

I recommended it to the Officers to give them Furloughs or Leave of Absence  
until Measures shall be fallen upon to pay off all the Arrears that are  
due to them & till they shall receive Notice to repair to some place of  
 Rendezvous, with which the Men seem to be pretty well satisfied. I  
should be obliged to Your Excellency for letting me know whether you  
would choose that Doctor Ross should wait on Mr Hilby this Winter  
with his Vouchers & Papers in order to make a final Settlement agreeable  
to Mr Hilby's Method, or whether it would be more agreeable to you  
that the Affair should remain unsettled a few Months longer & until  
the Assembly shall be tried once more, whether they will take it  
upon themselves to settle the Doctor's Accounts & pay him his Demand  
or not, Wishing that you may speedily have & long enjoy a better State  
of Health than has lately fallen to your Lot, I am &c

To General Forbes. the 26 Jan. 1759.

Sir Be pleased to accept my hearty Congratulations on the  
happy Event of your Expedition ag<sup>t</sup> His Majesty's Enemies on  
the Ohio & believe that none could rejoice more at your Excellency  
or would be more pleased to hear of your being perfectly recovered than  
myself. I presume Col. Dagworthy who came hither from Pittsburg  
while the Assembly was sitting had waited on your Excellency since  
you reached Phila<sup>a</sup> & informed you that they still adhere to their  
old Measures & that altho they professed a Willingness to reimburse  
your Excellency & Mr Hilby what you have been pleased to advance  
on the Credit of the Province as well as to pay off all the Arrears  
that are due to our Troops yet that the Majority of them will not  
raise any Supplies for these or any other purposes otherwise than upon  
such Terms as cannot be accepted by the other Members of the Legislature