

To Governor Pennwiddie, Annapolis 22 June 1799

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your letter of the 1st I received last night & have this morning
advised you & regretted of what you say concerning the being given a
to the provisions that were left at Fort Mifflin & also without saying that
that the Beef was unfit for use. If he did so before it had been examined
and not yet agreeable to the Instructions that I had given & sent
to the effect unless Colonel Mifflin was in fact so much before my
it will be executed. As soon as I receive an answer from Capt Dapworth I
will represent you thereunto, till then I can only say that if the Beef is
found the Behaviour of both the Officers & Men that were at Fort Mifflin
has been extraordinary for altho they have been unable to get any ready fire
at Fort Mifflin they have not touched it preferring the Fish & Mifflin
withstanding they are from being actualled entirely without any business
undoubtedly. I do not recollect nor believe that I said any thing more to
you in Phila concerning the Provisions than that which is left by the
I was then that the Person who might contract for supplying the Garrison
of Fort Cumberland should deliver at Winchester Provisions in lieu of what
your People may leave at Fort Cumberland & he has been in the
I said not doubting but the Offer you made would be readily accepted by
the Person that should engage to victual the Army & that as it was an
Advantageous one to him & little imagining that you would expect me
any more to pay for more Provisions than was paid to the Troops
which may be ordered to garrison Fort Cumberland the Answer would be
Occasion for. When I communicated to Mr Robt who has contracts for victu-
alling our Troops your Proposal he seemed well pleased & nothing has
hindered him from sending Provisions to Winchester for the present such
a Return from Capt Dapworth as I have already sent you a copy of.
Upon what I had said concerning the Provisions that were left by Capt