

Money in part of their Account; but they should divert the
 battle before they could be killed which they seemed desirous
 to do. The whole £45 that Capt. had received for Montour,
 was spent (as I observed to you before) as he reached the
 Camp which necessitated me to advance him so much, I
 did not know that what you mention was the Intent of
 giving Montour a Commission; indeed I question whether
 the Man did not misapprehend the purpose of it himself,
 otherwise I think he would not have proceeded to raise any
 Men for the Service, which that he did. Mr. Washington
 can inform you whose Orders Montour & his Company
 were attendant on at the time of the Engagement, for this
 Reason I hope you will not be averse to considering the Man
 & satisfying the Expenses he has been at in supporting his
 Company, notwithstanding his doing it was not ordered by you
 but was owing to some Mistake or Misapprehension of his own,
 for my own part I cannot help thinking him as I before hinted
 a well-meaning well-disposed Man & of all the Traders Inter-
 preters or Woodsmen without Comparison the most promising
 & honest. I should be obliged to you for acquainting me
 with your Determination with respect to him that I might
 acquaint him on what footing he stands & what he is to
 expect. The Opinion I have already conceived of the Trade-
 men & Traders is very similar to that you entertain
 of them, & I assure you I shall be very cautious whom I
 admit of them into the Company of Rangers that I spoke
 of. I am sorry to acquaint you that I have received the
 Intelligence I before advised you of concerning the Rein-
 forcement arrived at Fort Du Quaine from Gov. Morris.