

a Bridge over Licking Creek, in Case You should think proper to have, such a Bridge
I suppose it might be supported on Triangular Piers made with Logs & filled with Stones
as is that which was made over Antietam when General Braddock marched that Way
but I understand that the Piers must be 12 or 10 feet high from the Foundation. I
have desired one of our Militia Lieutenants who is in garrison here to write down to
his Country Men the Dutch about Frederick Town & encourage them to go with their
Waggons to Carlisle, as the Man has a good Deal of Influence among them I thought
this was the best Method I could take to have You supplied with some Waggons from
this Province but if any Person could be sent to Frederick Town, I believe he might get
many the Owners of which may decline going to Carlisle upon what they will perhaps
think an Uncertainty notwithstanding I have told them they will certainly be engaged
& taken into immediate Pay. Be pleased to send me an Acct. of the Quantity & Kind
of Provisions that is allowed to the Kings Forces in America every Week or Day that
ours may be victualled after the same manner

Copy of Capt. Shelbys Report. Fort Frederick, the 25 of June 1750.

In Obedience to Your Excellency's Orders communicated to me the 15th Inst. I have
reconnitred the Country that lies between this Place & Fort Cumberland & am of
Opinion that a good Road might be made between these two Forts by the following
Route: From Fort Cumberland to Goats Creek 5 Miles over a good gravelly &
level Soil, I think a good Road might be opened between these two Places in two
Days by 50 Men, the Distance from Goats Creek to a small Run called Flint Stone
Run is 5 Miles the Land is pretty level & firm. I am of Opinion that 60 Men might
make this a good Road in two Days. From Flint Stone Run to Town Creek is 6
Miles a level gravelly Soil, there is heavy Timber on it for the Distance of about
3 Miles. I suppose 50 Men would open this Road in five or six Days at the Distance of
two or three Miles from Town Creek lies Middle Ridge, & at about the same Distance
from Middle Ridge on this Side is the Main Fork of Town Still Creek the Soil is gravelly
& I think 50 Men might make a good Road from Town Creek to the Main Fork of
Town Still Creek in 10 Days. from the Main Fork of Town Still Creek where is a
very good Ford which is never impassible unless after a very heavy Rain, & then not more
than for 24 hours at most to the Beginning of the Descent of the Ragged Mountain is
about 6 Miles, it is a stony firm Soil, as it is falling it will require a good Deal of
Digging & I suppose 200 Men may be employ'd 10 Days in making it a good Road.