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FROM BRIGADE-MAJOR HALKETT.^{1 2}

WASHINGTON CAMP 21st November 1758

SIR

In consequence of your letter, the General has ordered out a Working, & Covering party from Col: Bouquets Brigade, who are to begin at the Camp, and open the Road upon Capt. Shelbys Blazes till they meet your party. The Commissary has orders to have the provisions for the men of your Brigade ready to deliver immediately upon your Returning to Camp, and to set it apart by Corps, which will make as little delay as it is possible, the numbers he Calculates by the Return you sent back to the General when on his March, so any errors as they must be small, can easily be rectified upon your coming in The General desires that you will Reconoitre the length of the old Path, & begin to open the Road as near to it as you think you may venture to do so that the two parties may finish it this day & send him an account by the Light Horse man of the nature of the Country — Fifty Felling axes which are all that are good ones, with a proportion of Shovels, & Pickaxes are given to this Party I am Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant FRANCIS HALKETT *Brigade Major*

1 Washington's indorsement — Genl. Forbes — by Brigade Majr. Halket.

2 Addressed — On His Majestys Service To BRIGADIER WASHINGTON on his March