

to recede from) not to grant a Shilling by any other means than
such as were similar to those proposed by the Mill, which was
framed 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 Shirleys
& Mr. Pepperels Regiments as they did before for those that
are in Virginia under the Command of General Bradoch -
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 - Last ~~Friday~~ ^{Thursday} the General, Governor Dinwiddie, Comdr
Chapple & two other Gentlemen came thither in expectation of meeting
Gov. Shirley at this place but he not arriving according to appoint-
ment the General's Company returned to Alexandria last Monday
Gov. Shirley has not yet reached Annapolis but I expect
him by God's Merit 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 Fredericks
Town in his way with the Regiments to Mills Creek - with the
Generals Approbation all the Men that had been raised in this
Province are taken into the English Regiments except a Company
of 53 which is still kept up for the honour of his Lops
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 £10000 sent him from home in October with Liberty to draw
bills for as much more - The frequent miscarriages of Letters
that are sent hence to England by the Way of Philadelphia makes me