

lay before you, you should not think me quite so Culpable as I have been represented, that you will at a proper Opportunity lay this letter before the General and Intercede with him, that I may have Copies of the whole that M^r Howell has wrote relating to it, and that I may be permitted to wait on the General when he returns to Philadelphia where the persons to whom I shall appeal reside.

You know Sir, that all my Vouchers were prepared for the Examination of Col. Bouquet and Sir John S^t Clair at their meeting at Conneghego in June, and that I brought these Vouchers to Carlyle when you waited on General Forbes in July, and that I waited on you at Generals lodgings with the Copy of M^r Kilby letter of the 19 of June which your Secretary had favoured me with, to know if I was right in my constructions of that letter and what was necessary for me to do on my part; and I remember you requested Major Halket to read it, and without your coming to any determination you went together to the General. I think I afterwards understood from your Excellency that no Vouchers would be called for, but that the General would advance the money on account and on the Credit of the province I returned with you to Fort Frederick and you gave me the three Orders on M^r Howell. I believe you Imagined I would employ some body in Philadelphia to Negotiate them, but as the people were very pressing to whom I was Indebted for provisions, I proposed going myself and in my way Called at Carlyle and got to Philadelphia the 6 of August next morning I waited on M^r Howell with the Orders, he compared them with a Copy of M^r Kilbys letter of the 19 of June and he objected to the draught for 850 £ towards defraying the expence of Transporting provisions to Fort Cumberland and other contingencies as M^r Kilby in his letter mentioned only five or 600 on that account and said he would copy all the Orders and send them that day by the post to M^r Kilby at N. York, and that I must wait the return of the post, which I thought very reasonable he also made an Objection to your having drawn the Order for Provisions in Curr^y as he had wrote to M^r Woolstenholme at Annapolis, desiring him to request of your Excellency that it might be drawn in Sterling, but you will see how that difficulty was got over by the Copy of mine to him marked N 1

On the Saturday M^r Howell had no letter by the post from M^r Kilby, on the Monday following M^r Howell of himself proposed to pay me the Orders, and next day he did: and I gave him receipts on them, as you will observe on the Original ones now in my possession N. 2. 3 and 4. I asked M^r Howell if he had any business to communicate to M^r Kilby, for that I intended to go to N York; as I was well assured