

the Day that the General was to have left Fort Loudoun (which lies in
Pennsil^a 25 Miles North of Fort Frederick) imagining that the Virginians
had Orders to evacuate Fort Cumberland immediately on my Arrival &
concluding that they would be able to reach Praes Town a Day or two
after the General whose Intention I apprehended it was at that time
to proceed directly to Fort Du Quesse. I am sorry however to inform Your
Ldp that I was greatly disappointed in my Expectations. A few Days
after I arrived at Fort Cumberland I was indeed advised of the General
being got to Praes Town but I was at the same time informed that he
was in a very bad State of Health exceedingly fatigued by his Journey
from Fort Loudoun notwithstanding he travelled in a Horse Sitter
moreover that it was not possible for him to proceed untill he should re-
ceive a large Convoy of Provisions, the Magazines which had been laid
in at Praes Town & the Advanced Post on Loyalhanning being almost
exhausted & it being out of the Power of the Agent Victualler to replenish
them for Want of Waggons. If Your Ldp should ask whether the Gene-
ral was not apprized of this before he desired me to march from Fort
Frederick I can give Your Ldp no satisfactory Answer but if the Road
between Fort Loudoun & Praes Town & a great Part of that which had been
opened this Summer from Praes Town to Loyalhanning is so bad as it
has been represented to me it is no Wonder that almost all the Horses
& Waggons which were first taken into the Service should have been
destroyed or rendered useles in three Months. On my Arrival at Fort
Cumberland the Virginians evacuated it & encamped but they did not march
towards Praes Town till late in Sept^r the 29th of that Month I had the
Misfortune to lose one of our Militia Captains & a Young Gentleman
that I had appointed Adjutant by the following Accident. Some of the
People who were sick being in great Want of Bedding the abovesaid
Gentlemen went into a Store Room for some old Tents &c which had been
heretofore left there by the Virginia Troops, it happened that among a
great many other Stores which had been deposited in this Place