

I had the pleasure to see Sir J. S. Clair arrive also, after which
we tarried there only one Day & in Order to examine the
Channel of that River we came down Potowmack by water for the
Distance of about 250 Miles, the many Falls & Shoals in that River
will we find render the Conveyance of Artillery & other Stores to
the Camp by water impracticable, the 5th Day from our leaving
the Camp we reached Alexandria or Methuen a Town on the
South Bank of Potowmack just below the great Falls of that
River having purchased & secured all the Provisions & Forrage
that was to be gotten on each Side the water as we came down,
staying a Day at Methuen we proceeded to Dumfries &
Fredericksburg in Virginia providing & engaging Quarters for
the Troops in each of those places & from thence we journeyed
to Williamsburg where we hoped to find General Paradock by
that time arrived. We have agreed to Quarter 15 of the Companies
from Europe for a month or so to refresh themselves after their Voyage
if the General approves thereof, in Your Lops Province, one
Company at Mathro, one at Potadensburg a third at Machs
Creek three Towns in Prince George Cty & two at Fredericks
Town which stands on Monocacy River in Fredericks Cty. beside
the Maryland Company which I have before mentioned to Your
Lop I had raised so more recruits in this Province but have
reason to fear they will be so much approved of that 150 from
the Company & them will be drafted into the English Regiments
in that Case I shall form two Companies each consisting of 50
men in Your Lops Govt for the honour of the Province over the
Assembly should determine to grant no farther Supplies. I have recd
a Lett yesterday from Gen. Paradock dated at Williamsburg
where He arrived the 25th Feb^y the Transports with the Train
of Artillery are also arrived in Virginia & the Troops from Ireland
are daily expected. Governor Dinwiddie also advises me that the