

Shilby m^{ll}
Currency, this I understand from You that M^r Howell would Advance on Your
Excellency's Account & in consequence of Your Instructions as well as the Loss
for Contingencies & I drew on M^r Howell for those two Sums accordingly as You
will see by the inclosed Copies of my Orders You may remember. Sir that when
we were last talking of this Matter at Carlisle I asked Your Excellency if You
would not choose to give a Warrant or Warrants on the Paymaster for those two
Sums of £510 Currency & £550 s^tg to which You replied I think that You would
write to M^r Shilby or M^r Howell & desire them to advance it & that that Method would
do as well. I now perceive by the Letter which M^r Shilby wrote to M^r Howell the
1st Inst to explain the Letter which he sent me the 19th of June that he means to ad-
vance only £1500 s^tg in part of what was due to M^r Prop for Victualling our Troops
to the 8th of April, that is instead of £2976.15 Currency which I imagined it was his
Intention to advance, he will advance no more than £2000 Currency & I perceive
that he has forbid M^r Howell to pay either the £550 s^tg for Contingencies or the
£510 Currency for the Pay of the Maryland Troops now under Your Excellency's Com-
mand. This being the Case I know not what Method to propose whereby D^r Prop
might be released unless Your Excellency will write to M^r Howell & let him know
how the Mistake had happened & at the same time give him a Warrant or Warrants
on the Paymaster or M^r Nelson for the £550 s^tg, the £510 Currency & the Sum of
£2976.15 Currency or £360.0.0 Sterling (which Sum of £2976.15 Currency or £360.0
s^tg is the Difference between what M^r Shilby intended to advance D^r Prop &
what was imagined he intended to advance him. This I suppose is as much as M^r
Howell can desire & thereupon I presume he will withdraw his Action & endeavour
as far as shall be in his power to vindicate D^r Prop's Character. M^r Shilby seems
to hint I think that one Reason of his declining to advance D^r Prop the full Sum
of £2976.15 Currency was that he & his Friends might be still interested & lest
he & they should otherwise give themselves no farther Concern or Trouble about
the Affair nor use their Endeavours to obtain Payment from the Assembly, but if
this was the only Reason the Precaution would have been needless for Your Excellency
will be pleased to observe that altho that £2976.15 had been paid him yet D^r Prop
would still lye out of what is due to him for Victualling our Troops from the 8th of
April to the 8th of May & what is due to him for Victualling all the Indians that have
been at this Place or Fort Cumberland since April 1704, likewise of what he has