

with Col. Bouquet at Rays Town, some Detachments are  
employed yet in conveying up the Stores & Provisions. The  
General has been very ill for some time at Shippensburg  
but in a Letter which I have received from him dated  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst he tells me that he is now on the Recovery  
& that he hopes he shall be able to proceed to Rays Town  
in a few Days. I suppose the Rear of the Army will  
move on immediately after his Arrival there & I am not  
without hopes that in less than a Month from that time he  
will be within Sight of Fort Duquesne. As the General  
has been obliged to leave 700 Men on the Frontiers of Pens.  
to garrison the Stocades that have been built in that Province  
& is very unwilling to weaken himself more by leaving a  
Garrison at Fort Cumberland if it could possibly be avoided  
I have at his Request promised to go up with 200 or 250 Volun-  
tiers from the Militia of this County & to garrison that Post  
untill the Affair is decided, I shall contrive to be there just  
before the Rear of the Army moves from Rays Town so that  
the Virginians which are at present at Fort Cumberland may  
join the Army either at Rays Town or very soon after the  
General leaves that Place. I cannot tell exactly how long  
I shall be detained at Fort Cumberland because it will de-  
pend on the Quickness of the Generals Motions, but he has  
promised to send back a sufficient Number of Men to relieve  
the Volunteers that I am to carry up so soon as he has had  
a Decisive Action be the Event of it what it will. In the  
mean time I shall leave the Command of this Post & of the