

the Ascent up Sidling Hill is gradual the Descent on this Side pretty quick it is about a mile over, I suppose to make this mile a good Road would employ 200 men four Days. from the Foot of Sidling Hill to the Mouth of little Tonalloway Run the Distance is 7 miles over a gravelly Soil, I believe 100 men might make it a good Road in 2 Days. the Distance from little Tonalloway Run to Tonalloway Creek is two miles, here is already an old Waggon Road but it will require Widening & some Digging I suppose a hundred men would finish it in one Day. The Distance from Tonalloway Creek to Fort Frederick is 9 miles, near Licking Creek (which is about 3 miles from Fort Frederick) are some Rocky Points that ought to be blown (perhaps 7 or 8 Blasts will be enough to make the Road sufficiently wide for two Waggons to pass abreast. there must likewise be a Bridge thrown over Licking Creek which is about 80 yards wide & five Log Bridges ought to be made over as many small Gutts that intervene, I suppose it would require a hundred men about 17 Days to make these 9 miles a good Road. Upon the whole it is my opinion that a Road might be made between the two Forts which will not be 60 miles in Length & there will be no bad Pinches for Waggons to ascend nor any bad Fords which I submit to Your Excellency & am Sir &c
Evan Shelby—

Letter Bk. III

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Original.

Carlisle the 27th June 1758.

Dear Sir

I have received your Letters of the 23^d & 25th for which I am extremely obliged to you for the great care you have taken in promoting every part of the service, I hope by this time Captain Iocelyn has joined you, I shall make up his command to a hundred men, as soon as I can lay my hands on them; in the mean time I shall send you off three Companies of the Lower Counties with Major Wells of a hundred men each, I am not able to tell you if they can all march to morrow untill I see my next convoy up, I intend sending all the Shott and Shells by fort Frederick, for which purpose I beg you will get the Canoes on Pottomack collected, and as many made as possible. I shall pack off to morrow all the entrenching Tools I have at this place, which will be barely sufficient for your Service, but with a hundred & fifty good felling Axes some timber may be cut down. The second Engeneer on the Establishment shall attend you, I hope to learn his name to day at dinner, he has strong recommendation to your favour & protection from your friends in England,