

26<sup>th</sup> of last Month, the Acc<sup>t</sup> is made up for him by some of the Woodsmen, who are a very bad set of People he may be a very useful Man if he can be kept from these Wretches; If he is allowed his own Pay & Salary he cannot expect to be paid as Interpreter at the last Treaty—I dare say Johnstons Beeves are included in the 306 I paid, & am convinced all the Supply of Flour was paid, they therefore do wrong in not paying him. Gist was never employ'd by me to make any Contracts if he was by M<sup>r</sup> Carlyle he is to answer for him. If you desire it, I will pay for the Beeves at M<sup>r</sup> Cresaps when I know the Amo.—I am not a Judge of Waggon &c but as they are much wanted, I think you shou'd purchase Twenty, & when you write me I shall either send Money or a Bill of Exch<sup>a</sup> to pay for them; four of them to be sent from Wills's Creek to Winchester will be constantly employ'd in carrying Provisions &c. to the Camp & probably may have the good Effect of engaging the Country People to hire their Waggon at moderate Prices. I shall be glad if the Method you propose for Conveying Provisions &c from Belhaven by Rock Creek, Conegocheek &c may prove Successful, but I fear in Freshes the Battoes cannot go up, & in Sum̄er they will want Water, but a Tryal will not be amiss. In the mean Time I have ordered flat bottom'd Boats to be built on all the runs from Winchester to Wills's Cre'k, such that will receive a Waggon; & I am told by cutting a new road from Winchester to Wills's Creek, they can shorten the way 30 Miles, which I have ordered to be done—I shall endeavour to procure some Carpenters. I think there is at Alexandria Cartridge Paper, Flint & Match, the other Things I shall endeavour to procure I shall send the Wampum up. Raingers are surely a very necessary People as Scouts, but pray be on your Guard in respect to the Traders, who appear to me to be an abandon'd sett of Fellows, however if you can pick out such you can confide in they will be of great use on many occasions—M<sup>r</sup> Cox know no more of him, than a small Knowledge of him formerly in Bermuda, but his Character with you is the only rule to guide in Affairs of that Nature, & I therefore will by no means interfere.—M<sup>r</sup> Burney was very solicitous with me for a Comission, which I by no means tho't him equal to, but proposed his acting as Armourer at 2/6 p Day, he refused & pray'd my Letter to you—Col<sup>o</sup> Stephens wrote me you had advanc'd him some Money for recruiting. The S<sup>o</sup> Carolina Comp<sup>a</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> be supplied with Blankets, but this Colony will not pay for them; as they are a very good Company, I think the Cap<sup>t</sup> may draw for such necessary Supply the N. York Company's must pay for theirs—It was entirely right & kind of you to send to the Catawbias, informing them of the Warriors that were gone out against them to put them