

Another LETTER, *thought to be written to Sir Thomas Robinson, though the Person's Name, to whom it is directed, is not mentioned.*

*Fort-Cumberland, at Wills's-Creek, June 5, 1755:*

SIR,

I HAD the Honour to write to you from *Frederick*, the latter End of *April*.

I arrived here the 10th of *May*, and the 17th arrived the most of the Army, coming from *Alexandria*, after a March of Twenty-seven Days, having gone through many Difficulties and Obstacles, as well through the Badness of the Roads, as the Want of Forage, and the little Zeal in the People, for the Success of our Expedition.

I have at last assembled all the Troops destined for the Attack of *Fort du Quesne*, which amount to 2000 effective Men, of which there are 1100 furnished by the Southern Provinces, who have so little Courage and Disposition, that scarce any military Service can be expected from them, though I have employed the best Officers to form them.

When I arrived here, my Design was to stay only a few Days to rest my Troops; but the Difficulty of getting Horses and Waggon, in order to pass the Mountains, has obliged me to remain here almost one whole Month.

Before I left *Williamsburg*, the Quarter-Master-General told me, that I could depend upon 2500 Horses, and 200 Waggon from *Virginia*, and *Maryland*; but I had great Reason to doubt it, having experienced the false Dealings of all in this Country, with whom I have been concerned; wherefore, before my Departure from *Frederick*, I desired Mr. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Post-Master, of *Pennsylvania*, who has great Credit in that Province, to hire 150 Waggon, and the Number of Horses necessary; which he did, with so much Goodness and Readiness, that it is almost the first Instance of Integrity, Address and Ability, that I have seen in all these Provinces. All these Waggon and Horses have  
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