

pointed, to pay them. To contract with a Person to victual them engaged ones Mr. David
Hops to deliver as much Provisions at Fort Frederick, as the Troops should have
occasion for, but they would not be prevailed on to pay for the Carriage of any
that should be sent thence to Fort Cumberland, this Matter being represented to
Colo Stanwix, by the commanding Officer at Fort Frederick, the Colonel wrote to
him in answer, "It is my express Orders that Mr. Hops do at all times convey sup-
ply Fort Cumberland with all manner of Provisions, &c. I will recommend it to the Board
to pay any Loss he may receive, either by its being, or his Waggons Horses &c. taken by
the Enemy which I am sure Lord Loudoun upon my Recommendation will be
worse to let him who acts so well for the Publick Service be any Sufferer; if Mr.
Hops requires any Orders general or particular either by Warrant or otherwise under
my hand he shall have it." In consequence of the abovesmentioned Letters from
Colo Stanwix the Maryland Troops continued to garrison Fort Cumberland & Fort
Frederick, as long as Colo Stanwix remained on the Frontiers of Pennsylvania; &c. when
ever any of the Southern Tribes of Indians have come to either of those places they
have been victualled by Mr. Hops agreeable to Colo Stanwix's Orders & have been also
supplied with Liquors & some other Necessaries that friend Indians had been usually
supplied with when they came to any of the Forts on the Frontiers of these Provinces
The Money which had been granted for the Support of the Maryland Troops
being entirely expended, the Beginning of last Oct. I press'd the Assembly to grant ano-
ther Sum of Money for that purpose & to empower their Agents to send an immediate
Supply of Provisions to Fort Cumberland, as it appeared by the Commissary's Return
that the Garrison must otherwise have been obliged to vacuate it within a few Weeks
for want of Food. The Assembly were so far from complying with my Request that
they forthwith made a Resolve, that they never would agree to support a Garrison at
that Fort be the consequence what it would. After the Earl of Loudoun was appriz'd
of this he sent me a Letter to be communicated to the Assembly in hopes it would
divert them from the Resolution they had taken, but when he was informed that it
had failed of having the desired Effect & that the Assembly were determined to ad-
here to their Resolution he wrote to me again & desired, that notwithstanding the As-
sembly would not agree to support them, the Maryland Troops at least so many