

Letter Bk. III if this should not be the Case you are then to make up as many Teams as you can at the Fort & employ them in this Service & the owners of all the Waggon which shall be employed will be paid after the Rate of 15/ a Day for each by S^r I S^t Clair or me upon producing Your Certificates to shew that they have done the Service.

[Sharpe to Tasker.]

29th of June 1758.

S^r

As I do not apprehend that there is any necessity for the Assembly's meeting at the time to which it stands prorogued I desire the Favour of you to advise with the Gentlemen of the Council & to prorogue the Assembly for such a longer time as you & they shall think proper. The General being very unwilling to lose the Men which have been raised in this Province & have been hitherto kept up for the immediate Defence & Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants & expecting that he shall be reimbursed by the Assembly at their next Session was pleased about three weeks ago to advance the Men three months pay to encourage them to keep together untill some farther Provision shall be made for their Support & on the 9th Inst those of them that were in garrison here received Orders from the General by S^r John S^t Clair to evacuate the Fort in six Days from that time & to go on a different Service. As I had great Reason to apprehend that if this Place should be left without a Garrison tho but a few Days the People who live about Conegochiegh would abandon their Plantations I immediately ordered two Companies of the Militia of Frederick County to repair to this Place & Baker's Fort to serve in Arms on the Frontiers for the necessary Defence of the Province untill some Companies could come up from the Lower Counties. I have since agreeable to Your Advice ordered up Capt Broome's Company from Calvert County & another from Cecil to relieve them which will I hope be enough to protect the Inhabitants till the Army shall have left Fort Cumberland. I learn by a Letter from Capt Dagworthy that a Party of fifteen or Sixteen Indians about a fortnight ago fired upon six Men of a Party which had been ordered out under the Command of Ensign Beall to repair the Road between Fort Cumberland & the Old Town these men were it seems advanced about 150 yards before the Rest the Indians killed two of them & wounded two others. they would have scalped those they had killed but were prevented by Ensign Beall who immediately ran up with his Party & obliged them to retire. last Friday Evening an Express that