

I came hither killed a Volunteer & two of our Soldiers that were repairing a Road near Fort Cumberland, but the Loss of a hundred Soldiers at such a Distance would not alarm the Inhabitants so much as the appearance of a single Enemy within the Settlements. On the 13th of June, I John St Clair & Colo Bouquet came to the Mouth of Conego, chief, the first from Winchester the latter from Fort Lytleton which is built near the Juniata River in the Province of Pennsylvania, I John brought with him & by the General's Order advanced to our Troops three Months Pay to enable them to equip themselves for the Campaign. Colo. Bouquet having intimated to us while we staid a few Hours at Conego, chief that he was afraid he should find it a very tedious & laborious Task to make the Road which the General had ordered him to open for the Army to march from Fort Lytleton to the Forks of the Youghogany by the way of Rays Town, by reason that the Road would pass over some very steep craggy Rocks, I told him that one of our Officers who was then & who was no Stranger to this Back Country had given it as his Opinion that a good & pretty straight Road might be made from this Place to Fort Cumberland & that if such a Road was made the Stores might be carried this way to Fort Cumberland in less time than they could by the way of Rays Town. The Proposal appeared so plausible to Colo. Bouquet that after he had asked the Officer some Questions he desired me to send him & some other Persons to reconnoitre the Country & to make Report thereof to I John St Clair who would be at Carlisle & who in case it should be found practicable to make such a Road would take proper measures for its being done. On the 26th Capt Shelby returned & reported that he had reconnoitred the Country between this Place & Fort Cumberland agreeable to the Instructions which I had

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