

Expence of carrying Provisions from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland. There is likewise a considerable Sum due to him for victualling the several Parties of Indians that have been at these Forts since the Beginning of April 1757 but what the exact Sum is I do not as yet know. the 14th of June I had the pleasure of seeing Colo Bouquet & S^r John S^t Clair at the mouth of Conegochiegh, & S^r John at that time advanced the Officers of the Maryland Troops (which were then reduced to 4 Companies) the Sum of £1890 to put them as he said in Motion, It was calculated that this Sum would pay them for three months & the Captains gave Receipts for it as for so much advanced by Your Excellency towards paying their respective Companies without mentioning whether it was to pay off the Arrears that were then due to them or to pay them for the three months then ensuing Before Colo Bouquet & S^r John left Conegocheigh they promised to represent D^r Ross's Case to Your Excellency in its proper Light & to use their Interest with you to procure him payment for the Provisions that he had supplied our Troops with from the 8th of Oct^r to that time. The Beginning of July I was favoured with Your Excellency's Letter of the 20th of June & with M^r Kilby's bearing Date the 19th of that month; being determind to wait on your Excellency as soon as you came to the Frontiers of Pens^a & I had then great reason to expect an Account every Day of Your Arrival, I declined answering y^r Letter & as I was not sure that I understood M^r Kilby's meaning I declined drawing on M^r Howell for any money whatever untill I should have talked with Your Excellency concerning it & untill I should have also seen D^r Ross who happened to be at that time down the Country attending the Affairs of some Merchants in London for whom he transacts a good Deal of Business. Soon after I waited on you at Carlyle you were unhappily taken very ill & the Continuance of Your Distemper disqualified you in a great measure for doing Business, You were pleased however to attend when I read you part of M^r Kilby's Letter & to agree as I understood you that I might draw an order on M^r Howell in favour of Doctor Ross for £2976. 15 Currency which according to the Estimate was the Sum due to him for Victualling the Maryland Troops from the 8th of Oct^r to the 8th of April, & which M^r Kilby as I understood him engaged to pay & I remember that S^r I S^t Clair & I think Major Halkett put the same Construction on that part of his Letter where he says "to this I put my own Shoulders &c" Besides this sum to D^r Ross for Victualling the Troops to the 8th of April I imagined that your Excellency's Intention was to advance our Troops as much Current money as including what S^r John S^t