

Supplies for Want of Waggons. Most of the Carriages & Horses that had been  
taken into the Service & employed, ever since the Beginning of the Campaign be-  
ing by the excessive bad Roads & the Scarcity of Forrage rendered unfit for further  
Service & the Assembly of Pens.<sup>a</sup> not having at that time complied with the  
request of Sr John Blair who went to Phila.<sup>a</sup> the Beginning of Sept. to  
represent the Difficulties that the General laboured under for Want of Wag-  
gons & to obtain an Act for compelling the Civil Officers to impress & furnish  
him with as many as the Service should require. Such an Act being at length  
passed & a sufficient Quantity of Provisions carried up to Raes Town about the  
middle of Oct. All the Troops which were at that place, except about a  
hundred Invalids that were left there as a Garrison under the Command of  
one Major Wells prepared to march but they did not proceed, till the 23<sup>d</sup>  
of that Month as You will see by the Copy of a Letter that I received a  
few Days since from the General & which I have taken the Liberty to in-  
close for His Ldys Perusal. At the Expiration of the Month during  
which I had at the General's Desire undertaken to garrison Fort Cum-  
berland upon a Supposition that the Campaign would be in that time de-  
termined, I represented to the General that it was not in my Power to de-  
tain them any longer, & about 50 of the Virginians that had been left there  
sick in the Hospital, being then pretty well recovered, I resigned up the  
Command to their Officer & returned to Fort Frederick where I stayed from  
the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. & then came off for Annapolis to meet the Assembly  
which I did the 23<sup>d</sup> of that Month as You will see by the inclosed Gazette  
which contain a Copy of my Speech at the Opening of the Session & Copies of  
the Addresses which the two Houses were pleased to present to me in Answer  
thereto. I am informed that the Gentlemen of the Lower House have since  
made a Resolve that they will out of the first Supplies that shall be  
granted for His Majesty's Service appropriate a Sum to reimburse the  
General & to pay off all the Arrears that shall be due to the Maryland  
Troops at the End of the Campaign but as they propose to frame  
their