

wherein a considerable Sum due to him for victualling the several Parties of Indians that
have been at these Forts since the Beginning of April 1707 but what the exact Sum is I
do not as yet know. The 14 of June I had the Pleasure of seeing Colo Bouquet &
John Stclair at the Mouth of Conegocheigh, & St John at that time advanced the Officers
of the Maryland Troops which were then reduced to 4 Companies the Sum of £1000 so
as them as he said in Action, it was calculated that this Sum would pay them for three
Months & the Captains gave Receipts for it as for so much advanced by Your Excellency for
wards paying their respective Companies without mentioning whether it was to pay off
the Arrears that were then due to them or to pay them for the three Months then ensuing
before Colo Bouquet & St John left Conegocheigh they promised to represent I Prop^d to
to Your Excellency in its proper Light & to use their Interest with You to procure him pay-
ment for the Provisions that he had supplied our Troops with from the 5 of Oct. to
that time. The Beginning of July I was favoured with Your Excellency's Letter of the
5 of June & with Mr Shilby's bearing Date the 19 of that Month; being determined to
wait on Your Excellency as soon as You came to the Frontiers of Pens^{il} & I had then
great reason to expect an Account every Day of Your Arrival, I declined answering Y^r
Letter & as I was not sure that I understood Mr Shilby's Meaning I declined drawing on
Mr Howell for any Money whatever untill I should have talked with Your Excellency
concerning it & untill I should have also seen D^r Prop^d who happened to be at that time
down the Country attending the Affairs of some Merchants in London for whom he trans-
acts a good Deal of Business. Soon after I waited on You at Carlyle. You were
unhappily taken very ill & the Continuance of Your Distemper disqualified You in a great
measure for doing Business, You were pleased however to attend when I read You part
of Mr Shilby's Letter & to agree as I understood You that I might draw an Order on Mr
Howell in favour of Doctor Prop^d for £296.15 Currency which according to the Estimate
was the Sum due to him for victualling the Maryland Troops from the 5 of Oct. to
the 5 of April, & which Mr Shilby as I understood him engaged to pay & I remember
that St John Stclair & I think Major Mallett put the same Construction on that
part of his Letter where he says "to this I put my own Shoulders" Besides his
Sum to D^r Prop^d for victualling the Troops to the 5 of April. I imagined that Your
Excellency's Intention was to advance our Troops as much current Money as might
be doing what St John Stclair left for them at Conegocheigh would make £1500 ff
or reckoning Exchange at 60 p lb. £1200 Currency, of this they had already received
from St John £200 the Ballance therefore to be yet received by them was £500