

will not condemn my Conduct therein, tho' his Extravagance should render him unable to give a satisfactory Acc<sup>t</sup> of its Disposal. I observe by an Acc<sup>t</sup> that I received from him some time since that the Expence of raising his Men Victualing them till he reached Frederichston & their pay to the 23 of March amounts to £30.13:10 more than he had then received, so that if the Men were regularly paid I hope he will not be much in arrears. By our Act of Assembly Soldiers are to be victualled at 1<sup>s</sup> a Day each but I believe that Act was not made before Capt Polson reached the Place of Rendezvous: when his Company came thither you may see in the inclosed Acc<sup>t</sup> which the Inhabitants on whom they were quartered delivered me with a petition requesting payment but in that I am unable to gratify them the Money that was granted by our Assembly last Summer being all expended & I almost despair of finding them disposed to grant any more Supplies. I am sorry to find Capt Pope has not behaved so gently as might have been wished & expected; & should have been glad he had dealt a little more ingenuously with me too when he requested me to speak in his favour to the General without undeceiving me with respect to his Rank & Half pay. The General however has given him a first Lieutenancy in Pepperels Regiment & I suppose he has ever this joined his Corps. I received a Lett this Morning from General Waddoch dated 17<sup>th</sup> Inst at the Little Meadows (between 20 or 30 Miles from Fort Cumberland) Mr Shirley tells me they were got so far with much Difficulty & Distress but were preparing to go on with more speed by lessning the Number of Waggon