

before had enabled me to make y<sup>e</sup> as soon as I possibly could. I did myself the honour to wait on the General in Virg<sup>a</sup> to pay him my respects y<sup>e</sup> make a Tender of my Service - as I conceive His Excellency has himself advised you in what Condition he found the Independant Companies as well as the Provincial Troops y<sup>e</sup> how matters were circumstanced at his Arrival & what measures he has since taken. I cannot presume to write any thing on those particulars wherefore I shall content myself with acquainting you that Governor Shirley departed hence for England this Morning after having had an Interview with General Braddock at Alexandria which place the General proposed also to leave this Day y<sup>e</sup> proceed to Frederick Town on this Side Potowmack where I shall do myself the honour to wait on him next Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> with his permission attend him to Will's Creek for which place the two Regiments will receive his Orders to march the End of this Month With y<sup>e</sup> greatest respect  
 Your M<sup>t</sup>. Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Annapolis April 19<sup>th</sup> 1755

My Dear Br<sup>r</sup>

As Time would not permit me to be so particular as I could have wished in a Letter that I writ to you last month I will endeavour to make up that Deficiency of that by the particularity of this which will shew you what part I have acted since the late Transactions of the French on this Continent have engaged the Attention of our Mother Country. What Steps Governor Dinwiddie took towards the End of the Year 1753 on being advertised, that the French had settled at several places on the Banks of the Ohio y<sup>e</sup> the streams therinto flowing you are acquainted with as much as