

**Henry Bouquet to George Washington, June 27, 1758,  
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**FROM COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET. <sup>1</sup>**

CAMP AT REAS TOWN, 27th. June 1758

SIR

I hope this Letter will find you Safely arrived at Fort Cumberland; as Soon as you are Settled in your Camp, I beg you will begin to cut the Waggon Road to open the Communication between us.

I have ordered Nichols the Pilot to blaze the Road in going, and to Stay wth. you His Escort may rest one day or two, then come back again.

I have wrote to Col. Byrd to engage the Indians to cover you in your march. I need not recomand you to keep always Strong flanking Parties besides, as you are perfectly acquainted wth. the dangers of a Sudden attacq.

We have not discovered yet any trac or appearance of Ennemis, but we expect to be harrassed as Soon as they know our position.

Mr. Walker has not engaged I hear to Supply you for more than a fortnight after your arrival, and it will be necessary therefore that we join here as Soon as possible.

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You will be pleased to provide for the Safety of the Fort, in leaving a Sufficient Garrison wth. Provisions and Ammunition. I think the Maryland Troops could be lefft untill we have further orders from the General.

As I allow no other Pay than one Gill of Rum a day here for common Work as Roads & Intrenchments, I beg you will give the Same Allowance to your men

I shall be extremely glad to See you Soon and am wth. great Regard

Sir Your most obedt. & most hble. servant HENRY BOUQUET

<sup>1</sup> Colonel Henry Bouquet, the first in command under General Forbes in the expedition against the French at the head of the Ohio in 1758, was born in Ralle, Switzerland in 1719, and died in Pensacola, Florida, in February, 1766. His taste led him into a military life. He first entered the Dutch service and afterwards that of Sardinia, and in 1748 was again in the service of Holland as lieutenant-colonel of Swiss guards. He entered the English army with the same rank in 1756, and became Colonel of the Sixtieth Foot 19th February, 1761, and brigadier-general in 1765. Secretary William Pitt in planning the campaign of 1758 against the French, in North America, assigned Bouquet's troops, the Royal Americans, then in South Carolina, as was also Colonel Montgomery's Highlanders, to place themselves under General Forbes, at Philadelphia. These were the regulars upon whom General Forbes relied. They arrived in Philadelphia early in June, 1758. Bouquet was a man of courage and a soldier of ability, with the large amount of self-conceit and dogmatism so common [then] to British officers. His devotion to duty minimized these limitations in his character as a soldier. It was chiefly through his influence that the new road from Raes Town was opened and the Braddock road ignored, though recommended by Washington, the delay in the making of which came so near the defeating the purposes of the expedition under Forbes. (See the Washington-Bouquet Letters.)—TONER.