

who have engaged to attend you, & as they have behaved themselves on all occasions particularly in the Service which involved them in the Difficulties they have long laboured under but now hope to be relieved from in a manner becoming Gentlemen of honour & Spirit I shall think myself much obliged to Your Excellency for shewing them any favour & hope if the Commissioners are satisfied with the Papers they bring their Business will be finished with all convenient Dispatch. With respect to the Sum of £719 15 6 which in their Report to the Lds of the Treasury the Earl of Loudon Gen^l Abercrombie & Gen^l Stanwix reported to be due to myself I know not what kind of Vouchers may be expected, I shall therefore only take the Liberty to inform Your Excellency that having been desired by Gen^l Shirley to meet him at N York in Nov^r 1755 I was detained there so long as made it impossible for me to return home within eight weeks; that having repaired to Phila^a in febr^y 1757 at the Instance of the Earl of Loudon I was detained there upwards of five weeks & you may remember Sir that I took the same Journey again in Feb^y 1759 at Your Excellency's Desire tho I had not the pleasure you had by your Letter given me room to expect. Finding our Frontier Inhabitants would otherwise abandon their Settlements I continued during the months of June July & August 1756 at a considerable Expence in that part of the province which was most exposed to the Indian Incursions with a Number of Voluntiers whom I had engaged to accompany me & was prevailed on by Brig^r Forbes to perform again the same Service during the greatest part of June July Augst Sept^r & Oct^r 1758 in order that he might be at liberty to draw all the Regulars & Provincials from Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick which places I at that time garrisoned with Voluntiers from our Militia. The extraordinary Expences I was put to by the abovementioned Journies & Services together with £73 2 6 which I paid for Letters & Expresses sent to or by me on Account of His Majesty's Service between the years 1755 & 1759 amounted I am confident & I doubt not but Your Excellency will think so to a much larger Sum than I chose to mention to the Secretary of State to whom indeed I never should have preferred any Claim had there been the least probability of my being otherwise reimbursed. In case Your Excellency or the Commissioners to whom this Affair may be referred should be satisfied of the Justice & reasonableness of my Claim by the Report of the three Generals thereon M^r Ross is impowered by me to receive & give a Discharge for the money reported to be due to me, but if a particular Account of every Sum I disbursed & for what it was paid is required I will as far as may be in my power state