

As Carpenters, and Axe men, are absolutely necessary in the back Country, I must beg leave to Recommend to you, that a number of those men be sent & likewise that the Province will send twenty, or thirty men, mounted upon light servisable Horses, & every way Accouter'd, to serve in conjunction with those furnish'd by the other Provinces, as a body of light Horse, from which I expect very important service.

I am given to understand, that the Inhabitants upon the Confines, being much used to Woods, and Hunting would consiquently make good Rangers, in which case, I am to beg, you will give Directions for the forming your properest men, into such a Company, with good officers, who know the Country to conduct them, As the Roads from Lancaster in Pensilvania to Williams's Ferry upon the Potowmack, may want considerable Repairs, & Widening for the Carriages of Cannon &c

I have therefore wrote to the Governor of Pensilvania for that purpose, in order that these Roads may be Repaired by the Inhabitants of Pensilvania, and Maryland.

And you will be so good to give your orders, about the Road leading from Williams's Ferry, to Fort Cumberland, espetially the Road from Colonel Cressop's to Fort Cumberland, which may be mended in some measure, by your people now at that Fort.

Sr John Sr Clair informs me, that you have a body of Cherokee Indians at Fort Fredrick upon the Potowmack, which I must beg you will be so good as order to be taken care of, untill we can assemble our people which I hope may be done by the 20<sup>th</sup> April, and as I propose Canegocheeque for a Rendevouze for the Pensilvania Troops, and Regulars from Philadelphia, I beg you will order the Maryland People, to Fredrick town in Maryland by that time, where if they cannot have provisions deliverd to them by our Contractors, I will allow of four pence sterling p<sup>r</sup> day, to each Effective man in lieu of provisions.

As there is some times a great deal of time lost in Cloathing, and furnishing out Provintial Troops, I should think therefore that whatever time is lost in that sort of Equipment, is a real loss, as a good man in any Cloaths, and a Blanket, may well answer the purposes required of him.

As there will be a great deal of Forrage wanted for the support of our Waggon & Baggage horses, I therefore beg that you will order as much Hay, Indian Corn, and oats, to be laid up at Canogocheeque, as the Country can afford, & I will send an officer there to Receive, & pay for it, according to the Current price of the Country.

If it could possibly be contrived some Intelligent