

To Sr. J. St. Clair: Frederick Town the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1750.

Sr. I have received Your Lett. of the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst as well as that dated the 26<sup>th</sup> but it really is not in my Power to supply any Troops which You may have Occasion to march thro this Province, either with Provisions or Waggon. Experience has taught me that no Prep Warrants of mine, will be regarded unless a large Party of Soldiers is sent to attend the Prepmaster & to take Charge of what he might be ordered to imprep, besides You do not say where the Waggon that You demand are to attend nor indeed is such a Number to be got here on any Terms. I wrote to the Commanding Officer at Fort Frederick immediately on my Return from Winchester & the Carriages are already carried to Williams's at the Mouth of Conegocheigh. I have likewise sent 8 Waggon to Annapolis for the Arms that You desired might be brought hither & I expect them back on Thursday next or on Friday at furthest. I hope You have by this time received Instructions from the General relative to the Payment of the Troops that are in Garrison at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick & that have now served near 8 Months without Pay, I cannot help being uneasy about them as it is owing to the Encouragement which I have given the Officers in consequence of the Earl of Loudoun's & General Forbes's Letters that the Men have kept together so long & unless the General will order Payment to be made for the Provisions which they have been supplied with very shortly the Person that has victualled them must be inevitably ruined. Be pleased to let me know what about You intend to take & when You propose to be in Maryland that I might meet You, if You cross Maryland above this Place I shall upon the Receipt of Your Answer proceed to Fort Frederick, for I learn from an Officer who came thence Yesterday Morning that no Person in or about the Fort has been taken ill of the small Pox these 9 Days, that those few who were taken ill before that time are confined to a House which is built at a considerable Distance from the Fort & that all but one of them are already recovered.

To Sr. John St. Clair. At Darnalls near Frederick Town the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1750.

Sr. Mr. Bafett being with me last Night when Your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst was Lt. I communicated to him the Contents of it & he will send the Tools to Colonel Prather & return thither himself to Morrow Morning agreeable to Your Orders. I hope the General does not depend on the Militia of this Province to garrison Fort

Cumberland