

The Governor expected to be back this Evening, but I do not think it very probable if his Party of Militia did not seem averse to it, that he is gone into Fort Cumberland to persuade the Commanding Officer of the Virg. Troops to assist Capt Sargant in opening the Road from that Fort to the Town Creek, which I should think he will not return hither before to-morrow Evening or Monday Morning. When the Governor left this Place he expected that the North Carolina Troops & Major Welles other Company would have been here before this time & had they arrived I understood that they & the Remainder of Major Welles's People were to have been supplied with Provisions & Tools & to have went on to Capt Shelbys who would have known how to dispose of them, but I hear that the Carolina Troops which were at Alexandria being in Number about 750 Men marched thence to Winchester last Tuesday Night. One of Major Welles's Men was removed down the Country Yesterday on Account of his having the Small Pox, Messrs that he took the Infection at Carlisle, he & some of his Comrades having been in a House at that place where the Family had it: as it will be impossible to get all the Stores that are here conveyed up to Fort Cumberland by Water within this Fortnight & as it is uncertain whether this New Road will be made in any reasonable time since the Number of Men employed on it is so small, I imagine the Governor would be glad to know on what Day at farthest these Stores must necessarily be at Fort Cumberland, that in case the New Road cannot be finished, nor the Stores be all conveyed up by Water before that time he might send down the Country & impropria Number of Waggon's to carry them up thro Virginia: Should You have Occasion to send any other Express hither it will be best for him to come to Bakers Fort which is about five Miles on this Side Pawlins & stands on the New Road that was lately made there is part of a Company of Militia posted there under the Command of Capt Middagh who will send an Express hither with any such Express or with any Letter that might be recommended to his Care. I am & Mr Bidout.

To Mr John S. Clair, Fort Frederick, the 8th of July 1758. 10 after a m
I send this after Your Express to inform You that Major Wells & I are just come back from the Town Creek whither I carried him as I find Mr Bidout has informed You to see the Country thro which he is to open a Road between Sidling Hill & that Place. The Major agrees with me that Capt Shelbys