

the lower Counties continued out some Days which must have occasioned a very considerable Expence to that Gov<sup>t</sup> Letter Bk. I.  
The Day after ours were dismissed I returned again to Annapolis & I have the pleasure to inform you that our Forwardness to march on this Alarm had so good an Effect on the Frontier Inhabitants that none of them left their Settlements on this occasion. I do not doubt but the Party of the Enemy that is come out will divide themselves & do mischief on the Frontiers of these provinces before they return to Fort Du Quesne indeed some Mischief has been already done by them in Pens<sup>a</sup> but as we have at this time upwards of 200 men at Fort Frederick I am in hopes that our People will be no great Sufferers. I have just hinted above that Capt Coolidge is arrived, the Ammunition that His Ldp was pleased to order by him & Capt Johnson has been all received.

[Col. Stanwix to Sharpe.]

Copy.

Camp near Carlisle, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1757

Sir

I Did Imagine that on receipt of an Acco<sup>t</sup> of our First Alarms being Contradicted that you would send home Your Militia; and am at the same time glad to hear that You can Depend upon 500 men, when any real occasion requires it, as You Apprehend it [is] for His Majesty's Service that an officer & Detachment from the two new Companies be sent to Reinforce Fort Cumberland, You'll be pleased to order it to be done in such proportion as You who must be the best Iudge think necessary. As to Your Assembly's not allowing their Provincial Troops being under my Command, if they knew how indifferent I was about that, they would make themselves very Easy; but I shall Continue to give my orders whenever it appears to me to be necessary and let the Disobedient answer for Consequences, and if at any time I Ioin theirs, or any other Provincial Troops have no Doubt about their obedience, as the military Act & Articles of War has adjusted these matters; as to provision left at Fort Cumberland I believe it from Reports being made to me that it is bad & unserviceable; therefore have given M<sup>r</sup> Ross by Capt Beal orders to Supply them with such fresh Provisions as may preserve the healths of men Employed so necessarily in His Majesty's Service. On my arrival here, I ordered on Complaint, an Inspection to be made of the Provincial Provisions being very bad, and not fit for human Creatures to be fed with in this pentifull Country, where I find every body is to be wholsomely fed, except those who are employed to protect others in Luxury & Wantonness; My Surgeon was one of the Inspectors, &