

mountains. this has occasioned an extraordinary Expence & Letter Bk. II.  
as M<sup>r</sup> Gist had pledged the publick Faith for their payment, I  
thought myself obliged lest that should suffer & to induce the  
Herdsmen to take care of the Cattle till they can be killed to  
advance them in part of their wages 15 Pistoles. I was much  
concerned having such frequent & incessant Applications  
made to me all the time I tarried at the Camp by numbers of  
People who have credited M<sup>r</sup> Carlyle & His Agents on the  
publick Account; such Delay as they complain of in satisfying  
their Demands has reduced the publick Credit to a very Low  
Ebb which will be attended with very bad Consequences I am  
afraid unless some Steps can be taken to retrieve it. I hope  
you will be pleased to order M<sup>r</sup> Carlyle without farther Hesi-  
tation to discharge all Debts that he has contracted with any  
of those people particularly the person whose waggon was  
pressed to bring off the men who were unfortunately wounded p. 36  
at the Engagement at the Meadows. I was importuned also  
a good Deal by M<sup>r</sup> Gists Creditors with some of whom I am  
indeed somewhat suspicious that he has hardly acted the  
honest part; wherefore I would beg the favour of you to  
signify to me what sums were advanced to him when He was at  
Williamsburg & for what uses that I may examine whether all  
the Complaints against him are without foundation I was told  
that He did receive several Sums of Money of you to discharge  
a good many Debts but that instead of appropriating it in that  
manner He paid off with part thereof some old Debts that he had  
contracted on his own private Account & with the Remainder  
purchased a Quantity of Goods to trade with also on his own  
Account. Gist acknowledged to me that He had received  
£45. for Andrew Montour but Montour did not receive a  
Farthing thereof by which He complained to me that His  
private Affairs & Credit had received no small Detriment,  
wherefore I was induced to advance him £25. His Sallary as  
Indian Interpreter & £20. towards defraying the Expence of  
the 18 Men raised by Your Order & supported from the 26<sup>th</sup>  
of May to the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. A Copy of his Account I  
herein inclose. the Money I advanced him made him pretty  
easy for the present but as He declares himself in want of  
more, I hope if his Account cannot be objected to the Arrears  
will be much reduced by another payment His Behaviour  
while I was at the Camp prejudiced me in his favour & as I  
esteem him a very useful Person I will endeavour by all means  
to keep him firm in our Interest. I find He has some Expec- p. 37  
tations of being considered for his Attendance & Services at  
the Treaty which M<sup>r</sup> Innes held at Wills Creek with some of  
the Chiefs of the six nations if you approve of giving him  
any thing more than his Allowance you will be pleased to