

parts followed him & have kept marching on ever since & this Evening
 is expected his Excellency will be within 125 Miles of the Fort Colonel
 Dunbar with the Remainder of the Army, A Artillery Officers, &
 Carriages with Ordnance Stores & all the Provision Waggon from the
 Rear amongst whom I have the honor to be the contrary to my
 Inclination, as all the Troop will be over long before we can reach the
 General. The night before last we were alarmed & different times
 by the Skulking Indians on whom our out Guards & Centries fired
 we have had 3 people scalp but it happened thro their own impu-
 dence in loitering behind too far. He said this morning the General
 has had Advice that 500 Regulars are in full March to the Fort
 which is the Reason he is determined to be there before em.

As we have had but very little fresh Provisions since we left the
 Fort at Little Creek the Officers as well as the private Men have
 been & still are extremely ill with the Flux & many have died. To-
 morrow Morning we march again & are to encamp on the western
 Side of the Great Meadows, thence we are to proceed after the General
 but am fearful it will not be before we have built some Fortification
 there & left a strong Party of Men with a great Deal of Provisions
 & Artillery Stores, our Horses being so weak for want of Food & Rest
 that it is impossible for the whole Rear to join the Front in 25 Days
 You will suppose the News of General Bradocks defeat has thrown
 the People into the greatest Consternation. I have called the Gent-
 of the Council to take their Advice & writ Circular Letters to have
 the Slaves, Convents & well observed & watched, & given Orders for the
 Militia of the several Colonies to be prepared to quell it in case any
 Insurrection should be occasioned by this Stroke. We are encouraging
 Subscriptions among the Gent- & People for the Defence & Protection of the
 Frontiers, whereby I hope I expect to be enabled to raise a hundred or two
 Men in a very few Days. If the Burgeesses in the several Colonies do
 not oppose it as they lately did & persuaded the people that if the