

myself the honor to write to you. This I have been favoured with your  
Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, for which be pleased to accept my Acknowledgments. I  
hear that General Forbes arrived at Carlisle last Tuesday last night, & I have rea-  
son to think that the Artillery & the Highland Battalion are there also by this time.  
The two Companies from Carolina consisting of 100 Men came hither Yesterday  
from Winchester to assist in making a Road that the General has ordered to be  
laid out thro this Province to Fort Cumberland.

To General Forbes. Mouth of Conococheague the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1750.

Sir As I perceive by a Letter from Sr John W<sup>ch</sup> Clair to the Commanding Officer  
of the Maryland Troops that Your Excellency has been pleased to order them to march  
& join the Rest of his Majesty's Forces under Your Command. I am prevailed on by  
the repeated Requests of the several Gentlemen that have the Command of those Troops  
& of the Person that has victualled them to submit their Case to Your Excellency hoping  
You will take it into Consideration & by some means or other relieve them from the  
Difficulties wherein they find themselves at present involved. Your Excellency is  
not I presume to learn that when the Earl of Loudoun met the several Governours  
of these Southern Colonies at Philadelphia in March 1757 he proposed among  
other Matters that the Province of Maryland should raise & support 500 Men to  
garrison Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick on the Frontiers of that Province or  
to be otherwise disposed of as Colo Stanwix should think best for His Majesty's  
Service. As this Proposal of His Ldps appeared to me very reasonable I promi-  
sed to recommend it to the Assembly to augment our Troops to that Number  
when the Virginians evacuated Fort Cumberland which they did in April. I ordered  
Capt Dagworthy to march with some of the Maryland Troops & to take Possession  
of it. No sooner was the Assembly apprized of Capt. Dagworthy's having left Fort  
Frederick than they expressed their Disapprobation in the most publick manner & when  
they framed a Bill for augmenting our Troops they carefully inserted such a Clause  
in it as they imagined would restrain their Service to Fort Frederick or at least put  
it out of their power of the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Forces in America  
to post them at Fort Cumberland. When I found that the Assembly had come to  
such a Resolution I advised Colo Stanwix thereof by a Letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of May