

I shall not take Notice of, till I have first given a full Account of what passed in *America*, after the Arrival of General *Braddock*.

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 raising 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 Independant 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 Sterling: 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 ensuing.

General *Braddock* appointed *Alexandria* for the Rendezvous of the *Virginia* and *Maryland* Troops; and, instead of quartering those he had brought from *Europe*, as he at first intended; he ordered the Transport Vessels to sail 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 N^o 13.

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