

it has never lain in my Way to be conversant with Indians nor have I ever heard what Reason the Govern^r of Pens^a has to think that the Delawares will attach themselves to the British Interest & in short I do not think myself capable of advising You with respect to the Point about which You desire my Sentiments, but as it is not improbable that some of the Southern Indians or of these Delawares or perhaps some of the Enemy Indians may come to Fort Cumberland while I have the Command there & desire to be admitted into the Fort I should be obliged to You for letting me know what signals our Friend Indians are to make

To General Forbes. Fort Cumberland the 12th of Sept: 1758.

I have just time to acquaint You of my Arrival here & that unless You are pleased to send Me an Order by the Dearest Ensign Muddoch for supplying the Men with Rum as mentioned in my former Letters it will not be in my Power to keep them together; I must likewise desire the favour of You to order Mr Adam Steep to send us an immediate Supply of Flour & Beef

To General Forbes. Fort Cumberland the 20th of Sept: 1758.

As I have received no particulars from Your Excellency except that extraordinary Letter of Mr Provis contained in Yours of the 16th inst & no late Letter from him I think it improper to trouble You at this time with any thing relative to that Affair. It gives me a real pleasure that I have an opportunity of congratulating You on the Success of His Majesty's Arms under the Command of Col. ²Forbes. I earnestly request the favour of a Line from You before the 30th of next month at which time the Volunteers under my Command (amounting in all to 250 Men Officers included) will be for returning Home. I am

To General Forbes. Fort Cumberland the
Since my last I have had the Misfortune to lose Capt Sprigg & Mr Luckett my Adjutant by the blowing up of the left Magazine; the Fire occasioned was soon got the better of & no Loss sustained except the Stores therein lodged & what they were I can give Your Excellency no Account not having received any of the Stores left here. Your Excellency will I persuade myself excuse my not being more particular when I assure You it was not in my power to obtain from Major Swington any Acc^t whatever of the Stores