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little apprehensive the Substance of the Bill is not very accept-
table to his L^{ty}. What my Lord objects to are two Clauses
which appropriate the Money arising from Licensing Ordinaries
& Pedlars to the Use of his Majesty on this Occasion. As M^r Calvert
tells me he has taken Brother John ~~Deane~~ Opinion with respect
to the Property of the Money arising from such Licenses (which
his L^{ty} claims by prerogative) I conceive I need not be particular
in acquainting You how these Matters which have been long
& Bone of Contention, are circumstanced, presuming that M^r
Calvert submitted to You the State of those controverted
Articles which I find he had received from me when he desired
Your Opinion thereon. When our Assembly had granted the
£6000 above mentioned I advised Gov^r Dinwiddie thereof & the
Money being left to my Disposal desired his Directions how
it should be expended for His Majesty's Service at the same
time hinting to him the Expediency & Necessity of laying in a
proper Quantity of Provisions which had been shamefully proce-
red furnished & managed by his Commissary M^r Carlile, in
Answer to my Letter he desired I would raise a Company of
100 Men with the utmost Expedition & send them to join the
Forces from N Carolina & Virg^a. & the 3 Independant Companies
(which together would make a Body he said of 1000 Men) at
Wills Creek in Sept^r. Accordingly I proceeded to form a
Company cloath & accoutre them, having ordered Col^l Cresap
who lives in Maryland about 15 Miles from Wills Creek to
purchase & instantly lay in at his house on Acco^t. of this pro-
vision of Meat & Flour enough for at least 100 Men
during a twelvemonth, which Orders of mine were punctually
obeyed: the latter End of Sept^r. the first Division of the Maryland
Company marched for Wills Creek & the Officers received my
urgent Orders to compleat the Company with the utmost Dispatch