

who it is said are tired of the War & of the French & the General I find flatters himself that they will now be prevailed on not only to leave the French but also to turn their Arms ag<sup>st</sup> 'em. It is certain I believe that there are not more than 200 Indians at this time with the French at Fort Du Quesne & that these or most of them came down from Detroit & that part of the Continent, but it is not I think improbable that some of the Canada Indians are on their Way down & perhaps a Reinforcement of Regular Troops the Number of Southern Indians that continue with our Army is very inconsiderable not fifty I imagine at the most & it is said that even these have declared that they will not fight against any White People & that since we are about to hold Treaties & make an Alliance with the Indians against whom they out of regard for the English have taken up the Hatchet nothing remains for them now to do but to bury it again & return home. As our Printer has mentioned the Governors marching from Fort Frederick in such a manner as leaves the Reader doubtful whether he left a proper Garrison in that place I think it my Duty to inform you that the Company which was sent out from Cecil & one from the interior part of Frederick County do Duty there & send out Parties to patroll on the Frontiers for the better Security of the Inhabitants, these Companies were ordered out for that particular Service as Militia under our Contested Act of Assembly, but the 220 Men that marched with the Governor to Fort Cumberland all turned out voluntarily from four Companies, the Officers of which as well as the Colonel & Lieut<sup>t</sup> Colo of the County are gone up with His Excellency & will stay with him untill it is determined who are to be quartered next Winter at Fort Du Quesne whether some of our Troops or the Enemy's & as soon as that is known the General has promised to relieve the Governor & his Garrison by sending back to Fort Cumberland a Corps of the Provincials—

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[James Sinclair to Sharpe.]

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Sir

I am desired by General Forbes to acquaint you that he is in the greatest concern to find M<sup>r</sup> Rutherford, to whom the supplying of fort Cumberland was entirely intrusted, has not yet furnished the necessary Suplys, as the General had given such directions for that purpose, as he thought could not fail of doing it effectually before your arrival. There was an Express sent off yesterday to M<sup>r</sup> Rutherford from M<sup>r</sup> Hoops constituent at this place, to hasten things as much as possible