

Captain Hay haveing brought no spair ones with the Train
and we may come to have occasion for them I am

Sir

Your most obedient humble Serv^t
Francis Halkett

PS Upon shewing this letter to the General, he has alter'd that part of it, for the Recoverd men of the Virginians to escort the Waggon, provided the officer & 30 men be Returnd with the Horses, and desires that you will favour him with a few lines to inform him of the number you can engage, and he will order a party from this Camp to march to Fort Cumberlan to Escort them hither, he hopes you will pardon his not being able to do himselfe the pleasure of writing to you, but he will take the first opportunity that offers.

[Ross to Sharpe.]

Original.

Frederick Town Oct^r 5, 1758

Sir,

The last time I had the honour of writing to you was from Philadelphia Sept. 6th after I was discharged from the Sherriff. Sinc, I learn that Mr Howell has taken no small pains to misrepresent the affair in his letters to General Forbes. indeed I could scarce expect any other from a Man, who, tho he carried me to Secretary Peters, was so far from following that Gentlemans advice, or allowing me time to write to the General, that he carried me home with him under pretence of drinking a dish of tea, and had the under Sherriff ready and did arrest me and send me to prison from his own House.

But as even after that, I was so candid as to send for him to the Sherriffs, and shewed him not only every thing I wrote to you but to others about the affair, and begged that he would also write to the General, and as he pretended he would not write about it. I flatter myself the General when he is more at leisur than he can be at present, will favour me with copsy of Mr Howells letters. As I am certain I can fairly Acquit myself to the General, to You, and all Concerned, from the imputation of having taken one Unjust or mean step in the whole transaction. and I hope you will be so kind as to interest yourself on my behalf with the General, when a proper opportunity presents itself, that I may clear up my character.

As I was obliged to leave some of the Bills in Philadelphia for sale, I have given my Brother all the cash I brought, except what I was obliged to pay here to very necessitous people. And as there will be a very considerable risque in