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Design we took out Leave of the Camp the 2^d Day afterwards
giving the Commissaries that Gov^r Dinwiddie had now
appointed proper Directions for laying Provision into the Stores
that the Men were building we proceeded down Patowmach
about 200 Miles & then by Land to Williamsburg in Expectation
of meeting the General by that time arrived. being disappoint-
ed in such Expectations I was obliged to make the best of
my way to Annapolis (receiving & discharging many of the
King's & Recruits in my way) where I had appointed the Assembly
to meet the 22^d of March & once more repeated my Requisitions for
further Supplies, the old Obstacle has again prevented my
succeeding & after sitting & disputing a Month about his Lord's perso-
native They have given me evident Demonstrations that they never
will grant a Shilling without the Compulsion of an Act of Parli-
ament unless the Ordinary Licences be appropriated contrary to
his Lord's positive Instructions & Injunctions; they now stand pro-
posed to July, but the General will have the several Governours
of the Carolinas Virg^a Maryland & Pens^a meet their respective
Assemblies again next Month in which I shall imitate the other
Cent^r tho' I entertain not the least hopes of succeeding, As soon as
I was released by the Assembly's prorogation I waited on the General
at Alexandria where the two Regiments from Ireland were disembarked
& encamped: the 3^d of this Inst April the General Commodore
Sheple Governor Dinwiddie & the General's Aid de Camp
& Secretary came to Annapolis where the Governour Shirley had
promised to meet them to settle the plan of Operations for the
Summer but he not arriving at the time appointed the General
& Company returned again to Alexandria the Monday following
& ordered the Troops to march watward, Col^l Malletts Regiment
& the Train thro' Virg^a toward Mill Creek & Col^l Dunbars on this
Side Patowmach River to the same place. The 11th & 12th Inst