

Letter Bk. III would be better for him even to lose a good Sum than be detained any longer at Phila^a Had not Your Excellency declined having any thing to do with any Accounts untill they had been laid before the Assembly I could have delivered them to you properly proven at Carlyle M^r Ross having brought 'em thither to lay before you or such person as might have been appointed to examine them, they were the very same that would have been laid before the Assembly & I am sure D^r Ross is too well acquainted with their Disposition towards him to charge any Article in his Accounts for which he cannot produce Vouchers. As the whole Sum that he has received from M^r Howell on his own Account viz. the Bills for £2770. 9. 8 st^s (which he received in lieu of £2976. 15 Currency & the £850 st^s) is to my Knowledge far short of what is actually due to him, I need not I apprehend restrain him with respect to any Payments that he might want to make because if he pays any Money that he ought not it will be to his own Loss, whether his Accounts be finally examined & settled by our Assembly or by any other Persons, I shall however write to the Doctor as you desire & let him know that whatever money he receives now he must be accountable for whenever he shall be called upon. After Your Excellency & M^r Kilby shall have advanced our Troops & M^r Ross all that you shall think fit I imagine it would not be amiss for you to inform me by a Letter how much you have jointly or severally advanced on the Credit of the Province that I might lay the same before our Assembly at their next meeting (which will be immediately on my Return from Fort Cumberland) & desire them to provide for your being reimbursed accordingly, that is if you advance some Current money & some Sterling which will be the Case that they may repay you in the same Specie, & at their Settlement with our Officers & Doctor Ross may make them Debtors for just as much as you & M^r Kilby may have advanced them. As M^r Howell & M^r Ross seem to have represented what has passed between them on this occasion in a different Light I can only say that if M^r Ross has endeavoured to impose on me now I believe it is the first time & if I find it so, it will be the last time he shall have an Opportunity. It gives me no small pleasure to learn that you are able to travel at any Rate as I was afraid from what I had lately heard that you could not proceed in any manner whatever, I sincerely wish that you may recover Strength daily & be able to go thro any fatigue that you may have occasion to undergo during the Campaign. I am obliged to you for having sent such orders as I desired to the Commissary at Fort Cumberland, It gives me great Satisfaction to find myself able to do a thing that is agreeable to you & you may depend on my