

House of Assembly which were calculated to prevent their Marching the
two Captains to whom my Orders were sent were here the 16 agreeable to
my Orders. One of the Companies took Possession of this Fort the same
Day upon our Troops leaving it & the other Company marched to a place
called Bahers Fort which lies about 12 Miles North Eastward from this
& within about two Miles of the Temporary Line, the Men of both Compa-
nies have behaved extremely well, Parties have been sent out every Day & altho
several Indians have been lately discovered within the Limits of this Province
yet None of them have dared to venture down to fall on the Settlements,
nor have they done any Mischief below this place besides killing the Horse
of an Express that I sent about a fortnight ago to Carlyle. The Earl
of Loudoun's being superseded at such a time together with the tedious
Passage which the Vessel had that was freighted with the Artillery & Stores
for this Expedition, the late Arrival of Col: Montgomery's Battalion &
the Backwardness of the several Assemblies, the Difficulty of collecting
Waggons &c. & the time that has been & must be still spent in opening a
New Road from Carlyle in Pennsylvania to Fort Cumberland by the way
of Rays Town will I believe keep the Army on this Side the Allegany
Mountains till the Middle or at least till the Beginning of August.
The General has I hear been much indisposed but he is now recovered &
was expected at Carlyle the Beginning of this Week. Col: Bouquet
with 6 Companies of the Virginia Forces & some of the Pensilv: Troops has
been a good while employed in opening a Road from Carlyle towards the
Allegany Mountains which is likely to prove a very laborious Task & it
is said that that Road when finished will be far from a good One.
Col: Bouquet has desired me to have one made from this place to Fort
Cumberland. S: S: Blair has within this Week sent a small Detachment