

send a Warrant upon M<sup>r</sup> Neilson of Philadelphia for the summ agreed to be paid, that Exceeds the £1500 pound, to be paid by M<sup>r</sup> Kilby. But I do not well understand M<sup>r</sup> Ross's Letter to you, wherein he says, on the 15<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Howell paid him £510 Curr<sup>y</sup> the Bill of Exchange of £2976. 15. Curr<sup>y</sup> & the order of £850 Sterling, in all 2770. 9. 8, in full of two last orders, and a little after says, that M<sup>r</sup> Howell Insisted on his Returning him Bills for £1270. 9. 8 & the 510£ Curr<sup>y</sup> All this I cannot unravel, or know how these Summs come either to be Disjoined, or linked together. As I thought the Whole money to be Advanced was a Generall one not Adequate, or appropriate to the Defraying of any particular Charge, & of which Kilby was to give Credit for so much, and I so much more.

By the Return of the Express you will be so good as Explain this to me, & point me out the Way, how that D<sup>r</sup> Ross is to be Relieved, which I shall most readily Comply with, but be so good as to Remember that the money paid by Sir John S<sup>t</sup> Clair, must be looked upon as so much money paid by me, & what I must Charge myself with.

I Thank you for yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> and I am very much Obliged to you, for your offer of taking care of F<sup>r</sup> Cumberland which will be a great help to me; but I do not think that I shall want your People before the Week after next, altho' my new Road is quite ready the length of Laurelbridge, & I have sent to take post on the other Side of it, from whence it is all good to the Ohio. But I Expect a great meeting of the Indians, when they must Determine Friends or Foes: I Fancy they'll Choose the Last, as they are now Scalping within a mile of this, and I have only 50 men with me, but I Expect 200 Highlanders this Night, so if possible shall Endeavor to way lay them, but this does not look as if they were Courting a Peace.

I am obliged to you for your Care of the Blankets, and shall send you from this an order for the money payable at Annapolis, if agreeable to you there.

I Have been very bad, but better since Yesterday, & shall sett out for Raes Town when able to bear Travelling.

I am

D<sup>r</sup> Sir.

Y<sup>r</sup> most Ob<sup>t</sup>

most hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Jo: fforbes

I shall Write to you soon when your people will be wanted at Cumberland I must beg you will send me a Copy of the Enclosed Letters.