

To Capt. Crane July 9<sup>th</sup> 1755

I have writ to inform the General of my ill Success with our Assembly who broke up yesterday without making any Provision for the Service & Uses for which the General asked Money of them, the two neighbouring Provinces. By this Event I am rendered unable to support or make any more Remittances to Capt Dagworth or his Company of which I have acquainted him & advised him to wait on you to receive the General's Orders for the Disposal of himself & the Men under his Command. [while our people had the General's Letter under Consideration we received Intelligence that some Parties of Indians had made Incursions & killed or carried away 26 of the Inhabitants who dwell a few Miles from Fort Cumberland, upon which I would have persuaded them to empower me to raise & support a Company of Rangers for the Protection of the Frontiers, but they refused to grant any money for that or any other purpose, which Resolution I believe they will never recede from tho Half the Province should be depopulated, unless the Legislature of G Britain shall think proper to interfere & compel us to take proper measures for our own preservation.] I am about to set off for Frederick to try what can be done with the Militia; while I am there I hope I shall be able to get that Man apprehended in which Case I shall send him to Fort Cumberland with a Letter to Col. Brissot to forward him to you by the first Opportunity as yours of the 22 ult was the last Letter that has been rec'd from the Camp, we shall begin to be in daily Expectation of receiving better News from you than we can write hence which you may be assured will much rejoice J. D.