

Brigadier Gen^l. Forbes soon after the Assembly broke up wherein he told me that altho our Assembly had declined granting any Supplies for the Support of the Troops which had been raised here since the Beginning of the War, which were then in Garrison at Fort Cumberland & this Place, yet that he could not think of parting with them & that rather than suffer Soldiers who were inured to Hardships & well acquainted with the Country where the Scene of Action would in all Probability be to be disbanded he would take them into the Kings Pay on the footing of Rangers, & the General having desired me in the same Letter to meet S^r J^r Blair the 10th of May or as soon after as possible in order to settle with him about the said Troops I repaired to Conococheague the 20th of that Month, but we did Nothing with respect to this Matter before the Beginning of June, S^r John being till that time engaged at Winchester in forming the new Levies which had been raised in Virginia & in equipping them for the Campaign. He has since been at Conococheague & advanced our Officers three Months Pay for their respective Companies which is something less than £20000 Currency, our five Companies being now reduced to four & they containing less than 350 Men. The General has likewise promised to advance a considerable Sum of Money to the Gentleman that has victualled our Troops since the 5th of Oct. last upon a Presumption that our Assembly will be prevailed on to reimburse him. On the 5th of June those of our Forces that were here being ordered to march hence on the 16th of that Month I was laid under a Necessity of Ordering two Companies of Militia to the Frontier for the Protection of the Inhabitants & I have the Satisfaction to inform Your L^{dy} that notwithstanding the extraordinary Resolves of the above