

my. that fell down the River were seen more than 30 Miles below
Fort Du Quene, by the four Indians abovementioned. Your High will
perceive, by the Orders which the General gave ~~out~~ ^{the} of Governor
that he has sent a hundred of the Maryland Soldiers to Garrison Fort
Cumberland expecting I presume, that our Assembly will, at least agree
to support that Number. But if he has proceeded on this Supposition, I
am much afraid, he will be disappointed, that Fort Cumberland will
be soon evacuated, for the Gentlemen of the Lower House are still de-
termined to adhere to their Apartment Bill; which I am told will be re-
ferred to the Upper House, in two or three Days. The General having
thought fit to leave it to me, to dispose of the Rest of the Maryland
Forces I have ordered them to repair to this Place, where they will be
ready to be disbanded, if no Supplies are granted, or to receive their An-
nual Pay & be clothed if the Assembly shall be prevailed on, to
raise Money at this time for that purpose.

Copy of the th Letter to Mr Calvert dated at Annapolis
the 14 of Decem: 1750 & transmitted by Capt. M. Saggart

S^r Since I wrote to you, the th last Mr. Piquetty who has had
the Command of the Maryland Troops is come, hither from the Ohio
& brings us the agreeable Account that His Majesty's Forces under the
Command of General Forbes took Possession of Fort Du Quene, the 25th
of Novem: two Days after Mons: Delignois with his Garrison of 500
Men had abandoned it. Before they went off they set fire to all the
Barracks in the Fort, Outworks & all the Houses that had been built
near it. They likewise demolished a Bastion & Part of two Curtains
of the Fort by blowing up their grand Magazine of Powder. And