

me with a speedy answer & if you possibly can to enable me to fulfill the Earl of Loudoun's Engagement. Did I think there was the least probability that our two Houses of Assembly would agree on a Bill for raising a Sum of Money at this time for His Majesty's Service or that they would hereafter reimburse the Officers the Expences they may have been already put to I should not be so pressing but the Gentⁿ who compose our Lower House of Assembly have come to a Resolution that they will not raise any Money uness the Upper House will give their Assent to a Bill w^{ch} they have twice refused because they thought it an unconstitutional & unreasonable one, which is much the same as if they had declared that they would neither provide for the payment of the men that are now on our Frontiers nor comply in any respect whatever with His Majesty's Requisition. If you should be averse to paying off the Arrears that are due to our Troops it will in my opinion be expedient to order some others to relieve them as soon as possible lest Fort Cumberland should e'er long be without a Garrison but this I submit to your better Judgment. Inclosed you have an Extract of a Speech that I made Yesterday to the Cherokees that are now at Annapolis, they have not yet given me an answer but I understand from the Interpreter that they have had a Council & are resolved to comply with my Request in every Respect I mean that they will immediately send a Party out to the Ohio with some of our People to get some Prisoners while the Rest of them range on the Frontiers & that they will certainly join you at Fort Frederick or the mouth of Conogochiegh at the End of one month which will in all probability be as soon as the party can return from the Ohio.

Letter Bk. III

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Original.

Philadelphia April the 8th 1758

Dear Sir,

I received your Letter of the 29th of March, two days ago, with a draft of the environs of Fort Frederick, I have ordered Lieutenant Bassett, who is one of our Engineer's, to go from Lancaster and do the Necessary repairs on that Road, and have given him an Extract of your Letter for his Guidance; I have given him money to carry on that Service, to build Flatts and repair the Magazines at Fort Frederick, I have wrote to Captain Beall to give him all manner of Assistance, I have sent Capt. Beall 600 dollars which will go a little way in purchasing Provender until I can get up into that Country, which will be about a fortnight hence.

I send you by this Express 600 dollars for Col^o Prather,