

Letter Bk. III would soon agree upon a Bill for paying them that had prevented their disbanding themselves before that time. In case the General will fulfill the Earl of Loudoun's Engagement with respect to the Maryland Troops & will forthwith advance as much money as is due to them & to the Person by whom they have been victualled He might if he thinks proper allude to this Address in the Demand that I presume he will make on this Province & I am really of opinion that our Lower House of Assembly will think themselves in some Sort bound by these Declarations of theirs to repay at some future Session whatever Sum the General shall advance for the Payment of our Troops to the time that that Address was presented or to the End of their last Session; but concerning this Matter I shall communicate my Sentiments to you more fully when the General has given you an explicit answer & when I have the pleasure of seeing you after you can leave Winchester. The inclosed Extract of a Letter from Doctor Ross to M^r Ridout will shew you that it is high time a fresh Supply of Provisions was sent to Fort Cumberland especially as you are about to reinforce that Garrison, As I have not desired Doctor Ross to send up any because I know that he is already too much indebted to the Frontier Inhabitants to be able to procure a quantity entirely on Credit, You will be pleased to give such orders for victualling the Troops at Fort Cumberland & to such Person as you shall think fit—

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[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

Winchester June 3^d 1758

Dear Governor.

I find it impossible for Me to carry on the Service to the Likeing of every Body without having a Meeting with Col^o Bouquet; as he proposes to leave Carlisle on Monday I have wrote to him to come to Conogogee on Teusday, which I dare say he will agree to, and I have told him you will be at our Congress. Should Col^o Bouquet not come it is highly necessary I should see you to regulate the Affair of your Forces which I received a Power to do last Night. Col^o Byrd comes with Me, so remember some Provision may be wanted, I have nothing of that Kind with Me at this Place.

I have received 17 Carbines from Fort Cumberland and Nothing else, whenever your Arms come here, I shall send Them to Frederick Town, they are good for Nothing. I must entreat you to send Me 200 Firelocks, besides those I wrote to you for, as I shall want Them, and enquire if any Blankets are at Frederick Town, that we may send for Them if wanted. I should be glad, if any are to be bought at Bladensburg, you