

To Colo. Stanwix the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1757.

Sir. I am fav<sup>d</sup>. with your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. by M<sup>r</sup> Kay & have agreeable to your Desire intimated to Capt Alex. Beall what Officers & Men I would have him order to Fort Cumberland in case he has received or shall receive Instructions from you to send any Detachments thither. I think you will approve of Capt Peavis being ordered up as he understands the Cherokee Language & might be of particular Service there while any of those Indians continue on our Frontiers. You will observe that I have not given Capt Beall peremptory Orders because I presume that you have already sent him such as you thought expedient & because as I before hinted to you our Act of Assembly as well as your Letter to him of the 12<sup>th</sup> of March make it improper for me to do so. I have received no Returns from Capt Dagworthy since he left Fort Frederick neither do I know the Strength of the Garrison that is at present under his Command. I have already intimated to you that I am afraid Capt Alex. Bealls Company will continue very weak unless he can himself be ordered on the Recruiting Service & I submit it to you whether Capt Joshua Beall may not be spared from Fort Cumberland & ordered to take the Command at Fort Frederick for a time, after Capt Peavis & the Detachments shall have joined Dagworthy.

To Colo. Stanwix. the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1757.

Sir. Your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. I received yesterday but as the Matters therein mentioned were of an Interesting Nature, & your Request such as I was of myself unable to comply with I have detained your Express till I could lay it before the Council together with the Papers that were therein sent. The inclosed will show you what is the Opinion of the Gent<sup>l</sup><sup>n</sup> thereupon, you may be assured that I shall endeavour to cultivate the Friendship of the Cherokees & any other of our Indian Allies, but if that is not to be done without making them Presents as often as they may think fit to ask for them I am afraid they will not be long retained in our Interest; for as I have intimated to you in a former Letter the Assembly