

L. H. J. and at several Times afterwards, advance him as much Money, as
 Liber No. 49 made together, the Sum of £1750 Currency, which he engaged to
 Dec. 15 account for to my Satisfaction. When the Officers had recruited
 p. 199 about fifty Men, some of them were ordered to march with them, and
 encamp on Colonel Cresap's Plantation, where they continued until
 November, and then proceeded to join his Majesty's Three Inde-
 pendent Companies, that were then employed in building Barracks at
 the Place since known by the Name of Fort Cumberland; from the
 Time that the Men reached Conococheague, they were Victualled by
 Colonel Cresap, out of the Provisions which he had Purchased in
 Pursuance of my Order. In the same Month, to wit, November 1754,
 having received the King's Order to take Command of all the Troops
 that had been, or that should be, raised in these Colonies, for his
 Majesty's Service, I called another Assembly, in Hopes that they
 would have enabled me to Answer, in some Degree, his Majesty's
 Expectations and Intention in Honouring me with such a Commis-
 sion; and, about the same Time, I gave Colonel Cresap Orders to
 purchase a Number of fatted Beeves, and to feed them till they should
 be wanted; in the hopes which I had conceived from the Assembly I
 was however disappointed; and an End was put to the Session the
 24th of December, and I was very soon after informed, that his
 Majesty had been graciously pleased to order a General Officer, and
 Two Regiments of Regular Troops, to embark for Virginia. Be-
 tween the End of this Session, and the 22d of February 1755, when
 the Assembly met again, I had been told that some of the Gentlemen
 had said, "there could be no Reason for granting any more Money
 for his Majesty's Service, before the Sum which had been given in
 July was nearly expended;" and therefore to obviate that Objection,
 I thought proper, on the 26th of that Month, to lay before the House
 a general Account of sundry Sums that had been already paid out of
 the £6000 or that were then supposed to be due out of that Money,
 together with the following Message:

"Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

The inclosed Papers will acquaint you, in general, how Part of
 the £6000 granted by an Act passed in July last, has been expended
 for his Majesty's Service.

Hor.º Sharpe "

Among these Papers were some Muster-Rolls, which had been
 returned by Capt. Dagworthy, and Three or four Papers that I had
 received from Colonel Cresap; these were not, to the best of my
 Remembrance, either dated or signed by Colonel Cresap, or any other
 Person; but they served to shew that the Colonel had either laid in
 or engaged as much Flour, Salt Provisions, Live Stock, &c. as would,
 with the Waggon Hire, and other contingent Charges, and including
 the Price of some Saws, Blankets, &c. which he had supplied the
 Soldiers with, cost £1839.