

him to have all the Arms which were lately brought down to Conegocheague repaired and carried back to the Fort but many of the People who may repair thither should come unprovided with Arms and by that means be unable in case of Necessity to assist in defending the place. Persuaded that you will pay due regard to these Instructions and take every Proper step for the protection of the Frontier Inhabitants agreeable to the Power with which by your Command you are invested,

I am your very humble servant

To Col. Tho: Prather Commander in Chief of the Militia of Frederick County.

Horatio Sharpe

Sir

If any of the People who live or have dwelt in this Province Westward of Fort Frederick or near that Fort shall be alarmed by the accounts which lately have been or may be received of the Indians hostile Proceedings and fly to Fort Frederick for security you are to suffer such Persons to have access to and reside there, they bringing Provisions with them as long as they should choose to do so, on Condition that they do not in any way injure or endanger the buildings within the Fort and that they will also observe such orders and regulations as you with the Approbation of Col. Thomas Prather Commander in Chief of the Militia of Frederick County shall make or give them, least the Inhabitants in the Neighbourhood of Fort Frederick who may on any Alarm repair thither should not be provided with Arms. You may get all the Publick Arms which you lately sent from the Fort to Conegocheague repaired and carried back again thither for the defence of the Fort and by the first Waggon that shall be returning from this City to Frederick County some Ammunition shall be sent to you for the same Purpose but not to be delivered out by you to any Persons except those who you are persuaded will defend themselves and die it only in case of their being attacked by an Enemy, and I recommend it to you should you think it necessary on any Occasion to deliver such Arms and Ammunition to any Persons for the Purposes above mentioned to require from them receipts for the same to be on Occasion if called for produced by you or Vouchers to show how the Ammunition and Arms have been disposed of should the Indians commit any Murders or Acts of hostility within your County between Fort Cumberland and Fort Frederick I desire you will immediately send Col. Prather Notice thereof that he may give such orders to any part of the Militia under his Command as he shall think Expedient to prevent further hostilities and to prevent the frontier Inhabitants in security and quiet, and in the mean time you are to take such measures as you shall think best