

Men that may be raised for His Majesty's Service in these parts he has ordered Capt Dagworthy to continue in his Command & to regard no orders but such as he shall receive from him alone. After such a Step I do not know that I can do any thing farther. Our Agents by what I understand do not think themselves at liberty to issue pay for any Captains or entire Companies that are posted as a Standing Garrison in Fort Cumberland, it will remain with Colonel Stanwix to persuade them to put a different Construction on our Act. but what I am most afraid of is that when the Assembly finds that their Resolutions are so little regarded they will be more averse to granting large Supplies for His Majesty's Service. I was surprized that my Letter of the 5th of May had not reached you as a Gentleman of our Council who was going to Potowmack promised to forward it to you. I presume it has been dld before this time but lest it should not I send you inclosed another Copy of the Return that was made to me of the Provisions that were left at Fort Cumberland when your Troops were withdrawn. As there is a much greater quantity of Fish & some other Stores than our Men will consume or will have occasion for the Person who contracts to victual our Troops cannot be accountable for more than he can tell what to do with. As to the Beef the men will not touch it nor indeed is it fit for food; but for the Flour & any other Provisions that are wholesome & will be of use to him M^r Ross the Contractor is ready to pay either in money or the same Species & I beleive is going to Winchester to treat with Colo. Washington & to learn Your Pleasure concerning this matter. I informed you in my last that I had received a message from a Party of Cherokees that were come into Fort Frederick, & that the Assembly had impowered me to send them Goods to the Amount of £100 as a present with my answer This I thought a very poor Gift but as the Indians had before M^r Wolstenholme & M^r Ridout could go up to deliver it, been out & returned with the Scalps of 4 Indian Enemies that they had killed on the Frontiers of Pens^a the Gentⁿ found themselves at liberty to make such an Addition to the Present as rendered it very acceptable. As I thought the Interpreter deserved & would expect something & as I had it not in my power to do any thing else for him, I permitted the Gentⁿ to offer him a Commission in one of our New Companies not that he should be confined to the Duty of such Company but only that he might be entituled to some pay or Reward from this Province while he is serving His Majesty & these Colonies by attending our Indian Allies as an Interpreter. I do not suppose that these New Companies will be long kept up but perhaps the Commission will be