

to be now discharged. I doubt not but the Men to whom the Money is due  
would readily serve the ensuing Campaign in hopes that the Assembly will  
enable me to pay them off at the End of the Summer tho they should  
at this time refuse to grant any Money for their Support; but if their  
warrants cannot be paid, unless our Assembly will at their next Meeting  
appropriate a Sum of Money for that purpose. I hope you will be pleas'd  
to order some other Troops immediately to Fort Cumberland, lest accident  
should happen for the ~~Year~~<sup>Year</sup> promise you that no Endeavours of mine shall  
be wanting to induce our Assembly to grant large Supplies & to exert their  
utmost Strength on this Occasion yet I cannot promise you that my En-  
deavours will be effectual, indeed the late Conduct & Resolutions of the Gentl<sup>men</sup>  
who compose the Lower House of Assembly discourage me as I have already  
hinted from entertaining very sanguine hopes of Success.

I have agreeable to your Desire given Orders for a General Embargo to be  
laid in all the Ports of this Province, & I embrace this opportunity of saying  
you that I shall always think myself happy in being able to execute  
any other Commands that you may have Occasion to send me, being with  
the most sanguine Wishes for your Excellency's Success & Prosperity

Yours  
To Brigadier General Stanwix, the 23<sup>d</sup> of March 1758

Colonel Stoddiman being with me when I received your Letter of the  
20<sup>th</sup> Inst. I immediately communicated to him the Contents of it & have prevail'd  
on him to leave Capt Grame here with one Company of the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion  
with Orders to proceed to Fort Cumberland if the Garrison that is at present  
there should be so much reduced by Desertion as to make it expedient  
for him to do so before General Forbes can order some other Troops to  
march & take Possession of that Place. I wrote to General Abercromby  
two Days ago & told him how Matters were circumstanced. I likewise sent him  
a Copy of the Letter which the Earl of Loudoun was pleas'd to write to me