

Annapolis. Genl. Donnell Feb: 27th 1755. 635.

Mr. Make this Opportunity of acquainting you by Capt. Speer
that I was advised Tuesday Evening of Genl. Donnell's Arrival
by a Lett from Srth J. Clair dated at Fredericksburg
the 22nd Inst. I have now writ to the Genl. accusing Speer
for not waiting on him at present by reason our
Assembly are now sitting they passed a Vote Yesterday for
£1000 for of Service I cannot learn that any Scheme is
yet fallen on for raising the Money but am not without
hopes that a Bill will be prepared in such a manner
as to obtain the Concurrence or Approbation of all
Branches of the Legislature, this a few Days will
determine & enable me to inform you of of some of our
Meeting. In Obedience as he says wth your Desire
Capt. Speer has writ to inform me that Mr. Dick
has contracted for 200 Mules to be delivered one half
before 1st June the rest before 1st End of of some Month
at the Camp wherever the Troops shall happen to be
between Wills Creek & the River Monongahela at 17th 1/2
the fifth Quarter according to the Custom of the Country / on
Condition you would agree to advance him £200 in the
beginning of March. Capt. Speer says that he believes
your Honour ordered him to mention this to me that I
might write my opinion thereon, that you will be pleas'd
to recollect I acquainted you with wth I had the Satisfaction
of seeing you & still think the proposal an acceptable one
if the Man could give good Security for his performance,
but I make no doubt by your Honour has ever this advised
wth of General thereon given Directions accordingly.