

Month that His Excellency might be at Liberty to strengthen the Rear of his Army with all the Virg^a Forces that had been left at that place. Being joined on the Day appointed by 220, on the 8th of Sept^r I marched with them from Fort Cumberland where I expected we should arrive about the time that the General had proposed to be at Raes Town & I flattered Myself that he was then determined & would be able to leave that place & proceed towards Fort Du Quesne as soon as the Virginians from Fort Cumberland should join him & long before the End of that month. I am sorry however to inform you that I was greatly disappointed in my Expectations & that soon after I reached Fort Cumberland I received Advice that it would not be possible for the Army to move on until they should receive large Supplies of Provisions concerning which Orders had been some time given but almost all the Waggon & Horses which had been employed from the Beginning of the Campaign were rendered unfit for farther Service nor could the Contractors or S^r John S^t Clair prevail on the Inhabitants to Enter others till late in Oct^r when the Assembly of Pens^a at S^r John's Sollicitation passed an Act whereby the Civil Officers were impowered to compel the Inhabitants to furnish as many as should be demanded. Notwithstanding I soon perceived after my Arrival at Fort Cumberland that my Presence there could be of little or no Service to the General while he continued at Raes Town yet as he seemed to flatter himself with hopes that the Horses & Waggon which were wanted would be collected in much less time than others expected I continued there till the 10th of Oct^r but the Militia or Voluntiers that were with me being then sickly & impatient to return home I resigned up the Fort to an Officer that had the Command of about a hundred Invalids whom the Virginians had left in the Hospital & most of whom were now pretty well recovered. While I was at Fort Cumberland two of my Officers were killed by an unlucky Accident which I cannot well account for but it was surprizing more of us did not perish by it as you will judge I believe if you read in the inclosed Gazette the Paragraph that follows the Account of the Action that happened near Fort Du Quesne the 14th of Sept^r last which seems to be the most particular Account that we have received of that unhappy Affair. The Gentⁿ of the Council having advised me to give the Assembly an Opportunity of continuing a favourite Act for the Inspection of Tobacco which was about to expire I was obliged to return home from the Frontiers before the 23^d of last month ever since which time our Assembly has been sitting but from their Behaviour I am inclined to think that I shall have as little Reason to be satisfied with their Proceedings this Ses-