

Copy of Letter to His Ldp dated April 19th

My Ld

I am sorry to be obliged to acquaint your Ldp how various the House of Burgesses have shewn themselves to making any Amendments in the Suspension Law in Obedience to your Ldp Request & Requisition; of which I advised them as soon as I had the Honour to receive your Ldp's Instructions upon my communicating to the Gent^{rs} of the Council, the Address of the Lower House in answer to my message. They told me that the Obstinacy of the Delegates in that matter would determine them to prepare an Address to your Ldp which they hoped I would not refuse to present, & tho' I wd not presume to urge any thing myself after your Ldp has signified your pleasure & Determination concerning that Law yet I thought myself obliged to comply with their Desire by transmitting the inclosed in a Letter to your Ldp. The Proceedings of both Houses & the consequence & Issue of their Meeting with respect to the Pruning & Service on 5th they were convened your Ldp will learn from the Journals now sent to be submitted to your Ldp & I should receive the greatest Satisfaction from knowing that your Ldp does not disapprove of the part which I have acted therein. The Letter that I did myself the Honour to write the 12th of March informed your Ldp that General Braddock was then arriv'd together with the Train of Artillery, I can now acquaint your Ldp that the Regiments too mustering about 500 Men each were the 28th of that Month all disembark'd in good health & Spirits at Alexandria where they received the General's Orders to Encamp till enough Drafts from the Maryland & Virg^a Companies & recruits could join & compleat them to near 700 each, since his arrival the General has received Instructions to have those Regiments increased to 1000 each for which purpose Officers & parties of Men have been order'd into each part of this Province as well as Pens^a & Virg^a to recruit. The second Day after proroguing the Assembly I wait'd on & paid my Respects to General Braddock at Alexandria & the Tuesday following the General, Commodore Mifflin Gov^r Dinwiddie & the General's Aid de Camp & Secretary came hither in Expectation of meeting Governors Shirley, Delaney & Morris at this place but they not arrivng according to Appointment the General & Company