

His Majesty's Government to execute the Commission which His Majesty
has been pleased to honour me with. I, obedience to your Lords
Instruction I immediately on my Return from Virginia assembled
your Lords Council & acquainted them with your Lords Goodness &
indulgence to me & the Honour that His Majesty had been pleased
to confer on me, with their Advice I have taken the Liberty to
issue writs for a general Election of Representatives about 3 weeks
before the Expiration of the usual Term that a Session has been
lately continued. This I was induced the more readily to do from
the Consideration that if the old Assembly had been convened there
would have been little probability of their doing any thing generous
while they would have been expecting in a few Days a Dissolution.
But before I can meet the Candidates who are now electing I hope
some of the neighbouring Colonies will set them a laudable Exam-
ple & then I despair not of finding them inclined to shew a generous
Disposition & by paying a due regard to your Lords Recommendation
manifest their Duty to His Majesty & their Constituents. In
Obedience to your Lords Pleasure I shall leave the Administration
of the Government & the Care of your Lords private Affairs to Mr
Tascher in case I should for a short time be absent from your
Lords Province. I propose to be at Wills Creek about the End of
next week & if there appears a Probability of effecting any thing
with such a Body of Troops as can be drawn together before the
severe season sets in I may make a winters Campaign, but if
when I consult the Officers, it shall be thought expedient to post-
pone an Enterprize against the Enemy till the neighbouring
Governments can be persuaded to send us some Reinforcements
I will return hither again as soon as I have taken Measures