

Frederick are to march towards Fort Cumberland about the 16th Inst. & I shall then garrison the former Place with two Companies of Militia which I have ordered out from the interior Part of this County for that Purpose. I find that the Army is to march thro Pens^a to Rays Town, & not by Fort Frederick as I expected. Many of the Cherokees that were lately on the Frontiers of these Provinces are returned home on various Pretences, & I am much afraid that very few or not more than a hundred of them at most will stay & act in Conjunction with our Forces during the Campaign. &c—

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[Col. Bouquet to Sharpe.]

Original.

Conigogegh 13th June 1758.

Sir

As it will be of the greatest benefit to His Majesty's Service, to have a road of communication open from Each of the Provinces to Fort Cumberland. I am under the necessity of requesting of you, to have the straightest Road reconnoitred, leading from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland: Recommending to those you appoint to mark it out. to report the time that 500 men will take to cut it: any Expencc you may be at shall be paid by Sir John S^t Clair; as he will be the nearest to you, Please to send him the Report of it, that if found practicable, he may send Troops to work at it.

I am with the highest Regard

Sir

Your most obed^t
and most humb^{le} Serv^t
Henry Bouquet

To the Honble Gov^r Sharpe.

[Sharpe to St. Clair.]

Letter Bk. III

14th of June 1758. Fort FrederickS^r

This Day I send off the Camp Kettles &c. for Winchester & M^r Shelby setts off to Morrow in order to reconnoitre & blaze the Road from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland. Inclosed you have the account of 70 Blanketts sent by my order to Winchester which were delivered to Colo Byrd the 9th of this Inst. With the great Pains that Capt Bosomworth & Capt Pearis have taken 9 Indians out of 14 have been prevailed on to march to Fort Loudoun & continue the Campaign. There are about 20 Indians at Fort Cumberland which I am apprehensive may be for returning back to their