

Wells. Crain the 20th of May in Order to secure a passage over Georges
 Creek which flows into Potowmack about 12 Miles above Fort
 Cumberland I suppose they will throw a Bridge over it, raise some
 kind of works for its Defence in case the Enemy should act offensively.
 General, Braddock, I suppose marched with the rest of the Troops
 this morning, he had about 50 Indians with him, had reason to
 expect more, would join him on his March. The Recruiting parties
 have much filled the Virginia & the other Companies since the General
 has been at the Camp, but I learn from the Northward, that the
 Pepperells Regiment is not more than half compleat, which has induced
 Governor Shirley to apply to the Gov^t of the Jerseys for their 500 Men
 to be employed against Niagara, under his Command. I have not
 been informed in what forwardness the other Provincial Troops are
 or when Gov^t Shirley & Col. Johnson will proceed to Action, but I
 have received Intelligence that 300 French & some Indians passed
 by the English Fort called Oswego on Ontario Lake the 13th of last
 Month on their way towards the Ohio, there is room to believe that
 some other Detachments are sent from Canada, to the same place.
 I have nothing farther at present but shall take every Opportunity
 of communicating to your L^{dy} what Intelligence I may receive
 from the Northward or Westward & also of all Occurrences that shall
 happen in your L^{dy}'s Govern^t. I beg leave to present my
 most respectful Compl^{ts} to congratulate my Lady & yourself on
 her Ladyship's Recovery which I had the pleasure & Satisfaction
 to be inform^d of lately & also to assure your Lordship that I remain
 with a grateful Sense of your L^{dy}'s favours &c.

June 20th To Lord Baltimore

My L^d The Assembly of this Province met last Monday; the
 time that has since interv^{en}ed they have employed in preparing a
 Bill for £5000 to be granted to his Majesty & raised much after