

Excell^{ys} &c at the same time I representing the inconveniencies I should suffer, if you could not prevail with the General to allow me to use the money.

This Sir is a State of this troublesome affair, I am only sorry that I could not reduce it to narrower bounds, the papers I have refered to I hope have evinced to your Excellency the truth of great part of it, and for the remainder I can freely appeal to the Gentlemen whom I have named. I shall give a copy of this to M^r Howell, that he may have it in his power to show that I have either exaggerated any circumstances that make against him or may have omitted any that would make for him

I am Your Excell^y most obed^t & most hum^b Serv^t
David Ross

To Governor Sharpe.

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

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Annapolis the 3^d of Nov^r 1758

My Lord

The last Letter that I did Myself the honour to Address to Your Ldp was dated at Fort Frederick the 27th of Augst at which time I was at the Request of General Forbes endeavouring to engage a Number of Voluntiers to garrison Fort Cumberland for three Weeks or a month so that the General might be at liberty to strengthen the Rear of his Army by drawing all the Virginia Forces from that place. Upwards of 200 of the Militia of Frederick County having voluntarily offered to accompany me & to serve under my Command at Fort Cumberland for the time abovementioned, I marched with them from Fort Frederick the 8th of Sept^r the Day that the General was to have left Fort Loudoun (which lies in Pensilv^a 25 Miles North of Fort Frederick) imagining that the Virginians had Orders to evacuate Fort Cumberland immediately on my Arrival & concluding that they would be able to reach Raes Town a Day or two after the General whose Intention I apprehended it was at that time to proceed directly to Fort Du Quesne. I am sorry however to inform your Ldp that I was greatly disappointed in my Expectations. A few Days after I arrived at Fort Cumberland I was indeed advised of the Generals being got to Raes Town but I was at the same time informed that he was in a very bad State of Health exceedingly fatigued by His Journey from Fort Loudoun notwithstanding he travelled in a Horse Litter & moreover that it was not possible for him to proceed untill he should receive a large Convoy of Provisions, the Magazines which had been laid in at Raes Town & the Advanced Post on Loyalhanning

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