

Fort which I have been building & which I have left out Troops to finish is almost done  
Potowmack & upon the North Mountain. We face the Barbours & Courtains with Stone  
ball mount on each of the Bastions a 12 lb pounder. The Barracks will receive & lodge  
commodiously 200 Men beside Officers, & on Occasion near twice that Number. I don't think  
whether our Commissioners will have Money enough to compleat it agreeable to my Plan, &  
I think it has not cost more than £1000 & even that some of our Patriotic Men to think  
large Sum & have intimated to their Constituents that a Moccato Fort would have been  
sufficient & might have been built at a much less Expence] however I persuade Myself  
that this Accident which has happened in Pennsylvania will incline those Gent<sup>l</sup> to change  
their Opinion, & convince them that exceptive Frugality is not always the best Economy.  
I do not learn from Col. Sudwell, that Lord Loudon expect much from these two Colonies  
this Year, if His Ldp. writes to You otherwise or if You think of concerning Your self  
in the Receipt of His Letters I shall be much obliged to You for advising me thereof, as  
I also should for Copies of Your two last Supply Bills with the greatest Regard  
I am

To Governor Lyttelton. the 23<sup>d</sup> of August. 1756

Y<sup>r</sup> I am favoured with Your Letter advising Me of Your safe Arrival in Your Govern<sup>t</sup>  
upon which I heartily congratulate You & wish You much Ease & Satisfaction in Your Ad-  
ministration. As I am persuaded that a Friendly Correspondence between the Govern<sup>rs</sup>  
of these several Colonies is in the present State of Affairs exceedingly expedient; Your  
Declaration on that head is very acceptable & I beg leave to assure You that I shall with the  
greatest Readiness contribute as much as in my power towards the Execution of any thing  
whereby His Majesty's Service may be promoted. I should have done Myself the honour  
to acknowledge the Receipt of Yours sooner but had no Opportunity of Conveyance from the  
Western Frontiers of this Province where I have been a considerable time building a Fort  
& whence I am but just returned. A few Days since a Party of Indians did some  
Mischief in this Province, but an Accident which happened in Pens. the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult. has  
much more alarmed the Frontier Inhabitants of that Colony & made them think of retiring  
to the more populous Parts of the Country Eastward of Susquehanna. One of the Forts that  
were built last Year on the Western Side of Susquehanna (called Fort Granville situated  
on the Juniata) about 20 Miles Distance from its Mouth was on the Day abovemention-  
ed attacked & utterly destroyed by a party of French & Indians supposed to be about  
150 under the Command of a French Officer, the Garrison at that time consisted of a  
Lieut<sup>t</sup> & 24 Men only, the rest near 50 in Number being out to cover some people who  
were reaping & getting in their Grain. The Lieutenant & a few of the Men being killed  
& the Fort set on fire by the Enemy those who survived surrendered Prisoners of War  
& were carried off by the French who fired up & left on or near the place where the  
Fort stood a White Flag this is all the News I can send You from these parts; from  
the Northward I hear Nothing but that the Provincial Troops are on their March  
toward Crown Point alone, having determined in a general Council that they would