

left Fort Cumberland) I learn by a Letter from Capt Dagworthy that
Party of fifteen or sixteen Indians about a fortnight ago fired upon some
of a Party which had been ordered out under the Command of Ensign Beall to
repair the Road between Fort Cumberland & the Old Town, these Men were it
seems advanced about 150 Yards before the Rest the Indians killed two of them
& wounded two others they would have slain those they had killed but were
prevented by Ensign Beall who immediately ran up with his Party & obliged
them to retire. Last Friday Evening an Express that was going to Castle
was shot at by some Indians within a mile & half of this Place, his Horse
was killed but the Man luckily made his Escape. Since that time two Indians
have been discovered near the Road that leads from Shippensburg to this Place
by a Detachment of sixty Men from the Royal American Regiment who were
coming hither with upwards of thirty Waggon's loaded with Artillery Stores. I un-
derstand that the General intends to march part of the Army his way & I have rea-
son to think that the three Companies which were raised in the Delaware Counties,
another Detachment of the Royal Americans, & 200 of the North Carolina Troops
will be here in a few Days.

To Captain Beedyn. Fort Frederick the 1st of July 1758.

In a Letter which I received from Mr John Blair a few Days ago he desires
me to send a Quantity of Bomb Shells & Shot that are here to Fort Cumberland in
Canoes, the Canoes are now at Johnson's Landing within a mile of this Place & I have
ordered the Shells to be put on board, but as there are not Provincial Troops
enough here to convey them to Fort Cumberland or as far up Potowmack as the Canoes
shall be able to go I must desire you to spare some Men for that Service. I am of
Opinion that 50 Men exclusive of Officers are as few as ought to be sent to convey Stores
of such consequence thro' such a Country. As the Provincials at present in this Fort
fit for Duty are but 26 besides Officers, these will have Orders to march to Morrow
Morning at Break of Day under the Command of Capt Ware in case you shall
order a party of twenty four Men to join them. The Commissary is ordered to have
9 Days Provisions for 50 Men ready to be delivered this Evening.

To Will^m Pitt Esq. the 10th of May 1758.

In the Letter ~~that~~ which I did myself the Honour to write the 16th of March I
told you that the Assembly of this Province was to meet the 23rd of that Month, that