

which now lies before me for my Apent I can order Detachments from
our several Companies thither under the Command of Subaltern Officers to be
relieved from Fort Frederick every Month but they will not suffer one
of our Officers to have the Chief Command nor our Troops to be posted there
as a Garrison, apprehending I presume that by agreeing at this time to raise
support Soldiers for the Defence of that place they should take a further
in themselves which they will be unable afterwards to get quit of & fearing also
lest by an Officer of ours having the Command of the Fort the Expence
of furnishing all the Indians that may declare in our favour & come thither
with Provisions & other Necessaries should fall on this Province. I say it might
be presumed that such Considerations as these have detormined them to take
such a Resolution but whatever ~~be~~ their Reasons are, I find they will not
recede & therefore I should be much obliged to You for ordering any Officer
who will command our Subalterns to relieve Lagworthy that himself & his
Company may again be entitled to their Pay & Provisions. I shall order
him to leave 120 of our Men as Detachments from his & the other Companies
& as soon as our Troops can be augmented to 500 as proposed, the Detach-
ments shall if You think proper amount to 250 to be relieved Monthly as
I have already intimated. I shall order a Surgeon to remain at Fort Cumberland
& a Person will also reside there to deliver out Provisions to the Detachments
if Provisions should be wanted for the Command that You may order thither
Mr David Ross who victuals our Troops will if You please engage to deliver
at the Fort any Quantity at as low a Price as any one can afford. He victuals
the Garrison at Fort Frederick at the Rate of 9 Currency for each Man per
Day, & has given great Satisfaction; he has the Character of an honest Man
will I am persuaded punctually comply with the Terms of any Contract that he
shall enter into. I learn from Fort Cumberland that there is a considerable
Number of Catombag & Voltoway Indians at that place who are come from the
Southward to act in Conjunction with the Troops that shall be employed for the