

AdVICES or Instructions require my earlier Return to Annapolis  
As some of the Train will arrive from England. You will  
not want those Men from Captain Arbuthnot of which I  
presume you will acquaint him. I shall take an Opportunity  
of writing to you from the Camp, & acquainting you how  
I find Things going on there I am &

Annapolis January. 12. 1755. Sr Tho. Robinson

Might Honourable

In Obedience to His Majesty's pleasure which you had done me  
the honour to signify to me, very soon after my Return from Virginia  
I proceeded to the place called Mills Creek where Governor Din-  
widdie had ordered the three Independent Companies with that  
of Maryland to Encamp. at my Arrival there I learnt that the  
Trench on the Ohio had been Reinforced by some Regular Troops  
from Canada, & by a considerable Number of the Arundack, Ottoway  
& Caniuga Indians which Tribes are & have been many years  
attached to & entirely devoted to the French Interest. The confir-  
-mation of this Intelligence & Account, the Inconsiderable Number of  
the Troops that we had at that time, been able to Levy, & the surpri-  
-zing backwardness of the people to enter into the Service, soon  
convinced me of the Vanity of the hopes I had entertained of  
being enabled to attempt something successfully this winter,  
wherefore I staid there only about a fortnight while the  
Men were employed in finishing some Barracks which they  
had before my Arrival begun, & I gave Orders as the weather  
should permit to build some Store Houses for the Reception  
& preservation of such provisions as it was necessary & expedient to  
lay in immediately lest a severe Season should set in & deprive  
the Troops of all means of getting any kind of Supplies, the Situation  
of the Camp in a distant & almost uninhabited part of this