

at liberty to issue pay for any Captains or entire Companies that are put
as a Standing Garrison in Fort Cumberland, it will remain with Colonel
Stanwix to persuade them to put a different Construction on our Act: but what
I am most afraid of is that when the Assembly finds that their Resolutions
are so little regarded they will be more averse to granting large Supplies
for His Majesty's Service. I was surpris'd that my Letter of the 5th of May
had not reached You as a Gentleman of our Council who was going to potow-
macke promised to forward it to You, I presume it has been del'd before this
time but lest it should not I send You inclosed another Copy of the
Return that was made to me of the Provisions that were left at Fort Cumberland
when Your Troops were withdrawn. As there is a much greater quantity of
Wish & some other Stoves than our Men will consume or will have Occasion for
the Person who contracts to victual our Troops cannot be accountable for more
than he can take what to do with. As to the Beef the Men will not touch
it nor indeed is it fit for food: but for the Flour & any other Provisions
that are wholesome & will be of Use to him. Mr Prop the Contractor is ready
to pay either in Money or the same Species. & I believe is going to Winchester
to treat with Colo. Washington & to learn Your Pleasure concerning this Matter.
I inform'd You in my last that I had received a Message from a Party of
Cherokees that were come into Fort Frederick, & that the Assembly had impos'd
me to send them Goods to the Amount of £100 as a present - with my Answer
this I thought a very poor Gift but as the Indians had before Mr
Wolstenholme & Mr Bidout could go up to deliver it, been out & returned with the
Scalps of A Indian Enemies that they had killed on the Frontiers of Pens.
the Gent^l found themselves at liberty to make such an Addition to the
Present as render'd it very acceptable. As I thought the Interpreter deserv'd
& would expect something & as I had it not in my power to do any thing else
for him, I permit'ted the Gent^l to offer him a Commission in one of our New: