

plaints agst my people for having taken up some of their Stray Horses & detained them altho some of their Batt Men were sent to demand them as it obliges me to take up too much of Y^r time in giving it an Answer, the first part of their Charge is true having promised the Hunters a Reward of 5^s for every Horse they should bring in & I can assure Your Excellency they lost no time in making their Demand & I did myself order an Officer to see them delivered up which I am well assur'd was done for I saw them taken away by their Batt Men, it is likewise true that part of the latter Charge may be just but no further than this the Reverend M^r Barkley who was here at the time that two of his Horses were brought in after being lost for some considerable time refused paying the Reward upon which I ordered them to be detained untill he thought proper to comply which he did a short time after. Upon the strictest Enquiry I cannot find that any thing has happened wherein my People were any ways concerned except my ordering a sick man to be put on one of the stray Horses to give him an Airing for half a quarter of a mile w^{ch} gave one of their Batt Men great offence & furnished him with an occasion as appears by all the standersby of being very insolent & abusive for which one of the Militia struck him with a Bridle the Bit whereof did him some harm.

Original.

[Halkett to Sharpe.]

Camp at Reastown 2^d October 1758.

Sir

About this time we expect their will be a number of the Shannando Waggon's arriving at Fort Cumberland with provisions from Winchester; the General therefore begs that you will be so good to engage as many of them as possible, upon the same terms as the Pennsylvania Waggon's, to go upon our Expedition, and that you will take the opportunity of their coming here, to send over all the Buck shott at Fort Cumberland, seven Boxes containing two hundred wight each, were lodg'd in the new store under the hill, which was sent from Fort Frederick along with the shelles six hundred wight was likewise lodg'd in store that was blowen up, if any of that Remains undistroyed, you will send it also, and provided the Carriages can be ready time enough, they may take the benefite of the officers & thirty men sent from the second Virginia Regiment for horses, to escort them. if this party marches before that the Waggon's can be got Ready they must be escorted by the Recover'd men of the Virginia Regiments

If there are any spair Wheels, or carriages for Hovitzers be pleas'd to send them likewise in some of the empty Waggon's,