

much longer without Pay & the late Conduct & Resolutions of our Assembly forbid me to hope that they will appropriate any money to pay the Arrears that are now due to them which amount I apprehend to about £5000 Currency or £3125 st<sup>s</sup> Was this Debt to be now discharged I doubt not but the men to whom the money is due would readily serve the ensuing Campaign in hopes that the Assembly will enable me to pay them off at the End of the Summer tho they should at this time refuse to grant any money for their Support, but if those Arrears cannot be paid unless our Assembly will at their next Meeting appropriate a Sum of Money for that purpose I hope you will be pleased to order some other Troops immediately to Fort Cumberland lest Accidents should happen for tho I can promise you that no Endeavours of mine shall be wanting to induce our Assembly to grant large Supplies & to exert their utmost Strength on this occasion yet I cannot promise you that my Endeavours will be effectual, indeed the late Conduct & Resolutions of the Gent<sup>n</sup> who compose the Lower House of Assembly discourage me as I have already hinted from entertaining very sanguine hopes of Success.

I have agreeable to your Desire given orders for a General Embargo to be laid in all the Parts of this Province, & I embrace this opportunity of assuring you that I shall always think myself happy in being able to execute any other Commands that you may have occasion to send me being with the most sanguine Wishes for your Excellency's Success & prosperity—

[Forbes to Sharpe. Mar. 21, 1758.]

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Sir

His Excellency Major General Abercromby having (pursuant to His Majestys Directions) appointed me to the Command of the Kings Regular Forces and provincial Troops, who are to be employ'd jointly, in the operations to be carried on this ensuing Campaign to the Southard of Pensilvania included.

And as a great part of this Force, is to consist of the Southern provincial Troops of Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, I make no manner of doubt, but these Provinces from their zeal for the publick service, will most chearfully and unanimously join, in Raising with the greatest dispatch, the body of men expected from them for the defence of their own Colonies & the Honour and support of His Majestys Dominions in North America. I must therefore beg that the officers, and Soldiers employ'd for this Service, be able bodied good men, capable of endureing Fatigue, & that there Arms, be the best that can be found in the Province.