

To William Sharpe Esq: Annapolis the 3^d of Nov: 1768.
N. B. In my Letter Dated the 27th of Aug: I intimated to You that
at the Desire of General Forbes I was then endeavouring to engage about
200 Volunteers to accompany me to Fort Cumberland & to garrison that Place
for three Weeks or a Month that His Excellency might be at Liberty to
strengthen the Rear of his Army with all the Virg: Forces that had been
left at that place. Being joined on the Day appointed by 220, On the 8th
of Sept: I marched with them from Fort Cumberland where I expected we
should arrive about the time that the General had proposed to be at Praes
Town: I flattered Myself that he was then determined & would be able to
leave that place & proceed towards Fort Du Quesne as soon as the Virgini:
ans from Fort Cumberland should join him & long before the End of that
Month. I am sorry however to inform You that I was greatly disappointed in
my Expectations & that soon after I reached Fort Cumberland I received
Advice that it would not be possible for the Army to move on untill they
should receive large Supplies of Provisions concerning which Orders had
ben some time given but almost all the Waggon & Horses which had been
employed from the Beginning of the Campaign were rendered unfit for
farther Service nor could the Contractors or S: John McClair prevail on
the Inhabitants to Enter others till late in Oct: when the Assembly of
Penn: at S: Johns Sollicitation passed an Act whereby the Civil Officers
were impowered to compel the Inhabitants to furnish as many as should
be demanded. Notwithstanding I soon perceived after my Arrival at Fort
Cumberland that my Presence there could be of little or no Service to
the General while he continued at Praes Town: yet as he seemed to flat:
ter himself with hopes that the Horses & Waggon which were wanted would
be collected in much less time than others expected I continued there till
the 10th of Oct: but the Militia or Volunteers that were with me being thor:
oughly & impatient to return home I resigned up the Fort to an Officer