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Person to succeed Mr Jennings as Deputy Secretary: The Great one  
Mr Pater who was nominated by Mr Calvert when he found he  
could not support his first Recommendation died a few Days since  
whereby the Office is again vacated, so I doubt not there will be  
again great Struggles for Succession at home, it being one of  
the Offices which I am not sufficiently empowered to dispose of here.  
As I cannot well concern myself about this matter without  
Danger of giving Offence, & have in some sort failed already I will  
leave the Opponents to make out their own Pretensions but am  
afraid Mr Calvert will be thereby subjected to some Difficulties.

Annapolis. May 20<sup>th</sup>. 1755. Genl Braddock.

In Your Favour of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst. I have just now received & beg  
leave to assure You that no Endeavours shall be wanting to  
engage the Assembly in some sort to perform their Duty by  
granting Supplies for the purposes You mention. There are  
20 Four Pounders in Virg<sup>a</sup> which were sent in for the  
Gov<sup>rs</sup> Service last Summer & we have 4 Six Pounders  
in this Province which I imagine will be sufficient in case  
the Enemy should destroy or render useless those that they  
have now in their Fort. I shall take care to convey them  
up on the first Notice. Did I find myself empowered  
I would not lose a moment to lay in a Quantity of Provision  
but as the power of granting Money for such Uses rests in the  
Representations of the People in Assembly I can promise nothing  
more as to that matter than that I will attempt to make them  
sensible of the Necessity of granting such Supplies from the fatal  
Consequences that may attend their Neglect. In case I succeed  
with them I hope I shall find no great Difficulty in con-  
veying the Provisions to Fort Cumberland but I apprehend  
it will not be so easy a matter to get the Militia to march  
much farther tho' if we have Provisions to convey I will