

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Forbes.]

Fort Cumberland the 12th of Sept^r 1758D^r S^r

I have just time to acquaint You of my Arrival here & that unless you are pleased to send me an order by the Bearer Ensign Murdock for supplying the Men with Rum as mentioned in my former Letters it will not be in my Power to keep them together, I must likewise desire the favour of you to order M^r Adam Hoop to send us an immediate Supply of Flour & Beef.

Original.

[Halkett to Sharpe.]

Camp at Reastown 16th September 1758

Dear Sir

This evening Colonel Washington arrived, who surprises the General extreamly by the account that he gives of the great scarcity of provisions at Fort Cumberland after having wrote to Colonel Bouquet so fully upon that subject, however the General (who is greatly fatigued from the bussiness that his just coming to Reastown has oblidge'd him to go through) has order'd me to inform you, that he will send off a Convoy of provisions to morrow, the particulars of which M^r S^t Clair will inform you of, at the same time the bearer carries order for all the Virginians to be ready to march immediatly upon the arrival of Colonel Washington, who sets out for that purpose to morrow morning, which will deminish the Consumption of Provisions at Fort Cumberland very considerably, and make it a very easy matter to support you for the future as your numbers will be so much diminish'd.

Three days ago Commissary Clerk wrote to M^r Rutherford at Winchester, to supply your people with spirits, and all the other necessarys that you desir'd, which letter I hope will be in good time to answer your expectations

I am Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble servant
Francis Halkett.

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[Secretary Ridout [?] to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 16th of Sept. 1758.

Sir

Agreeable to the Orders which I received from the Governor a few Days ago I herewith transmit a Copy of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Commissioners that were appointed some Years since to see a Line run from Fenwix's