

agreeing at this time to raise & Support Soldiers for the Defence of that place they should take a Burthen on themselves which they will be unable afterwards to get quit of, & fearing also lest by an officer of ours having the Command of the Fort the Expence of furnishing all the Indians that may declare in our favour & come thither with Provisions & other necessaries should fall on this Province, I say it might be presumed that such Considerations as these have determined them to take such a Resolution but whatever their Reasons are I find they will not recede & therefore I should be much obliged to you for ordering any Officer who will command our Subalterns to relieve Dagworthy that himself & his Company may again be intitled to their Pay & Provisions I shall order him to leave 120 of our Men as Detachments from his & the other Companies & as soon as our Troops can be augmented to 500 as proposed the Detachments shall if you think proper amount to 250. As soon as Colo Stanwix received my Lett<sup>r</sup> he wrote to the Officers commanding at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick to the following purport "As I have the honour to be left in the Command of these Southern Provinces My orders to you is this that you continue in this Command of Fort with your Garrison of Men till you receive further Orders from me & from me only as you will be answerable at Your Peril, You are to continue to cherish & support the friendly Indians as it has been usual on this Frontier & have no doubt but proper methods will be fallen upon to pay this so necessary an Expence & You may rest assured of my utmost Aid & Assistance in every thing in my power Governor Sharpe tells me that your Province of Maryland are for no Captains, you are put under my Command as one & shall not part with you of whom I have so good a Character & I will be answerable for Your Pay as long as you are employed of which at present I can see no End & both you & Your Company during this Command are entitled both to your Pay & Provisions let those be who they will that can be so much an Enemy to their King & Country think or say otherwise." As the Assembly had shewn such an Aversion to any of the Maryland Troops being posted at Fort Cumberland the Agents whom they had appointed to pay them & to contract with a Person to victual them engaged one M<sup>r</sup> David Ross to deliver as much Provisions at Fort Frederick as the Troops should have occasion for, but they would not be prevailed on to pay for the Carriage of any that should be sent thence to Fort Cumberland, This matter being represented to Colo. Stanwix by the Commanding Officer at Fort Frederick, the Colonel wrote to him in Answer, "It is my express Orders that M<sup>r</sup> Ross do at all times convey & supply