

and the letters, which the general wrote on his arrival, met with more success among the other colonies. This gentleman, with a view to accelerate the money supplies, promised the several colonies to be personally accountable to them for the employment of them. M. Dinwiddie, governor of Virginia, had already succeeded, in raising 20,000 l. sterling; his example raised the emulation of the other governors. The assemblies of the colonies were ordered to meet the May following.

General Braddock appointed Alexandria to be the place of rendezvous for the troops of Virginia, and Maryland; and, instead of cautioning those he had brought with him from Europe, agreeable to his first design, he directed the transports to go up the river Potomac, and to land them at Alexandria, where they were to encamp\*.

He took care at the same time, that there should be posts at proper places, in order to keep up a safe correspondence, between the army, and the towns of Philadelphia, Annapolis in Maryland, and Williamsburgh: but, as there was no forage to be had on the other side of the mountains, before the end of April, the commencement of the attack was postponed till then.

No time was mispent in the interim. The generals first step was to lock up all the har-

\* See original Papers. No. 13.