

him one of the old Regiments a Battalion of the Royal Americans & the
New York Independent Companies under the Command of General Webb & to them
we expect will be added about 3000 Provincials from the Eastern Colonies. The
other old Regiments now on the Continent together with two Battalions of the
Royal Americans & a few Companies of Provincials from Boston will receive
Orders to embark as soon as His L^{dy} thinks proper to begin the Campaign
Yesterday an Account was brought by some Indians whom we took upon as
our Friends that the French are making preparations at Venango &
intend to attempt a Fort which the Troops of this Province have been
building at a place in the Maps called Shamokin at the Conflue of the
two Branches of the Susquehanna River about 100 Miles N^W from this
place. The Garrison at present consists of no more than 190 Men but it is
hoped that if the French have really a Design on it the Weather will
prevent their putting it in execution till the Garrison can be reinforced. The
Assembly of this Province has been sitting almost without Interruption ever since
December last. I believe at the Request of Lord Loudoun Mr Denny will
at length consent to accept a Bill which they have framed for granting a
Sum of Money for His Majesty's Service tho' it be contrary to the Instruc-
tions that the Proprietaries have been pleased to give him. I hope I shall not
find myself under the same disagreeable Necessity when I meet our Assembly
next week but His L^{dy} seems to insist on our obtaining Supplies at any
Rate & says if the Assemblies should be unreasonable in their Requisitions
they may expect to have their Conduct examined afterwards at home & be censured
as they shall deserve.

To Capt. John Dapworthy at Fort Frederick. Dated at Annapolis the
30th of March 1707. & the next Morning to Colo. Washington
Sir You are as soon as possible after You receive this to march to Fort-Cumberland
with Your own Company & as many Men of that commanded by Capt. Joshua Bull