

Foot of Shilling Hill. I am told that the Waters of Potowmack are so low
for Barges to go up loaded & there are but 13 Canoes in the River neither
it probable to get any made at this time. These Canoes being at the Mouth
of Conococheague I shall send off a Party of Militia for them early in the
Morning & as soon as they come to this Place they shall be loaded with about
half the Stores that were brought hither Yesterday from Caslye & will be
sent to the Old Town which is as far as they will be able to go & it will take
them 2 Days to perform it: I shall order three Officers & 20 Men of the Mary
& Land Forces which are at present on the Bridge & two Serjants with twenty thirty
Men of Capt. J. Gwynes Detachment to convey them up. I shall order Capt.
Gwynes to begin to clear the New Road from Fort Cumberland to the Old Town
Crack. But he is too weak to spare many Men for that Service especially as
he must immediately on the Arrival of the Canoes at the Old Town or the
Flat send down a strong Party to receive them & to convey them to Fort
Cumberland which for I understand that he will not be able at any Place
to make up more than three or four Teams these will be no easy Task.
From what I have heard I do not expect the Carolina Troops here these
10 or 12 Days. When Majr. Wille arrives I shall order him to clear the
Road between the Old Town Crack & Shilling Hill. Mr. Ross will be able
upon the Credit of Mr. Gillys Letter to get Money of his Friends to
purchase Provisions for any Troops that may be ordered this way, he was
under a Necessity of going down the Country for a few Days, but that will
not make any Difference.

To Capt. Gwynes. Fort Frederick the 23 of June 1758.

Chis. Mr. Moore the bearer of this comes one Adam M. Gilly who has my Order
to apply to you for an Escort or covering Party & then to blaze a Road with the
 utmost Dispatch from Fort Cumberland to the Old Town Crack, as soon as he shall
 make Report to you of his having so done. You are to have a good Road opened
 with the greatest Expedition & by way of Encouragement to the Party that you
 may order on this Service to assist themselves you are permitted to allow them a
 small Quantity of Rum or other Spirit every Day for which it shall be your
 Order to be paid: in about 3 Days you may expect 25 or 30 Canoes at