

keep an Account of what Quantity of either he draws for but I suppose
that Quantity will not be great. He informs me that there is a considerable
Number of Cherokee, Catawba & Yamacraw Indians with him at present
that they expect to be joined by many others from their respective Tribes
who upon your Invitation have declared in our favour & are come from home
to act in Conjunction with the Forces that are supported for the Defence
of these Colonies. As our Assembly is so excessively parsimonious that they
will not give any Officer or the Commissary Leave to furnish any Provisions
whatsoever with Provisions beside the Men borne on the Muster Rolls & will
agree to Nothing wherein Fort Cumberland is mentioned, Dagworthy is much
distressed & knows not what to do with the Indians who visit him; to deny
them Provisions when they are come by our Invitation & to serve us would in
all Probability be attended with very bad Consequences, & I have no Fund
or Sum of Money under my Command as Governor of this Province out
of which I could order a Shilling to be paid on the most pressing Occasion
therefore I must submit this Affair to your Consideration hoping you will
be able to free Capt. Dagworthy from the Difficulties in which he finds
himself at present involved. We have not yet received any certain Advice
of the Arrival of the Fleet expected from England nor of the Embarkation
of any Men in the Northern Colonies. I understand that the Earl of Loudoun
remains at York & Col: Stanwix with the first Battalion of Royal
Americans at Phila. I am &c.

To Colonel Stanwix, the 5th of May. 1757

Sir
I am very sorry to inform you that I cannot prevail with the Assembly
of this Province to engage to support Fort Cumberland but that on the
Contrary they have come to a Resolution to pay no Captains or Companies
that shall be posted there. By the Bill which they have been framing