

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

Frederick Town, the 1st of June 1758.

D. S.

As soon as the Waggons that are gone to Annapolis return hither I shall send some of them to Winchester with 400 of the Musketts & you may expect them there next Sunday or Monday. In the Letter which you sent me from General Forbes & which was dated the 25th of May is the following Paragraph "I am greatly at a Loss & much distressed how to act with regard to the 300 men that you had at Fort Cumberland & Frederick in the Province Pay. As you have said nothing about them I hope they continue as they were until I have the Pleasure of seeing you ; At the same time I should be well pleased that they could be all got together at Fort Cumberland as by that means Part of Col^o Washington's Virginia Regiment might march to Fort Frederick in order to join the other Troops at Ray's Town, but as you will see S^r John S^t Clair I think those Things may be easily settled for the best. Since I left Winchester I have given orders for reducing the Company that was commanded by Capt Pearis & distributing the Men that composed it into the other four which will make them I apprehend about 90 men a Company including Officers; 122 of these are at Fort Frederick & the mouth of Conegochiegh, by a Return which I received yesterday from the Commanding Officer at that Fort I find that 60 of those had the Small Pox many years ago & that 25 of the 60 have been these five Days at Conegochiegh under the Command of Capt Ioshua Beall that in Case you should think proper to send a Party to Fort Cumberland there might not be the least Danger of their carrying any Infection. Capt. A. Beall assures me that none of the men under his Command except two are suffered to go to the House where those that had the Small Pox were & he seems very sanguine in his hopes that he shall be able to hinder the Distemper from Spreading.

[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

M^r Darnall's near Frederick Town, the 3^d of June 1758.
D^r S^r

Since the General leaves it entirely to you & me to settle & pay what is due to the Troops that are in Garrison at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick It is time I think you should know what Sum will be sufficient that you may proceed to coin as soon as you please for that purpose. By the inclosed Sketch or general Account you will see that there was due to our Troops the 8th of April last a Trifle more than £4536 Cur-