

sending from Fort Frederick the £510 that remains due of the pay advanced the troops, your Excell^y may draw Orders on him; I doubt not, that your Excell^y will remember that I am considerably in advance for money, and have assignments of their pay for my Security. So that if the payment of their Arrears is to depend on the next Maryland Assembly, I can have but little hopes of it; as the people have been so mad as to return almost the same Members thorough the different Counties, and even this Frontier County, have rechosen Mr Dorsey, Crisup & Chaplin, tho their behaviour was so extraordinary in the last assembly. As things are so circumstanced, I hope your Excell^y will draw as littl of the £510 out of my Brothers hands as possible till its seen what turn the same Men will take in this new Session, for I flatter myself that the application I have given and the risque I have run to keep these Troops together since the 8th of Oct^r 1757, will in your Opinion entitule me to the preference of all other Creditors. I foresee what a loser I must be, what I request is, that it may be as little as the circumstances of the Service will admit.

I designd to have waited on you at Fort Cumberland & from thence to have gone to General Forbes, but my stay at Philadelp^a and my being on the Frontiers the most part of this Summer, put it out of my power at present

I am Your Excell^{ys}

most obed. & most hum^e Sery^t

David Ross

To Governor Sharpe.

Original.

[Forbes to Sharpe.]

Sir

I am this moment favourd with yours and am very much obliged to you, for the Care you have taken of our good Fort Cumberland, this will be deliverd you by M^r Clerk, whom I had sent over on purpose to settle matters with regard to provisions &c, So whatever you have wanted or may want he will settle with you as you shall please to direct, as to the Virginia complaint I thought it frivilous and triffling from the begining, you can easily see I was obligd to take notice of it, on purpose to please. I shall send of an Escort tomorrow for the Waggons, but if the Escort of Coll^o Byrds Reg^t is not yet come away, they may Stay and Come along with the Waggons, or Escort them till they meet the Party I send off tomorrow. As there will be some empty waggons, I shall expect the Spare wheel Carriage that Major Halket wrote about. As I understand you have some Garden Stuff such as