

him for an Escort. I should be obliged to you if you will buy me 6 Grind stones and send them to Bassett to carry with him.

Should the Tools not have past Connegogee I have ordered Col<sup>o</sup> Prather to stop them, and send a Message to M<sup>r</sup> Bassett in his Letter.

Be so good as to let me know if you can send any Militia to Fort Cumberland by the 10<sup>th</sup> of Iune that Garrison will be relieved, and it is expected by your Militia I should be glad to know for certain if you can do it.

I am with a true & Sincere Reg<sup>d</sup>

Dear Gov<sup>r</sup>

Your most obedient and

most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

John S<sup>t</sup> Clair

[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

Letter Bk. III

Frederick Town the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1758.

S<sup>r</sup>

I have received your Lett<sup>r</sup> of the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst as well as that dated the 26<sup>th</sup> but it really is not in my Power to supply any Troops which you may have occasion to march thro this Province either with Provisions or Waggon. Experience has taught me that no Press Warrants of mine will be regarded unless a large Party of Soldiers is sent to attend the Pressmaster & to take Charge of what he might be ordered to impress, besides you do not say where the Waggon that you demand are to attend nor indeed is such a Number to be got here on any Terms. I wrote to the Commanding Officer at Fort Frederick immediately on my Return from Winchester & the Carbines are already carried to Williams's at the mouth of Conegochiegh. I have likewise sent 8 Waggon to Annapolis for the Arms that you desired might be brought hither & I expect them back on Thursday next or on Friday at farthest. I hope you have by this time received Instructions from the General relative to the Payment of the Troops that are in Garrison at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick & that have now served near 8 months without Pay, I cannot help being uneasy about them as it is owing to the Encouragement which I have given the Officers in Consequence of the Earl of Loudoun's & General Forbes's Letters that the men have kept together so long & unless the General will order Payment to be made for the Provisions which they have been supplied with very shortly the Person that has victualled them must be inevitably ruined. Be pleased to let me know what Rout you intend to take & when you propose to be in Maryland