

Letter Bk. I. able yet to raise more than half his Complement; for which
 P. 127 Cause Gov. Shirley has prevailed on the Jersey Gov^t to let their
 500 Men be employed under his Command against Niagara. It is expected that by this time Shirley's Regiment as well as Pepperells are at New York & ready to march several Companies of them are already gone to Oswego; by which place 300 French & many Indians in 30 large Battoes were seen by the Garrison to pass toward the Ohio the 13th of May 600 Men marched from Fort Cumberland westward the 28th of May to secure passage as I conceive & fling a Bridge over Georges Creek (a Stream that flows into Potowmack about 12 Miles above Fort Cumberland) where perhaps they may raise some Sort of Work lest the Enemy should act offensively I apprehend the General with the Rest of the Troops must be leaving Wills Creek or Fort Cumberland about this time. Their Recruiting parties have met with great Success lately so that they do not I beleive number at this time less than 2500 Men. You will see by a Copy of a Letter which I have lately received from the General what his Expectations & Requisitions from this Province are which indeed I think very reasonable but am afraid I shall find the Assembly of different Sentiments, at least that we shall be as dissonant as ever when we talk of the Mode of giving even so small a Sum. The Assembly by the Advice of His Ldp's Council will meet the 23^d Inst. & I shall not be much surprized if some of them express a Dissatisfaction at the Behaviour of the Troops before they left this province & mutter at their Enlisting & taking away a good many Servants from the Inhabitants of Frederick, Prince Georges & Baltimore Counties, as well as impressing their Carriages & Horses. I wish I may be able to prevail on the Lower House to relieve such of the people as have suffered thereby, but I am doubtfull their Number is not considerable enough to influence or weigh with the Assembly who too seldom regard things which do not immediately affect themselves. The
 P. 128 Pensilvania Assembly broke up last Month without doing any thing but resolving that they will on no account recede from the points they have insisted on, or give a Shilling more unless they are indulged in their own ways. Gov^r Morris informs me that on the Receipt of a Letter from General Braddock very similar to mine he has convened them again the 13th Inst but does not entertain any great hopes of Success. I learn that the Virginians have granted £6000 for the purposes mentiqned in the General's Letter. I do not understand by what means or Scheme it is to be raised but it is said that on Acco^t of the Scarcety of Money in that Gov^t it is proposed to be raised by a Lottery. I am inclined to think the Threats of the French & their Indians to fall on the Back Inhabitants in