

may be indebted whatever their Arrears of Pay at that time shall amount to, which will not I suppose be so much as the Bounty Money that you allow for Recruits. Letter Bk. III

I had received a Copy of the Charge agst Capt Pearis before I was favoured with your Lett^r which as I had repeatedly given him peremptory Instructions to concern himself on no account with the Cherokees farther than to interpret between them & the Commanding Officer at Fort Cumberland did not a little surprize me, but the Report of a Court of Enquiry which has been appointed to enquire into the Affair together with M^r Smith's opinion that little Credit ought to be given to the Indian's Information inclines me to think that Capt Pearis has not acted such a Part as he is represented to have done by the Minutes you were pleased to send me, however to remove all occasion for such kind of Complaints for the future I was determined in case our Troops had been still kept up to supersede him & to leave it to the General to do with him afterwards as he should think fit.

I am obliged to you for your Answer to the Request I was importuned by Colonel Cresap to make & will take the Liberty to communicate it to him.

[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

15th of May 1758.

D^r S^r

It was not till Saturday last that I gave over all hopes of prevailing with our Assembly to grant a Sum of Money for the Support of a Number of Troops to act under the Command of General Forbes & to garrison the Forts on our Frontiers during the Continuance of the Expedition, but the Resolutions which the Lower House came to on that Day convinced me that no Supplies could be expected afterwards & laid me under the necessity of putting an End to the Session. This being the Case I shall (as soon as a Court in which I am obliged to preside is over) repair with all possible Dispatch to Fort Frederick in hopes of meeting either yourself or the General somewhere on the Frontiers about the 22^d or 23^d Inst. I sent the 600 Dollars to Col^o Prather a few Days after I received Your Lett^r of the 8th of April & I had before that time given Instructions to the Commanding Officers at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick to obey & execute any orders that they should receive from the General or Yourself. In a Letter that I wrote to the General the 27th of April I told him that there were at Fort Cumberland the 8th of March last 220 Men exclusive of Commission'd & non Commission'd Officers & that the Number then at Fort Frederick was 114, this was