

As I found nothing more could be done about Frederick Town I left it after sending an Express to the Mouth of Conegochiegh directing the party to proceed to Fort Frederick with the Waggons and Horses thay had got, but I am afraid they will meet also with great Difficulties in carrying any from thence as the example of those below joined with the Obstacles which are thrown in the way by designing People will have a very ill Effect and I am very uneasy at the situation of the Troops at Fort Cumberland, for tho' we have had a good deal of Rain about Frederick Town I learnt from several people that the River had not risen an Inch, and so they can have no Supplies that way.

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Its in vain to expect any Assistance from the Posse in pressing Waggons, and after failing in this last attempt it will require a Strong Armed force to gett any number, and more than I imagine can be spared from Fort Frederick tho' very little would be requisite, if the rates the people ought to have p day were settled by the Legislature, for whenever there is Occasion to impress Waggons no Allowance by the Lead, or the Mile will be satisfactory to the Owners; as a great deal of time is lost to the Waggons who are first impressed before the quantity wanted can be got together, and many delays will afterwards unavoidably be occasioned by Accidents on the Roads above Fort Frederick, as the breaking of but one Waggon or the loss of a few Horses must prevent the March of the whole party till everything can be got in Order to enable them to move together.

I beg leave to Conclude with assuring you, that on Enquiry you will find I have only Represented some of the most material Circumstances in this unsuccessful Affair, and that

I am your Excellency's  
most humb. & Obed.<sup>t</sup> Serv.<sup>t</sup>

To Horatio Sharpe Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Alex.<sup>r</sup> Beall

Which Message, and Letter, were severally Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I have perused the several Papers that were Presented to me, together with your first Address of the 5th Instant, viz.<sup>t</sup> A Copy of the Affirmation of Benjamin Richardson, and Copies of the Depositions of Daniel Meconekin, Edward Seares, Thomas Hill, David Macklefish, William Hall, Ephraim Howard, Ezekiel Cheney, and Jeremiah Cheney: The Complaint of the Two First I find against Two Soldiers or Soldier-like Men, called Smith and Lake, for beating and endeavouring to carry off by Violence one Griffith, who they pretended to have Enlisted about Eight Months ago, and for threat-

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