

the 8th Inst. They have been prevailed on to vote 500 Men for the Defense
of this Province & to act in Conjunction with any other Troops that Your
Ld^{ty} shall order, but as they are exceedingly tedious in doing Business
I am afraid it will be some time before I shall be empowered by an Act
of Assembly to order the additional Companies to be raised, I am &
beg Leave to wish Your Ld^{ty} Success in Your Undertakings & am &

To Colonel Stanwic. dated at Baltimore 10 April 1757

Having an Opportunity of sending a Letter to Phil^a by a Young Gent^l
whom I have employed some time to recruit for the Royal Americans &
who is now going to offer his Service to the Earl of Loudoun, I embrace it
to inform You that in Pursuance of Orders which I sent to Capt Dagwood
the 30th of last Month he is marched with a Detachment of 500 Men
to take Possession of Fort Cumberland upon the Virginians relinquishing
that place. The Rest of our Provincials (who together amount at this time
to 250 effective Men) remain at Fort Frederick under the Command of
Capt Alex^r Beall, who as well as Capt Dagworthy has my Instructions
to make Returns to You & to obey all Orders that You may be pleased to
send them. I hope I shall prevail on our Assembly to enable me to aug-
ment our Troops to 500 Men, they have passed a Vote to that Effect
but as they are generally very tedious in doing Business & as I understand
that they are at present inclined to assume a little more power with regard
to the Appointment of Officers than I can allow them I am afraid the
Augmentation will not be made so soon as it might be, & as I could wish. I
beg You'll present my Compl^{ts} to Col^l Young if he is with You & that
You'll believe me to be with the greatest Regard &c.