

[Sharpe to Colonel Stanwix.]

Letter Bk. III

Annapolis the 25th of May 1757—

Sir

Your Letter of the 12th Inst I received yesterday from Fort Frederick where it had been left by the Person whom you ordered to call there in his way to Fort Cumberland but I understand that he would not proceed any farther alledging that he was unacquainted with the Road & that he did not engage to perform that Journey. I mention this that you may not expect him back with Answers to any Letters that you have sent to either of the Forts in Maryland or elsewhere. I have not sent any orders to Capt Dagworthy since our Assembly broke up, so I presume he will pay due obedience to such as you have given but if the Agents who are appointed to pay & victual our Troops by the Act of Assembly which directs such Troops to be raised & who are not dependant on me nor removeable while they regulate their Conduct by the said Act should refuse to advance Capt Dagworthy & Ioshua Beall any Pay or Provisions for themselves or their respective Companies while they remain at Fort Cumberland as a standing Garrison I am afraid the Officers will find it a difficult Task to keep the Men together even till they can send you Advice of their Situation. The Musters are to be taken for the first time the 10th of next Month when this Affair will be determined. I wish I may be able to get both Pay & Provisions issued for the Garrison of Fort Cumberland but as our Agents are apt to look on themselves as answerable only to the Assembly I cannot promise that they will comply with the Requisition of either of us however reasonable our Orders may be. The Men in the Pay of this Province when I attended the Earl of Loudoun at Phila^a amounted to about 250 as appeared by the Returns which the Officers sent to me at that place & which I presented to His Ldp. I had no power to order any Augmentation to be made till the Assembly should meet & grant a Sum of Money for that Purpose, indeed I thought & told his Ldp that 500 was a reasonable Quota for this Province to furnish & support & I could not but approve of his Ldp's Disposition of them when they should be raised,