

Capt Beall arriving here a few Days after the Assembly had broke up  
with all the Maryland Soldiers except the Hundred which had been  
ordered to Fort Cumberland Col. Dagworthy & he thought it advise  
in order to prevent their Deserting or Disbanding themselves to give the  
Men Furloughs & Leave of Absence untill Money shall be granted  
to pay off the Arrears that are due to them & All Notice shall be  
given them by an Advertisement in the Gazette to repair to a Place of  
 Rendezvous. What Col. Dagworthy has done with the Company  
that marched to Fort Cumberland I dont know having received no  
Advice from him about them since he left this place; but I presume  
he has before this time acquainted Your Excellency with his Proceeding  
& received Your final Instructions concerning them. I received a Letter  
a few Days ago from General Amherst dated at New York the 13<sup>th</sup> of Dec.  
wherein he desires that I will not disband our Troops but move the  
Assembly to continue them in pay during the Winter but if says he it  
should so happen that before the Receipt of this Letter these Troops  
shall be disbanded in that case I must desire that You will lose no  
time in using Your Influence with Your Assembly to move them to  
order new Levies & to cause these to be provided with the usual Necessaries  
& to be ready by the time the Season will admit their taking the Field.  
As I conclude from what You tell me in Your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst  
which I have just received that You have seen General Amherst since  
You arrived at Phil<sup>a</sup>. or that You will in a very few Days see His  
Excellency at that place & as You can & I doubt not will inform him  
more easily & fully at an Interview than I could well do by a Letter  
on what Footing & by what means the Maryland Troops have continued  
& been supported since the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1757, I have declined troubling  
His Excellency with a particular Account of what has passed since