

returned to Alexandria the Monday following, gave Orders for the Troops
to march to the Falls of Dunbar on this Side of the Potomack on the other Side
Potomack towards Wills-Creek, & respect that in this the Regiments are
encamped at Fredericksburg on the necessary post Winchester in Virg^a respecting
the Train of Artillery is also on the Road thro Virginia to Wills-Creek.
Of the 100 Men that I had raised only 60 are left (the rest being draged
into the Regiments) which comprise one Company from this Province
& the Virginia Troops are formed into 4 Companies of the same Number
to be disposed of & employed as General Broadbent shall think proper;
at present two Virg^a & the Maryland Company are engaged in opening
a Road to Wills-Creek & thence towards Junata River in Pennsylvania
which flows into the Susquehanna. Two ^{of the} Independant Companies will
I believe remain at Wills-Creek during the Campaign & the third
will march to the Westward with the other Forces. The three
Governors above mentioned from the Northward came hither the 11th 12th
Inst. of this Day Sonnight I proceeded with them to Alexandria, which
Place we left again Thursday Morning & they are now on their
Way returning to their respective Govern^{ts}. General Broadbent departs
from Alexandria to Day & I have promised to be with him next Tuesday
Evening at Fredericksburg where I shall tarry till the 5th of May when
all the Troops will be in Motion & he will proceed to Wills-Creek &
thence without any Stop or Delay for the Ohio. The General & Mr
Shirley seem to expect & insist on the Assemblies of your & his Province
Penn^a Virg^a & the two Carolinas being once more summoned on the same
Business that has been ~~so~~ lately & earnestly recommended to them;
Governor Dinwiddie intends to shew his ready Compliance, by meeting
the Virg^a Assembly the 5th of May, Govern^r Morris his the 10th Gov^r
Robt^t & Glen will also follow the Example, & I propose to take the
Advices of your & his Council thereon next Monday Morning. The Plan
of Operations prepared to be pursued I take the Liberty to inclose to your
Exp^{ts} & also a Copy of some Minutes taken at a Council which was held
at Alexandria; some Sections thereof will shew your & his Opinions
of the Gentlemen present thereat; to whom the General proposed several
Questions & desired their particular Sentiments thereon & answers thereto.