

the Slatts or if the Water should be too low there) at the Old Town with the things
Stores: As the Party that will be sent up with them as an Escort will be ordered to
return hither immediately I must desire You to send down a strong Party to receive &
guard them as soon as You shall be advised of their being arrived & must leave it to
You to get them to Fort Cumberland in the best manner & with the greatest Dispatch
that You possibly can. I am told that in all Probability some Waggons which are
ordered from Winchester to Fort Cumberland with Provisions &c will be there before
the Canoes can get up, should this be the case You will detain them a Day or two to
fetch up the Stores with which the Canoes will be loaded. but if this should not be
the case You are then to make up as many Teams as You can at the Fort & em-
ploy them in this Service & the Owners of all the Waggons which shall be employ-
ed will be paid after the Rate of 16/ a Day for each by St. Clair or me upon
producing Your Certificates to shew that they have done the Service.

To Mr. Tasher the 29 of June 1750.

As I do not apprehend that there is any necessity for the Assemblys Meeting at the
time to which it stands prorogued. I desire the Favour of You to advise with the
Gentlemen of the Council & to prorogue the Assembly for such a longer time as You
& they shall think proper. The General being very unwilling to lose the
Men which have been raised in this Province & have been hitherto kept up for the
immediate Defence & Protection of our Frontiers Inhabitants & expecting that he shall
be reimbursed by the Assembly at their next Session was pleased about three weeks
ago to advance the Men three Months pay to encourage them to keep together until
some further Provision shall be made for their Support & on the 9 Inst. those of
them that were in garrison here received Orders from the General by St. John
St. Clair to evacuate the Fort in six Days from that time & to go on a different
Service. As I had great Reason to apprehend that if this Place should be left with-
out a Garrison tho' but a few Days the People who live about Conegochiegh would
abandon their Plantations I immediately ordered two Companies of the Militia
of Frederick County to repair to this Place & Bahers Fort to serve in Arms on the
Frontiers for the necessary Defence of the Province until some Companies could
come up from the Lower Counties. I have since agreeable to Your Advice ordered
up Capt. Broome's Company from Calvert County & another from Cecil to relieve
them which will I hope be enough to protect the Inhabitants till the Army shall have