

Letter Bk. III that I might meet You, if you cross Maryland above this Place I shall upon the Receipt of your Answer proceed to Fort Frederick for I learn from an Officer who came thence Yesterday morning that no Person in or about the Fort has been taken ill of the small Pox these 9 Days, that those few who were taken ill before that time are confined to a House which is built at a considerable Distance from the Fort & that all but one of them are already recovered.

Original.

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Winchester May 30<sup>th</sup> 1758D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I inclose you a Letter I received last night from Gen<sup>l</sup> Forbes, I had one from him likewise but it contain'd nothing more than orders for me, to do, what is already executed.

I must beg the favour of you to send me up from Frederick Town 400 of your musketts and the Carbines &c. you may have received from Annapolis, so soon as I get these arms Col<sup>o</sup> Byrd shall march to Col<sup>o</sup> Bouquet to strengthen him w<sup>t</sup> 4 Comp<sup>ys</sup> of his Reg<sup>t</sup>

A party is this moment come in from fort du Quesnee with one Scalp, they were very near the fort and say there are no great numbers of men at it. I am

Dear Governour  
Your most obedient and most  
humble Servant  
John S<sup>t</sup> Clair

To Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe

Original.

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Winchester May 31<sup>st</sup> 1758Dear Gov<sup>r</sup>

Your Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month I received this afternoon. When I wrote to you I did not imagine you cou'd either provide me with Provisions or Waggons, but before I take either the one or the other it is my duty to ask you. I am glad the Carabines &c are at Conegogee. The one half of the troops go to Shippensbourg and the other half to Fort Cumberland, so that 6 Comp<sup>ys</sup> march to morrow to the northward and so soon as I get your Arms for 400 more they shall take the same Route. And I shall prepare the other half as fast as possible to move to the Westward, but I do not think I shall be able to put that division in motion till the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month. after that I shall be at your disposal

I hope to get an explicite answer about y<sup>r</sup> troops at fort