

want it so well, as the Person, that is best acquainted with, both. I am  
glad however that some of those, You regard & esteem, are left behind, I most  
heartily wish, You & them, the greatest Success. I am obliged, to You for en-  
raging General Forbes to entertain a favourable Opinion of me, & of my Desire  
to forward the Service, but I am much afraid that it will not be, in my  
power to confirm it. In short I cannot promise him any Men, from this Pro-  
vince, unless He or General Abercromby will engage to pay them, & I have ta-  
ken the Liberty to tell him, as much in the Letter I have now sent. It is  
well, Capt Dagworthy & the rest of our officers taught their Men, to live, with  
Victuals last Summer otherwise they may not have found it so easy a Mat-  
ter to keep them together 6 months without pay in the Winter, how much  
longer they will, be contented to serve on this Footing, I cannot tell but lest  
accidents should happen, I hope, some other Troops will be ordered to Fort  
Cumberland as soon as possible. I wish, You had told the General when he  
was writing to me to get a quantity of Forage, laid in at the Mouth of  
Conegochiegh that it will be impossible, to get any thing in those Parts  
without ready Money there being more than £2000 still due, to the People,  
of Frederick County on Account of General Braddocks Expedition, I will how-  
ever write to a Trusty Man, a Col<sup>o</sup> of Militia, who lives in that Neighbourhood  
& desire him to engage as much, as he can get at a reasonable, price, but You  
must not expect that a Nation, will be delivered, till the People are, well assured  
that the Cash is at the Mouth of the Creek. By the time, that our Assembly  
breaks up, it is likely You will be on the Frontiers of Maryland in that Case,  
You may expect a Visit from me, but a Journey to Phila. is really what I  
cannot think of, tho I would most readily take a much longer one if I could  
thereby contribute, in the least Degree, to the Success of the Expedition You are  
about to engage in. If You cannot be supplied, with any tolerable Wine at Phila.  
I will upon the least Intimation, endeavour to get You any Quantity that You may  
want in this Province, but it will be, out of my Power to send You such, as  
as You had at Fort Cumberland or better than what You commonly meet with  
in Phila., I have a Kld of Prize, Claret at my Command which if it be agreeable  
to You shall be bottled & sent to Fort Frederick.