

any Money or not; I intend to be at Fort Frederick about the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst  
& sooner it will not be in my power; I shall immediately on my Arrival  
write to Sr J<sup>r</sup> Blair & take such Steps with respect to the Disposal  
of our Troops as he shall think best

To Sr Blair the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1750.

Colo. Braxton having intimated to me that he is just about to return to Virginia  
I embrace the Opportunity to acknowledge the Receipt of the two Letters you  
were pleased to favour me with the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of March last as well as of that which  
the Colo presented to me.

Our Assembly broke up yesterday without granting any Supplies for the Sup-  
port of a Number of Troops to act in Conjunction with those under the imme-  
diate Command of Brigadier Forbes or even for the Protection of our Frontier Inha-  
bitants while the Expedition is depending. We have at this time upwards of 300  
Men in Garrison at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick who have served ever since  
the 5<sup>th</sup> of Octob<sup>r</sup> last without Pay in Expectation that the Assembly would have  
now granted a Sum of Money to discharge the Arrears that might be due & to keep  
them up at least untill the End of the Campaign. As I presume the General  
would be very unwilling to see those Men who have now served a considerable time  
disbanded just as he is about to march. I shall encourage them to keep together  
till he & I meet on the Frontiers, unless I find on my Arrival at Fort Frederick  
where I hope to be the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst that your Regiments are not likely to be  
completed. in that Case I shall write to the Commanding Officer at Winchester &  
make him an Offer of such of our Soldiers as are enlisted generally for His Majesty's  
Service upon his paying them the Persons to whom they may be indebted whatever  
their Arrears of Pay at that time shall amount to, which will not I suppose be  
so much as the Bounty Money that you allow for Recruits.

I had received a Copy of the Charge ag<sup>t</sup> Capt Lewis before I was favoured  
with your Lett<sup>r</sup> which as I had repeatedly given him peremptory Instructions  
to concern himself on no Account with the Cherokees farther than to interpret  
between them & the Commanding Officer at Fort Cumberland did not a little sur-  
prize me; but the Report of a Court of Enquiry which has been appointed to