

[Major Halkett to Sharpe.]

Original.

Camp at Reastown 30th September 1758.

Sir

The General being a good deal overcome with the bussiness that he has been oblidgd to go through, makes him unable to do himself the pleasure of writing you by this conveyance, he has therefore order'd me to acknowledge his Receiving your letter this day, in which he approves greatly of every thing you say regarding the sick at Fort Cumberland, but as it would be attended with great inconveniency to make a Detachment from this place just now for the Garrisoning of Fort Cumberland, he is in hopes you will be able to detain the Militia now with you till the tenth of October against [which] time he will take care to provide for its security, and in a few days he will take an opportunity to write you very fully in answer to your letter.

The Virginians make a Complaint of some of your people haveing taken up some of their horses, as stray horses, & detain'd them, altho some of their Bass men were sent over to demand them, the General therefore begs that you will be so good to examine into it, and put it to Rights, and as they have sent a party over to Receive them that you will order them to be deliver'd

The General desires that you will inform Lieutenant Haze of the Virginians, that it is his orders, he remain at Fort Cumberland with all the sick & recover'd men under his Command till further orders.

I am Sir

Your most obedient humble serv^t

Francis Halkett

[Sharpe to Forbes.]

Copy.

Fort Cumberland. to The General. Oct^r [1758]

D^r S^r

The Shannando Waggons being 41 in number are just arrived with 28 Days Flour, a necessary Supply not having more than 5 Days Flour & 25 of Bacon in Store & but three Steers that I have ordered to be kept for the use of the Sick nor is there any Likelyhood of any further Supplies coming from Winchester for this place. There are as I am informed some spare Howitzer Wheels in an outward Store house the Key whereof was not delivered to me however shall order it to be opened & take out such Carriages or Wheels as may be therein the Buck Shot left in the lesser Magazine were all destroyed the Rest shall be sent with the Waggons which only wait for Convoy. I am extremely sorry that the Virginians should have troubled Your Excellency with Com-