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Copy of the 33^d Letter to Mr Calvert dated at Bladenburg July 23^d 1755. transmitted by Capt. & Duplicate was sent to his L^{dy} at the same time by a Ship to Bristol

Sir

I am sorry to have such an Occasion to write but as we have a Ship just about to sail I embrace the Opportunity to acquaint you that I have this Instant received a Letter from Capt. Orme (who is at Fort Cumberland ill of his Wounds) in which he gives me a brief Account of the unfortunate Engagement between the Troops commanded by General Braddock & the French from Fort Duquesne on the 9th Inst. In the Morning of that Day the General crossed the Monongahela twice the last time at about 7 Miles from the French Fort: a Party of 300 Men having passed the River & advanced toward the Fort, was immediately followed by another of 200, the General with the Column of Artillery Baggage & the main Body of the Army got over about one o'Clock when they heard a very heavy & quick Fire in the Front: the General & the main Body immediately advanced in Order to sustain them but the two advanced Detachments giving way & falling back on the main Body caused great Confusion & struck the Men with such a Panic that afterwards no military Expedient which could be used had any Effect they were deaf to the Exhortations of the General & the Officers who advancing sometimes in Bodies & sometimes separately were sacrificed by the Soldiers declining to follow them. The General had 5 Horses shot under him before he received a Wound thro his right Arm into his Lungs of which he died the fourth Day after. Sir Peter Malkett & the Generals Secretary were killed on the spot. Sr John Sr Clair is wounded but there is room to hope he will recover. The inclosed is a particular Account of the Officers that fell & of those that survived the Action. The Number of private Centinels killed & wounded is about 600. My Last Letter dated the 14th will inform

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