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[Sharpe to Calvert.]

S^r Fort Frederick the 10th of July 1758. transmitted by

In the Letter that I wrote from the Mouth of Conegochiegh the 11th of June I told you that the General seem'd inclined to take the Maryland Troops into the Kings Pay upon the Footing of Rangers during the Expedition & that those of them which were in Garrison at this place had at that time received Orders to march towards Fort Cumberland on the 16th of that Month. As I doubt not but you will be anxious to know what Steps have been since taken for the Protection & Defence of our Frontier Inhabitants I shall give you a minute Detail of all that has passed & I hope the measures which have been pursued by me will meet with His Ldp's Approbation. As soon then as the abovementioned orders were communicated to the Commanding officer at this Place & to myself which they were the 8th of June I wrote to two Captains of the Militia of this County & ordered them to march hither with their respective Companies & to be here if possible on the 15th of that Month, which orders notwithstanding the Resolves which had been made by the Lower House of Assembly to discourage them & notwithstanding the Distance they had to march was more than fifty miles they punctually obeyed & I have the Satisfaction to inform you that their Behaviour ever since that time has much exceeded my Expectations. The two Companies consist of about 160 Men. Part of them do Duty here as a Garrison & the Rest are posted at a Place called Bakers Fort which is about twelve miles North Eastward from this place. Some Enemy Indians have been discovered lately within a few Miles of us, but as Parties are sent out every Day both from Bakers & this Fort to patrole along the Frontier, the Enemy has not presumed to venture down among the Inhabitants. They did indeed fire at an Express that I sent off about a fortnight ago to Carlyle & killed his Horse, but as it happened within a mile of this place & the Man was not wounded he luckily effected his Escape & the Indians immediately made off. They have likewise since I came hither killed a Voluntier & two of our Soldiers that were repairing a Road near Fort Cumberland, but the Loss of a hundred Soldiers at such a Distance would not alarm the Inhabitants so much as the Appearance of a single Enemy within the Settlements. On the 13th of June S^r John S^r Clair & Colo Bouquet came to the Mouth of Conegochiegh, the first from Winchester the latter from Fort Lytleton which is built near the Juniata River in the Province of Pensilvania, & S^r John brought with him & by the General's Order advanced to our Troops three month's Pay to enable