

with the Encouragement & Instructions that Doctor Ross hath also received from the
& in pursuance whereof he has continued to visit our Troops as well as the friendly
Indians that have since the Beginning of April 1757 been at Fort Cumberland or any
other place on the Frontiers of this Province. I likewise took the Liberty to commu-
nicate to His Excellency the Contents of Your Letter with which he seemed to be
well satisfied; but with respect to the Sum which You proposed to allow for the
Hospital, Indians, & Transportation of Provisions to Fort Cumberland, His Excel-
lency has been pleased to enlarge it: The General has already advanced our
Troops by the hand of Sr J. S. Clair the Sum of £1000 Currency in part of the
pay that is due to them, this he is willing to make up £2400 & he has accordingly
desired me to draw on Mr Joshua Howell for the Remainder being £500 Currency
which Sum I understood from the General & conclude from Your Letter that Mr
Howell has received Your Instructions to pay. Besides this you & above the
£2976.15. Currency (or the Value thereof in Bills of Exchange) which You im-
powered me to draw for by Your Letter of the 19th of June, the General has desired
me as I have already hinted to draw on Mr Howell for the Sum of £800 ^{ff}
towards defraying the Expence of transporting Provisions to Fort Cumberland & other
Contingencies; which several Drafts for £500 Currency, £2976.15 Currency, or
the Value thereof in Bills of Exchange & £800 ^{ff} ^{or} ^{the} ^{Value} ^{thereof} ⁱⁿ ^{Bills} ^{of} ^{Exchange} & £800 ^{ff} will I expect in a few Days
presented by Doctor Ross who is going to Phila^a for that purpose & to receive
Mr Howells Directions with respect to the Form that must be observed by him
in making out his Accounts in case our Assembly should continue averse to
paying him, but indeed I am not without hopes that they will when they meet
again & when I communicate to them a Letter which the General has lately
wrote to me & wherein he makes a Demand on our Assembly for the Sums which
you & he have been prevailed with to advance on the Credit of the Province for the
purposes abovementioned, I am not I say without hopes that they will pursue differ-
ent Measures from those they have lately taken, & that they will before Christmas next
raise & appropriate a Sum of Money to repay You what shall have been so
advanced & for such other Purposes as it might be recommended to them to provide
for. It remains only for me to return You Thanks in behalf of our Officers