

on the Roanoke, or Cherokee River. This has relieved Capt Dagworthy
from the Anxiety that he seemed to be in upon Account of these Indians &
he will not I presume, be visited by any more of them while he remains at Fort
Cumberland. He has I find supplied this party with several Things that they
stood in need of hoping I should be able to procure him an Allowance for the
same, but as our Assembly will not be prevailed on to appropriate any Sum
generally for the Service, or use of our Indian Allies it will never be in my Power
to reimburse him. The Party of Cherokees that were here last Spring received a
Grant to the Value of £200 from this Govern^t just before You obtained one from
for them from Pennsylvania & whenever any of them shall kill an Enemy Indian
& apply to this Govern^t for a Reward, our Agents are obliged to pay them
£50 or send them Goods to that Amount, which is all that our People will ever
do for their Encouragement. As soon as Capt Dagworthy informed me that
the Provisions which had been laid into at Fort Cumberland were nearly expended
I communicated the Contents of his Letter to our Agents & desired them to order
him a fresh Supply but as they had no Money left in their hands I was afterwards
obliged to address myself to the Assembly & represent to them the Necessity of
making immediate Provision for the farther Support of the Troops under Dagworthy's
Command. Inclosed I send You a Copy of their Answer to which I have made
a Reply enforcing my first Message; but I find they are obstinately determin'd
never to grant the smallest Sum for the Support of any Troops that shall
be ordered to Fort Cumberland hereafter, nor for the Support of any that are now
there. They insist likewise that the Troops which are present in the Pay of
this Province shall be forthwith reduced to 300, & these 300 shall, they say on no
Account be employed otherwise than in garrisoning Fort Frederick & ranging
beyond the Frontier Settlements. This being their final Resolution I must leave
it entirely to You to take such Measures for the Preservation of Fort Cumberland
as You shall think proper. The Garrison will not I apprehend be easily kept
together long after the Men hear that they are to receive no more pay &
indeed if they are not by Your Order speedily supplied with a Quantity