

shall commiserate his Condition & think of some Method, to relieve him, he must I am persuaded, be inevitably ruined. Should, Your Excellency upon considering what I have now submitted, to You think fit to give any Orders for the Payment of the Officers or M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> I will, with Your Approbation order the Muster Rolls to be laid before any Person, that might be appointed by Your Excellency to receive them & I will, also order M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> to wait upon him with his several Accounts made out & proven, after such Method, as maybe required & as he can conform to. I should have observed, to Your Excellency that altho' my late Applications to our Assembly for Supplies have not had the desired Effect yet they did in an Address which they presented, to me the 27<sup>th</sup> of April last speak of the Troops that were then at Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick as in the Pay of this Province, & they engaged, as it were, to pay them whenever a Bill should pass for raising Money for his Majesty's Service. I cannot indeed, promise, that a Bill will be made, for that purpose, within any certain Time but it is my Opinion, that if Your Excellency shall be pleased to advance on the Credit of the Province such a Sum of Money as was due, to the Maryland Troops at that time, to M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> for Victualling both them & the Indians that have at any time been furnished with Provisions at Fort Frederick. The Assembly will some Day repay it, but with regard to any Expence that has been occasioned by Provisions being carried to Fort Cumberland, since any of the Maryland Troops have been posted there, as a Garrison, I am apt to think, they never will be prevailed on to defray it, nor do I believe they will ever agree to pay for Provisions or any thing else, that our Indian Friends may have been supplied with at that Fort.

To Christopher Shelby Esq. Fort Frederick, the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 1758

Since I was favoured with Your Letter dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, the Receipt of which I am now to acknowledge, I have taken an Opportunity to see General Forbes at Carlisle, & to acquaint him in a more full & particular manner than I could well do by writing with the present State & Circumstances of the Officers & Men that compose the Maryland Forces with the late Conduct of our Assembly relative to those Troops, with the Encouragement which the Officers have, at times received from General Stanwix & myself in consequence of the Earl of Loudoun's Letters, with