

Letter to a Gentleman, offering to contract for 1000 Stand of Arms, and one of the Agents Expences in going thither himself to compleat the Contract for said Arms. Thirty-five Shillings paid by the Agents to Mr. Michael Macnemara for a Copy of the Law, and Twenty Shillings to Mr. Edward Dorjy for drawing the Form of a Bond to be taken from the Recruiting Officers.

In the Fort Account, there appears a Charge of 110*l.* paid to Capt. John Dagworthy, per Order of his Excellency, to be by said Dagworthy paid to the Soldiers for Extra-work done by them at the Fort, besides doing their Duty as Soldiers: The Vouchers for the Distribution of which Money do not appear to your Committee.

The Honourable House will please to observe from some of the Accounts stated in this Report, that the Agents have drawn out the chief Part, if not the whole Sum, appropriated for a particular Service, before there has been a Call for the same, and charged their full Commission thereon; in which Instances the Agents may receive Commission for barely receiving and repaying Money to the Commissioners.

Your Committee having inspected the several Muster Rolls of the Companies of Soldiers in the Pay of this Province, do find, That there was mustered in Capt. John Dagworthy's Company the 8th Day of May 1757, at Fort Cumberland, the Captain, Two Lieutenants, the Ensign, the Surgeon, Four Serjeants, Four Corporals, the Drummer, and Seventy-two private Men; and in the same Company were mustered at Fort Cumberland aforesaid, per Muster Roll dated the 8th June 1757, the Captain, Two Lieutenants, the Ensign, the Surgeon, Four Serjeants, Three Corporals, the Drummer, Sixty-nine private Men, and one private Man on Furlough. Your Committee also find by the Muster Roll of said Company, dated July 8th, 1757, that it consisted of the Captain, Two Lieutenants, the Ensign, the Surgeon, Four Serjeants, Three Corporals, the Drummer, and Fifty-nine private Men, one private Man on Party, and one on Furlough; and that the said Muster Rolls are signed by the Commissary George Ross. But we must beg Leave to observe, that on the Two last mentioned Rolls, the following *Nota Bene*s are endorsed, *viz.* On that for June, "N. B. The Agents are requested to observe, that the above Muster Roll was taken the 19th July 1757, (tho' the 8th June 1757 was inserted, that the Pay of the respective Companies might be correspondent); however, if this is thought to be irregular, the Commissary will make the Date exactly conformable to the Time, *viz.* the 19th July 1757." And on the July Roll as follows, "N. B. The Agents are requested to observe, that the above Muster Roll was taken the 19th July 1757 (tho' the 8th July 1757 was inserted, that the Pay of the respective Companies might be correspondent); however, if this is thought to be irregular, the Commissary will make the Date exactly conformable to the Time, *viz.* the 19th July 1757." Whence your Committee apprehend it will appear, that notwithstanding the Muster Rolls are dated the 8th Day of June and July 1757, respectively, yet in Truth the said Company was not mustered in Presence of the Commissary till the 19th Day of July 1757: And that the Rolls aforesaid are not agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, which requires that the several Companies of Soldiers in the Pay of this Province, "shall be mustered monthly while they remain in this Province." Your Committee further observe, that from the Face of the said Muster Rolls it does not appear that any Part of the said Company went on Detachment, on Party, or Ranging, to the 19th July aforesaid, except one private Man said to be on Party June 14th, 1757.

Your Committee find, that the Muster Rolls of Capt. Alexander and Joshua Beall's, Pearl's and Ward's Companies, are returned with the proper Certificates, endorsed agreeable to an Act of Assembly made at Baltimore Session, entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province.* And from an Examination into the said Rolls, the following Scheme is drawn, shewing the State and Destination of each particular Company, and of the Four Companies in general, monthly, to the 8th Day of September last.

But your Committee have not been able, from any Papers which have been laid before them by the Agents, to form any Judgment of what Service the Parties and Detachments, mentioned in the Muster Roll, to be made from the several Companies beforementioned, have been employed in.

Your Committee also Report, that there have been laid before them sundry Receipts, amounting to 70*l.* Bounty-Money paid the following Persons, who do not appear upon any Muster Rolls laid before us.

May	25th,	1757.	John Carrill,	_____	_____	£. 5 0 0
	30.		Joseph Jones,	_____	_____	5 0 0
July	14.		George Larus,	_____	_____	5 0 0
	23.		John Day,	_____	_____	5 0 0
Aug.	15.		John White,	_____	_____	5 0 0
	16.		Samuel Powell,	_____	_____	5 0 0