

Cumberland if he does he will most certainly be disappointed for I am satisfied it will not be in my Power to prevail on a single Company to march thither. Our Lower House of Assembly gave it as their Opinion some time ago & desired me to send a Copy thereof to Lord Loudoun that it was no matter what became of that Fort & that a Garrison there could not be of the least Benefit or Service to the People of this Province, they afterwards resolved that they would never on any Account whatever agree to pay or victual any Men that should be posted as a Garrison in that Place, & altho neither their Opinion nor Resolutions are obligatory yet they have always great weight with the People & will undoubtedly have the greatest on the present Occasion. Whenever the Troops that are at Fort Frederick shall be ordered to march I will undertake to garrison it with Militia but I cannot engage for any thing more & indeed I am convinced that if the Companies which I may order thither should think that I shall afterwards require them to pass the North Mountain (which our Assembly calls the Frontier) not a Man of them would be prevailed on to come from home. I am  
By Col. Prathers Return to me he has purchased & sent to Fort Frederick 400 Bushels of Oats  
1000 Bushels of Indian Corn & £. 3. 0. 20 of Hay

To S<sup>r</sup> J<sup>r</sup> St Clair. Frederick Town. the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1760.

D<sup>r</sup> As soon as the Waggon's that are gone to Annapolis return thither I shall send some of them to Winchester with 200 of the Muskets & You may expect them there next Monday or Monday. In the Letter which You sent me from General Forbes which was dated the 25<sup>th</sup> of May is the following Paragraph "I am greatly at a Loss & much distressed how to act with regard to the 300 Men that You had at Fort Cumberland & Frederick in the Province. As You have said Nothing about them I hope they continue as they were until I have the Pleasure of seeing You; at the same time I should be well pleased that they could be all got together at Fort Cumberland as by that means Part of Col<sup>l</sup> Washington's Virginia Regiment might march to Fort Frederick in order to join the other Troops at Pray's Town, but as You will see S<sup>r</sup> St Clair I think those Things may be easily settled for the best. Since I left Winchester I have given Orders for reducing the Company that was commanded by Capt Davis & distributing the Men that composed it into the other four which will make them I apprehend about 90 Men a Company including Officers; 122 of these are at Fort Frederick & the Mouth of Conegocheigh, by a Return which I received Yesterday from the Commanding Officer at that Fort I find that 60