

Letter Bk. III this Province but if any Person could be sent to Frederick Town I believe he might get many, the owners of which may decline going to Carlyle upon what they will perhaps think an uncertainty notwithstanding I have told them they will certainly be engaged & taken into immediate Pay. Be pleased to send me an Acco' of the Quantity & Kind of Provisions that is allowed to the King's Forces in America every week or Day that ours may be victualled after the same manner I

Copy of Capt Shelby's Report. Fort Frederick the 25th of June 1758.

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In obedience to Your Excellency's Orders communicated to me the 15th Inst I have reconnoitred the Country that lies between this Place & Fort Cumberland & am of opinion that a good Road might be made between these two Forts by the following Rout, From Fort Cumberland to Evat's Creek 5 Miles over a good gravelly & level Soil, I think a good Road might be opened between these two places in two Days by 50 Men, the Distance from Evats Creek to a small Run called Flint Stone Run is 5 miles the Land is pretty Level & firm I am of opinion that 50 men might make this a good Road in two Days. From Flint Stone Run to Town Creek is 6 miles a level gravelly Soil, there is heavy Timber on it for the Distance of about 3 miles. I suppose 50 Men would open this Road in five or six Days at the Distance of two or three Miles from Town Creek lies Middle Ridge & at about the same Distance from Middle Ridge on this Side is the Main Fork of Town Hill Creek the Soil is gravelly & I think 50 men might make a good Road from Town Creek to the main Fork of Town Hill Creek in 10 Days. from the main Fork of Town Hill Creek (where is a very good Ford which is never impassable unless after a very heavy Rain & then not more than for 24 hours at most) to the Beginning of the Descent of the Ragged mountain is about 6 miles, it is a Slaty firm Soil, as it is Sidling it will require a good Deal of Digging & I suppose 200 men may be employed 10 Days in making it a good Road. from this the Descent down the Ragged mountain for about a quarter of a mile is pretty steep it is a Slaty Soil not broken, 200 men would I believe make it a good Road in two Days by making one Traverse. At the Distance of 5 or 6 miles from this lies Sidling Hill Creek, the Land is pretty much covered with small Stones but is not Rocky & I think 200 men might make it a good Road in two Days. the Ford over this Creek is a very good one. from Sidling Hill Creek to Sidling Hill the Distance is about 7 miles firm & level Ground & I imagine 200 men would clear it in a Day.