions; they now stand prorogued to Iuly, but the General will have the several Governors of the Carolinas Virg<sup>a</sup> Maryland & Pens<sup>a</sup> meet their respective Assemblies again next Month in which I shall imitate the other Gent<sup>n</sup> tho I entertain not the least hopes of succeeding. as soon as I was released by the Assembly's prorogation I waited on the General at Alexandria where the two Regiments from Ireland were disembarked & encamped: the 3<sup>d</sup> of this Inst April the General Commodore Kepple Governor Dinwiddie & the General's Aid de Camp & Secretary