

Letter Bk. I.

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

22^d of May 1755 transmitted by Capt from Virginia.
Sir

More than a month since I had writ you an Account of the Issue of the Assembly's meeting in February last as you will perceive by the inclosed Letters but there having been a prodigious Drought ever since that time that prevented the Planters preparing or packing their Tob^o the Ships that should have sailed so long ago are not yet dispatched which obliges me to seize this Opportunity of Conveyance by the way of Virg^a I waited on the General from Frederickton to Potowmack where he crossed that River in the Road to Winchester the 2^d of May, Colo: Dunbar's as well as Col^o Halketts Regiment had marched a few Days before for Wills-Creek. They have met with a good Deal of Difficulty in getting the Stores thither on Account of the Scarcety of Waggons in these parts, p. 125 but that being now executed I expect the General will be moving Westward some Day next week. The Corps under his Command consists of more than 2000 Men viz the two Regiments about 1330. Independant Companies 260. Virginians about 350. Maryland Company 60. N Carolina 80. & the Train. I apprehend a Company or so will be left as a Garrison at Wills Creek under the Command of Col^o Innes & the rest will proceed with the General. in less than a Month we expect to hear news from that Quarter & before that time we hope to be advised of some Successes in Nova Scotia. The Assemblies of Virg^a & Pensilvania are now sitting I have not learnt what they are likely to do, ours will meet again at the Day to which they were prorogued tho I cannot flatter myself with any hopes of Success. I shall transmit a Volume of the Maryland Laws (which will be copied & examined) by a Ship that must sail the 10th of next Month. I am sorry to acquaint you with the Decease of Col^o Plater who died after a few Days Illness last Saturday; by this Accident another Seat becomes vacant in his Ldp's Council & there will be a necessity of his Ldp & your appointing some other Gentleman to succeed him as your Deputy in the Province, as you are yourself already acquainted with the names & Characters of many Gentlemen of the Province I will not presume to mention or recommend any Gentleman particularly to that Office. Your Favour dated the 15th of Feb^y I have received & will answer it more particularly in my next you desire to know why M^r Dulany is not in the Lower House he tells me that finding twould be in vain to stand the Poll for Frederick C^{ty} which he before represented he thought it best to decline it &c.