

M^r Howland might keep him there untill he shall hear again from Your
Excellency or from M^r Shilley. I shall endeavour to get the Voluntiers that
expect to march with me to Fort Cumberland hither the 1st of Sept. or on any
other Day that You may think fit to appoint but notwithstanding the
the Officer has made me & the hopes he has given me that the Men will make
no Difficulty of marching I am afraid many of them will be disquaded or
discouraged by the members of our Assembly or their Instruments who are I under-
stand extremely busy below & leave no Stone unturned that may hinder any man
from marching to serve on the Frontiers under my command. The Resolves they
made just at the Conclusion of our last Session & that were published by Order
of the House in one of the Maryland Gazettes which You ashes after at
last was a Warning to me to expect Opposition but notwithstanding the
Experience I have had it could not conceive that when the Safety of the
Province was so much at Stake as it is at present they would be so very
anxious as they appear to put it out of my Power to provide in any Degree
for the Security of the Inhabitants, however I hope I shall yet be able
to perform as much as I have ever promised. I mean if You can leave
Prags Town within this fortnight & can proceed to Fort Du. Quesne before
the beginning of Oct. when I must necessarily meet the Assembly I hope
to be able to get Men enough to garrison not only this Place but Fort Cum-
berland also &c. You may be assured that I shall embrace every Opportunity of
convincing You that I most sincerely wish You Success in Your Expedition

To William Pitt Esq. Fort Frederick the 27 of August 1758.

Sir Not knowing whether General Forbes might at this time have an Opportunity
of sending Letters to England or indeed whether he is able to write (having just
received Advice of a Vessel being about to sail from this Province) I do myself
the honour to inform You that about 300 of the Men whereof he has the com-
mand & half the Train of Artillery are advanced to a River called the Laurel Run
which according to the best Account I can get is 70 Miles beyond Prags Town