

[Sharpe to Morris.]

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S^r July 15th 1755—

The inclosed was just now sent me from Marlbro whither it was brought from Belhaven yesterday I have not rec^d any Letters from the General or the Camp since the 22^d of Iune but one M^r who belongs to the Train [in a Lett^r to a Gentⁿ of this Town dated near the Great Meadows the first of this Month says on the 9th of last Month the whole Army (except 600 Men with S^r Iohn S^t Clair who marched two Days before) went from Wills-Creek & with infinite Difficulty thro the worst Roads in the world arrived 10 Days afterwards at the little Meadows where an Abatie was made by S^r Iohn & two Engineers encircling the whole Camp. Here the whole halted 3 Days; then the Barronet with his party moved forwards & the 2^d Day after the General with 4 Howitzers, 4 twelve Pounders, 13 Artillery Waggon besides Ammunition Carts followed him & have kept marching on ever since; & this Evening tis expected His Excellency will be within 25 miles of the Fort. Colo Dunbar with the Remainder of the Army, four Artillery Officers, 84 Carriages with Ordnance Stores & all the Provision Waggon form the Rear amongst whom I have the honour to be—The Night before last we were alarmed 4 different times by the skulking Indians on whom our Out Guards & Centries fired. We have had 3 People scalpt but it happened thro their own Imprudence in loitering behind too far, Tis said this morning the General has had Advice that 500 Regulars are in full March to the Fort which is the Reason his determined to be there before them. As we have had but very little fresh Provisions since we left the Fort at Wills Creek the Officers as well as the private men have been & still are extremely ill with the Flux many have dyd. To Morrow morning we march again & are to encamp on the Western Side of the Great Meadows. From hence we are to proceed after the Gen^l but am fearful it will not be before we have built some Fortification there & left a strong Party of Men with a great Deal of Provisions & Artillery Stores, our Horses being so weak for want of Food & Rest that it is impossible for the whole Rear to join the Front in 25 Days.] The Gentⁿ of this Province are subscribing liberally towards the support of 200 or 300 Men I shall sett off for Frederick in 2 Days

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