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He landed at Williamsburg, the Capital of Virginia, in the Month of February, 1755. All the Governors of the several English Provinces, had already received their Orders, which principally concerned the raifing of Troops and Money. A common Fund was to be established, for defraying the Expences of so important a Campaign: As to the rest, they were ordered to execute whatever was prescribed to them by the General, whose Abilities for War, deserved to have been employed in a better Cause.

He found at Williamsburg, Sir John St. Clair, who gave him an Account of the Disposition of the Colonies, and Situation of the Troops. The Independent Companies of New-York, were in a very bad Condition; and among the Provinces, Pennsylvania and Maryland, were far from furnishing their Quota. They had no Occasion to complain of their Neighbours the French, and they were not willing to interrupt an Harmony that was advantageous to their Trade and Commerce. The Orders of the Court of London, and the Letters which the General wrote upon his Arrival, had a greater Effect upon the other Colonies. In order to hasten the raising of Money, the General engaged to make himself accountable for the Manner in which it should be expended. M. Dinwiddie, Governor of Virginia, had found Means to raise 20,000 Pounds Serling: His Example kindled an Emulation in the other Governors; accordingly, the Assemblies of the Colonies were called to meet in the Month of May next

General Braddock appointed Alexandria for the Rendezvous of the Virginia and Maryland Troops; and, in-Read of quartering those he had brought from Europe, as he at first intended; he ordered the Transport Vessels to fail up the River Potomack, and to land them at Alexandria, in order to form a Camp there. + In the mean Time, he took care to establish Posts, that he might . * See No 13. maintain

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