

Letter Bk. II. the power of the Governors. for want of such a Militia Law as is in force in the Northern Provinces we can scarcely oblige the people to act in the Defence of themselves & properties when immediately attacked. how then will they obey our Orders to leave their Business & Families to march out of the Province when they have not the least prospect or Expectations of receiving a Reward for their Trouble. I am advised that 600 Men marched from Wills Creek the 28th of May in Order to secure a passage over Georges Creek about 12 Miles beyond Fort Cumberland or Wills Creek I suppose they have thrown a Bridge over it & raised some kind of works for its Defence in Case the Enemy should Act Offensively; I imagine the General marched with the Rest of the Troops last Monday or Tuesday he had about 50 Indians with him & had reason to expect more would join him on his March. I received a Letter lately from New York advising me that 300 French & some Indians passed by Oswego Fort on Lake Ontario the 13th of May & that there is great reason to beleive some other
 p. 92 Detachments went from Canada at the same time for the Ohio also by the North Side of the Lake I think that Gover^r Shirley's & S^r W^m Pepperell's Regiments must have nearly reached Oswego but Pepperell has not been able to get more than half his Complement, wherefore the 500 Jersey Men are to act also under Shirleys Command to make up the Deficiency. When Col^o Johnson will proceed to Action I do not certainly know but I hear the Troops that he is to command are almost compleat—

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[Calvert to Sharpe.]

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Sir

I have y^{rs} of the 10th of April by way of Philadilphia. It concern^s His Lord^p to understand the Lo: House have shown no regard to His Instructions for Amendment of the Tobacco Law. Obstnacy ag^t the Superior Lord well-Advised & with Candour lay'd before a Legislative Body to Rectifye real mistake, the Non-Compliance Endangers the Wellfare of a People. Alike is his Concern to know, their unwillingness to grant Aid in Support & Defence Ag^t the Enemy of their King & Country, & their offers of wrong to his Rights, with^t any regard or consideration to him. However, trusts y^r rectitude to Abide by His Instructions on Ordinary Licences &c.

By y^{rs} since General Bradocks Arrival in America you have not wanted Company at Annapolis: it seems to a been the General Rendez-Vous It gives My Lord pleasure as it Lus-