

to receive from) not to grant a Shilling by any other means than  
such as were similar to those proposed by the Mill, which was  
brought last Session - I have now prorogued them to July next  
but cannot indeed entertain the least hopes of meeting them with  
greater success at that time - The Assembly of Pennsylvania  
are now sitting but the same Cause as before, has again made  
the Governor reject a Bill offered for £25,000. However we  
are told that they have resolved to give a Sum of Money from  
their Treasury to buy some Provisions for Governor Shirley's  
p. 1000 Pepper's Regiments as they did before for those that  
are in Virginia under the Command of General O'Rourke -  
The Virg. Assembly are to meet again in May but Gov.  
Dinwiddie seems to entertain no very sanguine Expectations.  
The second day after I had prorogued the Assembly I set off  
for Alexandria where the Regiments were encamped to wait on  
I pay my respects to the General who came thither two Days  
before I set ~~off~~ <sup>on my way</sup> the General, Governor Dinwiddie, Comdr  
Thipple & two other Gentlemen came thither in Expectation of meeting  
Gov. Shirley at his place but he not arriving according to Appointment  
went the General's Company returned to Alexandria Sat Monday  
Gov. Shirley has not yet reached Annapolis but I expect  
him & Gov. Morris to Morrow & shall the next morning accompany  
them to Alexandria where the General proposes to tarry till the  
Middle or End of Next Week whence he will proceed to Frederick  
Town in his way with the Regiments to Mill's Creek & with the  
General's Approbation all the Men that had been raised in this  
Province are taken into the English Regiments except a Company  
of 53 which are still kept up for the Honour of his Majesty's  
Province. Gov. Dinwiddie proposes to keep on foot 9 Companies  
each consisting of the same Number but I am doubtful he  
will be not a little straitened for Money to pay them notwithstanding  
the £10,000 sent him from home in October with Liberty to draw  
more for as much more - The frequent Misarranges of Letters  
that are sent home to England by the Way of Philadelphia make me