

since upon the Faith of General Stanwix's Warrant. In March Letter Bk. III
last when the Earl of Loudoun received orders to leave America I submitted a State of the whole Affair to General Abercromby & beg'd him to let me know whether he could undertake to fulfill the Earl of Loudoun's Engagement & in Case he could not I intreated him to order some other Troops to Fort Cumberland lest ours should abandon it which I begun to be much afraid of as I found that one of the Members of our Assembly had been amongst the Men & taken some pains to make them believe that they would never be paid for doing Duty there & moreover that they could not be thereafter punished for Deserting. I had never the pleasure to receive an Answer from His Excellency General Abercromby but Brigadier Forbes wrote to me soon afterwards & desired me to keep the Maryland Troops at Fort Cumberland at all Events giving me Room at the same time to think that General Abercromby would impower him to fulfil the Earl of Loudoun's Engagement in Case the Assembly should still adhere to their former Resolution or decline to perform w^t was required of them by your Letter of the 30th of Dec^r & which they had then under Consideration. The Assembly having broke up in May last without granting any Supplies I wrote once more to General Forbes in behalf of our Troops & the Person that had victualled them & I afterwards waited on him but by what I can find General Abercromby being of opinion that the Province of Maryland ought to pay their own Troops declines to concern himself at all with them; the Person that has victualled them is in the mean time driven to the greatest Streights by having advanced about £4000 st^s (which is more than his whole Fortune) upon the Credit of the Earl of Loudoun's Letter to me & in pursuance of General Stanwix's Warrant to himself & unless something should be done for our Officers by a new Assembly which is to meet the Beginning of Oct^r I am persuaded that many of them will be thrown in Prison for the Debts they have contracted on their Mens Account as soon as the Campaign is over & they return to the Province. Beside the Maryland Troops as we call them which consist of 320 Men I have prevailed on a Company of 40 Voluntiers all good Marksmen & used to the Woods to join the Army they are commanded by a Gentleman that has served upwards of two years as a Lieuten^t in our provincials, I understand that these left the Fort at Laurel hannon the 22^d Inst & went towards the Ohio in order to make Discoveries, a Delaware Indian that is well acquainted with the Country & that has lately attached himself to the English being their Guide. I am Informed that all the Cherokees & other Southern Indians which were with our Forces except