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but that being now executed, I expect the General will be moving towards  
some Day next week. The Corps under his Command consists of more  
than 2000 Men. viz the two Regiments about 1330, Independent Companies  
260. Virginians about 350. Maryland Company 60. N Carolina do. &  
the Train. I apprehend, a Company or so will be left as a Garrison  
at Mills Creek, under the Command of Col. Jones, the rest will proceed  
with the General. in less than a Month we expect to hear News  
from that Quarter & before that time, we hope to be advised of some  
Successes in Nova Scotia. The Assemblies of Virg<sup>a</sup> & Pennsylvania are  
now sitting I have not learnt what they are likely to do, ours will meet  
again at the Day to which they were prorogued tho I cannot flatter  
myself with any hopes of Success. I shall transmit a Volume of the  
Maryland Laws (which will be copied & examined) by a Ship that must  
sail the 10<sup>th</sup> of next Month. I am sorry to acquaint you with the Decease  
of Col. Plater who died after a few Days Illness last Saturday; by this  
Accident another Seat becomes vacant in his Sdps Council, & there will  
be a Necessity of his Sdps & your appointing some other Gentleman to  
succeed him as your Deputy in the Province, as you are yourself  
already acquainted with the Names & Characters of many Gentlemen  
of the Province I will not presume to mention or recommend any  
Gentleman particularly to that Office. Your Favour dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
Feb<sup>y</sup> I have received & will answer it more particularly in my next  
You desire to know why Mr Dubary is not in the Lower House he tells  
me that finding 'twould be in vain to stand the Poll for Frederick City  
which he before represented he thought it best to decline it & he

Copy of the 26<sup>th</sup> Letter to Mr Calvert, dated June 10<sup>th</sup> 1755  
transmitted by Capt Smith

Sir In my ~~Letter~~ dated the 22 of May of which I now transmit  
a Duplicate, I acknowledged the Receipt of your favour by Mr  
Thornton dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup>. The Reason why he is not inducted  
to any Living in Obedience to his Sdps Instructions you will  
be pleased to see in a Copy of part of a Letter transmitted long