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Spring, but failing herein (I believe the People began to think that as Troops were coming from Europe they had no Occasion to concern themselves any farther) I paid another Visit to the Camp, intending to carry them & keep the Men employed in building Store Houses &c. till I should be advised of the General's or the Troops Arrival. here on the 26th of Jan'y I had the Satisfaction to congratulate Sr J^r Blair on his Arrival, who came thither with a Design to see executed what I had begun, having given the Commisaries that Governor Dinwiddie had now appointed, Instructions about laying Provisions into the Magazine we returned to Williamsburg in hopes of finding the General by that time there, being disappointed in these Expectations I could not wait his Arrival by reason our Assembly was again about to meet, but left a Lett for him & as soon as I was released by the Assembly's Prorogation I waited on him the last week in March at Alexandria where he was just arrived & where the Regiments from Ireland were then disembarked & encamped. The 3rd of April the General came to Annapolis where he had appointed to have an Interview with Governor Shirley, who however did not come thither till the week following & then we proceeded to the General at Alexandria. With General Braddock I had the honour & satisfaction to welcome Commodore Shipple to Annapolis & from him to receive your Favour dated the

General Braddock stayed here three Days with a little Impatience & at his Return hence ordered the Regiments to move westward Col^o Walcott & the Train thro' Virg^a to Fort Cumberland & Colo. Dunbar on this Side Potomack to the same place