

to perform it, I shall order three Officers & 20 men of the Maryland Forces (which are at present on the Bridge) & two Serjeants with thirty men of Capt Jocelyne's Detachment to convoy them up. I shall order Capt Dagworthy to begin to clear the new Road from Fort Cumberland to the Old Town Creek but he is too weak to spare many Men for that Service especially as he must immediately on the Arrival of the Canoes at the Old Town or the Flatts send down a strong Party to receive them & to convoy them to Fort Cumberland which (as I understand that he will not be able at any Rate to make up more than three or four Teams there) will be no easy Task. From what I have heard I do not expect the N Carolina Troops here these 10 or 12 Days. When Major Wells arrives I shall order him to clear the Road between the Old Town Creek & Sidling Hill. M<sup>r</sup> Ross will be able upon the Credit of M<sup>r</sup> Kilby's Letter to get money of his Friends to purchase Provisions for any Troops that may be ordered this way. he was under a necessity of going down the Country for a few Days, but that will not make any Difference—

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Dagworthy.]

Fort Frederick the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1758.

Sir

With Monroe the Bearer of this comes one Adam M<sup>c</sup>Carty who has my orders to apply to you for an Escort or covering Party & then to blaze a Road with the utmost Dispatch from Fort Cumberland to the Town Hill Creek, as soon as he shall make Report to you of his having so done. You are to have a good Road opened with the greatest Expedition & by way of Encouragement to the Party that you may order on this service to exert themselves. You are permitted to allow them a small quantity of Rum or other Spirit every Day, for which S<sup>r</sup> John S<sup>r</sup> Clair will order Payment to be made in about 8 Days you may expect 13 or 14 Canoes at the Flatts or (if the Water should be too low there) at the Old Town with the Kings Stores: As the Party that will be sent up with them as an Escort will be ordered to return hither immediately I must desire you to send down a strong Party to receive & guard them as soon as you shall be advised of their being arrived & I must leave it to you to get them to Fort Cumberland in the best manner & with the greatest Dispatch that you possibly can. I am told that in all Probability some Waggons which are ordered from Winchester to Fort Cumberland with Provisions &c will be there before the Canoes can get up, should this be the Case you will detain them a Day or two to fetch up the Stores with which the Canoes will be loaded but