

enquire into the Affair together with Mr Smith's Opinion that little Credit ought to be given to the Indian's Information inclines me to think that Capt Davis has not acted such a Part as he is represented to have done by the Minutes You were pleased to send me; however to remove all Occasion for such kind of Complaints for the future I was determin'd in case our Troops had been still kept up to surround him & to leave it to the General to do with him afterwards as he should think fit. I am oblig'd to You for Your Answer to the Request I was importun'd by Colonel Cresap to make & will take the Liberty to communicate it to him.

To Sr J. Blair the 15th of May 1760

It was not till Saturday last that I gave over all hopes of prevailing with our Assembly to grant a sum of Money for the Support of a Number of Troops to act under the Command of General Forbes & to garrison the Forts on our Frontiers during the Continuance of the Expedition, but the Resolutions which the Lower House came to on that Day convinc'd me that no Supplies could be expected afterwards & laid me under the Necessity of putting an End to the Session. This being the Case I shall as soon as a Court in which I am oblig'd to preside is over repair with all possible Dispatch to Fort Frederick in hopes of meeting either Yourself or the General somewhere on the Frontiers about the 22nd or 23rd Inst. I sent the 600 Dollars to Col. Prather a few Days after I received Your Letter of the 5th of April & I had before that time given Instructions to the Commanding Officers at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick to obey & execute any Orders that they should receive from the General or Yourself.

In a Letter that I wrote to the General the 27th of April I told him that there were at Fort Cumberland the 5th of March last 220 Men exclusive of Commission'd & Non-Commission'd Officers & that the Number then at Fort Frederick was 14. This was the best Return that I could make at that time or that I can send You at present but it is not improbable that some of them have since left the Service.

The Pipe of Madira Wine that You gave me an Order for is now in my Cellar as it is fine it shall be drawn off & I shall then give Orders for its being convey'd either to Fort Frederick or the Mouth of Conegochieg.