

[Sharpe to Stanwix.]

Letter Bk. III

9th of Iuly 1757.

Sir

I am fav^d with Your Letter of the 4th Inst by M^r Hay & have agreeable to Your Desire intimated to Capt Alex^r Beall what Officers & Men I would have him order to Fort Cumberland in case he has received or shall receive Instructions from you to send any Detachments thither. I think you will approve of Capt Pearis's being ordered up as he understands the Cherokee Language & might be of particular Service there while any of those Indians continue on our Frontiers. You will observe that I have not given Capt Beall peremptory Orders because I presume that you have already sent him such as you thought expedient & because as I before hinted to You our Act of Assembly as well as Your Letter to him of the 12th of March make it improper for me to do so. I have received no Returns from Capt Dagworthy since he left Fort Frederick neither do I know the Strength of the Garrison that is at present under his Command. I have already intimated to you that I am afraid Capt Alex^r Bealls Company will continue very weak unless he can himself be ordered on the Recruiting Service & I submit it to you whether Cap^t Joshua Beall may not be spared from Fort Cumberland & ordered to take the Command at Fort Frederick for a time after Capt Pearis & the Detachments shall have joined Dagworthy.

[Sharpe to Stanwix.]

12th of Iuly 1757.

Sir

Your Letter of the 4th Inst I received yesterday but as the matters therein mentioned were of an Interesting nature & your Request such as I was of myself unable to comply with I have detained your Express till I could lay it before the Council together with the papers that were therein sent. The inclosed will shew you what is the opinion of the Gent^lⁿ thereupon. You may be assured that I shall endeavour to cultivate the Friendship of the Cherokees & any other of our Indian Allies, but if that is not to be done without making them Presents as often as they may think fit to ask for them I am afraid they will not be long retained in our Interest; for as I have intimated to you in a former Letter the Assembly of this Province have not entrusted me with the Management or Disposal of any publick money nor granted any Sum for Indian Affairs in general as the Assemblies of some of the Colonies have done; They have indeed made some Provision