

**Thomas Bassett to George Washington, April 27, 1758,  
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**FROM LIEUTENANT BASSET, ENGR.**

FORT FREDERICK 27th. April 1758

SIR, — I am sent here by Sr. John St. Clair to repair the Roads &c on both sides of the Potowmack; to forward which service he told me he had Ordered 200 of the Virginia Troops to take Part at Enoch's: whenever this is done you will please to let me know & I shall be ready to attend them.

Lieut. Shelby who is employed to buy Forrage, has contracted for Some Oats & Indian Corn to be delivered at Captn. Caton's on your side of the Potowmack: As it may be a Week or Ten Days before he can send for it & as he thinks it a dangerous Place, he desired I would mention it to you; being assured that, if you think it necessary, you will order a small Guard there from Patterson's Fort or elsewhere.

I am Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant

T. BASSET, *Engineer*