

To Governor Dinwiddie. The 16 July 1757.

Sir  
I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of your two Letters of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> ult. & as you are pleased to tell me in the last of them that you desire to say no more about the Beef I shall not trouble you any more on that Subject but content myself with inclosing you an Extract of a Letter which has been lately received from Capt Dagworthy in answer to one which was writ to him by my Order. I understand that Doctor Proff has waited on Colo Washington & doubt not but he has sold a Quantity of Flour at Fort Loudoun in lieu of what Colo Stepen left at Fort Cumberland; For such other Articles as were sold to Capt Dagworthy & are of Use to Mr Proff he will I am persuaded be ready to pay a reasonable Price, but what Articles these are I cannot say till he returns from Fort Frederick where he has for some time been. You will be pleased to give such Orders about the Beef as you shall think fit, I do not understand that any of it is destroyed as yet, neither have our People touched it tho they have seen no other Meat for almost three Months. The Officers have at length represented their Case to Colo Stanwix & he has thereupon directed the Contractor to have a Quantity of fresh Provisions carried up immediately & ordered four Officers with a hundred Men to march with the Laggons from Fort Frederick. In a Letter which I lately received from him he says he is well satisfied of the Truth of the Officers Report & seems to be much displeas'd at the Garrison being kept in extreme Want so long. He tells me that some of the Pennsylvania Troops were treated after the same manner till he order'd their Provisions to be all buried & fresh laid in, & concludes by saying He finds that every Body is to be wholly fed except those who are employ'd to protect others in Luxury. I assure you this Affair has given me a good deal of Uneasiness, & if I could have concern'd that so little Care had been taken to cure & preserve the Meat that was laid in at Fort Cumberland as I am persuaded there was, I never would on any Account whatsoever have instructed Dagworthy to acknowledge the Receipt of any Stores that should have been left by your Commissary at that Place. Yesterday received a Letter