

Fort Frederick of Stone, which Step I believe were our Assembly will now
approve of tho' I hear some of them sometime since intimated to their Constituents
that a Blockade would have been sufficient & that to build a Fort with Stone
would put the Country to a great & unnecessary Expence, but whatever their
Sentiments may be with respect to that Matter I am convinced that I have
done for the best & that my Conduct therein will be approved of by any
Soldier & by every impartial person. The Fort is not finished but
the Garrison are well covered & will with a little Assistance compleat
it at their leisure, Our Barracks are made for the Reception & Accomoda-
tion of 200 Men but on Occasion there will be room for twice that Number.
It is situated on the North Mountain near Potowmack River about 14
Miles beyond Conegochiegh & four on this Side Licking Creek. I have
made a purchase in the Governour's Name for the Use of the Country of
150 Acres of Land that is contiguous to it which will be of great Service
to the Garrison & as well as the Fort be found of great Use in Case
of future Expeditions to the Westward for it is so situated that Potowmack
or Shallows of that River lying between Fort Cumberland, the Flats
Fort Frederick & Conegochiegh.
It is probable this Fortification will cost the Province £2000 - but I am
told that one is raising at Winchester in Virg.^a that will not be built for
less than four times that Sum & when finished will not be half so good.
We have now recruiting Parties in every County from the Royal Americans
& the Nova Scotia Regiments who distress the People exceedingly by
taking their Servants agreeable to the Act of Parliament which is said
to have passed, however I think the People richly deserve it, they
have brought it on themselves & they & the Pensilvanians will feel the
Burthen of it as there are more Indented Servants in these two Colonies
than in all the West & as the People cannot well manage their Busi-
ness without their Assistance. Some of our Planters in Baltimore have
been risen on the Officers & rescued their Servants by force but I shall
instantly take effectual Measures to prevent Attempts of that Sort for
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