

was not advised of Your Intention to have a Meeting at Easton with a number of the Delawares & other Indians soon enough to have attended there at the time you had appointed & indeed if Your Letter had reached me before I left F. Frederick I should not have been at Liberty to accept Your Invitation for I had promised the General some time before to garrison F. Cumberland for three or four weeks from the middle of last month with some of our Militia & I was sensible that none of them would be prevailed on to move unless I would go with them & remain there as long as they should continue in Garrison. As the General has been detained so long at Raes Town I imagine the Success of his Expedition depends greatly on the Issue of Your Conferences at Easton & I am therefore very anxious to know how they have ended, in the mean time it gives me some Satisfaction to find that you were of opinion at the time you were pleased to write to me that there was a fair Prospect of Your being able to settle all Disputes & unite in our favour the several Tribes of Indians that had promised to send Deputies thither to meet you. From the Accounts that I received from Raes Town just before I left Fort Cumberland I conclude that the General moved on with the Rear of his Army from that place the Day after the Waggons which S^r John S^r Clair had been down the Country to collect arrived & I expect that the Troops have e'er this time marched on from the advanced Post at Loyal Hanning but I presume you have received Letters from the Westward since I came from the Frontiers & shall therefore only add that I am &c—

Letter Bk. III

[Clark to Sharpe.]

Original.

Camp near Rays Town Octob^r 23^d 1758.

Sir

I received your Excellency's Letter, giving me Detail of the Militia, by us fed at Fort Cumberland under y^r Command, for which I return you my most Hearty Thanks; I thereby made out the Acc^s but will defer having it certiyed untill I have the pleasure of Seeing you.

I shall be much obliged to your Excellency, if By any means, the Acc^t of M^r Ramsay or any other Acc^s we left unsettled, could be procured & sent to me at Carlisle, as I shall have to settle with the General for them.

This Day we march from this place, leaving but about 100 Invalids under Major Wells to Garrison this place. The particulars of the Attack at Loyal hannan is kept a Secret, I am afraid it will not bear a true Relation; I beg