

many of those that may be ordered to march & serve in Arms on the Frontiers during the Summer will either refuse to move or behave afterwards in a very refractory manner

To the Honble. Francis Fauquier Esq. Fort-Fredrich, the 3^d of July 1758.

Sir Being favoured with Your Letter advising me of Your safe arrival in Your Government I embrace the first Opportunity that has offered since I received it to congratulate You thereupon & to wish You an easy & happy Administration. I permit me to return You Thanks at the same time for forwarding my Brother's Letter which affords me the greater Satisfaction as it informs me that the Doctor has been some time honoured with Your Acquaintance & with the Friendship of Your Family. As I am persuaded that a friendly Correspondence between the Governours of these Colonies is in the present State of Affairs highly expedient Your Declaration on that Head is very agreeable to me as I shall on all Occasions endeavour to shew by writing freely to You as often as I may have any thing to communicate which might concern either of these Colonies or which it might be agreeable to You to be advised of. By a Letter which I lately received from Carlisle I find that neither the General the Artillery nor the Highland Battalion had got thither the 20th of last Month. Col: Bouquet with six Companies of Your Troops & some of the Penn: Forces was opening a New Road from Littleton to Pajis Town & thence to the Mouth of the Yagyoquany which was likely to prove a very laborious & difficult Task. A small Detachment of the Royal American Regiment & two Companies of the Delaware Troop^{ers} came hither with Sixty Waggon Load of Musquet Ball & Artillery Stores, which are if it is possible to be sent to Fort Cumberland by Water I sent off about Twenty Gun of them Yesterday Morning but alas the Boats of Potowmack will be too much fallen before the Canoes return for them to make another ^{Trip}. We are told by a Party of Cherokees that were lately in sight of Fort Duquesne that the Number of the Enemy at that Place does not exceed four or five hundred; Most of whom go over the Ohio every Day to work on a Fort that is begun at the Distance of about half a Mile beyond the River, I am likewise told by a Gentleman at Carlisle that the French are in the Neighbourhood

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