

**George Washington to Thomas Johnson, 1762,
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***To THOMAS JOHNSON**

[Mount Vernon, 1762.]

Sir: At your request I [have searched] for the remarks [among] my Papers and found the remarks I made upon the Navigation of Potomack in the year 1754 and found that...a Letter which I wrote to a gentn. of our Assembly at that time *in Aug. 1754* the followg. is an extract thereof.¹

These Sir are the Observns...year 1754 when I hoped (upon seeing the practicability of the thing) that the expediency of...this Comn. wou'd have been attended to and that...our future operations wd. have been conducted thro this most national and po'mted Channel but Genl. Braddocks...late coming in Spring 1755 and hurry of business immediately upon his arrival allowed no time for...attempts of this sort and afterwards our Affairs as everybody knows took quite another and *a very different turn* and was conducted from a very difft. Quarter.

I cannot charge my Memory with any...further knowledge but you are welcome to make what use you...please of the Informn.

1t this point Washington copies verbatim his letter to Thomas Lee, dated 1ugust, 1754, ante. This draft is badly mutilated, and the missing portions are denoted above by dots(...). The words in brackets are supplied from surviving portions of the text.