

may think proper and direct it would in a very great Degree free me from the heavy Charge against me just mentioned.

After begging your Excellency's Favour in the Matter just named shall wait your further Orders which shall be cheerfully obeyed by.

10/1/58. Your Excellency's most obedient and very humble Serv. Gregorie Brown

Sir I have been a good deal about, and find by the Majority of People is entirely against our going to the Fort, 'tho' it from Men of good Account as well as the Country, they are all of Opinion that if the People in General refuse going not a Man will be hurt I find it is greatly the Desire of all People both rich and poor to have the Magistrates to refuse. I am credibly informed that even the Magistrates themselves will not be forward to commit them for not going, for they say if the Men will not go there must be a Provision made, beside you may take it for granted, that the Militia is not obliged by the Law to tarry at the Fort one Day but may come back immediately unless the Enemy was on the Frontiers and so any of the Gentlemen of Steelborne has a Mind to inform themselves further may apply themselves to Mr. Thomas Burdett without a Fee for Mr. John Happle told me that he would be obliged to pay all the Costs that they should be at on that Affair, beside they say that if the Steelbornians should break the Way the rest would be obliged to follow, for that gives the Thing up, they will count you more than Madmen, if you should go you may depend upon it that not half will come back, but will perish with the Cold, and as for raising of Money it is out of the Question neither is it in the Governor's Power to accept it, for I have it from good Authority, for even the Depts. Master himself is liable to Damage from every Man that he takes from, for I had it from his own Mouth and he from a Lawyer from your Friends. Wm. Churn.

Mr. Thomas Chandler living in Steelborne: this.

The above is a true Copy of a Letter lately in the Hands of the Clerk of the Company of Militia under the Command of Gregorie Brown: Jan: 10. 1758.

According to your Excellency's Direction I gave Captain Gregorie Brown his Orders with the necessary Warrants for preparing Carriages and Provisions the 26. of Dec: I went immediately after to Nyo, upon his Return from Amapholis he told me he had brought as far as Rochery's a Packet from your Excellency for me but that by Mistake he had sent it to Col. Tighman, instead of one directed for him, if he has any such Packet I can't conceive what is become of it as it is not yet come to.