

Fredericksburg, you shall form a Company of Carpenters
at Alexandria at which place I have ordered them
to rendezvous. — I am with y^e greatest Esteem & Respect.

Annapolis Feb. 4 27. 1755. to General ~~Forster~~

Sir. My Capt. Pope an Officer on half pay the Gentleman
who presents you this I take the Liberty to congratulate you on
your safe Arrival in America which I have had the happiness
& Satisfaction to be informed of by a Lett^r that Sr J^r Blair
did me the honour to write as soon as he was advised thereof
You will be pleased to think that tis not without great
reluctance I postpone for a few Days journeying to
Virginia to pay my respects to you myself in person.
but I hope you will excuse such my tardiness when
you learn that the Assembly of this Province are now
met in Obedience to a Lett^r that Sr Tho^s Robinson
has honoured me with requiring Aids of this Province for
His Majestys Service & particularly to provide provisions
for the Troops that shall be under your Command in
this part of His Majestys Dominions. The necessity
that this Lett^r laid me under of being present here at
this time will I hope apologize for me till I have
the pleasure of waiting on you which I promise
myself in a very few Days as I have reason to expect
that the Gent^l will think of Dispatching the Business
above mentioned & returning home the beginning of next
week at farthest. — but as I am in this manner
incapacitated to attend you, I have ventured to commit