

Letter Bk. III 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. & those of them that were not sent off with the Canoes being as many as the Governor could then furnish with Tools have been at work ever since on the Road between that Bridge & this Place. On the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst Major Wells arrived here with two Companies of the Delaware Troops & 27 waggons loaded with Ball & some Tools. They encamped & all of them stayed here the next Day. Very early on the 5<sup>th</sup> the Remainder of Capt Jocelyne's Detachment & one hundred of the Best Men of the two Delaware Companies marched over Licking Creek to open a Road from the Bridge to Sidling Hill. The Governor went & staid with them till the Afternoon when He, Major Wells & Capt Shelby escorted by a Party of Militia which went from this Fort & a few of Major Wells's men left Capt Jocelyne & proceeded towards the Town Creek, His Excellency being willing to review the Road himself which Capt Shelby had laid out. The Governor expected to be back this Evening, but I do not think it very improbable if his Party of Militia did not seem averse to it, that he is gone on to Fort Cumberland to persuade the Commanding Officer of the Virg<sup>a</sup> Forces to assist Capt Dagworthy in opening the Road from that Fort to the Town Creek, should that be the Case he will not return hither before to morrow Evening or Monday morning when the Governor left this Place he expected that the North Carolina Troops & Major Wells's other Company would have been here before this time & had they arrived I understood that they & the Remainder of Major Wells's People were to have been supplied with Provisions & Tools & to have went on to Capt Jocelyne who would have known how to dispose of them, but I hear that the Carolina Troops which were at Alexandria being in Number about 150 men marched thence to Winchester last Tuesday Sennight. One of Major Wells's men was removed down the Country yesterday on account of his having the Small Pox, He says that he took the Infection at Carlyle, he & some of his Comrades having been in a House at that place where the Family had it. As it will be impossible to get all the Stores that are here conveyed up to Fort Cumberland by water within this Fortnight & as it is uncertain whether this New Road will be made in any reasonable time since the Number of Men employed on it is so small, I imagine the Governor would be glad to know on what Day at farthest these Stores must necessarily be at Fort Cumberland, that in case the New Road cannot be finished nor the Stores be all conveyed up by water before that time he might send down the Country & impress a number of waggons to carry them up thro Virginia. Should you have occasion to send any other Express hither it will be best for