

the 2^d of January last in hopes that His Excellency will be induc'd to
fulfil His Majesty's Engagements with regard to the Pay that has been
due to our Forces since the 1st of Oct^r by doing so enable me to keep
them up till the End of the next Campaign. Should the General think
fit to approve of the Proposal & to return a speedy Answer to my Letter all
the Difficulties that surround us at present will be at once removed &
Capt Greene will instantly embark with his Company & proceed to Phila^a.
as you know how our Affairs have behaved since you have had the Chief
Command in these Parts & are acquainted with all that pass'd between the
Earl of Loudoun & me during that time you will be able to give General
Absconmy a more particular Account of every thing than it is possible for
me to do by Letter. I doubt not but he will be very glad of your Advice
on the Occasion. I could wish that since there is little Prospect of our
Assembly doing any thing at present His Excellency would agree to advance
four or five thousand Pounds out of the Credit of the Province to be repaid
when the Assembly shall in consequence of more peremptory Orders from home be
prevail'd on to grant a Sum of Money for His Majesty's Service if that time
shall ever come & that the Arrear of Pay which are now due to our Troops might
be discharged & they be thereby encouraged to continue in the Service to the End
of the next Campaign but I leave it to your Discretion whether a Proposal to the
General or not as you shall think proper.

To Brigadier General Forbes. the 27th of March 1758.

Sir

I embrace an Opportunity that offers to acknowledge the Receipt of
your Letter dated the 2^d of this Month & to assure you that as soon as a
sufficient Number of the Members of our Assembly can be got together I
shall communicate to them the contents of your Letter & use my utmost
Endevours to persuade them to raise as large a Number of Men as possible