

person up to the Ohio, and Fort Duquesne, to get some Intelligence of the Enemys situation in those parts, I should make it very well worth his while perhaps Cap^t Dagworthy at Fort Cumberland, might find some such person to send. Who likewise, as well as all your out posts, might have orders to send out frequent Scouting partys to keep the Enemy at a distance, & prevent their prying into our preparations.

They say there is one Fraser at Wills's Creek who knows all the Ohio Indians perfectly well.

I shall be extreamly proud of the pleasure of your acquaintance, but it would be too great presumption in me, to wish to see you at Philadelphia, where I must remain untill I can get every thing sent away, however, your zeal & warmth for His Majestys Service, and the good of these Colonies, makes me flatter myself with the hopes of your assistance, in the Conduct of the ensuing Campaign.

I must beg the favour, that you will order a Return of your Troops as they now stand, to be

they are

your province

for

of the present year, & what

you have of Compleating them

for me at Philadelphia

I am with very great regard

your most obedient &

most Hum^{ble} Serv^t

Jo: fforbes.

[Abercromby to Sharpe.]

Original.

New York March 22^d 1758

Sir

As there are a large Number of Men to be raised in this Country, pursuant to His Majestys Commands, signified to me by M^r Secretary Pitt's Letter of the 30th of December last, which will require a much larger Quantity of Provisions (than was before apprehended to be necessary the effectual Supply of this additional [Number] of Troops; which will render it requisite to empress all Kinds of Provisions for this Service I must therefore desire you, Sir, that you will take the proper Measures, that all such Provisions as the Army under my Command may want, shou'd be impressed secured and deliver'd to the Contractors or their Agents, they paying a Reasonable Price for the same. And I desire that you will appoint proper Persons to settle and fix an equal Price between the Owners & Contractors, [that] there may be no Ground or Reason of Complaint on either side.