

have contracted on their Mens Account as soon as the Campaign is over & they
return to the Province. Beside the Maryland Troops as we call them which
consist of 320 Men I have prevailed on a Company of 40 Volunteers all good
Workmen & used to the Woods to join the Army they are commanded by a Gentleman
that has served upwards of two Years as a Lieutenant in our provincials, I understand
that these left the Post at Laurel hannon the 22nd Inst & went towards the Ohio
in order to make Discoveries, a Delaware Indian that is well acquainted with the
Country & that has lately attached himself to the English being their Guide. I am
Informed that all the Cherokee & other Southern Indians which were with our Troops
except three are returned home but there are I understand about 40 of the Catawba
Indians just come from Carolina to Winchester & it is said that these intend to join &
continue with the Army during the Campaign.

To William Sharpe Esq: Fort Frederick the 27th of Aug. 1750.
My last was dated from Frederick Town the 27th of May at which time I
was on my way toward this Frontier in order to settle some Plan for the immediate
Defence & Protection of the Inhabitants after the Troops which had been supposed here
for that purpose should march westward in Obedience to the Generals Orders. Our Troops
having received such Orders the 15th of June I have garrisoned this Place with Militia
ever since that time & it gives me pleasure to be able to inform You that Notwithstanding
our Assembly Men have taken infinite Pains to dissuade & discourage them from marching
in Obedience to my Commands yet these Patriots have not succeeded & the Behaviour of
all that I have yet had Occasion to call out has indeed far exceeded my Expectations.
As our Militia Officers were quite inexperienced & no one was left to give them any
Advice or Instructions & as I apprehended that my presence here would be necessary during
the Campaign & that I could be of some Service to the General in forwarding his Affairs
from this Place I have taken up my Residence at Fort Frederick ever since the 16th of
June except that I went to Carlisle towards the latter End of July soon after the
General arrived there & staid with him a few Days. Before I took my leave the Genl
was laid up as it was said by the Flux, but I believe it is rather a total Decay of
his Constitution, he tells me in a Letter which I received from him a few Days since
that he cannot paint the Misery which he has felt since I saw him but he