



Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America

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## Appendix C, Enclosure C-1:

### Excerpts of British Army Order Books

#### Introduction

During the American War for Independence British Army Commanders-in-Chief normally issued “*General Orders*” daily to the army’s brigades, regiments, battalions and smaller units. The orders were written into leather bound orderly books and retained by the regiments as part of their records. Also included in the books would be brigade or regimental orders issued by those commanders. Lt. John Peebles of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment’s Grenadier Company kept the only orderly book known to be in existence for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. for a brief period on his arrival in America. However, upon the formation of the 4<sup>th</sup> British Grenadier Battalion Peebles was appointed Adjutant, and on Aug. 19, 1776 his orderly book ceased to cover the regiment in favor of the grenadier battalion. Because of its significance to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., the entire text of the order book is provided in this enclosure. In the other order books shown below, the text is excerpted to only include army-wide information and information specific to the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Highland Regt. For example in the Peebles’ order book promotion details from all regiments are

included, while in the other order books, only the army wide leadership promotions and those of the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Regiments are provided in the transcript.

With few gaps, the following excerpts piece together the general orders affecting the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. during the American war from a number of existing British orderly books, including a few selected orders published before the arrival of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. in July-August 1776.

Because the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Light Infantry and Grenadier Companies were not always covered by the same sets of orders and the line battalions, there is occasional overlap of the order sets. In these cases the order sets are labelled to explain the period of coverage.

The reproduction regimental button pictures illustrating the documents are provided courtesy of Roy and Debra Najecki's *American Revolutionary War Reproductions* at [www.najecki.com](http://www.najecki.com).

The signatures of 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Officers illustrating their associated promotions are from the U. K. National Archives (TNA), *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42<sup>nd</sup> Foot, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn., 1759 – 1776 and 1777- 1786* at WO 12/5478 and 12/5479.

### Documents



Detail of "A plan of the town of Boston, with the intrenchments &c. of His Majesty's forces in 1775..." 1777, by Sir Thomas Hyde Page showing defences at Boston Neck.

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

### **Excerpts from Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders, Boston, Halifax and off Sandy Hook (New Jersey), Nov. 11, 1775 – June 29, 1776 (Prior to the Arrival of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.)**

Head Quarters Boston 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775...

His Majesty has been pleased to Direct that the Reg<sup>t</sup>s in America ... should be forthwith Augmented by an Addition to Each of the Two Companies, of 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Drum & 18 private Men, as also that Two Companies, Each consisting of 1 Cap<sup>t</sup> 1 Lieu<sup>t</sup> 1 Ensign 3 Serj<sup>ts</sup> 3 Corp<sup>ls</sup> 2 Drum<sup>rs</sup> & 56 private Men, should be added to each of the Said Reg<sup>ts</sup>, In consequence of which His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Appointm<sup>ts</sup> in the Reg<sup>ts</sup> under the Command of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Major General Howe...

5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot...

James Stewart, Gentleman to be Ens<sup>n</sup> D<sup>o</sup>. [15<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1775]...

Note: Ens. James Stewart later served as a Lt. in 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Infantry Company.

Head Quarters Boston 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1776...

The troops to be served with provisions next Issuing Day at the following Rates:

A man per week: 7 lb. of Flour, for which the baker gives 9 of Bread; 1 lb. Dried Codfish in lieu of 1 pound Salt Beef, or 9 oz. Salt Pork; 3 lb. Salt Pork; 3 Pints Oatmeal or Peas; 1 oz. of Oil; 5 oz. Butter; 1 lb. 14 oz. flour more in lieu of 7 oz. Pork; 8 oz. of Rice.

Head Quarters Boston 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1776...

A return of Volunteers serving in each Corps to be given in Immediately with the dates of their Entertainment...

Note: Volunteers were gentlemen serving in the ranks, in order to obtain a commission when vacancies occurred.

Head Quarters Boston 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1776...

The Commanding Officers of Corps to provide their Sergeants with firelocks if they have them to spare; if they have not a sufficient number for that purpose, they will Apply to the Commanding Officer of Artillery for Carbines to Complete them with fire arms...

Note: Contrary to the modern military definition of a corps to be a very large formation of several army divisions, in this period a corps was a common term used to describe any organization from regiment to battalion to special company. Carbines were lighter flintlock smoothbore muskets of .65 caliber compared to the standard army musket (also called firelocks) of .75 caliber. It should be noted, however, that writers of the period sometimes mistakenly call the newer model 42-inch barreled Short land Muskets "*carbines*." As shown by the order below dated Feb. 13, this order was correctly referring to the .65 cal. carbines.

Head Quarters Boston 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1776...

The Barrack Master to Complete the Bedding of Each Regiment, so that with what has already been Delivered, each Double Berth may have 3 Blankets, or 2 Blankets and a Rug...The sheets delivered are to be returned ...at the Wash-house...and the money paid for washing them...

Note: "Rugs" during this period denoted a bed covering. The articles listed in this order were only used during winter quarters and would not be taken to the field.



Reproduction Short Land Pattern Firelock, commonly called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Model Brown Bess Musket

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Head Quarters Boston 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1776.

Those Corps that have given in Returns of Carbines for their Sergeants will receive short muskets in lieu of them...

Note: The short muskets in this order refer to the Short Land Pattern Firelock now often referred to as the "2<sup>nd</sup> Model Brown Bess" that had a barrel length of 42 inches versus the Long Land Pattern Firelock with a barrel length of 46 inches. The shorter muskets were easier and therefore faster to load, with no loss in accuracy.

Head Quarters Boston 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1776....

Sour Crout will be delivered to the Troops at the rate of half a pound per week; The Commanding Officer to deliver to the Officers of their Corps in such quantities as they shall think proper.

It is recommended that the soldiers should eat the Sour Crout sliced raw with Vinegar...

Head Quarters Boston 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1776.

Regiments, when formed by Companies in Battalion, or when on the General parade are always to have their files Eighteen Inches Distant from each other, which they will take care to practice for the future, being the order in which they are to engage the enemy...

Note: Regiments were the basic organization of the British Army, were commanded by senior officers and usually consisted of one battalion. The battalion consisting of eight line companies, one grenadier company and one light infantry company. Some regiments like the 71<sup>st</sup> Highlanders had two battalions, each of about the same strength. Highland regiments were quite large with about 112 men per company compared to English regiments with about 47 - 56 men per company. The two rank formation with 18 inches between men was a departure from the normal formation of three ranks with only a short distance between men. Howe believed the lighter formation would be acceptable against the untried Rebel forces.

Head Quarters Boston 4<sup>th</sup> March 1776.

Such Corps as have not sixty rounds of Cartridges, with what they have in store and in the men's possession, to Apply Immediately to Lieut. Col. [Samuel] Cleaveland [Royal Artillery] to Complete them to that number...

Notes: Gen. Howe abandoned Boston on Mar. 17, 1776 and sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia. Cartridges were made of a rolled piece of paper containing a measure of black powder and a musket ball.



Detail of *Sketch of Harbour & Town of Halifax with our fleet turning up*, 1776, by Archibald Robertson

Picture Source: From the *New York Public Library, Digital Collection*

Head Quarters Halifax 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1776....

The Commanding Officers of Corps will Air their Men, when the weather Permits...They will take their Arms for Exercise, or to fire at marks, as they shall think proper...

Head Quarters Halifax 2<sup>d</sup> May 1776.

Six Women per Company will be allowed to Embark with each Regiment. The Commanding Officers will be responsible that no more Women are received on board, nor any Children. Provisions will be allowed at the rate of half a Ration for each Woman, and one quarter of a Ration for each Child, that is left behind.

Head Quarters Halifax 12<sup>th</sup> May 1776...

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to make the following Promotions:

Major-General [Sir] William Howe to be General in America only, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1776.

Major-Generals. – Henry Clinton, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1775; John Burgoyne, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1775; Hugh, Earl Percy, 1<sup>st</sup> January 1776; Charles, Earl Cornwallis, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1776, – to be Lieutenant Generals in America only...



Sketches of Grenadier (left) and Light Infantryman from "*Uniform sketches of British infantrymen*," 1778, by Philip James de Louthembourg

Picture Source: *Prints, Drawings and Watercolors from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection*, Brown Univ.

Head Quarters Halifax 14<sup>th</sup> May 1776...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to form the Grenadier and Light Infantry Companies into four Battalions.

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Grenadiers, composed of the following Companies, to be Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel [William] Meadows [55<sup>th</sup> Regt.] and Major [Edward] Mitchell [5<sup>th</sup> Regt.], Viz.: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>d</sup>, 23<sup>d</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>.



2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Grenadiers composed of the following Companies, To be Commanded by Lieut.-Col. [Hon. Henry] Monckton [45<sup>th</sup> Regt.] and Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43<sup>rd</sup> Regt.], viz.: 43<sup>d</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>d</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 63<sup>d</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>d</sup>. Marines.

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry, composed of the following Companies, to be Commanded by Major [Thomas] Musgrave [64<sup>th</sup> Regt.] and Major [Thomas] Dundas [65<sup>th</sup> Regt.], viz.: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>d</sup>, 23<sup>d</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry composed of the following Companies, to be Commanded by Major [Hon. John] Maitland [Marines] and Major [Turner] Straubenzee [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.], viz.: 40<sup>th</sup>, 43<sup>d</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>d</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 63<sup>d</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>.

Notes: See the discussion in Appendix D of this volume for the organization and roles of the grenadiers and light infantry.

Head Quarters Halifax 24<sup>th</sup> May 1776...

The Army to be Completed to two Flints per Man, besides which the Regiments will receive one Flint per Man for the Battalion Companies, and two for the Light Infantry and Grenadiers, from the Deputy Quarter Master General, which they are desired to take the greatest care of, as they are of a better Sort. The Flints will be delivered to the Quarter Masters of Corps, from the Deputy Quarter Master General's Office, at 8 o'Clock on Monday morning...

Head Quarters Halifax 29<sup>th</sup> May 1776. Those Grenadier Companies that have short Arms are to return them into the Ordnance Store and to receive long Arms in their room...

Notes: In most regiments the taller men were assigned to the grenadier company and were thus better able to handle the longer 46-inch barreled muskets. Gen. Sir William Howe sailed from Halifax with most of the army on June 10, 1776.

His Majesty's Ship Greyhound, Sandy Hook, 29<sup>th</sup> June 1776.

The army to be in readiness to Land on the shortest notice.

As the Inhabitants of the Country are known to be well affected to Government, and consequently have suffered great Depredations from the Rebels, the Commander in Chief, fully convinced of the Superior Discipline and Humanity of the Troops under his Command, Recommends to their Protection, the Families and Property of the People of the Country.

Any person belonging to the Army or Transports found guilty of plundering, or any Soldier Straggling from his Platoon, will be Executed on the Spot.

The flat Boats to be immediately hoisted out, and a Sentry kept on board of them for their Security. No boats to be allowed to go on Shore on any pretence.

Note: Gen. Sir William Howe sailed from Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 10 to take the city and port of New York.

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," The Kemble Papers," Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.



Detail of "The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Major General Charles Stuart," 1794, after George Romney  
Commander, 4<sup>th</sup> British Grenadier Battalion

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## **4<sup>th</sup> British Grenadier Battalion Order Book Kept by Lt. John Peebles, 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Company, New York, June 30 – Oct. 17, 1776**

Orderly Book  
4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Grenadiers

Note: Although the original notebook is labeled as above, the first portion of the notebook, from June 30, 1776 to Aug. 15, 1776, is a 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. order book. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grenadier Battalion orders begin after Aug. 16, 1776, when the author, Lt. John Peebles, is appointed Adjutant of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grenadiers.

Ship [28-gun *HMS*] Greyhound Sandy hook 30 Juni 1776

### **General Orders**

The Army to Land on the Shortest Notice –

As the Inhabitants of this Country are known to be well affected to Government and consequently have suffer'd great depredations from the Rebels, The Commander in Chief [Gen. Sir William Howe] fully convinced of the superiority & humanity of the Troops under his Command, recommends to their protection the families & property of the People of the Country – Any person belonging to the Army, or Transports found guilty of plundering, & any soldier stragling from his platoon, will be executed on the spot.

The flatboats to be immediately hoisted and a sentry kept always onboard of them for their security – no boat to be allowed to go on shore on any account

Sign'd J. Patterson  
Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>



*"Views of the Narrows between Long Island and Staten Island with British Fleet," 1776, by Archibald Robertson*

Picture Source: Spencer Collection, New York Public Lib., Digital Gallery

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Dykers Ferry Staten Island 1<sup>st</sup> August 1776 –

Parole Hanover C<sup>r</sup> Sign Bolhon

The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade to furnish a Working party of a Cap<sup>t</sup> 2 Sub<sup>s</sup> & 100 Men for 3 days to parade at the Watering place near the Artillery Encampment tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 5 O'Clock –

Upon the removal of the Army each Regiment (the Artillery, Light Dragoons Light Infantry Gren<sup>rs</sup>. 42<sup>d</sup>. & 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> excepted) will Embark on board one Ship only; The Commanding Officers of Reg<sup>ts</sup> will therefore immediately move their Women & heavy Baggage out of the Ship they make choice of to contain the Reg<sup>t</sup> & put them on board of the second Ship, to be prepared to make room for their Camp Equipage –

The Light Infantry, Grenadiers, 4<sup>th</sup>. 42<sup>d</sup>. 43<sup>d</sup>. & 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to receive their orders of Embarkation from the D. Q. M. G<sup>l</sup>

Reports in writing to be made to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> as soon as the above order is complied with –

The Infantry without exception is order<sup>d</sup> upon all occasions to form two deep with the files at eighteen inches interval till further orders.

A Pacquet to Sail in a few days for England: all letters to be sent to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Generals Clerk –

Reg<sup>tal</sup> Orders for States of Companys Excercise Morn<sup>g</sup> & Even<sup>g</sup>, the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> to receive 5 Butts of Porter & take an Account of the Camp Equipage & blankets on Board Ship.

Notes: The "*Watering place*" was a brook near present day Tompkinsville, Staten Island that was used by ships to replenish their water supplies. The "*D.Q.M.G<sup>l</sup>*" is the abbreviation for the Deputy Quartermaster General. "*Reg<sup>tal</sup> Orders*" or regimental orders (sometimes abbreviated further as R.O.) are those issued by the regimental commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling in contrast to the "*General Orders*" issued by Gen. Sir William Howe. It was Lt. Peebles' style to often leave out the term "*General Orders*" and list only the date of the order. He does, however, always designate the regimental (*R.O*) or grenadier battalion orders (*B.O.*).

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Dykers ferry Staten Island, 2<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 76

Parole Clinton C<sup>r</sup> Sign

Four days provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow as usual.

John Hunter, private Soldier of his Majesty's 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> try<sup>d</sup> by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial of which L<sup>t</sup> Co<sup>l</sup> Sir Henry Calder [49<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is Presid<sup>t</sup> for desertion The Court is of Opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the Crime laid to his charge & therefore adjudge him to suffer death.



The Com<sup>r</sup> [Commander] in Chief is pleas'd to approve of the Sentence, and to order the Court Martial to be dissolved –

States of the Eight Regiments under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [Henry] Clinton that have join'd the Army, to be made up agreeable to a form that will be delivered to them by the D<sup>y</sup> Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>, and given tomorrow at orderly time – The Light Infantry & Grenad<sup>rs</sup> of those Regiments are to continue under the Command of the Officers appointed by L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Clinton.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to remain on board of Ship till further orders.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> Encamp'd are strictly forbid to destroy any Enclosures or fences or commit any depredations whatsoever.

The Major of Brigades of the Corps will receive a Copy of the Standing Orders of the Army which he will immediately communicate to the respective Reg<sup>ts</sup> –

R: O) [Regimental Order] When the Men disembark, they are to take nothing with them, but 3 Shirts, 2 p<sup>rs</sup> of hose & their Leggings which are to be put up neatly in their packs, leaving their knapsacks & all their other necessities on board o Ship which are carefully to be laid up by the Commanding Officers of Companys in the safest manor they can contrive. A small guard to be left on board each ship and only 4 Women per Com<sup>y</sup> to come ashore.

Notes: The record of the general court martial of Pvt. John Hunter, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., Aug. 1-11, 1776, is provided in this volume in Appendix B, Enclosure B-2: *Courts Martial and Legal Actions of the 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regiment During the American War for Independence*. Lt. Gen. Clinton was arriving in New York from his unsuccessful attempt to seize Charleston, S.C. "Majors of Brigade" were the principal staff officers of the brigade commanders.

Dykers ferry 3<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Cornwallis C<sup>r</sup> Sign Willimstadt

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton that have lately join'd the Army are to be paid to the 24 Aug<sup>t</sup> inclusive by [Richard] Molesworth Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Those that have Recruits on board are immediately to send for them –

Dykers ferry, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Vaughan C<sup>r</sup> Sign Berwick

A working party of a Cap<sup>t</sup>. 2 Sub<sup>s</sup>. & 100 Men for 3 days to be furnish'd by the 42<sup>d</sup> & 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> to parade at the Watering place near the Artillery Encampment at 5 O'Clock tomorrow Morning.

L<sup>t</sup> Co<sup>l</sup> [Thomas] Stirlings orders

The 42<sup>d</sup> takes the working party tomorrow, the 71<sup>st</sup> to have it for tuesday and wednesday.

Note: After the loss of a number of transports captured by the Rebels, there were about 900 soldiers of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and 1500 soldiers of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. available for duty. Accordingly the working parties are weighted by regimental strength.

Dykers ferry, 5<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Chichester C<sup>r</sup> Sign Richmond

The 50<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be in readiness to be drafted immediately –

Sir William Erskine is appointed Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> in America –

Major [Hon. Henry] Johnston of the 28<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to the Command of the 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Light Infantry –Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Bryan] Bell of the 4<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Aid de Camp to Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan and is to be observed as such –

The Provision Guard at Watson ferry to be Augmented to one Subaltern 2 Serj<sup>ts</sup> 2 Corp<sup>ls</sup> & 20 privates –

Note: In this period a regiment being "drafted" would turn over its private soldiers to understrength regiments and the officers and noncommissioned officers would be sent home to recruit up to its authorized strength.

Dyker's ferry, 6<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Goodwood –

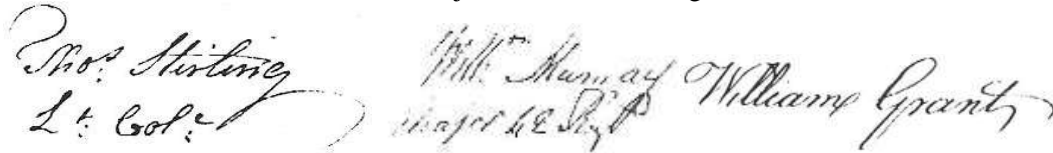
Four days Provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow as usual.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> lately join'd the Army under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton are posted as follows.

The	5 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to the	1 <sup>st</sup> Brigade
	28 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
	37 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
	46 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
	54 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
	57 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>

The Corps de Reserve consists of 4 Batt<sup>ns</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup> and 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> to be formed of the Grenadier Company of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> and two Grenad<sup>r</sup> Companies of the 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> under the Command of Maj. [Hon. Charles] Stuart of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.

L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton will Command the 1<sup>st</sup> Line of British, L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy the 2<sup>d</sup> and L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis with Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan the Reserve.



The 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be formed into two battalions, under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Col [Thomas] Stirling. – [Brevet] Major [William] Grant of that Regiment is appointed second Major to it.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be form'd into three Batt<sup>ns</sup> under the Command of Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Sir Will<sup>m</sup> Erskine – The Light Company of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to join the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Light Inf<sup>ry</sup>.

The 57 Recruits raised for the 26<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> are to be turned over to the following Reg<sup>ts</sup> the first 40 on the list to 23<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. The remainder to be equally divided between the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, & 43<sup>d</sup>, Reg<sup>ts</sup>.

A Serj<sup>t</sup> & 4 Light Dragoons to mount at Head Q<sup>rs</sup> at 6 O'Clock in the Morning till further Orders.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> that have lately join'd are to apply immediately to the Artillery Store for Materials to make up cartridges to complete them to the order of 60 p man.

All Application for forage to be made to M<sup>r</sup> Brinley at the forage Camp, where attendance will be constantly given –

A Return of the Effective Horses of the Officers of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons to be given in tomorrow at orderly time.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> in Camp near the Watering place to take the Guard of provision Store till further Orders –

Notes: The reserve was considered a position of honor. Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis was the Colonel of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt. which likely explains its selection for the reserve under the command of the Earl. The organization of the two battalions under Maj. William Murray and brevet-Maj. William Grant of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. is addressed in considerable detail in this volume in Appendix D, Enclosure D-2: 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Organization in America 1776-1783. In this order the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 71<sup>st</sup> Regts, which lost about 500 men to the Rebel navy, are being split further into three temporary battalions for service in America. The recruits from the 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. sailed to America with the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Regiments. Forty of the 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. recruits sailed with the 42<sup>nd</sup> transports and 17 recruits sailed with the transports for the 71<sup>st</sup> Highlanders in Apr. 1776.

Dykers ferry 7<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1781 [1776]

Parole Spithead C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup>

A list of the Officers of each Reg<sup>t</sup> to be given tomorrow, specifying the Rank & Date of their Commissions –

Muster rolls to be immediately prepared by the 17<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons, the 15<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, & 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> of Foot from the time they were last Mustered to the 24<sup>th</sup> June inclusive –

The Commissary of Musters will wait on the Com<sup>g</sup> officer of course & fix the time for their being muster'd –

The 15<sup>th</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>. 33<sup>d</sup>. 37<sup>th</sup>. 46<sup>th</sup>. 54<sup>th</sup>. & 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> to give a working party for 3 days of a Cap<sup>t</sup> 2 Sub<sup>s</sup> & 100 Men to parade at 5 O'Clock tomorrow Mor<sup>g</sup> & to receive their orders from the Engineer – The Command<sup>g</sup> Officer of course, contiguous to the Watering place are upon no account to suffer the water to be disturb'd, & will order sentries to be placed as he shall judge proper for that purpose –

A Corp<sup>l</sup> & six Men from the Corps of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> lately Arrived to mount tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 6 as a guard at the Gen<sup>l</sup> hospital near the Artillery Encampment.

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Ralph] Gladstones Light Company 28<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to act as Adjutant to the 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry, Serj<sup>t</sup> Hewlett of the 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to act as Quarter M<sup>r</sup> to the said Batt<sup>n</sup>.

R: O:) The 9 companies to parade tomorrow morn<sup>g</sup> on the Exercising ground at Reveille beating –

Note: The rebel brig *Andrew Doria* captured the transport *Oxford* carrying Capt. John Smith's Company on the way to America. Accordingly there were only nine companies in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. at this time. The 1781 date is an obvious error and should read 1776.

Staten Island 8<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776  
Morn<sup>g</sup> Regimental Orders.



[Brevet] Major [William] Grant is appointed to Capt<sup>n</sup> [Charles] Grahams Company & Capt<sup>n</sup> Graham is appointed to the Grenadiers –

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Harry] Gilchrist is appointed to the Grenad<sup>r</sup> Company in room of L<sup>t</sup> [Alexander] Munro who is appointed to Cap<sup>t</sup> [Archibald] Erskines, Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Thomas] Lyttleton to the Light Infantry in room of Lieu<sup>t</sup> [James] Crammond appointed to the Majors.

The Grenad<sup>r</sup> Company to march tomorrow Morning to Richmond & join their Brigade under the Command of Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart and receive their orders from him.

The Light Infantry Comp<sup>y</sup> to march at same time & join the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> under the Command of Major <sup>Brigr</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Alexander] Leslie & receive their orders from him. Major [William] Grants & Major [Duncan] McPhersons Comp<sup>ys</sup> to take up their Quarters –

Notes: Although a Brevet-Major, William Grant still held a captain's position as a company commander until he was appointed to command the 2<sup>nd</sup> provisional Bn. Accordingly he had to give up command of the grenadier company to Capt. Graham, and take Graham's "battalion company" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> British Grenadier Bn.

Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders 8<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776  
Parole Carrisbrook



Cap<sup>t</sup> [Archibald] Erskine of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Major of Brigade –

Notes: The Major of Brigade was the primary staff officer of the Brigade Commander. Initially Erskine was major of brigade to Brig. Gen. Sir William Erskine who commanded a brigade made up of three temporary battalions from the two official battalions of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt.

The prisoner John Hunter of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is to suffer death on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> in consequence of the sentence of a Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial of which L<sup>t</sup> Col Sir Harry Calder was President. –

Note: The record of the general court martial of Pvt. John Hunter, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., Aug. 1-11, 1776, is provided in this volume in Appendix C, Enc. C-2: *Courts Martial and Legal Actions of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment During the American War for Independence.*

Dykerys ferry Staten Island 9<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 76

Parole Redbridge

The 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Light Infantry to be under the Command of Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie  
The Reg<sup>ts</sup> lately join'd the Army are for the future to make out all Returns upon the new Establishment –

The 50<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to parade tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 8 O'Clock to be drafted on the Exercising ground of the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade –

Necessary Rolls for each Man to be prepared – The Mens Acco<sup>ts</sup> to be Settled to the 24<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> inclusive & the balances to be deliver'd over to the Reg<sup>ts</sup> that receive them – each draft to have his Arms Accountrements & ammunition compleat.

The Adjutants of the 4<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup>. 22<sup>d</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>. 38<sup>th</sup>. 43<sup>d</sup>. 44<sup>th</sup>. 45<sup>th</sup>. 40<sup>th</sup>. 49<sup>th</sup>. 52<sup>d</sup>. 63 & 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> to Attend to receive their drafts and the Mens Acco<sup>ts</sup> –

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> lately join'd the Army under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton will as soon as possible remove their heavy baggage & Women to the Transports allotted to them for that purpose of which they will make a Report to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>.

Note: When a regiment was “*drafted*” during this period the private soldiers were assigned to other regiments who needed soldiers and the officers and noncommissioned officers returned to Britain to recruit new men to return the regiment to its authorized strength or “*Establishment*.”

Dykerys ferry Staten Island, 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 –

Parole Stockbridge

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> Encamp<sup>d</sup> who have got upon bad ground have permission to change it as their Commanding Officers shall think most expedient – Strict orders to be given to fill up the necessary houses before any Reg<sup>t</sup> attempts to move.

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Henry] Bruen of the 63<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Deputy Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> to the Army

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [James] Cramond 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed an Assistant to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Department. The troops will receive 4 days Provisions as usual.

Dykerys ferry 11<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 –

G: O:) The Picquets of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade Under the Command of a Field Officer to parade tomorrow Morning at 10 O'Clock at Dykerys Ferry to attend the Execution of John Hunter soldier in the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> condemned to suffer death for desertion by sentence of Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial. L<sup>t</sup> Col. [William] Butler [38<sup>th</sup> Regt.] for this duty.

Forty Cartridge Boxes containing 18 rounds ball cartridge each to be delivered from the Artillery Store to Major [Hon. Henry] Johnston of the Light Comp<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

Dykerys ferry 12<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Georgi C<sup>r</sup> Sign Prince of Wales

The Troops to be provided till further notice with three days salt provisions & three days bread drest, those Corps who have not convenience for Cooking their provisions on shore must have it drest on board their Transports –

A Return to be given in to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of the names of such Men as have been employed & do understand carrying works by sap, should there be occasion for these sappers they will be paid

accordingly to the nature of their work – when they are not immediately employ'd on that service they will assist the fascine layers and receive the usual allowance of 1 shilling *p* day & ½ a pint rum each man.

A Return to be given in to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of such Men as thoroughly understand facine laying – A Return to be given in to the Chief Engineer of the several working parties that have been employ'd in that department since the Troops arrived in Staten Island to the 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> inclusive that pay lists may be made out, when the Q<sup>r</sup>Masters of the different Corps will be acquainted therewith & directed when to receive the Money that the whole may be immediately paid –

The 42<sup>d</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> to be in readiness to be muster'd, the Commissary of Musters will wait on the Commanding Officers & settle the term for their being Muster'd –

The following appointments to take place in the 71<sup>st</sup>. L<sup>t</sup> [Thomas Tawse] Taas to be Adj<sup>t</sup> and Volunteer [William] Rankin to be Q<sup>r</sup>M<sup>r</sup> to the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> – L<sup>t</sup> [Robert] Hutcheson to be Adj<sup>t</sup> Volunteer [William] M<sup>c</sup>Alpine to be Q<sup>r</sup>.M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Stewart Surgeon & M<sup>r</sup> Murdoch Mate to 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>.

R: O:) The 7 companies to Embark on board the [*Transports*] Brilliant Thames Glasgow & Houston – The officers are to carry nothing with them but their Tents bedding & a Portmanteau

Note: With the grenadier and light infantry companies having joined flank battalions, there are now only seven companies in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. formed into two provisional battalions.

#### Dykers ferry 13<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

In consequence of a Representation from the Officers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> respecting some improper conduct of Cap<sup>t</sup> [William] Holmes of that Reg<sup>t</sup> & which the Gen<sup>l</sup> transmitted to the Secretary at War to be laid before his Majesty. The Kings pleasure has been signified, that his Majesty does not think it proper that Cap<sup>t</sup> Holmes should not be continued in the Service, the Gen<sup>l</sup> therefore Suspends Cap<sup>t</sup> Holmes from further duty & he has the liberty to go to Europe. –

#### Promotions

#### Dykers ferry 13<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

The Order of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant for three days provisions to be ready dres'd is suspended till further orders

His Majesty has been pleas'd to appoint Major [Mathew] Dixon Chief Engineer to the Army in America.

Cap<sup>t</sup> [John] Montresor [Engineers] is appointed Aid de Camp to the Com<sup>r</sup> in Chief

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Jeremiah] Tinker 33<sup>d</sup> Aid de camp to [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis

GO. Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Staten Island, 16<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1776

Parole Dimmell

L<sup>t</sup> [John] Peebles of the 42<sup>d</sup> Gren<sup>rs</sup> is appointed Adj<sup>t</sup> & Serj<sup>t</sup> [Alan] Stewart of d<sup>o</sup> is appointed Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup>.

#### G: O: Dykers Ferry

Head Quarters Staten Island 19<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

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C: Sign Donope

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Richard Symes] Sims of the 52<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Major of Brigade in the Room of Major [Daniel] Disney [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.].

L<sup>t</sup> John Rutherford is appointed adjutant and Serj<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Stirling to do the duty of Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> to the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.

Those Reg<sup>ts</sup> that have Received Canteens, Hatchets, Camp Kettles, or any other kind of Camp Equipage, are order'd to replace them immediately into the Quarter M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Store on board the Fanny, out of their new Camp Equipage lately arrived –

Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenadiers



The officers to send their heavy Baggage on board of Ship tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> by the Provis<sup>n</sup> Waggon  
Capt<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Campbells [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] Comp<sup>y</sup> to Parade every Morn<sup>g</sup> at 6 O'Clock, and the other 2  
Comp<sup>ys</sup> at Seven

for Picquet tomorrow night L<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Cumming [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Charles] Grahams [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] & Cap<sup>t</sup> [Francis] Skellys [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] Compa<sup>ys</sup> are to Embark  
on the [Transport] Thames, and Cap<sup>t</sup> Campbells [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] Comp<sup>y</sup> in the Experiment Transports –

Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders Dockers ferry 18 Aug<sup>t</sup> 76

Parole Westphalia –

Counter Sign Munster –

The 15<sup>th</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>. 37<sup>th</sup>. 46<sup>th</sup>. 54<sup>th</sup>. 57<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>ts</sup> to Embark tomorrow at 9 O'Clock at the watering Place  
they are to go on board the Single Ships they have made choice of; the 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to Embark tomorrow at 9  
O'Clock at Coles ferry –

The Corps under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Dalrymple are to march from their present  
Ground at five O'Clock tomorrow Morning & Encamp at the Center Redoubt, where they will be  
furnish'd with Tents from the D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup>

The 2<sup>d</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades as soon as Relieved in their Cantonments will march to the Watering  
place in order to Embark on Tuesday –

The 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade to Embark at Coles ferry on Tuesday Morning at 9 O'Clock –

Colo: Dansu [written above Duoprs – likely Donop's] Detachm<sup>t</sup> to Embark from the Hessian Head  
Quarters on Tuesday at 9 O'Clock – The Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers will Embark with their Respective Brigades on  
Tuesday Morning at 9 O'Clock –

Colo<sup>o</sup> [Edward] Mathews of the Guards is appointed Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> in America – Cap<sup>t</sup> [Edmond]  
Stevens is appointed Major of Brigade to the Brigade of Guards – If the Guards should not be  
Disembark'd in their proper turn, the Gen<sup>l</sup> desires they may understand it is on account of the distant  
Situation of their Transports –

The Detachm<sup>t</sup> of Hessians under the Command of Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Johann David] Stern that were to  
have march'd this Morn<sup>g</sup> are to March tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 4 O'Clock according to the orders given  
yesterday by the Adjut<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> –

The Masters of Transports on board whose vessels the troops are now Embarking, or are  
Embarked, are to deliver three days provisions to the Troops to be Cook'd on Tuesday Morn<sup>g</sup>, to consist  
of 13 oz<sup>s</sup> & a half of Pork Pursers weight, *p* man, *p* day, & one pound of bread *p* man *p* day full w<sup>t</sup>.

The following Gentle<sup>n</sup> are appointed to the Commissary Gen<sup>ls</sup> Department

Major John Morrison	}	
Pet. Premuire Esq <sup>r</sup>	}	Deputy Commissarys
Geo: Brunlee Esq <sup>r</sup>	}	

Ja <sup>s</sup> Christie Gent.	}	Assisting Commissarys
Ja <sup>s</sup> Portis Gent.	}	

#### Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders

For Piquet tomorrow night L<sup>t</sup> [Thomas] Fraser

Note: Col. Dalrymple's Corps was a collection of convalescents and recruits under the command of Lt. Col. William  
Dalrymple of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regt. As the new Adjutant of the 4<sup>th</sup> British Grenadier Battalion, Lt. John Peebles' order book  
now includes the battalion orders (B.O.) of that battalion.

#### Morn<sup>g</sup> Orders, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>

The Batt<sup>n</sup> to Parad, Arm'd & Accoutred at with their Packs, haversacks & Canteens and every thing  
else as for a March at 12 o'Clock at the Exercising Ground. all the officers to attend –

Head Quarters Dekers Ferry Staten Island 19<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 76

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His Majesty has been pleased to approve of Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Robertsons acting as Major Gen<sup>l</sup> in North America –

The Light Infantry, Grenad<sup>rs</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup> & 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> & [Hessian] Colo<sup>l</sup> [Carl von] Dunope's Corps with the New York Comp<sup>ys</sup> & Volunteers are to hold themselves in readiness to embark on the shortest notice –

Any Convalescent Soldier that cannot march with their Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to do duty with Colo:  
Dalrymples Corps – All orders deliver'd by Cap<sup>t</sup> [William] Congreve of the Royal Artillery from the Commander in Chief are to be considered as coming from an Aid de Camp –

The Recruits arrived for different Reg<sup>ts</sup> onboard the Jersey Hospital Ship to be sent for immediately by their respective Corps – the Officer Commanding on board the Jersey is order'd to deliver them when demanded.

M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins Surgeons Mate of the Hospital to do duty as Surgeon to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> –

#### Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders

The Women of the different Companys to go on board their Respective Ships tomorrow Morning at 6 O'Clock. The Cap<sup>t</sup> of Companys to be answerable that this order is punctually complied with, A Waggon goes at that hour to the landing place which will carry their baggage –

The Piquet tomorrow night Ens<sup>n</sup> [Angus] M<sup>c</sup>Donald [1<sup>st</sup> Bn., 71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Note: This order begins the preparations for the amphibious attack on Long Island on Aug. 22. "*The "New York Comp<sup>ys</sup>"*" were two provincial (or Loyalist) companies commanded by Capt. Archibald Campbell and Capt. Alexander Grant.

Head Quarters Staten Island 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Lorain Countersign Mosselle

The Army will Land in four Divisions, the first consisting of three Batta<sup>ns</sup> Light Infantry & the Reserve under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton, L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan and Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie.

The 2<sup>d</sup> Division to consist of the 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Brigades of British under the Command of Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Robertson, Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Sir Robert] Pigot & Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Valentine] Jones, with a Detachm<sup>t</sup> of Hessian troops under the Command of Colo<sup>l</sup> [Karl von] Donop.

The 3<sup>d</sup> Division to consist of the Brigade of Foot Guards, 4<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. & 6<sup>th</sup>. Brigades, under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy, Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Grant, Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathew, Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Francis] Smith and Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Agnew –

The 4<sup>th</sup> Division to consist of the three Ba<sup>ns</sup> of the 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> under the Command of Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Sir W<sup>m</sup> Erskine.

These Troops to have three days Provisions ready dress'd tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> – Colonel Donops Corps to Embark tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 9 O'Clock at the Hessian Head Quarters –

The Pioneers of each Brigade to form in the rear of their respective Brigades, und the Direction of an Engineer appointed by the chief Engineer –

The Corps that are Encamp'd are to stack their Tents tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> and put their Camp Equipage onboard their respective Transports –

When the Troops Land, they are to carry nothing with them but their Arms, Ammunition, Blankets and three days Provisions –

The Commanding Officers of Companys will take particular care that the Canteens are properly fill'd with Rum & Water & it is most earnestly recommended to the Men to be as Saving as possible of their Grog –

The Commanding officers of those Reg<sup>ts</sup> whose Light Companies form the 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> L. Infantry, to make good the defficient Arms & Accoutrm<sup>ts</sup> of their Respective Companies immediately in the best manner they are able –

Engineers Employed with the Army

Chief Engineer                      Major [Mathew] Dixon  
First Brigade

Captains            { Ab<sup>m</sup> D' Aubant  
                          { John Camble

1<sup>st</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>            Will<sup>m</sup> Parker  
 2<sup>d</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>            Will<sup>m</sup> Hesterman

Assistants        { Arthur Froth  
                          {            Brown

Second Brigade

Captains            { Arch<sup>d</sup> Robertson  
                          { Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartcup

1<sup>st</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>            Alex<sup>r</sup> Sutherland  
 Assistants        { Cap<sup>t</sup> Adair  
                          { L<sup>t</sup> Sproule  
                          { L<sup>t</sup> Doyle

Third Brigade

Captains            James Moncreiff  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>            Mathew Potts  
 2<sup>d</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>            { Rich<sup>d</sup> Bendyshe  
                          { Will<sup>m</sup> Fyers

Assistant            Manly Dixon

In Consideration of the distance this Army is from Great Britain & of the Loss which the regimental Surgeons must sustain by ordering out all the necessary medicines, from the Allowance unusually made them, it is directed that they be furnish'd in future as occasion shall require, from the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital – The Quantity & Quality of medicines required being first, ascertained by the Physicians & surgeons of the Hospital, & also that no Stores be destroyed or rejected as Unserviceable except by an order from the Hospital board on due consideration –

Major Holland is appointed Aid de Camp to his Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] D<sup>e</sup>Heister –

Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart will March tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> with his Corps [4<sup>th</sup> Battalion] of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> & take up the cantonments of the 71<sup>st</sup> –

The New York Companies will march immediately toward the Watering place –

Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders

The Companys to Parade tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 3 O'Clock fully Arm'd & Accoutred in readiness to march. Three days provisions to be dress'd this night –

Notes: All companies of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. were in the first division to land. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Inf. Co. with the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry Battalion, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bns., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. in the Reserve.

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders of the 21<sup>st</sup> follows the Batt<sup>n</sup>

Batt<sup>n</sup> orders 21<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>

The Companys to parade tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> with their Arms Accoutrements & packs at half after 2 O'Clock at Major [Hon. Charles] Stewarts Quart<sup>rs</sup>. The Commanding Officers of Comp<sup>ys</sup> to be particularly carefull they do not exceed this hour.

G: O: Dykers ferry Head Quarters Staten Island, 8 O'Clock P.M. 21<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>

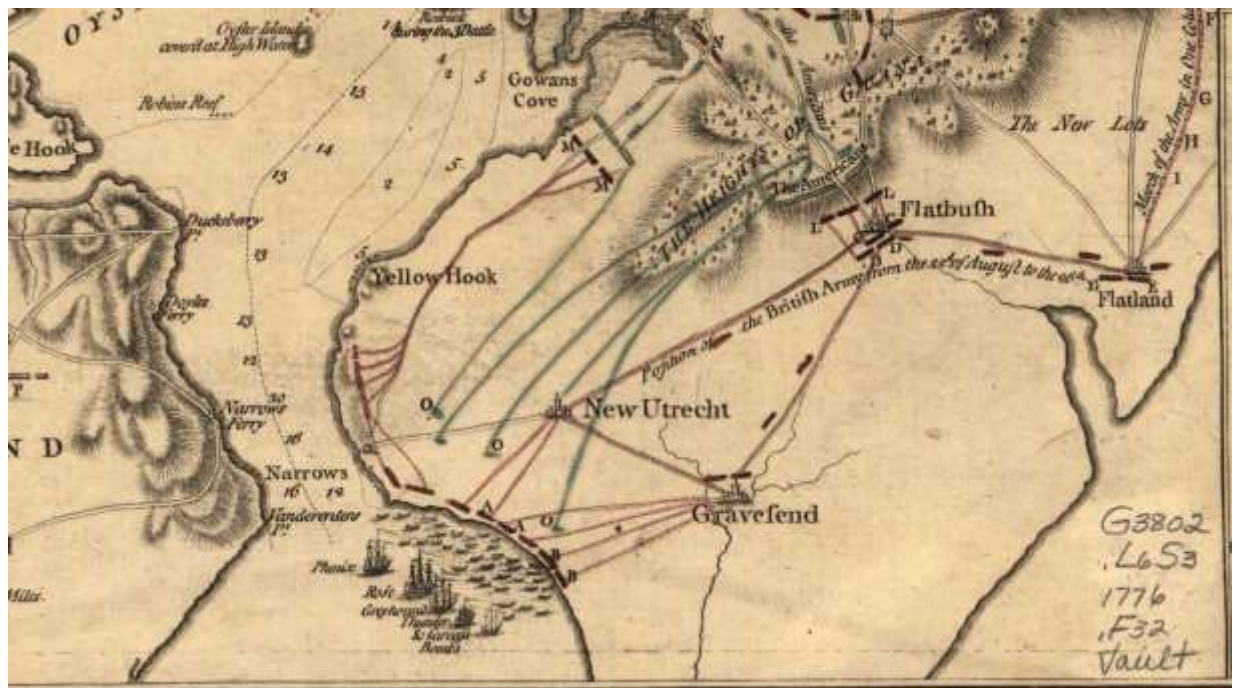
The Light Infantry & Reserve to be upon the beach at Coles Ferry tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 4 O'Clock in order to embark. 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> on the Right, the 2<sup>d</sup> on the left, the 3<sup>d</sup> in the center – The Grenad<sup>rs</sup> are to form to form in front of [Maj.] Gen<sup>l</sup> [Francis] Smiths Quarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> on the Right, the 2<sup>d</sup> on the left of the 1<sup>st</sup>. The 3<sup>d</sup> on the left of the 2<sup>d</sup>, & the 4<sup>th</sup> on the left of the Brigade – The 33<sup>d</sup> & 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to Embark at a small distance from the left of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup>. The 33<sup>d</sup> on the Right & the 42<sup>d</sup> on the left – The Volunteers & New York Companys to embark on the left, of the first Debarkation. The Whole to be under the direction of Commander [William] Hotham & the Sea Officers under his Command –

L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton will embark with Command<sup>r</sup> Hotham [50-gun *HMS Preston*] at Coles Ferry – Brigad<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie at the same place with Cap<sup>t</sup> [George] Vanderput [64-gun *HMS Asia*]. L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis & the Grenad<sup>rs</sup> with Cap<sup>t</sup> [Benjamin] Caldwell [20-gun *HMS Rose* or 32-gun *HMS Emerald*]

Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan & the Division of the 33<sup>d</sup> and 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> with Cap<sup>t</sup> Ogilvie –

L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy will be pleas'd to embark with the 17<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on board *Felicity* where a Barge will be sent to receive his orders. The other Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers will go on board the eldest Reg<sup>ts</sup> of their respective Brigades when they come to anchor and will Disembark with the Sea Officers Superintending the Debarkation of their respective Divisions.

The Provincial Corps will receive their orders of embarkation from the Deputy Quar<sup>r</sup> Master General on the Beach –



Detail from "A plan of New York Island, with part of Long Island, Staten Island & east New Jersey, with a particular description of the engagement on the woody heights of Long Island, between Flatbush and Brooklyn, on the 27th of August 1776 between His Majesty's forces commanded by General Howe and the Americans under Major General Putnam, shewing also the landing of the British Army on New-York Island, and the taking of the city of New-York &c. on the 15th of September following, with the subsequent disposition of both the armies.," 1776, by William Faden.

Picture Source: Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division

Head Quarters New Utrecht Long Island, 22<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 –

Parole Hotham C: Sign Donop

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers are Authorized to post such Guards as they shall judge Proper for the Security of their Quarters –

A communication must be kept open between the Battalions particularly to the Rear where there may be a necessity for support –

It is strongly recommended to the Army to preserve good order & discipline and upon no account to molest or commit any depredations upon the Inhabitants of the Island –

Each Reg<sup>t</sup> is to send early tomorrow for their Tents, Camp Kettles, & Knapsacks. The Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> will endeavour to furnish Waggon to convey them from Waterside and it is hoped that Officers will bring as little Baggage as possible on shore and & for some time make use of Soldiers Tents or fly Tents.

In the present distribution of Cantonments the Brigade of Guards is to furnish the Guard at Head Quarters to consist of one Serjeant 3 Corp<sup>ls</sup> & 20 Men, to mount as usual at 8 O'Clock with an Orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> –

All Horses & Cattle that may be seize'd on the Island are to be immediately sent to head Quarters for the use of the Army & the owners will be paid for them.

The Volunteers under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> [John] Stanton [14<sup>th</sup> Regt.] are order'd forthwith to join their Reg<sup>ts</sup> B.O. For Piquet Lt. [David] Kinlock [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] & 30

Notes: As described in more detail in this Volume, Appendix K: 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Arms and Uniform Accounts, Documents and Correspondence, each group of five soldiers was issued a tent, hatchet and tinned camp kettle for camp equipment. A fly tent was similar to a soldier's tent except that it had an additional canvas stretched slightly above the tent to provided additional protection from the elements. The "Picquet" (or picket) was a small number of soldier posted as sentinels in front of the line to provide advance warning and to delay any attacking force to allow the regiments to assemble.

New Utrecht Long Island, 23<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Luximberg

C<sup>r</sup> Sign Atetz

The Brigade of Guards, 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades to Encamp tomorrow, the Ground of 1<sup>st</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Brigades will be marke'd out by order of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton. The Ground for the Guards 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades will be mark'd out by the D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> at Six OClock tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> –

The Corps de Reserve will be Encamp'd by order of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis –

The Commander in Chief desires it may be signified to the Army that he is determined to show no mercy to any man found Guilty of Marauding –

The Commanding Officers of Brigades are desired to order the Rolls to be called & to take every step they shall judge necessary toward Suppressing such Scandalous & infamous behavior –

The Army to receive three days Provisions tomorrow at 12 OClock at the Store House near where the Artillery were Landed & where the 23<sup>d</sup> Regt are now Quarter'd –

A Serj<sup>t</sup> & Eight Drag<sup>ns</sup> to be detach'd every Morn<sup>g</sup> by order of Sir W<sup>m</sup> Erskine to head Quarters – It is requested that Officers will not detain Waggon longer than is absolutely necessary, otherwise the business of the Army must stand still –

Brigade Orders by L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> E: Cornwallis

A Piquet consisting of one Field Officer two Cap<sup>ts</sup> Six Sub<sup>s</sup> & 200 Men to Parade immediately at the Head of the 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [James] Webster [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] for this Duty

	Detail	C.	S.	S.	C.	D.	Privates
4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> G <sup>rs</sup>		1		1			27

B: Orders for Piquet Cap<sup>t</sup> [Charles] Graham [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] & Lt. Doug<sup>l</sup> Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] –

Note: "C S S C D" is a standard abbreviation in orders for Captains, Subalterns (meaning Lieutenants and Ensigns) Sergeants, Corporals and Drummers.



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Head Quarters, New Utrecht, 24<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776  
Parole Burgundy  
C<sup>r</sup> Sign Tyrol

The order of the 22<sup>d</sup> ins<sup>t</sup> with respect to Horses seized in the Country is to be Strictly complied with All Waggon's also are to be sent to Head Quarters in order for a proper distribution of them to be made thro' the Army –

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> Encamp'd are to mount a Piquet consisting of a Cap<sup>t</sup> Sub<sup>n</sup> & 30 Men & a Quarter Guard of 1 Sub<sup>n</sup> & 18 private They are to have Sentry's on each well –

The Corps that have landed more Tents than they have occasion for are to Embark them again immediately. The Light Infantry are not to have Tents as they expect to be in constant motion.

The Brigade of Guards will immediately mount a Serj<sup>t</sup> & 12 at L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percys Quarters –

Brigade Orders –

Field officer of the Piquet this Evening [Brevet] Major [William] Murray [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]

Gen<sup>l</sup> After Orders

A working party of two Captains four Subalterns Six Serjeants Six Corp<sup>ls</sup> & 200 Men to Parade before Earl Cornwallis' door at 8 OClock this Even<sup>g</sup>

	Detail				
Gr <sup>ts</sup>	C	S	S	C	Privates
1 <sup>st</sup>	1	1	1	1	39
2 <sup>d</sup>	1	1	1	1	41
3 <sup>d</sup>		1	1	1	27
4 <sup>th</sup>		1	1	1	30
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>		0	1	1	28
42 <sup>nd</sup>		0	1	1	35
	2	4	6	6	200

Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders

For Piquet tonight L<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Cumming [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] & 33

For the Working Party Ens<sup>n</sup> [Angus] M<sup>c</sup>Donald [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] & 30

The Commanding Officers of Companys will give the necessary orders for keeping the Streets of their Camp Clean & the ground near it, Necessary Houses will be made in the Rear which the men will go to & nowhere else near the camp –

Morn<sup>g</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

The Commanding Officer of Companys will take particular case that the Non Commissioned Officers of Squads or Messes see the Men comb their hair & clean themselves before they come to the Parade –

The Comp<sup>ys</sup> to Parade in their respective streets a quarter of an hour before the Troop & Retreat beats, When the Commanding Officers will review the Mens Arms Ammunition & march them in order to the front of the Bell Tents where they will form the Battalion in open order –

The Parties from the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion (or Highland) Grenad<sup>rs</sup> sent upon Detachment, are not to load without express Commands from the Officer Command<sup>g</sup> the Detachment –

All Parties returning from duty are to be march'd to the Batt<sup>n</sup> Parade and there regularly dismissed –

Notes: "Bell Tents" were small conical tents placed at the front of a street of tents to hold the soldiers muskets.

G: O:

Head Quart<sup>rs</sup> New Utrecht 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Dijon C<sup>r</sup> Sign Rhone

The Gen<sup>l</sup> wishes to Express his Satisfaction at the Diligence & good order with which the Artillery & the Stores were Landed on the 22<sup>d</sup> instant And desires his thanks may be given in Public Orders to the Officers & Men of that Corps as well as to M<sup>r</sup> Land Agent of Ordnance transports – The Gen<sup>l</sup> also highly approves of the Spirited behavior of Cap<sup>t</sup> [Archibald] Campbell & [Alexander] Grant & Detachm<sup>t</sup> of New York Comp<sup>ys</sup> upon the Scouting parties of yesterday –

Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to prepare formers so as to be able for the future to make up their own cartridges and it is impossible for the Artillery to supply the Whole Army –

L<sup>t</sup> [John] Piper of the 6<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed as a Assistant D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> –

The Undermention'd four Hospital Ships are in Rotation to send boats daily for the Reception of Sick & wounded. Viz. Dutton Grovenor, British King, & Pigot. These boats to Attend on the beach near the Stone House where the provisions are issued. [This is likely the home of Mr. Denyse, at Denyse ferry]

A Guard of a Corp<sup>l</sup> & Six men to mount immediately from the 2<sup>d</sup> brigade at the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital –

[Reserve] Brigade Orders –

An Adjutant of the day to be in waiting till further orders –

Adj<sup>t</sup> of the day for tomorrow 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Gr<sup>rs</sup>

The Piquet to mount at Six this Even<sup>g</sup>

For Piquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [James] Marsh [46<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

	Detail				
Gr <sup>rs</sup>	C	S	S	C	Privates
3 <sup>d</sup>	1	1	1	1	31
4 <sup>th</sup>		1	1	1	32
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	1	1	1	1	32
42 <sup>d</sup>		1	1	1	45
Hessians		1	1	1	30
	2	5	5	5	170

After [Reserve] Brig: orders ½ 5

A Working Party of 2 Cap<sup>ts</sup> 4 Sub<sup>s</sup> & 170 Men to parade at 7 OClock –

	Detail				
Gr <sup>rs</sup>	C	S	S	C	Privates
1 <sup>st</sup>		1	1	1	31
2		1	1	1	31
3 <sup>d</sup>	1	1	1	1	21
4 <sup>th</sup>	1		1	1	24
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>		1	1	1	27
42 <sup>d</sup>		1	1	1	30

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G: O:

Head Quarters Long Island, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 76

Parole Geneva C<sup>r</sup>. S. Coni

Plundering is become so excessive that Commanding Officers of Corps must be responsible that the Soldiers do not quit their Encampments unless upon Duty in which case the Officer Commanding is to be answerable for their behavior of his Men.

The Mens Canteens are to be immediately filled with Rum & Water. Their Provisions & Necessaries put up in the best Manner for Carriage –

The Commander in Chief desires that the Soldiers may not Huzza in getting in our out of their Boats –

M. B<sup>n</sup> Orders The Commanding Officers of Comp<sup>ys</sup> will see that the Mens necessities are pack'd up in their blankets immediately.

It is expected in future that the Men constantly Parade with their Packs and that they do not undo them until Night –

An Officer of a Comp<sup>y</sup> constantly to see the Mens Rum mixed, if the Men cannot get Buckets they must see the Canteens carried to the Well –

Notes: “Necessaries” generally means the mens’ extra clothing, shoes and musket tools. This order likely means some smaller subset of the necessities to be carried into battle are carried in their rolled up blankets, here called “*packs*,” while the knapsacks are left under guard with the remaining articles.

#### G: After Orders, 5 O’Clock

The Army will Strike their Tents & Load their Baggage at 8 O’Clock this night to form at the head of their respective Encampments & there wait for further orders, the men to carry their Canteens, Camp Kettles, Provisions & Necessaries, no more than two Waggon can be allowed to each Reg<sup>t</sup> for their Tents & Baggage, the overplus of Rum that Reg<sup>ts</sup> may have in Store is to be carried in the Waggon with the Mens Tents –

The Advance Guard Consisting of three Squadrons of Cavalry, three Battalions of Light Infantry, four Batt<sup>ns</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade 33<sup>d</sup> & 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> will receive their orders from L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton with L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan & Brig<sup>rs</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie & Sir W<sup>m</sup> Erskine four light 3 pounders 2 Howitzers & 6 Six pounders will Attend this Corps –

The Advance Guard is to be follow’d by the Brigade of Guards with two 6 pounders & two Howitzers – The 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade with two 12 Pounders. The 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade with four light 12 Pounders & two 6 Pounders, and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade with two 6 Pounders, the 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> with four medium 12 Pounders & four Waggon with intrenching Tools to form the Rear Guard –

L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy will take Post with the Brigade of Guards at the Head of the Line –

The Men are not to Load till ordered by their respective Commanding Officers & the greatest Silent Attention to be Observ’d by the Troops.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> to Wheel by half Companys & march from the Right, each Reg<sup>t</sup> will have a flanking Party of a Non Commissioned Officer & four Men per Company under the Command of a Commissioned Officer of the Reg<sup>t</sup> –

A Serj<sup>t</sup> & Six Men of each Reg<sup>t</sup> to take charge of the Baggage under the Command of a field Officer one Cap<sup>t</sup> & 4 Sub<sup>ns</sup> of the Line –

The Hospital Waggon with their own Guard to follow the 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers Baggage with their Respective Guards next, & then the baggage of the Line –

The Q<sup>r</sup> Master of Reg<sup>ts</sup> & Pioneers are to form at the head of each Brigade under the direction of an Engineer, one Waggon is allowed to each Gen<sup>l</sup> Officer. L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Leslie will have two if they can be procured –

The 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades will receive particular orders for their march. Six 6 Pounders two 3 pounders & two Howitzers will Attend these two Brigades. Cap<sup>t</sup> [James] Moncrieff Engineer & an Assistant Engineer. to receive their Orders from Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Grant

The Baggage of the 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade will be embark’d in Flat Boats at Gravesend –

The New York Comp<sup>ys</sup> are immediately to Escort the Artillery from Head Quarters to Denys’s House where they will receive further orders –

#### Detail for Baggage Guard

	F.O.	C.	S.	S.	C.	Private
1 <sup>st</sup> Brig <sup>e</sup>	1	1	1			[blank]
2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>			1			
3 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>			1			
5 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>			1			

Notes: This order documents the preparations made for the Battle of Long Island on Aug. 26-27, 1776. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was assigned to the left flank attack under Maj. Gen. James Grant, with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry and Grenadier Cos. took part in the right flank attack under Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton.

Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders Head Quarters Bedford Long Island 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Brooklin

C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Flatbush

The Advance Guards of the British to be taken by the Piquet, of the 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. & 5<sup>th</sup> Brigades (49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> excepted) & [Hessian] Colo<sup>l</sup> [Carl von] Donops Corps

The Picquits to consist of 2 Sub<sup>ns</sup> & 50 Men under the Command of two Field Officers & a Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> of the Day They will be posted by L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton to whom they are to make all Reports.

These Picquits to Parade at 5 OClock this Evening behind the Hill near the Bedford Road

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> to Encamp as soon as the Picquits are Posted – The Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> will give them their Ground –

Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> for this Evening Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathews Major of Brigade [Edmond] Stevens, who will wait on L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton & receive his orders for Posting the Picquets

G: O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Bedford Long Island, 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole London C<sup>r</sup> Sign Fontenoy

Gen<sup>l</sup> Officer for this Even<sup>g</sup> Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Francis] Smith, who will Report to L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy, field Officers for Piquit L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Sir Henry Calder [49<sup>th</sup> Regt.] & Major [Rawlins] Hilman [22<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], Major of Brigade [Frederick] M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie.

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Parade to be on the Ground in front of the 38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

The Commander in Chief is thoroughly sensible of the very distinguish'd behavior of all the Troops that were yesterday Engaged, & of the Universal Ardor he perceived throughout all Ranks of the Army of discharging their Duty with Spirit & conduct –

A Return of the Killed, Wounded, taken prisoner by the Enemy, & Missing to be given in tomorrow at orderly time –

A Working Party of a Field Officer, 2 Cap<sup>ns</sup> 6 Sub<sup>ns</sup> & 400 Men, to Parade this Even<sup>g</sup> at Gun firing, & Receive their orders from the Chief Engineer. Field Officer for this Duty L<sup>t</sup> Col: [William] Walcot [5<sup>th</sup> Regt.] – A Detachment of 300 men under the Command of a field Officer to be taken from the Picquets of the Line to Cover the Working Party –

40 Sappers & 20 fascine layers to be Attach'd to the Engineers Corps till further orders.

A Serj<sup>t</sup> from the first Brigade to be sent to the Sappers, & one from the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade with the fascine layers, the Whole to Encamp with the Corps of Engineers –

A Morning & Evening Gun to be fired at the Artillery Park –

The Commanding officers of Brigades will take care that a free communication is open between the Reg<sup>ts</sup> in front of the Camp –

The two Comp<sup>ys</sup> of Marine Grenad<sup>rs</sup> are to be join'd in one, under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> [Thomas] Averte –

Cap<sup>t</sup> [John] Campbell of the Corps of Engineers to attend Brigad<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Sir W<sup>m</sup> Erskine –

All Arms taken with Prisoners are to be sent to the Artillery Store, the Captors will be paid for them according to the Regulation.

Such of the Wounded as can be Removed will be carried to New Utrecht; a Return of the Numbers in each Corps to be given to the D<sup>y</sup> Adjut<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> tomorrow at orderly time that Waggons may be provided accordingly.

The Reserve will move their Ground to the Right. L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis will take his orders from the Commander in Chief [Gen. Sir William Howe]. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>ns</sup> of Light Infantry to hold themselves in readiness, to Attend L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Earl Cornwallis, from whom they will receive their orders.

The 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> to remain as they are till further orders –

Four days Provisions will be issued to the Troops at the Stone House near the Landing from the 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> inclusive.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> that got Horses from the D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> to Return them immediately.

The Q<sup>r</sup> Masters of the Different Corps will Attend the D<sup>y</sup> Comm<sup>ry</sup> [Commissary] Gen<sup>l</sup> near Head Quarters at five this afternoon to receive Cattle for their respective Corps –

The 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades & 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> being Omitted in yesterdays detail to do duty in the Line –

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to sink wells for themselves as near their ground as possible –

The Return of Women for Nurses to be given in by the Several Reg<sup>ts</sup> in Line tomorrow at orderly time – Any Man who discharges his firelock when in Camp or Quarters without leave of his Commanding Officer shall be punished with the utmost severity –

Note: The Battle of Long Island was fought against the large number Rebel forces posted in front of the line of defensive positions across the western end of Long Island. After the Rebels were defeated in the battle, Gen. Howe ordered the defensive works to be taken by traditional 18<sup>th</sup> century siege techniques of digging a set of ever closer trenches (called approaches). This order assigns working parties from the regiments to begin the approaches. Fascines were long tied bundles of small straight limbs used to shore up earthworks.

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Bedford Long Island 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Guilford C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Courtray –

Bushwick, [Lt. Gen. Charles] Earl Cornwallis's orders for the Reserve – The Piquets Consisting of 2 Cap<sup>ts</sup> 5 Sub<sup>ns</sup> & 150 men to Parade this Even<sup>g</sup> at 5 O'Clock at the Head of the 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup>.

A field Officer of the Day to Visit the Piquets, for this duty L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Meadows [55<sup>th</sup> Regt.] –

It being represented to L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Earl Cornwallis that several Horses have been taken today from people well affected to Government, his Lordship desires all horses taken on the March today may be sent to Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan's Q<sup>rs</sup> to be return'd to the owners that may prove their right to them.

Detail for the Piquet

	Cap <sup>ts</sup>	Sub.	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Corp <sup>l</sup>	D <sup>rs</sup>	Private
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> Gr <sup>rs</sup>	1	1	1	1		35
2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	1	1	1	1		30
3 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>		1	1	1		25
4 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>		1	1	1		27
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>		1	1	1		33
	2	5	5	5		150

Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders –

For Piquet this Night L<sup>t</sup> [Dougal] Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Cor<sup>l</sup> 27

Head Qrs Bedford Long Island 30 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

Parole Peterfield C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Leslie

Field Officer for Picquet Colo. [James] Webster [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.]

The Picquet to Mount at 6 O'Clock consisting of 2 Cap<sup>ts</sup> 5 Sub<sup>s</sup> & 150 private, Adju<sup>t</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> B<sup>r</sup> G for Pic<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Fraser

Notes: During the night of Aug. 30, the Rebel commander, Gen. George Washington, successfully withdrew his forces from Long Island, ending the need for the British siege of the Brooklyn defensive positions.

G: O: Newtown Long Island 31<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

The Gen<sup>l</sup> again repeats it in orders that no mercy will be shown to any Man found guilty of Plundering –



The Q<sup>r</sup> Masters of Corps will attend Cap<sup>t</sup> [Benjamin C.] Payne [18<sup>th</sup> Regt.] a D. Q. M. G. tomorrow at Bedford to receive Rum & bread. They will take the Waggons now in their possession for that purpose, which Waggons they will keep till further orders

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown, Long Island 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

G: O: Parole Exeter C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Portsmouth

Gen<sup>l</sup> Officer for this Even<sup>g</sup> Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie who will Report to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy –

Field Officer for Picquet Major [Francis Richmond] Humphreys [52<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] –

No Officer or Soldier to go beyond the out Posts except upon duty – The Advanced Posts or Pickets are to continue out till relieved –

#### Reserve Orders

A Review of the State of the Ammunition and the deficiencies to be made good immediately –  
Field Officers for Picquet Major [Edward] Mitchell [5<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers]

Detail	C	S	S	C	D	Privates
4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> [Grenadiers]			1	1		27

Adj<sup>t</sup> for the day tomorrow 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

G: O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 2<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Devonshire C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Embden

The Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> of Corps to Attend Immediately at the Publick House near Head Q<sup>rs</sup> to receive 4 days bread & Rum they will bring the Waggons assign'd for the use of their Corps to take it away.

Reserve Orders) The Picquets to mount this Even<sup>g</sup> at ½ after 5 O'Clock Consisting of 1 Cap<sup>t</sup> 4 Sub<sup>ns</sup> 5 Serj<sup>ts</sup> 5 Corp<sup>ls</sup> 2 Drum<sup>rs</sup> & 98 Private – Field Officer for the day & to visit the Picq<sup>ts</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Col [Robert] Abercrombie [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Adju<sup>t</sup> for tomorrow 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup>

Orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> for tomorrow 4<sup>th</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup>

Notes: A “*Publick House*” was a tavern or inn.

Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders continued) The Commanding Officers are desired to place Sentries over the Corn in the neighbourhood of their Respective Posts that the Men may not make use of it for Straw until it is threshed out – Major [Thomas] Dilkes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup>



Guinea Coin from the London Mint, 1775

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The Commander in Chief in order to Establish the Current Value of Gold for Payment of the Army in all Situations without regarding local Currency, directs that the Contractors Agents shall pay the Gold to the D<sup>y</sup> Pay M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> in the following manner & that they shall pay it to the Troops accordingly Viz<sup>t</sup>

A Guinea weighing 5 <sup>dwt</sup>s 7 <sup>grs</sup> to be received equal to 4 Dollars & two thirds – A Single Johannes 9 <sup>dwt</sup>s 3 <sup>grs</sup> equal to 8 Dollars – The Dollar to pass for 4/8 Stirling or 8/NYork Currency, which will serve to

regulate proper Currencies left in Circulation but whose weight & Value may be determin<sup>d</sup> by thus Specified – The Agents supplying Money or those who pay it to the troops are not to Offer Gold of less weight, & no allowance will be made for any overplus weight –

B: O:) The Major is extremely sorry to be under the necessity of reminding the Officers that a Batt<sup>n</sup> newly formd required their Strictest care & Attention

No Officer whatever to quit the Camp without mentioning it to the Major –

It having been represented that men from the 71<sup>st</sup> Comp<sup>ys</sup> taken away Articles from, & otherwise ill treated several persons near this Encampment

The Commanding Officer requests that the Officers make diligent search to discover s<sup>d</sup> offenders & that they pay such Attention to their non Commission Officers and Men as may prevent them in future from being guilty of the like infamous practices –

An Officer of the Day – His duty is to Visit the Men before Roll Calling see that their Tents are made clean the Straw taken out & air'd the canvass roll'd up – They will also see that the Messes are properly regulated & that the Men are fed by tattoo – The 2 Comp<sup>ys</sup> of the 71<sup>st</sup> to parade every Morn<sup>g</sup> at 6 O'Clock till further orders –

For Picquet L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] for the day tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Cumming [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Notes: “Dollars” refers to Spanish milled dollars, common coins in the American colonies. For some reason the lieutenants of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. are not listed for duty in the 4<sup>th</sup> British Gren. Bn. Lt. John Peebles, as Adjutant, would perform rotating duty in that position, but there is no known reason why Lt. William Graham and Lt. Harry Gilchrist are not listed for duty.

G: O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 3<sup>d</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Dorset C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Prague

All the Waggon & Horses belonging to Staten Island employed in the Army, to be sent in immediately in order to be exchanged, those nearest to Bedford to be deliver'd to the D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> there, & those nearest to Newtown to be sent to Head Q<sup>rs</sup> –

Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43<sup>rd</sup> Regt. and 4<sup>th</sup> Battn. Grenadiers]

Adj<sup>ut</sup> for Tomorrow 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

Six men from each Batt<sup>n</sup> of the Reserve w' a Commissioned Officer to go out immediately to drive in fresh Stock –

Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders) Officer for tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> Dougal Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] –

For Picquet tonight 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> & 17 –

G: O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 76

Parole Blandford C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Long Island

The fascines & picquets order'd to be made by each Reg<sup>t</sup> to be immediately sent off in the Reg<sup>tal</sup> Waggon to L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clintons Q<sup>rs</sup> –

Two days Salt Provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow, those Reg<sup>ts</sup> who have not rec<sup>d</sup> Provisions to the 7<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> inclusive are to draw tomorrow for what may be due to them to that day. –

Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [John] York [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] –

Adj<sup>ut</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	Sub	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Corp <sup>l</sup>	D	Private
	1	1	1		17

B<sup>n</sup> O: For Picquet tonight Ens<sup>n</sup> [Angus] M<sup>c</sup>Donald [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

For the day tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 5<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 76

Parole Bristol C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Amsterdam  
Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup> Meadows [55<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers?] –  
B<sup>n</sup> O:) Officer for tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> [Dougal] Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Camp Long Island 6<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776  
Morn<sup>s</sup> Reserve Orders) For the future when the Picquets are allowed to return to Camp in the Morning  
some non Commissioned Officers of the old Picquet will attend the parade of the New one to show where  
it is to be posted.

A man to be sent from all guard [*illegible*] main out before the time of the relief to conduct the  
New Guard – The Adju<sup>t</sup> of the Day to see that this order is observed –

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 6<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Nottingham C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Vienna  
The Commander in Chief disapproves of the Sentences of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial of Whi<sup>h</sup> L<sup>t</sup>  
Colo: [John] Campbell of the 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> was President, and orders the Court to Assemble again tomorrow  
the 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 O'Clock & revise their Proceedings.

The provost Martial has a Commission to Execute on the Spot, any Soldier he finds guilty of  
Marading & to take up all Soldiers above one mile from their Posts.

The Absolute necessity of frequently calling the Rolls in the presence of all of the Officers off  
Duty is once more Strongly urged & recommended, as the present licenscious behavior of the Troops is a  
disgrace to the Country they belong to –

It is the Gen<sup>ls</sup> order that no person shall sell a Horse taken upon this Island unless he can produce  
a receipt, for the Money he paid for Him –

Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>s</sup> Major [James] Marsh [46<sup>th</sup> Regt. and \_\_\_\_  
Grenadiers] – Adjut. for the day 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Detail

4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 1 Sub. 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> & 17 Private

B<sup>n</sup> O) For Picquet to Night L<sup>t</sup> [David] Kinloch [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]  
Officer for tomorrow Ens<sup>n</sup> [Angus] McDonald [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Canterbury C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Berlin  
A Return to be given in tomorrow at orderly time by each Corps of the Number of Officers &  
Men they have prisoner with the Rebels.

The Army to be Supply'd till further orders with fresh Provisions for two days only in this week.

Two days fresh & two days Salt Provision from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> inclusive will be Issued to  
the Troops tomorrow at the Public house near Head Q<sup>rs</sup> –

R. O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>s</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [James] Webster [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] – Adju<sup>t</sup> for the  
Day 1<sup>st</sup> Ba<sup>n</sup>

Orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>.

B: O:) Officer for the day tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 8<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>

Parole Rochester C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Munster

One days provision to be kept ready dress'd till further orders –

The detachment of Artillery will draw Provisions with the Brigade or Corps they do duty with –

A return of Horses in each Corps to be given in tomorrow at orderly time in order to ascertain the  
number intituled to receive forage, Specifying the Officers Names to which they belong – Three men per  
Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Appointed to do duty with the Brigade Guns till further Orders –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions Viz<sup>t</sup>:  
 23<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> John Wilkinson to be 1<sup>st</sup> L<sup>t</sup> vice [Benjamin Bernard] Barnett deceas'd 21<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>  
 [Francis] Dulival Gent: to be 2<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> vice Wilkinson promoted d<sup>o</sup>.  
 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> [Bartholomew] Fuller to be Surgeon vice [Meredith] Jenkins by Purchase 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776.  
 52<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Bourne from the 10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be L<sup>t</sup> Vice [John] Fuge who resigns for the Value  
 of his Ens<sup>cy</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776  
 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Augustin Thompson to be L<sup>t</sup> Vice [William] Davies deceas'd 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> – 76  
 Staff – Surgeon Richard Procter from the 5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Apothecary to the Hospital Vice [John]  
 Jameson deceas'd 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>  
 Reserve Orders) Field officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [Thomas] Dilkes [49<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Grenadiers] –  
 Adjut<sup>r</sup> for tomorrow 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> – orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> –  
 Detail  
 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 1 Sub: 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> & 17 Private  
 B:O:) For Picquet L<sup>t</sup> Doug<sup>l</sup> Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]  
 Officer for tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Notes: The Commander-in-Chief in North America was authorized to make promotions subject to final approval by the King. The promotions bore date when issued by the Commander-in-Chief.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 9<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>  
 Parole Dover C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Halifax –  
 Two days Provisions to kept ready dress'd till further –  
 Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Robert] Abercrombie [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.] –  
 Adjut<sup>r</sup> for tomorrow 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>  
 Detail 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 1 Sub. 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> & 17 Private

Memo<sup>m</sup> All Horses found with the Kings Mark **GR** to be seiz'd and sent to the Artillery –

Note. “GR” was an abbreviation of the Latin words “*Georgius Rex*” meaning King George.

B: O:) For Picquet L<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Cumming [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] officer for tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> [Dougal] Campbell [71<sup>st</sup>  
 Regt.] –  
 After Orders 5 OClock  
 Each Reg<sup>t</sup> to make 30 fascines a day till further orders –

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 10<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>  
 Parole Dartford C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Boston  
 John Winters private Soldier in his Majestys 59<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> tryed by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial whereof L<sup>t</sup>  
 Colo: [John] Campbell of the 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is President & found Guilty of Desertion is Sentenced to suffer  
 Death – The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to Order it to be put in execution tomorrow the 11<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup>  
 between the hours of eight & ten before Noon, at the head of the 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade.  
 The Picquets of the Line that are not advanced to Attend the Execution –  
 John Dun & John Lusty private Soldiers in the 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> tryed by the above Gen<sup>l</sup> Court martial &  
 found guilty of having committed a Rape are Sentenced to Suffer Death.  
 The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to Approve of the above Sentence.  
 John Kelly private Soldier in the 27<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot tryed by the above Gen<sup>l</sup> Court martial & found  
 guilty of pillaging & plundering is Sentenced to receive 1000 Lashes –  
 The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to confirm the above sentence & to order the prisoner to his  
 Reg<sup>t</sup> on order to receive his punishment at the discretion of the Command<sup>g</sup> Officer –

The Prisoners John Scoffield, Henry Swaffield & Tho<sup>s</sup> Ingram of the 28<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of foot are to be released & sent to their Reg<sup>t</sup>. The above Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial is Dissolved –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotion Viz

5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Gair Mate to be Surgeon vice [Richard] Proctor removed to Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>

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Memo:

A Return of the N<sup>o</sup> of Officers Serj<sup>ts</sup> Dr<sup>rs</sup> and Rank & file who will be able to Embark –

Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [Edward] Mitchel [5<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers] – Adju<sup>t</sup> for the day 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> –

Detail 4<sup>th</sup> B: 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> 1 Dr<sup>r</sup> & 17 private

B:O) For the day tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> [David] Kinloch [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Notes: The embarkation report requested in the memorandum is the beginning of the preparations to make the amphibious assault on Manhattan Island at Kips Bay from Long Island which occurred on Sept. 15.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>

Parole Newark C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Hanover

Four days Provisions from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive will issued to the Troops tomorrow

The Paymasters of Reg<sup>ts</sup> are desired to send as soon as possible their Subsistence Acco<sup>ts</sup> from 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> inclosed to Cap<sup>t</sup> [Robert] Mackenzie [43<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] Secretary to the Command<sup>r</sup> in Chief at Head Q<sup>rs</sup> in Newtown & that Warrants may be made out for the same in the without delay, The Commanding Officers of Corps will give necessary directions for setting the provision Stoppages from 25<sup>th</sup> June, to Aug<sup>t</sup> sending one of the receipts when sign'd, to Capt<sup>n</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie –

Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43<sup>rd</sup> Regt. and 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. Grenadiers] – Adju<sup>t</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> day 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

Detail

4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 1 Sub: 2 Serj<sup>ts</sup> & 13 Private

Memo:

David Bruno aged 47 years 5 feet 4 & ¼ high & fair complexion, has a Small Scar on the left temple, wears Sandy Hair. Henry Gadmin aged 36 years 5 feet 2 & ¾ high fair complexion, lost several of his foreteeth, & has a Crucifix on his left arm (a waterman). The above men Straggled from the Eagles Boat the 8<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> whoever apprehends them shall be intitled to the reward as Stragglers

B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] Officer for tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> [George] Stewart [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Note: This order substitutes the spelling “y<sup>e</sup>” for “the.” The pronunciation remains the same, as the letter “y” in this case is the old English letter “thorn” which visually mimics a thorn on a branch and is pronounced “th.”

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 12<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Dresden C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Scotland –

Reserve orders) Field officer for Picquet this Evening Major [John] York [33<sup>d</sup> Regt.] – Adju<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> –

B:O: For the day tomorrow Ens<sup>n</sup> [Angus] M<sup>c</sup>Donald [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 13<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Quebec C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Wolf

The Majors of Brigade are to Attend at Head Q<sup>rs</sup> at half past 4 this afternoon for orders –

All the Troops to remain in Camp till further orders –

Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Meadows [55<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers]



B:O: The Rolls of the Comp<sup>ys</sup> to be call'd every half hour in presence of an Officer *P<sup>r</sup>* Comp<sup>y</sup> who is to report the absent men to the Commanding Officer –  
For the day tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

General After Orders 13 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776 ½ past four O'Clock

An attack upon the Enemy being shortly intended, the Soldiers are reminded of their evident Superiority on the 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 by charging the Rebels with their Bayonets even in Woods where they thought themselves invincible, they now place their security in Slight Breastworks of the weakest construction & which are to be carried with little loss by the same high Spirited mode of Attack. The Gen<sup>l</sup> therefore recommends to the Troops an entire dependence on their Bayonets with which they will ever command that Success which their bravery so well deserves –

The Army to draw tomorrow morning two days fresh provisions to the 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive, which they will use tomorrow & next day & keep the salt provisions ready dress'd

Morn<sup>g</sup> B<sup>n</sup> O) A Court Martial to sit at 10 O'Clock to try the Prisoners Sam<sup>l</sup> Williamson & Don<sup>d</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachland Soldiers in Cap<sup>t</sup> [Charles] Grahams Comp<sup>y</sup> [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] – Cap<sup>t</sup> Graham president, L<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Cumming [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] and L<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] members – The Prisoners at be acquainted & Evidence to attend –



The British landing at Kip's Bay, New York Island, Sept. 15, 1776, by Robert Cleveley, 1777

Picture Source and Note: *Royal Museums Greenwich.*

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Newtown Long Island 14<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Westminster C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Nassau –

Majors of Brigade & Orderly Officers to Attend at 5 o'clock this Afternoon for Orders.

Reserve O:) For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [James] Marsh [46<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grenadiers], Adju<sup>t</sup> for tomorrow 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> –

Detail 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 1 Sub & 13 privates –

B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] Officer for tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

General After Orders 5 O'Clock

The Brigades Encamped in the Environs of Newtown will strike their tents at two in the Morn<sup>g</sup> –

The Tents & Baggage to be put up in the Reg<sup>tal</sup> Waggon & left upon the ground with a Small Guard from each Reg<sup>t</sup>.

The Corps will form at the head of their respective Encampments having their Blankets & two days Provisions as formerly directed & there wait for further orders –

The Hessian Brigade from L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] D<sup>e</sup>Heister's Corps will form at 4 in the Morn<sup>g</sup> in the Rear of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade of British at Bedford & both Brigades will march immediately –

One Squadron of Dragoons will march so as to be at Newtown at Six in the Morning & to send forward an Officer to Head Q<sup>rs</sup>. for orders –

The 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> will detach at Gun firing this Even<sup>g</sup> a Guard for the Artillery park, of an Officer & 20 Men who will take their orders from Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Samuel] Cleveland

L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton will command the first Embarkation –

L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy will command the Second –

L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup> [William] Dalrymple [14<sup>th</sup> Regt.] will give orders the Recovered men are regularly sent from Staten Island as soon as they are able to do their duty to their respective Corps –

All Reg<sup>ts</sup> having Demands for Bounty for drafts received are to send the returns of them to the Secretary's Office as soon as possible –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotions Viz<sup>t</sup>

10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Brodie, Gen<sup>t</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [Robert Bourne] Bairn by purchase 13<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

43<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Rivers to be L<sup>t</sup> vice [William] Gubbins who retires d<sup>o</sup>

After Reserve O) The Reserve to be ready to march at 5 O'Clock tomorrow morn<sup>g</sup>. The Commanding Officers of Battalions to see that the Tents & Baggage are pack'd up before that time, a proper Guard from each Corps to be left with them. The Troops to carry their provision with them, but it is left to the discretion of the Command<sup>g</sup> Officers of Corps whether the men should carry their Blankets or leave them with the Tents. 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be at [Maj.] Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughans Q<sup>rs</sup> precisely at 5 O'Clock –

B:O:) A Guard of 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> & 12 private to be left with the Baggage –

Notes: This order gives directions for the British Army's amphibious landing at Kip's Bay on Manhattan Island (called York Island) on Sept. 15, 1776. New York City was taken soon after the landing.

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 16<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Brunswick C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> New York

The Brigade of Light Infantry the Reserve the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades of British & the Hessian Brigades of Stirn & Donop are to be under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen [Henry] Clinton, who will give his orders for Posting them –

The brigade of Guards with the 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades to be under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy who will give his orders for Posting them – The 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade to take the Guards in & about New York. Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Robertson will Command in New York –

His Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] D<sup>e</sup>Heister will be pleased to remove his Camp from Brooklyn to hell gate on Long Island & Encamp upon the Heights where the Brigade of Guards was Encamp'd –

The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of British to Report to Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Sir W<sup>m</sup> Erskine & remain Posted as they are till further Orders –

The 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to remain also as at present Posted –

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Archibald] Campbells New York Comp<sup>y</sup> to Continue at Bedford & to give Such Guards as are necessary there, These Corps to be under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> D<sup>e</sup>Heister

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Alexander] Grants New York Comp<sup>y</sup> to be posted in the Battery upon Brooklyn Height & to report to Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Robertson Commanding at New York –

The Turtle Bay & Provost Guards to be taken by the Brigade of Guards, 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> brigades, & to mount immediately –

All prisoners to be kept in N: York in the Hospital of wherever Major General Robertson shall judge proper –

The Camp Equipage of the Army to be got over as soon as possible –

All Magazines & Stores of every kind taken in N: York are to be secured for His Majesty – The Barrack M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> is order'd to take possession of all empty Houses he shall judge necessary for the more

Effectually carrying on the Kings Service. And the Commanding Officer of that Quarter will Afford him the Assistance he may require for the above purpose –

Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clintons Orders

The Troops are to take up their Ground which they occupied last night excepting the 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> B<sup>ns</sup> of Light Infantry which will be posted by Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie –

The 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> will march first then the 42<sup>d</sup> then the 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup> then the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>ns</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> then the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup>

The 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>ns</sup> of L: Infantry, the Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers] & the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of L: Infantry.

The two six pounders will march at the head of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Gren<sup>rs</sup> The 2 three pounders with the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Light Infantry –

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was heavily engaged against the Rebel army in the Battle of Harlem Heights fought on this day.



Detail from "Positions of the American and British Armies near Harlem," 1897, by Henry Phelps Johnston

Map Source: Wikimedia Commons, from "The Battle of Harlem Heights, September 16, 1776," Henry Phelps Johnston, Columbia Univ. Press, New York, 1897.

Head Q<sup>s</sup> New York Island Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 76

Parole Blenheim C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Marlborough

A Return of killed and wounded & missing on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> ins<sup>t</sup> to be given in tomorrow at orderly time distinguishing the loss of each day.

The Commander in Chief entertains the highest opinion of the bravery of the few Troops that yesterday beat back a very Superior body of the Rebels & he desires to return his thanks to the Battalions & to the Officers and Men of the Artillery that came to their Support, with that expedition which so Strongly marks the prevailing Spirit in this Army & which of properly temper'd must always insure Success to His Majesty's Arms, but at the same time he finds himself under a necessity of disapproving of want of Attention in the Light Companies pursuing the Rebels without that proper dissertion to be observ'd where there are not Troops to Support –

The Gen<sup>l</sup> has also much Satisfaction in taking notice in the Steddy behavior and activity of the Troops under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton who made good the decent on this island the 15<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> –

Four days Provisions from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> inclusive will be issued to the Troops at Turtle Bay as soon as can be Landed –

The Commanding Officers of Brigades will press all the Waggons & Carts in possession of the Corps & immediately [illegible] them for bringing up Provisions for the Troops without loss of time –

Memo<sup>m</sup>) Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clintons 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>ns</sup> of Light Infantry, Reserve, 3<sup>d</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & Hessian Brigade of Donop to receive for the future their Provisions at Hell Gate –

Division Orders by L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

The Picquets to be given from the Reserve except the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> – from the 3<sup>d</sup> brigade except the 38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> and from the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade

Will consist of a Field Officers three Capt<sup>ns</sup> Six Sub<sup>ns</sup> & 200 Men. They will parade at the Head of the 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> this Afternoon at 5 O'Clock, when an Officer will Attend to shew them where they will be Posted

Strength of the Reserve				
Field Off <sup>rs</sup>	Cap <sup>ts</sup>	Sub <sup>ns</sup>	Serj <sup>ts</sup>	Rank & file
8	32	61	98	1660

Note: The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Bns. (the 42<sup>nd</sup> Co. was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn.) are being criticized for pushing too far forward without support as part of the Rebel plan to flank them with circling units. The Rebel army took positions on Harlem Heights and were able to prevent further British movement up the island.

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 18<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Petersborrow C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Spain

One Hundred fascines are to be made up per each day per Reg<sup>t</sup> till further orders by the Brigades of the 2<sup>d</sup> Line and lodged at their Respective Quarter Guards the dimensions as formerly directed – 4 pickets for each fascine –

[German] Cap<sup>t</sup> [Andreas] Emerich is appointed Cap<sup>t</sup> of the Guides & is to be obey'd as such –

Forage will be deliver'd to the Army at Hursts Wharf near L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy's Q<sup>rs</sup> – The Q<sup>r</sup> Masters of Corps will take care that all the Hay & Straw that has been in use with the Rebels near their respective Q<sup>rs</sup> or Camps be immediately destroyed –

Divisional Orders by L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton

The Pickets are to Consist of a Field Officer 3 Capt<sup>ns</sup> 6 Sub<sup>ns</sup> & 200 Men to given from the Reserve excepting the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade except the 10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> and from the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade They will parade at 5 O'Clock this afternoon at the Head of 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup> where an Officer will Attend to shew them where they are to be Posted –

L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Clinton requests the favour of the Gen<sup>l</sup> officers of the Corps under his Command to Spare to the Troops as much of the Straw they may find in their respective Q<sup>rs</sup> as they may not have occasion for themselves.

Detail

Field Officer for Picquet L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Charles] Mawhood [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

	Cap <sup>ts</sup>	Sub <sup>s</sup>	Serj <sup>ts</sup>	Corp <sup>l</sup>	Dr <sup>s</sup>	Private
Reserve	1	3	4	4	2	80
3 <sup>d</sup> Brigade	1	1	2	2	1	52
4 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>60</u>
Total	3	6	8	8	4	192

	C.	S.	S.	C.	D.	P.
4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> Reserve	1	1			1	15

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 19<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776 Thursday

Parole Orange C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Namus

The Purveyor of the Hospital is to send a return weekly to the Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup> of the Names of the men that die in the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital Specifying the Reg<sup>ts</sup> they belong to.

A Return of Volunteers & to what Corps Attach'd with their respective dates of Service to be given in tomorrow at Orderly time –

No Officers are to take possession of Houses in New York but by application to Major General [James] Robertson thro' the Barrack M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> –

An Engineer to Attend & to receive his orders from Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Robertson at New York –

The Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> of Stores & Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> of Artillery or their Deputy's are to Attend and take charge of all Stores left by the Rebels on the Island of New York –

A Guard of an Officer & 20 Men from the Brig<sup>e</sup> of Guards to do duty at Greenwich to protect all Boats & to preserve order Amongst the Seamen there. this Guard to parade at 4 O'Clock this Afternoon a guide will attend to conduct them –

The Cap<sup>t</sup> of the Guides & all the Guides off Duty are to Attend at Head Q<sup>rs</sup> daily at orderly time & there to remain till dismiss'd –

Division Orders) The Picquet to parade at half past 4 O'Clock & to take their orders from Cap<sup>t</sup> [Charles] Eustace [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] –

Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [Andrew] Bruce [38<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Detail

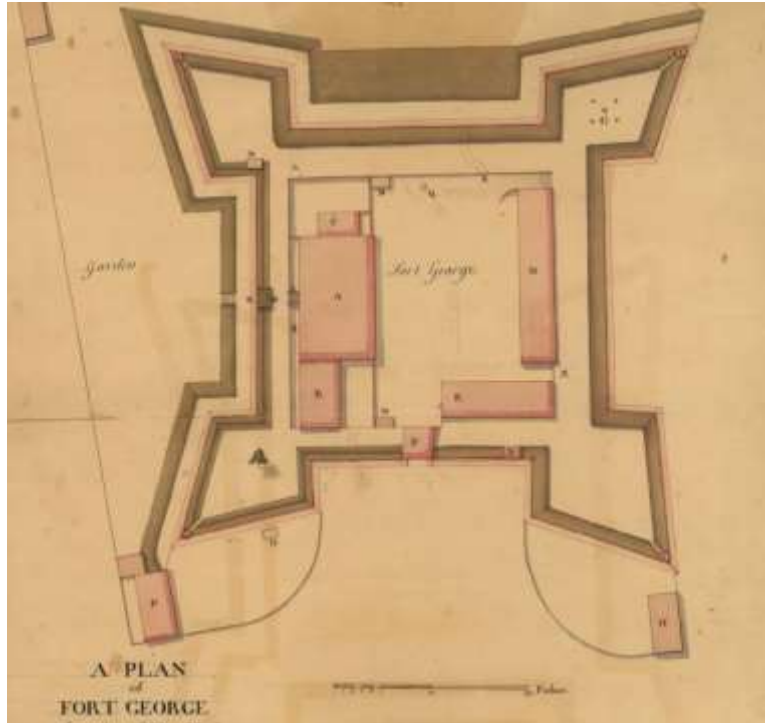
	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Corp <sup>l</sup>	Private
4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	1	1	15 –

B: O:) By the Number of Sick men that have lately been sent to the Hospital & those that daily complain, the Commanding Officer has great reason to fear that the Battalion in a few weeks will be incapable of doing duty, to prevent which disgrace falling upon a Corps of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> it is the Majors orders that a NonCommissioned Officer per Company see that the Men bath or wash their feet thrice a Week. The Commanding Officers of Comp<sup>ys</sup> to be answerable that this order is comply'd with –

An Officer of a Comp<sup>y</sup> to visit the Messes of their respective comp<sup>ys</sup> daily & to Specify in a Written Report if the Messes are properly regulated & provisions Cook'd –

Those Gentlemen that call themselves Volunteers, having been sent to the 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> as Private Soldiers it is the Majors Orders that they attend all Parades & are not exempt from any duty; Duties of fatigue they are at liberty to exchange with the Men –

Notes: Volunteers were young gentlemen serving as private soldiers in hopes of showing their merit for commissions as vacancies occurred due to battle losses and promotions.



Detail from "A plan of Fort George at the city of New-York." 1773, by Claude Joseph Sauthier

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

G: O:) Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Amherst C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Canada –

The 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades will send one Carefull Woman per Reg<sup>t</sup> to Attend the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital at Hell gate, these Women will be paid and relieved weekly, any one that quits her duty will be immediately sent home –

All the fascines & pickets made by the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades of British & the Brigade of Stirne to be Carried in the Waggon belonging to the Corps to Jones's House near the North River, those made by the Brigade of Guards 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades to be Sent in the same manner to Major [Thomas] Musgrave's [64<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry] advanced Post on the left of M<sup>c</sup>Gowan's House; these Troops to continue to make fascines & picquets & to carry them daily to the above mention'd places –

A Vessel will sail for England in a few day's letters will be receiv'd by L<sup>t</sup> [James] Cramond [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] at the Adjutant Gen<sup>ls</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> –

Lord Barrington Secretary at War having Signify'd his Majesty's pleasure that the Appointments taking place on the 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1775 are to Superseed those made by Gen<sup>l</sup> [Sir William] Howe in that promotion all such Commissions therefore give by the Commander in Chief are hereby cancell'd & the Officers to Rank from his Majestys Commission, Cap<sup>t</sup> [Frederick] M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie [23<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] will Notify to the Respective Reg<sup>ts</sup> a list of the Promotions Alluded to Received from the War Office & if any doubt should arise relative to other Appointments the Commanding Officers of Reg<sup>ts</sup> are desir'd to communicate them to Cap<sup>t</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie for further Explanation –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotions

5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> P. Bennet Superceded on the Augmentation to be Ensign Vice [Henry] King 15<sup>th</sup> April 1776 – Ambrose Russell d<sup>o</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> Vice Barbet 7 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 – 10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> John Leonard Superceded in the 35<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on the Augmentation to be Ens<sup>n</sup> Vice [Thomas] Murray 28<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775 – 15<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Walker Superceded in the 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on the Augmentation to be Ens<sup>n</sup> Vice [George] Thomas 13<sup>th</sup> May 1776 – 38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Daniel Ord Superceded in the 63<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on the Augmentation to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice Seviny 4<sup>th</sup> May 1776 – 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Charles Monk Superceded in the 44<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice Hogg 28<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775 –

Divis<sup>n</sup> O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup> [William] Meadows [55<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers] –

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 21<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 76

Parole Cumberland C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Fontenoy

Four days provisions will be Issued tomorrow from the 22<sup>d</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> inclusive –

The Corps under the command of Lieut. Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton to receive theirs at Marsten Wharf. That under L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy & the Artillery at Turtle bay.

The Troops in Town will receive their provisions there.

The Majors of Brigade & orderly Officers to Attend for orders at 5 O'Clock this afternoon

Division Orders of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton

The Picquet to be Augmented to a Field Officer 4 Capt<sup>ns</sup> 8 Sub<sup>ns</sup> & 250 men to mount at 5 O'Clock –

The Picquet not being compleat last night the Majors of Brigade of the day will for the future be so good as to see the numbers order'd are present

for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [James] Marsh [46<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grenadiers] Major of Brigade Brown

Detail for the Picquet

Reserve

	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Sub	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Corp <sup>l</sup>	D <sup>r</sup>	Private
Reserve	2	4	5	5	1	109
3 <sup>d</sup> Bri <sup>e</sup>	1	3	3	3	1	46
4 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>e</sup>	1	1	4	4	1	83
Total	4	8	12	12	3	230

Adjut<sup>t</sup> for the day 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Detail for Reserve

	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Sub	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Corp <sup>l</sup>	D <sup>r</sup>	Private
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	1	2	2	2	1	25
2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	1	1	1	1		22
3 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>			1	1		18
4 <sup>th</sup>		1				21
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg		0	1	1		23
2	4	5	5	1		109

After Orders –

The Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers] having been by Accident omitted in the thanks of the 17<sup>th</sup> the Gen<sup>l</sup> is happy to take the earliest opportunity of acknowledging their alertness & of thanking them for their great readiness to Support the L: Infantry

The Hessian Brigade of Stirne to be in readiness to march tomorrow with their Blankets & one days provision –

The Corps under Orders to Parade this Morn<sup>g</sup> at Six to be in readiness tomorrow at Nine.

The fascine making to be Stop'd till further Orders The Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> will issue fresh Provisions to the Men in Hospital According to the Returns given in by the Commanding Off<sup>rs</sup> of Reg<sup>ts</sup> –

A Detachm<sup>t</sup> of an Officer Serj<sup>t</sup> & 10 Dragoons to put themselves immediately under the Command of Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Robertson at New York & to be Relieved every 24 hours –

The 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades & 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry are to take the duty for the 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades & 3<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry at 7 O'Clock tomorrow morn<sup>g</sup> –

A Working party of 400 Men with Officers in proportion to parade tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at day break & march to M<sup>c</sup>Gowans Hill where an Engineer will attend to conduct them – this Party to leave off Work at noon, to retire to Camp & be replaced by the same number at 2 O'Clock & continue till 10 at night. For this duty L<sup>t</sup> Col: [Charles] Mawhood [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.]



Detail 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> Corp<sup>l</sup> & 25 private

G:O: New York Island 22<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole London C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Great Britain

The 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades 3<sup>d</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Light Infantry & Artillery as order'd for today are to march tomorrow at 9 O'Clock under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy

The Packet for Europe will be ready to Sail on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant



Detail of Statue of Capt. Nathan Hale by Frederick MacMonnies in New York City Hall Park

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *New York City Parks Department*.

A Spy from the Enemy [Capt. Nathan Hale, 19<sup>th</sup> Continental Regt.] by his own full confession Apprehended last night, was this day executed at 11 'Clock in front of the Artillery Park –

Divisional Orders –

F:O: for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Enoch] Markham [46<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Major Brigade Baker, Adju<sup>t</sup> for the day for the Reserve 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

Detail for Work at Day Break

Field Officer L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Meadows [55<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers]

	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Sub	S	C	D <sup>r</sup>	Private
Reserve	2	3	4	4	1	150
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	1	1	1	1		35
2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	1	1	1	1		32
3 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>			1	1	1	25
4 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>			1			25
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>			1	1		33
	2	3	4	4	1	150

Detail for tomorrow at 2 O'Clock

	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Sub	S	C	D <sup>r</sup>	Private
Reserve	3	3	4	4	1	150
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	1	1	2	2		35
2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	0	0	1	1	0	32
3 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	1	2	0	0	0	25
4 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	0	0	1	1	1	25
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	33
Total	3	3	4	4	1	150



B<sup>n</sup>: O: for the Working party tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Cumming [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G:O: New York Island 23<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Magdeburg C<sup>r</sup> Sign Ferdinand

Regulation of Carriages & Horses for the Army:

	Horses	Waggons
L <sup>t</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup>		3
Major Gen <sup>l</sup>		2
Brig <sup>r</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup> or Col <sup>l</sup> Com <sup>g</sup> Corps		1
Aid De Camps	2	
Majors of Brigade	2	
Adju <sup>t</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup>	4	
D <sup>y</sup> Adju <sup>t</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup> }	3	
Assistants }	2	1
D.Q.M.G. }	4	
Assistants }	2	
Baggage of each B Reg <sup>t</sup>		4
Each Hessian Reg <sup>t</sup>		6
Field Off <sup>rs</sup> Com <sup>g</sup> Reg <sup>ts</sup>	3	
Majors	2	
Off <sup>rs</sup> under the rank of }	2	
F: O: Com <sup>g</sup> Reg <sup>ts</sup> }		
Commanding Reg <sup>ts</sup>		
Each Staff Officer	1	
A Com <sup>y</sup> of Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers]		1
Each Waggon to have	2	

The Gen<sup>l</sup> expects that the Strictest obedience will be paid to this regulation not only the immediate situation of this Country but the future operations of the Army make it indispensably necessary

—

Commanding Officers of Corps will be responsible to the General for the due observance of it. Those Officers who have purchased Horses & by the Establish'd regulation are not allowed to keep any may send them to the D.Q.M.G. & on producing a receipt they will receive the money they have paid for them —

All Horses taken from the Rebels or taken up in the Country are to be sent to the D<sup>y</sup> Q. M: G: for the public Service —

The Horses for the Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers is not regulated the Gen<sup>l</sup> being persuaded they will not have more than are Absolutely necessary for their Service.

The fascines remaining with the different Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to immediately sent to Jones's House.

L<sup>t</sup> Adam Goldney 22<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of foot is Appointed Adju<sup>t</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> in the Room of Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> [George] Fowler 38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> —

Division Orders —

For Picquets this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [Thomas] Dilkes [49<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Grenadiers]

Major of Brigade [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Grenadier Battalions] —

F:O: for Work at Day break L<sup>t</sup> Col. [Enoch] Markham [46<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

d<sup>o</sup> at 2 O'Clock L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [James] Webster [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] —

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>ns</sup> of Light Infantry 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> & the Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers] will receive a days bread at the Bakehouse at Hell Gate Fort tomorrow between 8 & 9 O'Clock.

Detail for the Picquet Reserve						
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Sub	S	C	D	Private
	2	4	5	5	2	120
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> G <sup>rs</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	23
2 <sup>d</sup>		0	1	1		21
3 <sup>d</sup>		1				16
4 <sup>th</sup>	1				1	16
33 <sup>d</sup>			2	2		21
42 <sup>d</sup>		2	1	1		23
	2	4	5	5	2	120

Detail for Work at Daybreak						
	C	S	S	C	D	Private
	2	4	5	5	2	202
Reserve	1	1	1	1	1	38
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> G <sup>rs</sup>	1	2	1	1	1	35
2 <sup>d</sup>			1	1		27
3 <sup>d</sup>		1	0			28
4 <sup>th</sup>			1	1		35
33 <sup>d</sup>		1	1	1		39
42 <sup>d</sup>	2	4	5	5	2	202

for Work at 2 O'Clock						
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Sub	S	C	D	Private
		1	1	1		38
1 <sup>st</sup> B		1	2	2		35
2 <sup>d</sup>		1			1	27
3 <sup>d</sup>	1		1	1		28
4 <sup>th</sup>						35
33 <sup>d</sup>	1	1			1	39
42 <sup>d</sup>	2	4	5	5	2	202

R: O: [Reserve Orders] Adju<sup>t</sup> for the day 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.

B<sup>n</sup> O For Picquet this Ev<sup>ng</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> [Charles] Graham [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]  
for Work at day break L<sup>t</sup> [Dougal] Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G: O: New York Island 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Worcester C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Denmark

The Working party at M<sup>c</sup>Gowan's Hill to consist of 200 Men only till further orders. to Parade at day break & be relieved as directed in the After orders of the 21<sup>st</sup> –



A typical paper cartridge. Public domain image.

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The Brigade of Guards 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades, to furnish one Sub<sup>n</sup> 3 Serj<sup>ts</sup> & 100 Men to be employed in making Cartridges, they will parade at Six O'Clock tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> & march immediately to Turtle Bay where they will receive further Directions –

The Establishment of the Brigade of Guards being equal to that of the Hessians the same N<sup>o</sup>. of Waggon<sup>s</sup> viz<sup>t</sup> Six per Batt<sup>n</sup> are to be allowed them. Cap<sup>ts</sup> of the Guards as field Officers of the Line are as Such Allowed forage for two horses.

#### Division Orders

Field Off<sup>r</sup> for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [Edward] Mitchell [5<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers]

Major of Brigade Brown

Detail for Picquet Reserve

	Detail for the Picquet Reserve					
	Cap <sup>ts</sup>	S	S <sup>t</sup>	C	D	P
	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>120</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	0	1	1	1		23
2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	1	2	1	1	1	21
3 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	1		1	1		16
4 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	0	1				16
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg	0		1	1		21
42 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	0		2	2		<u>23</u>
	2	4	6	6	1	120

For Work a Day break tomorrow

	Detail for Work Reserve					
	C	S	S	C	D	P
1 <sup>st</sup>	1	1			1	19
2 <sup>d</sup>						17
3 <sup>d</sup>			1	1		14
4 <sup>th</sup>						14
33 <sup>d</sup>			1	1		18
42 <sup>d</sup>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>19</u>
	1	2	3	3	1	101
1 <sup>st</sup>			1	1		19
2 <sup>d</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	18
3 <sup>d</sup>		1				14
4 <sup>th</sup>						14
33 <sup>d</sup>			1	1		17
42 <sup>d</sup>						<u>19</u>

R:O: Adju<sup>t</sup> for the day 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

B:O: For Picquet L<sup>t</sup> [George] Stewart [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 25<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Eugene C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Savoy –

A Guard of a Corp<sup>l</sup> & 4 Men from [Loyalist] Cap<sup>t</sup> [Alexander] Grants New York Comp<sup>y</sup> to mount immediately at Brookland Hospital –

Four days Provisions from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> inclusive to be issued to the Troops tomorrow.

Officers who from Wounds or Infirmary are not able to march with their Comp<sup>ys</sup> to apply to the Commanding Officers of their respective Corps, who will make a Return of their Names to the Commander in Chief for permission to have horses –

The Working Party at M<sup>c</sup>Gowans Hill to consist of 100 men only till further Orders –

The Commander in Chief is pleas<sup>d</sup> to make the following Promotions. 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Lord [George] Viscount Deerhurst to be L<sup>t</sup> Vice [James] Galbraith by purchase 25<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776 –

Division Orders

For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Butler [38<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Major of Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Detail Picquet Reserve

Cap <sup>ts</sup>	Sub	S	C	D	Private
2	4	6	6	1	120

1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

2<sup>d</sup>

3<sup>d</sup>

4<sup>th</sup>

33<sup>d</sup>

42<sup>d</sup>

1		1	1		16
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B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Lancaster C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Bristol –

All Returns that are call<sup>d</sup> for are to be given in at Head Q<sup>rs</sup> by the Majors of Brigade or Adjutants at orderly time –

The Pay Masters of British Corps are desired to give in immediately to L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Sherriff [47<sup>th</sup> Regt.] DQMG the Names & Rank of Such officers as have join<sup>d</sup> the Army since last distribution of Batt & forage Money that their Acc<sup>ts</sup> may be forthwith made up –

Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Knight of the 43<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief –

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Robert] Fenwick of the Royal Reg<sup>t</sup> of Artillery is appointed Bridge M<sup>r</sup> in the Room of Captain [William] Congreve –

The Battalions of Light Infantry instead of an additional Waggon will have a horse *p<sup>r</sup>* Comp<sup>y</sup> allow<sup>d</sup> them –

Regulation of forage to issued by the Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> – the Ration for Dragoon horses of both Officers & Men is to consist of 14 lb<sup>s</sup> of Hay & 10 lb<sup>s</sup> of Oats or 7 lb<sup>s</sup> of Indian Corn the ration for Waggon horses is to consist of 12 lb<sup>s</sup> of Hay 8 lb<sup>s</sup> of Oats or 5 lb<sup>s</sup> of Indian Corn –

Memo<sup>m</sup>



"Representation of the great fire at New York," 1776, by a French Artist

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All Persons who can give any information of the incendiary's who set New York on fire are to wait upon [Maj.] Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Robertson early tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> for that purpose –

Division Orders

Field Officer for Picquet Major [Francis Richmond] Humphries [52<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]

Brigade Major [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Grenadier Bns.] –

Detail for Picquet Reserve

	Cap <sup>ts</sup>	Sub	S	C	D	Private
1 <sup>st</sup> B <sup>n</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	
2 <sup>d</sup>		1	1	1		
3 <sup>d</sup>		1	1	1		
4 <sup>th</sup>						16
33 <sup>d</sup>			2	2		
42 <sup>d</sup>	1	1	1	1		

for Work at Day break 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 7 Private d<sup>o</sup> at 2 O'Clock & 1 Suba.

Reserve Orders

Adju<sup>t</sup> for tomorrow 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

B:O: For Fatigue at 2 OClock tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 27<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole York C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Gibraltar –

The Gen<sup>l</sup> having considered the inconvenience that may arise to Capt<sup>ns</sup> not having horses in the course of active Service allows one horse of each Cap<sup>t</sup> of Infantry, notwithstanding the restriction so absolutely necessary upon forage, in the present State of this Country no forage to be drawn but effective horses –

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Robert] Lawson of the Roy<sup>l</sup> Artillery is appointed Assistance to Cap<sup>t</sup> [Robert] Fenwick Bridge M<sup>r</sup>.

A Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial to be held the 30<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> at ten O'Clock Consisting of 3 Field Officers 6 Capt<sup>ns</sup> & 4 Sub<sup>ns</sup> from the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade for the tryal of all such prisoners as shall be brought before them – L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup> [John] Gunning of the 43<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Presid<sup>t</sup>. The dates of the Members Commissions Prisoners Names & Crimes & Evidence Names to be given to the D<sup>y</sup> Judge Advocate –

Two days fresh provisions to be issued to the Troops tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> early at Hell Gate, which Victuals them to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> inclusive.

Memo: Those Cap<sup>ts</sup> who have sent horses to the D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> on applying & returning the money may have them again –

Division Orders –

Field officers for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup> [Robert] Abercrombie [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.] – Major of Brigade Brown: Adju<sup>t</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Detail for Picquet Reserve

	Cap <sup>ts</sup>	S	S	C	D	Private
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	1	1	1	1		23
2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	1	1	1	1		21
3 <sup>d</sup>	1	0	1	1	1	16
4 <sup>th</sup>		1				16
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>		1	1	1		21
42 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>			2	2		23

B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> [David] Kinloch [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] & 16

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Potsdam C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Silesia –

A Working party of 100 Men with Off<sup>rs</sup> in proportion to Parade tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at Day break upon the road to the right of Jones's House where an Engineer will attend & receive them. This party to work till twelve at Noon & be replaced by the like number who will work till sunset.

Fifty more men to be added to the Cartridge makers from the same Corps order'd to give them before –

Division Orders

Field Officer for Picquet Major [James] Cousseau [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Major of Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5<sup>th</sup> Regt.] – Adj<sup>t</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Detail for Picquet R.

	FO	C	S	S	C	D	Private
Reserve		2	4	5	5	1	120
3 <sup>d</sup> Brigade	1	1	1	3	3	1	44
4 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>		1	3	4	4	1	74
	1	4	8	12	12	3	238

Reserve Detail

	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Sub:	S	C	D	Private
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	1	1	2	2	1	23
2 <sup>d</sup>		1	1	1		21
3 <sup>d</sup>		1				16
4 <sup>th</sup>			1	1		16
33 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	1					21

42 <sup>d</sup>	<hr/>					23
	2	4	5	5	1	120

Work Detail at Day Break 2 [illegible]

	C	S	S	C	D	Private
Reserve		1	1	1	1	51
3 <sup>d</sup> Brigade		1	1	1		18
4 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	1		1	1		31
	1	2	3	3	1	100
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>			1	1		10
2 <sup>d</sup>					1	9
3 <sup>d</sup>						7
4 <sup>th</sup>						7
33 <sup>d</sup>		1				8
42 <sup>d</sup>						10
		1	1	1	1	51
Work at Noon						
Reserve	1	1	1	1		51
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>		1				10
2 <sup>d</sup>						8
3 <sup>d</sup>						7
4 <sup>th</sup>	1					7
33 <sup>d</sup>						9
42 <sup>d</sup>						10
Total	1	1	1	1		51

B:O: for work tomorrow at Noon Cap<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Morn<sup>g</sup> B:O: 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

The Battalion to Attend Divine Services by the Chaplain [James M<sup>c</sup>Lagan] of the 42<sup>d</sup> or Roy<sup>l</sup> Highland Reg<sup>t</sup> at 12 O'Clock in front of the Camp –

Notes: Many of the Highlanders had little understanding of the English language. Chap. M<sup>c</sup>Lagan was a Gaelic scholar and known during the French and Indian War to alternate giving his sermons in English and Gaelic.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole S<sup>t</sup> Phillips C<sup>r</sup> Sign Mahon

The Pay Masters to make out the Acco<sup>ts</sup> in the usual form of the Baggage Batt & forrage Money, due to the Officers of the respective Reg<sup>ts</sup> that have join'd since the last distribution, also Specifying those that have been promoted since that time –

A Working Party of 300 Men from the Brigade of Guards 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades to parade tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at daybreak & march to the Battery in New York where an Officer of the ordnance will receive them, they are to be employed in making Cartridges & will take their formers with them –

Officers & Men belonging to the Garrison of Halifax are to be in readiness to Embark for that Place at the Shortest Notice.

The following Gentlemen having offered their Services to raise a Brigade of Provincials of 3 Batt<sup>ns</sup> of 500 Men each, for the Service of His majesty & the Suppressing of the present unnatural Rebellion, the Commander in Chief has made the follow<sup>g</sup> Appointments.

Oliver Delancy Esq<sup>r</sup> Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> & Colo<sup>l</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. John H. Cruger Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup>. Cap<sup>t</sup> [Joseph] Green late of the 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Major.

2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>, G [George] Brewerton Esq<sup>r</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup>, Steven Delancy Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup>, Tho<sup>s</sup> Bowden Esq<sup>r</sup> Major. 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Gab. Ludlow Esq<sup>r</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup> Hewlett Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo: A: [Alexander] Menzies Esq<sup>r</sup> Major & A Campbell Esq<sup>r</sup> Major of Brigade –

#### Division Orders

Field Off<sup>r</sup> for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [John] Campbell [57<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Major of Brigade [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Grenadier Bns.]. Adju<sup>t</sup> for tomorrow 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

Work at Day Break 30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>

	C	S	S	C	D	Private
Reserve	1	2	1	1	1	51
4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>						7

Work at Noon

Reserve	2	1	1	51
4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>				7

B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> J: [James] Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Note: “*Baggage Batt & forage Money*” was additional money paid to deployed officers ostensibly for the upkeep of baggage animals.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Peru C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Mexico

Fifty more men with Officers in proportion to be added to the Working party are order’d to be Paraded to the right of Jones’s House

Returns to be immediately given in to Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Robertson by the different Departments of the Stores they have respectively secured in & about New York for His Majesty’s Service to enable him to make a Report of them to the Commander in Chief –

Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Bumford of the 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Town Major to the Garrison of New York –

Serj<sup>t</sup> Major Thompson of the 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Town Adjutant to the Garrison of New York. they are to be Obey’d as such –

L<sup>t</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> Seix of the 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is Appointed Barrack M<sup>r</sup> to the Garrison of New York –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas’d to make the following Promotions...

10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Sands from 25 foot [actually 45<sup>th</sup> Regt.] to be L<sup>t</sup> vice [John] Arnold deceas’d 13 May 1776

17<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> F: Augustus Vicherall [Frederick Augustus Wetherall] to be L<sup>t</sup> Vice [William Stone] Mortimer By Purchase to Endemify Ens<sup>n</sup> [James] Obrien who first Purchased this L<sup>ty</sup> while he was otherwise provided for 3<sup>d</sup> of May 76 –

Volunteer [Robert] Amiel from 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Light Infantry to be Ens<sup>n</sup> Vice [William] Ash promoted 17<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 – Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> John M<sup>c</sup>Pherson to be Cap<sup>t</sup> Vice Alex<sup>r</sup> Murray kill’d 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776. L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Walsh from 23<sup>d</sup> Foot to be Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> vice M<sup>c</sup>Pherson promoted d<sup>o</sup>.

Volunteer G: [George] Inman from 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Light Infantry to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [William] Bunbury promoted d<sup>o</sup> – 22<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> [William] Proctor of Gorams to be Ens<sup>n</sup> Vice Hamilton promoted Aug<sup>t</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Wills to be 1<sup>st</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Vice Welch promoted 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 –

Volunteer W<sup>m</sup> Price from 1<sup>st</sup> Gren<sup>rs</sup> to be 2<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Vice Wills d<sup>o</sup> – 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> Geo: Ward to be L<sup>t</sup> Vice Simonson Promoted d<sup>o</sup> –

W<sup>m</sup> Norford Gentle<sup>n</sup> to be Ensign vice Ward promot’d d<sup>o</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Major Thomas Musgrove from 64<sup>th</sup> foot to be L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup> vice [James] Grant Kill’d d<sup>o</sup>

Ens<sup>n</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Grant 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice [John] Graham promoted d<sup>o</sup> – Volun<sup>r</sup> [Allan] M<sup>c</sup>Lean from the 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry to be Ensign vice Grant d<sup>o</sup> – Alex<sup>r</sup> Innes Gentle<sup>n</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> Vice [Alexander] M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie, dead of his Wounds, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776. – 45<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hill Superceded to be Ens<sup>n</sup> Vice [Richard] Sands promoted 13<sup>th</sup> May 1776 – 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bunbury from 17<sup>th</sup> foot to be L<sup>t</sup> vice [John] Powell promoted 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776.



52<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> \_\_\_\_ Hamilton late Ens<sup>n</sup> in the 38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be vice [Robert John] Harrison promoted 29<sup>th</sup> May 1776 – Ens<sup>n</sup> [Charles] Monk from 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be L<sup>t</sup> vice Williamson d<sup>o</sup> to indemnify L<sup>t</sup> [Francis Grose] Groce who succeeded by purchase on L<sup>t</sup> [Andrew] M<sup>c</sup>Illwains retiring when he Groce was otherwise provided for 5<sup>th</sup> April 1776 –

Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Williamson to be Cap<sup>t</sup> vice [Andrew] Nielson killed 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776

L<sup>t</sup> John Powell 49<sup>th</sup> foot to be Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> Vice Williamson d<sup>o</sup>

64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Illwraith [M<sup>c</sup>Leroth] to be Major Vice [Thomas] Musgrove promoted d<sup>o</sup> – Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> John Lewis to be Cap<sup>t</sup> vice M<sup>c</sup>Illwraith [M<sup>c</sup>Leroth] d<sup>o</sup> – L<sup>t</sup> Warren Simonson from 33<sup>d</sup> foot to be Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Vice Lewis d<sup>o</sup> – 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Sir Ja<sup>s</sup> Baird to be Cap<sup>t</sup> Vice [Charles] Cameron deceased. L<sup>t</sup> John Graham from 42<sup>d</sup> foot to be Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> vice Sir Ja<sup>s</sup> Baird promoted –

Division Orders

Field Officer for Picquet Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43<sup>rd</sup> Regt. and 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. Grenadiers]

Major of Brigade Brown – Adju<sup>t</sup> tomorrow 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup>

Detail 4<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup>

	C	S	S	C	D	P
Picquet	0	0	0	0	0	16
For Work at day break						
4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>						14
at 2 OClock						
4 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup>						10

Notes: Lt. John Graham was promoted to Capt. Lt. in the 71<sup>st</sup> Highland Regt., Ens. Alexander MacKenzie was mortally wounded at the battle of Harlem Heights on Sept. 16, 1776.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 1<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Cuba C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Havannah

No Soldier (Parties upon duty & Off<sup>rs</sup> Servants excepted) are to be allowed to go to New York –

No soldier to be absent from his Camp after Even<sup>g</sup> Gun firing –

Complaints having been made that the Reg<sup>tal</sup> Waggon are Work'd upon every occasion which has rendered many of their horses unfit for use, it is expected that the Commanding Officers of Reg<sup>ts</sup> will be answerable that they are not used excepting upon the necessary Service of the Reg<sup>t</sup>. The Soldiers & Women except the Sick, are not to be carried in the Waggon.

Intercession having been made by the injured party in favour of two prisoners under Sentence of death for committing Rape, the Commander in Chief hoping that an act of Mercy will have the proper effect is pleas'd to grant his pardon to John Lusty & John Deen of the 57<sup>th</sup> foot. they are forthwith to join their Comp<sup>y</sup> –

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following promotions. 14<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> [Thomas] Park 45<sup>th</sup> to be L<sup>t</sup> vice [Andrew] Laurie promoted [to Capt. in 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] 30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> John Gordon Volun<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> to be Ensign Vice [John] Arbuthnot promoted 7<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> – 45<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Wogon [Wogan] Volun<sup>r</sup> 45<sup>th</sup> to be Ensign vice [Thomas] Park promoted 30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>t</sup> – 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Grant Volun<sup>r</sup> 55<sup>th</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [William Augustus] Thompson promoted 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>

Four days provisions from the 2<sup>d</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> inclusive to be Issued to the Troops tomorrow at the usual places.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> that have not already received Straw since they arrived on this island are to receive it tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at Commiss<sup>y</sup> Morrissons Store near [Brig.] Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathews's Q<sup>rs</sup>.

Division orders

Field Off<sup>r</sup> for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Major [Samuel] Bradstreet [40<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Major of Brigade Baker Adju<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> G<sup>rs</sup> –

B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> [Dougal] Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] & 14

For Work at daybreak 10 d <sup>o</sup> at noon	S.	C.	P.
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#### Division After Orders

At Eight o'clock tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades will Strike their Tents & move forward to the ground & Posts now occupied by the Light Infantry & Reserve, who will move nearly to the ground which these Brigades quit – the 10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> as being the Right of the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade will occupy the Post at M<sup>c</sup>Gowans House, the 38<sup>th</sup> will Encamp to the right of that Post to sustain M<sup>c</sup>Gowans the 52<sup>d</sup> on the left of road & the 37<sup>th</sup> its left so as to Support the right redoubt on the Hill.

Two Batt<sup>ns</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade will Encamp where the 42<sup>d</sup> are at present & the other two so as to Sustain them –

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 2<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole S<sup>t</sup> Johns C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Albany –

The Pay Masters of Reg<sup>t</sup> to call at the D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office in New York tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 10 O'Clock to settle & receive y<sup>e</sup> Batt & forage Money due to their respective Officers

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> to compleat their Light Com<sup>ys</sup> immediately –

1000 fascines with picquets in the proper proportion to be immediately made by the Corps under L<sup>t</sup> General [Henry] Clintons Command and sent as soon as possible to the Rock Redoubt on right of Jones's House –

#### Division Orders

Field Officer for M<sup>c</sup>Gowans House Major [John] Vattass [10<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Field Off<sup>r</sup> for Picquet Major [John] York [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.]

Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brigade [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Grenadier Battalions], Adj<sup>t</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Memo<sup>m</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Gr<sup>rs</sup> & 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> may receive 3 days bread tomorrow.

33 fascines p<sup>r</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Cumming [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> & 15 – Work at day break 8 private d<sup>o</sup> at Noon 8 –

It having been represented to the Major that yesterday Even<sup>g</sup> the Picquet of the 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> refused to be march's home & contrary to the express desire & order of the Cap<sup>t</sup> who commanded them ran irregularly to their Tents in consequence of which it is the majors Orders that the Cap<sup>ts</sup> reprove their several Companies for their insolent & disobedient behavior, & acquaint them with the Enormity of the Crime –

Morn<sup>g</sup> B:O: 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

A Court Martial to Sit at 10 O'Clock for the tryal of Serj<sup>t</sup> Evan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>  
Cap<sup>t</sup> [Francis] Skelly [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Lt. [George] Stewart [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] } { Lt. Ja<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

} Members {

L<sup>t</sup> [Dougal] Campbell [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] } { L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

The Prisoner to be Acquainted & Evidences to Attend

Note: The muster of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders conducted at Piscataway and Brunswick on Apr. 30, 1777 shows Sgt. Evan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson serving in Capt. Archibald Erskine's Company.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Boisledue C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Brabant

A Corp<sup>l</sup> & 6 men to be posted at Gun firing this Even<sup>g</sup> by Cap<sup>t</sup> Emerick upon the North River Shore near little Bloomingdale to allow no boat to ply there with<sup>t</sup> a proper pass. The 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade to take this duty from the two Batt<sup>ns</sup> in their Rear. A Guide to be sent by Cap<sup>t</sup> [Andreas] Emerich [Commander of the Guides] in the Morn<sup>g</sup> to conduct the Relief –

The Appointments of Ens<sup>n</sup> Monk of the 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> & of Hamilton Superceded in the 38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> in the 52<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> are hereby recall'd there being a Mistake in the Vacancy Supposed.

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to Make the follow<sup>g</sup> promotions. 5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> [John] Hamilton Superceeded as Ens<sup>n</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> foot to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [Nicholas] Revitt deceas'd 30<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776 – R. High<sup>d</sup> Emigrants. Ens<sup>n</sup> Ronald M<sup>c</sup>Donald to be Adju<sup>t</sup> to the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> June 1775. Extra Staff Serj<sup>t</sup> Terrett of 15<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Gr<sup>rs</sup> to be Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> grenad<sup>rs</sup> vice [Warren] Simonson [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>

Division Orders –

Field Off<sup>r</sup> for Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Mawhood [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Major of Brigade Baker Adju<sup>t</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> [Francis] Skelly [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] & L<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> & 14 Private

For Work a day break 8 Private d<sup>o</sup> at Noon 8

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 5<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Ermesdolff C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Frankford

Four days Provisions from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> inclusive will be Issued to the Troops tomorrow at the usual places –

The Picquet to be Relieved tomorrow at 10 O'Clock and to mount at that hour for the future –

Field Off<sup>r</sup> for Picq<sup>t</sup> this Even<sup>g</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Meadows [55<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers] –  
Field Off<sup>r</sup> for tomorrow at 10 O'Clock [Brevet] Major [William] Grant [2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] – Major of Brigade [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Grenadier Battalions] – Adju<sup>t</sup> 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

B:O: For Picquet this Even<sup>g</sup> 14 Private d<sup>o</sup> at 10 O'Clock 14 Private –

All Officers to be present on the Parade at Morn<sup>g</sup> & Even<sup>g</sup> Roll Call –

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 6<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>

Parole Paderborn C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Breda

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Sir Robert] Pigot being indisposed Brigadier [Alexander] Leslie is appointed to the Command of the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade till further Orders

The 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades of British are to March tomorrow to Bedford, the next day to Jamaica where they will put themselves under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] D'Heister the boats will be ready at 7 O'Clock tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> to receive them –

A Squadron of 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons on the Island of New York will march tomorrow & join the Reg<sup>t</sup> at Flushing the 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons will take all their Guards this Even<sup>g</sup> at Gunfiring. A Dragoon to be sent at 4 O'Clock from each of the Dragoon Guards to New York to conduct the Relief –

Fifty men only for Work tomorrow at Jones's House with Off<sup>rs</sup> in proportion

The Reserve to take the Guards of the 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades at 4 O'Clock this Afternoon –

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The Picquet is reduced to 179 Rank & file till further orders.

Field Off<sup>r</sup> for Picquet tomorrow Major [James] Marsh [46<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. Grenadiers]. Major of Brigade Brown Adju<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> –

B:O: For Picquet tomorrow Ens<sup>n</sup> [Angus] M<sup>c</sup>Donald [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

For work at day break L<sup>t</sup> [George] Stewart [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]

Morn<sup>g</sup> B:O: A Court martial to sit at ten OClock to try the prisoners in the Q<sup>r</sup> Guard

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Charles] Graham [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] Presid<sup>t</sup>

L<sup>t</sup> [David] Kinloch [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] & L<sup>t</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Fraser [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] Members

The Prisoners to be Acquainted and Evidences to Attend –



Detail showing Flatbush and New Utrecht from "Sketch of the country illustrating the late engagement in Long Island," 1776

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 7<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 76

Parole Brandenburg C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Kinsale

The Detachm<sup>ts</sup> of 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> at Flat Bush and New Utrecht are to join their Reg<sup>t</sup> as soon as relieved by Detachments from Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Oliver] Delancys Brigade.

A Detachm<sup>t</sup> of an Officer, 2 Serj<sup>ts</sup> & 20 Men of Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Oliver] Delancy's Brigade, will march immediately After they have got their arms to Utrecht & Flat Bush & relieve the 42<sup>d</sup> doing duty there, taking charge of all Stores &c<sup>a</sup> that may belong to His Majesty –

Brig<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup> Sir W<sup>m</sup> Erskine [1<sup>st</sup> Bn., 71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] is appointed Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> to this Army –

The Honble Cap<sup>t</sup> [Henry Edward] Fox of the 38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is Appointed a Supernumerary Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief –

The 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades will take their proportion of the duty of 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades as [Lt.] Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton shall be pleas'd to direct

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotions

5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Hugh Sutherland Volunteer 71<sup>st</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [William] Russel promoted 6<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

23<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Fred<sup>k</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie to be Cap<sup>t</sup> vice [Grey] Grove deceased d<sup>o</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Gibbings [Gibbons] to be Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Vice M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie promoted d<sup>o</sup> – Ens<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Russell from 5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be 1<sup>st</sup> L<sup>t</sup> vice Gibbings 2<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

54<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Dante 2<sup>d</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup> Volun<sup>r</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [William Love] Patterson deceased d<sup>o</sup> – John M<sup>c</sup>Donald Volun<sup>r</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> R: High<sup>d</sup> Emigrants vice Day promoted 7<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> –

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The 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades to take the Guard of the 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades tomorrow furnished this Morn<sup>g</sup> by the Reserve –

The Guard at the Hessian Hospital to be Relieved tomorrow by the Hessians a man to be sent from that Guard to conduct the Relief – Field Off<sup>r</sup> for Picquet tomorrow L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Enoch] Markham [46<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Major of Brigade Baker Adju<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Notes: “Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Delancys Brigade” was a Loyalist brigade from New York.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 8<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole Poland C<sup>r</sup> S<sup>n</sup> Warsaw

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Richard] Prescott is appointed to Command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade. Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Thomas Welch] Walsh of the 17<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Aid de Camp to Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Prescott

The two 71<sup>st</sup> Grenadier Company's of the 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup> being very Sickly are to join their Reg<sup>t</sup>. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenad<sup>r</sup> Company of said Batt<sup>n</sup> will join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> under the Command of Major [James] Marsh [46<sup>th</sup> Regt.] and Major [Hon. Charles] Stewart [43<sup>rd</sup> Regt.].

An Orderly Officer to attend daily at Head Q<sup>rs</sup> from the 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades of British at Jamaica. These Brigades to hold themselves in readiness to Embark at the Shortest notice –

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Field Officer for Picquet tomorrow Major [Thomas] Dilkes [49<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grenadiers] Brigade Major [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Grenadier Battalions] Adju<sup>t</sup>

Notes: Although the 4<sup>th</sup> British Grenadier Bn. was disbanded, Lt. Peebles' kept up his order book until Oct. 17, 1776 at which point he began keeping a journal of the war.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 9<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

Parole

Six days provision will be issued tomorrow at the usual places – It is Strongly recommended to the Commanding Officers of Corps that no part of them be Wasted –

L<sup>t</sup> [Charles] Hastings of the 12<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to do duty with the 23<sup>d</sup> Light Company

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> New York Island 10<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

The Troops will dress their four remaining days fresh Provisions tomorrow Afternoon.

M<sup>r</sup> Stapleton Surg<sup>ns</sup> Mate of the 22<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Wood late Surg<sup>ns</sup> Mate of the 48<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> are appointed Mates to the Hospital –

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Moore is Appointed Deputy Chaplain to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital –

Twenty Women from the 1<sup>st</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades & 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be sent to Hores [Horne's] Hook tomorrow Morn<sup>g</sup> at 8 O'Clock to be employed in the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital. The Purveyor of the Hospital will apply to Com<sup>g</sup> Off<sup>rs</sup> in Town for What Women he may want

Morn<sup>g</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders –

The Commanding Officer recommends to the Off<sup>rs</sup> to send to the Batt<sup>n</sup> Store in N York all the heavy baggage & such of their Camp necessarys as are not immediately required for the Men – Waggon are now ready.

Notes: “Horne's Hook” is located at Carl Schurtz Park on E. 89<sup>th</sup> St.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> N. York Island 11<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

No Officer or Soldier is to be out of Camp at 5 O'Clock in the Afternoon except upon duty till further orders –

The majors of Brigade & orderly Officers are to Attend at the Artillery Park at five OClock this afternoon –

Gen<sup>l</sup> After Orders 5 O'Clock

As soon as the Troops move against the Enemy Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton will Command the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Consisting of the light Infantry, Reserve, Hessian Grenad<sup>rs</sup> and Chasseurs [Jägers]– Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy is to Command on N. York Island & Posts depending His Lordship will give his Orders Accordingly.

The Troops that are under orders for March<sup>g</sup> will Strike their Tents at Six this Evening, put their Baggage on Board & be ready to March immediately.

The Patrol's of the Advanced Posts are to be very alert in Securing all Suspected persons

Notes: Blocked by the strong Rebel positions at Harlem Heights, on the night of Oct. 11, Gen. Howe moved his forces around the Rebels by water up the East River and through Hell Gate. The British troops landed at Throggs Neck (also called Frog's Neck), a peninsula jutting into Long Island Sound about ten miles east of Harlem.



Detail from "A survey of Frog's Neck and the rout[e] of the British Army to the 24th of October 1776, under the command of His Excellency the Honorable William Howe, General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces, &ca, &ca, &ca.," 1776 by Charles Blaskowitz

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Frog Neck Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 76

The Picquets of the British Reserve & Hessian Grenad<sup>rs</sup> to be Posted by Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clintons orders the Picquet to consist of 1 Sub: & 30 men from each Reg<sup>t</sup> with a Cap<sup>t</sup> from each brigade – The Picquets of the remaining Corps to be posted by the respective Comman<sup>g</sup> Off<sup>rs</sup> in front of their Q<sup>r</sup> Guards.

A Picquet of a Sub: & 30 Men from the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade to march immediately to Head Q<sup>rs</sup> where they will be posted –

The greatest order & regularity is once more commended to the Troops.

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Frog Neck 13<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 76 Sunday

As soon as the Army in their several Movements come to their Ground y<sup>e</sup> Major of Brigade & Orderly Off<sup>rs</sup> will Attend the Adju<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> for orders at Head Q<sup>rs</sup> – At the same time & place, an orderly Serj<sup>t</sup> from Each Brigade, or Corps not Brigaded is ordered always to attend in order immediately to convey any necessary Orders or intelligence

A Cattle Guard of a Serj<sup>t</sup> Corp<sup>l</sup> & 12 to mount immediately at the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> to receive all Cattle that may be taken up in obedience to the Orders of 22<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> last

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Frog Neck Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

The Commanding Officers of Corps will Apply to the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> for Sloops to Embark their Baggage on board of, in order to be ready to move upon the Shortest Notice –

A Major of Brigade of the British line is to Attend at Head Q<sup>rs</sup> every Even<sup>g</sup> at 5 in case of the necessity of distributing Orders to the Several Brigades. This duty to be taken in turn – Major of Brig this Even<sup>g</sup> [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Grenadier Battalions]

A Picquet of an Officer Serj<sup>t</sup> Corp<sup>l</sup> & 20 men from the Brigade of Guards to Parade this Even<sup>g</sup> half an hour before Gunfiring at the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> where they will receive Orders from Major [John] Small [Royal Highland Emigrants] –

B:O: [3<sup>rd</sup> Brit. Gren. Bn.] No Officer to quit the Batt<sup>n</sup> Encampm<sup>t</sup> without leave from the Commanding Officer [Lt. Col. James Marsh] or Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart An Addition to this Order of Yesterday of the Rolls being call'd every hour, it is to be in presance of an Off<sup>r</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Com<sup>y</sup>

The heavy Baggage remaining w<sup>t</sup> their Reg<sup>ts</sup> to be sent tomorrow by break of day to Stephens Point frog Neck & put on board the Vessels Allotted for them –

Thirty fascines to be made by each Reg<sup>t</sup> immediately & all the Waggons to be sent to Head Q<sup>rs</sup> as soon as they have taken the Baggage to the Shore –

B:O:) An officer to put the Battalions Baggage on board the Gage Sloop at day break tomorrow –

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Frog Neck Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776 –

Thirty more fascines to be made by each Reg<sup>t</sup> – four days Provisions to the 19<sup>th</sup> inclus<sup>e</sup> will be immediately issued at the Landing Place & it is to be dress'd as soon as possible

Fresh Provisions for the Hospital & Off<sup>rs</sup> will be distributed at the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> G<sup>ls</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> this day at Noon – The Wounded Men are to be put on board the Peace & Plenty Hospital Ship & the Sick Men on Board the Fame –

Complaint having been made that the Women declined serving in the hospital Ships the Commander in Chief is determined not to Allow any Woman remain with the Army y<sup>t</sup> [that] refuses to take a share of this Necessary duty

A Working party of 200 Men with Officers in proportion from the 2<sup>d</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Brigades to Parade at Gun firing on the Road near [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis's Q<sup>rs</sup> where an Engineer will Attend to receive them – The fascines & Piquets made by the Several Reg<sup>ts</sup> to be carried this Afternoon at 4 O'Clock & lodg'd on the road opposite to L<sup>d</sup> Cornwallis's Q<sup>rs</sup>

The Majors of Brigade & Orderly Officers to Attend at 5 this Afternoon for orders –

D.O [Division Order] a Picq<sup>t</sup> of 1 Cap<sup>t</sup> 2 Subs 2 Serj<sup>ts</sup> 1 Drum & 52 Rank & file to mount at 5 this Enen<sup>g</sup> –

Gen<sup>l</sup> After Orders 5 O'Clock

As nothing can mark the unsteadiness Troops more than the frequent & useless firing of the Advanced Posts, the Commander in Chief flatters himself it is unnecessary to remind the Army of the Superiority they must have in discipline over the Enemy oppos'd to them – All the fascines not carried to the Posts order'd this Morn<sup>g</sup> to be taken to the right of the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade –

The Guns belonging to the Brigade under the Command of his Excell<sup>y</sup> [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] DeHeister to be taken to Head Q<sup>rs</sup> tomorrow morning at 8 O'Clock –

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Frog Neck Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776 –

If there should be occasion to Embark, the Light Infantry & Grenad<sup>rs</sup> of the Allied Army they will Embark under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton in the follow<sup>g</sup> order –

3 Batt<sup>ns</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Infantry, Chasseurs [Jägers], 3 Batt<sup>n</sup> of British Grenad<sup>rs</sup> & 3 Batt<sup>ns</sup> of Hessian Gr<sup>rs</sup>.

No Officer or Soldier is to quit his Camp after Gun firing – The major of Brigade & Orderly Officers are to Attend at 5 this Aftern<sup>n</sup> for Orders –

His Majesty has been pleased to a make the follow<sup>g</sup> Promotions

17<sup>th</sup> L.D. [Light Dragoons] {Qr [John] Jones of 20<sup>th</sup> foot to be Cornet vice Sinclair who Accepts } 14<sup>th</sup> June 76

16 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	{ Martin Ramsey Gent: to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice [Napier] Christie }	27 May
	{ removed to F <sup>t</sup> Guards }	
22 <sup>d</sup>	{ Jas Bulkley Gen <sup>t</sup> to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice [Thomas] Barrow prefer'd }	5 July
28 <sup>th</sup>	{ Morris Green Festing Gent to be Ens <sup>n</sup> Vice [William] Stewart prefer'd }	27 May
37 <sup>th</sup>	{ Leigh Gent: to be Ens <sup>n</sup> Vice Pierce [Pearce] Addi <sup>l</sup> Com <sup>y</sup> }	6 June



38 <sup>th</sup>	Rich Brown Ens <sup>n</sup> Vice [Lovet Ashe] Ash prefer'd	19 <sup>th</sup> June
47 <sup>th</sup>	Tho <sup>s</sup> Spronor [Spooner] Gen <sup>l</sup> Ens <sup>n</sup> Vice [Arthur] French pre <sup>d</sup>	22 <sup>d</sup> July
62 <sup>d</sup>	{Lt Rich Bailey of 23 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Cap <sup>t</sup> Additional Comp <sup>y</sup>	} 1 <sup>st</sup> March

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the follow<sup>g</sup> promotion –  
 23<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Campbell to be 1<sup>st</sup> L<sup>t</sup> vice [Richard] Bailey. Mich<sup>l</sup> Jaxon [Jackson] Volunteer to be 2<sup>d</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Campbell –

N:B: March'd in the Night in order to Embark but it rain'd hard & the Troops return'd to their Ground –

Notes: The Ramsey and Bulkley promotions in this order were incorrect. In the 16<sup>th</sup> Regt. Martin Ramsay actually replaced Ens. Thomas Barrow who was promoted to Lt. in the 16<sup>th</sup> Regt. In the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Ens. Bulkeley replaced Ens. Christie who moved to the Guards. See the *London Gazette* for June 11 and July 13, 1776. "N:B:" is the abbreviation for "Nota bene," a Latin phrase meaning "note well" and is used similarly to the modern "P.S."

G:O: Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Frog Neck Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1776

Commissions given by the Commander in Chief to Off<sup>rs</sup> in Corps or Comp<sup>ys</sup> raised in America confer Rank during Service & no longer & all Off<sup>rs</sup> so Commissioned when doing duty with his Majesty's Regular Troops are to be obey'd as youngest in their respective Ranks –

Seventy two men of Rogers's Corps with<sup>t</sup> Arms are to Attend the Artill<sup>y</sup> of the L<sup>t</sup> Infantry & Grenad<sup>rs</sup> in the proportion of 5 Men to a three Pounder & 8 to a 6 P<sup>r</sup> –

The out Posts are not to allow any seamen whatever to pass them

Notes: "Roger's Corps" in this order refers to the Loyalist unit "Roger's Rangers," raised in French and Indian War under the command of Maj. Robert Rogers, who joined the Loyalist cause during the American War for Independence. The unit was known as the Queen's Rangers. Artillery of the period was designated by the weight of the cannonball, accordingly a "three Pounder" threw a cannon ball weighing three pounds, etc.

7 Sept<sup>r</sup> Memo:

M<sup>r</sup> Doyle lost a red pocket Book between Newtown & Bedford, any Soldier who brings it to the Eng<sup>rs</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> will receive 2 dollars.

Note: The entries from Lt. Peebles' notebook between Sep. 7 and Sep. 24 are memorandums written on an end page of a notebook and are chronologically out of date.

17 Sept<sup>r</sup>

Lost a Valice containing a Round Tent & Markee & Bag contain<sup>g</sup> two camp chairs a bag containing a Camp Table and all of them markd Cap<sup>t</sup> [William] Cavindish Lister of the Guards whoever has them to give Notice at Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathews Q<sup>rs</sup>

Memo<sup>m</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>

Lost a Small deal Box with Gen<sup>l</sup> [Sir William] Howe's name w<sup>t</sup> [wrote] upon it whoever brings to Head Q<sup>rs</sup> will be rewarded

Note: "Deal" means a fir or pine board.

24 Sept<sup>r</sup> Mem<sup>o</sup>

Stray'd from N. York last night a dark Bay horse about 14 ½ high black legs long switch tail Six year old the property of M<sup>r</sup> Mallet, any Gentle<sup>n</sup> into whose hands he may fall will very much oblige him by sending the horse to Colo [William] Sherrifs [47<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Q<sup>rs</sup>.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> are not to Expect the 4<sup>th</sup> Waggon from Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> till they are order'd to march.

Lost a Silver Lancet Case Surg<sup>n</sup> 44<sup>th</sup>  
 James Grigory on board the Dutton Recoverd his Wounds fit to join



Source: “*Orderly Book, 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenad<sup>rs</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thornton, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.



Detail from “*A survey of Frog's Neck and the rout of the British Army to the 24th of October 1776, under the command of His Excellency the Honorable William Howe, General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces, &ca, &ca, &ca.,*” 1776 by Charles Blaskowitz

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

## Excerpts from Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders in the New York and New Jersey Campaign, Oct. 18, 1776 – Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1777

Head Quarters Frog's Neck 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1776.

Commissions given by the Commander in Chief to Officers in Corps or Companies raised in America confer Rank during Service, and no Longer; and all Officers so commissioned, when doing Duty with his Majesty's Regular Troops, are to be obeyed as youngest in their respective Ranks...

The Troops under Order to march this Morning at One; will strike their Tents to-morrow at One o'Clock, and be in Readiness to march immediately. Those ordered to strike at 3 this Morning will strike their Tents at 3 tomorrow Morning, and be in Readiness to march immediately...

The Arms and Ammunition to be carefully inspected by the Commanding Officers of Corps.

Notes: This order prepares the army to abandon Throggs Neck, where the rebels held a strong position on the causeway leading to the mainland and to move by water to Pell's Point at Pelham Manor a few miles up the coast of Long Island Sound.



Detail from "A survey of Frog's Neck and the rout of the British Army to the 24th of October 1776, under the command of His Excellency the Honorable William Howe, General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces, &ca, &ca, &ca.," 1776 by Charles Blaskowitz. The position of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. on Oct. 20, 1776 is shown in the lower right hand corner.

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Pelham Manor 19<sup>th</sup>... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1776...

Head Quarters Pelham Manor 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1776.

6 in the Morning.

The Tents to be struck at 7 o'Clock this Morning and the Troops to be in Readiness to march by the Right, in the following Order:

General [Henry] Clinton to command the Advance.

2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Light Infantry.

4 Divisions of Light Dragoons, consisting of 10 Files each.

British Grenadiers.

33<sup>d</sup> Regiment.

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment.

Hessian Grenadiers.

2 Battalions of the Guards.

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade.

Hessian Brigades.

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Four Divisions Light Horse, ten files each.

The Baggage of the Army, followed by the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade, with Two twelve Pounders and two Howitzers in the Front of the Brigade of Guards.

Two twelve Pounders at the Head of [Hessian Lt.] General [Leopold Philip] de Heister's Brigade.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry, with four Divisions of Cavalry of ten files each to march on the Left Flank of the Army. 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion leads.

6<sup>th</sup> Brigade British and [Hessian] Losbergs's Brigade will take the Position which will be directed. The Queen's Light Dragoons take the Front...

Head Quarters New Rochelle 22<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1776...

Head Quarters New Rochelle 23<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1776...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Hon. Henry] Monckton [45<sup>th</sup> Regt.], being recovered of his Wounds, is to take the Command of the 2<sup>d</sup>. Battalion Grenadiers.



Detail of *Colonel Robert Abercrombie*, 1788, by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Art Gallery of South Australia*

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Robert] Abercrombie [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is appointed to the Command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Light Infantry in the Room of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Thomas] Musgrave [40<sup>th</sup> Regt.], lately wounded.

The Line will be in Readiness to turn out upon the shortest Notice...

Head Quarters New Rochelle 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1776...

After Orders, 9 o'Clock at Night.

Tents to be struck to-morrow morning at 6 o'Clock; the Baggage to be Loaded, and the Army to be ready to march at Seven, in two Columns by the right. The advanced Guard, at the Head of the right Column, to be commanded by Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen. [Henry] Clinton, to consist of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, the British Reserve, of which the Waldeck Regiment is to be attached, and the [Hessian] Col. [Carl von] Donop's Chasseurs [Jägers] and Hessian Grenadiers. An Officer and sixteen Dragoons to be at the Head of this Column in the Rear of the Light Infantry.

The Guards and 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of British to follow the Advance.

The 2<sup>d</sup> Column, to be commanded by [Hessian] Lieut.-Gen. [Leopold Phillip] de Heister, to consist of the 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion 71<sup>st</sup>, the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade of British, and two Brigades of Hessians from the Camp at Pelham Manor, to have an Officer and sixteen Dragoons at their Head. This Column will be preceded by the 2<sup>d</sup> Chasseurs, 3<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 71<sup>st</sup>...

Head Quarters East Chester 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1776...

Head Quarters Ward's House near the Brunx 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1776...





Bronx River, Westchester County, New York, 2009

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Jim Henderson

Head Quarters Ward's House near the Bronx 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1776...

The Army to strike their Tents to-morrow morning at five, Load their Waggons, and be in readiness to march at Six in two Columns by the Right.

First Column under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen. [Henry] Clinton, to consist of First Chasseurs [Jägers], 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, British Reserve, Donop's Grenadiers, Brigade Guards, [Capt. Archibald] Campbell's New York Company on the right of the Column.

Second Column, under the Command of Lieut-Gen. [Leopold Phillip] de Heister, to consist of Second Chasseurs, 3<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade British, 2d. Brigade British, 2d. Brigade Hessian; two Battalions 71st. to close the Rear and cover the Baggage...

Notes: The Battle of White Plains, Westchester Co., New York, was fought at the Bronx River on Oct. 28, 1776. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. companies were not engaged.

Head Quarters Ward's House near the Bronx. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1776

The Commander in Chief desires his Thanks may be given to the Officers and Men of the Army in General for their intrepid and spirited Behavior in the Attack of Yesterday, but particular so to the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade British, and to [Hessian] Col. [Johann] Rall and the Corps under his Command, for the readiness and Alertness with which they crossed and took Post on the other Side the Bronx.

Head Quarters White Plain Camp 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1776...

After Orders, 10 o'Clock at Night.

The Army to be under Arms at 5 o'Clock in the morning without striking their Tents, and wait for further Orders.

The Brigade of Guards and 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade to be under Arms at 4 in the morning, and March to the Rear of Gen. de Heister's Corps.

The 71<sup>st</sup> to March at 5 to the right of the British Grenadiers, there to receive their Orders from Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Regiments will march at 5 and join the 2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry upon the Left of Gen. De Heister.

The 44<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Regiments are to form in the Rear of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry to March to the left of the Hessian Grenadiers, and to be supported by the 35<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Regiments, there to receive their Orders from Lieut.-Gen. [Henry] Clinton.

The Dragoons to be equally divided into three divisions, the left, Centre, and right of the Army, and to March at Six.

Lieut.-Gen. De Heister will Command upon the Left, Lieut.-Gen. Clinton in the Centre, and Lieut.-Gen. Earl Cornwallis upon the right of the Line.

Head Quarters White Plain Camp 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1776.

The Army to be in readiness to move upon the shortest notice...

Notes: With the Rebel army in strong positions north of White Plains, this order prepares the army to return to the area of Manhattan Island.

Head Quarters White Plains 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.... [to] 3<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1776....

Head Quarters White Plains 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1776.

The Army to strike their Tents, load their Waggon, and be in readiness to march to-morrow morning at daybreak.

After Orders, 4 o'Clock.

The Army to march by the Left in two Columns in the following Order:

Left Column.	Right Column.
1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Hessians,	Light Company of Guards,
British Artillery of Lt. 12 ps. & Howitzers,	2 Battalions of Guards,
5 Battalions Hessians,	British Reserve,
1 Brigade British,	1 <sup>st</sup> Light Infantry,
Hessian Grenadiers,	1 <sup>st</sup> Chasseurs,
2 <sup>d</sup> Light Infantry,	2 New York Companies upon the
2 <sup>d</sup> Chasseurs [Jägers].	Right flank.

The Cavalry to march in four Divisions, two to each Column.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment to cover the march of the Baggage....

Brig.-Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie, with the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade, and the 3<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, with their Guns, and the Right Division of Dragoons, will march at Day break, and will be conducted by the Quarter Master General.

The 3<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry and 2 Companies 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, with the Dragoons, to parade at the Head of the Second Brigade. His Excellency General [Phillip] de Heister will command the Left Column. His Excellency Lieut.-Gen. [Henry] Clinton will Command the Right Column.

Head Quarters North River, Dobbs's Ferry 5<sup>th</sup>.... [to] Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1776...

Head Quarters North River Dobbs's Ferry Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1776...

The Tents to be struck, the Waggon Loaded, and the Army to be in readiness to move by break of Day to-morrow...

As soon as the Baggage moves, the Quarter Masters and Camp Colour Men of Corps to parade at the Quarter Master General's Quarters, and precede the Baggage with a Deputy Quarter Master General, to take up their Ground.

The Line to stand fast till they receive orders to march...

After Orders, 7 at Night.

Should the morning prove Rainy, the Tents are not to be struck, nor the Waggon loaded till further Orders.

The Army and Baggage to march in the following Order, notwithstanding the Orders of this day.

When the Army moves, they are to march in two Columns, The Left Column to Consist of the British Reserve and Hessian Grenadiers, and to take their Route by the Right, passing the Bridge over the Sawmill River, where they will find a Guide to Conduct them to their Ground: each Regiment will take their Artillery with them.

The Baggage of that Line will make the front and take the same Route...

The Right Column consists of the Brigade of Guards, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades British, and 1 Brigade of Hessians to march from the Right. The Guards to take the shortest cut to join the Post Road leading to King's Bridge. The other Brigade to march from the Right by Head Quarters, and follow the Line of march of the Guards.

The Baggage of the Column to March from the Right by Dobbs's Ferry, and to precede the Right Column, falling into the line as they are now Encamped...

The Baggage of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment to stop at Col. Philips's, where the Regiment will halt, till further orders.

Guides will attend the respective Columns as well as Baggage.

The Dragoons, mounted and dismounted, to form into four Divisions, and march as formerly, in the front and rear of each Column.

The Artillery not belonging to particular Corps to march in the front of the Right Column. The Chasseurs to parade at the head of the left Column, as soon as the Army is in Motion:

The 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion Light Infantry to make the Rear Guard of the Right Column, but not to move till the Army is on their March...

Head Quarters North River Dobbs's Ferry Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The Army and Baggage to march in the same Order as directed for this day, by break of day tomorrow.

Head Quarters Mr. Courtland's Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1776.

All the Recruits and Drafts of the Army are to Join their respective Regiments immediately.

The Men to Carry their Tent Poles, and not to put them on the Waggon...

Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1776....

After Orders, half past four...

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry will march by daybreak to-morrow, and take Post in the Orchard near Head Quarters, on the West Side of the Brunx...

Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The Light Infantry and Guards to be under Arms at 4 o'Clock to-morrow with their Blankets and One day's Provision, leaving their Camp Standing. Guides will attend to conduct them.

The Grenadiers and Reserve to be under Arms an hour before day; they will receive their Orders from Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis.

Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen's Corps will receive their Orders from His Excellency.

The Remainder of the Army is to be under Arms at day break...

Note: This order prepares the army for the successful four-pronged attack on Fort Washington on the high ground of the northern part of Manhattan Island. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. made one of the four attacks, crossing the Harlem River to land near the Morris-Jumel Mansion. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt attack behind the Rebel lines caused the Rebel defense at Harlem Heights to collapse, enabling the success of Lt. Gen. Hugh, Earl Percy's attack from the south.

Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1776...

The Brigades to go back to Camp Immediately.

Every Assistance to be given towards carrying the Hessian Wounded to Morrisania.



Detail of "A map of part of New-York Island showing a plan of Fort Washington, now call'd Ft. Knipphausen with the rebels lines on the south part, from which they were driven on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1776 by the troupes under the orders of the Earl of Percy," 1776, by Claude Joseph Sauthier, Showing area between 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. landing at Col. Morris' House and Fort Washington.

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The General is extremely sensible of the Universal Spirit and Alacrity which evidently animated all the Troops that were Yesterday engaged, and desires his particular thanks may be given to His Excellency Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm] Knyphausen, Maj.-Gen. [Martin] Schmidt, and the Corps under their Command, to Lieut.-Gen. [Hugh] Earl Percy, Maj.-Gen. [Johann David] Stirn, Maj.-Gen. [Valentine] Jones, and the Corps under his Lordship's Command; to Brig.-Gen. [Edward] Mathew, the Brigade of Guards, and Light Infantry. To Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, Maj.-Gen. [John] Vaughan, and the Reserve under his Lordship's Command. To Lieut.-Col. [Thomas] Sterling, and the 42<sup>d</sup>. Regiment, and Col. [Johann] Rall for his Conduct at the Head of the Right Column of Hessian...

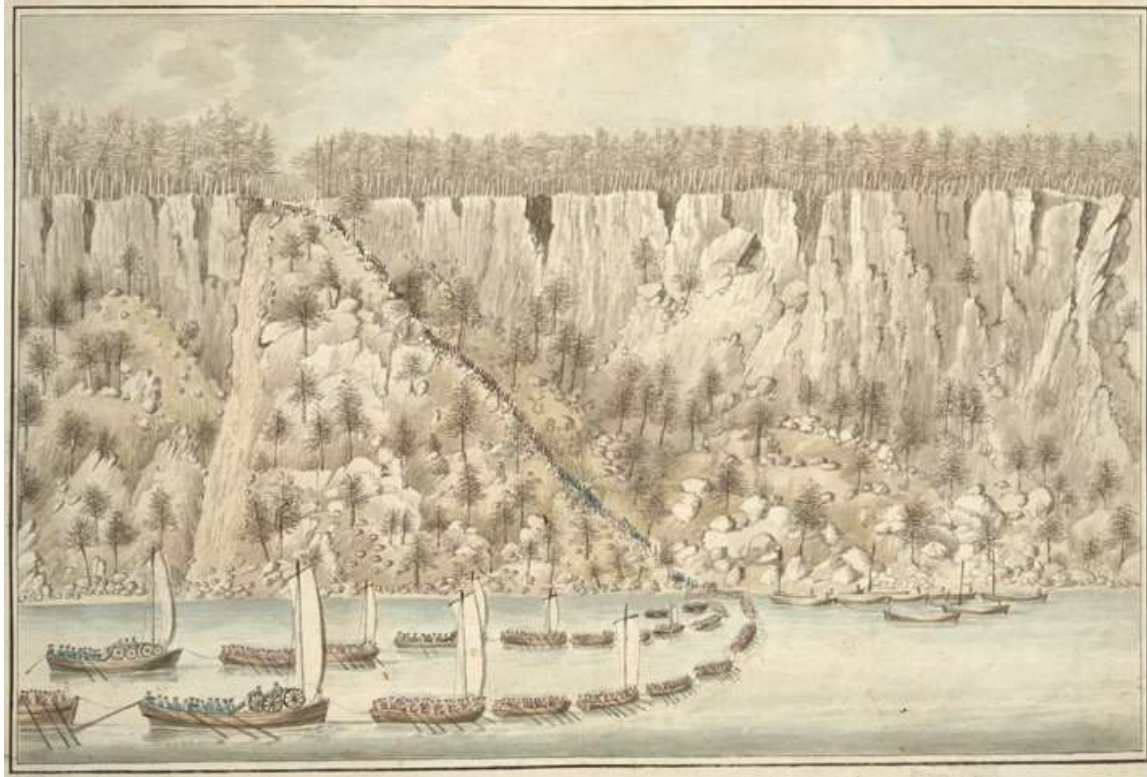
The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Light Infantry to occupy the Post now Possessed by the 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion Light Infantry, under the Command of Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant...

A Return to be given in to-morrow at Orderly time of the Number of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of Yesterday. An Embarkation Return to be given in this day at 4 o'Clock, to the Deputy Adjutant General of the Troops that encamp to-morrow near New York, and from the 3<sup>d</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Brigades, as soon as possible, be given in; all Arms taken from the Rebels are immediately to be given to Brig.-



Gen. [Samuel] Cleaveland [Royal Artillery], and no person is upon any Account to be allowed to buy or sell them...

Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1776...



*"The landing of the British forces in the Jerseys on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1776 under the command of the R. Hon. Lieut. Genl. Earl Cornwallis," 1776, by Capt. Thomas Davies, Royal Artillery*

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Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1776...

The following Corps are to strike their tents, load their Waggon and be in Readiness to march, with their Blankets and Provisions, this Night at 9 o'Clock: Two Companies Chasseurs [Jägers], 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Grenadiers, 2 Battalions of Guards, 33<sup>d</sup> Regiment, and 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment, 3 Battalions of Hessian Grenadiers, 100 Men of Rogers's, without Arms; two Engineers, with twelve Carpenters and three Guides. They will receive their Orders from Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis...

Notes: This order prepares for the attack by Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis across the Hudson River to seize Fort Lee on the Palisades in New Jersey.

Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1776...

The Hessian Brigade of Rall and the Regiment of Waldeck to move from their present Ground immediately; the former to that last occupied by the Hessian Grenadiers of Donop, and the latter to that occupied by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry.

Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1776...

The Fort commonly called Fort Washington is to be hereafter named Fort Mifflin...



Head Quarters De Lancey's Mill Nov. 22<sup>d</sup> 1776...

The Commander in Chief desires to return his Thanks to Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, Maj.-Gen. [John] Vaughan, Brig.-Gen. [Edward] Matthew, [Hessian] Col. [Carl von] Donop, and to the Officers and Soldiers under his Lordship's Command, for the meritorious Service performed by that Corps on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst, accomplished with infinite Fatigue to the Troops...

A Return will be given to-morrow to the Deputy Adjutant General of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing of each Corps since the 17<sup>th</sup> of last September, specifying the different Dates of the several Casualties.

Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen will command upon the Heights of Fordham.

The unnecessary Works at Fort Knyphausen to be immediately demolished...

The 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade and one Battalion of the 2<sup>d</sup> to encamp near the Rebel lines on Haerlem Heights; they are to level the Enemy's Lines and Collect the Fraising and Pallisades to be sent to New York, and detach Parties to Haerlem and McGowan's to prepare Houses for their Winter Quarters.

The Regiment of Waldeck to take Post at Jones's, and extend away towards De Lancey's.

Maj.-Gen. [Johann David] Stirn's Brigade will march to New York.

Three Battalions, 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade, and the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment, to take Post at Fort Lee for the Removal of Stores, etc.

Two Battalions 71<sup>st</sup> to encamp on the Green Hill within King's Bridge, and to furnish a twenty-four Hours' Guard, of a Captain and sixty Men, at Fort Independance, and an Officer and twenty Men at the Bridge. A Flicke [*flèche*] to be thrown up to receive them...

Notes: This order begins by thanking the troops involved in the capture of Fort Lee, including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry Co. A "*flèche*," from the French word for arrow, was a pointed open-backed defensive fortification.

Head Quarters New York Nov. 23<sup>d</sup>... [to] 25<sup>th</sup> 1776...

Head Quarters New York Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1776...

The Commanding Officers of Regiments who have Clothing and Stores on Board of Ships and Vessels lately arrived from Europe are to apply immediately for them, and the Masters of those Ships and Vessels are to place them in the best manner for immediately issuing to the different Regiments the Stores and Clothing belonging to them...

Head Quarters New York Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1776...

Head Quarters New York Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1776...

The Detachment of the Royal Artillery, and 17<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons, 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion Light Infantry, 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion Grenadiers, 3<sup>d</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Brigades British, and two Brigades Hessians (Losberg's and Schmidt's), as well as all other Officers and Soldiers now embarked under the Command of Lieut.-Gen. [Henry] Clinton, will receive their Orders from him...

Notes: This order prepares a large detachment under Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton to attack and seize Rhode Island. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. took part in this expedition as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> British Grenadier Bn. See the Rhode Island order book, below.

Head Quarters New York Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1776...

Head Quarters New York Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Parole, Scotland; Countersign, St. Andrew...

Note: Nov. 30 is celebrated in Scotland as St. Andrew's Day.

Head Quarters New York Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> [to] 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1776...

New York, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1776...

General Order Trenttown 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1776...

Head Quarters Trenttown 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1776...

Head Quarters Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The Campaign having closed with the Pursuit of the Enemies' Army near, ninety Miles, by Lieut.-Gen. [Charles Earl] Cornwallis's Corps, much to the Honour of his Lordship and the Officers and Soldiers under his Command, The Approach of Winter putting a Stop to any further Progress, the Troops will immediately march into Quarters and hold themselves in Readiness to assemble on the shortest Notice.

The Commander-in-Chief calls upon the Commanding Officers of Corps to exert themselves in preserving the greatest Regularity and strictest Discipline in their respective Quarters, particularly attending to the Protection of the Inhabitants and their Property in their several Districts.

Source: "The Kemble Papers: Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.



Lt. Gen Henry Clinton, 1777, by John Smart

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**Extracts of Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton's Orders Concerning the 3<sup>rd</sup> British Grenadier Battalion (Including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Company), Rhode Island, Dec. 7, 1776 – Jan. 12, 1777**

Given by L<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton...

On board [50-gun] His Majesty's ship Chatham, Rhode Island harbour 7<sup>th</sup> December 1776.

The Troops to hold themselves in readiness to disembark by day break to Morrow morning. The Light Infantry, Grenadiers and 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, compose the first debarkation. The [Hessian] Brigade of Losberg, with the Regiment of Watginaw, form the second. The 5<sup>th</sup> brigade and the two remaining [Hessian] Regiments of Huynes brigade compose the third.

The Light Cavalry are not to disembark till further orders. The battalion Guns are not to be taken on shore by any Corps, as Major Innes will receive instructions for what Artillery will be necessary.

Major General [Richard] Prescott will command the first debarkation, [Hessian] Brigadier General [Friedrich Wilhelm von] Losberg the second, and as soon as they are landed, the whole will be under the command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [Hugh] Earl Percy. Brigadier General [Francis] Smith will command the third debarkation, and [Hessian] Major General [Johann Christoph von] Huynes will accompany him...

Note: This order prepares the expedition for the landing at Rhode Island.

Head quarters, Newport, 9<sup>th</sup> December 1776

The General desires to express his thanks to Major General [Richard] Prescott for the great care and attention he shewed in conducting the landing, and taking possession of the island yesterday...

26 December 1776

The Grenadiers and Light Infantry are for the future to do none but duties of honor, they will therefore always take the Generals and [Lt. Gen. Hugh] Lord Percy's Guards...

Given by Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henry] Clinton...

General After orders 12<sup>th</sup> January

Lieu<sup>t</sup>. General Clinton having the Commander in Chief's leave to go to England during the winter, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hugh] Earl Percy will take upon him the Command of the Army...

Source: *General Orders Rhode Island December 1776 – January 1778*, Ed. Don Hagist, Heritage Books, Westminster (MD) 2007, pp. 1, 3-4, 12, 21-23, 25-26, and 29-30.



Gen. Sir William Howe, 1777  
by Richard Purcell



Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis, 1781



Maj. Gen. James Grant

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*New York Public Lib., Digital Archive*

*Wikipedia*, from *State Archives of Florida*, Florida Memory

## Excerpts of Orders of Gen. Sir William Howe, Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis and Maj. Gen. James Grant, Commanding British Forces, New York and New Jersey, Dec. 16, 1776 – June 11, 1777

Notes: Because during this period there were three sets of orders affecting the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders, this section provides a blended two set of orders from Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir William Howe in New Jersey and New York, and a third set from Lord Cornwallis and Maj. Gen. James Grant who commanded the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. in New Jersey. Sir William Howe's orders taken from *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble* are annotated [H/K] and the New Jersey orders of Lord Cornwallis and Maj. Gen. Grant of the *1<sup>st</sup> Regt. of Foot Guards* are annotated at the beginning of the order as [C/G]. Gen. Howe's orders kept by Lt. Col. Kemble after Jan. 29 (from a separate reference) are marked [H/K2]. On Dec. 13, 1776 Gen. Sir William Howe assigned the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders to Hessian Col. Carl von Donop's command in New Jersey, under the overall command of Maj. Gen. James Grant. Col. Von Donop posted the Highlanders at Black Horse (now Columbus), New Jersey.



Detail of "Sketch of Brunswick. Sketch of the ground near Mr. Low's at Raritan Landing," 1777 by Alexander Sutherland (Engineer) and John Hill (Surveyor)]

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Division*

[C/G] [Gen. Sir William Howe's orders] Head Quarters Brunswick 16<sup>th</sup> December 1776... Major Gen<sup>l</sup>. [James] Grant is Appointed to Command the Troops in Jersey. All Reports & Returns from the Corps in Cantonment they are to be made to him at Brunswick, Returns to be Sent as Formerly order'd to Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] for the Adjutant Generals, the 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. to Report to the General Officer Commanding at New York.

Note: The Guards Brigade Orders, with a few exceptions, are not included in this transcription. Orders for parole and countersign and issue of forage money are also omitted from the transcription.

[H/K] New York, 16<sup>th</sup>. Dec., 1776...

[C/G] [Maj. Gen. Grant's orders] Brunswick December 17<sup>th</sup>. 1776... In Consideration of the Coolness of the Campaign 165 Days Forage Money will be issued to the Army as Soon as Possible, the Pay master will make the necessary returns for the Quartermaster General for that Purpose.

[H/K] New York, 17<sup>th</sup>. Dec., 1776...  
Head Quarters, Trentown, 13<sup>th</sup>. Dec., 1776...

[C/G] Brunswick December 18<sup>th</sup>. 1776...

The Troops are to Supply Themselves with wood for which 5 Shill<sup>gs</sup> a Cord will be Allow'd to the Extent of the Regulation to be fix'd by the Barrack Master Gen<sup>l</sup>.

Cross Cutt Saws & Wedges will be Diliver'd out when the Commissary Receives them from New York Cap<sup>t</sup> Brewer will shew the place where the wood is to be Cutt, When men are sent Upon that Service they are to carry their arms with them & to be Under the Command of an Officer, who is to March this party back to Town in A Regular Manner, The Troops are to Receive Forage at the Magazines from the Commissary Agreeable to the Following Regulation,

The Cavalry for each horse, 4 Pounds of oats 3 of Indian Corn 3 of Brand & 16 Pounds of Hay, Provien [Provision] Train the Same Allowance Artillery for each horse, 3 Pound of Oats, 3 of Indian Corn & 2 of Brand with 14 #. of Hay, Regimental Horses Not Exceeding the Number Fix'd by the Commander in Chief for each Regiment 2 pound of Oats 2 of Indian Corn, 2 of Brand & 14 Pound of Hay for each Horse, The Commanding officers of Corps are not to Permit any Officer Under their Command to Keep a Horse who is not Entitled to do so by the Regulation & no Officer whatever is Upon any Account to Send into the Country for Forage,

A Market will be Establish'd in Town as Soon as Possible & by that Means every body will be Supplied with what they may Want, Gentlemen Therefore Should Not Send into the Country to buy up Provisions or Stop any of the Inhabitants, who are bringing provisions Into Town till they have Carried them to Market,

A Return of the Troops to be given in to Major of Brigade [William] Brown to Morrow Morning & in Future a Weekly Return as Usual

The Men Upon Duty are always to Load with a Running Ball in order to prserve the Cartridges A Return of which is to be given in to Morrow that the whole may be Compleated to 60 Rounds,

An Officer & 30 Men of the Guards to march to Morrow Morning at 7 °Clock to Escort a Detachment of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Without Arms to Amboy & the Waggons with Stores & provisions from thence to Brunswick.

The Guards to Send there Waggons to the Commissary this day keeping three for each Battalion, the Grenadiers to Send their Waggons Keeping two for each Battalion,

When any of the Corps have a Quantity of Wood Cutt which Cannot be brought in by their own Waggons they will be Assisted by making Application to Captain Brewer,

Nothing Belonging to the Army is to be Sent from Brunswick but with an Escort, the Same Rule to be Observ'd by Officers who have leave to go from Quarters,

The 17<sup>th</sup>. 40<sup>th</sup>. & 55<sup>th</sup>. Regiments Canton'd at Hillsborough and along the Millstone River are to Report & Receive their orders from L<sup>t</sup>. Colo. [Charles] Mawhood [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.]...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

In Consideration of the lateness of the Campaign, 165 Days' Forage Money will be issued to the Army as soon as possible. The Returns necessary for that Purpose to be made out and sent to the Lieut.-Col. [William] Sherriffe, Deputy Quarter Master General.

Head Quarters, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>., 1776.

The Campaign having closed with the Pursuit of the Enemies' Army near, ninety Miles, by Lieut.-Gen. [Charles, Earl] Cornwallis's Corps, much to the Honour of his Lordship and the Officers and Soldiers under his Command [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], The Approach of Winter putting a Stop to any further Progress, the Troops will immediately march into Quarters and hold themselves in Readiness to assemble on the shortest Notice.

The Commander-in-Chief calls upon the Commanding Officers of Corps to exert themselves in preserving the greatest Regularity and strictest Discipline in their respective Quarters, particularly attending to the Protection of the Inhabitants and their Property in their several Districts.

Head Quarters, Brunswick, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant is appointed to command the Troops in Jersey.

All Reports and Returns from the Corps in Cantonment there to be made to him at Brunswick.

Returns to be sent, as Formerly ordered, to Major of Brigade [William] Brown, for the Adjutant-General...

[C/G] 19<sup>th</sup>. December 1776...

A great Many Soldiers were Stragling all over the Country Plundering Houses, & Stripping the Inhabitants of their Cloathing, if this Licentious Abuse is not Immediately put a Stop to, a Number of Men will be Cut off by small Rebel Parties & it will be Absolutely Impossible to prevail Upon the Inhabitants to bring provisions to Market, the Rolls to be frequently Call'd not at Fix'd hours but at Such Times as they shall think most Likely to Detect Marauders which is to be hop'd will be punish'd with Severity, Patrols of Dragoons will be sent all over the Country to take every man Prisoner who is found out of Cantonment Any Inhabitant either of the landing or Brunswick who presumes to sell Liquor of any kind to a Soldier, is Immediately to be Turn'd out of his house and his Liquor Stav'd, if this does not prevent the Almost Universal Drunkenness which was too Evident yesterday, The Allowance of Rum will be Stop'd from the Whole for a Fortnight it will be Very Unpleasant to make the Innocent Suffer for the Guilty but Regularity must be Established, No Soldier from Either Side of the [Raritan] River to pass the Bridge Without a pass Sign'd by an Officer, The 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade being march'd to A More Advanc'd Cantonment an Officer & 30 Men of the Guards is to be posted in Future on the Brunswick Side of the Bridge, an Officer & 30 Men to Mount Guard in the Most Centrical place of the Cantonment, An Officer and 30 Men to be posted in the Rear of the Left, one Serjeant & 12 Advanced Toward Bounbrook, Major Brigade [William] Brown will Shew the Adjutant the posts which are to be Visited by a Captain of the Day from the Brigade of Guards, A Captain 2 Subalterns 2 Serjeants & 50 Grenadiers to march to Morrow Morning at 7 o'Clock to Meet an Escort of Waggons half way from Prince Town which they are to take Charge off & Return in the Evening to Brunswick, A Packet is to Sail in a few days for England, Letters Sent to Cap<sup>t</sup> [Michael] Hammerton [55<sup>th</sup> Regt. and ADC to Gen. Grant] will be Forwarded to New York...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 20<sup>th</sup>. Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

The Troops to be Compleated with provisions for to Morrow Inclusive & the Quarter Masters in future are to draw 4 days provisions at a Time without Further orders, taking Care that the Men are always in Possession of 2 days provisions to carry with them Upon a March, no Directions will be ever given to prepare for it...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

All absent Officers who are able to join their Regiments are to do so immediately.

An Assistant Quarter Master General to be posted at Amboy, and to remain there to assist in the Removing of the Troops, Provisions, and Stores to and from Amboy.

The several Regiments to give in Returns to the Deputy-Adjutant-General, as soon as possible, of such Men as is necessary and who are able to be sent to England either from Wounds received or from other Complaints.

The Commanding Officers of Corps will take care to keep up their- Flank Companies level with those of the Battalion.

A Packet will sail for England in a few Days.

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 21<sup>st</sup>. Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

The Following Guards to be Mounted by the Brigade of Guards, Viz<sup>t</sup>. Main Guard Consisting of an Officer and 30 Men, An officer & 30 in the Rear of the Left Flank – a Serjeant & 20 On the Right

Towards Bounbrook a Serjeant & 20 on the Brunswick Side of the Bridge & 2 Serjeants & 24 on the Road Leading into the Country, a Captain of the Brigade of Guards to Inspect the Whole & Report to Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Edward] Mathew,

When any thing Extraordinary Happens he is Likewise to Report to Major General [James] Grant, The Grenadiers to Mount a Main Guard of a Captain, 2 Subalterns & 50 Men. A Guard at the Barracks of an Officer & 20 A Serjeant and 20 on the Quarter of each Battalion & a Serjeant & 12 in each of the three Roads Leading into the Country,

A Subaltern Officer, to Inspect the Guards (The Main Guard excepted)

A Field Officer of the day to Visit the Whole, The Guards Inspected by the Captain to Report to him, The Captain of the Main Guard & the Captain of the day to the Field Officer who is to Report to Major General Grant,

An Officer & 30 Men of the Guards to Parade to Morrow Morning at 7 oClock at the Bridge to Escort Some Empty Waggon to Amboy & bring them back when Loaded the Whole of the Waggon of the Dragoons, Guards, & Grenadiers to be sent to the Bridge to Morrow Morning at 7 oClock to Proceed to Amboy for Stores & provisions on their Return they will be sent back to their Corps,

A Quarter Master of the Dragoons, Guards, & Grenadiers to go with the Escort taking Charge of their Respective Waggon...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>., 1776...

The Commander-in-Chief has the Honour of communicating to the Army that the Behaviour of the Officers and Soldiers, both British and Hessian, on the 27<sup>th</sup>. August last, has received his Majesty's strongest Approbation...

Promotions received from the War Office...

71<sup>st</sup>. Regiment, Additional Companies [in Scotland]. – Lieu<sup>t</sup>. James Innes, of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Regiment, to be Captain [28<sup>th</sup>. Aug., 1776]. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. William Walkinshaw, of late 115<sup>th</sup>., to be Lieutenant [26<sup>th</sup>. Aug., 1776]. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. John Storey, of late 115<sup>th</sup>., to be Lieutenant [27<sup>th</sup>. Aug.]. James Campbell, Gentleman, to be Ensign [26<sup>th</sup>. Aug.]. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. John McDonnell, of 15<sup>th</sup>. Regiment, to be Captain [27<sup>th</sup>. Aug.]. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Alexander Grant, of late 88<sup>th</sup>., to be Lieutenant [25<sup>th</sup>. Aug.]. 2<sup>d</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Alexander McBean, of the Artillery, to be Lieutenant [28<sup>th</sup>. Aug.]. John McDonald, Gentleman, to be Ensign [27<sup>th</sup>. Aug.]. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Sir James Baird to be Captain. Ensign Hay McDowall, of 25<sup>th</sup>. Regiment, to be Lieutenant [1<sup>st</sup>. Sep<sup>t</sup>.]...

Note: Lt. Hay McDowall was later a Capt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

[C/G] Head Quarters [Jersey Brunswick] 22<sup>nd</sup>. December 1776...

A Patrole of an Officer & 30 Grenadiers to March to Morrow Morning at 7 oClock to Meet a Detachment of Equal Force half way from Price Town, then Return to his Quarters, The Officers to make all Soldiers Prisoners who he Finds out of his Cantoonments,

Commanding Officers of Corps at Brunswick & the Landing may give leave to one Officer of a Company (Cap<sup>t</sup>. or Subaltern) to go to New York for Ten days till they Return No Leave will be given, Afterwards every Gentleman shall have the Same Indulgence in his Turn,

A Corporal & 6 Dragoons to be at the Landing to Morrow Morning at 10 oClock to Escort Gentlemen who are Going to New York,

The Fire Buckets in the Town off Brunswick are to be Immediately Collected & Given in Charge of the Main Guard...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, 22<sup>d</sup>. Dec., 1776...

The Shoes delivered to the Troops are to be charged to them at four Shillings and ten and a half pence Sterling per Pair, and the Commanding Officers of the Regiments who have received them are as soon as possible to send Returns thereof to Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Co<sup>l</sup>. [William] Sherriffe, Deputy Quarter Master General, and the Paymasters are also to transmit, to their respective Agents, Returns agreeable to the Stoppages they make, as they are to account for the same.



Such of the Regiments as have not put on their New Clothing are desired to put it on as soon as possible...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

The Shoes Received from the Quarter Master General are to be Charg'd to the Men at 4 Shillings & 10 ½<sup>d</sup> Sterling *P<sup>r</sup>* pair  
Returns to be Sent to Major of Brigade [William] Brown from each Corps of the Number of Shoes Receiv'd...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, 23<sup>d</sup>. Dec., 1776...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 24<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

as their are Skulking Rebel Parties Scatter'd over the Country Shooting Cannot be permitted,  
The Blacksmiths of the Brigade of Guards & Grenadiers to be Sent Immediately to the Forge of the Provien [provision] Train in Brunswick...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

Head Quarters, Trentown, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

Small straggling Parties, not dressed like Soldiers and without Officers, not being admissible in War, who presume to molest or fire upon Soldiers or peaceable Inhabitants of the Country, will be immediately hanged without Trial, as Assassins.

Capt.-Lieut. Robinson, of the Corps of Engineers, is appointed to act in the Department of the Quarter Master General till further Orders.

Head Quarters, Trentown, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>., 1776.

States are to be sent once a Fortnight from the Corps in Jersey to Major of Brigade [William] Brown, at Brunswick, for the Adjutant-General.

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 25<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

A Captain 2 Subalterns & 60 Grenadiers with a Corporal and Six L<sup>t</sup> Dragoons to March to Morrow Morning at 7 °Clock and Escort Artillery Waggons Stores &c, to South Amboy where they are to Diliver them over to the Officer Commanding the Battalion of Hessian Grenadiers the Escort is then to Return to Brunswick

Assisting Commissary [Mr. James] Christie to press & load all the Waggons which Can be got in that part of the Country,

A Serjeant & 12 of the Guards to Mark to Morrow Morning at 7 °Clock on the Road Leading to Amboy, till they meet an Escort of the 33<sup>rd</sup>. with Waggons which they are to take Under their Charge & then Return to Brunswick,

The two Six pounders Appropriated to the Brigade of Guards that where Remov'd Yesterday from the Rising Ground to be put into a Shed Near the Bridge to prevent the Carriages being Damaged During the Winter,

This Precaution has been taken in Town & Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Edward] Mathew will be so good as to Order the Shed to be Filled up,

An Officer & 20 Grenadiers to march to Morrow Morning at 7 °Clock to 6 Mile Run Escorting provision waggon for Prince Town which he is to diliver to a Detachment at that Garrison which is to halt there to day, the Officer is then to Return to Brunswick...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

The Physicians and Surgeons of the General Hospital to examine the Sick and Wounded of the Regiments under [Lt.] Gen. [Henry] Clinton's Command, and report to the Commander in Chief such as they judge unfit for further Service. The Regiments here to give in their Returns of Invalids to the Deputy Adjutant General on the 28<sup>th</sup>., at Orderly time.



After Orders, 3 o'Clock.

The Commander in Chief recommends it in the strongest Manner to the Field Officer on Duty to urge and enforce to the Officers commanding Guards the absolute Necessity there is of constant and frequent Patrols during the Night, to prevent all Depredations and Disorders, several having been lately committed, even close to the sentries on Duty, and some last Night.

Any sentry, when posted, who is found to be inattentive to his Duty or negligent of it will be punished with the utmost Severity. The Security of the Garrison entirely depends upon their doing their Duty properly as Soldiers.



*Battle of Trenton, 1975, by Hugh Charles McBarron, Jr.*

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *U. S. Army Center of Military History*

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey New Brunswick 26<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

Note: After crossing the Delaware River on the night of Dec. 25, Rebel Gen. George Washington's army attacked Col. Johann Rall's Hessian Brigade at Trenton, New Jersey, on the morning of Dec. 26, killing or capturing most of the brigade. This attack caused a significant redistribution of British forces in New Jersey.

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, 26<sup>th</sup>. Dec., 1776...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 27<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

Morning Orders 7 o'Clock

The Light Infantry Company of the Guards to March at 11 o'Clock to day in order to take post on the Prince Town Road, Cap<sup>t</sup> Moncrieff will Shew the post,  
The Guards Mounted Near the Bridge by the L<sup>t</sup> Company to be Immediately Reliev'd by the Guards...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

The Recovered and Convalescent Men belonging to the Troops in Jersey are to be immediately sent over to their respective Regiments.



British Army Wagons, 1803, by W. H. Pyne

Picture Source: *National Army Museum, London*

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 28<sup>th</sup>. Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

In order to Relieve the Inhabitants from the Inconveniences Necessarily Attending the Pressing of Waggon for his Majestys Service It is Required that the Commanding Officers at each Quarter should Advertise for the Country people to enter their Waggon into the Service Regularly that no More than one Months Attendance will be Required at a Time that shall be paid Monthly or Weekly as may be most Convenient to them at the Quarter master Generals Office in Brunswick, Upon Producing a Certificate from the Commanding Officers in Whose Corps he or they Served or from any of the Publick Officers of the Army that they shall be paid in Gold & Silver Specie According to the Following Rates, Viz<sup>t</sup>. For each Driver with a Waggon & four horses 15<sup>s</sup> P<sup>r</sup> day a Waggon & 2 horses 11 Shillings with provisions & Forage for each Driver & horse, Single Horses 3 Shillings P<sup>r</sup> day, All Artificers Employ'd in the Publick Works will be paid at the Said Office on a Certificate as Above Specifying the Rate agreed Upon & the Time of Service...

[C/G] [Guards] Brigade After Orders

The Cloathing of the Brigade to be fitted as Soon as Possible without any further Alterations for the Present...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>., 1776...



[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 29<sup>th</sup>. December 1776...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 30<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

All Flour Bags & Barrells belonging to the Commissary to be Return'd as Soon as Empty'd...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>., 1776...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 31<sup>st</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1776...

Note: No orders were issued for Jan. 1-3, 1777. As a result of the Rebel surprise and victory at Trenton, Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis deferred his plans to travel to England and left New York on Jan. 1, arriving that night at Princeton to take overall command of the troops in New Jersey. The Battle of Assunpink Creek (2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Trenton) was fought on Jan. 2 and the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The orders issued after Lord Cornwallis' arrival represent his orders.

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>., 1776...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>., 1777...

The Remains of [Hessian] Col. [Johann] Rall's Brigade being under Orders for New York the Deputy Quarter Master General will provide Vessels to receive them at Amboy, where they are to Embark, and the Barrack-Master of New York will prepare Barracks to receive them.

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 3<sup>d</sup>., 1777...

An Officer of each Corps from the Jerseys on Rhode Island, now upon duty in Town, is to attend every day at 12 o'Clock at the Orderly Room.



*"The Death of General Mercer at the Battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777," 1789 by John Trumbull*

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Yale University Art Gallery

[C/G] [Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis' Orders] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 4<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...  
The Troops are to Form at their Alarm Post half an hour before day break & to remain Under arms till Sun Rise,

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of British Grenadiers after they have form'd in the Morning are to March & form with the L<sup>t</sup>. Infantry Upon the Heights Near the Light Infantry post,

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Hessian Grenadiers are to March from their Alarm post in front of the Barracks & take a Central Position between the Hessian Battalion Covering Brunswick and the British Grenadiers & L<sup>t</sup> Infantry so as Covering the Baggage to be able to Reinforce Either,



Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling

Picture Source: The Black Watch Castle & Museum

L<sup>t</sup>. Colo. [Thomas] Stirling to March the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment to Morrow Morning 2 hours before day light & Form Upon the Heights Opposite to the Bridge so as to be able to Support the Troops on Either Side of the [Rariton] River if an Attack Should be made,

The Men to keep their Arms Near them and are Never to Quit their Accoutrements,

If Three Guns are Fired at the Barracks the Troops are Immediately to Stand to their Arms & take post at the Alarm Posts Assign'd to them, these Orders to be Observ'd without being Repeat'd

a Captain 2 Subalterns & 50 Grenadiers to Mount the Main Guard & to take Charge of M<sup>r</sup> [Rebel Maj. Gen. Charles] Lee as Formerly they will have an Allowance for this duty & Retailing the Details with the Hessians,

Constant patrols are to be sent from the Different Guards.

During the Night, A Field Officer of British for Brunswick, A Field Officer of the Guards for their own posts & a Field Officer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade for theirs. These 3 Field Officers to Communicate with each Other. The Commanding Officer of the Artillery to have 3 Guns in front of the Barracks in case of an Alarm but not to be Fired till he Receives Orders.

Lord Cornwallis is Thoroughly Sensible of the Great Fatigue which the Troops have Suffer'd yet he Flatters himself if a Glorious Opportunity Should Offer of Attacking the Rebels they will Exert

Themselves on that Occasion, & Not Thinking an Unexpected March a Hardship,

Horses Harnesses & Every Necessary for the Artillery Ammunition to be kept in Constant Readiness,

Brigadiers [Edward] Mathew & [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will post each Guard & Piquets as they shall think Necessary for the Security of their posts...

Note: The Brunswick barracks stood on George Street and across Paterson Street.

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 5<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

If any of the Troops wants Shoes the Quarter Masters are Immediately to Apply to Captain Brewen who will Diliver them, They are to give Receipts for the Number they Receive as the Men are to pay for them the Price has already been Mention'd in Orders, No time is to be lost in making Application as the Troops March Upon the Shortest Notice to Attack the Rebel Army.

The Several Corps to Send their Quarters Immediately to Cap<sup>t</sup>. [Thomas] Davis of the Artillery at Brunswick for Ammunition to Compleat to 60 Rounds *P<sup>r</sup>* Man...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 6<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 7<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

Notwithstanding the Repeated orders which have been given to Prevent & put a Stop to the Enormous & Scandalous Irregularities Committed in Carrying of Stores from the Inhabitants of the Country & keeping them in Direct Contradiction to the Regulation Made by the Commander in Chief by which Means the Army is Already Distress'd for Forage & will not be able to Subsist if the Above is not Immediately put a Stop to Notice is Therefore given to the Commanding Officers of Corps that the Horses will be Inspected the 9<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. in the Morning by the Quarter Master General & if any horses Exceeding the Regulation then or at any future period the Commanding Officer of Corps to Which such horses belong will be put in Arrest for Disobedience & Contempt of Orders...

[C/G] [Guards Orders] Rariton Landing, January 7<sup>th</sup> 1777...

N.B. the Men to keep their old Waistcoats to wear as under ones,

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 8<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

Major [Edward] Mitchell of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Batt<sup>n</sup>. Grenadiers is Immediately to take the Command of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Regiment, During the Absence of L<sup>t</sup>. Colonel [William] Walcot,

#### Memorandum

Some Recruits belonging to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade will Fire Ball to Morrow Morning, after the Troops Return, The Effects of the Late Captain [Erasmus John] Phillips [35<sup>th</sup> Regt.] to be sold to Morrow Morning at 10 °Clock at Majors [George Barclay's] Barcleys Quarters...

Note: Capt. Phillips was killed at the battle of Princeton, while leading a detachment of recovered sick soldiers for the flank companies.



Reproduction 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

General [Sir William] Howe desires Lieu<sup>t</sup>.-Co<sup>l</sup>. [Charles] Mawhood will accept his thanks for his Gallantry and good Conduct in the Attack made upon the Enemy on the 3<sup>d</sup>. Instant. He desires his thanks may also be given to the Officers and Soldiers of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Foot, to part of the 55<sup>th</sup>. Regiment, and other Detachments on their march, who on that occasion supported the 17<sup>th</sup>. Regiment and Charged the Enemy with Bayonets in the most Spirited manner.

The General desires his public Approbation may be signified to Capt. [William] Scott, of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Foot, for his remarkable good conduct in protecting and securing the Baggage of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Brigade on the above Occasion.

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 9<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

General [Sir William] Howe Desires L<sup>t</sup> Colo. [Charles] Mawhood will except his thanks for his Galantry and Good Conduct in the Attack he made Upon the Enemy. Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>. he desires his thanks may be Also given to the Officers & Soldiers of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Foot part of the 55<sup>th</sup>. Regiment & other Detachments on their march who on that Occasion Supported the 17<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. & Charg'd the Enemy with bayonets in the Most Spirited Manner,

The General Desires his Publick Approbation may be Signified to Cap<sup>t</sup>. [William] Scott of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Foot for his Remarkable Good Conduct in protecting & Securing the Baggage of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Upon the Above Occasion,

Weekly States & Separate Returns of the Kill'd & Wounded to be given in to Morrow Morning, Returns of horses with lists of the Officers Names to Whom they belong to be given in at the Same time, The Troops are not to be Alarm'd incase they should hear Popping Shots near their Quarters as their are Nothing but Skulking Rebel parties in the Neighbourhood, The Horses of the Provien [provision] Train which are not fit for Immediate Service to be sent to Statten Island to Morrow Morning,

All the Waggon's belonging to the Army to go a Foraging to Morrow they will be Conducted to the place by a Deputy Commissary,

A Battalion of the 42<sup>nd</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>. to Cover the Forage & Escort them back to their Cantonments, Report having been made that there are horses harness & other Stores Necessary for the Artillery at Amboy Captain [Thomas] Davis must take Care in future to be properly Supplied as he will be made Responsible for Deficiencies...

Note: The large 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. was split into two battalions upon its arrival in America. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion is mentioned it should not be confused with the "official" 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. raised in 1779-80 by Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod for service in South Africa and India.

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.. 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters New York Island 21<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1776

The Commander in Chief [Sir William Howe] has the Honour to Communicate to the Army that the Behaviour of the Officers & Soldiers both British & Hessians on the 27<sup>th</sup>. August last has Received his Majestys Strongest Approbation...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 10<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

After orders one o'clock

The Troops to draw provision Immediately for the 14<sup>th</sup> Inclusive

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 11<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

All flags of Truce sent by the enemy are to be Detain'd at the Out posts & their Dispatches Immediately Sent to the General,  
Persons Coming in from the Country who say they have business with the General are to be forwarded to head Quarters with expedition...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 12<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

Officers Commanding Corps are immediately to send a Return of their Effective present to the Quarter Master General...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

Any patients in the General Hospital found in the Town without a written Pass from the Physicians or Surgeons of the Hospital are to be taken up and Reported as soon as Possible to the Field Officer of the day, that a Garrison Court Martial may be Ordered to try them Immediately.

It having been reported that the Men upon duty at the several Hospitals are remiss in Obeying the Orders they have repeatedly received. The Commander in Chief is determined to Punish with the utmost Rigour the first Neglect or Omission that is reported to him.

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 13<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

A packet will sail for England the latter end of this week, Letters to be sent to [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis's Quarters before ten o'Clock next Thursday...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 14<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

The Troops to Return to their Quarters in the Morning at half an hour after Sun Rise, Unless order'd to the Contrary...

After orders 14<sup>th</sup>. January

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis was extreamly Surpris'd today at Seeing several Waggon in Quarters, Notwithstanding The order of Last Night for the Whole to be sent for Forage this Morning, They are to Assemble Again to Morrow Morning at 7 o'Clock at [Capt. and Lt. Col.] Sir George Osborns [3<sup>rd</sup> Ft. Guards.] Quarters to Forage for the Army Under the Cover of 200 Men & Officers in Proportion of the Guards & no Waggon is to be prevented from going on any Account, When the Waggon return they are to be Unloaded at the Magazine...

Note: The "*order of Last Night*" regarding wagons, mentioned above, was not found in the order book.

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 15<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

After Orders Four o'Clock

The Troops to draw provisions to Morrow Morning for the 20<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. Inclusive

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

The Regiments in New Jersey, Staten Island and York Island are immediately to send proper Persons to New York to settle the Accounts of their Invalids, who will bring with them the Discharges and Recommendations for their Invalids at the same time; that there may be as little delay as possible in sending them home...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 16<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

General Orders,

The Provien [provision] Train Commissary Waggon & all the Waggon belonging to the British & Hessian troops, to Assemble to Morrow Morning at 6 °Clock Upon the road leading to Amboy Opposite to [Brig.] General [Hon. Alexander] Leslie's Quarters, The Whole are to Collect Forage under Cover of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Battalion of Light Infantry & the Batt<sup>n</sup>. of the 42<sup>nd</sup>. & are then to Proceed with the Forage to Amboy & to Return from thence with a Supply of Provisions for the Army no baggage of any kind is to be brought from Amboy (by this Convoy) except Cloathing for the Troops and Barrack Necessaries, The 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons to forage with their own Horses Under this Covering party,  
[Guards] Brigade Orders  
No Fires or Light to be Suffer'd in any of the Mens Cantonments After eight °Clock at Night...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 17<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.. 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 18<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

General Orders...

As Fires are no become so frequent Lord Cornwallis Recommends it to the Officers Commanding Corps to see that the Streets & back yards in their Districts be immediately Clear'd of all Straw & Litter. Orderly hour for the future half after Ten...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 19<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

Gen<sup>l</sup>. Orders...

The Troops to Forage to Morrow All Waggon Carts & Officers Horses to Attend, Four people of the Town are permitted to patrol the Streets at Night to prevent Fires, They will have a Card with [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis's Seal, The Surgeons of Corps may have a Supply of Medicines by Applying to M<sup>r</sup> Roberts at Amboy...



Detail of *Colonel Robert Abercrombie*, 1788, by George Romney

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[C/G] Head Quarters After Orders 7 °Clock

A Detachment of 100 Grenadiers, 100 L<sup>t</sup> Infantry & 200 Hessian Grenadiers with the 3 Pounders of [Lt. Col. Robert] Abercrombie's [1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf.] Batt<sup>n</sup>. Under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Colo: Abercrombie to parade at the Redoubt in front of L<sup>t</sup> Colo: Abercrombie's Quarters at the Same hour, to Collect Forage Cattle & Waggon.



Major [Thomas] Dilkes [49<sup>th</sup> Regt.] with 100 British Grenadiers to parade at the Same time & place to March in the Rear of the Foragers & to take posts in the Skirts of the Wood, on their left & there Remain Until the Foragers are Return'd & then form the Rear Guard,

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>., 1777...  
A Packet will sail for England in a few days...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1777...  
Those Regiments that have received Mittens are to send in a Return to Morrow Morning of the Numbers they have Receiv'd & how many are wanting to Compleat them,  
Provisions to the 24<sup>th</sup> Inclusive to be drawn to Morrow...



Detail of Lt. Gen. Sir William Erskine, Early 1800's, by Samuel William Reynolds, after Richard Cosway

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Portrait Gallery*, London

[C/G] After orders 7 °Clock  
The Troops to Forage to Morrow all the Waggon to Attend each Regiment Reserving one Waggon to bring home their provisions from the Commissary, The Light Dragoons 1 Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenadiers, 1 Batt<sup>n</sup>. Light Infantry & Minnegerode's Batt<sup>n</sup>. of Hessian Grenadiers with the Field Peices belonging to the Whole to parade to Morrow Morning in the Front of the Light Infantry's Redoubt at half past 7 °Clock Under the Command of Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup>. Erskine,  
The Forage for the Future Collected by the Regimental Waggon & Horses to be brought Home to their Respective Corps & to be Accounted for the Commissary...

Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>., 1777...  
Major [Christopher] French, 22<sup>d</sup>. Regiment, is appointed to act as Major to 1<sup>st</sup>. Light Infantry, in the Room of Major [Thomas] Dundass [65<sup>th</sup> Regt.]...  
Weekly States from the Troops in Jersey to be sent Immediately to the Adjutant-General's Office in New York..

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 21<sup>st</sup> January 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1777...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 22<sup>d</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 23<sup>d</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 24<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

General Orders

Returns of the Women & Children belonging to each Regiment to be given in to Morrow at Orderly time, Whenever the Mornings are very bad the Troops are not to turn out but the Officers are to see that the Men are Accounted in their Quarters.

[C/G] General [Sir William] Howes orders.

The Regiments in New Jersey, Staten Island & New York Island are Immediately to send proper persons to New York to Settle the Accounts of their Invalids who will bring with them Discharges & Recommendations for their Invalids at the same time that there may be as Little Delay as possible in Sending them home...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 25<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

General Orders

Surgeons of Regiments are not to Inoculate in this Neighbourhood Without leave from [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis,

General [Sir William] Howes orders,

Major [Christopher] French of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment is Appointed to act as Major to the first L<sup>t</sup> Infantry in the Room of Major [Thomas] Dundass [65<sup>th</sup> Regt.].

Weekly States of the Troops in the Jerseys to be sent Immediately to the Adjutant Generals Office at New York...

[Guards] Brigade Orders...

The Serjeants are to see the Meat weigh'd for their Companys before they take it away from the Quarter Masters

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 26<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

After orders

All the Wagons & horses of the Army to be ready to Morrow Morning at 7 o'Clock Under the Escort of the 2<sup>nd</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Infantry 2<sup>nd</sup> Grenadiers & 1<sup>st</sup> Hessian Grenadiers, Commanded by Colo. [Carl von] Donope...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

There being 16,000 Pairs of Soles, 250 Sets of Shoemaker's Tools, 14 Dozen l<sup>bs</sup>. of Shoemaker's Thread, 40 l<sup>bs</sup>. of Shoemaker's Bristles, 200,000 Shoemaker's Pegs, and 450 Lasts; the several Regiments will receive their Proportions on application to Lieut.-Col. William Sherriffe, Deputy Quarter Master General. The Soles are to be Paid for at the Rate of 12 Shilling 9 pence per Dozen Pairs. The Tools, Thread, Bristles, Pegs, and Lasts are given gratis. The Paymasters of Regiments will make proper Stoppages for the Number of Pairs of Soles they receive.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 27<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

The Troops will Receive to Morrow 4 days provision to the first of February Inclusive...

Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>., 1777...

A Return to be given in from each Regiment immediately, of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Private men, they have Prisoners with the Rebels...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

The Troops are not to Turn out in the Morning till further orders but the Officers are to see that the Men are Accoutred & in Readiness in their Quarters,  
 An Officer of each Brigade the Quarter Master of each Regiment with 2 NonCommission Officers are to Attend the Waggons & Bat Horses of the Regiment ever Foraging Day & upon no Account to Allow the men to leave the Waggons but make them load as quick as possible,  
 The Quarter Masters are to give their receipts to the Inhabitants for the Quantity of Forage he takes, A Copy of which is to be given in next Morning to the Commissary, A Conductor to be Appointed to every 8 Waggons belonging to the Quarter Master General, and Commissary who are to be Answerable that the Waggons & Horses are kept in proper order & those Conductors to be Under the Inspection of the Waggon Master General. Receipts to be given by those Conductors to the Inhabitants for the Forage they Load Copies of Which Receipts are to be Collected next Morning with a Return of the Number of Waggons Loaded that day...

[H/K] Head Quarters, New York, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>., 1777.

Lieu<sup>t</sup>. [Hon. Henry Roderick] Broderick, 33<sup>d</sup>. Regiment, is appointed Aid-de-Camp to Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis in the Room of Capt. [Jeremiah] Tinker.

Note: The *New York Historical Society's* "The Kemble Papers: Vol. I, 1773-1789" (orders annotated [H/K]) has a note that "*The Order Book from January 29<sup>th</sup>. to 19<sup>th</sup>. June, 1777, is Missing from the Kemble Papers.*" Accordingly, this Combined Orders section adds New York State Library's *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, 29 January 1777 - 20 June 1777*, with these orders annotated [H/K2].

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 29<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

[H/K2] General Orders by His Excell<sup>y</sup> Sir W<sup>m</sup> Howe Gen<sup>l</sup>. and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America &c commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January and ending 20<sup>th</sup> June 1777

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 30<sup>th</sup> January 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Jersey Brunswick 31<sup>st</sup> January 1777...

Note: No After order is included for the foraging at Drake's farm near Metuchen, under the command of Sir William Erskine on Feb. 1, 1777 which was opposed by a large rebel detachment. A detachment of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was active in the engagement.

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1777...

The Commanding Officers who have occasion to send Money to any of Their Men taken Prisoners will send it to Col: Wescott.

Major [Peter] Craig of 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to act as Major to First L<sup>t</sup> Infantry and Lieu<sup>t</sup>. [John] Wilson 23<sup>d</sup> Regt to act as Adj<sup>t</sup>.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

Several men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion L<sup>t</sup> Infantry & Some of Other Corps having lately been Taken by the Enemy by Stragling beyond the out posts of the Army / Lord Cornwallis orders that for the future the out Centries shall fire upon any soldier who shall Attempt to go beyond them without a proper pass he likewise expects that the Commanding Officers of battalions and Companies will take the Most effectual Methods to prevent the Men Under their Command from leaving their Quarters & he hopes that the

Soldier has too Much Spirit to Risque a Long & Shamefull captivity for the hopes of procuring any Triffling Temporary Convenience,  
Four days provisions to the 5<sup>th</sup> Inclusive to be drawn to Morrow...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>. 1777...

The Physicians and Surgeons of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Hospital, to examine all Soldiers that are brought by the several Reg<sup>ts</sup> as invalids, and to mark such as they judge unfit for further Service...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1777...

General [Sir William] Howes orders

16 Thousand pair of Soles 230 Setts of Shoe Makers Tools 14 dozen pound of Shoe Makers thread, 40 pound of Shoe Makers Bristles. 200,000 Shoe Maker pegs, & 450 Shoe Maker Lasts,  
The Several Regiments will Receive their proportion on Application to L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Sherriffe [47<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Deputy Quarter Master General, The Soles are to be paid for at 12/9 *P<sup>r</sup>*. doz<sup>n</sup>. pair, The Tools, Thread, Bristles, pegs & Lasts are given gratis, the pay masters of Regiments will make proper Stoppages for the Number of pairs of soles they Receive,  
A Return to be given from each Reg<sup>t</sup>. Immediately of the Officers Non Commission Officers & private Men they had prisoners with the Rebels. L<sup>t</sup>. [Hon. Henry] Broderick. 33<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. is Appointed Aid de Camp to L<sup>t</sup>. General [Charles] Earl Cornwallis in the Room of Captain [Jeremiah] Tinker [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.]...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York Feb<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>... [to] Feb<sup>y</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1777...

In Consequence of the Good behaviour of the Troops on the 1<sup>st</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> & the Bad Weather the Men are this day to receive an Extra Gill of Rum, The Commanding Officers of Corps are to Send to the Commissary for it,

No Persons are to be permitted to go beyond the Out posts without passed by the Aide de Camp or Major of Brigade which passes are to be sent every Morning to head Quarters, by the Officers on duty at the Several out posts. those Passes wrote on cards will not have the day of the Month on them...

Note: The order refers to the Battle of Drake's Farm where foragers under Brig. Gen. Sir. William Erskine (including a detachment of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.) repelled a large rebel party near Metuchen on Feb. 1, 1777.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 4<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

Commanding Officers of Corps are desired to order all Dead Horses Entrails of Cattle &c near their Quarters to be Buried Immediately,  
Four days provisions to the 9<sup>th</sup> Inclusive to be drawn to Morrow...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1777...

The Flank Corps, and 3<sup>d</sup> Brig<sup>de</sup>. lately arriv'd from Rhode Island, will take up all their recover'd Men found in New York and order them to join their Regiments immediately.

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Company as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> British Grenadier Battalion is covered in this order as part of the "*Flank Corps*."

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 5<sup>th</sup> February 1777...  
Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> January 1777  
Order

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the Following promotions...

Alexander Innis Esq<sup>r</sup> is Appointed Inspector General of the Provincial Troops in North America with the provincial rank of L<sup>t</sup> Colonel he is to be observ'd as such & all Applications from these Corps are to be made to him.

Major [Christopher] French of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. is Appointed to the Command of the Queens Rangers till further orders,

The Invalids of those Reg<sup>ts</sup>. that are Arrived from Rhode Island to be Examin'd by the Physicians & Surgeons of the general Hospital as soon after they land as Possible,

The Invalids of those Corps as well as those in Jersey to be immediately Settled with to the 23<sup>rd</sup> february Inclusive. Their Discharges to be given & their Ballance paid into the hands of Cap<sup>t</sup>. [James Susanna] Patton of 6<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>. Appointed to take Charge of them,

The Commanding Officers of Corps who have Occation to send money to any of their Men taken prisoners will send it to L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Walcott [5<sup>th</sup> Regt.],

Major [Peter] Craig of the 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. is Appointed to act as major to the 1<sup>st</sup>. Light Infantry, & Lieu<sup>t</sup>. [John] Wilson of 23<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. is Appointed Adjutant

Major [Samuel] Holland is Appointed to the Command of the Guides in the Room of Capt<sup>n</sup> [Andreas Emmerich] Americk....

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 6<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

There being now some Portor & Sower Crout Arriv'd the Troops will Receive theirs to Morrow in the Following proportion,

Sour Crout

1 Cask for 1<sup>st</sup>. & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Grenadiers & Dragoons

1 d<sup>o</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup>. & 2<sup>nd</sup>. L<sup>t</sup>. Infantry & 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment

1 d<sup>o</sup> for the two Batt<sup>n</sup>. Guards & 35<sup>th</sup> Regiment

1 d<sup>o</sup> for the 28<sup>th</sup>. & 49<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>ts</sup>. & 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. 42<sup>nd</sup>.

1 d<sup>o</sup> for the 33<sup>rd</sup>. – 71<sup>st</sup>. – & 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 42<sup>nd</sup>.

2 d<sup>o</sup> for the Hessians

1 d<sup>o</sup> for the Open'd for the Artillery & Officers

Portor 7 Jills P Man...

Note: Porter is a dark style of beer.

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York

Feb<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1777...

All Officers who come in from having been Prisoners with the Rebels are immediately to send in their Names to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office, with a Return of what Men they bring along with them.

Notes: Lt. Harry Munro and Ens. John Campbell, of Capt. Smith's Co. had been captured on the transport *Oxford* in May 1776 and carried into Newport, Rhode Island on the Rebel Brig *Andrew Doria*. They were exchanged for Rebel Officers at Newport on Feb. 1, 1777.

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York

Feby 7<sup>th</sup>... [to] Feb<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 7<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

Note: The order book does not include an entry for Feb. 8, 1777.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 9<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

Four days provision to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Inclusive to be drawn to Morrow...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 10<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 11<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 12<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

[C/G] General Orders,

Four days provisions to the 17<sup>th</sup> Inclusive to be drawn to Morrow

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis Expects that the Officers on the out posts will pay more Attention to the Orders on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Instant

Memorandum

A Vessell will very soon sail for England. Letters sent to Lord Cornwallis's Quarters to Morrow Morning by 10 °Clock will be forwarded to New York...

[C/G] General Orders, After Orders,

A Return to be sent this evening to head Quarters of the Number of men in the Light Infantry, Guards & 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade that are Acquainted with the Working of Cannon.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

The 2 Iron Guns in the Grenadier Redoubt by the Hessian Grenadiers, the 1 Gun in the redoubt behind LColo [Robert] Abercrombies [1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf. Bn.] quarters by a Detachment from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade & the 2 Guns in the L<sup>t</sup> Infantry Redoubt are to be Man<sup>d</sup> by the L<sup>t</sup> Infantry...

Memorandum

A Packet will Sail for England in a few days...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York

Feb<sup>y</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1777.

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions.

43<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Ens<sup>n</sup> Allan Malcolm from 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Lieut. vice Robertson promoted d<sup>o</sup> } 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1777...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>

Arthur Law Vol<sup>r</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice Malcolm prom<sup>d</sup> } 6<sup>th</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 15<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

The Guards & 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade are to Furnish two Centries to be posted on the Bridge, they are not to Suffer any soldier to pass them except they are pass'd by a Non Commission Officer or have a pass in Writing, Sign'd by a publick Officer...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York

Feb<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 16<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

General Orders,

No Soldier will be permitted to Cross the Bridge Unless pass'd by an Officer or NonCommission Officer or produce a pass Sign'd by an Aid de Camp or Major of Brigade as several Soldiers have been seen drunk between the Landing & Brunswick,

Four days provisions to the 21<sup>st</sup> Inclusive will be Receiv'd to Morrow

one butt of porter to each Batt<sup>n</sup> of Guards

one butt to each Batt<sup>n</sup> of British Grenadiers, L<sup>t</sup> Infantry, Hessian Grenadiers, 42<sup>nd</sup> – 33<sup>rd</sup> – & 71<sup>st</sup>.

3 Butts to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1 Butt to the Dragoons

a Butt to the Artillery & Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers], with a Butt of Sour Crout to each Batt<sup>n</sup> & a Butt to the Artillery. & Hessian Chasseurs will be Deliver'd to Morrow...

Note a "Butt" is defined as a cask holding 108 imperial gallons or about 130 US gallons.

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1777...

Major Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Sir Robert] Pigot is appointed to succeed Major Gen<sup>l</sup>. [James] Robertson as Commander of the Garrison.

All Reports and Returns are consequently to be made to him...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 17<sup>th</sup> February 1777...  
Memorandum

The Men are to pay 5<sup>d</sup> P diem for provisions in the General Hospital

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>... [to] Feb<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 18<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 19<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 20<sup>th</sup> February 1777...

Three days provision to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Inclusive will be issued to the Troops to Morrow with one butt of portor to each Batt<sup>n</sup>. of Guards, Grenadiers L<sup>t</sup> Infantry, Hessians & Dragoons,  
3 Butts to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade  
1 Butt to the 2 Battalions of the 42<sup>nd</sup>.  
1 Butt each to the 33<sup>rd</sup>. & 71<sup>st</sup> Battalions & 1 for the Artillery and Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers],  
A Return of the Number of Officers present of each Battalion to be sent to head quarters this evening as proportion of fresh provisions will be delivered to the Officers to Morrow...

Note: A Butt held 130 gallons. For the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. this would result in about a cup of beer a day per soldier.]



Detail from "Generalleutnant Leopold von Heister," 1776, by Johann Werner Kobold

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[H/K2] New-York Feb<sup>y</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. 1777.

[Hessian] Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] de Heister's Orders...

[C/G] [Guards] Brigade Morning Orders 21<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 1777...

[H/K2] New-York February 21<sup>st</sup>... [to] Feb<sup>y</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>. 1777.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

4 Days provision to the 28<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be Receiv'd to Morrow

Each Batt<sup>n</sup> will send to Morrow 2 Waggon for Hay to Doves Near the 42<sup>nd</sup>. where a person from the Commissary will Attend to Deliver it...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 24<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

[H/K2 Head Quarters Brunswick  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1777...

A Return to be given in as soon as possible from each of their number of Prisoners taken by the Rebels according Form that will be deliver'd to the Majors of Brigade.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 26<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 27<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

4 days provision to the 4<sup>th</sup> Inclusive to be Receiv'd to Morrow

A Butt of portor & a Butt of Sour Crout will be deliver'd to each Batt<sup>n</sup>. of Guards, Grenadiers L<sup>t</sup> Infantry 33<sup>rd</sup> – 42<sup>nd</sup> – Second Batt<sup>n</sup> of the 71<sup>st</sup> & Light Horse, 3 Butts of portor & 3 of Sour Crout to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, & one Butt of portor & one Butt of Sour Crout to the Artillery & Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers], A Return of the Number of Waggon each Batt<sup>n</sup>. is in Possession of Including them belonging to the Officers to be sent in to Morrow Morning...

[H/K2] New-York February 27<sup>th</sup> ... [to] March 9<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 28<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 1<sup>st</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1777...

4 days provisions to the 8<sup>th</sup> Inclusive to be receiv'd to Morrow with one butt of portor for each Batt<sup>n</sup>. of Grenadiers, L<sup>t</sup> Infantry Guards, 33<sup>rd</sup>. & 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. of 71<sup>st</sup>. – 3 Butts to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade one Butt to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. 1 d<sup>o</sup> [Butt] to the L<sup>t</sup>. Dragoons, & one Between the Artillery & Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers]., [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis Requests that such Batt<sup>ns</sup>. as are in Possession of Slays [sleighs] will so good as to Send them with Horses to Colo. [Hon. William] Harcourts [16<sup>th</sup> Drag.] Quarters to Morrow Morning at 8 °Clock...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 4<sup>th</sup> March 1777...



Serj<sup>t</sup>. Will<sup>m</sup>. Stuart of the 64<sup>th</sup> Foot is Appointed Quarter Master to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. Grenadiers in the Room of Serjeant Richardson Preffer'd

Memorandum

Part of the Effects of the late Cornet [Francis Geary] Gray will be sold by Auction to Morrow Morning at 12 oClock at the Mess Room of the Queens Light Dragoons...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 5<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 6<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 7<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

4 days provisions to the 12<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be Receiv'd to Morrow

1 butt of portor to each Batt<sup>n</sup>. of Guards L<sup>t</sup> Infantry & grenadiers

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis Recommends it to the Officers Commanding Corps to See that every Attention is paid to the Cleanliness of the Troops in their Quarters that necessary Houses be immediately made for the Men & that the dead Horses & every sort of Filth in the Several Districts be Remov'd...



James Ivory Pocket Watch No. 109

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from "92GTA."

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 8<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

Memorandum

Lost in or near Piscataway, a Gold Watch Single Cas'd makers Name James Ivory Dundee whoever dilivers said Watch to the Adjutant of the 42<sup>nd</sup>. or Royal Highland Reg<sup>t</sup>. Shall Receive Five Guineas Reward & no Questions Ask'd.

N. B. there was a Steel Chain with a Cornelian Seal Sett in Gold having Engrav'd on it an Olive Branch the Motto Ex Bello Quies [Peace arises out of war] pendant to the Above watch...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 9<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 10<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
March 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] March 11<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 11<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

4 days provisions to the 16<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued to Morrow  
[Guards] Brigade Orders...

The Waisbelt to Carry the Bayonet & to be wore Across the Shoulder

The Captains are desired to Provide Webbing for Carrying the Mens Blankets According to a pattern to be Seen at the Cantonment of L<sup>t</sup> Colo: S<sup>r</sup> J [John] Wrottesleys Company. The Serjeants to Observe how they are Served. The Officers to Mount Guard with their Fuzees

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 12<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 1777...

The Commander in Chief has it in Command from his Majesty to express in the strongest Terms his Roy<sup>l</sup>. Approbation of the Activity persevering Ardour and Bravery which has been so evidently manifested by the Troops, both British and Foreign serving in North America under his Command...

The Paymaster of Corps will transmit to the Barrack Master Gen<sup>l</sup>. Accounts of Furniture and Utensil Money due to the Troops that the same may be forthwith issued according to Regulation.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 13<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
March 13<sup>th</sup> 1777...

The Majors in the Army whose Rank is prior to 1773 and who may be able and willing to purchase Lieut- Colonelcys are immediately to acquaint the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. with the same, that their Names may be transmitted to his Majesty's Secretary at War, and their Pretensions consider'd, whenever any Promotion by Purchase is going on at home...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 14<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
March 14<sup>th</sup> ... [to] March 16<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 15<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 16<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

Four days provisions to the 20<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued to morrow together with one Butt of Sour Crout to each Battalion and 3 Butts of portor to the 2 Brigade, 2 to the 42<sup>nd</sup>. one to the 33<sup>rd</sup>. & 71<sup>st</sup>. one to the Light Dragoons & 1 to the Artillery and Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers]. 1 Cask Vinigar will Also be Diliver'd to each Battalion,

The Commander in Chiefs orders March 12, 1777

Commanding Officers of Corps are Desir'd to Send Certificates Immediately to the Adjutant Generals Office of the Draughts they have receiv'd from the Regiments Serving in Canada.

The Commander in Chief has it in Command from his Majesty to Express in the Strongest Terms his Royal Approbation of the Activity, persevering, Ardour & Bravery which have been so Eminently Manifested by the Troops both British & Foreign Serving in North America Under his Command,



Reproduction 7<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

His Majesty has been pleas'd to Appoint Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Richard] Prescott to be Colonel of the 7<sup>th</sup>. or Royal Fuzileers in the Room of L<sup>t</sup>. General Lord Robert Bertie Remov'd  
The pay Masters of Corps will Transmitt to the Barrack Master General. Accounts of Furniture & Utensil Money due to the Troops that the Same may be Forthwith Issued According to Regulation  
A Packet will sail for England in a few days...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions...

38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Major Dan<sup>l</sup>. Disney f<sup>m</sup>. 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Major vice Bruce promoted } 10<sup>th</sup> Mar: 77...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>

Ens<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gordon to be Lieut: vice Sinclair deceas'd } d<sup>o</sup> [10<sup>th</sup> Mar 77]

Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Kay Gordon to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice Gordon promoted } d<sup>o</sup>

Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieut: John Graham to be Cap<sup>t</sup> of an add<sup>l</sup> Company } d<sup>o</sup>

Lieut. Charles Cameron to be Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Graham promoted } d<sup>o</sup>

Ens<sup>n</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Mair to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Cameron promoted } 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 77

Archibald Campbell Vol<sup>r</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice Moir promoted } 11<sup>th</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

Cap<sup>t</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Donald f<sup>m</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Major vice Disney removed } 10<sup>th</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

Notes: Capt. John Graham was formerly a Lt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 17<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

50 fascines & 200 pickets to be Cut to Morrow by each Battalion of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry, British & Hessian Grenadiers Guards & 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade

The Light Infantry & Grenadiers are to Diliver Number at the White House in the rear of the Cavalry Cantoonsments & the Guards 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade are to send theirs to Brig<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathews Quarters  
An Officer of Engineers will Attend at each place to give Receipts for them...



Reproduction 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Button

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[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1777...

Promotions rec<sup>d</sup> from y<sup>e</sup>. War Office...

Additional Companies 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> [Scotland]

1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Capt<sup>n</sup> John M<sup>c</sup>Donald f<sup>m</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> foot 27<sup>th</sup> Aug: 76

( Alex<sup>r</sup> Grant 88<sup>th</sup> Foot 25<sup>th</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

( John Storey 115<sup>th</sup> Foot 27<sup>th</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

Lieut<sup>s</sup> ( James Abercrombie 69<sup>th</sup> f<sup>t</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

	( Peter Agnew 25 <sup>th</sup> foot	31 <sup>st</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
Ens <sup>ns</sup>	(W <sup>m</sup> Mackaskill ( Luth [Leith]	25 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	
Capt <sup>ns</sup>	( Alex <sup>r</sup> Ross f <sup>m</sup> late 100 <sup>th</sup> ( James Innes 5 <sup>th</sup> foot	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug: 76 28 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup> -
	( W <sup>m</sup> Walkinshaw 115 <sup>th</sup> f <sup>t</sup> ( Alex <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Bean Artillery ( Andrew Dunlap 58 <sup>th</sup> f <sup>t</sup> ( Hay M <sup>c</sup> Dowall 25 <sup>th</sup> f <sup>t</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup>
Ens <sup>ns</sup>	( James Campbell ( John M <sup>c</sup> Donald	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug: 76 27 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>

Notes: Lt. Hay Macdowal later served as a Capt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 18<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
March 18<sup>th</sup>... [to] March 21<sup>st</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 19<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

Four days provisions to the 24<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued to Morrow  
one Butt of portor to the L<sup>t</sup> Dragoons & each Battalion of Guards, Light Infantry & Grenadiers,  
A Working party of one Subaltern & 60 Men from the Guards & 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade to parade in the rear of  
[Brig.] General [Edward] Mathews Quarters, at Nine °Clock to Morrow Morning...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 20<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 21<sup>st</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New-York  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1777...

The Invalids who have been examined and return'd unfit for Service, are to be clear'd with and  
sent home as soon as possible; they are to receive two Months Subsistance with their Discharges to carry  
them to England, and recommended or not, according to their respective Pretensions.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 23<sup>d</sup> March 1777...

4 days provisions to the 28<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued to the Troops to Morrow & 1 Butt of portor for the  
Light Horse to each Batt<sup>n</sup>. of Guards, L<sup>t</sup> Infantry, British & Hessian Grenadiers 33<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & Batt<sup>n</sup> of the  
71<sup>st</sup>. 3 Butts to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade 2 Butts to the 42<sup>nd</sup>. & one Butt between the Artillery & Hessian Chasseurs  
[Jägers]

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> March 1777

Several Lots of Ground being now Inclos'd in order to Supply the Army in their Several Quarters &  
Cantonments with Greens & Vegetables of all kinds The Commander in Chief is Determin'd to Punish  
with the Utmost Severity any Soldier or Follower of the Army who is Guilty of Breaking down any  
Fences or Inclosure of any kind...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 24<sup>th</sup> March 1777

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Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> March 1777

when Officers on Detachment Draws provisions the Mens Names & Regiments to be put on the back of the returns that it may be known to whom the provisions so drawn may be Charg'd

The 2 New York Companies both Officers & Men are to be form'd into one Under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> [Alexander] Grant,

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1777

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade when mov'd is to Continue Under L<sup>t</sup> General [Charles] Earl Cornwallis Command as before,

The third Batt<sup>n</sup>. of Grenadiers & 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. Light Infantry are to be Incorporated into the 1<sup>st</sup>. & 2<sup>nd</sup>. of each as Follows,

The 15<sup>th</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>. 33<sup>rd</sup>. & 37<sup>th</sup>. Companies to the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenadiers

The 46<sup>th</sup>. 57<sup>th</sup>. & 42<sup>nd</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. Grenadiers

The 15<sup>th</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>. & 33<sup>rd</sup>. Light Infantry to the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry

37<sup>th</sup>. 46<sup>th</sup>. & 57<sup>th</sup>. to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion L<sup>t</sup>. Infantry

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup>. March 1777

The Invalids who have been Examin'd & Return'd Unfit for Service are to be Clear'd with & Sent home as Soon as Possible they are to Receive two Months Subsistence with their Discharges, to carry them to England and Recommended or Not According to their respective Pretentions...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

March 23<sup>d</sup> 1777...

The third Brigade when mov'd is to continue under Lieu<sup>t</sup> Genl. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis's Command as before.

The 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenad<sup>rs</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Infantry, are to be incorporated into the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>ns</sup> as follows.

15<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Companies to the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenadiers.

46<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> to the Second Batt<sup>n</sup> Grenadiers.

15<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 33<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Inf<sup>y</sup> Companies to the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry.

37<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup> Companies to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry.

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

March 24<sup>th</sup> ... [to] March 29<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 25<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 26<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 27<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

Four days provisions to the first of April Inclusive will be issued to the Troops to Morrow,

3 Butts of portor to the British Grenadiers

4 Butts to the Hessian Grenadiers

2 to the L<sup>t</sup> Infantry Detachment

2 to the Guards

3 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade

1 to the Light Dragoons, 42<sup>nd</sup> & 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt & a Batt<sup>n</sup> of the 71<sup>st</sup>.

1 Between the Artillery & Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers]

Commanding Officers of Corps are requested to See that the Dead Horses in their Several Districts be Remov'd...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 28<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 29<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 30<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

Orderly time is Chang'd to 9 °Clock in the Morning

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> March 1777...

[Court martial results]...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

March 30<sup>th</sup> 1777...

The Quarter Masters of Corps, are to inspect the Camp Equipage of their respective Corps, and make a Report as soon as possible to the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of what they have in Store for immediate Use, in Case there should be Occasion to make Use of any before the Arrival of the new Camp Equipage.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 31<sup>st</sup> March 1777...

4 days provisions to the 5<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued to the Troops to Morrow...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions:

15<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Robert Boyes Surg <sup>ns</sup> Mate 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Surg <sup>n</sup> by Purchase, vice [John Peter] Elige	} 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 77...
who retires	}

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 1<sup>st</sup>. April 1777...

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis wishes to show every Indulgence to the Officers but is Convinc'd that if they would Reflect on the Present Situation of the Army they must See the Impropriety of Shooting

Commander in Chief [Gen. Sir William Howe] orders March 28<sup>th</sup>. & 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Commander in Chief is Thoroughly Sensible of the Alertness & good order with which the Detachment Under the Command of L<sup>t</sup>. Colo: [John] Bird [15<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Discharg'd the Service they was Employ'd Lately Upon & Desires his Acknowledgement may be made both to the Officers & men that was on it.

Quarter Masters of Corps are to Inspect the camp Equipage of their Respective Corps & make a report as soon as possible to the quarter Master General what they have in store for Immediate Use. In case there should be Occassion to make use of any before the arrival of the New Camp Equipage...

Note: Lt. Col. Bird's expedition was a 500-man raid on Peekskill, NY, on Mar. 23-24, 1777.

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

April 1<sup>st</sup> ... [to] April 2<sup>d</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

April 3<sup>d</sup> 1777...

The Gen<sup>l</sup> desires that Commanding Officers of Reg<sup>ts</sup> will take Care that the additional Officers who from time to time come out with Recruits or Drafts to their respective Reg<sup>ts</sup> may return by the earliest Opportunity to their several Duties with the additional Companies...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 4<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

4 days provisions to the 9<sup>th</sup>. Inclusive will be issued to Morrow  
Each Battalion may Receive a proportion of Garden Seeds on Applying to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Robson Assistant Quarter  
Master General...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
April 4<sup>th</sup>... [to] 12<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 5<sup>th</sup> April 1777... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick

4 days provisions to the 13<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued to Morrow  
Sour Crout will Also be Diliver'd in the usual proportions.  
As the use of Stoves must now be prejudicial to the Health of the Men they are to be Immediately sent in  
to the Barrack Master,  
The Centries of the piquets are for the future to load with a Running Ball,  
Commander in Chiefs orders 31<sup>st</sup> March 1777  
Will<sup>m</sup>. Ellis Soldier in the 10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>, Under Sentence of death for Quitting his post & Deserting to the  
Enemy, & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Randall Mariner Under Sentence of death for Robbery are to be Executed on Friday the  
4<sup>th</sup>. April.

Head Quarters New York April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1777

The General Desires that the Commanding Officers of Regiments will take care that the Additional  
Officers who from time to time come out with Recruits, or Draughts to their Respective Regiments, mat  
return by the earliest Opportunity to their Several Duties with their Additional Companies,  
[Court Martial Results]...

Note: To “...load with a Running Ball” means to load with loose black powder and a musket ball as opposed to using a  
prepared paper cartridge.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 9<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[H/K2] Headquarters New York  
9<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

Officers who came in on their Parole as Prisoners of War with the Rebels, are immediately upon  
their arrival to give in their names & Rank to M<sup>r</sup>. [Joshua] Loring Commissary for Prisoners. In order  
that they may be exchang'd as soon as possible –

His Majesty has been pleas'd to invest the Commander on Chief, with powers of granting such a  
Portion of Lands, as was granted by His Majestys Proclamation of 7<sup>th</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1763, to all Volunteers his  
Excell<sup>y</sup> shall think fit to receive into His Majesty's Service. –

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 10<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
10<sup>th</sup>. April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 11<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[Guards] Brigade Orders...



The men are not to Bathe between the hours of 7 in the Morning & 6 in the Evening as it is Represented to be Very Prejudicial to their Health

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 12<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
12<sup>th</sup>. April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 13<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

four days provisions to the 17<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued to the Troops to Morrow, part of which will be a proportion of the Cattle brought in This day...

After Orders 9 °Clock at Night 12<sup>th</sup> April 1777

The Brigade of Guards/Grenadiers & Light Infantry Included/ to Assemble on the parade Near [Brig.] Gen. [Edward] Mathews Quarters to Morrow Morning at 2. °Clock in order to March...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York –  
13<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

An Embarkation Return (such as formerly given in) from each Corps, to be made out, & sent to the Adj<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>ls</sup>. Office, as soon as possible. -

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 14<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
14<sup>th</sup> April 1777...



Detail of A sketch of the northern parts of New Jersey, 1781, by John Hills,

Picture Source: Library of Congress, Geography and Map Div.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 15<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis has the pleasure to Acquaint the Troops employ'd in the Attack at Bounbrook, that his Excellency the Commander in Chief is Highly pleas'd with their Behaviour on that Occasion & has Instructed him to Return them his Thanks for their Silence & Attention During the March & for their Spirit when they Arriv'd at the Enemy's Quarters.

Note: Bound Brook was about 10 miles northwest of (New) Brunswick. The participating units led by Lord Cornwallis were some Lt. Dragoons, 1<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Bns. (including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co.), 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Brit. Grenadiers, Guards Brig., 400 Hessian Grenadiers, and Jägers.

[C/G] [Guards] Brigade Orders...

Commander in Chiefs Orders Head Quarters New Town 2<sup>nd</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1776...  
[Repeat of order from 1776 regarding value of local currency vice £ Sterling.]

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
15<sup>th</sup>. April 1777 –

Officers who Come in from being Prisoners with the Rebels, & who are Exchang'd are immediately to join their Respective Corps

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 16<sup>th</sup> April 1777...  
4 days provisions to the 21<sup>st</sup> Inclusive will be issued to the Troops to Morrow with the Usual proportion of portor & Vinegar  
The Sick at present must be provided for out of the Live Stock...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
16<sup>th</sup>. April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 17<sup>th</sup> April 1777...  
A General Court Martial will sett at Nine <sup>o</sup>Clock to Morrow Morning at Brunswick ... L<sup>t</sup>. Colo: [Robert] Prescott of the 28<sup>th</sup> President...

The Muster Master being arriv'd from new york the Muster Rolls are to be immediately made out,

Head Quarters New York April 9<sup>th</sup>. 1777

officers who come in on their parol as prisoners of war with the Rebels are immediately Upon their Arrival to give in their Names & Rank to M<sup>r</sup>. [Joshua] Loring Commissary for prisoners in order they may be Exchang'd as Soon as possible,

His Majesty has been pleas'd to invest the Commander in Chief with power of Granting proportion of Lands as was Granted by his Majestys proclamation of the 7<sup>th</sup>, of October 1763 to all Volunteers his Excellency shall think it to Receive Unto his Majestys Service

10<sup>th</sup> April 1777

A Return to be given in by L<sup>t</sup>.Colo: M<sup>c</sup>Lane Adjutant General of the Troops in Canada & Novascotia...  
N.B. those Regiments who have not Sent in their Returns of Camp Equipage according to the order of the 30<sup>th</sup> March are to do it Immediately,

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> April 1777

An Embarkation Return / Sick as Formerly given in from each Corps to be made out & Sent to the Adjutant Generals Office as soon as possible,

14<sup>th</sup> April 1777

[CM results]...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
17<sup>th</sup>. April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 18<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[Guards] Brigade Orders

The Centries on the Piquets & Advanc'd posts are not to pay any Compliment to Officers that Comes Near their posts...

Note: The phrase “...not to pay any Compliment” means the sentries were not to make a show of turning to and saluting officers. This order was likely to prevent enemy observers from identifying officers who could be targeted.

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

18<sup>th</sup>. April 1777



Signature of Chap. James M<sup>c</sup>Lagan, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

A Return to be given in immediately of the Chaplain or Deputy Officiating with each Reg<sup>t</sup>.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 19<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

Commander in Chiefs order New York April 15<sup>th</sup> 1777

Officers who Came in from being prisoners with the Rebels & who are Exchang'd are immediately to Join their Corps

Memorandum

A Pacquet will sail for England Immediately...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

19<sup>th</sup> April.. [to] 24<sup>th</sup>. April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 20<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

Four days provision to the 25<sup>th</sup> Inclusive with the Usual proportion of portor will be issued to Morrow

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> April 1777

A return to be given in immediately of the Names of the Chaplain or deputy Officiating with each Regiment...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 21<sup>st</sup> April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1777...

Head Quarters New York, 19<sup>th</sup> April 1777

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Fredrick George] Mulcaster of the Corps of Engineers is Appointed Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief

20<sup>th</sup> April 1777

Governor [William] Tryon [New York] having been pleas'd to Offer his Service to Command the Provincial Troops in this Province, is Appointed to that Command with the Rank of Major General of Provincial Forces & is to be Observ'd as Such. Cap<sup>t</sup>. [James] Weyms of the 40<sup>th</sup>. Regiment is Appointed Aid de Camp to Major General Tryon & to be Observ'd as such,

L<sup>t</sup>. [John Taylor] Bird 16<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. is Appointed Supernumerary Aid de camp to Major General Tryon & is to be observ'd as Such,

The Men of the 6<sup>th</sup>. & 14<sup>th</sup>. Regiments Arriv'd in the Lord Shuldham Transport to be turned over to the 7<sup>th</sup>. Regiment. The Comman<sup>g</sup> Officer to send Certificates Accordingly to the Agents To the Agents of the 6<sup>th</sup>. & 14<sup>th</sup>. Regiments,

M<sup>r</sup> Chrisopher Starden is Appointed Surgeon to the [Loyalist] New York Corps, Commanded by Major [Alexander] Grant...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 24<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

Four days provision with the Usual proportion of Portor will be issued to the Troops to Morrow...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

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[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
24<sup>th</sup> April 1777

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Ensign Alex <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Leod to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice [William] Graham who retires	} 22 <sup>d</sup> April 1777
for the Value of his Ensigncy	}
[Sergeant and Brevet Qr. Mr.] James Sterling Gent; to be Ensign by	} D <sup>o</sup>
Purchase vice M <sup>c</sup> Leod promoted	}

Notes: Lt. William Graham, the son of former Lt. Col. Gordon Graham, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., retired when the trustees of his father's estate refused to provide him the money to purchase a company in the regiment because they thought he was too young at age 24. Graham indicated he would refuse to remain in the regiment if a junior lieutenant was promoted over his head. He had not purchased his lieutenantcy and accordingly could only sell his Ensigncy, which he had purchased.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 25<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
25<sup>th</sup> April... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 26<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 27<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

As Spirits are still brought sold to soldiers in Prejudice to their healthy & to Discipline. –  
 [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis requests the Assistance of the Officers of the Light horse to Destroy such of it as they find in shops or in the possession of People who have it for Sale, & hopes for their zeal & Assiduity speedily to Suppress so Injurious a Practice. –

No horses are Allowed to be Convey'd from this place by Water With<sup>t</sup> a Pass from Lord Cornwallis –



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The Commander in Chiefs order New York Ap<sup>l</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>. 1777

[CM pardons]...

April 24<sup>th</sup>

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotions  
 22<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

23<sup>d</sup> Regiment...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment Ensign Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Leod to be Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Vice [William] Graham who retires for the Value of his Ensigncy 22<sup>d</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup>. 1777

[Sgt. and Brevet Qr. Mr.] James Sterling Gent to be Ensign by Purchase Vice M<sup>c</sup>Leod Promoted Ap<sup>l</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1777 —...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 28<sup>th</sup> April 1777...

Four days provisions to the 3<sup>d</sup> of May with a Double Allowance of Portor Will be issued to the Troops to Mor<sup>w</sup>. Morning...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 28<sup>th</sup> April 1777

Countersign

[Guards] Brigade Orders

When the Brigade of Guards shall take the Field each man Must be provided with two good pair of shoes One p<sup>r</sup> of Soles Heels two good shirts & two p<sup>r</sup> of Stockings...

Regimental Orders...

The Soldiers at all times to Appear in Black Stocks...

[C/G] Brigade Orders 30<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 1<sup>st</sup> May 1777...

[CM results]...

The Artillery horses are to have free Access to all pasture Grounds on the Bank of the River. The Drivers are not to Destroy or Burn the fences upon any Account...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

1<sup>st</sup> May 1777...

A Return of the Voluntiers of the Army, with the Dates of their respective Service to be given in as soon as possible ...

The powder Barrels Issued to the Reg<sup>ts</sup>. are to be Carefully returned to the Ordnance – The Quarter Mast<sup>ts</sup>. of Corps are responsible that this Order is Complied with.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 2<sup>d</sup> May 1777...

Four days provisions to the 7<sup>th</sup> Inclusive with a Double proportion of Portor will be Issued to the Troops to Morrow...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

2<sup>d</sup> May... [to] 3<sup>d</sup>. May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 3<sup>d</sup> May 1777...

The Commander in chief orders a Return of the Volunteers of the Army with the dates of their Respective Service to be given in as Soon as Possible.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint Colonel Augustine Provost of his Majesties Sixtieth, Or Royal American Regiment to the rank of Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> in the District of North America under his Command –

The Powder Barrels Issued to the Regiments are to be Carefully returned to the Ordnance – The Quarter Masters of Corps are to be responsible that this Order is Complied with...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 4<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 5<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis is Extremely concerned to find that notwithstanding the Repeated orders to Load with Running Ball, Accidents still continue to happen from the Contrary Practice. He Requests that the Commanding Officers of Batt<sup>ns</sup>. will see this order Enforc'd & Direct an Officer of a Company to Examin the Arms Daily...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

4<sup>th</sup>. May 1777...

The Commanding Officer of Corps will give orders for immediately Repairing at as little Expense as possible, the Tents they have in Store that are worth it –

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

5<sup>th</sup> May 1777

Such Reg<sup>ts</sup>. as have not settled their Hospital Stoppage Acc<sup>ts</sup>. to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. last are to do it as soon as possible –

Frequent mistakes having unavoidably happen'd from Soldiers being sent to the Hospitals without any written order from their Regiment, to prevent which no Soldier will be admitted into the Hospitals in future (wounded men excepted) without a Ticket, signifying his Name, Reg<sup>t</sup>. Company & time of his Illness, which must be Sign'd by an Officer of the Company he belongs to, & the Surgeon or mate of the Reg<sup>t</sup>. – Printed Admission Tickets will be delivered to such Reg<sup>ts</sup>. as want them, on applying for them at the General Hospital –

Capt<sup>n</sup>. [James] Wemys of the 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. is appointed to the Command of the provincial Battalion of Queens Rangers, with the Provincial Rank of major bearing date 1<sup>st</sup>. July 1776 –

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 6<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

All Flags of Truce Sent by the Enemy are for the future to be Immediately Dismiss'd, & the Letters or Parcels brought to them to be sent to Head Quarters –

4 Days provisions to the 11<sup>th</sup> Inclusive with the former proportion of Portor will be Issued to Mor<sup>w</sup> Morning ...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

6<sup>th</sup> May 1777

The Quarter Masters of Corps are to be responsible that all the empty Porter Butts are returned to the Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup>. Stores...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 8<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

Commander in Cheifs Order New York May 5<sup>th</sup> 1777

The Commanding Officers of Regiments will please to Send proper Persons to New York Immediately to Settle the Accounts of their Invalids to the 20<sup>th</sup> of May Inclusive

Each Invalid to have Eight Weeks pay from the above Date to Carry them home their Acc<sup>ts</sup>. Balanced & Discharges to be given to the Officer that will be Appointed to Receive them

The Officer or Noncomissioned Officer Charged with Settling their Accompts to report the Same to the Deputy Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. when Done

[Guards] Brigade Morning Orders 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1777.

Quarter M<sup>r</sup> [Thomas] Sanford will go to New York to receive that part of the Camp Equipage Arrived from England for the Brig<sup>de</sup> of Guards in the Union Store Ship Commanded by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hudson...

A Return of the N<sup>o</sup> of Kettles, Baggs & Canteens, Wanted by each Company to be made to Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathew as Soon as Possible. –

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 7<sup>th</sup> May 1777

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis requests that the Officers Commanding Battalions will have all the Glass, Broken Bottles, which are now Strewed in the Roads & Streets of the Several Districts & Quarters be Immediately removed

Commander in Chief Order May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1777

The Commander in Chief Returns his thanks to Major Gen<sup>l</sup>. [William] Tryon – to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers & to all the other Officers under his Command upon the late Expedition. The Regularity of the Men Reflects Credit upon the Discipline of the Army & Does them great Honour –

The Spirited Charge of the Troops With their Bayonets upon the Enemy cover'd with Walls Fenies [fences] previous to the Embarkation Sufficiently proves the Evident Superiorty of his Majesty's Troops & Affords the Greatest Satisfaction to his Excellency –

Note: Lord Cornwallis is referring to Tryon's 2000-man raid on Danbury, Conn., on April 25, 1777

The Commanding Officers of Corps Will Give Orders for Immediately repairing at Little Expenxe as Possable the Tents thay Have in Store that are Worth it...

[C/G] Brunswick After Orders May 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

All the Empty Casks that have been receiv'd With Provisions or Liquors are to be Immediately returned to the Commissary of Provisions

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

7<sup>th</sup> May 1777

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions...

William Ranken acting Q <sup>r</sup> Mast <sup>r</sup> to 2 <sup>d</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> is appointed	} 7 May
Ass <sup>t</sup> D <sup>y</sup> Q <sup>r</sup> Mast <sup>r</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup> and is to be observed as such	} <u>1777...</u>

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 8<sup>th</sup> 1777 ...

[Guards] Brigade Orders...

After Orders May 8<sup>th</sup> 1777

The Officers of the Brigade of Guards to Send for their Camp Equipage Immediately, the Q<sup>r</sup> Master Will go from Hense for the Camp Equipage at 9 °Clock this Evening

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

8<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 9<sup>th</sup> 1777 ...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

9<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions

57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Lieut. James Graham of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Capt<sup>n</sup> vice [Robert] Rollo by Purchase } ditto [May 8, 1777]

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 10<sup>th</sup> 1777...

4 Days provision to the 15<sup>th</sup> Inclusive With the Usuall proportion of Portor will be Issued to the Troops to Morrow –

Commander in Chiefs Orders

Such Reg<sup>ts</sup> as have nott Settled their Stoppage Accounts to the 24<sup>th</sup>. of Dec<sup>r</sup>. Last are to do itt as Soon as possable Frequent Misstakes Having Unavoidalby Happen'd from Soldiers Being Sent to the Hospital without any Written Order from their Reg<sup>t</sup> to Prevent Which N<sup>o</sup> Soldier Will be Admitted into the



Hospital in future Wounded Men Excepted Without a Tickett Specifying his Name Reg<sup>t</sup> Comp<sup>y</sup> & time of his Illness which Must be Signed by An Officer of the Comp<sup>y</sup> he belongs to & the Surgeon Or Mate of the Regiment –

Printed Admission Ticketts will be Deliverd to Such Reg<sup>ts</sup> as Want them on Applying for them at the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Hospital.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. [James] Wesmys of the 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is Apponted to the Command of the Provincial Battalion of Queens Rangers with the provincial Rank of Maj<sup>r</sup> Baring Date 1<sup>st</sup> July 1776 –

L<sup>t</sup> [Andrew Durnford] Duinford of the Corp<sup>s</sup> of Engineers is Appointed Assistant Deputy Q<sup>r</sup> Master General

L<sup>t</sup> Crow is Appointed Fourier to the Army in the Room of Cap<sup>t</sup> Bowen promoted to a Company of Provincials Baring Date 1<sup>st</sup> April 1777

[Commander in Chief's] Orders 6<sup>th</sup> May 1777

The Q<sup>r</sup> Masters of Corps are to be Responsible that all the Empty Portor Butts are Returnd to the Commissary Generals Store. Cap<sup>t</sup> [Francis] Hutchinson [60<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Assistant Deputy Q<sup>r</sup> Master Generall is Appointed Assistant Secretary to the Commander in Chief

New York May 9<sup>th</sup>. 1777.

The Commander in Chief has been Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions...

W<sup>m</sup> Ranken Acting Quarter Master to the 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. is Appointed a Deputy Quarter Master General 7<sup>th</sup> May 1777

New York May 8<sup>th</sup>. 1777

L<sup>t</sup> [John Taylor] Bird 16<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Supernumerary Aid de Camp to Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [William] Tryon is Appointed Aid de Camp to Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Tryon in the Room of Maj<sup>r</sup> Commandant [James] Weymes [Queens Rangers] ... [CM results]...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

10<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

His Majesty and Parliament have been pleased to extend the Bounty of one Shilling P<sup>r</sup> Diem, to one hundred more Serjeants than have been heretofore kept upon the Chelsea List of Pensioners, twenty of which number are left open for Recommendations of Serjeants of Merrit Discharged from the Army, under the Command of his Excellency the Commander in Chief ...

Notes: On May 10, 2000 Rebel troops under Maj. Gen. Adam Stephen and Brig. Gen. William Maxwell attacked the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. in quarters at Piscataway and were repulsed by the Highlanders.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 11<sup>th</sup> 1777...

When ever any Considerable firing is herd all Officers is Immediatly repair to their Corps & there to remain untill Every thing is Quiet...

[Guards] Regimental Orders –

Brigad<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathew having been Pleas'd to Approve of the Hatts of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. It His the Commanding Officers Order that the Hatts of the first Batt<sup>n</sup> be Cut & Bound in the Same manner as Soon as possible

[H/K2] Head Quarters N York

11<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

The Commander in Chief has the pleasure to make known to the Army, as signified by Lord George Germain, one of His Majestys principal Secretarys of State –

That His Majesty has been pleased to Express his Royal Approbation of the Ability & Conduct displayed by [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis in his March thro' Jersey last Decem<sup>r</sup>. and of the Exemplary Ardor which was manifested by the Troops under his Lordships Command...

It is from Authority the Commander in Chief Assures the Army that every Officer who distinguishes himself and is the means of advancing the Glory of His Majestys Arms, may be Certain that his services, will not pass unnoticed by his Gracious Master –

Note: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was part of Lord Cornwallis' force.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 12<sup>th</sup> 1777...

Commander in Chiefs Orders May 10<sup>th</sup>. 1777

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to Make the Following Promotions –

57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> En<sup>n</sup>. Patrick [Titler] Tytle to be Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Vice [George] Morrison by Purchase 8<sup>th</sup> May 1777

L<sup>t</sup> James Graham 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Cap<sup>t</sup> Vice [Robert] Rollo by Purchase

His Majesty & Parliament have been Pleased to Extend the Bounty of One Shilling *P<sup>r</sup>* Deim to One Hundred More Serj<sup>ts</sup> than Have been hither to kept Upon the Chelsea List of Pensioners 20 of Which Number are Left open for Recommendations of Serjeants of Merit Discharged from the Army Under the Command of his Excellency the Commander in Chief –

His Majesty has Been Pleased to Make the Following Promotions...

Coll Cha<sup>s</sup> Gray to be Collnell of the 28<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot Vice [Maj. Gen. Thomas] Erle Deceas'd 4<sup>th</sup> March 1777 –

L<sup>t</sup> Coll S<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Erskine to be Aid de Camp to the King Vice Gray 4<sup>th</sup> March 1777 – Coll Gray to be Major Gen<sup>l</sup> in America Only 4<sup>th</sup> March 1777

Dan<sup>l</sup> Weir Esq<sup>r</sup>. to be Commissary Generall of Stores and Provisions in North America Under the Command of [Gen.] S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Howe Vice Dan<sup>l</sup> [Chamier] Chamire Esq<sup>r</sup> Appointed Comptroler of Accounts Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1, 1777

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
12<sup>th</sup> May... [to] 21<sup>st</sup> May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 13<sup>th</sup> 1777...

Such Sick Men in the Brunswick Hospital as are not Lickley to be Soon Able to Join their Comp<sup>ys</sup>. are to be sent to the Generall Hospital at New York –

Commander in Cheifs orders May 11<sup>th</sup>. 1777

The Commander in Cheif has Been pleasure to Make known to the Army as Signified by Lord George Germain One of his Majestys Principle Secretarys of State, that his Majesty has been Pleas'd to Express his Royal Approbation of the Abillity and Conduct, Display'd by [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis in his March through Jersey the last December & of the Exemplary Head on Which was Manifested by the Troops Under his Lordships Command –

His Majesty has also been Pleased to take Very Particular Notice of the Bravery & Conduct of L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup>. [Charles] Mawhood on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup>. near Prince Town & Approves of the behavior of the Reg<sup>ts</sup>. Under his Command especially the 17<sup>th</sup> So Highly Recommended by L<sup>d</sup>. Cornwallis –

The Commander in Chief has it in Express Command to Signify his Majesty Royall Approbation as Well of the Readyness With Wich L<sup>t</sup> Coll [Hon. William] Harcourt [16<sup>th</sup> Drag.] Undertook the Command of the Detachment that made [Rebel Maj.] Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Lee a prisoner as of the adress & Galantry Manifested by him On this Critical Occassion It his from Authority the Commander in Cheif Assures the Army that Every Officer Who Distinguishes him Self & his the Means of Advancing the Glory of his Majestys Armes may be Certain that his Service will not pass Unnotic'd by their Gracious Master...

[Guards] Regimental Orders

It is the Commanding Officers Orders that the Coats of the First Battalion be Alter'd According to a pattern that Was Approved of by Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathew last Night –



Detail of A sketch of the northern parts of New Jersey, 1781, by John Hills,

Picture Source: *Library of Congress, Geography and Map Div.*

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 14<sup>th</sup> 1777...

His Excelency the Commander in Chief Returns his Thanks to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. & Detachment of Light Infantry for their Sperritted Behaviour the 10<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>. When thay Defated a Body of the Enemy mush Superior to them In numbers & he his Like Wise Much Pleased at the A Lertness With Wich the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Got Under Armes to Support the 42<sup>nd</sup> –

His Excelency also Desirs that his thanks May be given to the Hessian Chasseurs [Jägers] for thier Bravery on the 11<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> When thay alone Repuls'd a Numerous Body of the Rebels  
4 days provisions to the 19<sup>th</sup> Inclusive Will be issued to Morrow...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 15<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 16<sup>th</sup> 1777

Countersign

The Barrick Stores to be Immediately Deliver'd to the Barrick Master at Brunswick

The Heavy Baggage of the Army is to be Sent to New York by the Most Convenient Opportunity –

Commander in Chiefs Orders New York May 11<sup>th</sup>. 77

His Excilency the Commander In Chief is Pleased to Order 200 Days Bath [Batt] Forage & Baggage Money to be Issued to the Army –

Returns to be Given in Immediately to the Q<sup>r</sup>. master General Sign'd by the Commanding Officers of Corps –

Such Officers as Joyn the Army after the First of August Will Receive One Hundred Days Only ...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 17<sup>th</sup> 1777

Countersign

[Guards] Brigade Orders

As Soon as the Tents Are Pitch'd the Officers Will March their Companys Into Camp

Straw Will be Deliverd to the Companys as Soon as possable

The Quarter Master will provide wood & Distribute itt to the Differant Comp<sup>ys</sup> Daily...

The Commanding Officers of Battalions to Fix Upon proper places for the men to Cook & Order their Quarter Masters to Make Necessary Houses in the Most Convenient Situation, which Must be Cover'd with Earth Daily...

[Guards] Regimental Orders

The First Batt<sup>l</sup>. are to Cook in the Reven [ravine] in the Rear of their Encampment –  
No Soldier to ease him Self in the Front of the camp on Payn of Severe Punishment...  
the New Trowsers are not to be Wore till Orders is given for that Purpose ...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 18<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

4 Days Provision to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inclusive will be issued to the Troops to Morrow Morning –  
All Centries Belonging to Piquets & Posts are Never to Pay the Compliment of Rested Armes but On the Approach of an Officer are to face Outward & Stand Shoulder'd -  
No Guards Are to Turn out to [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 19<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 20<sup>th</sup> 1777...

[Guards] Regt<sup>l</sup>. Orders

As Soon As Any Comp<sup>y</sup>. Have got their Trowsers Made They Are to Send their Taylors to Assist the other Comp<sup>ys</sup> till the Whole are Completed –

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 21<sup>st</sup> 1777...

The Drummers of the Several Battalions are to beat the Retreat & Not the Taptoo at Evening Gun Firing...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

21<sup>st</sup>. May 1777

As some inconveniences have arisen from the want of a proper regulation of Rank between the Regular and Provincial Troops, and as Rank cannot be in the latter as it is in the former, the result of Long Services and Considerable expence –

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to direct that all Brigadiers of Provincial Forces under his Commission shall take rank as youngest Colonel in the Line all Colonels as youngest Lt. Colonels all L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>ls</sup>. as youngest majors and all inferior Officers as youngest of their respective Ranks as established by His Majestys regulation of the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1760 ...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1777...

4 Days Provision to the 27<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued To the troops To Morrow...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

22<sup>d</sup> May 1777

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

Ens<sup>n</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Rollo to be Lieut: by purchase vice [James] Graham Preferred } 8<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
23<sup>d</sup> May 1777...

The Commander in Chief expects that on the several movements of the Campaign the Officers will Carry no Baggage with them but what is absolutely necessary. & that Command<sup>s</sup> Officers of Corps will attend to a Strict observance of this Order, & not suffer the Waggon<sup>s</sup> to be overloaded. as they frequently were in the Course of the last Campaign –

His Excellency further hopes he shall not be under the necessity of repeating this order – The heavy Baggage of the Army is to be left at New York under the charge of the Invalids of the respective Corps, with a proper non Commissioned Officer...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 24<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
24<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 25<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 25<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 26<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

The Commanding Officers of battalions are desired to be Carefull, that all Barrick Stores are returnd as they Will be Charged with the Defficiencys –

4 Days Provisions to the 31<sup>st</sup> Inclusive Will be Issued to the troops to Morrow –

Commander In Chiefs Orders May 21<sup>st</sup>

As Some Inconveniencys have arisen from the Want of a proper Regulation of Rank, between the Regular and Provincial troops; and As Rank can not be in the Latter as it is In the Former, the Result of Long Services & Considerable Expence, the Commander In Chief has been Pleased to direct that all Brigadiers of Provincial forces Under his Commission, Shall Take rank as Youngest Colo<sup>s</sup> – in the Line all Colo<sup>s</sup> as Youngest L<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>s</sup> all Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo<sup>s</sup> as Youngest Majors & All Inferior Officers as Youngest of there Respective Ranks as Establish'd By his Majestys Regulation of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1760 –

The Commandere In Chief has been Pleased to Appoin L<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Walker of the marines to be Brigade Maj<sup>r</sup> of Provincial Forces ...

[Commander in Chief's Orders] May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1777

The Commander in Chief has Been Pleased to make the Following promotions  
42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. En<sup>s</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Rollo to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> by Purchase Vice [James] Graham Preferd 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1777 –  
M<sup>r</sup> D<sup>i</sup> Mandiville is appointed Deputy Porveyor to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
26<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

Those Regt<sup>s</sup> who have not received their Pack Saddles and Syths will immediately apply for them at the Q<sup>r</sup> Mast<sup>r</sup> Genls. Stores in Town –

The Paymasters of the several Regt<sup>s</sup> are to remit as soon as possible to their respective Agents the Monies they have Stop'd for Shoes and Sole Leather issued to the Troops, which Monies the Agents are to be accountable for to the Treasury, and each Paymaster to send in an Account thereof to Lt. Coll.

[William] Sherriffe D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> –

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 27<sup>th</sup> May 1777  
Countersign

Commander in Chiefs Orders, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1777

The Commander in Chief Expects that on the Several Movements of the campaign the Officers will Carry no Baggage with them but What is Absolutely Necessary & that the Commanding Officers of Corps Will

Attend to the Strict Obedience of this order & Nott Suffer the Waggon's to be Over Loaded as they Frequently Were During the Course of the last Campaign  
 His Excellency further Hopes that he shall not be Under the Necessity of Repeating this Order; the Heavy Baggage of the Army is to be Left at New York Under the Charge of the Invalids of their Respective Corp<sup>s</sup> With A Proper Non Commission Officer –  
 The Commander in Chief has Been Pleased to Make the Following promotions...  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Geo. Hutchinson of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is Appointed Deputy Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup> & to be Observed as Such...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
27<sup>th</sup>... [to] 29<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 28<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 29<sup>th</sup> May 1777  
 Countersign

Commander in Chiefs orders New York May 25<sup>th</sup> 77  
 [CM results]...

Those Reg<sup>ts</sup> Who have not Receivd their Pack Saddles & Sythes will Immediately Apply for them at the Q<sup>r</sup> Master Gen<sup>ls</sup> Store in Town –  
 The Pay Masters of the Several Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to remit as Soon as Possible to their Respective Agents the Money the have Stop'd for Shoes & Sole Leather Issued to the troops which Money's the Agents are to be Accountable for to the Treasury & Each Pay Master to Send in Accounts to L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [William] Serriffe Deputy Quarter Master General ...

[Guards] Regimental Orders

The First Batt<sup>l</sup> In Future are to Do Duty In Trowsers Commencing to Morrow Morning –

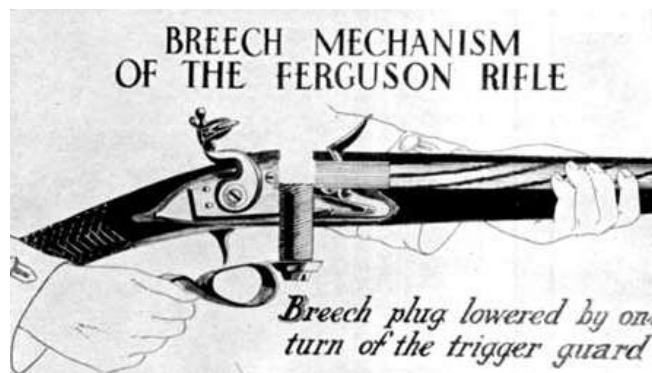
[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 30<sup>th</sup> 1777  
 Countersign

4 days provision to the 4<sup>th</sup> of June Inclusive Will be issued to Morrow –  
 Battalions are Immediately to Send to Captain [James] Moncrieffe the Engineers Whatever Entrenching Tools thay Have in their possession...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
 30<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

Such Invalids as have been examon'd by the Physicians & Surgeons of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Hospital, are to prepare to embark upon the shortest Notice; but none are to be sent to England, who are capable of garrison Duty, Such are to be left to take Charge of the Regimental Baggage. –

The Q<sup>r</sup> masters of Corps to attend immediately at the Q<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. General's Office at New York to receive their Camp Equipage. –



Detail from King's Mountain National Park Illustration of the Ferguson Rifle

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Park Service*

His Majesty has been pleased to form a Corps of Rifle Men under the Temporary Command of Capt<sup>n</sup>. [Patrick] Ferguson 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment, composed of Recruits rais'd for different Regiments serving in North America, and that those Men shall notwithstanding be considered as part of the Strength of the Regiments for whom they were inlisted...

Notes: Capt. Patrick Ferguson was given command of a collection of recruits from multiple regiments to form an experimental rifle company using the breech-loading rifle he invented.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick May 31<sup>st</sup> 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

31<sup>st</sup> May 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>

Ens <sup>n</sup> John Campbell to be L <sup>t</sup> by purchase vice [Valentine]	} 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1777
Chisolm who retires	} ...

Note: Lt. Chisholm is sometimes referred to as a Capt. or Capt. Lt. based on his portrait. As shown in this order he retired (on medical grounds) as a lieutenant.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick June 1<sup>st</sup> 1777

Countersign

[Commander in Chief's Orders] New York May 29<sup>th</sup> 1777

[CM results]...

All Recruits Drafts, Horses, from Europe for the use of the Army are to be Landed as Soon as Possible

The Flank Comp<sup>ys</sup> of the 63<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be put on a Levell With those of the Battalion –

The 17<sup>th</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Dragoons to send Immediately to the Q<sup>r</sup> Master Generals –

An Exact Return of the Number of Horses to be Ship'd in Case of Embarkation –

[Commander in Chief's Orders, New York] May 30<sup>th</sup> 1777

Such Invalids has have been Examin'd by the Physicians & Surgeons at the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospitals and are Absolutely unfit for Service are to prepare to Embarque on the Shortest Notice Non are to be Sent to England who are Capable of Garrison Duty

Such are to be Left to take Care of the Reg<sup>l</sup>. Baggage

The Quarter Masters of Corps to Attend Immediately at New York to receive their Camp Equipage –

His Majesty has been Pleased to form a Corp<sup>s</sup> of Rifleman under the Temporary Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Ferguson 70<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Compos'd of recruits For Different Regiments Serving in North America and that their men shall Notwithstanding be Considerd as part of the Strength of the Reg<sup>t</sup>. for whome thay ware Inlisted...

[H/K2] Head Quarters N York

1<sup>st</sup> June 1777

All Arms & Accoutrements Brought out by Drafts or Recruits are to be delivered to Brigadier General [Samuel] Cleaveland [Royal Artillery] & lodged in the Ordnance Store taking receipts for the Same ...

Capt<sup>n</sup> [Patrick] Ferguson of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regt. will collect from the different Officers who have had Charge of Recruits on board Ships an Exact list of their Names & Regim<sup>s</sup> they belong to in Order to their being transmitted to their respective Regim<sup>s</sup>...





Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1777

Countersign

Commander in Chiefs Orders May 27<sup>th</sup> 1777

Maj<sup>r</sup> [Mathew] Dixon Chief Engineer in America having Receive'd his Majestys Approbation to return to England, The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to Appoint Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> [Montresor] Montreser Chief Engineer to the Armeý –

[Commander in Chiefs Orders] New York May 31<sup>st</sup> 1777

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to Appoint His Excellency Governor [Montfort] Brown [Bahamas] to the Provincial Rank of Brigadier General –

L<sup>t</sup> [William] Marshall 63<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & Ens [Charles Vallancey] Vellancy the 16<sup>th</sup> Are Appointed Assistant Engineers –

The Commander in Chief has Been pleas'd to make the Following promotions ...



Detail of Portrait of Lt. Valentine Chisholm, 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt., c. 1777

Picture Source: The National Museums of Scotland.

42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> En<sup>s</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Campbell to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> by Purchase Vice [Valentine] Chisolm Who Retires 31<sup>st</sup> May 1777

[Guards] Brigade Orders

The Soldiers are positively forbid to bathe after 6 °Clock in the Morning or before Six in the Evening...

[Guards] Regimental Orders

In future the Rum to be mix'd in three Waters at Least & Not given to the Men before Eleven °Clock –

[H/K2] Head Quarters N York

2<sup>d</sup> June 1777

Five Waggon's will be allowed to each Battalion, and ten Waggon's to each Corps of Grenadiers & Light Infantry British; no more can possibly be allowed for the Baggage –

The Regiment's under Orders of Embarkation will immediately receive the Names of the several Transports, appropriated to them on board of which they are as Soon as possible to embark their Camp Equipage, except Such Canteens, Camp Kettles, Hatchets & Haversacks, as their respective Regt's may be in immediate want of –

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick June 3<sup>rd</sup> 77  
Countersign

4 Days Provisions to the 8<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be issued to Morrow  
Each Batt<sup>n</sup>. of Guards, Brittish & Hessian Green<sup>dr's</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Infantry & 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade will Cut 100 Fathines *P<sup>r</sup>* Day  
Till further Orders, they will Pile them in their Respective Quarter Guards –

Commander in Chiefs orders New York [undated]

All Arms and Accoutrements Brought out by Drafts Or Recruits are to be deliver'd to Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup>  
[Samuel] Cleveland [Roy. Arty]...

[H/K2] Head Quarters N York  
3<sup>d</sup> June 1777

A Royal Salute of one & twenty Guns to morrow at one o'Clock in honour of His Majestys  
Birthday will be fired by the Garrison.

Four Women *P* [per] Company of Companys of 50 & ~ 8 Women *P* Company of Companys of  
100 are allowed to embark with their respective Regiments, and to be victuall'd According to their former  
Regulation.

The remainder of the Women & Children of those Corps will be sent to New York, where a  
proportion of Provision & Quarters or old Camp Equipage will be provided them. –

Each Field Officer Captain & Staff Officer to be allowed to take one Horse with him Sloops will  
be furnished by the Q<sup>r</sup> Mast<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> to carry them...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

The Corps of Guides & Pioneers that Marches with the Army are to be under the command of  
Capt<sup>n</sup>. [Simon] Fraser 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick June 4<sup>th</sup> 77...

[H/K2] Head Quarters N York  
4<sup>th</sup> June 1777

The regiment's under Orders for Embarkation are to morrow Morning on Board their respective  
Transports. Commanding Officers of Corps will make a report in writing to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of their being  
Embark'd –

All defficiencies of Barrack Furniture issued to the Troops to be accounted for, or made good by  
the several Regiment's...

The Majors of Brigade & Adjutants to attend for Orders this Evening at Gun Firing at the  
Adjutant Gen<sup>ls</sup>. Office. –

After Orders 7 o'Clock

The Troops under Orders of Embarkation are to Embark at five in the Morning at the Kings  
Wharf on North River. Lieut: Coll. [William] Sherriff D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> Mast<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> will attend to embark them –

Notes: The regiments under orders for embarkation were the 4<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup> and Hessian Regts.  
Hereditare, Mirbach and Donop.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick June 5<sup>th</sup> 77...  
The Commander In Chiefs Orders June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1777

Five Waggon's Will be Allow'd to Each Batt<sup>l</sup>. & ten Waggon's to Each Corp<sup>s</sup> of Grenadiers & L<sup>t</sup> Infantry of British as No More Can Possibly be Allow'd for the Baggage

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> under orders of Embarkation will Immediately receive the Names of the Several Transports Appropriated to them to Enbarque their Camp Equipage Except Such Canteens Hatchetts Camp Kettles & Haversacks as the Reg<sup>ts</sup> may be Immediately In Want of –

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to Make the following Promotions –

17<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup> Dragoons...

A Paquat [packet] will Sail in a few Days for Europe –

4 Woman *P<sup>r</sup>* Comp<sup>ys</sup> of Comp<sup>ys</sup> of 50 & 8 *P<sup>r</sup>* Comp<sup>ys</sup> of 100 are allow'd to Embarque With their Respective Reg<sup>s</sup> and to be Victuald According to the Former Regulation: The remainder of the Woman & Children of their Corp<sup>s</sup> will be Sent to New York Where a proportion of Provision & Quarters Or Old Camp Equipage Will be provided for them –

Each Field Officer, Cap<sup>t</sup>. & Staff Officer Will be Allow'd to take One horse With in Sloops Will be provided By the Q<sup>t</sup> Master Gen<sup>l</sup> to Carry them –

The Commander in Chief has Been Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions –

10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

The Corps of Guides & Pioneers that Marches With the Army are to be Under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> Simon Frasier of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt ...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

5<sup>th</sup>. June 1777 ...

Capt<sup>n</sup> [Patrick] Ferguson will apply as soon as possible to the several Regim<sup>ts</sup> for Cloathing for the Men of the Rifle Corps under his Command; for which he is to give Receipts to the Commanding Officers of those Corps...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 6<sup>th</sup> June 77...

Six Comp<sup>ys</sup> of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry now at Piscataway Join Their Batt<sup>ns</sup> to Morrow Morning –

The Grenadiers of the Guards are Immediately to Encamp With their Batt<sup>ns</sup>.

Abram<sup>m</sup> Patton being by his own Confession a Spy for the Enemy. & Having persuaded Some Grenadiers to Desert, Will this Day be Executed at 4. o'Clock...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

6<sup>th</sup> June 1777

As several Articles of Stores sent out by Government for the use of the Army have been reported to be Damaged –

The Commander in Chief directs that in future the principals in the Different Departments to whom such stores are ordered to be delivered, do cause a survey to be made by proper Persons on any Articles they find Damaged, who are to report in writing the State and Condition they find them in and the probable Cause of such Damage...

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions –

57<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>...

James Graham Gent to be Ens<sup>n</sup> by Purchase  
vice [Edward] Thornhill by Purchase

} 9<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 76  
}...

Note: Ens. Graham was a future Lt. in 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 7<sup>th</sup> June 77...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York

7<sup>th</sup> June 1777

In the Absence of the Commander in Chief, and his Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] De Heister. His Excell<sup>y</sup> [Hessian] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Wilhelm] Knyphausen will take upon him the Command of the Island of New York & Posts depending - Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Robert] Pigot being stationed Commandant of New York, and Posts Adjacent, of Paulus Hook, Bergen Staten Island, & Long Island, all Reports from these several Posts must consequently be made to him at New York –

An Officer from each Regim<sup>t</sup> is to be left at New York, to take Charge of the Regimental Stores and Convalescents, of their respective Regim<sup>t</sup>s – They will leave their Names and places where Quartered at the Adj<sup>t</sup>: Gen<sup>ls</sup>: Office ...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 8<sup>th</sup> June 77...

4 Days Provisions to the 12<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be Issued to the Troops to Morrow ...

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
8<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 9<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

The Commander In Chiefs Orders June 5<sup>th</sup>. 1777

The Allowance of Waggons for the Guards are Seven p<sup>r</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. & One for the Supernumery Officers of the Brigade –

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Patrick] Ferguson Will Apply as Soon as Possibly To the Several Reg<sup>ts</sup> for Clothing for the Men of the Rifle Corps under his Command –

The Commander in Chief has been Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions  
37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

As Several Articles of Stores Sent Out by Gouvernment for the Use of the Army have been reported to have been damaged the Commander In Chief directs that In future the principals In the Different Departments to Whom Such Stores are Orderd to be deliver'd do Cause a Survey to be Made by Proper persons & Any Article thay Find Damaged Who Are to Report in Writing the State & Condition they Find them in and Provable Cause of Such -

[CM results]...

His Majesty has been Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions – 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. En<sup>s</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Aug<sup>ts</sup> Thompson To be L<sup>t</sup> to an Additional Comp<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775 James Graham [Future Lt., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], to be En<sup>s</sup> Vice [Edward] Thornhill by Purchase 9<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 76 ...

[Commander in Chief's orders] New York June 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

In the Absence of the Commander in Chief & his Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] de Heister his Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Wilhelm] Knepyhousen Will take upon the Command of the Island of New York & Posts Depending –

Maj<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Sir Robert] Pigott being Stationed Commandant of New York & Posts Adjacent of Poles [Paulus] Hook , Burgin, Staten Island & Long Island –

All Reports from these Places must be made to him at New York –

An Officer of Each Reg<sup>t</sup> is to be left at New York to take Charge of the Stores and Convilissants of their Respective Reg<sup>ts</sup> thay Will leave their Names & Places where Quarter'd at the Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup> Office –

The Commander is Pleas'd to Signifie his Satisfaction with the Officers & men Employ'd in Constructing the Redoubt at Kingsbridge The deligance & Exactness of Which L<sup>t</sup>. [Mathew] Pitts [Engineers] has Finish'd those Works Dose him Great Credit..

[H/K2] Head Quarters New York  
9<sup>th</sup> June 1777



Detail of Portrait of Gen. Charles Grey, 1797, by Joseph Collyer the Younger, after Sir Thomas Lawrence

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His Majesty has been pleased to Appoint Major Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Charles] Gray upon the Staff in North America –

Capt<sup>n</sup>. [John] Andree 26<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>. is Appointed Aid de Camp to Major Gen<sup>l</sup>: Gray –

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 10<sup>th</sup> June 1777...



Extract of "Plan of Perth Amboy from an actual survey..." 1777, by James Grant (deputy surveyor) and Alexander Sutherland (Engineer)

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

[H/K2] Head Quarters Perth Amboy

10<sup>th</sup> June 1777

Line is to March on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> at Three in the Morning, with their Guns, Baggage & two Days Provisions –

The 55<sup>th</sup>. 2 Batt<sup>ns</sup>. of Anspach & Waldeck Regim<sup>ts</sup>. are to Remain at Amboy Encamp'd till further Orders with 2 light 12 Pound<sup>rs</sup>. & 2. 3 Pound<sup>rs</sup>. of 71<sup>st</sup>. Regimt. besides their own Regiment<sup>l</sup>. Guns. –

The Line will march in Files by the Left, the Waggon's will form the left Column in a line with the Troops upon their right –

The Spare Waggon will be Brigaded by the Q<sup>r</sup>. Mas<sup>tr</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. in the rear of the Baggage of each regim<sup>t</sup>. -

Order of March for Troops & Artillery

Dismounted Dragoons                      }  
Anspach Chasseurs [Jägers]            } in front

Queens Rangers to flank, the head of the Column on the right; every other Corps to have small flanking Party on its right –

The Mounted Dragoons to follow – then the Hessians Infantry with 2 light 12s. in their front – The 4<sup>th</sup>. 44<sup>th</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup>. 64<sup>th</sup>. 38<sup>th</sup>. 27<sup>th</sup>. 46<sup>th</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>. & 40<sup>th</sup> regim<sup>ts</sup>.

The spare Waggon over the New bridge at Brunswick.

Artillery ...

Regiment<sup>l</sup>. Guns to March in front of their respective Regiments –

[H/K2] After Orders by the Commander in Chief

Brunswick 11<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Brigad<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie is appointed to the Command of the Brigade composed of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>.

The Field Officers of the day of each Nation will post such Pockets as they shall judge proper from the Corps incamped this day...

Note: In the second week of June Gen. Howe made his first move to try to lure Gen. Washington's Rebel army out of its defensive position so it could be engaged.

Head Quarters New York

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

In the Absence of the Commander in Chief and his Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Philip] de Heister his Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Wilhelm] Knyphausen will take upon him the Command of the Island of New York & Posts Depending – Maj<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Sir Robert] Pigott being stationed Commandant of New York & Posts Adjacent of Poles [Paulus] Hook, Burgin, Staten Island & Long Island –

[C/G] Head Quarters Brunswick 11<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

Four Days Provisions to the 16<sup>th</sup> Inclusive will be Issued to the troops to Morrow...

Note: On June 11, 1777 Gen. Sir William How moved his Headquarters to (New) Brunswick and assumed command of all British Forces in New Jersey.



Detail from “*Plan de notre camp à New Brunswick le 12e. juin...*”, 1777 by Friedrich Adam Julius von Wangenheim, with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. shown in the upper right hand corner, and the Millstone River to the right

Picture Source: *Library of Congress, Geography and Map Div.*

## [H/K2] Head Quarters New-York Brunswick

12<sup>th</sup> June 1777

The Field Officers of the 'Day of each Nation will post such Picquets as they shall judge proper from the Corps that Encamp'd this Day...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [William] Pratt of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> is appointed to act as Adjutant to the first Batt<sup>n</sup> grenadiers in room of Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Adam] Gouldnay [22<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] Promoted. –

The Majors of Brigade will attend for Orders at Six in the Evening at the Adj<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>ls</sup>. Office, near the Queens Head, in Albany Street. -

[H/K2] Morning Orders 13<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

[H/K2] Morning Orders

13<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

When the undernamed Regimt<sup>s</sup> are ordered to move they are to be Brigaded in the following Order –

### 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade

One Batt <sup>n</sup> . of Guards	}	
23 <sup>d</sup> . Regiment	}	Commanded by Lieut. Col <sup>l</sup> . [Henry] Trelawney [2 <sup>nd</sup> Guards Regt.]
40 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup> .	}	

### 2<sup>d</sup> Brigd<sup>e</sup>.

4 <sup>th</sup> .	}	
15 <sup>th</sup> .	}	Commanded by B. Gen <sup>l</sup> [James] Agnew
44 <sup>th</sup> .	}	

### 3<sup>d</sup> Brigd<sup>e</sup>.

10 <sup>th</sup> .	}	
27 <sup>th</sup> .	}	Commanded by Lt. Col <sup>l</sup> [Enoch] Markham [46 <sup>th</sup> Regt.]
46 <sup>th</sup> .	}	

### 4<sup>th</sup> Brigd<sup>e</sup>.

17 <sup>th</sup> .	}	
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38<sup>th</sup>. } Commanded by Lt. Col<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Mawhood [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.]  
64 }

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan will command the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Brigades.

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Gray the 2<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>...

#### Morning Orders 13<sup>th</sup> June 1777

A Working Party of 1C 2S 3S 3C & 50 Priv<sup>ts</sup> from the 42<sup>d</sup> & 52<sup>d</sup> Regiments to Parade immediately in the rear of the Grenadiers Encampment when they will receive their Orders from Capt<sup>n</sup> [James] Moncrieffe Engineer -

	Detail				
	C	S	S	C	Priv <sup>ts</sup>
42 <sup>d</sup> Regimt.	1	1	2	2	30
52 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>		1	1	1	20
	1	2	3	3	50

Note: "C S S C Priv<sup>ts</sup>" is an abbreviation for Captains, Subalterns (Lieutenants, Ensigns or 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts), Serjeants, Corporals and Privates.

#### [H/K2] Head Quarters Brunswick Camp

13<sup>th</sup> June 1777

Order of March for the Division to be under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis & Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Grant

Hessian & Anspach Chasseurs [Jägers]

2 Batt<sup>ns</sup> Light Infantry except four Companys under the Command of Major [Peter] Craig [57<sup>th</sup> Regt.] to join [Capt. and] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> [Thomas] Twistleton [3<sup>rd</sup> Guards Regt.]

2 Medium 12 Pound<sup>rs</sup>

B: [British] Grenad<sup>rs</sup> with their Batt<sup>n</sup> Guns

Brig<sup>de</sup>. under L<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>l</sup>. [Thomas] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] with 2 Howtize<sup>s</sup> & 2. 6 p<sup>rs</sup> 33<sup>d</sup>. & 2 Batt<sup>ns</sup>. 42<sup>d</sup>. Regim<sup>t</sup>. –

Brig<sup>de</sup> under L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> S<sup>r</sup> H. [Henry] Calder [49<sup>th</sup> Regt.] with 4. 6 p<sup>rs</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. 49<sup>th</sup>. 52<sup>d</sup>. & 37<sup>th</sup>.

Col<sup>l</sup>. [Carl von] Donop with 3<sup>d</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup>. & 1<sup>st</sup>. H. [Hessian] Grenad<sup>rs</sup>. –

16<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons leaving a Detach<sup>t</sup>: of an Officer & 16 Dragoons with Brigad<sup>r</sup>. [Edward] Mathew at Brunswick –

These Corps to assemble & form in Column of March by half Companies on the Prince Town Road at 11 oClock this Night, the head of the Column at One Mile Run. –

A Corps of Pioneers to March at the Head of the Grenadiers.

The Batt<sup>n</sup> Baggage Waggon with Surgeons Roberts & Bowman in the rear of the Amunition Waggon of L<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>l</sup>: [Thomas] Sterlings Brigade.

The 2<sup>d</sup> Division under the Command of His Excellency [Hessian] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Leopold Phillip] De Heister, Major Gen<sup>ls</sup> [Johann David] Stirn, [John] Vaughan & [Charles] Gray – Brigad<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>ls</sup>. [James] Agnew & [Hon. Alexander] Leslie to March by the Left. –

The four Companys of Light Infantry with Major Craig & [Capt. Patrick] Ferguson's Rifle Company to join the Light Infantry of the Guards under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup>. [Col.] Twisleton the 4 Grass hoppers to be attached to this Corps –

The Batt<sup>n</sup> of Guards with the Corps of Pioneers 40<sup>th</sup>. & 23<sup>d</sup>. Regim<sup>ts</sup>. under the Command of [Capt. and] L<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>l</sup>: [Charles] Trelawny [2<sup>nd</sup> or Coldstream Guards Regt.] to form the Advanced Guards following Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>l</sup>. Twisletons Corps with 2 Medium 12 P<sup>rs</sup> & 2. 6 p<sup>rs</sup> –

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Johann David] Stirns with the Hessian Brigade, the line Marching by the Left by half Companies –

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Gray with 2<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Brigd<sup>es</sup> with 2-6 P<sup>rs</sup> to each Brig<sup>de</sup>.

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan with 3<sup>de</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Brigades & 2-6 Pound<sup>rs</sup> to each Brig<sup>de</sup>.

17<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons with their dismounted...

The Troops Encamp'd on the east side of the Rariton [River] will receive Orders to call in their out posts –

The Regim<sup>ts</sup>. with L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis's Division will call in their out posts at Nine o'Clock –

Brig<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Leslie with the Brig<sup>de</sup>. of 71<sup>st</sup>. [Highland] Regim<sup>t</sup> to assemble on the road to Prince Town at 11 o'Clock in the rear of Lord Cornwallis's Corps and their wait for further Orders –

The Troops under Orders to March are to Carry three days Bread & Pork & one days Rum; to Strike Tents at eight o'Clock & Load their heavy Baggage & Tents keeping two Waggons for each Regim<sup>t</sup>. for the Officers Canteens & Provisions.

No more can possibly be allow'd on this March –

The heavy Baggage, Tents & remaining Waggons, to be left Brunswick under the Care of a Serjeant & Six Men from each Regim<sup>t</sup>. and an Officer from each Brigade; proper Baggage Stores appointed...

Notes: This order represents the first brigade command assignment for Lt. Col. Stirling, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. These orders prepare the army to withdraw to Amboy, New Jersey in Gen. Howe's attempt to draw the Rebel army out of its strong position so his army can engage them. A "*Grass hopper*" was a light 3-pound cannon. An "*Officers Canteen*" mentioned in this order does not refer to a small water container, but rather a box with his eating utensils and cooking equipment.

[H/K2] Head Quarters Middlebush

14<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

The Quarter Mast<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. will post the Patroles Picquets and Grand Guards –

The Men are to erect shades with railing and Boughs –

The Troops will be ready to March on the shortest Notice –

It is the Commander in Chiefs Positive Orders that all Cattle seized on by the Army to be immediately sent to the Commissary Gen<sup>ls</sup>. at Head Quarters to be equally distributed to the Army taken from him a Receipt for the Number delivered –

[H/K2] Head Quarters Middlebush

15<sup>th</sup> June 1777

No Officer, Soldier or follower of the Army (Publick Officers excepted) are to go beyond the Advanced posts without a pass from Head Quarters –

A Brigad<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. of the Line will take the duty of the day who will report to the Commander in Chief. –

Reports from the advanced Posts are to be made in the Morning, except upon particular Occasion

The Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>l</sup>. Commanding Brigades are on this Occasion to Act as Brig<sup>rs</sup>. in this Roll of Duty

All advanced Picquets are to return to Camp in the Morning at Reville beating, and no Picquet to return before that time without particular Order...

After Orders 7 at Night 15<sup>th</sup>. June 1777

Notwithstanding a former [order] of this day relative to the picquets, each Corps as have Advanced picquets are to send an Equal Number every Morning at day break to relieve them the Old picquet returning to Camp; if all remains quiet an hour after the Relief arrives –

After Orders 11 at Night

15<sup>th</sup> June 1777

A Working Party consisting of 3 F Off<sup>rs</sup>. 12C. 24S. 1200 Private with Non Commissioned Officers in proportion to parade tomorrow morning at day break on the Road leading from head Quarters to Brunswick and Opposite to the Encampment of the provision Train, 800 of the Number to Bring with them their Camp Hatchets for making Fascines an Engineer will attend to conduct them, the 40<sup>th</sup>. Regim<sup>t</sup> to be excluded in this detail -

		Detail					
	F. Off <sup>rs</sup>	C	S	S	D	R&F	with Hatchets
1 <sup>st</sup> . Brig <sup>de</sup> .		2	4			200	100
2 <sup>d</sup> . d <sup>o</sup> .	1	3	5			250	175
3 d <sup>o</sup> .	1	3	5			250	175
4 <sup>th</sup> . d <sup>o</sup> .	1	2	5			250	175
5 <sup>th</sup> . d <sup>o</sup> .		2	5			250	175
	3	12	24			1200	800

[H/K2] Morning Orders Camp at Middlebush

8 o'Clock - - - 16<sup>th</sup> June 1777

The Working Party of 1200 Men Ordered last night is to be relieved by an Equal Number from their respective Brigades at one o'Clock this day, and the Regim<sup>ts</sup>. are to send as many Axes & Hatchets as they can possibly Collect...

[H/K2] Head Quarters Middle Bush

16<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

After Orders Head Quart<sup>rs</sup>

Middle Bush half past 12

All Women & Children now with the Army are to be immediately sent back to Brunswick, where Quarters & the usual Rations of Provisions will be allowed them – They will have an Opportunity of going under an Escort from Middle Bush this Evening at Seven oClock...

[H/K2] Morning Orders Middle Bush

17<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

[H/K2] Head Quarters Middlebush

17<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

Officers Commanding Advanced Posts will immediately forward to Head Quarters all Prisoners Deserters or other Persons coming from the Enemy without making any enquiry or asking any Questions but what may relate to the defence of their own Posts ...

After Orders Evening Gun firing

The Commander in Chief finding that Notwithstanding the order of 15<sup>th</sup>. Instant the men still Persist in going beyond the Advanced Posts without permission by which means some have been carry'd of by the Enemy is under the necessity of giving Orders to the Advanced Centries to fire upon all such for the future as shall Attempt to disobey that Order ...

[H/K2] Head Quarters Middlebush  
18<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

After Orders Evening Gun firing

Order of the March of the 2<sup>d</sup> Division of the Army under the Com<sup>d</sup>. of His Excellency Lieu<sup>t</sup>. General [Leopold Phillip] De Heister - To March by the right by half Companies -

[Capt. and] Lt. Col. [Thomas] Twisleton's Corps of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry & Riflemen on the right Flank - 71<sup>st</sup>: [Highland] Regiment on the Left Flank & in front

Grenadier Comp<sup>y</sup>: of the Guards

2 Grass hoppers

Batt<sup>n</sup>: of Guards

3<sup>d</sup>. Brig<sup>de</sup>: British

4<sup>th</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>.

23<sup>d</sup>. & 40<sup>th</sup>: Regiments

Hessian Brigade

Cavalry

Rear Guard composed of the Picquets of the Army having with them two Grasshoppers from L<sup>t</sup> Col: [Thomas] Twisleton's Corps -

The Picquets of the Guards 23<sup>rd</sup>: Reg<sup>t</sup>: & the two Right hand Batt<sup>n</sup>s: of 71<sup>st</sup>: to assemble at Brig<sup>t</sup>: [Hon. Alexander] Leslie's present Quarters; The Picquets of the Other Batt<sup>n</sup>. of 71<sup>st</sup>: in the rear of Head Quarters, The other Picquets of the British to assemble on the further Side of the Wood from Hessian Brig<sup>de</sup>. on the left of the Brunswick Road, the Hessian Picquets in front of Gen<sup>l</sup>: [Leopold Phillip] De Heisters Quarters -

The 23<sup>rd</sup>: & 40<sup>th</sup>: Reg<sup>ts</sup>: move forward at day break and post on the same Ground they did on the March from Brunswick there remain until the Rear Guard comes up, when they are to in the Line of March behind the 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brigade of British - take and join in the Line of March behind the 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brigade of British ...

The Army to be in Readiness by break of Day, to form on their respective Grounds & wait for Orders to call in their Out Posts and March...

Commanding Officers of Corps & Out Posts to be careful in preventing any unusual Fires being made - [Capt. and] Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Co<sup>l</sup>. [Thomas] Twisleton having the Command of a Flank Corps is not for the present to take the Duty of the Line, Maj<sup>r</sup>: [Normand] Lamont of 71<sup>st</sup>: is therefore Field Officer for the Picquets of the British this Even<sup>g</sup>. and is to continue on that Duty till Relieved -

[H/K2] Head Quarters Camp at  
Brunswick 19<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

Gen<sup>l</sup> Officer for to morrow Major Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Charles] Grey...

Field Officer for the Piscatagua side Major [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 42<sup>nd</sup>: Regim<sup>t</sup>: - For the Brunswick Side L<sup>t</sup>: Colonel [Hon. Henry] Monkton -

[H/K2] Head Quarters Camp at  
Brunswick 20<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

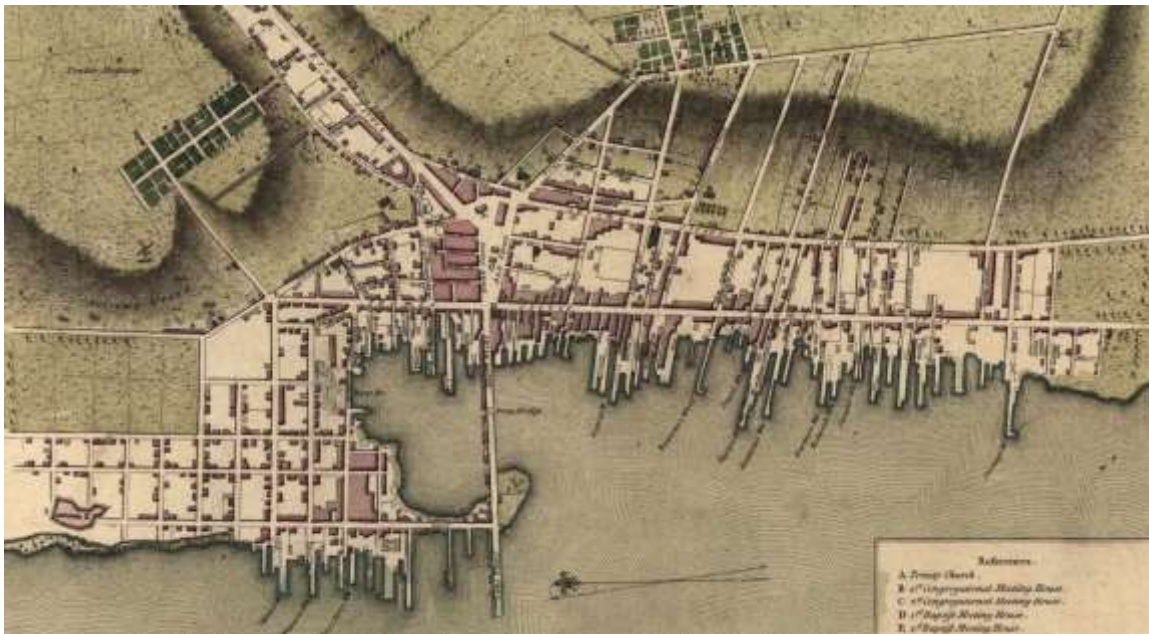
All advanced Posts are to be constantly loaded and to have Cartridges as much as possible they are to be carefully drawn as soon as the Men come off Duty, and the Powder & Ball made up again ...

Sources:

[H/K] "The Kemble Papers: Vol. I, 1773-1789" in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

[C/G] *William Howe orderly book*, Great Britain. Army, 1776-1778, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. This order book, provides the orders of Maj. Gen. James Grant of Ballindalloch, Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis, commanding in New Jersey, and of Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in North America, is actually an order book belonging to the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. of Foot Guards. Spelling and abbreviations are as shown in the order book. Transcribed and edited by Paul Pace.

[H/K2] *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, 29 January 1777 - 20 June 1777*, New York State Library, *Manuscripts and History Library*, Accession Number 6744.



Detail from "A plan of the town of Newport in Rhode Island," 1777, by Charles Blaskowitz

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

## **Extracts of General Orders from Rhode Island Concerning the 3<sup>rd</sup> British Grenadier Battalion (Including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co.), Jan. 16 – Feb. 8, 1777**

Given by Earl Percy...

16<sup>th</sup> January [1777]...

The 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry, and Grenadiers, and 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade of British to prepare for immediate Embarkation.

The Light Company and Grenadiers of the 54<sup>th</sup> are not to embark...

Note: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Company is being ordered to embark for New Jersey with the 3<sup>rd</sup> British Grenadier Bn.

Given by Gen<sup>l</sup> [Francis] Smith...

23<sup>d</sup> January [1777]

The troops ordered for embarkation, to embark to morrow morning under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Co<sup>l</sup> [William] Butler [38<sup>th</sup> Regt.], who will give the necessary directions...

Given by [Lt. Gen. Hugh] Earl Percy...

8<sup>th</sup> February [1777]

The men who arrived in the Cartel yesterday are during their stay to be under the Command of the Officers, who came with them. Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Harry] Munro 42<sup>d</sup> regiment will apply to Major [John] Innes [Royal Artillery], for Arms, cartridge boxes and Ammunition...

Notes: Lt. Munro was captured on the transport *Oxford* with Capt. Smith's Co. in May 1776. He was exchanged at Rhode Island for a captured Rebel Officer.

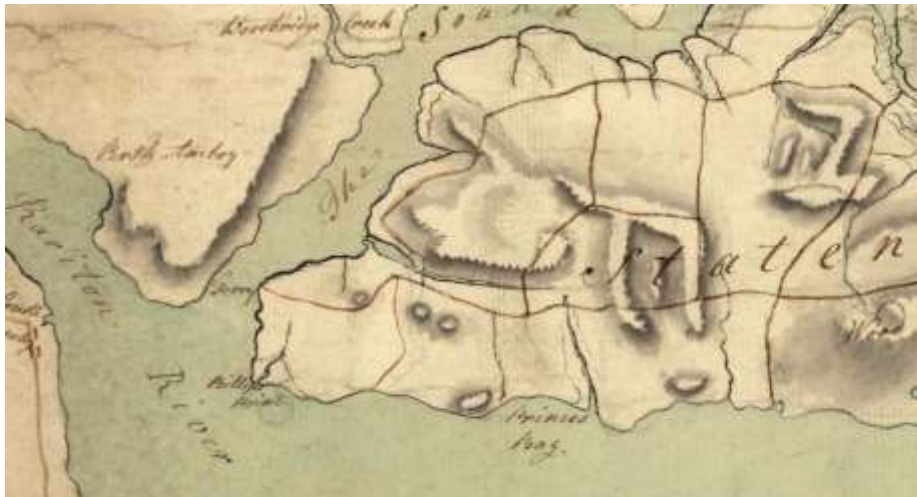
Source: *General Orders Rhode Island December 1776 – January 1778*, Ed. Don Hagist, Heritage Books, Westminster (MD) 2007, pp. 1, 3-4, 12, 21-23, 25-26, and 29-30.

## **Excerpts of the Order Book of Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir William Howe, Kept by Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, New Jersey to Philadelphia, June 20 – Nov. 19, 1777**

After Orders, 4 Afternoon, 20<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

It is particularly recommended to the several Regiments that may receive Orders to Embark, to take along with them Sunks and Sodds, as possibly they may be under the necessity of sometimes marching without Waggon...

Notes: "*Sunks and Sodds*" were primitive saddles, made of coarse cloth and stuffed with straw, used on pack horses in lieu of pack saddles.



Detail of "Plan of New York and Staten Islands with part of Long Island, survey'd in the years 1781, & 82."

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

Head Quarters, Camp at Brunswick, 21<sup>st</sup> June 1777.

The Troops to march to-morrow morning to Amboy at daybreak.

Order of March.

[Hessian] Maj.-Gen. [Johann David] Stirn's Brigade will march by the Right, followed by the 64<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>d</sup> Regiments, cross over from Amboy to Staten Island and encamp at Prince's Bay. Capt. Robertson, Assistant Quarter Master General, will conduct them.

The Baggage Waggons to march upon the right of the Column with their respective Brigades.

The Baggage of the Commander-in-Chief and the Staff Officers in the rear of the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Guards; that of the other General Officers at the head of the Waggons of their Respective Brigades or Corps.

The Chasseurs [Jägers] will cover the March of Stirn's Brigade till he passes the rear of the British; after which they will proceed to the head of that Column, and join Brig.-Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie at Bonham Town.

Capt. [Patrick] Ferguson's Corps of Rifle Men to join Brig.-Gen. Leslie at same time and place.

Maj.-Gen. Stirn's Brigade will halt at Piscataway till the Chasseurs come to his front.

The 23<sup>d</sup> Regiment to be followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Guards, then the 40<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 42<sup>d</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Guards.

The Six Light Companies at Landing to join Wemys's Corps [Loyalist Queen's Rangers] as soon as Gen. Stirn's Brigade and Chasseurs move off their Ground.

Brig.-Gen. Leslie, with the Brigade of 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland Regt.], will, as soon as joined by the Chasseurs, immediately take post on the short Hills and remain there till further Orders; the Baggage of 71<sup>st</sup> to fall in, in the Rear of the Hessian Baggage of Stirn's Brigade.

Each Regiment to draw in their Pickets when they march off their Ground.

The Troops encamped on the Brunswick side of the Raritan will pass over Capt. [James] Moncrieffe's Bridge in the following Order:

16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, Battalion of Loos, Hessian Grenadiers, British Grenadiers, Light Infantry.

The Baggage of their Corps to pass in front of the Dragoons. This Corps will receive Orders for moving off their Ground from Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis...

The Troops will always march by half Companies where the Ground will permit of it.

After Orders, 8 at Night...

The Tents and Baggage of the Army to be completely loaded by two in the Morning, and the Baggage Waggons of Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis's Division to be drawn up on the Piscataway side of the River by day break.

The Baggage of the Commander-in-Chief and Staff Officers to march in front of the British line of Waggons and not Rear of 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Guards, as directed in a former Order of this day.

Notes: This movement begins Gen. Howe's action to withdraw from New Jersey to move his army to Chesapeake Bay to take Philadelphia.

Head Quarters Camp at Perth Amboy 22<sup>d</sup> June 1777...

Head Quarters Camp Perth Amboy 23<sup>d</sup> June 1777.

A Detachment consisting of 1 Lieutenant Colonel, 1 Major, and 6 Captains, with a Subaltern and 20 privates, with Non-Commissioned Officers in proportion, from each Battalion of British Infantry in the Line, to parade this day at One o'Clock, to cover a Foraging Party from the Cavalry, and such Regiments of Infantry as may be in want of Forage. The whole to assemble on the Brunswick Road in front of 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment, precisely at 1 o'Clock this day...

Head Quarters Camp at Perth Amboy, 24<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

The undermentioned Corps are to hold themselves in readiness to Embark and to be Brigaded as follows :

[Loyalist] Queen's Rangers,



Light Infantry,

British Grenadiers.

Brigade of Guards, Commanded by Brig.-Gen. [Edward] Mathew.

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>d</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, Maj.-Gen. [John] Vaughan.

2<sup>d</sup> Brigade, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant.

3<sup>d</sup> Brigade, 15<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>d</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, Maj.-Gen. [Charles] Grey.

4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 33<sup>d</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, Brig.-Gen. [James] Agnew.

5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 71<sup>st</sup>, 3 Battalions, Brig.-Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie.

The reserve to consist of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, British, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Anspach, and Ferguson's Rifle Corps, 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, mounted and dismounted.

Hessian and Anspach Yagers, }

3 Battalions of Hessian Grenadiers } Col. [Carl von] Donop.

[Hessian] Regiment Du Corps, }

d<sup>o</sup> Donop, } Maj.-Gen. [Johann David] Stirn

d<sup>o</sup> Mirbach, }

d<sup>o</sup> Loos, }

Brig.-Gen. [Samuel] Cleaveland will receive his Orders for the Artillery from the Commander in Chief.



Detail of Print of Lt. Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen,

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Division of Art, Humanities and Social Sciences, New York Public Library

His Excellency Lieut.-Gen. [Leopold Philip] de Heister having reported to the Commander in Chief that he has received Orders to repair to his Court to Confer with His most Serene Highness, the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, the Command of Hessian Troops, upon His Excellency's departure, will devolve upon His Excellency Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen...

The Inspector to appoint an additional Hospital Mate to each of the Battalions of Light Infantry and British Grenadiers, who are to remain with those Corps until further Orders.

Head Quarters Camp at Amboy, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

The Regiments to strike Tents at Six this Evening, to load their Waggon with the Tents, Baggage, and Men's Knapsacks, and to send them within the Lines, under a proper Guard from each Regiment, to ground that will be pointed out to them by a Deputy Quarter Master General...

The Regiments of Anspach, Waldeck, and Battalion of Kohler, are not to strike Tents until further Orders.

After Orders, 7 at Night

The Army, when put in motion, will March in two Columns from the Right by half Companies.

Order of March for the right Column under the Command of Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis.

Hessian Yagers, [Capt. Johann] Ewald's Company excepted, under the Command of Lieut.-Col. [Ludwig von] Wurmb, with one 3 Pounder.

[Loyalist] Queen's Rangers.

1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry, two 3 Pounders.

1<sup>st</sup> British Grenadiers, two 12 and two 6 Pounders.

Half the Corps of Pioneers and One waggon with Tools.

Hessian Grenadiers, 3 Battalions, six 3 Pounders.

Brigade of Guards, two 6 Pounders.

2<sup>d</sup> Brigade British, four 6 Pounders.

5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, British, four 3 Pounders.

17<sup>th</sup> Regiment Dragoons and Mounted Yagers.

	{ 7 <sup>th</sup> Regiment British,	}
Reserve	{ 2 Companies Anspach Grenadiers,	} two 6 Pounders-
	{ 26 <sup>th</sup> Regiment.	}

Order of March for the Left Column under the Command of Maj.-Gen. [John] Vaughan.

Artillery.

Ewald's Company of Hessian and Anspach Yagers, one 3 Pounder.

[Capt. Patrick] Ferguson's Corps, one Amusette.

2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, two 3 Pounders.

2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Grenadiers, two 6's and two 3 Pounders.

Half the Corps of Pioneers with One Waggon with Tools.

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade British, two 12's and two 6 Pounders.

4<sup>th</sup> Brigade British, four 6 Pounders.

3<sup>d</sup> Brigade British [with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], two 6 Pounders.

16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons.

	{ 18 <sup>th</sup> Regiment British, }
Reserve	{ Loos's Battalion Hessian, }
	{ 35 <sup>th</sup> Regiment. }

four 6's and two 3 Pounders.

Two Waggon to be allowed on this March to each Regiment of Dragoons, and two to each Battalion of Infantry, with four horses to each, one Waggon to carry the Officers' Provisions and two days' Rum for the Men; the other to be a spare Waggon kept empty.

The whole to take their Camp Kettles with them, and the Commanding Officers will take care that they are properly fixed upon the Men, and not carried in their hands.

They are to leave their Knapsacks with the Baggage, and Carry with them three days' Provision and one day's Rum.

None but the Light Infantry and Flankers to be loaded on this March.

The Commanding Officers will take care that this order is strictly observed till the Orders for loading are given.

All Women and Children to remain with the Baggage.

Note: An “*Amusette*” was a light artillery piece of approximately with a one inch bore, stocked like a large musket. It could be carried by hand or rolled on a light wheeled frame.

Head Quarters Camp at Westfield, 26<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

The Commanding Officers of Corps will post Pickets as they shall judge Necessary for the Security of their respective Posts.

A Field Officer from each Column to take the duty of the Pickets, which are to mount this Evening at Sunset, and to be relieved to-morrow morning in the usual manner at daybreak.

The Field Officers will make their Reports to the Commander in Chief.

The Army will be in Readiness to move on the Shortest Notice.

Field Officer for the Right Column, Major Conran; For the Left, Lieut.-Col. [Thomas] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.].

Head Quarters, Camp at Westfield, 27<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

#### Morning Orders.

When the Columns are put in Motion, they are to March by the Left; The Second Column, under the Command of Major-General [John] Vaughan, in. the following Order:

Ferguson’s [Rifle] Corps with one Amusette.  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade, four 6 Pounders.  
Remaining Battalion, of 3d. Brigade, 44<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>d</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> Regiment,  
Hessians of Stirn and Loos with their Guns.  
4<sup>th</sup> Brigade of 37<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, two 6 Pounders.  
1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of 23<sup>d</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>d</sup> British Grenadiers with their Guns in front, with two 12 Pounders.  
2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry.  
Yagers, with two 6 Pounders.  
Dragoons in front.

#### Order of March of the Baggage...

The Columns will march by the Roads most contiguous to their present Ground. Guides will attend to Conduct them.

Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis’s Column will have Flanking Parties on its Left, Maj.-Gen. [John] Vaughan’s Column on its Right.

A Captain and 40 Men from each Regiment to Flank.

The Pioneers, with their Tools, March in front of the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade.

The Provost Martial, with the Provisions, in the rear of the Staff Officers’ Baggage of Major-General [John] Vaughan’s Column.

The Cattle, with some Pioneers, between the Two Columns.

#### After Morning Orders.

The Commander in Chief thanks all the Officers and Men of the Corps that were. Yesterday engaged, particularly the Guards, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Grenadiers, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Light Infantry [with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co.], the Yagers, [Hessian] Col. [Friedrich von] Minnigerode and his Battalion. The Animated and Spirited good will of the Troops in general, in their endeavors, by a forced March, to reach the Enemy, does them infinite Credit and Honor, and Maintains that just marked superiority they have constantly held over them.

Notes: These orders are in preparation for withdrawal of Gen. Howe’s army from New Jersey at Perth Amboy to Staten Island. Care is being taken so that the Rebel army does not attack the ever decreasing number of troops left in New Jersey. This order also thanks the soldiers under the command of Lt. Gen. Lord Cornwallis for their performance in a

battle with Maj. Gen. William Lord Stirling's division on the road to Scotch Plains. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry Co. participated as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Inf. Bn.

Head Quarters Rahway 27<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Col. [Carl von] Donop and the Hessian Grenadiers having been omitted in the Public thanks of this day – The Commander in Chief desires that his particular thanks may be given to Col. Donop and the Hessian Grenadiers for their very spirited behavior as reported to him by Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, and the General also desires that his thanks may be given to the officers and Men of the Royal Artillery that were yesterday engaged.

The Baggage to be completely loaded to-morrow by daybreak.

The Troops to form and wait for Orders. The Troops to observe the same Orders of March to-morrow as was given them for this day...

Head Quarters Camp at Perth Amboy 28<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

The Sick and Wounded to be immediately put on board the Hospital Ships. A Surgeon will attend to receive them at the Ferry. Four days' Provisions to be immediately issued to the Regiments that Cross the Ferry this day, and to-morrow the rest of the Army will receive four days' provisions, between the Hours of 6 in the morning and 12 at noon...

Field Officer of the British on the Amboy side, Major McPherson...

After Orders, 7 at Night.

All Officers' Horses belonging to the different Regiments or Corps are to be at the water-side in readiness to embark to-morrow morning at daybreak.

All Heavy Baggage remaining on the Amboy side of the water is to be transported to Staten Island.

After Orders, half past 11 at Night...

The 35<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>d</sup> Regiments British, Kohler's Battalion of [Hessian] Grenadiers, the Battalion of Loos, Waldeck, and Anspach, are to cross the Ferry to Staten Island, tomorrow morning, at daybreak.

Head Quarters Camp at Perth Amboy 29<sup>th</sup> June 1777...

Morning Orders, 10 o'Clock.

Each Corps on the Amboy side to give in to the Adjutant-General's immediately an Embarkation Return, that Boats may be provided accordingly to carry them over the Ferry.

After Morning Orders.

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>d</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, and 64<sup>th</sup> Regiments will, as soon as they have crossed the Ferry, march to their Ground of Encampment on Staten Island, leaving their Guns on the other side under the charge of an Officer of Artillery, to be appointed by Brig.-Gen.[Samuel] Cleaveland.

After Orders, 7 at Night.

The Queen's Rangers and Ferguson's Corps are to embark with the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade. The Corps of Pioneers will Cross over this Evening to Staten Island, where they will receive further Orders.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Morning Orders, 7 o'Clock.

The Troops to Embark in the following Order, Ferguson's [Rifle] Corps:

1<sup>st</sup> Embarkation. – [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Brigades.

2<sup>d</sup> Embarkation. – 3<sup>d</sup> [with 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades.

3<sup>d</sup> Embarkation. – 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, Brigade of Guards.

4<sup>th</sup> Embarkation, Rear Guard. – Yagers, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Grenadiers.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Embarkation to take place at the Ferry, at Ten, and the others to follow as they shall be conducted.

The Rear Guard to march down with the 3<sup>d</sup> Embarkation and Embark on the Beach below the Governor's House.

One day's Extra Rum to be issued to the Troops that cross the Ferry this day, as soon as they land on the other side.



Detail from "Plan of the attack on the provincial army on Long Island, August 27th 1776. With the draughts of New York Island, Staten Island, and the adjacent part of the continent," 1776, by John Bowles

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Camp at Richmond Staten Island, 1<sup>st</sup> July 1777.

The Army to march to-morrow and encamp at Cole's Ferry under the Command of Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis.

The Troops, under Orders of Embarkation with the 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Regiments British, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Anspach, Loos's, Yagers, Riflemen, and Pioneers, are to be in readiness to embark on the shortest Notice.

The heavy Baggage to be put on board as soon as the Transports are assigned to the several Corps.

Commanding Officers of Corps are not to grant leave of absence but on the most urgent Business or Regimental Duty.

Three Weeks' provisions for the Officers will probably be sufficient for the intended Voyage...

No Horses can be taken on board but for the General and Staff Officers, Field Officers, and Adjutants of Corps.

The Convalescents at New York are immediately to join their respective Corps, a proper Officer to be forthwith sent to inspect and Conduct them.

The Flank Companies [Grenadiers and Lt. Infantry] to be immediately completed to the same Numbers of the Battalions they belong to, the Regiments on this occasion may give Recruits that have some knowledge of their Arms.

Whenever it so happens that the two Battalions of Light Infantry, or two Battalions of Grenadiers, shall act together, and not under the Command of a General Officer, the Senior Officer will take the Command of both Battalions.

The Field Pieces of the British Light Infantry and Grenadiers are to remain with them; all the other Guns, Hessian and British, are to be Embarked.

Four Waggons per Battalion of the Line are to be taken on board and Stowed in the best manner possible upon the Ships' Quarters...

Col. James Robertson to be Major-General, in America only, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1776; Col. Sir Thomas Spencer Wilson, Bart., to be Major-General, in America only, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1777; Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, of the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, to be Aid-de-Camp to the King 1<sup>st</sup> May 1777.

After Orders by Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, 7 at Night.

The Army will march to-morrow morning at whatever hour the Officers Commanding Brigades or Corps shall think proper to direct, by the shortest and Most convenient Roads, to the heights near Cole's Ferry; observing that, in case any two corps should meet on the same road, the Senior Corps is to lead.

Each Corps to send forward their Quarter master and Camp Colour Men, an hour before their march, to take up their ground and pitch their Camp Colours.

Head Quarters Banker's House, Staten Island 2<sup>d</sup> July 1777...

All the Baggage that can possibly be spared to be put on board the Transports as soon as possible...

Head Quarters Banker's House Staten Island 3<sup>d</sup> July 1777...

After Morning Orders.

The different Corps of the Army will deliver in tomorrow morning, by nine o'Clock, to the Quarter Master General, at the Provision Train Park, all Horses supplied them by his department for Waggon or otherwise, and each Corps to account for the Horses they can't produce. Each Corps to Carry the whole of their Waggon and Harness on board their respective Transports, instead of four mentioned in former Orders...

After Orders, 8 at Night.

Each Corps will put on Board their respective Transports all their Waggon and Harness by 5 o'Clock to-morrow morning. The boats belonging to those Ships will have orders to be at the most convenient places to their Encampment at that hour. Those belonging to the Corps Encamped at the Flag Staff and near the Narrows will be at Simonson's Ferry; those of the Corps near to Cole's Ferry will be at his Wharf. Those nigh to the Watering place will be at the great Tree. Those of the Corps nigh to Ryerson's Ferry will be at his Wharf, and the Light Infantry Transport Boats will be at or near Decker's Ferry; after leaving their Waggon at the above places, the Horses are, agreeable to this day's Orders, to be sent in to the Quarter Master General.

Head Quarters Banker's House, Staten Island 4<sup>th</sup> July 1777...

Head Quarters Banker's House, Staten Island 5<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis's Orders.

Morning Orders, 10 o'Clock.

The Guns now with the British Grenadiers are to be immediately sent down to the Water side in front of the Artillery Park, where an Agent will receive and embark them.

And the Guns of the Light Infantry are to be embarked at the same place at Six this Evening, and all the Horses belonging to those Guns are to be immediately after delivered to the Commanding Officer of Artillery.

After Morning Orders.

The Field Officers and Adjutants are to take their Saddle Horses on board their respective Ships. They are immediately to apply to Commissary Lock at Cole's Ferry for one Month's complete Forage, after which their Horses are to be immediately put on board. Capt. Bowmaster will give the necessary directions to the Masters of Transports to assist with their boats in taking on board the Forage and in embarking the Horses...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Maj.-Gen. [John] Vaughan is appointed to take the Command of the British at Kings Bridge in lieu of Maj.-Gen. [Valentine] Jones ordered to Canada.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade to report to Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant till further Orders.

Lieut.-Col. [John] Campbell, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, is appointed Aid-de-Camp to the King, with the Rank of Colonel in the Army and Brigadier General in America, and is (after the Embarkation) to take the Command of the Troops that remain on Staten Island...

Head Quarters Banker's House Staten Island, 6<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Orders by Lord Cornwallis...

The Troops under Orders are to be in readiness to embark on Tuesday next, except the Light Infantry, British and Hessian Grenadiers, and all the Foot Yagers, who are to embark the day following...

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup>... [to] 6<sup>th</sup> July 1777...

Head Quarters Banker's House, Staten Island 7<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Lord Cornwallis's Orders.

The Troops to Embark to-morrow in the following Order, between Coles's Ferry and the Quarter Master General's Quarters.

1<sup>st</sup> Embarkation. – Brigade of Guards and 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade British, at Six in the Morning.

2<sup>d</sup> Embarkation. – 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade, with the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Regiments, at 8 in the Morning.

3<sup>d</sup> Embarkation. – The 42<sup>d</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades at 11 in the forenoon.

4<sup>th</sup> Embarkation. – 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, with the Reserve, Viz.: 7<sup>th</sup>. and 26<sup>th</sup> British, and 1<sup>st</sup>. Battalion Anspach, at 4 in the afternoon.

Each Corps to have their Tents struck, their baggage packed up and carried to the beach nearest their several Encampments an hour before their Time of Embarkation, to be left under a Guard at the water side until their Transport's Long boats can be sent for them.

The Battalion of Loos, Queen's Rangers, Ferguson's Corps, and Pioneers, are to embark on Wednesday with the Light Infantry and Grenadiers. No Officer is to presume to take on board any horse above the number allowed in General Orders.

Until further Orders all reports are to be made to Maj.-Gen. [Charles] Grey.

Notes: This embarkation is for the army's voyage to Chesapeake Bay to begin the campaign to seize the Rebel capitol at Philadelphia.



Detail from "Charles Grey, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Grey," 1797, by Joseph Collyer the Younger, after Sir Thomas Lawrence

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Anne SK Brown Collection*, Brown Univ.

Head Quarters Staten Island, 8<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Orders by Maj.-Gen. [Charles] Grey.



All Officers' Horses that are to be Embarked on board the Transports to be at Coles's Ferry at 5 o'Clock this afternoon, where there will be Scows ready to receive them.

The remainder of the Troops under Orders of Embarkation are to be embarked to-morrow morning according to the following Order, between Coles's Ferry and the Watering Place.

1<sup>st</sup> Embarkation. – Hessian Grenadiers, Loos's Battalion, Chasseurs [Jägers], at Six in the morning.

2<sup>d</sup> Embarkation. – British Grenadiers, [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers, Corps of Pioneers, at half past Seven.

3<sup>d</sup> Embarkation. – Light Infantry, Ferguson's [Rifle] Corps, at half past Nine.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons are also to be Embarked at 5 in the morning facing the Quarter Master General's Quarters.

The Tents and Baggage Corps to be at the Water side an Hour before their respective Embarkation...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Morning Orders by Maj.-Gen. [Charles] Grey.

Each Corps British that Embarks will send to Doctor Beaumont, at his Tent facing Coles's Ferry, a Return of their Sick, which are, either to be forwarded to York, or sent on board the Hospital Ships, according to their disorders...



Detail of Miniature of Capt. James Campbell, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. (back labeled "*Major Jas Campbell H. M. 42 Regt*")

Picture Source: Courtesy of *Historical Antique Arms*

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Orders by the Commander in Chief.

Lieut. James Campbell, of 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, is appointed Major of Brigade...

Notes: Lt. Campbell was later commissioned as a Capt. of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and is being appointed in this order to be the chief staff officer to his uncle, Brig. Gen. John Campbell of Strachur.

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, in the Absence of the Commander in Chief, will take upon him the Command of New York Island and posts depending, of King's Bridge, Long Island, Staten Island, Paulus Hook, and Rhode Island...

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> July 1777...

The greatest care is to be taken in Stowing away the Flat Boats properly on board, and the Commanding Officers of Transports will direct that nothing is put into them that can either strain or damage them...

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

All Officers belonging to the Regiments Embarked are to be on board Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Inst., after which no Officer is to be absent from his Ship without particular leave from the Commander in Chief...

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> July 1777...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Major [William] Gardiner, of 45<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Aid-de-Camp to the Commander in Chief, is appointed to do duty as Major to the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Grenadiers till further Orders...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> July 1777...

Head Quarters New York, 16<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

All Recruits, Drafts, and Deserters to be forwarded to their respective Regiments immediately, those of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment excepted, who are to be landed here; they will receive further Orders.

The Troops embarked are to prepare Embarkation Returns, specifying the effective number of Officers and Men, to be given in when called for.

The Men are not to be allowed to go into the Flat Boats when on Board, and the greatest care to be taken of them.

All the Convalescents, with their Non-Commissioned Officers and a Hospital Mate, to assemble upon the General Parade at 6 o'Clock on Friday Morning, and to proceed immediately to Paulus Hook; boats will be ready for them at the King's Wharf, North River. A Captain and Subaltern from the Garrison to take charge of them...

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

A Captain of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment to be left at New York to take charge of and discipline the Recruits of that Corps lately arrived from Europe.

On Board the Eagle Man of War, off Staten Island 18<sup>th</sup> July 1777 –

An Ensign at the Mizen Topmast Head of the Adjutant-General's Ship, the Roman Emperor will be the Signal for all Majors of Brigade, Aid-de-Camps, and Adjutants to receive orders on Board of said Ship.

Upon the Signal being made for dressing of Provision in order to land, two days' full allowance of Pork, four days' bread, and one day's Rum, is to be prepared to be taken on shore...

On Board the Eagle, Man of War, off Staten Island 18<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

When the Signal is made for the Troops to land, the Men are to carry with them their Knapsacks and Blankets with the Provision ordered Yesterday, and the General desires that they will get into their Flat Boats and land without hurry or Confusion, and perfectly Silent.

On Board the Eagle, Man of War 22<sup>d</sup> July 1777.

It is the Commander in Chief's positive Order that when the Troops disembark no Women to be permitted to land till permission is given in Orders for that purpose. The Commanding Officers of Corps

to be responsible this Order is Strictly observed, and are to drum out of the Army any Women that presumes to disobey it.

A Disembarkation Return from each Corps (Light Infantry, Grenadiers, and dismounted Yagers excepted) to be given to the Deputy Adjutant General to-morrow morning, by 10 o'Clock...

Memorandum. – The Fleet sailed from Sandy Hook on the 23<sup>d</sup> July and was from that to 23<sup>d</sup> August at Sea.



Detail of "A sketch of the navigation from Swan P. to the River Elk at the head of Chesapeake Bay. Sketch of the River Elk, at the head of Chesapeake Bay., 1777, by John Hunter, showing Turkey Point.

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

On Board the [64-gun *HMS*] *Eagle*, Man of War, off Turkey Point, Chesapeake Bay, Saturday, 23<sup>d</sup> August 1777.

A Red Flag pierced with white at the Foretopmasthead of the *Eagle*, or whatever Ship the Commander in Chief may be on board, is the signal for all Majors of Brigade and Adjutants to repair there for Orders...

On Board the [64-gun *HMS*] *Eagle*, Man of War, off Turkey Point, Chesapeake Bay, Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 1777...

When the Troops receive Orders to disembark, they will land in the following Order:

1<sup>st</sup> Debarkation to consist of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Grenadiers, and Hessian and Anspach Yagers.

Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis will please to superintend this Debarkation, having under his Command Colonel [Carl von] Donop.

2<sup>d</sup> Debarkation. Hessian Grenadiers, [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers, Guards, 4<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>d</sup> Regiments.

3<sup>d</sup> Debarkation. 28<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 42<sup>d</sup> Regiments.

4<sup>th</sup> Debarkation. 44<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, and 71<sup>st</sup> Regiments.

5<sup>th</sup> Debarkation. [Hessian] Brigade of Stirn, consisting of Regiments Du Corps, Donop, Mirbach, and Loos.

Boats will be provided for the General Officers, and they are to land with the first of their respective Divisions; Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant at the Head of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

The Dragoons will Disembark after the Infantry.

The Commanding Officer of Artillery will receive his Orders for disembarking from the Commander in Chief.

All Negroes that may join any part of the Army are to be immediately conducted to Head Quarters, where Orders will be given for the further disposal of them.

[Capt. Patrick] Ferguson's Riflemen and the Corps of Pioneers to land in their own Transports' boats along with the first Debarkation.

After Orders.

The Troops to be in readiness to go into the Flat boats to-morrow morning at three o'Clock, according to the Distribution in the former orders of this day. The Navy Officers will direct the Arrangement of the Boats.

It is recommended to the Troops to take on shore some salt with them from on board their Transports.

The Stores and Camp Equipage are to be left on board, till further Orders, under the charge of a careful Non-Commissioned Officer and a few Men, such as the Commanding Officer of Corps shall think most proper.

The Majors of Brigade are to remain with their respective Brigades, and to be answerable that all Orders are properly circulated.

A Flag, Striped Red and White, hoisted at the Foretopmasthead of the Eagle, is the signal for all Majors of Brigade and Adjutants to repair on Board that Ship for Orders; The Red Flag pierced with White, as Ordered Yesterday, being expressive of some other purpose...

Notes: These orders prepare the army to land near Head of Elk, Maryland to begin the campaign to seize the Rebel capitol at Philadelphia.



Detail showing landing point from Detail of "A sketch of the navigation from Swan P<sup>r</sup>. to the River Elk at the head of Chesapeak Bay. Sketch of the River Elk, at the head of Chesapeak Bay.," 1777, by John Hunter.

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters near Elk Ferry 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1777.

Each Battalion of the Line to post a Picket this Evening, in their front, of a Subaltern and 20 Men. They are to be visited by a Field Officer of the Day, who is to give the necessary Orders for posting them...

The Light Infantry and other Light Corps to send an Officer every day to Head Quarters for Orders.

Head Quarters near Elk Ferry 26<sup>th</sup> August 1777.

The following Corps to be in readiness to March by the right by half Companies, without beat of Drum, tomorrow morning at three o'Clock, in the following order:

Infantry Yagers with an Officer and 12 Mounted.

The two Battalions of Light Infantry with the [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers  
and [Capt. Patrick] Ferguson's [Rifle] Corps.

British Grenadiers.

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Artillery.

Hessian Grenadiers.

2<sup>d</sup> Brigade Artillery.

Guards,

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades British.

Baggage of the General Officers, Hospital Waggon, and Engineers' Waggon, with Tools.

Three Troops 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons with their dismounted.

Mounted and dismounted Yagers.

3 Battalions of 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment.

An Officer from each of these Battalions is to attend the Quarter Master General for Orders tomorrow morning at Three o'Clock.

The Pickets to be called in by their respective [Officers] when they receive orders to move.

The Remaining Troops will continue here under the Command of His Excellency [Hessian] Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen till further Orders. Viz.: 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade Artillery, Remainder of the 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades British, Brigade of Stirn...

Commanding Officers are to have the Rolls of their respective Corps immediately called, to examine the Men's Knapsacks and Haversacks, and Report to Head Quarters every Man in possession of Plunder of any kind.

One Woman per Company is permitted to land; Companies of a hundred Establishment are permitted to land two...

Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl. Cornwallis will please to lead the Line at the head of the British Grenadiers.

Morning Orders, 27<sup>th</sup> August 3 o'Clock.

The March of the Troops this morning is countermanded on account of the badness of the Weather, and the Commander in Chief is pleased, to order an extra day's Rum to be issued to the Army this forenoon...

Head Quarters Elk Ferry 27<sup>th</sup> August 1777

The Troops under Orders of March are immediately to send for their Bell-Tent and a few Private Tents for the Officers, until their own Marquees can be landed...

The 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry to move this afternoon at Five and join the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion at which time Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen will please to advance his Pickets...

The Troops to be left here under the Command of [Hessian] Lieut.-Gen. Knyphausen are to land their Men's Tents and Kettles; the Officers will make use of Men's Tents until their own can be ordered on Shore...

After Orders, Evening, Gun firing.

The Troops under Orders of March are to be in readiness to move to-morrow Morning in the same Order and at the same Hour as was directed for this day...

The Pioneers are to receive their Orders from the Quarter Master General.

Head Quarters Head of Elk 28<sup>th</sup> August 1777.

Until further Orders each Battalion of the Line is to mount a picket of Subaltern and 30 Men...

Until further Orders the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment is to find the Cattle Guard of the Army, consisting of a Subaltern Officer and 30 Men...

Morning Orders, 29<sup>th</sup> August 1777.

The Camp Equipage of the Army is to be landed immediately. The Quarter Masters of Corps, and what Men can be spared, will repair to the Landing as soon as possible for that purpose, where boats will be prepared for them.

Head Quarters Head of Elk 29<sup>th</sup> August 1777.

The Commanding Officers of Corps are immediately to send out Strong Patrols along their front and beyond their advance Sentries, to take up all Stragglers...

Head Quarters Head of Elk 30<sup>th</sup> August 1777...

All the Bread Bags are to be returned to the Commissary to-morrow morning at the Landing.

Head Quarters Head of Elk 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1777.

Flags of Truce from the Enemy are to be Stopped by the most advanced Sentries. The Message or Letter to be received by the Commanding Officers of that Post, and the Messenger sent back...

Head Quarters Head of Elk 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1777...

Head Quarters Head of Elk 2<sup>d</sup> Sept. 1777.

William Johnson, Private Soldier in the 43<sup>d</sup>. Regiment, tried by the General Court Martial of which Lieut.-Col. Trelawney is President, for plundering, is acquitted of the same...

Duncan Robertson, Private Soldier in the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment, tried by the above Court Martial for Desertion, is acquitted of the same.

The Commander in Chief approves of the above Sentence and Orders the Prisoner, Duncan Robertson, to be released and to join his Regiment...

The under-named Corps are to be in readiness to march to-morrow morning, at 4 o'Clock, in the following Order, and to march by half Companies from the right:

Infantry Yagers, with an Officer and 12 Mounted.

British Light Infantry.

[Loyalist] Queen's Rangers and Rifle Men.

British and Hessian Grenadiers.

First Battalion Guards.

First and Second Brigades Artillery.

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> Regiments.

The Baggage of the Army to follow the 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment, according to the line of March.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment to form the rear guard and follow the Baggage.

16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, Mounted and dismounted Yagers.

The Officers' Tents to be carried; the Men's Tents to be left Standing under the charge of an Officer and a Non-Commissioned Officer per Battalion, and 2 Men per Company.

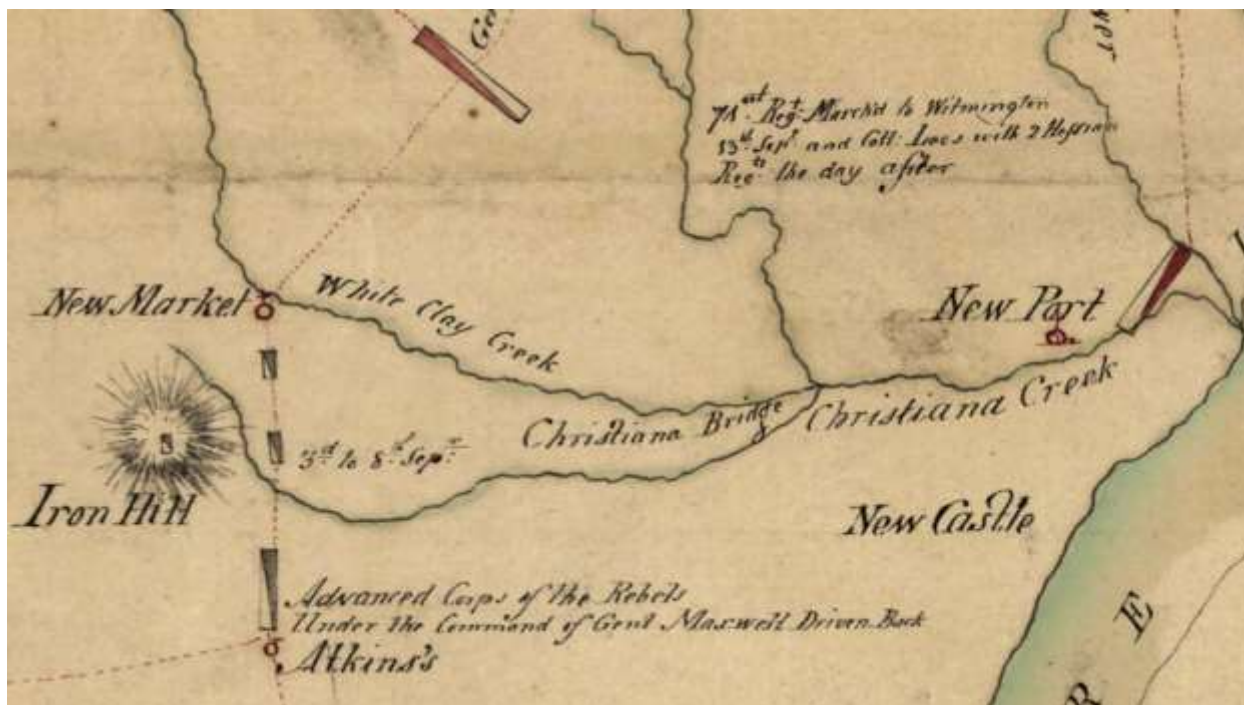
Two Field pieces to be carried by the Troops of each Brigade that is in Motion.

Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant will command the Troops that remain here.

Brig.-Gen. [Edward] Mathew will march with the Guards.

Capt. [Patrick] Ferguson will move at day break to the Post of the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry.





Detail from "Operations of the British army, from the 25<sup>th</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1777," by John Montrésor

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Head Quarters Aiken's Tavern 3<sup>d</sup> Sept. 1777.

The Picket of each Battalion of the Line to consist of a Subaltern and 30 Men, to be posted by their respective Commanding Officers...

After Orders, Evening Gun firing...

A Detachment of a Captain, 2 Subalterns, and 50 Men from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Regiments to parade to-morrow morning at 5, at the Church near Head Quarters, to escort the sick and Wounded part of the way to the Head of Elk.

Notes: The wounded are from the battle between Lord Cornwallis' division and Rebel Brig. Gen. William Maxwell at Cooch's Bridge, Delaware on Sept. 3, 1777.

Head Quarters Aiken's Tavern, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.

The Spirited manner in which [Hessian] Lieut.-Col. [Ludwig von] Wurmb, and the Officers and Men Yesterday engaged, defeated the Chosen advanced Corps of the Enemy, deserves the highest Encomiums and calls for the General's fullest Acknowledgments...

Notes: This order thanks the troops under the command of Lord Cornwallis against Brig. Gen. Maxwell at Cooch's Bridge. Col. Wurmb commanded the lead detachment of Jägers in the action. No 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. companies were significantly engaged.

All the Men's Tents now here, except such as are absolutely wanted for the use of the Officers, are to be sent with those Waggons, in Order to their being put on board Ship, together with those left standing at the last Camp at the Head of Elk, and it is earnestly recommended to the Officers to send on board all the heavy Baggage they can possibly do without. Boats will be provided by Capt. Duncan to receive and put them on board any one Transport belonging to each Corps.

Each Corps will send an Officer and a sufficient Number of Men with Haversacks, to-morrow morning at 7, to [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis's Quarters, to receive one day's Flour. A Commissary



will be there to conduct them, and two Companies from 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry are to attend as a Covering party...

Head Quarters Aiken's Tavern 5<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1777.

A Detachment of One Subaltern, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, and 20 Privates, from the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade British, to parade immediately at Head Quarters, to escort some provision Waggons as far as the 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment, and then return to Camp, that Battalion being to escort them to the Head of Elk, back again to Head Quarters at Aiken's Tavern...

Head Quarters Camp at Pencadar 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...

Head Quarters Camp at Pencadar 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777

The Army is to be in readiness to move at an hour's notice, and to march by the left in three Divisions and the following order:

First Division under the Command of Lieut.-Gen. Earl Cornwallis.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry with an Officer and 12 Mounted Yagers.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> British Grenadiers.

Hessian Grenadiers.

Yagers Infantry.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Guards.

Mounted Yagers.

Second Division under the Command of Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant.

Two Squadrons of [16<sup>th</sup>] Queen's Dragoons.

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of Artillery,

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades British.

3<sup>d</sup> Brigade Artillery.

3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades British. [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. in 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade]

Pay Master's Waggons.

General Officers' Waggons.

Baggage Waggons of the Army according to the line of March.

The Provision Train.

The 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion of 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment to take the Right Flank of the Baggage.

The Cattle of the Army to follow in the rear of the Waggons.

Third Division under the Command of His Excellency [Hessian] Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen.

Dismounted Yagers.

2<sup>d</sup> Brigade of Artillery.

Brigade of Stirn.

One Squadron of [16<sup>th</sup>] Queen's Dragoons.

40<sup>th</sup> Regiment British with two 3 pounders,

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Battalions 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment.

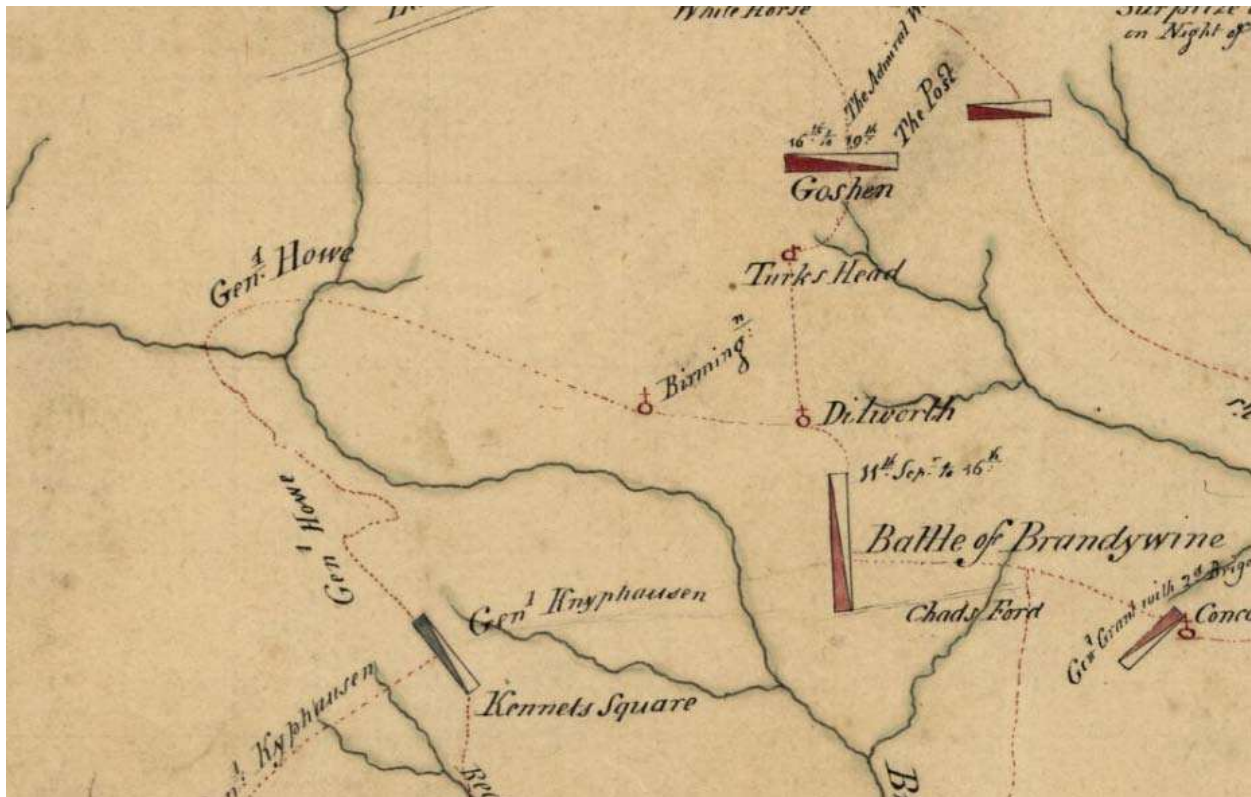
Queen's Rangers and British Rifle Men.

Lieut.-Col. [Thomas] Musgrave [40<sup>th</sup> Regt.] will give orders to the British of the 3<sup>d</sup> Division during the March, under [Hessian] Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen...

Head Quarters Nicholl's House, New Garden 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.

The Troops to be in readiness to move on the shortest Notice...

Head Quarters Cascot, Newcastle Co. 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.



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Head Quarters Kennett Square 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades British, under the Command of Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant, are to be attached to the Corps Commanded by His Excellency, [Hessian] Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen. One Squadron of Dragoons is to remain with that Corps, and two Squadrons with the Corps under the Command of Lieut.-Gen. Earl Cornwallis.

The whole of the Baggage, Provision train and Cattle (except One Waggon per Battalion or Corps, and ten Spare Waggons with Earl Cornwallis's Division) are to march with Lieut.-Gen. Knyphausen's Corps.

After Orders, Evening Gun firing...

The army will March in two Columns at 4 o'Clock to-morrow morning, and receive their Orders of March from their respective Lieutenant Generals His Excellency Lieut.-Gen. Knyphausen and Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis.

Notes: This order starts the army in motion to attack the Rebel army at Brandywine Creek, Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 1777. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry and Grenadier Companies were heavily engaged in the battle under Lord Cornwallis on the Rebel's right flank, but the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., which was assigned as the Commander-in-Chief's Guard and Reserve, was not engaged.

Head Quarters Dilworth, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1779.

At Night.

A small party, with a Surgeon's Mate and Waggon from each Corps, to be sent off by day-break in the morning, to Pick up their Wounded in the Woods and bring them to the General Hospital at Dilworth.

Head Quarters Camp on the Heights of Brandywine, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1777...

Patrols to be immediately sent from each Corps, into the Woods near their respective Encampments, to search for Wounded Men, Ordnance Stores, &c...

Returns of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, to be immediately given to the Deputy Adjutant Generals at Head Quarters.

The General Hospital is Established at Dilworth.

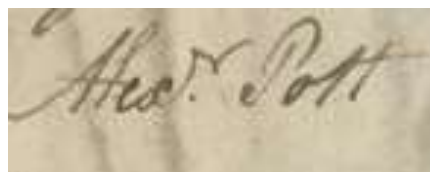
One Battalion of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment will immediately take up their Ground near the Hospital in the rear of the Army, where the Troops first engaged Yesterday afternoon.

Four Women from each Brigade British to be sent to the General Hospital to attend the Wounded; the Surgeons of the Hospital will dispose of them...

Head Quarters Camp on the Field of Battle, On the Heights of Brandywine, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.

Evening, Gun firing.

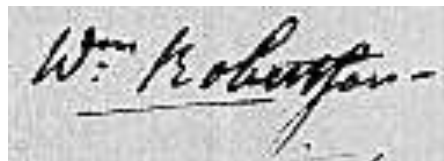
The Acknowledgements and thanks of the Commander in Chief to the General Officers, and Soldiers of the Army in General and to advanced Corps, in particular, very weakly expresses the Sentiments he entertains of their very gallant and Spirited behaviour in the General engagement of Yesterday, by repeatedly charging and Routing, under a very heavy fire, the Enemy posted to the greatest advantage.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on aged, slightly textured paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Alex. Potts".

Signature Source: Witness signature on 1767 Indenture made by Lt. James Edington, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. for sale of land to then Capt. Thomas Stirling.

Surgeon Alexander Potts, of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment, [is removed to the General Hospital.]

Head Quarters Camp on the Heights of Brandywine 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Wm Robertson".

Signature Source: TNA, *Returns of Officers' Services* at WO 25/772, f. 179.

The 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment to be formed again into two Battalions. M<sup>r</sup> William Robinson [Robertson], Mate of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment, is appointed Surgeon to said Regiment, vice [Alexander] Potts removed to the General Hospital....

After Orders, Evening, Gun firing....

Thirty Waggon's will be sent this evening to receive the Wounded of Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen's Division; they are to be put into the Waggon's by six to-morrow morning, and proceed Immediately to Wilmington great Road, escorted by Col. Loss's [Col. Johann August von Loos's] Battalion, where they will be joined by the rest of the Wounded from Dilworth Hospital, who are to move from thence by five in the Morning, Escorted by a Detachment of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment; Waggon's being also ordered to receive them. A Guide will be ordered to Conduct each Division.

The rebels Prisoners to be removed with them to Wilmington.

The British Riflemen are to join the Light Companies of the Regiments to which they respectively belong.

Notes: This order disbands Capt. Patrick Ferguson's independent rifle company.

Head Quarters Camp on the Heights of Brandywine 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.

A Surgeon's Mate from the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment is to attend the Wounded Rebels at the Meeting house Hospital till further Orders...

Head Quarters Heights of Brandywine 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...

After Orders, Evening, Gun firing.

The Troops to be in readiness to march by the Right, in half Companies, to-morrow morning at 5 o'Clock.

Line of March.

Yager Infantry with an Officer and 12 Mounted.

Mounted Yager.

Hessian Grenadiers.

Regiment Du Corps.

Brigade of Guards.

4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Brigades British.

One Squadron of Queen's Light Dragoons at the Head of 4<sup>th</sup>, and one at the head of 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade British.

Provision Waggons and Cattle.

[Hessian] Regiment of Donop and Queen's Rangers.

Artillery in 3 Brigades in front of the Guards, 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Brigades British.

Baggage in the rear of their respective Brigades.

Waggons of the Commander in Chief, Staff, Hospital, and Paymaster in the rear of the Guards.

Head Quarters Goshen 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.

Commander in Chief's Guard to-morrow, 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment...

Head Quarters Goshen 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777

The Troops to be in readiness to March on the shortest Notice.

The Arms and Ammunition to be immediately put in the best order possible.

When the Troops receive Orders to March, they will move by the right in the same Order as Yesterday, except that the 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry follow the Yagers...

It is the General's repeated and positive Order that whenever the Army is in Motion the Quarter Masters shall on no account whatsoever quit the Baggage of their respective Corps; they are to be responsible that their several Waggons are not overloaded, that their Baggage is properly put on, and that the drivers keep their proper Line of March. This is to be Considered a Standing Order...

The Men that have been Killed in the Flank Companies are to be replaced by their respective Battalions.

After Orders, half past 7 at Night.

The Troops are to Cover themselves in the best manner they can in their present Ground, and be in readiness to March by three in the morning if the Weather is then fair.

Head Quarters Trydeffryn 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777....

Two days' fresh Provision will be Issued to-morrow early to the Troops, near Major-Gen. [Charles] Grey's Quarters, at Howell's Tavern on the Left of the Line. The Commanding Officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Grenadiers, and 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry are not to draw Provisions to-morrow with the rest of the Army, as they will Probably make a movement and receive their Provisions elsewhere.

Morning Orders, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...

A General Court Martial consisting of 3 Field Officers, Six Captains, and Four Lieutenants from the 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Brigades British, to assemble immediately in front of the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade, to try all such Prisoners as shall be brought before them.

Lieut.-Col. [Thomas Stirling] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], President; – Deputy Judge Advocate, to whom the Dates of the Officers' Commissions, the Prisoners' Names, and Crimes, and Evidences' Names are to be sent as soon as possible.

Head Quarters Trydeffryn 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.

The Troops to be ready to move to-morrow by break of Day, and to March from the Right by Half Companies in the following Order:

2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry.  
Brigade of Guards,  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>d</sup> [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] Brigades British.  
[Hessian] Brigade of Stirn.  
Hessian Grenadiers.

Queen's Dragoons in three Squadrons in front of the Guards, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Brigades British.

The Baggage of the Army in the Rear of the Hessian Grenadiers according to their Line of March, covered by a Battalion from the 2<sup>d</sup> and One from the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade British, and the Queen's Rangers.

The Baggage of the General Officers, Staff, Hospital Waggons and Paymasters in the rears of the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade British.

The Artillery in Three Brigades in front of the Guards, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Brigades British..

At day break 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry will take post upon the Right of the Line in the rear of the Yagers.

Waggons will be sent to each Brigade to-morrow to receive the Sick and Wounded that are absolutely unable to Walk.

Head Quarters Trydeffryn 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...

After Orders.

The Troops to march at day break by the Left, in the following Order:

Yager Infantry and Cavalry.  
2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Light Infantry.  
Hessian Grenadiers.  
The Brigades of Heavy Artillery.  
Money Chest.  
General Officers' Baggage.  
Baggage of the Army, according to the Line of March.  
The Waggons with the Sick with the Baggage of their respective Brigades.  
Provient [provision] Train.  
Spare Ammunition.  
Cattle.  
4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Brigades.  
3<sup>d</sup> Brigade [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] forms the rear Guard.  
Dragoons in the rear of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade.  
An Officer and 12 Dragoons in the rear of 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade.  
4 Spare Waggons in front of 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade.

Head Quarters Charles Town Camp, 21<sup>st</sup>. Sept., 1777...

Major [John] Yorke, of 33<sup>d</sup> Regiment, to do duty with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Grenadiers till further Orders



*"A Dreadful scene of havock, depicting the British light infantry and light dragoons attacking the Continental Army encampment at Paoli on 20 September 1777," 1782, by Xavier della Gatta*

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Head Quarters Charles Town Camp 22<sup>d</sup> Sept. 1777

The Commander in Chief desires his particular thanks to Maj.-Gen. [Charles] Grey, and to the Officers and Men of the Detachment under his Command [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], that Yesterday morning Surprised a Post of the Enemy. Their Steadiness in Charging with their Bayonets without firing a single Shot not only proves their Spirit and Discipline, but also their evident Superiority over the Enemy. The Gallant Charge made at the same time by the Detachment of Dragoons does them great Honour...

Notes: This order thanks the troops, including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., under Maj. Gen. Charles "No Flint" Grey who attacked Brig. Gen Anthony's Wayne's Pennsylvania troops near the Warren and Paoli Taverns on the night of Sept. 20, 1777. This battle is often incorrectly termed the "*Paoli Massacre*" although there is little evidence to support that charge.

The General Court Martial, of which Lieut.-Col. [Thomas] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] is President, is dissolved...

After Orders, Evening Gun firing.

The Baggage to be loaded, and the Troops under Arms, by the rising of the Moon.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, [16<sup>th</sup>] Queens Dragoons and Queen's Rangers will lead the Column.

The Regiments will March by and follow the Regiments upon their right.

British Grenadiers.

Guards, 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] Brigades.

Stirn's Brigade.

Hessian Grenadiers and Yagers.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades.

Then the Baggage of the whole, to take their Orders from Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant.

The Heavy Artillery at the head of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Brigades, and Brigade of Stirn...

Head Quarters Camp at Norrington 23<sup>d</sup> Sept. 1777...



Commanding Officers of Corps will [cause] their arms and Ammunition to be examined very particularly, and put immediately in the best order possible.

As Several Men have been lost by their Straggling from Camp, and the present Encampment being surrounded by the Enemy, no Officers or Soldier is to go beyond the outposts without leave from his Commanding Officer.

The Regimental Rolls to be frequently called, and all absent to be immediately reported.

Head Quarters Norrington Camp 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777.

The Troops to be in readiness to march in two Columns by the right by break of Day to-morrow. The Right Column under the Command of Lieut- Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis to Consist of

1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry.

British Grenadiers.

Guards.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Brigades British.

One Squadron of Dragoons and [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers.

The Provision Train, Cattle, &c., to march with the Column.

The Left Column under the Command of His Excellency [Hessian] Lieut-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen to Consist of

3<sup>d</sup> Brigade British [with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.].

Brigade of Stirn.

Hessian Grenadiers.

2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry.

Yagers and Heavy Artillery.

The Baggage of each Column is to march in front, preceded by one Battalion of Infantry and One Squadron of Dragoons.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment to precede the Baggage of the Left Column.

The 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Light Infantry posted at Swedes' Ford to fall into the rear of the Hessian Grenadiers.

Edward Riley, Private Soldier in the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Tried by the General Court Martial of which Lieut.-Col. [Thomas] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] was President, for being concerned in Plundering a House, and acquitted of the same. The Commander in Chief is pleased to confirm the above Sentence.

Nicholas Kearney, Private Soldier in the [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers, tried by the above Court Martial for Desertion, is found guilty of the same, and Sentenced to Suffer Death. The Commander in Chief is pleased to confirm the above Sentence.





Detail from "New Lutheran Church, in Fourth Street Philadelphia," 1799, by W. Birch & Son

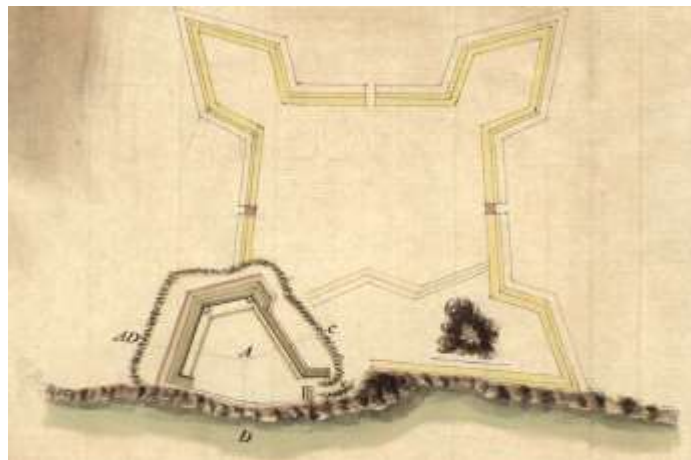
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Head Quarters Camp at German Town 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...

The Two Battalions British Grenadiers, Two Battalions Hessian Grenadiers, two Squadrons of Dragoons with their Guns and Baggage, 6 Medium Twelves and 4 Howitzers are to parade in the front of the British Grenadiers, to-morrow morning at 8 o'Clock, under the Command of Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, to March to Philadelphia.

Notes: Lord Cornwallis and his troops, including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Company, entered the city of Philadelphia on Sept. 26, 1777, thus completing the main purpose of the campaign.

Head Quarters Camp at German Town 26<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...



Detail of "Plan and sections of the redoubt at Billingsfort and plan of the rebel fort marked yellow," 1777

Picture Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

Head Quarters German Town Camp 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...

After Orders, 2 o'Clock.

The 10<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>d</sup> Regiments to March this afternoon at 4 o'Clock to the Middle Ferry on the Schuylkill.

The 42<sup>d</sup> to take with them the 2 Six pounders from the 3d. Brigade.

Notes: With this order, Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., took command of three regiments to attack and seize the small Rebel fort at Billingsport (also Billingsfort), New Jersey. The 71<sup>st</sup> Highlanders from Wilmington joined the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> on the warships ferrying the troops across the Delaware River. This fort guarded obstacles placed in the Delaware River to prevent British shipping from reaching Philadelphia. Stirling and his detachment seized the fort on Oct. 2, 1777 and returned to the army on Oct. 6, 1777.

Head Quarters Camp at German Town 30<sup>th</sup> Sept... [to] 3<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1777...



Detail of right flank from "A Sketch of the Battle of German. Tn., 4<sup>th</sup> October 1777, where the rebels were repulsed," 1777 by John Montrésor

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Camp at German Town 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777.

Such Corps as suspect their having any Wounded in the Field are immediately to send Waggon with a small Escort to bring them to the Hospital in German Town...

Notes: The wounded in this order are from the Battle of Germantown fought on this day. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry Company was heavily engaged on the British right flank as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry Battalion. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. is noted to have run with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Bn. from Philadelphia to reinforce the British forces at Germantown.

Head Quarters German Town Camp, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

Orders.

The Commander in Chief desires his Public Thanks may be given to the General Officers, Commanding Officers of Corps, and to all the Officers and Soldiers that were Yesterday engaged, for their alertness in getting under Arms, and good Services in beating back and effectually routing, the Enemy; and desires his particular Thanks to Lieut-Col. [Thomas] Musgrave for his well-judged and gallant Defence of the [Chew] House he took possession of with the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade British is to report to and be under the Command of Maj.-Gen. [Charles] Grey till further Orders...

Returns of the Killed and Wounded and Missing of each Corps in the Action of Yesterday to be given in to the Deputy Adjutant General this Evening at Gun firing, Specifying the Names and Ranks of their Killed and Wounded Officers...

Head Quarters German Town 6<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1777...

The Commander in Chief is very much surprised to hear that part of the Line got under Arms this morning upon a false Alarm; He desires it may be well understood that the Troops are not to turn out except by Order from Head Quarters, or of a General Officer.

Head Quarters German Town Camp 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

Head Quarters Camp at German Town 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions:

15<sup>th</sup> Regiment –

Lieut.-Col. John Maxwell, from 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, removed to the 15<sup>th</sup> } 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777.  
Regiment vice Bird killed }



Detail of Wax Sculpture Portrait of Maj. William Murray, circa 1773-1774, by Samuel Percy, Dublin

Picture Source: *National Gallery of Scotland*

27<sup>th</sup> Regiment –

Major William Murray, from 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel } 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777.  
vice Maxwell removed }

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment. –

*William Grant*

Brevet-Major William Grant, to be Major vice Murray Promoted } 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

Notes: The promotion of Maj. William Murray to the 27<sup>th</sup> Regt. set off a string of promotions in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Besides Maj. Grant's promotion, Capt. Lt. John McIntosh was promoted to Captain and Lt. John Peebles became the Capt. Lt. in the General's Co.

Head Quarters German Town 9<sup>th</sup>... [to] 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

Head Quarters German Town 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

Captain [John Graves] Simcoe, of the 40<sup>th</sup> Grenadiers, is appointed to Command the Corps of Queen's Rangers with Provincial Rank of Major, in the room of Major [James] Wemys [63<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] who returns to his duty as Aid-de-Camp to Maj.-Gen. [James] Robertson.

Head Quarters German Town 16<sup>th</sup>... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

Head Quarters German Town 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777.

Morning Orders, Six o'Clock.

The Spare Waggons of each Corps are to be employed this day in transporting the Straw, Thatch, Rails, &c., belonging to the present Encampment, to the rear of the redoubts near Philadelphia, where the Quarter Master General, or his Deputy, will show them their respective grounds ; the Quarter Master and Camp Colour Men of each Corps to attend the Waggons there and to return again to this Ground, leaving only such Men as are absolutely necessary to take charge of those materials till further Orders ; the Waggons that go for the Provisions this Morning are also to be loaded with these Materials, there being none to be had in that Quarter.

Orders.

The Army is to be in readiness to move to-morrow at daybreak in two Columns from the right in the following Order:

First Column.

Brigade of Guards.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades, British.

28<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Regiments.

1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry.

[Loyalist] Queen's Rangers.

Second Column.

[Hessian] Brigade of Stirn.

[Hessian] Minnigerode's Grenadiers.

Yagers.

4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> [including 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] Brigades British.

40<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

[16<sup>th</sup>] Queen's Dragoons.

2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry.

The Baggage of the whole to move off according to their respective Order of March, by break of day, and the Brigades will wait for Orders to follow.

The Artillery Park at the head of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

The Spare Ammunition Waggons and Provision Train, in the rear of the Baggage of the 2<sup>d</sup> Column.

The several Corps will call in their Pickets when they receive Orders to move.

The Quarter Masters and Camp Colour Men will attend the Quarter Master General in the rear of the right hand Redoubt in going to Town as soon as they arrive upon the Ground.

After Orders, 7 at Night.

In order that the Troops may come more immediately to their Grounds of Encampment, they will move in three Columns from the right in the following Order:

Left Column.

Brigade of Guards.

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment,

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades British.

1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry.

28<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Regiments.

[Loyalist] Queen's Rangers.

Center Column.

4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Brigades British.

40<sup>th</sup> Regiment Queen's Dragoons.

2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry.

Right Column.  
[Hessian] Brigade of Stirn.  
[Hessian] Minnigerode's Grenadiers.  
Yagers...

The 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry to halt at Dickinson's House, the post of 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment, for further Orders...

Note: This order moves the army from Germantown to Philadelphia.



Detail of "Philadelphia and neighborhood," 1778 with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt near Redoubt 3 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry in the upper right hand corner.

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Philadelphia 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

The Commander in Chief has the satisfaction to inform the Army that Lieut.-Gen. Sir Henry Clinton has, by the most Gallant attack, taken possession of Fort Montgomery, Fort Clinton, Fort Independence, and Fort Constitution; he has drove the Rebels out of the Highlands, and opened a passage up the North River.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 20<sup>th</sup>... [to] 23<sup>d</sup>. Oct. 1777...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777-

The Commander in Chief returns his thanks to Col. [Carl von] Donop and to all the Officers and Men of the Hessian Detachment under his Command, for their Gallant and Spirited attempt in the attack of the Evening of the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant, which, though not attended with the success it merited, reflects great honour and credit upon them...

Notes: This order thanks the Hessian troops for their unsuccessful attack on the Rebel Fort at Red Bank on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River on Oct. 22, 1777, where Col. Carl von Donop, the Hessian commander, was mortally wounded.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777....



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button



Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters Philadelphia 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

Lieut. [George] Hart of the 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment is appointed assistant Engineer, and Lieut. Munro, 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment, an Overseer of the King's Works in the Engineer's Department...

Notes: At this time there were two Lt. Munros in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. It cannot be confirmed which Lt. Munro (Alexander or Harry) this appointment applies to, but is likely it is Lt. Harry Munro who was noted as being ill earlier that year and may not have been available for vigorous service with the regiment.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777.

As the Army will probably move in a very few days, The Commanding Officers of Corps are to give in a return of what necessities they are in immediate want of from their Transports for their Officers and Men...

Head Quarters Philadelphia, 28<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...



Reproduction 5<sup>th</sup> Regt., 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Head Quarters Philadelphia 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1777...

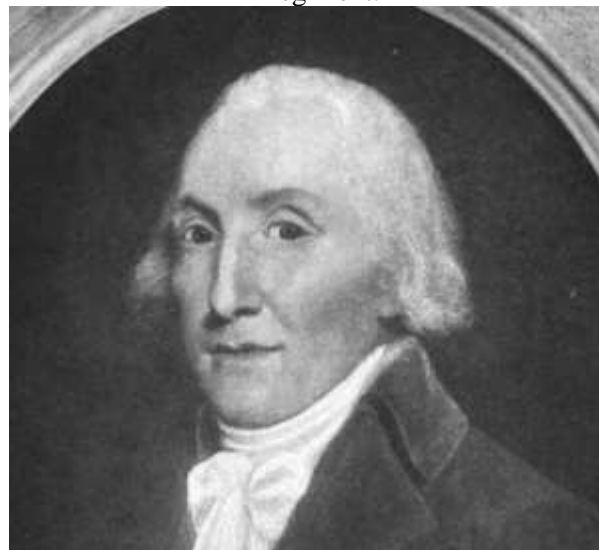
The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions:

5<sup>th</sup> Regiment...

Lieut. William Cox to be Captain Lieutenant vice [Thomas] Baker promoted } 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777.

Lieut. Thomas Littleton, from 42<sup>d</sup>, to be Lieutenant vice Cox promoted } 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment. –



Detail of Portrait of Capt. John McIntosh of Corrybrough More

Portrait Source: *The Balfours of Pilrig*, by Barbara Balfour-Melville of Pilrig, William Brown, Edinburgh, 1907, Google Books, after p. 178.

Capt. Lieut. John M<sup>c</sup>Intosh to be Captain vice [William] Grant promoted } 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

*John Peebles Capt.*

Lieut. John Peebles to be Captain Lieutenant vice McIntosh promoted } 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

Ensign Gavin Drummond to be Lieutenant vice Peebles promoted } 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

William M<sup>c</sup>Donald, Volunteer, to be Ensign vice Drummond promoted } 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

Ensign James Stuart, from 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Littleton removed } 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

Ensign Lord William Murray to be Lieutenant by purchase vice Dougal } 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

Campbell retired }

George Campbell to be Ensign by purchase vice Lord William Murray promoted } 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

...71<sup>st</sup> Regiment. —

Ensign Colin Campbell to be Lieutenant Vice Colin Mackenzie killed } 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

Angus McDonald, Volunteer, to be Ensign Vice Campbell promoted } 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777

Head Quarters Philadelphia 1<sup>st</sup>...[to] 2<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1777...



Detail from "Surrender of General Burgoyne," 1821, by John Trumbull

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from United States Capitol

Head Quarters Philadelphia 3<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1777.

The Commander in Chief, having received Dispatches from His Excellency Lieut. -Gen. [John] Burgoyne, has directed them to be Communicated to the Troops under his Command.

An Extract of a Letter from Lieut.-Gen. Burgoyne to [Gen.] Sir William Howe, dated Albany, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1777... I was induced by the general Concurrence and advice of the Generals, Field Officers,



and Captains Commanding Corps, to open a Treaty with Maj.-Gen. [Horatio] Gates... the following Convention took place.

Articles of Convention between Lieut.-Gen. Burgoyne and Maj.-Gen. Gates:

1<sup>st</sup> The Troops under Lieut.-Gen. Burgoyne to march out of their Camp with the Honours of War, and the Artillery of the Intrenchments, to the verge of the River, where the old Fort stood, where the Arms and Artillery are to be left.

The Arms to be piled by word of Command from their own Officers.

2<sup>d</sup> A free passage to be granted to the Army under Lieut.-Gen. Burgoyne to Great Britain, on condition of not serving again in North America during the Present Contest, and the Port of Boston is assigned for the Entry of Transports to receive the Troops, whenever Gen. Howe shall so order... (Signed) Horatio Gates, Major-General. Camp at Saratoga, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1777.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions:

4<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Ensign Robert Hadden to be Lieutenant vice [John] Rowland promoted } 3<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1777

Ensign Arthur Law, from 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment, to be Ensign vice Hadden promoted } 3<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1777

...27<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Lieut.-Col. Edward Mitchell, from 52<sup>d</sup> Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel vice } 3<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1777...

[William] Murray deceased }

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment.

William McIntosh, Volunteer, to be Ensign vice Law removed 3d. Nov., 1777...

Notes: This order and letter represent the results of Lt. Gen. Burgoyne's surrender after the battle of Saratoga in New York. The terms of the convention allowed Burgoyne's army to be returned to England, which would have allowed other troops to take their place. The Rebel government realized this flaw in the convention and violated its terms by not allowing Burgoyne's army to depart, keeping them instead as prisoners of war. The pretext for this violation was that some cartridge boxes (left in Canada) were not surrendered as required.

Lt. Col. William Murray, former Major of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., died of fever on Nov. 2, 1777. He had been promoted to Lt. Col. in the 27<sup>th</sup> Regt. a few weeks earlier on Oct. 5, 1777.

Head Quarters Philadelphia, 5<sup>th</sup>... [to] 10<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1777.



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Head Quarters Philadelphia 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotion:

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment. –

Ensign John Spence [Spens] to be Lieutenant by purchase vice John M<sup>c</sup>Donald } 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777

who retires }

Notes: Lt. Macdonald, who began his service in the Army in 1739, retired from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., but was immediately appointed Major of the Maryland Loyalist Bn. and served for the remainder of the war in that capacity. Excerpts from his autobiography are provided in *Kilts & Courage, Vol. II, App. F: Excerpts from the Autobiography of Lt. John Macdonald*.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 12<sup>th</sup>... [to] 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777

The Commander in Chief desires his Thanks may be given to all the Officers and Men employed in the Reduction of Mud Island, and particularly to Brig.-Gen. [Samuel] Cleaveland, Capt. [John] Montessor, Chief Engineer, Capt<sup>s</sup> [James] Moncrieffe [Engineers] and [Peter] Trail [Royal Artillery], and the Officers and Men of the Artillery employed on that service, for their Exertion and indefatigable zeal throughout that very laborious Operation, in which the Officers and Men of the Navy took so great a share...

Notes: This order thanks the troops for the reduction of the Rebel's Fort Mifflin, located on Mud Island in the middle of the Delaware River; one of the major obstacles preventing British shipping from reaching Philadelphia. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was not involved in the attack.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

55<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Major Cornelius Cuyler to be Lieutenant-Colonel vice [William] Meadows } 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777  
removed }

Major Normand Lamont, from 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment, to be Major vice Cuyler promoted } 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Capt. Archibald M<sup>c</sup>Arthur, from 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment, to be Major [2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.] vice } 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777  
[Normand] Lamont removed }...

Head Quarters Philadelphia, 18<sup>th</sup>... [to] 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777...

Source: "The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789" in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books. The Order Book from Nov. 20, 1777 to Feb. 22, 1778 is missing from the Kemble Papers.



Detail from "A Description of the Situation, Harbour &c of the City and Port of Philadelphia,"

Picture Source: U. S. National Archives

**Excerpts of British Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir William Howe's  
General Orders, Kept by the Brigade of Guards, Philadelphia,  
Nov. 20. 1777 – Jan. 29, 1778**

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

No Person from town is to be Permitted to pass the out posts Except between the Hours of Eight in the Morning & Five in the Evening, every Person Coming in between those Hours in the Night & not Requiring to be Immediately Forwarded to head Quarters, are to be detain'd by the Post that Shall Receive them & Reported to the Field Officer of the Piquets in the Morning –

All Officers Excepting Such as are Publickly Employd are to Joiyn their Respective Corps by the first Opertunity

Those Officers & Men orderd in readiness to Embark for [New] York are to go on board the [22-gun HMAS] Vigilant lying off – Province Island to Morrow Morning by Nine oClock where Vessels will be Appointed to receive them –

All Memorandums given Officially to the Troops are to be Considerd & Obeyd as Orders, tho, for Obvious – Reasons not given out in publick Orders to the Army

His Majesty has been pleasd to Promote Colo. [James] Pattison of the Royal Artillery to the rank of Brig<sup>er</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. in America only...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>. 1777...

the Detachment on Mud Island, to Consist of a Captain Subaltern & 50 Men only till further Orders.

The Post at the two Gun Battery of a Subaltern & 20.

the Mud = Island Detachment to be Relieved to Morrow by the Second Brig<sup>e</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1777...

The troops to receive four days provisions to Morrow to the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst Inclusive.

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to Make the Following promotions.

7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

23rd Reg<sup>t</sup>...

52<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

17<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. of Light Dragoons...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1777...

Each Corps to receive one pair of Shoes *P* [per] Man Agreeable to their Last Return of Effectives on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Inst. –

The Royal Artillery, 16<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons, Brig<sup>e</sup>. of Guards, British Grenadiers, & L<sup>t</sup>. Infantry, Hessian Gren<sup>rs</sup>. & Yagers to Receive theirs to Morrow, the Other Corps of British & Hessian on the Day following. The Q<sup>r</sup> Masters will Apply to M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Newtton Store Keeper at Bright & Peachons Wharfe. – For the Piquets of the British to Morrow Maj<sup>r</sup> Gardner. – Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brigade Brown, –

Commd<sup>r</sup>. in Chiefs Guard 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. –

The third Brig<sup>e</sup> [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] to Relieve the Mud=Island Detachment to Morrow...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

the Commd<sup>r</sup>. in Chief is pleasd to Make the Following Promotions

55<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

[Loyalist] Queens American Rangers...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

A Garrison Court martial Consisting of One Cap<sup>t</sup>. & four Lieut<sup>s</sup>, to Assemble to Morrow Morning at Nine at the State House for the Tryal of Such prisoners as Shall be brought before them

Detail

	Captains	Lieutenants
Royal Artillery	1	1
British Grend <sup>rs</sup>	0	1
71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	0	2

Total                      1                      4

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 26 1777...

Hugh Fraser Esq<sup>r</sup>. is Appointed Deputy Commissary of Prisoners & M<sup>r</sup> Ch<sup>s</sup>. Stedman as Assistant Commissary...

the troops to receive four Days provisions to Morrow from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>. Inclusive...

After orders 2 oClock 26<sup>th</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1777

A Packet will Sail to Morrow Morning for New York – & In a few days a packet will Also Sail from thence for England

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

A Packett Will Sail for Morrow for Halifax...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

Several Shamefull Irregularities Committed last Night having Been Reported this Morning to the Commander in Chief he is Sorry to be again Under the necessity of calling Upon the Commanding officer of Corps, for a Due Excertion of their Authority in preserving good Order & Discipline, – Frequent Patroles to be sent Through the town during the Night from the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons & 17<sup>th</sup> Foot with Orders to take up all Straglers or Disorderly persons & Send them to the provost Guard – the Reg<sup>ts</sup>. to Put their Winter Clothing on as soon as Possable – the troops to receive four days Forage to Morrow to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> Inclusive...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

All Letters for the Packet are in future to be Sent to the town Maj<sup>rs</sup>. Quarters, in Arch Street where a Bag will be Sent to receive them...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

The Quarter masters of Corps, are to Apply to Morrow at the Q<sup>r</sup> master Generals, Store, for a proportion of New Blankets, & Mitts for their Mon –

The troops to Receive four Days provisions to Morrow to the 4<sup>th</sup>. December Inclusive...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>. 1777...

The Commd<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been Pleasd to make the Following Promotions

7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

17<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

52<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

For the Piquets of the British to Morrow Maj<sup>r</sup> Grant [likely Brev.- Lt. Col. William Grant, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1777...

The Commander in Chief is pleasd to make the following Promotions

27<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

49<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

52<sup>nd</sup> ...

63<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

64<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. 1777...

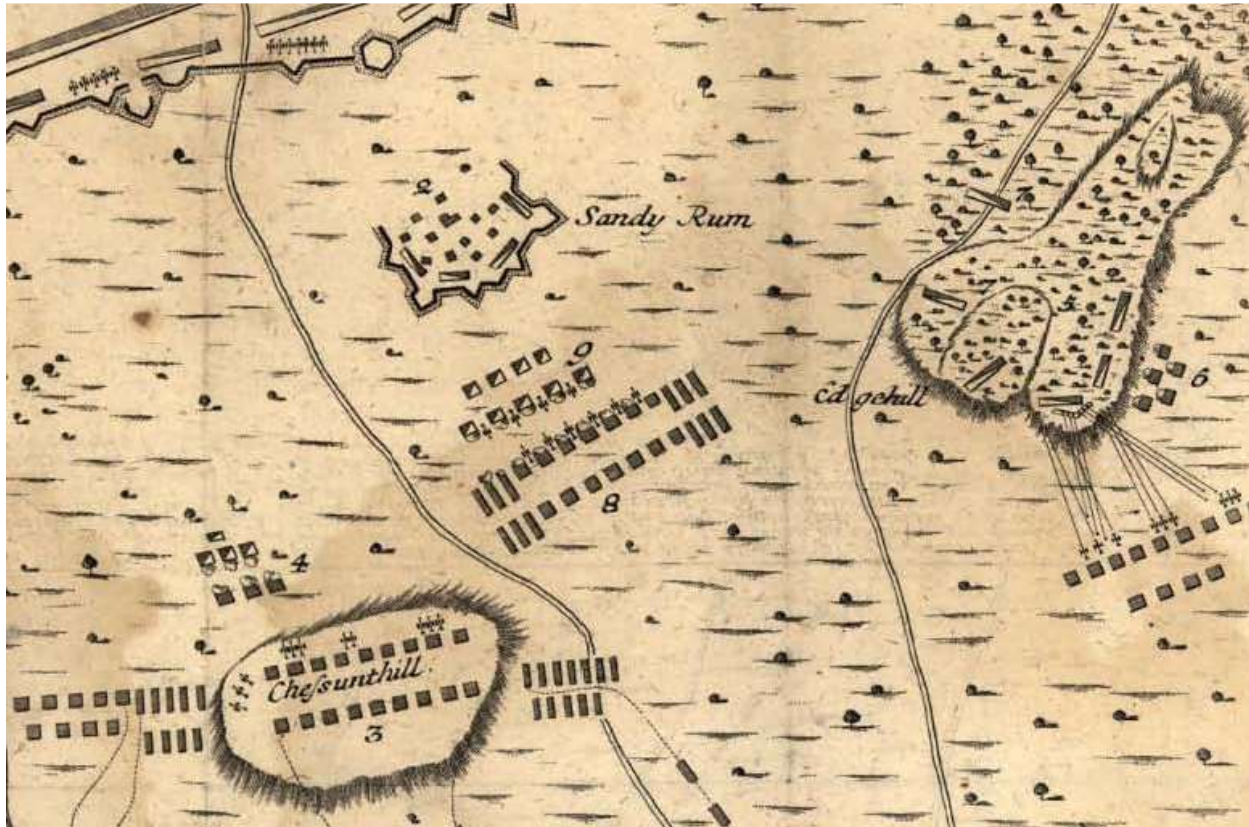
The Commander in Chief has been Pleasd to Make the following Promotions

4<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

26<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> ...

33<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Note: No mention is made in the 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Ens. David Anstruther, see Orders on Dec. 4.



Detail showing Chestnut Hill and Edgehill of Hessian Map Series "Zehn Karten und Ansichten den Schlachtfeldern des amerikanischen Unabhängigkeitskrieges in den Staaten Pennsylvanien und New York," 1777 by Johann Martin Will.

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

#### After Orders Evening Gun Firing

The following Corps to be In Readiness to March by 6 oClock to Morrow Morning in two Columns, – The Left Column under the Command of [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen to march by the Left, Anspach Yagers; Second L<sup>t</sup> Infantry; One Troop of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, Hessian Grenadiers; Two Medium Twelves Regiment Du Corps, Regiment Donop's, Third Brig<sup>e</sup> British [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], Two Troops 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, Baggage of the Column, Provien [Provision] train, Second Batt<sup>n</sup> 71 Reg<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons with their Dismounted

The Column on the Right Under the Command [of] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis to march by the Left .–

Hessian Yagers Mounted & Dismounted, First Squadron 16<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons, First L<sup>t</sup>. Infantry, British Grenadiers First Brig<sup>e</sup> British, two Light Twelve Pounders Brig<sup>e</sup> of Guards, One troop of 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, Hospital Waggon, Baggage of the Column, 26<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. with two Light Three Pounders, 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons with their Dism<sup>d</sup>.

Queens Rangers upon the Right Flank of the Baggage.

The Convalasents, of the Differant Corps are to be Left, in their Respective Encampments or Quarters, with Positive Orders, to Allow no Baggage Stores or Hutts to be distroy'd An Officer from each Brigade with a Carfull Non Commission Officer from Each Regm<sup>t</sup>. to be left with them & be Answerable that these Orders be Complied With,

Brigader Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie s Appointed to Command the Troops that is left in Camp or Garrison here...

Note: These orders prepare the army for the Dec. 5-8 Battle of Whitemarsh, Pa. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co. took part of the initial engagements near Beggarstown and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade that engaged the Rebel troops at Edgehill.

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1777...

forward Move to be made no Waggon<sup>s</sup> Can be Allow<sup>d</sup> & Waggon horses are not to be made Use of as the Baggage May be Orderd, to Follow, the Several Corps are to be in Readiness to Move Upon the Shortest Notice & to March by the left in the following Order, –

Van Guard Under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, Two Batt<sup>ns</sup>. L<sup>t</sup>. Infantry, Chasseur's [Jägers] Dismounted, British Grenadiers, Hessian Grenadiers Fourth Brig<sup>e</sup>. British two Squadrons 16<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons two medium Twelves Two Howitzers.

Under the Command of his Excel<sup>y</sup> [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen Reg<sup>t</sup> Du Corps, – Reg<sup>t</sup>. of Donope – First Brig<sup>e</sup> British – two L<sup>t</sup> twelve Pounders – Brig<sup>e</sup> of Guards, one squadron 16<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons – 5<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> two L<sup>t</sup> twelve Pounders, 26<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> – Third Brig<sup>e</sup> [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] British, two Squadron 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons – Hospital Waggon<sup>s</sup>. – Rum Waggon<sup>s</sup> – Empty Waggon<sup>s</sup>, Second Batt<sup>n</sup>. 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Mounted Chasseurs [Jägers] One Squadron 17<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons. – Queens Rangers on the Right Flank of the Line of Baggage – Such Corps as may have either Cutting or Entrenching Tools belonging to the Engineers Department, will Diliver them in Immediately to the Redoubt N<sup>o</sup>. 6 Where A Person Will be Receive them. –

The Commander in Chief is pleasd to Make the Following Promotions,

5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

26<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.

En<sup>s</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Walker & Not En<sup>s</sup>. David Anstruther [future Capt., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] is to Succeed L<sup>t</sup> Thompson, as give by Mistake in the orders of Yesterday

En<sup>s</sup> David Anstruther to be Lieu<sup>t</sup>, by Purchase Vice [Patrick] Moncrieffe Who Retires 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1777 –

The Commander in Chief has been pleasd to Appoint Francis Gilbert & Jn<sup>o</sup>. Handerson Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia & they are to be Obey'd As Such. –

Field Officer for the Piquets of the British to Morrow [Brev.-Lt. Col.] Maj<sup>r</sup> [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Notes: Lt. Anstruther was later a captain in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Brevet-Maj. Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson was promoted to Lt. Col. "in the Army" on Aug. 29, 1777.

Head Quarters Chesnut Hill Dec<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

The troops Are to lie Upon their Arms this Night, Upon their presant Ground & the Officers, Commanding Corps are to Post Such Piquets, as they Shall Judge Necessary for their Protection, & they are to be Answerable to the Commander in Chief, that no man Straggles Beyond the Advanc'd Centries ... The Maj<sup>rs</sup> of Brig<sup>es</sup> & Orderly Officers to Attend for Orders to Morrow Morning at 8...

Note: The phrase "to lie upon their Arms" means to sleep in the field without tents.

Head Quarters Edgehill Dec<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

The troops to be In Readiness to Move on the Shortest Notice, A Proportion of Fresh Meat for the Officers of the Army, will be Immediately Issued at the Provian [Provision] Train, the Differant Corps will Immediately Apply, to the Artillery train for Cartridges to Compleat them to 40 Rounds P Man

After Orders Philadelphia 9 at Night

The Differant Corps In Camp are to Post their Usual to Morrow Morning at Troop beating

The troops to Receive Provisions to Morrow Morning to the 12<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> Inclusive





the 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. & [Hessian] Reg<sup>t</sup> of Merbach to be in Readiness to Embark to Morrow Morning [for New York] at Prices Wharf at Seven With four Days Provisions their Baggage Will be received at the Same Place this Day at two oclock –  
two Waggons from Each Batt<sup>n</sup> or Corps & All the Artillery Waggons to Assemble Immediately on the Right Side of the road Leading to the New Bridge – the Waggons to be left there Drawn up in Bridges & the Drivers are to return with Horses & Harness to Camp, where they will remain in Readiness on the Shortest Notice ...

After orders 4 oclock 11<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777

The troops to Un accoutre this Evening at Gun firing –  
the Detachment sent this day By Brig<sup>er</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie to Occupy the several redoubts are at the same time to be withdrawn & the Corps in Camp to Post their Usual Piquets Attending to the Alteration made in the After order of Last night; The 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. being under Orders, to Embark the 7<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>. will take the Piquet of their 2<sup>nd</sup>. Batt<sup>n</sup>. this Night & to take up their Ground of Encamp<sup>t</sup>. at day break to Morrow Morning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Ansbach are this Night to Occupy the redoubt No 3 with a Cap<sup>t</sup> & 50 Men  
The Cavalry to be Saddled, the Infantry Accoutred the Artillery Horses harness'd, to Morrow by break of Day – the men With their Blankets & One Days provision to be the Same Corps that has Occupied the Redoubts this Day at Day Break for which Brig<sup>er</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Leslie will give the Directions - The Piquets then Being to Return to Camp  
the 10<sup>th</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup>. & 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>. are to take the town Duties this Evening at 8 °Clock, to Parade at the Unusual Place –

Notes: The 71<sup>st</sup> Highlanders were being sent back to reinforce New York. The phrase "*the Infantry Accoutred*" means the soldiers will don their cartridge boxes or cartridge pouches and their bayonet belts.

After orders Ten at Night 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777

The Horses belonging to the Artillery Provision and Reg<sup>l</sup> Waggons are to be put to the Waggons on the Command an hour before day break to Morrow Morning, –  
A Q<sup>r</sup> Master from Each Brig<sup>e</sup>. & a Serj<sup>t</sup>. from Each Regiment or Corps to Attend them on the March & be Answerable for their being Ready in time, Lieu<sup>t</sup> [William] Rankin Assistant Quarter Master Gen<sup>l</sup> is to have the Arrangement & Direction of the Waggons During the March –

Morning Orders Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. 1777

The Cavalry to Un saddle the Infantry to Un Accoutre the Artillery Horses to Un harness & the Usual Business of the Camp go on – the Usual Piquets to be Posted & the Detachments in the Redoubts to be Withdrawn –

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

The troops to receive four days provision to Morrow to the 16<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>. Inclusive...

After orders 10 at Night 12<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1777

It is the Commander in Chiefs Positive orders that All forage brought In this Evening, be Sent to the Magazine to Morrow Morning by day Break. – being to his Great Astonishment, inform'd that the Waggons, of some Corps have been Sent with it to Camp the Commanding Officers of Corps, to be Answerabl this order is Comply'd with & the Commissary of Forage is to take an Account of the Quantity deliverd to him by Each Corps

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>. 1777

The great Merit of the Troops Engaged under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, in the Jerseys, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June is Acknowledge'd by the King [George III], & his majesty has been

graciously Pleas'd to Signify through the Secretary of State, his Approbation there of to the Comm<sup>d</sup> in Chief His Majesty has been Pleas'd to Make the following – Promotions in the Army by Brevet of the 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1777 to be Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>ls</sup>. in the Army, Maj<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>. Harry Cinton Jn<sup>o</sup>. Burgoyne – Earl Cornwallis. to be Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup>

To be Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> ... To be Colonels... To be [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Colonels... Jn<sup>o</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Donald 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Grant 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>... Normand Limond 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> – Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>... James M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 42<sup>d</sup> [in Scotland]... Alex<sup>r</sup>. Ross 71<sup>st</sup> ...

The Comm<sup>d</sup> in Chief has been Pleas'd to make the Following Promotions – 22<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>... 46<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>... 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>... For the Piquets of the British to Morrow L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Thomas] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup>]...

13<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777

Memorandum,

For the troops that return'd last Night Under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis – The Commissarys Department being Directed Last Night to Receive all Cattle & Sheep brought Over the Schuylkill Thosr Corps are Now Acquainted, that any Officer Who Certifies upon Whom his having Purchase'd these Cattle May be Applying to the Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup>. have return'd to him One Bullock & two Sheep, The remainder Which he May have Purchas'd over & Above that Number, the Commissary will Pay him the Original Price for his Also Cerifying the Sum Upon Honour

This by Direction of L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Earl Cornwallis

Sign'd

G. Hutchinson

D. A. Gen<sup>l</sup>. –

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

The Duty of the Line is for the future, to be under the Inspection of a Colonel of Infantry, to whom all Daily reports & return are to be Made, & he will report to the Commander in Chief in the Morning. The 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons & provincial Cavalry, are to be Under the Command of Colo. [Hon. William] Harcourt, to Whom they Will Make all reports and returns, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. & Reg<sup>t</sup>. of Mirbach to be in readiness to Embark to Morrow at 1 °Clock at Prices Wharf. the 71<sup>st</sup> to take on Board with them, five Days Provision & the Right of Merbach two Days Only – The Artillery Horses belonging to the Brig<sup>e</sup> Guns, are to remain in Camp during the Night, till further Orders, It is the Commander in Chiefs Positive Orders, that no Off<sup>r</sup> or other Person, Shall Presume to take or keep Possession of Any Houses Office or Stable without Proper Authority – The Commanding Officers of Corps & Heads of Departments are to be Answerable that their Officers, & men do remain in the districts & Houses Allotted them The Com<sup>dr</sup> in Chief is pleas'd to make the following promotion

17<sup>th</sup>. Lig<sup>t</sup> Dragoons...

16<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

The Flank Comp<sup>ys</sup>. of the 7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> are to Join the first Batt<sup>n</sup> of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry & Grenadiers & the two Flank Comp<sup>ys</sup> of the 26<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>. to Join the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Batt<sup>n</sup>. of L<sup>t</sup>. Infantry & Grenadiers...

After Orders 6 °Clock at Night

A Working Party of a Subaltern & 20 Men from each Batt<sup>n</sup>. British & foreign to Parade with Arms to Morrow Morning at 8 at the End of the Bridge at Middle Ferry in Order to Make Thirty fasciens P Batt<sup>n</sup>. The Whole to be Under the Command of A Field Officer from the Line & a Cap<sup>t</sup>. from Each Brig<sup>e</sup>. to receive their Directions from an Engineer...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. 77...

After Orders Dec<sup>r</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>. 1777 two OClock  
the Commander in Chief Highly Approves of the Spirit & Conduct of Cap<sup>t</sup>. [William] Lord Cathcart of  
the 17<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons & the Detachment Under his Command last Night in Surprising an Advance'd post of  
the Enemy...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>. 1777...  
A Board of Physicians & Surgeons to Assemble at the Pennsylvanea Hospital on Friday Next at Eleven  
OClock for the Examination of the Invalids in the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Hospital & the Commanding Officers of Corps  
are to Send in a Returns of Such Other Man as they Consider Unfit for Service in Order to their being also  
Examin'd the Beginning of Next week, these Returns to be Sign'd by the Commanding Officers &  
Surgeons of Each Corps – The Commd<sup>r</sup>. in Chief has been Pleas'd to make the Following Promotions in  
the Army Under the Command of Excellency L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Burgoyne

9<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

21<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

24<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Maj<sup>r</sup>. [Alexander] Earl Balcarras from 53<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. to be L<sup>t</sup> Colo. vice Simon Fraser Killed 7<sup>th</sup>. Octo<sup>r</sup> 1777

53<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

62<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

the Commd<sup>r</sup> In Chief is Pleas'd to make the Following Promotions

42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.

En<sup>s</sup>. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Steuart to be Lieutenant Vice [William] Rose Deceas'd 17<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 77

Adj<sup>t</sup> Hugh Fraser to be En<sup>s</sup>. Vice Stuart promoted d<sup>o</sup>

Notes: Lt. Rose had been too sick to sail to America with the regiment in Apr. 1776 and was assigned to recruiting  
duties in Scotland at the time of his death. Lt. Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarras was a captain in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and  
Adj. and Ens. Fraser was the regimental Serjeant Major at the beginning of the war.

[Loyalist] Queens American Rangers...

Each Corps to give in a Return to Morrow at Orderly time of their Prisoners with the Rebels Specifying as  
Nearly as Possable where they are & When taken. in Order that Necassaries Som Subsistance May be  
Sent to them...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>. 1778...  
Not with Standing the repeated Orders that has been given against Plundering & Depradation, the  
Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief Continues to Receive daily Complaints from the Inhabitants Upon that Head he is Very  
Much Mortified In Being again under the Necessity of Calling Upon the Commanding Officers of Corps  
for their Exertion to Surpress such Unsoldier Like Behaviour so Absolutly Repugnant, to All Military  
Order & Discipline which if not Immediately put a Stop to will Oblidge him to take Such Measures for  
the Indemnification of the Inhabitants as he Would Wish to Avoid, The Several Guards & Corps  
Quarter'd in town are to Send Patroles all Night Long through the Streets Adjacent to their Quarters, to  
Apprehend all Stragling Soldiers or Disorderly Persons & Report them to their Respective Commanding  
Officers In the Morning. –  
The Cap<sup>t</sup>. of the Main Guard is In future to Report to the Commander in Chief...

Note: This order is incorrectly dated with the wrong year.

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>. 1777...

After Orders Dec<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1777

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to make the following Promotions, 4<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

55<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. 1777...



Detail showing route to Derby from "A map of Philadelphia and parts adjacent," 1753 by Nicholas Scull and George Heap

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 77...

The Following Corps to Hold them Selves in Readiness to March by the left on the Shortest Notice & in the following Order. First & Second L<sup>t</sup> Infantry – British Grenadiers. – Hessian Grenadiers, half of the Corps of Yagers Mounted & Dismounted - third Brig<sup>e</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup> – 42<sup>nd</sup> - & 64<sup>th</sup> – Reg<sup>ts</sup>. with four 6 Pounders – 4<sup>th</sup> Brig<sup>e</sup>. 33<sup>rd</sup> 46<sup>th</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> – Reg<sup>ts</sup>. with two 6 Pounders – 5<sup>th</sup> Brig<sup>e</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> & 63<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>. with 4 – 3 Pounders, two Batt<sup>n</sup>. Ansbach, with their Guns. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Brig<sup>e</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> with two Six Pounders, first Batt<sup>n</sup> Guards with their Guns Grenadier & L<sup>t</sup> Companies, four light Twelves from the Park at the Head of the Guards – 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons at the Head of the British Grenadier's, 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons in the Rear of the Guards, to take With them their Carbines & Swords Only. – An Officers & 12 from each Reg<sup>t</sup> of Dragoons to be Left here – Each Corps to take with them the Whole of their Waggon's two of which May be Loaded with Baggage, the Others to go Empty. – the Waggon's to Follow 16<sup>th</sup>. Dragoons According to the Order of March – the Men to Carry with them three Days Provisions the Waggon's of Each Corps three Days Rum, The Men On town Duties of these Corps, are to be Reliev'd this Evening at Gun firing by the Corps that Remains Behind –

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers to March with the Army Maj Generals [James] Grant & [Charles] Gray & Brig<sup>er</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie. – His Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen to take the Command of the of the Lines & Garrison with [Hessian] Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Johann David] Sterne & Brig<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Edward] Mathew

The Commanding Officers of Corps will give Orders that an Account be Kept of the Delivery of the New Shoes Lately Issued to their Men from the Q<sup>r</sup>. Master Gen<sup>ls</sup>. Store Until it Can be Ascertained Wheather or not those are the Donation Shoes Intended for the Troops.

The Commander in Chief is pleasd to Make the Following Promotions.

16<sup>th</sup> L<sup>t</sup>. Dragoons

Surgeon W<sup>m</sup> Fraser from the [1<sup>st</sup> Bn.] 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Surgeon by Purchase, Vice [David] Barry who retires 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1777 –

17<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Dragoons...

Note: The above order provides instructions for a multi-day foraging expedition near Derby, Pennsylvania.

#### Memorandum

The Army Probably will be out four Days Officers & Men to Provide Accordingly. – The Convalescents to be Left to take Care of the Hutts & . – the Baggage to be remov'd to town – Tents may be Carried by the Officers if they think proper. – It is Propos'd to. Deliver two Months Provisions to the troops a Store house to be got for that Purpose,

#### After Orders Evening Gun Firing

the troops Under Orders of March are to be In readiness to Move to Morrow Morning at day Break The Corps that Remain Here are also to Send all their Waggons Except One P [per] Batt<sup>n</sup>. or Corps All the Baggage & Empty Waggons to be Drawn up Upon the Commons, by five in the Morning on the Right Side of the Road leading to the Bridge over Grays . – The Q<sup>r</sup> Master of Each Corps to Attend their Waggon's that go on this Service & be Answerable for the Regularity of the Drivers, & Such Other Men as Shall be Sent with them,

The Corps that Remain here are Immediately to Man the Several Redoubts, in their front & the Piquets of the Line to be with Drawn...

#### Memorandum

It is Necessary that the Men should take Som Camp Kettles with them & some Axes

#### Head Quarters Sweeds Meeting House Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 77...

The Line to be in readiness to turn Out on the Shortest Notice. the Colo<sup>l</sup> of the day & Field Officer of the Piquets are to Vissit the Advanced Posts, in the town of Darby to the Right of the Line & the Commanding Officers of Grenadiers & Light Infantry, will give the Necessary Orders for the Visitation of their Own posts,

The Object of the Movement being to Collect Forage for the Army, the Commanding Officers of Corps are to be Answerable that None be taken out but by the Order of the Quarter Master Generals Department, the Army to be Inform'd that two Men are Orderd for Immediate Execution for the Crime of Plundering, & the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief being Determind to Punish with the Utmost rigour Every Man Detect'd In Depredation of Any Kind

The Commanding Officers of Corps are Required to Enforce The Reapeate'd Orders that Have been given on that Head...

#### Head Quarters Sweeds Meeting House Dec<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 77...

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to Send their Q<sup>r</sup> Masters & Waggons to town to Morrow Morning by day break for three Days Provision to the 27<sup>th</sup> Inclusive they are Also to Bring with them three Days Oats for the Horses & to Return as Soon as Possible...

For the Duty... Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brig<sup>e</sup> [Archibald] Erskine [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

#### After Orders two oClock 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1777

The Officers of the Army are Permitted, during their Stay Here, to Purchase live Stock for their Own Use, but are to Send by the persons that Covers Such Articles to Town, Certificates Specifying the Number of Cattle Sheep &c & to Whom it Belongs. – Those Certificates to be Left with L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Henry] Hope Commanding at the End of the New Bridge. – the Commissarys Department & Quarter masters of Corps will take Care that the Waggons orderd for provisions to Morrow go Compleatly loaded with hay to the Magazine in town NB it is Recommended to the Quarter masters to procure Forage Ropes in Town for their Waggons –

#### Head Quarters Sweeds Meeting House Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1777...

As Soon as the Waggons Return with Provisions they are to be Sent to Timicum Island to be Employ'd by the Q<sup>r</sup> Master Gen<sup>l</sup>...

#### After Orders Nine oClock Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1777

The Provost Marshall is to go his Rounds from time to time & Execute on the Spot Any Soldier or Follower of the Army he Shall Find Marauding or who Shall be found with Plunder Upon him, this Order to Remain in Force during the Stay of the Army in this Camp, Upon Application the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons Will furnish a Guard for the provost Marshall, N.B. the Piquets of the 49<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>ts</sup>. are to Stand fast to Morrow & Are not to be Reliev'd by the 28<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Regiments as before Order'd...

Head Quarters Sweeds Meeting house Dec<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 77...

The 5<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup>. & 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> to Parade with one days Provisions to Morrow Morning at Seven oClock in front of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & March from thence Under the Command of Maj<sup>r</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles Grey] Gray. – they are to take with them two 3 Pounders from the 5<sup>th</sup>. Brig<sup>e</sup>...

Head Quarters Sweeds Meeting House Dec<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1777...

Morning Orders Dec<sup>r</sup>. 27<sup>th</sup>. 1777

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> are immediately to Send to Head Quarters for 2 Days Rum, the One Extra & the Other for their Allowance to Morrow.

Head Quarters Sweeds Meeting House Dec<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 77...

A Negro Man known by the name of Ned a Follower of the Army Tryd by the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court Martial which L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Hon. Henry] Monkton is president for Stealing a Horse is Acquite'd of the Same... Bartholomew Judge Corp<sup>l</sup>. Henry Smith. Dan<sup>l</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Briant Francis Boyce & Jn<sup>o</sup> Knowland Private Soldiers in the Grenadier Comp<sup>y</sup> of 63<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. & Jn<sup>o</sup> Henderson private Soldier in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. try'd by the Above Court Martial for Plundering the Court is of Opinion that Barth<sup>w</sup> Judge Henry Smith, Fracis Boyce & Jn<sup>o</sup> Henderson are Severarly Guilty of the Crime laid to their Charge & dose therefore Adjudge them the Following Punishments, Viz<sup>l</sup>. Barth<sup>w</sup> Judge to be Reduced from the Station of Corp<sup>l</sup> to that of Private Soldier & to Receive One thousand Lashes, H<sup>y</sup>. Smith & Francis Boyce 500 Lashes Each & Jn<sup>o</sup> Henderson One thousand Lashes, the Court is further of Opinion that Dan<sup>l</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Baigent & Jn<sup>o</sup>. Knowland are Not Guilty of the Crime Laid to their Charge & do therefore Acquit them The Commander in Chief Confirms the Above Sentences, the Prisoners Acquitted, are to be Release'd the Soldiers Under Sentence, are to receive their Punishment at the Head of their Respective Corps, & the followers of the Army Under Sentence are to receive their Punishment by the Provost Marshalls Executioner, the Regimental Waggons now Employ'd in Foraging are to return to their Respective Corps this Evening & all the Empty Waggons are to be loaded with wood for the use of their Respective Corps... the Commanding Officers of Corps are to be Answerable that When the troops Move from their Presant Ground No Articles Belonging to the Wiggwams is Burnt or Destroy'd but left for the use of the Inhabitants For the Duty... Commander in Chiefs Guard 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Note: The complete record of Pvt. John Henderson's court martial is provided in this volume in App. C, *Enc. C-2: Courts Martial and Legal Actions*.

After Orders 2 oClock

The troops are to Receive Only one days Provisions & Rum to Morrow Morning, for Which Purpose the Corps are to Send their Waggons to Philadelphia this Evening in Order to their Returning here Early in the Morning

After Orders half Past 11 27<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1777

The Several Corps are to load their Baggage by day Break to Morrow Morning & Send it of without further Orders to their Respective Encampments, Or Quarters On the Other Side of the Schuylkill

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1777...

The Corps that Arriv'd this Day are Immediately to Send for One Extra Gill of Rum *P<sup>r</sup>* Man the Several Corps in Camp to take the Usual Piquet to Morrow Morning at day Break... For the Duty...Commander in Chiefs Guard 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

After Orders 28<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777...

the Piquets of the Several Corps in Camp are Notwithstanding the former Order of this day to be Posted in the redoubt Nearest to their Respective Encampments, in Place of Being Advance'd in front, where there is Now No Cover for them

Gen<sup>l</sup>. After Orders Dec<sup>r</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>. 1777

A Guard of a Subaltern & 20 Men, from the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Brig<sup>e</sup> over the Hay, near Grays to be Reliev'd to Morrow Morning by the 5<sup>th</sup> Brig<sup>e</sup>

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1777...

The Differant Corps are Immediately to Send their Waggons to bring Wood from the Other Side of the Schuylkill for their Respective Quarters, which the troops are to take Possession of to Morrow Morning An Officer & Four Men from Each Corps, is to Attend their Waggons as A Covering Party & to load the Wood, which the Commanding Officers of Corps will Order to be Equally distributed, aMongst their Barrack's or Quarters, A Reasonable Allowance will be Made to each Corps, for fitting up their Mens births Which is to be done as soon as Possible

A Colonel & two Field Officers from the British to take the Orderly Duty of the Line, all reports except that of the main Guard, to be made to the Colonel of the Day –

His Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Wilhelm] De Knyphausen will be pleas'd to Order A field Officer from the Hessian Corps to Visit the Differant Posts & Guards from the troops Under is Comm<sup>d</sup>

When the troops Come into Quarters. Each Reg<sup>t</sup> is to Send Constant Patrols during the Night round their Respective Districts & to be Answerable that Regularity & Good Order is preserved in the Garrison,

The 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons are also to Send Constant Patroles during the Night, thro' the Differant Quarters of the Town for Which Colo [William] Harcourt will give the Necessary Odrs

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Parade for all town Guards, to be in future on the Square between Third & Fourth Streets, & facing the Deputy Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup>. Present Quarters,

The Detachments for the lines are to Parade in front of the Late Artillery Park....

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1777...

the Boards of the Slats are to be Applied by the Several Corps in Putting up the Mens Births in their Quarters,

the Detachment of a Cap<sup>t</sup>, 2 Subalterns & 50 Men Ordered Yesterday to Each Redoubt to be Continued Day & Night

No person to be Allowed to Pass the Barrier between Evening Gun firing & half an hour after Gun firing in the Morning Except Persons Coming in with Intelligence from the Enemy & those to be forwarded to Head Quarters

An Evening & Morning Gun will be fired Near the State house,

Such Corps as have Already Received Wood for their Barricks are Immediately to Send for it to the Wood Yard,

The Field Officer of the Lines is to Remain while On duty, in the House Near the Redoubt N<sup>o</sup>5...

Memorandum

the Guard at the Out Posts to Search all People going out Between Nine & four

the Field Officers of the day for the Lines may take any Officer out of Any Redoubt he May think proper to Attend him as an Orderly Officer,

Invalids to be Examin'd On Friday.

Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1777...

The Regimental Accounts of the Army to be Immediately Settled & the Non Commission'd Officers & Men Cleard to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1777 –



Upon four Guns being fire'd from the Battering [Bettering] house The Troops are Immediately to get Under Armes, with the Utmost Silence, & Repair to their Respective Parades, where they Are to Wait for further Orders –

The Gen<sup>l</sup>. Officers Commanding Corps will please to Appoint Parades for their Respective Brigades in Case of An Alarm. The Field Officer for the Garrison Duty will March off the Guards Precisely at Ten. – the Draughts from the 6<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>, Serving with the Second L<sup>i</sup> Infantry are to be Turned Over to the 17<sup>th</sup>. Foot, For Which the Commanding Officer of that Reg<sup>t</sup>. will be given Credit at the Rate of five Pounds *P<sup>r</sup>* Man, to the Agents of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>.

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Benjamin C.] Payne of the 18<sup>th</sup>. or Royal Reg<sup>t</sup>. of Ireland, is Appointed Barrick Master to the Garrison of Philadelphia he will immediately Receive the Accounts & Stores of that Department, from M<sup>r</sup>. Robinson...

After Orders 3 °Clock Dec<sup>r</sup> 31st 1777

The Differant Corps are Immediately to Send to the Barrick Officer for Felling Axes to Compleat them to two *P<sup>r</sup>* Comp<sup>y</sup> and hand Saws to the Number of two *P<sup>r</sup>* Batt<sup>n</sup>. or Corps & Are to Send their Waggon & Pioneers to Morrow Morning, to the Other Side of the Schuylkill to bring Wood to their Respective, Quarters,

The Qr. Masters of Corps to Attend their Waggon & be Answerable that Non of the Barrick Masters Wood be Meddled with

After Orders 4 °Clock

1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>. Brigades & two Batt<sup>ns</sup>. of Anspach to be On their Respective Parades at Ten °Clock to Morrow With Arms & Accoutraments Only & to Send An Orderly Officer from Each Corp to the Q<sup>r</sup> Master Gen<sup>ls</sup>. Quarters to Conduct him to their Respective parades,

The British Grenadiers Hessian Grenadiers & 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] to be on their Respective parades to Morrow & Send an Officer to the Quarter Master Generals as Above at ten oclock 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Wolworths, Loos & Sternes Brig<sup>es</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1778...

The Detachments for the Differant Redoubts are in future to parade at troop Beating & March off precisely at Ten...

For the Day to Morrow...Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brig<sup>e</sup> [Archibald] Erskine... The Men unfitt for Service of the Guard's L<sup>i</sup> Infantry & Grenadiers to Assemble at the Colledge Hosp<sup>l</sup>. to Morrow Morning at ten to be Examind by a Board of Physicians & Surgeons,

Memorandum

the Quarter Masters are to be Answerable that the two Saw's P<sup>r</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. & two Axes P<sup>r</sup> Comp<sup>y</sup> be delivered to the Barrick Master, the Men to be Paid for Cutting of Wood, the Officers in the Redoubts, to take Care that the Sawes & Axes Are Regularly delivered Over from One to the Other...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 1778...

A Return to be given in to the Barrack Master, on Thursday Next by Nine OClock in the Morning of All the Quarters of the Several Regiments, Specifying the Streets & Owners of Houses in Which they Are Quartered as the Inhabitants Still Continue to bring in Complaints, Against Officers, & Other Persons belonging to the Army for taking Possession of their Houses & Stables without Any sort of. –

The Barrick Master has Positive orders, to Report to the Commander in Chief, any person he Shall find in Possession of Any house or Stable Contrary to the Orders of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. Upon that Head. –

The Soldiers Employ'd in Cutting of Wood for the Barricks or Quarters are to be Paid by the Barrack Master Five Shillings, *P<sup>r</sup>* Cord for the Usual Allowance on the first of Every Month.

The Sick & Wounded Officers as well as Regimental Hospitals, & Guards are to be Supply'd by the Respective Corps. – The Guards on the bridge at the Schuylkill Are Not to Prevent Waggon Passing for Wood Provided they Have Q<sup>r</sup>. Masters With them, On the Officers Certificate to Whom they Belong. –

Such Corps has have not, Already Received their Proportion of Nails for fitting Up their Barricks & Reg<sup>l</sup>. Hospitals May have them by Applying to the Engineers Office in Walnutt Street –

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief Expects that no Soldier Should be Out of their Quarters after taptoo Beating Unless Upon Duty. – the Barrick Guard of each Corps is to be Under the Command of An Officer who is to Be Answerable that the Patroles are Regulary Sent out During the Night  
A Proportion of Palaissees to be delivered out to the Troops as Soon as Possible...

After Orders 3 oClock 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been Pleas'd to make the Following Promotions  
28<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1778

...Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court Martial of Which L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Harry Caulder was President...

Murdo M<sup>c</sup>Cloud private Soldier in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot Tryd by the Above Court martial for Plundering is found Not Guilty of the Crime Laid to his Charge & therefore Acquitte'd

The Com<sup>d</sup>. In Chief Approves of the Above Sentence & orders the prisoner to be releis'd...

The British & Hessian Quarter Masters for the day are to Apply Every Morning, to the Barrack Office for the Allowance of Fuell & Utentials Necessary for the Troops On duty at the Lines. – The Town Adj<sup>t</sup>. to make the Same Application for the Differeant Guards in and about the Garrison & the Purveyor of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Hospital will Order his Stewart to Make Application for the Allowance of the Different Hospitals & be Answerable that an Equal Distribution through each branch of that Department,

The Barrick Master will Issue to the troops on Tuesday Next, at the Barrick Office in Front Street, Barrick Bedding, for the Presant Effectives in each Corp's

the Commanding Officers to Sign the receipt for the Number of Setts Necessary to Compleat their Respective, Corps & be Answerable for their Being Returnd at the Opening of Next Campaign. – as the Number then Deficient Must be Either paid for or Replac'd,

the Officer Commanding the Covering party will post an Officer & 20 Men over the Cutt Wood belonging to the Barrick Master, & Give Such Other Assistance as Shall be Required by him or his Assistance Officiating their

The Covering party being Ordered across the Bridge at 8 in the Morning & Return again by Sun sett no Waggon to be permitted to Pass or Repass before or After these Hours... Commanding Officers of Corps to Report the State of their Quarters to the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Officers Commanding their Respective Brigades, & they are also to Report to them when their Mens Accounts are Settled Agreeable to the Late Order on that Head,

the Guards at the Lines are on no Account, to Suffer Waggon to Pass the Abbatties Without An Order from Head Quarters...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

the Field Officer for the Garrison, is to Visit the private Rebel Prisoners & the Several Gen<sup>l</sup>. Hospitals before he is Reliev'd & Report all Extraordinary's to the Colo<sup>l</sup> of the Day Serj<sup>t</sup> Jarvis of the 63<sup>rd</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>. is Appointed Town Serjeant to the Garrison...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

two Serj<sup>ts</sup> are for the future to be Poste'd from Revallie Beating Untill Sun Sett at each Barrier & two at the New Bridge to Examine all persons going Out or Comming in at the Lines to Serch all Baggage &c And to Report to the Field officer of the Lines when Reliev'd & as an Encouragment for their Attention & Dillegence in the Execution, of this Duty, they are to be Allowed one Shilling Sterling P<sup>r</sup> Day each – M<sup>r</sup> Lawless is Appointed Assistant Barrack Master to the Garrison...

The Relieving Officers at the Several Redoubts & town Guards, are not to take Charge of their Posts, Untill all the Utentials & furniture are Deliverd Over to them by the Old Guards a list being left with Each On Purpose...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

The Barrier at the top of Second Street & On the Ridge Redoubt to be Shut up, No persons being for the future to Pass or Repass there, The other three & the Bridge are to be Open from half an hour after the Morning Gun firing till Gun Firing in the Evening as before Ordered  
For the Day to Morrow... Field Officer for the British Lines L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Thomas Stirling] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

The Provost Martial has a gain Receiv'd the most Positive Orders to Execute on the Spot and Soldiers or Followers of the Army Detected in Pulling down Building's or in Depradations of Any Sort .— All Soldiers found Stragling in the Streets, from half an hour after taptow Beating to Revielle Beating are to be taken Up by the Patroles Reported & try'd for Dis obedience of Orders, In Case of an Alarm of Fire the Regiments are to form on their Respective Regimental Parades & there Wait for further Orders. — The Barrack Masters Wood Cutters, are for the future to be Employ'd in front of the Lines, Where they are to be Cover'd by the L<sup>t</sup> Infantry on Duty there, The Regimental Waggons to pass the Abbatis for their Wood at the Ridge Road, which is to be Open'd During the Day for that Purpose... For the Day to Morrow... Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brig<sup>e</sup> [Archibald] Erskine [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

As Soon as the Accounts of the Several Reg<sup>ts</sup>. have been Settle'd & the men Clear'd to 24<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. the Generals & Field Officers Commanding Corps will Report the Same to the Commander in Chief — The Advanced Centries of the Lines are to Load During the Night & those Not with Cartridge but With Loose Powder & Ramming Ball, which an Officer will See Carefully Drawn before the Post is Reliev'd & the Powder & Ball Carefully preserve'd, the Greatest Attention to Be paid to the Attention and Discipline of the Recruits in Each Corps & a Report to be Made to the Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup>. when they are fitt to be Dismiss'd from the Drill, Commanding Officers of Regiments are Expecte'd to See that their Officers & Men appear on all Parades as Uniformly Dress'd as possible, particularly when for Publick Duties... [Angus] M<sup>c</sup>Donald Gen<sup>l</sup> is Appointe'd L<sup>t</sup> in the Corps of Pioneers

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

Complaint having been made that the Fencis in the Neighbourhood of the Yager Post on the Gloucester neck having been Carried away Contrary to Repeated Orders The Commander in Chief is Determined to Punish with the utmost Severity any Person Detecte'd In such Regularity for the Future]  
All Boats Passing or Repassing Gloucester Point during the Night to be Challenged brought to & Examined & Report, in the Morning to the Colonel of the Day. — an Orderly L<sup>t</sup> Dragoon is to Attend the Field Officer of the British Lines to Enable him to Report to Head Quarters, Without Loss of time What Ever he May Judge Necessary to Communicate, —  
All Stores or Merchandise which Shall be Seized Upon at either Barriers going out of the Lines will be Confiscated, one half for the Benefit of the Informer & the other half for the Poor,  
The Patroles in Garrison are in future to apprehend all Suspicious Persons they find In the Streets, Without Lanthorns from half past 8 at Night to Revielle Beating & Report to Report to the Field Officer of the Garrison such as they Shall Judge Necessary to Detain,  
The Waggoners Attending the Different Corps are to apply for their Hire to M<sup>r</sup> Wintrop pay Master at the Quarter Master Generals Office in Sixth Street...

[Guards] Reg<sup>l</sup> Orders...

It is the Commanding officers order that the Captains Or Commanding Officers of Companies do as Soon as Possible, furnish Every Man with 2 New Shirts 2 pair of Stockings & One pair of Shoes...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

No Wood to be Cut within the Lines till further orders except by the provincials poste'd on the Schuylkill, who are to Cut for their Own Use Only, any wood brought from them to town, will be Confiscated for the Benefit of the Informer

Seven days Coal will be Issued to the Troops to Morrow Commencing the 12<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>.

The Quarter Masters of Corps to Attend early in the Morning at the Barrack office to Receive itt & the Remainder of the Barrack Utentials, which are Ready to be issued there.

the Waggon horses are Not to be Employ'd in dragging of Wood, during the Ensuing week,

The Wood Cutters from the Several Reg<sup>ts</sup>. to be Continue'd & Each Comp<sup>y</sup> to provide themselves with two Hand Stays...

The Covering Party from the Light Infantry in front of the Lines to Consist of 100 Men Only,

The Inlying Piquets Consisting of an Officer & 20 Men *P<sup>r</sup>* Batt<sup>n</sup>. & a Captain from Each Brig<sup>e</sup>. to

Assemble Upon the Common to Morrow Morning at Ten Under the Command, of the Field Officer of the Garrison to Attend the Execution of [Priv.] Michael Fenharty [5<sup>th</sup> Regt.]...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 12<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

The Several Corps to prepare Necessarys Money &c for their prisoners by Thursday Next when a flag of truce will be Sent with them,

A Quarter Master Or Quarter Master Serjeant from each Corps is to be Sent to Deliver them...

Note: In Mar. 1778 the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. listed 6 sergts, 2 drummers and 93 rank & file prisoners with the Rebels, the vast majority of which were from Capt. John Smith's Co. who had been captured in May 1776 by the Rebel navy while sailing to America. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Brevet-QM/Ens. James Stirling was selected to escort the POW clothing for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. but was prevented by the Rebels from accompanying the wagon.

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

The Money to be Sent to the Prisoners is to be One Guinea *P<sup>r</sup>* Man...

[Guards] Reg<sup>t</sup>. Orders...

the Commanding Officer is Sorry to hear that the Brooms & Scrapers are not yet Furnish'd for the Barracks he Orders that they May be furnish'd Immediately –

the Q<sup>r</sup>. Master is also to Make proper Application for Straw to fill the Mens Palliases, & Kettles to Cook in, is also to See the Window Man did & Report to the Comm<sup>s</sup> Officer When Every thing is Compleate'd

Note: "Palliasses" were straw-filled mattresses.

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

For the Day to Morrow... For the Garrison [Brevet] L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

The Commanding Officers of Corps to be Answerable that the Strictest Care be taken of their Mens Arms. as Non Can Infuture be Issued from the Store Untill the Deficiency Shall be Accounte'd for in the Most Satisfactory Manner, Quartermaster [Thomas] Sanford of Foot Guards & [Brevet-QM/Ens. James] Sterling of the [2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.] 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. are Appointed to take the Charge of the Necessarys & Money for the British Prisoners, with which they are to set Out to Morrow Morning at Nine from the State house, a Careful Non Commissione'd Officer from Each Brigade to be Sent to Assist in the Charge & Distribution of the Different Articles,

For the Day to Morrow... Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brig<sup>e</sup> [Archibald] Erskine [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]... Com<sup>r</sup> In Chiefs Guard 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

The Commander In Chief has been Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions

26<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>.

L<sup>t</sup> Nicholas [Charles] Gordon from 71<sup>st</sup> to be Captain By Purchase Vice [John] Strong who retires 8<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1778

28<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

45<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

After Orders 4 °Clock 15<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1778

The Barrack Master having Reported that the Soldiers Make a Practice of Stopping on the Road the Waggon Dragging Wood to the Magazine & take Out a Quantity from Each Waggon the first Soldier that is Detected will be Punished in a Very Exemplary Manner –

A Serj<sup>t</sup> & 12 Men to attend the Waggon in future who are to take Care that the like Abuse do not Happen again they are to Parade every Morning at 8 °Clock at the Wood Yard Near the State house,

Head Quarters Philadelphia 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

General Orders After Orders Evening Gun Firing

In Consideration of the Present fair Weather the Regimental Waggon are again to be Employ'd in Hawling of Wood from the front of the Lines, to their Respective Barracks or Quarters but the Waggon horses being in General in a Verry low Condition, the Q<sup>r</sup> masters who are to Attend this Service, are to be Answerable that they Are Not Over Work'd , & that Proper Care is taken of them with Respect to their Forage



Detail of "Portrait of Queen Charlotte," 1789, by Thomas Lawrence

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Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

A Royal Salute of 21 Guns to be fired from the Artillery park to Morrow at 1 °Clock In Honour of her Majesties [Queen Charlotte's] Birth Day...

A Mail for England will be Closed on Wednesday Evening Next the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

It Having been Reported to the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief by the Colo of the Day that the Sick In Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital Are Not properly Attended too, by their Respective Reg<sup>ts</sup> & that the Non Commission'd Officers Doe Not Attend on the Days, Appointe'd to Receive their Convelisents according to Orders, The Gen<sup>l</sup>. Desires that Commanding Officers will Immediately Enquire into these Neglects & see them Rectified

The Barrack Master has Orders to Issue to the Troops an Additional Blanket for Each Bed in Liew of Straw, which Cannot be Precure'd, the Corps to be Answerabl that they Are Return'd in Good Condition

or Replace'd with New Ones at the Opening of the Campaign, the Barrack master Will Supply the Troops to Morrow with One Weeks Wood, to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. Inclusive from the front of the lines... The Comm<sup>r</sup> In Chief has been Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions

38<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

45<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1778...

All Officers & Men belonging to the Corps under the Command of L<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. S<sup>r</sup> Hary Clinton are to prepare to Join their Reg<sup>ts</sup>, by this Opportunity Excepting Such as are on Duty here The Commander in chief has been Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions 15<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>... 27<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>... 43<sup>rd</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1778...

In Case of Fire in the Garrison the Bell of Christ Church Second Street will be Rung as an Alarm, Upon Which the Troops Will get Under Arms & Remain Upon their Respective Parades for Orders...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1778...

Each Corps is immediately to Send for Both Powder & Ball from the Artillery Store, Sufficient to Compleat them to Fifty Rounds *P<sup>r</sup>* Man, In Case of Fire by Day the Troops are Not to Gett Under Arms except by Particular Order & Not Upon the Ringing of the Alarm Bell as Directed Yesterday, That being intended as the Signal In Case of Fire by Night... For the Day to Morrow...Field Officer for the British Lines L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Thomas Stirling] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.].... Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brig<sup>e</sup>. [Archibald] Erskine [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.].... The Commander in Chief is Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions

63<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1778...

The Corps are to be Immediately Employd in Bringing home the Wood of their Own Cutting from the Front of the line in Slays [sleighs] & On Monday Next One Weeks wood will be Issue'd to the troops to the First Feb<sup>ry</sup> Inclusive from the Magazine at the Bridge, the Q<sup>r</sup>. Masters will Receive Payment, at the Barrack Office, on the first Feb<sup>ry</sup> for Cutting their Allowance of Wood...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Each Corps will immediately Send to the Forage Yard for a proportions of Straw, for the Use of the Reg<sup>l</sup>. Hospitals...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1778...

The Comm<sup>r</sup> In Chief is Pleas'd to Make the following Promotions

16<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup> Foot...

2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. 60<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

3<sup>rd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. 60<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

For the Day to Morrow...

For the Garrison [Brevet] L<sup>t</sup> Colo [William] Grant [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]....

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan<sup>ry</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1778...

No Carriages in Future to be Permitted to go Out of the Lines to the Left of German town Road, the Whole Business of Wood Cutting being Now Carried On to the Right of Dickinsons House The Covering Parties are to March out of the Lines Immediately after Gun Firing & No Waggon or Wood Cutters to be Permitted to Pass the Barrier Before them,  
For the Day to Morrow... Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brig<sup>e</sup> [Archibald] Erskine [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Source and Notes: *William Howe orderly book*, Great Britain. Army, 1776-1778, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. This order book, which provides the General Orders of Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in North America, is actually an order book belonging to the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. of Foot Guards. This transcription partially fills in a portion of the gap in the published British General Orders for the period Nov. 20, 1777 to Jan. 29, 1778 in the Kemble Papers as published by the New York Historical Society in their Collections series.



Reproduction 2<sup>nd</sup> or Coldstream and 3<sup>rd</sup> or Scots Guards Regiments Uniform Buttons

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## **Excerpts of the Order Book of Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir William Howe, Kept by the Brigade of Guards, Philadelphia, Jan. 30 – Feb. 22, 1778**

Orderly Book Brig<sup>e</sup> of Guards  
Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

For the day to Morrow... for the British Lines [Brevet] L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

The Regimental Waggon are on no Account to be Employ'd in any kind of Work till further Orders, that their Horses may have Some Rest ...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

A Return from each Corps to be given in to Morrow at Orderly time of Such Men as are Absolutely Unfit for Service their Accounts to be immediately Settled to 23<sup>rd</sup> February Inclusive & they are to be held in Readiness to Embark on the Shortest Notice...

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to Make the Following promotions,

4<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

15<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

17<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

23<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

44<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

52<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

54<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...



57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

All Deserters in Town that have Come in from the Enemy are immediately to give in their Names Occupations & place of Abode to the Town Major in order to their being provided with their passage to Europe.

Some of the Rebel Prisoners having lately made their Escape, the Centry's posted Over them at the Several Goals are in future to put Death Such as they Detect Attempting to get off or Otherways. & in Consequence of their having Repeatedly taken Advantage of the Indulgence Granted them in their Frinds to Visit them in Goal. – The Commissary's of Prisoners & Officers Commanding those Guards are not in future to Suffer the least Intercourse between them & the Inhabitants without an Order in Writing from Head Quarters,

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to Make the Following promotion,  
54<sup>th</sup> Regiment...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Feb<sup>ry</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Some of the Cloathing, Necessaries, and Money, intended for the Prisoners of War, being returned and now at the State House; they are to be Immediately sent for by the Several Regiments to which they belong...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 5<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778.

A Board of Physicians & Surgeons will assemble at the Colledge Hospital on Saturday next at Ten in the Morning for the Examination of Such other Invalids as shall be brought before them. The Surgeons of Regiments are to Attend.

The Troops are to receive a proportion of Straw tomorrow at the Forage Yard for the Use of the Man. And on Monday next the Q<sup>r</sup> Masters of Corps will Apply at the Barrack Office for the Utensil Money; they are to carry with them a List of their Officers Present, Specifying their Ranks, & the Numbers of the Non Commission Officers, & Men present Sign'd by the Commanding Officers

It having been Represented to the Commander in Chief that Notwithstanding the Orders given for the preservation of the Furniture & Utensils in the Several Guard Rooms; Some of them have been burnt, & otherwise Shamefully destroy'd the Officers, & Non Commission'd Officers Commanding Guard; are again positively orderd not to relieve any post Untill Such Articles have been deliver'd over to them in proper Condition, or the Deficiencies, Account'd for, \_ The Barrack Master having left in Each Guard Room a List for that purpose...

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to make the following promotion  
7<sup>th</sup> Regiment...

For the Day to Morrow... Major of Brigade [Archibald] Erskine [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]  
Commander in Chiefs Guard 42<sup>nd</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 6<sup>th</sup>. Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Feb<sup>ry</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1778...

No Waggon Nor Wood Cutters to Pass the Barriers to Morrow And No Covering Party Will be Sent out for their Protection.

It his Again Recommend to the Commanding Officers of Corps to Cause the Greatest Care to be taken of their Waggon Horses as thay must be able to be Cald for on the Shortest Notice for Publick Service & Wilst the Roads Continue to be Bad at Presant thay Are On No Account to be Employ'd in Hauling Wood the Adjutant for the Day his In future To Attend the Batt<sup>n</sup> Sent Out to Cover the Wood Cutters In Order to Show the Commanding Officers the Several Posts Assign'd by the Q<sup>r</sup>. Master Gen<sup>l</sup>.

the Troops Are Inform'd that the Comm<sup>s</sup> Officer of Artillery Will Prove Som Cannon On Monday Next be tween the Hours of 10 & 12 In front of Redoubt N<sup>o</sup>. 1

Commanding Officers of Corps Are to have their Officers & Men Out at Exercise Whan Ever the Wether Will Permitt & to Practice Ball Firing...

For the Day to Morrow...

For the Garrison L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> [Thomas] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

The Commander In Chief is Pleasd to Make the Following Promotions –

57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Staff L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Gilfilling [Gilfillan] of the 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. to be Assistant Deputy Q<sup>r</sup>. Master Gen<sup>l</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778

Cornet Banaster Carlton [Tarleton] of the [16<sup>th</sup>] Queens Dragoon Guards to be Brigade Major...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Feb<sup>ry</sup> 9 1778...

The 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons & Provincial Cavalry are to Make All Reports to Brigadier S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Erskine –  
The Field Officer of the Lines Will Order the Guard In the Several Redoubts, to Clear a way the Snow  
Commander In Chiefs Guard 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Tuesday Feb<sup>ry</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1778...

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After Orders Taptoo Beating

The 7<sup>th</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>. & 33<sup>rd</sup>, Regiments, Queens Rangers, and a Captain, & two Subalternes, & 40  
Dragoons with two Grass Hoppers, to Parade at Redoubt N<sup>o</sup>. 1 at Five tomorrow Morning, with Blankets,  
& one Days provisions; they will receive their orders from the Q<sup>r</sup>. Master General...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Feb<sup>ry</sup> the 11<sup>th</sup> 1778...

The Com<sup>dr</sup> in Chief is pleas'd to Make the following promotion,

37<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia February 12<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

The Commanding Officers of Corps will order their Quarter Masters to Search their Respective Districts  
frequently for all houses that Shall Sell Liquor without Licence & order all Such Liquor to be  
immediately Staved & the Offenders sent to the Provost Guard,  
For the day to Morrow... Major of Brigade [Archibald] Erskine [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Head Q<sup>rs</sup>. Philadelphia 13<sup>th</sup>. Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 1778...

For the day to Morrow...

F. O. for British Lines [Brevet] L<sup>t</sup> Col. [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Saturday Feb<sup>ry</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. February 1778...

General After Orders Evening Gun Firing 15<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup>...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Feb<sup>ry</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

No Officer Under the Rank of Captain is in future to Sett as a Member at a General Court Martial where  
there is a Sufficient Number of that Rank Present...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 18<sup>th</sup> February 1778...

Wood Parties to be Answerable for the Regular Behaviour of their Men, The Officer Commanding at the  
Several Barriers will give orders that No Forces will be permitted to Come in to town without an order in

Writing from Head Quarters, & all Such orders are to be Receiv'd by the Serjeants & Return'd to the Persons they Shall be sign'd by. Until further Orders The Corps are to Send for their Wood from the Left of Dickinsons House. The Covering Party is Accordingly to be posted to the left...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 19<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778...

For the day to Morrow... Major of Brigade [Archibald] Erskine [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Complaint having been made to the Commander in Chief by the Majistrates of the City, of Some Shamefull & Un Gentlemanlike Treatment of Several Officers to Wretched Unarm'd Watchmen in the Execution of their Duty, The General Can Scarsely believe that Officers & Gentlemen are Capable of being Guilty of such a liberal Outrage, but takes this Method of Declaring that he will bring to Publick Tryal the first Officer or Soldier Under his Command Detected in Such Unwarrentable Practices, All Patrols are to give every kind of Assistance to the Civil Officers Apponted to Preserve the peace & Good Order of the garrison, The Above Complaints Rendered Absolutely Necessary for the Patrols to go their Rounds at Least Every Hour from Evening Gun Firing to Revallie Beating which is to be particularly Mention'd in their Morning Reports, Officers Commanding at the Several Redoubts are to give orders that proper Care is to be taken of the Stoves & Other Furniture Committed to their Charge...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Friday Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>. 1778...

For the day to Morrow... Field Officer for the Garrison L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Thomas Stirling] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...

Head Quarters Philadelphia Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 1778...

The Command<sup>r</sup> in Chief is pleas'd to make the following Promotions  
Surg<sup>n</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> [Mace] Maiss f<sup>m</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>. of Foot to be Apothecary to the General Hospital 21<sup>st</sup>. Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 1778

22<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

After Orders 4<sup>o</sup> Clock Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 1778

As the Barrack Masters Wood Cutters cannot be Employ'd to Morrow, the Covering Party order'd from the Regiments of Anspach is Countermanded; the Field Officers of the Lines will therefore please to give Orders that no Waggons, Wood Partiers, &c<sup>a</sup> from the Garrison be permitted to pass, or Repass at any other Barrier, than that, on the Ridge Road; A Detachment of One hundred only, of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry to the Left as Usual.

Head Quarters Philadelphia February 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1778...

Source: *George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799*: Series 6. Military Papers. 1755-1798  
Captured British Army Orderly Book, January 29-August 9, 1778. The Order Book belonged to the Brigade of Guards which was made up of a selection of men from each of the Guards regiments in England, including the 1<sup>st</sup> (later Grenadier Guards), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Coldstream Guards) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Scots Guards) Regiments of Foot Guards.

**Excerpts of the Order Book of Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir William Howe,  
Kept by Maj. Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, Philadelphia,  
Feb. 23 – May 23, 1778**

Head Quarters Philadelphia 23<sup>d</sup>... [to] 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1778...

His Majesty has been pleased to Signify his entire approbation of the Conduct of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Maj.-Gen. [John] Vaughan, and of all the Officers and Men under His Command in the Expedition up the North River.

The Spirit and Vigour with which they effected that very difficult and Important Service does them the greatest honour.

And His Majesty has also been pleased to signify his entire approbation of the Spirit and Conduct of the Officers and Men under the immediate Command of Gen. Sir William Howe, in the Course of Last Campaign.



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Head Quarters Philadelphia 1<sup>st</sup> March 1778.

The Invalids and other Persons going to Europe are to be in readiness to Embark on Wednesday morning the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Gregor, Gentleman, to be Ensign vice Rolls [Robert Rollo]	} 8 <sup>th</sup> May 1777
preferred	}
Dougald Campbell, Gentleman, to be Ensign vice [John] Campbell	} 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1777...
preferred	}

64<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

Henry David Fraser, Gentleman, to be Ensign	} 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1776...
vice Lord Viscount Deerhurst promoted	}

Notes: Ens. Fraser, 64<sup>th</sup> Regt., later served as a lieutenant in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 2<sup>d</sup> March 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 3<sup>d</sup> March 1778.

The Embarkation of Invalids, &c., is deferred till Thursday morning....

Head Quarters Philadelphia, 4<sup>th</sup>... [to] 5<sup>th</sup> March 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 6<sup>th</sup> March 1778.

Major Sir James Murray [4<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is appointed to do duty with the first Battalion Light Infantry, in the Room of Major [Peter] Craig ordered to take the Command of the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment at York...



Reconstructed Chevaux de frise at Fort Loudoun, Tennessee, 2013

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Head Quarters Philadelphia 7<sup>th</sup> March 1778.

The Remission of the Officers Commanding at the Redoubts, in not Shutting and fastening their Barriers every night, and Closing the Chevaux-de-frise, having been represented to the Commander in Chief, He expects they will be more attentive to that part of their Duty in future; and they are also directed to see that the Snow from the Platforms and Banquettes is not thrown upon the Parapets...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 8<sup>th</sup> March 1778....

Head Quarters Philadelphia 9<sup>th</sup> March 1778...

Extract of a Letter from Lord Barrington, dated War Office, 19<sup>th</sup> November 1777, to Gen. Sir William Howe:

“I am to acquaint you that Lieut. John Campbell’s appointment to an Ensigncy in the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment having taken place a considerable time before those of the other Ensigns notified on the Augmentation, although by some Mistake His Commission was dated later than those of Ensigns [Alexander] M<sup>c</sup>Leod, [Robert] Rollo, Lord William Murray, and [Alexander] Stewart, the King was pleased to direct that he should have his proper Rank given him; which was accordingly done by a New Commission bearing date the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1775.”

Head Quarters Philadelphia 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 14<sup>th</sup> March 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 15<sup>th</sup> March 1778.

All Recruits now arrived from Europe are to be immediately landed by their respective Corps, and to be disciplined without loss of time...

All Arms and Accoutrements sent out with those Men are to be delivered to the Ordnance Store by the Officer that Commanded on Board.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 16<sup>th</sup> March 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 17<sup>th</sup> March 1778...

Such Men of the Flank Corps as have been returned by the Hospital Board for Garrison duty are to be immediately replaced by their respective Battalions with Men fit for that Service, and the Commanding Officers of Regiments are at the same time to complete their Flank Companies to the same number as the Companies of their respective Battalions...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 18<sup>th</sup> March 1778...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

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Head Quarters Philadelphia 19<sup>th</sup> March 1778.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions :

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

Ensign Daniel Crawford to be Lieutenant vice [William] Stewart	} 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 1778
removed to the Invalids	}
Alexander Grant, Volunteer, to be Ensign vice Crawford Promoted	} 18 <sup>th</sup> March 1778

Source: A former Marine officer, Lt. Stewart lost the use of his leg in the Battle of Piscataway, New Jersey on May 10, 1777 and was involuntarily removed to an Invalid Co. in England.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 20<sup>th</sup> March 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

Lieut. Forbes Champagne, of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, to be Adjutant to the 1st Battalion Light Infantry vice Willson who resigns 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia, 21<sup>st</sup>... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> March 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 29<sup>th</sup> March 1778

The Commission given to Mr. John Campbell, as Lieutenant in the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment Vice [Valentine] Chisholm, is hereby cancelled; and to reinstate him in his proper Rank, another Commission is to be made out for him as Lieutenant in said Regiment, bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1777...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 30<sup>th</sup>... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> March 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 1<sup>st</sup> April 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 2<sup>d</sup> April 1778

Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers commanding Guards are in future to be more particular in instructing their Sentries in their duty, as some of them seem scarcely to know for what purpose they are posted. Sentries upon advanced Posts are upon the approach of an Officer to stand Shouldered, and to front towards the Enemy.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 3<sup>d</sup> ... [to] 5<sup>th</sup> April 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 6<sup>th</sup> April 1778.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions:

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment -

Ensign Archibald Campbell to be Lieutenant by purchase vice	} 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 1778.
[Charles] Gordon preferred	}
M <sup>r</sup> John Stewart to be Surgeon vice [William] Frazier by purchase	} 5 <sup>th</sup> April 1778

Head Quarters Philadelphia 7<sup>th</sup>... [to] 16<sup>th</sup> April 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 17<sup>th</sup> April 1778.

The Commander in Chief is authorized by the Secretary of State to express His Majesty's particular satisfaction in the conduct of the Land and Naval Officers who conducted the attack upon Mud Island, and at the alacrity of perseverance of the Soldiers and Seamen employed upon that Service...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 18<sup>th</sup>... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> April 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 21<sup>st</sup> April 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to remove Major [Turner] Strabenzie from 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry to take Command of 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 22<sup>d</sup>... [to] 23<sup>d</sup> April 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 24<sup>th</sup> April 1778...

Major [Michael] Cuffe, of the 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment, is appointed to do duty in the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 25<sup>th</sup> April 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 28<sup>th</sup> April 1778.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions:

16 <sup>th</sup> Regiment	
Ensign Hugh Mackie Gordon from 71 <sup>st</sup> , to be Lieutenant vice [Thomas]	} 27 <sup>th</sup> April, 1778...
Barrow preferred	
26 <sup>th</sup> Regiment	
Lieut. David Anstruther to be Adjutant vice [Edward] Thompson by purchase	} 27 <sup>th</sup> April 1778.
	}

Source: Lt. David Anstruther later served as a Capt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 29<sup>th</sup> April... [to] 5<sup>th</sup> May 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia, 6<sup>th</sup> May 1778...

Brig.-Gen. [Alexander] Leslie is appointed to the Command of all the Troops in the Jerseys.

Recruits from Europe are to be landed by their respective Corps as soon as possible after their arrival, and all Arms and Ammunition sent out with those for the British are to be delivered into the Artillery Store upon proper Receipts...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 7<sup>th</sup>... [to] 9<sup>th</sup> May 1778...





Detail of "Gaol in Walnut Street, Philadelphia," 1799, by W. Birch & Son

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *The city of Philadelphia: in the state of Pennsylvania, North America; as it appeared in the year 1800*, by W. Birch & Son

Head Quarters Philadelphia 10<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

[Lance] Corporal Orange Grant, of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Foot, tried by the General Court Martial of which Lieut- Col. Markham is President, for permitting George Wright, a Major in the Rebel Service, and Prisoner in the Gaol, to make his Escape from thence whilst he (Grant) was on Duty there; the Court is of opinion that he is guilty of the Crime laid to his charge, .and thereby of neglect of duty, and doth therefore adjudge him to receive 500 Lashes; but this neglect of Duty appearing to have proceeded from an Error in judgment rather than to have been willful, the Court, in consideration of this circumstance, added to those of his general good character, his Youth and inexperience, is induced to recommend him for Mercy. The Commander in Chief confirms the above Sentence and Pardons the Prisoner...

Notes: The complete record of Lance Corp. Grant's general court martial is provided in this volume in App. C, Enc. C-2: *Courts Martial and Legal Actions of the 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regiment During the American War for Independence*.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 11<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

Gen. Sir William Howe having obtained his Majesty's permission to return to Europe, the King has been pleased to appoint His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton to succeed him, upon his departure, as General and Commander in Chief of the Army in this district of America, and all orders issued by Gen. Sir Henry Clinton are to be obeyed.

Gen. Sir William Howe cannot think of taking leave of the Army without expressing in the strongest terms the very high sense he entertains and ever shall entertain of the distinguished Spirit, alacrity, and unanimity exerted upon all occasions by every Officer and Soldier he has had the honour to Command, as well Foreign as British, in the course of a service attended with much fatigue and hardship.

At the same time he feels a real satisfaction in being able to congratulate the Army on his being succeeded in so important a Command by a General who, he is fully persuaded, will not only add Lustre to His Majesty's Arms, but acquire great Honour to himself and to the Army under his Command...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 12<sup>th</sup> May 1778....

Head Quarters Philadelphia 13<sup>th</sup> May 1778...

The Commissions given to Lieut. Lord William Murray and Ensign George Campbell in the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Foot, dated 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1777, are cancelled, and the Commander in Chief has ordered others to be made out bearing date 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 14<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

The heavy Baggage of the Army to be in readiness to embark upon the shortest notice; and it is recommended to the Officers of the Army to lighten their Baggage for the Field as much as possible.

Notes: This order begins the preparation for the army to abandon Philadelphia to return to New York by marching across New Jersey. This action was necessary due to the large detachments being taken from Gen. Clinton's army to go to Florida and the West Indies to combat French forces after the French alliance with the Rebels.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 15<sup>th</sup>... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> May 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 21<sup>st</sup> May, 1778...

The several Corps are now to put on Board of their Transports their Tents and every kind of Baggage and Stores they can possibly do without in the Field.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 22<sup>d</sup>... [to] 23<sup>d</sup> May 1778....

Source: "The Kemble Papers," Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.



Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton, 1777, by John Smart

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**Excerpts of Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Order Book, Kept by Maj. Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General,**

## **Philadelphia to Sandy Hook, New Jersey, May 24 – July 5, 1778**

### **Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders**

Head Quarters Philadelphia 24<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

His Excellency Gen. Sir William Howe having taken his departure for Europe, all Reports and Returns are in future to be made to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, as Commander in Chief of the Army...

After Orders, 10 at Night.

It is the Commander in Chiefs positive Order that the Baggage of the Army be completely Embarked by One o'Clock to-morrow afternoon, the Transports being ordered to fall down the River at that hour.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 25<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

Major [John Graves] Simcoe, of the [Loyalist] Queen's American Rangers, is promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of Provincials...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 26<sup>th</sup> May 1778

Several Regiments being in want of Blankets, which they cannot purchase here, they will be supplied by applying to the Barrack Master, on condition of their replacing them or paying for them hereafter.

Mr. Howard, Mate to the General Hospital, is appointed to act as Surgeon to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Light Infantry.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 27<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1778....

Head Quarters Philadelphia 31<sup>st</sup> May 1778

The Hon. Lieut.-Col. [James] Murray, of the Brigade of Guards, having His Majesty's leave to go to Britain, being appointed to the Command of the [77<sup>th</sup>] Athol Regiment, is to do no more duty with this Army.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 1<sup>st</sup>... [to] 2<sup>d</sup> June 1778.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 3<sup>d</sup> June, 1778.

The Commanding Officer of Artillery will order a Royal Salute to be fired to-morrow at One o'Clock, in honour of His Majesty's Birthday...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 4<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 5<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...Capt. John Smith, of 37<sup>th</sup> Regiment, is appointed Secretary to the Commander in Chief 24<sup>th</sup> May 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 6<sup>th</sup>... [to] 7<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 8<sup>th</sup> June 1778

The Commander in Chief expects that the Commanding Officers of Corps will be responsible to the General Officers Commanding Brigades, that the Order respecting the number of Horses allowed is strictly complied with...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 9<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 10<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

Provincial Promotions. Lieut. Dougal Campbell, from 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment, to be Captain Lieutenant and Adjutant to the South Carolina Royalists 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1778.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 11<sup>th</sup>... [to] 13<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

Head Quarters Philadelphia 14<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

Lieut. [James] Ingram, of 33<sup>d</sup> Regiment, is appointed Adjutant to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry in the room of Lieut. [Forbes] Champagne.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 15<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

Morning Orders, 9 o'Clock.

All the Horses and Carts in possession of the different Corps of Infantry are to be immediately sent to the upper Coal Yard Wharf in order to their being carried over the Water, an Officer from each Brigade or Corps, and Batt Men of the different Corps, to be sent over with them.

Head Quarters Philadelphia 16<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

[Hessian] Lieut-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen and Maj.-Gen. [James] Grant will cross the [Delaware] River to-morrow morning at four with the following Corps (Viz.), Yagers Mounted and Dismounted, Queen's Rangers, Hessian Grenadiers, 2<sup>d</sup> New Jersey Volunteers, Maryland Loyalists, [Loyalist] Volunteers of Ireland, and [Loyalist] Caledonian Volunteers...

All the Sick absolutely unfit to march are to be at Pencrosse's Wharf to-morrow morning at five, where they will be received on board the Active, Webb.

Notes: This order begins the evacuation of Philadelphia and the return of the army to the area around New York.

Head Quarters Philadelphia, 17<sup>th</sup>. June, 1778...

The Troops to hold themselves in readiness to get under Arms at the shortest notice.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment



Signature source: TNA, Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers at WO 34-129-f. 65.

Lieut. Patrick Graham to be Captain by purchase vice [Brevet-Maj.] } 5<sup>th</sup> June 1778

James McPherson who retires }

Ensign Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Gregor to be Lieutenant by purchase vice Graham preferred } 5<sup>th</sup> June 1778

Note: Capt. Graham was appointed to command of one of the Additional (or recruiting) Companies in Scotland.

Head Quarters Haddenfield 18<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

The Commander in Chief expects that the Commanding Officers of Corps will strictly enforce all orders relative to discipline and good order; and it being the General's intention to have the Army as amply supplied as their situation can admit of, he desires it may be understood that he is fully determined to execute upon the spot every Man detected Marauding, or who shall quit his Post upon the March, or be found straggling beyond the advanced Posts of the Army, without permission.

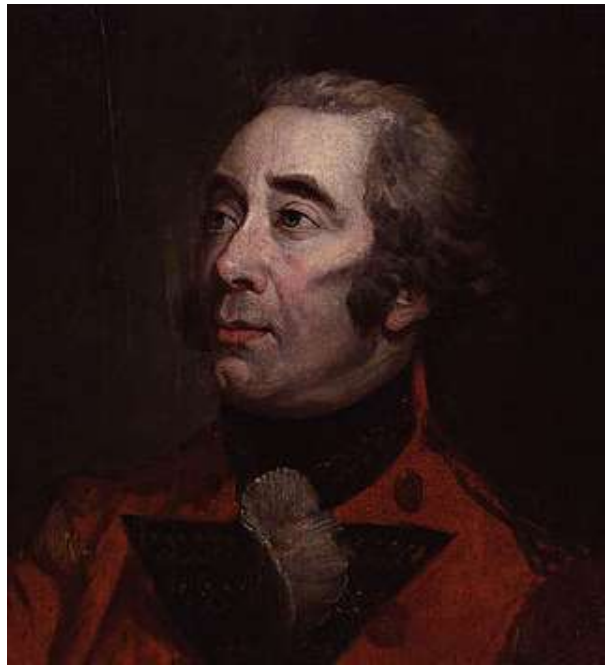
A Return of the Number of Women actually with each Corps to be given in to-morrow at Orderly time.

The Women of the Army are constantly to march upon the flanks of the Baggage of their respective Corps, and the Provost Martial has received positive Orders to Drum out any Woman who shall dare to disobey this order.

The Commanding Officers of Corps will, at all times when they come to their ground, post such Guards and Pickets as they shall think sufficient for the security of their respective Encampments.

The General Orders of the Army will be given out at Six in the evening, at Head Quarters, until further Orders.

Note: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. left Philadelphia on June 18, 1778.



Lt. Gen. Francis, Earl of Moira (previously Lord Rawdon), 1801, by Hugh Douglas Hamilton

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from National Portrait Gallery, London

Head Quarters Camp at Eversham 19<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

The Right Honourable Capt. [Francis] Lord Rawdon is appointed Adjutant-General, with the rank of Lieutenant- Colonel, in the Army, in the room of Col. [James] Patterson, who has obtained leave to return to Europe upon his private affairs.

The Troops to be under arms to-morrow morning at 4 o'Clock, and to take up the same order of March by the right as this day.

They will receive orders for moving off their ground from his Excellency Lieut-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis.

Head Quarters Camp at Mount Holly 20<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

Head Quarters Mount Holly 21<sup>st</sup> June 1778

The following Corps are to be under Arms to-morrow morning at 3 o'Clock, and are to march in the order in which they are mentioned:

Twenty of the Mounted Hessian Yagers, and all the dismounted.

[Loyalist] The Queen's Rangers.

An Officer and 20 Pioneers.

1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry.

60 Pioneers, with two Waggon's of the Pioneers' Intrenching Tools.  
 2<sup>d</sup> Light Dragoons.  
 British Grenadiers.  
 Hessian Grenadiers. 2 Medium 12 Pounders and 1 Howitzer.  
 Brigade Guards.  
 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade British [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.].  
 3 Battalions 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade British.  
 6 pontoons.  
 The remainder of the Engineers' intrenching Tools.  
 Batt Horses of the Army.  
 Baggage of the General Officers and of the Army according to the line of March.  
 Cattle.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade of British.

[Capt. Richard] Hovendon's Troop of Provincial Cavalry [British Legion] are to be under the Command of Brig.-Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie.  
 One Battalion from the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade is to flank the Baggage upon the left.  
 Lieut.-Col. [William] Allen's Corps [Pennsylvania Loyalists] will flank it upon the right.  
 Lieut.-Col. [John] Vandyke's Corps [West Jersey Volunteers] will march upon the Centre of the Waggon's.  
 The remainder of the Army will receive their orders from His Excellency [Hessian] Lieut.-Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen...

Notes: At the time of this order the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was still assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade under Maj. Gen. Charles Grey. Clinton reported that his baggage train was about 12 miles long.

Head Quarters Camp at the Black Horse 22<sup>d</sup> June 1778.

The Army will march to-morrow morning in two Columns.

[Brig.] Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie's Corps, reinforced by [Capt. Richard] Hovendon's [Provincial Light] Dragoons, forming the Van Guard of the left Column, will be ready to March at two o'Clock; the first Division will form the left Column, and be ready to march punctually at half-past three, in the same order as this day. His Excellency [Hessian Lt.] Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen's division, led by the 2<sup>d</sup> Light Infantry, forms the right Column, and will be ready to march at 4 o'Clock; it is to move as soon as the first division is off their present ground. The right Column will pay every attention to their right flank; the Provincial Troops will have the same Stations as in this day's March, and the Baggage will move in the same Order as it did this morning.

Head Quarters Camp at Crosswicks 23<sup>d</sup> June 1778.

The Army will march to-morrow morning; the Corps of Brig.-Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will, if possible, join the Division at Crosswicks at 6 o'Clock. The 2<sup>d</sup> Division, under His Excellency [Hessian Lt.] Gen. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen's Command, will begin its March at 4 o'Clock. The First Division will be in readiness to move at Six, in the same order as this day...

Many of the Women who were sent on board the Transports from Philadelphia being at present with the Army, the Commanding Officers will give in returns as soon as may be convenient of the number of such Women in their respective Corps, and they will specify by whose permission those Women rejoined the Army.

The Names, Country, and Profession of all followers of the Army, who are not already registered, must be given in to Capt. [Edward] Madden, of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment, before to-morrow evening. Any person not giving in his name according to this order will be liable to be imprisoned.

Head Quarters Camp at Allen's Town 24<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

The Baggage to be loaded, and the Army to be in readiness to move, at 4 o'Clock to-morrow morning; the first Division will march by half Companies from the left, in the following order:

Brig.-Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie's Corps, consisting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade  
and [Capt. Richard] Hovendon's Dragoons [British Legion].

The pontoons and Baggage.

Cattle.

4<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

3<sup>d</sup> Brigade [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.].

Guards.

Artillery.

Hessian Grenadiers.

British Grenadiers [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Gren. Co. in 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.].

Queen's Dragoons.

Corps of Yagers.

[Lt. Col. William] Allen's Corps [Pennsylvania Loyalists] to flank the Baggage on the left.

Head Quarters at the Rising Sun, Monmouth County 25<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

The Army will march to-morrow morning at 4 o'Clock, in the same order as this day.

Head Quarters Camp at Monmouth Court House 26<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

The Army will remain to-morrow in their present position...

Head Quarters Camp near Freehold 27<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

The Army will move to-morrow morning. The 2<sup>d</sup> Division, under His Excellency [Hessian Lt.] General [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen, will march at three o'Clock, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Division [under Lord Cornwallis] at five. The Baggage of the whole Army will go with the 2<sup>d</sup> Division, except the Batt Horses of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, which may march with it.

The Baggage of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division will follow that of the 2<sup>d</sup> in the order in which they have hitherto moved...

Notes: As the army marched the next day the advanced corps of the Rebel army attack the baggage train beginning the Battle of Monmouth, near Freehold, N. J. Gen. Clinton turned Lord Cornwallis' division back to attack the advancing Rebel army, thinking it would draw away the forces attacking his baggage. After pushing back the attacking Rebels some distance to strong positions, Clinton's army returned to its march toward New York. The Rebel army claimed victory based on holding the battleground Clinton had abandoned to continue his march.





42<sup>nd</sup> Foot vs Cilley's "Picked" Men, Battle of Monmouth New Jersey - June 28<sup>th</sup> 1778

Picture Source: Courtesy of *Mark Maritato, Historical Paintings & Fine Art*

Head Quarters Heights of Monmouth 28<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

A Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, in the Action of this day, to be given in tomorrow at orderly time.

Head Quarters Camp near Middletown 29<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

The [Hessian] Brigades of Stirn and Wollwarth are to march to Middletown at 4 this afternoon; they will be posted by the Quarter Master General. The heavy Artillery and Baggage of the Army will move to Middletown at 5 this afternoon, under the Escort of [Lt. Col. Alfred] Clifton's [Roman Catholic Volunteers] and [Lt. Col. William] Allen's [Pennsylvania Loyalists] Corps, and the New Jersey Volunteers.

The rest of the Army will move at daybreak tomorrow morning.

Head Quarters Camp at Middletown 30<sup>th</sup> June 1778.

After Orders, 5 in the afternoon.

The Baggage is to march immediately, and the Army to be in readiness to move at a moment's warning.



Detail showing Freehold, Middleton and Navesink from "The provinces of New York, and New Jersey; with part of Pensilvania, and the province of Quebec.," 1775 by Samuel Holland

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Camp at Neversunk 1<sup>st</sup> July 1778.

Morning Orders at 9 o'Clock.

The Officers Commanding Corps will as soon as possible give into Major [Henry] Bruen [15<sup>th</sup> Regt.], Deputy Quarter Master General, a return for Embarkation of all their horses in their respective Corps, consistent with the regulation. No provision can be made for the Transportation of any other Horses.

Notes: The army marched to Navasink (now Highlands, N. J.) near Sandy Hook to move by sea across to Staten Island.

Head Quarters Camp near Neversunk 2<sup>d</sup> July 1778.

The Baggage of the Army is to be embarked tomorrow morning as early as possible...

Head Quarters Camp near Neversunk 3<sup>d</sup> July 1778...

Head Quarters Camp near Neversunk 4<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

The Army will hold themselves in readiness to march at daybreak to-morrow...

Head Quarters Sandy Hook 5<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

The March being now completed, the Commander in Chief desires to return his thanks to the Army for the cheerfulness with which they have supported the fatigues of the duty; he wishes likewise to declare his satisfaction at the noble Ardour shown by that part of the Army who repulsed so superior a number of the Enemy on the 28<sup>th</sup>. of June; and on this occasion the Commander in Chief must beg leave to express his Sense of the assistance he received from the Zeal of Lieut.-Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, Maj.-Gen. [Charles] Grey, and Brig.-Gens. [Edward] Mathew, [Alexander] Leslie, and Sir William Erskine.

The Commander in Chief is, though with reluctance, obliged to say, that the irregularity of the Army during the March reflected much disgrace on that discipline which ought to be the first object of an Officer's attention.

The Flank Companies of all the British Regiments in this division of the Army are to join their respective Corps until further Orders, to settle their Accounts, &c.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades of British are to Encamp near the Watering place on Staten Island, but are not to land until they receive their Tents.

The 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, and the three Provincial Troops, the Guards, Queen's Rangers, Flank Companies of 22<sup>d</sup>, 43<sup>d</sup>, and Marines, and all the Hessian Corps, are to be posted on New York Island; the rest of the Army will be at Utrecht on Long Island...

Notes: The officers of the Flank companies, i.e. the grenadiers and light infantry, took the order to disband as an insult to the elite status of their battalions.

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books. The Order Books from July 6, 1778 to Oct. 23, 1779, when Kemble resigned the office of Deputy Adjutant General, have not been located.

## **Excerpts of the Order Book of Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Kept by the Brigade of Guards, New York, July 5-Aug. 8, 1778**

Head Quarters New York July 7<sup>th</sup> 1778...

All the Convalescents at Powles's Hook & who are fit to join the detachments of recruits under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [John] Anstruther [62<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] at Richmond, upon Staten Island & do duty with them untill further Orders...

Head Quarters New York Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1778...

All Convalescents & recruits at New York, Powles's Hook, on Staten Island to be Immediately sent for by their respective Reg<sup>ts</sup>

The Recruits are Chiefly at Richmond under the Command of L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [John] Anstruther [62<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], & the Convalescents at New York, are under the direction of the Town Adj<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters New York July 10<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Until the Flank Corps are assembled Again, Major Maitland will please to take the Command of the Flank Companies whose Regiments are not here...

A State [strength report] from each Corps to be sent to the Adjutant Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office in Broad Street near the Main Guard New York on Monday next the 13<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>, the British Regiments to Include their Flank Companies, & all men Absolutely Unfit for Further Service are to be Returned in the Column Invalids. The Corps are to account particularly for all Absentees.

The British Corps, lately Arrived from Philadelphia are immediately to prepare Muster Rolls for one Hundred Eighty Two days from 25<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 1778 both Days Inclusive.

Head Quarters New York Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 18<sup>th</sup> July 1778...

Head Quarters N York 20<sup>th</sup> July 1778...

Such Field Officers, Commanding Officers of Corps & Staff Officers, who have had their Horses Kill'd in Action are to apply to the Q<sup>r</sup> Master Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office, for payment for them, at the Rate of Fifteen Pounds for each.

A Number of Officer Tents, & Marquees, being Sent from England for the use of the Army; such Corps as are in want of them will apply, at the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office; & the paymaster of such Corps as receive to remit for their respective Agents; the Names of the Officers they are delivered to; in order that the proper Stoppages may be made...

Head Quarters New York July 21<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 22<sup>d</sup> July 1778...

Head Quarters New York July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1778...

After orders 4 o'Clock

A Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial...to Sit at Brocklyn, to Morrow Morning at Nine For the tryal of Such prisoners, as shall be brought before them.

L<sup>t</sup> Colo. [Thomas] Stirling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] Presid<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters New York July 24<sup>th</sup> ... [to] July 25<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York July 26<sup>th</sup> 1778...

A Hospital Board will sit at Bedford, to Morrow Morn at Nine for the Inspection of such Men as are consider'd as Unfit for Further Service; in the British Corps there.

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> July... [to] July 30<sup>th</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York July 31<sup>st</sup> 1778...

The Command<sup>g</sup> Off<sup>rs</sup> of the British Grenad<sup>rs</sup> & L<sup>t</sup> Inf<sup>y</sup> are to Assemble their respective Batt<sup>ns</sup> as soon as they conveniently can at Bedford, Long Island.

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Infantry Co. returned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry Bn. and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. temporarily returned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> British Grenadier Bn.

Head Quarters New York August 1<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1778...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> August 1778...

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following promotions...

L<sup>t</sup> Col: John Campbell to be Commandant of an Highland Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot. [74<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Campbell of 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be First Major...

L<sup>t</sup> Archibald Campbell of 71<sup>st</sup> to be Captain.

L<sup>t</sup> Ludowick Colquhoun of 71<sup>st</sup> to be Captain.

L<sup>t</sup> Dugal Campbell Jun<sup>r</sup> of 71<sup>st</sup> to be Lieutenant.

L<sup>t</sup> John Campbell of 42<sup>nd</sup> to be Captain Lieutenant...

Athol Highlanders [77<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

L<sup>t</sup> Colo: James Murray of the Third Reg<sup>t</sup> Guards to be Colonel

L<sup>t</sup> James Campbell of 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Captain

L<sup>t</sup> Lord William Murray of ditto to be Second Captain...

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> August 1778...



L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Henry] Hope of the 44<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to the Command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of British Grenad<sup>rs</sup>, in the Room of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colo [Henry] Monckton Kill'd, And the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Major [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox of the 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to do duty in that Batt<sup>n</sup> in the room of Maj<sup>r</sup> Gardnor [William Gardiner, 45<sup>th</sup> Regt.] laid up with his Wounds...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup>... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> August 1778...

Source: "Captured British Army Orderly Book, January 29-August 9, 1778", *George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799*: Series 6. Military Papers. 1755-1798.

### **Excerpts of the Order Book of Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir Henry Clinton and Maj. Gen. Charles Grey's Orders, Kept by the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry Battalion, New York and Massachusetts, Aug. 4 -Aug. 24, 1778**

Camp Near Bushwick Aug<sup>t</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1778

#### **Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders**

Serg<sup>t</sup> Newton of the 7 or Royal Fuzliers is Appointed to Do Duty as Serg<sup>t</sup> Major in the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Light Infantry...

The Accounts of the Men of the Lig<sup>t</sup> Troop to be Settled Immediately and the Balance to be Paid to Lie<sup>t</sup> Clark to Inable him to Prov'd them with Proper Necessarys...

Notes: The Light Infantry maintained a small composite mounted unit known as the "Troop." An Apr. 1779 muster of the Light Infantry Bn. listed "2 Corp<sup>ls</sup> 2 D<sup>rs</sup>. or Trumpeters 35 Privates In the Troop."

Head Quarters New York August 8<sup>th</sup> 78...

Head Quarters New York [illeg date – likely Aug. 10, 1778]

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadiers are to be transferred from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the First Batt<sup>n</sup> Graneders – And the 37<sup>th</sup> Lig<sup>t</sup> Compy from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> Lg<sup>t</sup> I<sup>y</sup>

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> Ag<sup>st</sup>...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> August 1778...

The Commander in Chief has Been Pleased to make the promotion 42<sup>d</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> Allin M<sup>c</sup>lane [Allan MacLean] to Leut vice James Champel [Campbell] Promoted 3<sup>d</sup> August 78...

[Orders illegible]

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> Ag<sup>st</sup> 78...

The G<sup>l</sup> Court Martshales of Whitch Lu<sup>t</sup> Colnel [Thomas] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] and Lu<sup>t</sup> Colnel [James] Webster [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] are Presadents is Desolved...

Gn O Head Quarters 15 Augs<sup>t</sup> 78

Orders

the Commander in Chief has been Pleased to Make the foloung Promotions...

42<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Volintir William Frasor to be Ensin vis Allen M<sup>c</sup>Clan Promoted 3 Aug<sup>t</sup> 78 Ensin [John] Young of the Pensalvinens Loyalist to be L<sup>t</sup> vis Alexander [Innes] D<sup>o</sup> Volontir [Kenneth] Callander to be Ensin vis James Stirling Promoted D<sup>o</sup> ...

Bedford 24<sup>th</sup> Augst 78

[Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis Orders

Complaints Having been Made to Lord Cornwallis that the Fences of the Corn Fields in the Rare of the Graneders are ...Down and horses turned in by Which the Inhabtins is much Injured in Their property his Lordship therefore Disers that a Guard May be posted...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> Augs<sup>t</sup> 78

Half Past 10 at Night the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of L<sup>t</sup> I<sup>n</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenadiers 3<sup>rd</sup> [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] & 4<sup>th</sup> Bragades to march to Morrow Morning at 5 oClock to Flushon [Flushing, Long Island] Troops to Carry 2 Days Provisions thier Blankets and Knap<sup>k</sup> the Tents and Baggage to be Left Under the Care of the Qua<sup>r</sup> Master Serj<sup>t</sup> and 12 men from Each Batt<sup>n</sup> and to be Put into a Barne When the Crares [Corps] March of –



Detail from "Charles Grey, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Grey," 1797, by Joseph Collyer the Younger, after Sir Thomas Lawrence

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Anne SK Brown Collection*, Brown Univ.

Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> Greays [Charles Grey] Orders. The Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> Expects the Commanding Off<sup>rs</sup> of Corps Will take Care that the Batt<sup>ns</sup> march as Strong as Possible in this Service and Reminds it to the Off<sup>rs</sup> to Carry as Litle baggage as Posipal and Off<sup>r</sup> from Each Batt<sup>n</sup> to be at G<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Grayes Quarters at ½ after 4 tomorow Morning



Detail showing *HMS Carysfort* from “*Capture of the Castor May 29<sup>th</sup> 1794*” 1816 Print.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from *Collections of the National Maritime Museum*

#### Orders Aboard [28-gun *HMS Carysfort*] Caryfort Frigate

When the Ships comes to Ancor at the Place of their Distination the Troops and Artillary Immediately to prepare for landing –

The Lig<sup>t</sup> Infantry Will be the First to Land – Fouled by the Graneders therefore these Ships to ...Ahead of the Fleet and to be the First lin Behynes then the Pinoers Carining thier Spades ...and the Reg<sup>ts</sup> as Brigaded...Cap<sup>t</sup> Scoot Commanding the Artillary...Detached to the Lig<sup>t</sup> Infantry and Greneders With 2 Cohorns to land With the first of Each Bradades and the Remainder of the Stoares &c, &c : after the Troops are Landed – No Horses to be Put into the Boats Till all the Troops are Landed –

The Ships of Each Reg<sup>t</sup> to come to Anacur as near as Posiabl to Each other –

2 Days Provishen and of Rum to be caried ...the Mens Packs; Blankets Ascepted; to be Left on Board of Ship; With Careful Man to Take care of them; and the Reg<sup>ts</sup> to Disenbark as Strong as Posibal Not Leaving a singal Man behind Who Can Do his Duty –

as Soon as the Lig<sup>t</sup> Infantry have Made thier Landing Good; to Take Pishon of Houses and Commanding Ground neir Uniting; Till the are Supersad and Recave further orders to Advance. the Soldiers to have 2 Good Flints and 50 Rowns of Aminishen Except the Lig<sup>t</sup> Infantry and Graneders Who Must be Suplyed with 70 Rowns – The Troops to Land as Silantly and in the Best Order the Nauter of the service Will alow –

When the First Part of the Troops is Imbarked it is to Procide silantly to the Place of Randvuse Apoynted for the Devishon and There the Whole Devishon Will Recave orders from Off<sup>rs</sup> of the Navee Which the are Strictly to obey –

No Soldier is to fyer from the Boats Upon any Account What Evier but to Watte the Moment the Tyne the Enmany With their Banets...

The Commanding Off<sup>rs</sup> of Transports to be Answerebel that No Boats goes on Shoar Without the permishon of Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Gray...

Notes: This order prepares a large detachment under Gen. Clinton to sail to the relief of Rhode Island under siege by the Rebels. The siege was broken before the arrival of Gen. Clinton, so Maj. Gen. Charles Grey's troops were sent to destroy rebel shipping at New Bedford, Massachusetts and obtain forage for the army from Martha's Vineyard. All of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. companies were part of the expedition.

Wednesday On Board the Archer 2<sup>d</sup> September 1778



Whilst in the Harbour the Companies to parade Every Morning at 10 oClock, With thir Arms to be Inspected by an officer and at Sun Sett Without Arms...

Rhode Island Harber 2<sup>nd</sup> September

All Boats to be on Board the Transports by 12 oClock

Disembarkation State from Each Reg<sup>t</sup> to be in Redynes ...Specyfing the Number of Men Under Arms, Servants, Muisick & Pinoers not Activivly in the Ranks but to be Invalided but sepraty Mentshoned –



Detail showing Bedford and Fairhaven, Mass. from "A plan of the sea coast from Boston Bay to the light house near Rhode Island, reduced from the large survey," 1775, by Charles Blaskowitz

Picture Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

On Board the [28-gun *HMS Carysfort*] Caryfort Frigat 4<sup>th</sup> September

Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Greays Orders

The Soldiers When they Land Will Leave their Blankets as Well as Knapsacks on Board of Ship – upon all Ocashones When the Enemy are so Posted that the[y] Canot be Got at – the Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> Commands the Troops Which are ordered to Attack them Will March Vigresly Up and Receav thier Fyer till the[y] come Verty Cloase; and Upon Eviry Proper Opertunety the[y] are to Rush Upon the Enemy With thier Banets [bayonets]; Amedatly [Immediately] After Heaving Throwen in thier Fier With Out Wating to Loade Agane; in Which Method of Atack the Serpearer Valuer [Valor] and Strenth of the British Troops Must allwies be Crowned With Gloary and Sucess – the Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> is Impresed With Every Ashurens [assurance] that Both Off<sup>rs</sup> and Soldiers are Thorly [thoroughly] Convinced of the Great Advantige the[y] have Over the Enmy in this Maner of Fighting and Canot Fale of Sucess but Do them Oner [honor] and Answer the Exptashan [expectation] of the

Commander in Chieff Whose Opinion of those Troops Canot be more Strongly Maninffested than by Sending them Upon this Essential Service –  
the Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> Flaters him self it is Un Nesary tho it May Not be Unproper to Remind the Solders and Explane to them the Fatel Consequences Atending ... in Quest of Plunder as the[y] Must be Convinced boath Cuntry and Peopels that the[y] Will Fall Ignobly by the hands of the Enmy Whoes Chieff Prowess Consistes in Lying in Wate to Stab a Solder; He Hopes the Troops thus Will be Suficant to Weigh With Solders in Such a Maner as to Give them no Reason to Complane of the Want of Deciplan in the Troops he has Oner [honor] to Command on this Expdishon as it Will Give him Great Concern to be Put Under the Disagreabel Nedcecedy of Punishing Any Silder as a Disobear of Milatry Orders –  
Incasse by bad Wether or any other Exadent [accident] if any of the transports Should be separated from the Fleet and Fall in With a Privatter so as to Make An Escape Imposabel Which May not be Unlucky Many Small ones being Lirken Abought Upon the Water –  
the Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> Disers [desires] Commanding Off<sup>rs</sup> of the Troops on Board Each Transport Will Oblage the Cap<sup>t</sup> of the Ship to bare Amedtly [immediately] Down Upon Such Privatters Runing them Directly and With Ought Delay On Board the Troops being Ready at the Critical Moment to Enter and take Pashion this being Surparig [surprisingly] don – Will Ever Priceed [deceive] the Enmy not being a Weare of such an Atack and the Troops being Superer in Every Respect to Put it in Excushen –

The Fowling Alterashones to take Place in the Order of Debarchsen [debarkation] in the 2 Bragades Which are to be Landed as Follows –



Reproduction 15<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

15<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>

Under the Command of Lu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Thomas] Sterling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]



Reproduction 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt. and 64<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

33<sup>rd</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup>

Under the Command of Lu<sup>t</sup> Colonel Webster [James Webster, 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.]



Reproduction 44<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 17<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

44<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
Under the Command of [Brevet] Lu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Robert] Duncan [44<sup>th</sup> Regt.]



Reproduction 37<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 46<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

37<sup>th</sup> & 46<sup>th</sup>  
Under the Command of Lu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Enoch Markham] Malcom [46<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

B;O Diamond Transport 4<sup>th</sup> Septembar 78

the G<sup>l</sup> Orders of this Day are to be Red to the Troops on Board the Difrant Ships Emadatly [immediately] the Roffelmen of the Batt<sup>n</sup> are to be Under the Command of Lu<sup>t</sup> [Arthur] French [22<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] and thoes men Who have Givin thier Riffels are to be Cuoitinued With that Corps as Ushal [usual] those men to be Poasted in the Bow of the Boats as the First to Land but not to Fire Ought of the Boats

G<sup>l</sup> After Orders

G<sup>l</sup> Signals...a Flag Striped Red White and Blew at the Foretopgalenmast head – for Infantry Under orders to Prepare for landing to be Imbarked in the Flat Boats and other Vesuls Apoynted to Recave them and to Asenbal at the Ship Where the Signal is made...

The Commanding Off<sup>rs</sup> of Coares [corps] to be Answerbal that no Houses nor Barnes is Sit on Fyer by the Solders onles Praticklas [particular] orders by Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> Gray –

Note: This order prepares Maj. Gen. Grey's detachment to land at the Rebel privateer strongholds of Bedford and Fair Haven, Mass., where about 70 ships and a large amount of supplies were burnt.

On Board the Archer 7<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1778

A review of Arms and Ammunition at A; 11 oClock by An officer of A Comp<sup>y</sup> – The mens Names that Cannot Draw thir Pieces to be Given in Emediatley –

Orders on Board [28-gun *HMS*] Caryfort Frigat September 7<sup>th</sup>  
the Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> Darzir [desires] the Off<sup>rs</sup> of the Watch on Board Each Transport Will be atentif to the Signals Made on Board the caresfort; and Such as relate to the Troops are Emedately to be Complied With

Note: Maj. Gen. Grey's fleet arrived off Martha's Vineyard on Sept. 10 to collect sheep and cattle for the armies at Rhode Island and New York.



Detail of Martha's Vineyard from "A plan of the sea coast from Boston Bay to the light house near Rhode Island, reduced from the large survey," 1775, by Charles Blaskowitz

Picture Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

G<sup>l</sup> Orders [28-gun *HMS*] *Caresfort* 13<sup>th</sup> September 78

Maj<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Gray is Extrimly Sory to be Under the Necsity of Expressing his concern and [sorrow] at the un Milatry Singular Behavior of the Detachem of the 17<sup>th</sup>: 37<sup>th</sup>: & 46<sup>th</sup>: Reg<sup>ts</sup> Proticqlary [particularly] at the Comm<sup>s</sup> Off<sup>rs</sup> Ware at thier heads; and tho landed to [cover] the Imbarcishon of Catel for the Publick Use...

Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders [28-gun *HMS*] *Caresfort* 14<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1778

Major General [Charles] Grey [illeg] Thanks to the officers and men of the Corps he has the onor to Camand for Chearfullnes which they have gon thure on the Present Sarvis – he his [has kept] them Longer on board Ships then was Intenshend on Account of [a] Futher Expadishon he had [expected] and Which had if Sucksided Wold bean as Suriars [serious] A Blow to the Ribels as that of Bedford but is Now finding orders ...obliged to Relanquish hitt [relinquish it] and return to Joyn the Army without delay

[28-gun *HMS*] *Caresfort* [illeg] September 78...

The Whole to be in Redynes [readiness] to Disembark to Morrow Morning at Day Brake...

On Board the *Archer* 18<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 78..

Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders 18 Sep<sup>t</sup> 1778

The officers Bagge to be Sent on Shore in the Long Boats of thir Defrant Ships this Evening at 5 oClock to be landed at the Place Wher the Troops Imbarked...the Pioneers to go on Shore at the Same time...

Camp at Cripel Bush

Higts at Bergen 22<sup>d</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 78 [Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis orders]...

Head Quarters Englishneighbourhood Sep<sup>t</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 78

(Lord Cornwallis's Orders)

Head Quarters Sep<sup>t</sup> 27 1778 ... Thomas Neck...



...Invalids ordered for Yerop [Europe] are to be in Redines to Imbark by Thursday Morning nixt the 1 of October...

#### Memorandum

the Reg<sup>ts</sup> ar Requisted to Satel [settle] the accounts of the Garison Men [illeg] as Soun as Posibal in order to ther being formed in to A Garishon Batt<sup>n</sup> under the Comand of Major [William] Sutherland, and for that Purpos they ar to be asimbled at Pollos Hook as Soon as Posabel

Notes: “*Major Sutherland*” was Brevet Maj. William Sutherland, 55<sup>th</sup> Regt. former aide-de-camp to Gen. Clinton.

Head Qr<sup>s</sup> Stain Neck Sep<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1778...

the 2 Brigads to Cover Genral forag... at the Same Time Volantirs of Irland ...and “20” Dragouns to Take Post at Dou Brock Brig , and “6” Companys of Light Infantry with it threi Pounder undr the Command of it Field officer to Flank the Rod from [Sinlambeag?] Rod to buskirks Hills –

Source: “Captured British Army Orderly Book, August 4 – October 13, 1778,” *George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799*: Series 6. Military Papers. 1755-1798.

### **Excerpts of the Order Book of Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Kept by Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, New York, Sept. 11 – Sept. 27, 1778**

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

All men Actually Invalided by the Differen<sup>t</sup> Hospital Boards are to be held in Readiness to Embar<sup>k</sup> for Europe on the Shortest Notice and a Return of all such men in Each Regiment is to be sent to the Adjutant Generals Office by Monday next y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>.

An Hospital Board will Assemble at the General Hospital on Sunday Next y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at Ten in the forenoon for the inspection of such men as are Considered unfit for Further Service in the Different Reg<sup>ts</sup> and who are not already Invalided...

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

All such Officers as have the Commander in Chiefs Permission to go to Europe are to Send Their names to the Q<sup>r</sup> Master Gen<sup>ls</sup>: Office by Thursday Next the 17<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>: that a Proper Arrangement May be made for their Embarkation...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...



Reproduction 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 52<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Flank Companies of the 10<sup>th</sup>: 45<sup>th</sup>: & 52<sup>nd</sup>: are to Join their respective Reg<sup>ts</sup> as soon as Convenient in order to their being Drafted into other Corps - - -

Each Reg<sup>t</sup>: Brittish, to send to the Adj<sup>ts</sup>: Gen<sup>ls</sup>: Office by Fryday next a List of their men who have been named for Garrison Duty by the Different Hospital Boards - - -

Note: When a regiment was drafted the private soldiers were assigned to other under strength units. The Officers and NCO's then returned to Britain to recruit up to their authorized strength.



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: Roy and Debra Najecki's *American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>:

Capt<sup>n</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>: [John] Peebles to be Capt<sup>n</sup>: vice [Alexander] Donaldson Promoted } 18<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1778

Signature source: James Campbell to Lord Rawdon, Pensacola, Mar. 28, 1780 in the *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 90:11, W. L. Clements Lib., Univ. of Mich.

Lieu<sup>t</sup>: James Campbell from the 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Capt<sup>n</sup>: vice Geo: M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie promoted [in 73<sup>rd</sup> (MacLeod's) Highland Regt.] } D<sup>o</sup>  
}

Lieu<sup>t</sup>: [John] Rutherford to be Capt<sup>n</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>: vice Peebles Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup> [James] Graham from the 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>: to be L<sup>t</sup>: vice Rutherford Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup>: [Alexander] Cummine from 52<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Lieu<sup>t</sup>: vice Lieu<sup>t</sup>: Geo: } D<sup>o</sup>  
M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie Promoted [in 73<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] } ...

71<sup>st</sup>: Reg<sup>t</sup>:

Capt<sup>n</sup>: Lieu<sup>t</sup>: [Charles] Cameron to be Capt<sup>n</sup>: vice John Campbell Promoted } 3<sup>rd</sup> D<sup>o</sup>  
Lieu<sup>t</sup>: [Robert] Hutchinson to be Capt<sup>n</sup>: Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Cameron Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup>: Henry M<sup>c</sup>Pherson to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Hutchinson Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup>: John Grant to be Lieu<sup>t</sup>: vice Arch<sup>d</sup> Campbell Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup>: Rob<sup>t</sup>: Campbell to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice H [Hugh] Lamont Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup>: Smollet Campbell to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice G [George] Stuart resigned } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup>: Donald Cameron to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Lud: Colquhoun Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup>: Rod<sup>k</sup> Mercheson to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Dugald Campbell Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Ens<sup>n</sup>: Gibb<sup>s</sup> Waugh to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Patt: Campbell promoted } D<sup>o</sup>  
Volunteer William Ogilvie to be Ens<sup>n</sup>: vice M<sup>c</sup>Pherson Promoted } D<sup>o</sup>

Volunteer John Willson to be Ens <sup>n</sup> : vice Grant Promoted	} D <sup>o</sup>
Volunteer James Flint to be Ens <sup>n</sup> : vice Rob <sup>t</sup> Campbell Promoted	} D <sup>o</sup>
Volunteer Magnus Murcheson to be Ens <sup>n</sup> : vice Smollet Campbell Promoted	} D <sup>o</sup>
Volunteer Donald M <sup>c</sup> Pherson to be Ens <sup>n</sup> : vice Cameron Promoted	} D <sup>o</sup>
Vol <sup>r</sup> : Colin Campbell to be Ens <sup>n</sup> : vice Murcheson Promoted	} D <sup>o</sup>
Vol <sup>r</sup> : Jn <sup>o</sup> Stewart to be Ens <sup>n</sup> : vice Waugh Promoted	} D <sup>o</sup>

All Officers who have been promoted to Reg<sup>ts</sup>: in Europe are to take the Earliest Opportunity of Joining their Respective Corps - - -

Notes: Although Capt. Peebles was promoted to replace the commander of one of the additional companies in Scotland (Capt. Donaldson who had received the Majority of the new 76<sup>th</sup> (MacDonald's) Highland Regt., Peebles remained in America.

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The 10<sup>th</sup>: 45<sup>th</sup>: and 52<sup>nd</sup>: Reg<sup>ts</sup>: are to be Mustere<sup>d</sup> on Monday Next the 21<sup>st</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: at 10 In the forenoon from the 25<sup>th</sup> June 78 to the 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> followin<sup>g</sup> being for ninety two Days Inclusive –

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to Order the private men fit for Service in the 10<sup>th</sup>: 45<sup>th</sup>: and 52<sup>nd</sup>: Reg<sup>ts</sup>: to be incorporated into the 4<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup>: 27<sup>th</sup>: 28<sup>th</sup>: 35<sup>th</sup>: 40<sup>th</sup>: 46<sup>th</sup>: 49<sup>th</sup>: & 55<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>: On Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>: - - -

The provision Accounts of Those Men are to be immediately Settled to the 24<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: and Their Other Accounts are to be made up to the 24<sup>th</sup> October next Inclusive - - -

As soon as the Draft is Completed the Comanding Officers of the Reg<sup>ts</sup>: that receive them will Apply for his Majestys Bounty of one Guinea and an half P<sup>r</sup> Man and Give the Usual Certificates and Credit at the rate of £5 Shg: P<sup>r</sup> Man to the Reg<sup>t</sup>: they are Drafted from - - -

Prisoners of war Invalids, and men returned for Garrison Duty by the Several Hospital Boards are to be Excluded in the Draft.

#### After Orders

The General Court Martial of which [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup>: Colon<sup>l</sup>: [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] is Presedent is to Assemble at Brooklyn to Morrow Morning at 10 to proceed in the Tryals of Such Prisoners as Shall be brought before them

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Drafts from the 10<sup>th</sup>: 45<sup>th</sup>: and 52<sup>nd</sup>: Reg<sup>ts</sup>: are to take with them, their Arms Cartouch boxes and Ammunition for which the Reg<sup>ts</sup>: that Receive them will give Receipts It is Expected those men are finished with proper Necessaries Exact returns of which are to be Sent with Them when the Draft is Completed.

The General Court martial of which Lieu<sup>t</sup>: Colon<sup>l</sup>: M<sup>c</sup>Pherson is Presedent is to Assemble to Morrow Morning at 10 - - -

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Royal Artillery will fire a Salute of Twenty one Guns, from Fort George this day at 12 OClock in Honor of His Majestys Coronation and the Troops may Expect His Majestys ships of War to Fire at one - - -

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

M<sup>r</sup> Hudson Hospital mate is Appointed to do duty in the 1<sup>st</sup>: Batt<sup>n</sup>: L<sup>t</sup>: Infantry in the room of M<sup>r</sup> Howard who returns to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital –



Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Officers and non Commissioned Officers of the 10<sup>th</sup>., 45<sup>th</sup>., & 52<sup>nd</sup>.: Reg<sup>ts</sup>.: are to Hold themselves in readiness to Embark for Europe by the first Opportunity, their Camp Equipage be returned to the Q<sup>r</sup> master Gen<sup>ls</sup>.: Store...

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been Pleased to order a garrison Battalion to be formed to Consist of one major Commandant, two Capt<sup>ns</sup>.: Six Lieu<sup>ts</sup>.: Three Ens<sup>ns</sup>.: an Adjutant a Q<sup>r</sup>.: Master & Surgeon besides non Commissioned Offices Drummers & Rank and File

Capt<sup>n</sup> William Sutherland Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief        }  
to be Major Commandant - - -    }...

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Source: *Orderly Book, British Headquarters Orders, New York, kept by Lt. Col. Stephen Kemble, Sept. 11-Oct. 24, 1778*, Item 69 of Research Publications Inc. Early American Orderly Books, 1748-1817, Woodbridge CT.



Detail from “*Sir Henry Clinton, K.B. Commandant en Chef les troupes de sa majesté Britannique dans l’Amérique*”

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Esnauts et Rapilly, Paris*

## **Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir Henry Clinton’s Order Book, Sept. 28, 1778 – May, 9, 1782**

General Orders from the Commencement of His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton’s Command...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1778...

All Officers, non commissioned Officers and Invalids ordered to Europe are to be in readiness to embark by Thursday next the first of October...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...  
42d Regiment



Maj. George Dalrymple, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., circa 1791- 1794

Picture Source: The Black Watch Castle & Museum

Ensign William M<sup>c</sup>Donald to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> by purchase vice [George] Dalrymple } [25<sup>th</sup> Aug 78]  
preferred [to Capt., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] }...

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup>... [to] 5<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...  
52d Regiment

Major Turner Straubenzie from 17<sup>th</sup> Foot to be Lieutenant Colonel...

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 13<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment

Captain Simon Fraser to be Major vice [MacDonnel] promoted } 14<sup>th</sup> [Oct.]

Captain Lieutenant Colin Campbell (Lieutenant 7<sup>th</sup> Regt) to be Capt vice } ditto

Fraser promoted }

Ensign William Baine to be Lieut vice James Fraser promoted.

Ensign Peter Fraser to be Lieut vice Thomas Fraser promoted...

Notes: There were five other 71<sup>st</sup> promotions in this order which were, unfortunately, illegible.

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

[illegible] to be Adjutant vice Donald Cameron...having never joined } 17 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1778

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> 1778...

The Corps under embarkation orders are immediately to settle their Hospital Accounts with the Purveyor.

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> October 1778...

The 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment is to prepare for immediate embarkation

Notes: This order prepares the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. for the Georgia campaign led by Lt. Col. Archibald Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 71<sup>st</sup> Highland Regt.

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...



Lt. Gen. Francis, Earl of Moira (previously Lord Rawdon), 1801, by Hugh Douglas Hamilton

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from National Portrait Gallery, London

Captain Francis Lord Rawdon of 63d Foot to be Adjutant General to the Army in North America with the Rank of Lieut Col<sup>l</sup> in the Army 15<sup>th</sup> June 78

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 23d Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

[From Guards OB] The following off<sup>rs</sup> having been promoted in Europe are to take the Earliest opportunity of joining their Respective Corps  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> George Moncreiff 40<sup>th</sup> Ens<sup>n</sup> Herron 42<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup>: [Alexander] Munro, L<sup>t</sup>: [David] Crawford, 57<sup>th</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Tytler, 71<sup>st</sup>: L<sup>t</sup>: [David] Kinlock & En<sup>s</sup>: [John] Macdonald,

After Orders

The 4th, 5th, 15th, 27th, 28th, 35th, 40th, 46th, 49th and 55th Regiments are to embark tomorrow. Henceforth those Regiments will receive their Orders from Maj. Gen. [James] Grant...

Notes: A large portion of this order is illegible. Accordingly, the bracketed information is taken from "Orderly Book: Second Brigade, British Foot Guards (actually 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Brigade of Guards), New York," covering Aug. - Dec. 1778. Reel 6, document 65, of *Early American Orderly Books* Series microfilmed by Research Publications Inc. 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Lts. Munro and Crawford were promoted into the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regt. This order prepares the expedition under Maj. Gen. James Grant to attack French held St. Lucia in the West Indies.

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 26<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

55<sup>th</sup> Regiment...

Sergeant Major William Grant from 42d Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Ensign vice [Thomas] Reid promoted [24<sup>th</sup> Octo 1778]...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Lieutenant Nicholas Starkie from 57th Regiment ...Lieutenant ...promoted in Europe} [date illegible]

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 29<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Light Infantry of 71<sup>st</sup> is to join their Regiment till further Orders.

Note: The light infantry were rejoining their regiment to take part in Lt. Col. Archibald Campbell's expedition in Georgia.

Head Quarters New York 31<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Ensign William M<sup>c</sup>Gaskall to be Lieutenant vice David Kinlock promoted in Europe} 19<sup>th</sup> [Oct.]  
Volunteer Robert Campbell to be Ensign vice John M<sup>c</sup>Donald promoted in Europe – D<sup>o</sup>  
Volunteer Mark Kerr to be Ensign vice M<sup>c</sup>Gaskall D<sup>o</sup>



Detail showing Newtown and Jamaica from "Plan of New York and Staten Islands with part of Long Island," 1780's

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>nd</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Corps will march to the Ground allotted to them...

Corps	Stations
Light Infantry and B <sup>r</sup> Grenadiers	At Jamaica [Long Island]...
42d ditto [Regiment]	Newtown [Long Island]...

Notes: This order prepares the regiments and battalions to go into "Winter Quarters."



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions.

42d Regiment	
Ensign Dugal Campbell to be Lieutenant vice [Harry] Gilchrist dead of wounds	} 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Ensign Alexander Hume [Home] from 71 <sup>st</sup> to be Ensign vice Campbell promoted	} ditto
71st [Highland] Regiment	
Lieutenant Donald M <sup>c</sup> Donald from 26th Regt to be Capt <sup>n</sup> Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice [Nicholas] Starkie promoted	} 2 <sup>d</sup> Nov 1778
Ensign James Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Agnew promot <sup>d</sup> in Europe	} 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1778

The British Grenadiers and Light Infantry are to be immediately formed into one Battalion each, the Light Infantry under the Command of Lieut Colonel [Robert] Abercrombie [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.], and the Grenadiers under the Command of Lieut Col<sup>o</sup> [Henry] Hope [44<sup>th</sup> Regt.]...

Notes: Lt. Gilchrist had been badly wounded and captured serving with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. at the battle of Monmouth, N. J. on June 28 and died a few weeks later while a captive of the Rebels. Ens. Home, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., had recently been commissioned in the 71<sup>st</sup> Highland Regt. from Volunteer after being held as a prisoner of war since being captured on the way to America on the transport *Anne* in 1776. The light infantry and grenadiers were consolidated into one battalion each after losing ten companies from each, which were required to join their regiments for the West Indies campaign under Maj. Gen. James Grant.

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

Ensign George Campbell to be Lieutenant vice Alexander Munro promoted	} [18 <sup>th</sup> Oct <sup>o</sup> 1778]
Ensign Hugh Fraser to be Lieutenant vice [David] Crawford promoted in Europe	} 19 <sup>th</sup> ditto
Volunteer Dugall Campbell to be Ensign vice George Campbell promoted	} 18 <sup>th</sup> ditto
Volunteer John Robertson to be Ensign vice Fraser promoted	} 19 <sup>th</sup> ditto...

Note. Lt. Fraser began the war as the Regimental Sergeant-Major.

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

After Orders

The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint Major [Hon. John] Maitland of the Marines to act as Lieutenant Colonel to the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment in the Room of Sir William Erskine promoted, until His Majesty's Pleasure is known.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to cancel the Removal of Ensign Campbell from 71<sup>st</sup> to 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions...

23d Regiment...

Lieutenant [Charles] Mair from 71 <sup>st</sup> Regiment to be Lieutenant by	} ditto [8 <sup>th</sup> : Nov <sup>r</sup> 1778]
purchase vice [Charles] Apthorpe	

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 11<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Captain Lieut Robert Hutcheson to be Captain, vice [Boyd] Porterfield deceased	} 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup> 1778
Lieutenant Charles Campbell to be Captain Lieut vice Hutchison	ditto
Ensign Leith to be Lieutenant vice Campbell	ditto

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint [Brevet] Colonel [Capt. and Lt. Colonel Charles] OHara of His Majesty's [Coldstream Regt. of] Foot Guards to do duty as Brigadier General untill his Majesty's Pleasure is known his Rank to bear date from 25<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1778 ...

Note: Captains of Companies in the Foot Guards Regiments also held Army rank as Lt. Colonels.

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Regiments to prepare their Several Quarters as soon as possible and take Possession of them without further Orders. The Commanding Officer of each battalion will make a Report through the Adjutant General...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Artificers and Laborers of each Corps employed in fitting up their Quarters and Hutts will be paid for each Day they may work between the 24<sup>th</sup> of October and 24<sup>th</sup> December inclusive, the Artificers at the rate of 1/3 and the Laborers at the rate of 6<sup>d</sup> [pence] Sterl<sup>g</sup> p Day each, Returns of which will be given in Signed by the Commanding Officer of each Corps on the 25th of December.

Note: At this time a shilling (*s*) had twelve pence (*d*) and a pound Sterling (£) had 20 *s*.

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 18<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Frequent Complaints having been made by the different Regiments British that they seldom receive any Account of the necessaries sent with their Sick to the general Hospital the Stewards are therefore to give Receipts for all Arms, Accoutrements and Necessaries sent with each Patient to the Hospital and are to become accountable for each Article when such men recover or die; the Purveyor of the Hospital will see that this Order is complied with and give such other Directions as he shall judge most effective for preventing the like Irregularity in future.

Note: "*Necessaries*" were the additional articles of clothing required to be maintained by the soldier beyond the single uniform issued each year by the regiment, e.g. extra shirts, breeches, hose, shoes, etc.

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Representation having been made to the Commander in Chief that from the difficulty of ascertaining which are to be paid as Artificers and which as common Laborers the Regulation of Pay for the Troops who build their own Hutts may be misunderstood and may produce Confusion. His Excellency is pleased to correct that Regulation and will order a certain Sum to be issued to each Regiment so employed to be distributed as the commanding Officers shall think proper.

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup>... [to] 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint Quarter Master [Serjeant] Hector M<sup>c</sup>Lean to act as Quarter Master to the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment, vice [Ens. James] Stirling.

Note: The second battalion mentioned in this order was formed in America in Aug. 1776 by splitting the large 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. into two provisional battalions. It is often confused with the "*official*" 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. raised in Scotland in 1779 under Gen. Lord John Murray and Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod which sailed for South Africa and India in 1781 and was later renumbered as the 73<sup>rd</sup> Regt. in 1786.

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> ... [to] 25<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778...



Lieutenant Colonel [John] Yorke [22<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] is appointed the Command of the British Grenadiers until further Orders.

Major [William] Dansey of 33<sup>d</sup> Regiment is appointed to do duty with the Light Infantry under the command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Robert] Abercrombie [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.] until further Orders.

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1778...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> December 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to Make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Ens <sup>n</sup> John Robertson from 42 <sup>d</sup> Regiment to Lieutenant by purchase vice	} 8th Nov 1778
Moir [Charles Mair] preferred.	}

Note: Ens. Robertson had only been commissioned in an additional Company of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. in Scotland for a few weeks before being promoted to lieutenant in the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup>... [to] 14<sup>th</sup> December 1778...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> December 1778...

The 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Light Dragoons will Prepare for immediate embarkation

All Officers and noncommissioned officers orderd to England on the Recruiting Service, the Invalids of the Army, or officers going home with leave of Absence are likewise to prepare to embark on the shortest notice...

The Names of the Invalids to be sent home are to be sent to the Adjutant General Office

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> December 1778...

The remainder of the 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons will embark at Brooklyn Ferry to Morrow...

The British Recruits under the command of Lieutenant Champagne are to march to Utrecht on Friday next, there to occupy the Quarters left by the 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons till further Order.

The Invalids of the British Regiments will embark on Friday next in the Henry and [Ann?] transport lying at Brooklyn, two Months Pay for each of them from that Day to be paid the Town Adjutant who will see them put on board....

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> December 1778...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> December 1778...

The ...Regiments British are to prepare Muster Rolls for 183 Days from 25 June to 24<sup>th</sup> December following both Days inclusive...

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> December 1778...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> December 1778...

The 7<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup> and 63<sup>d</sup> Regiments to be mustered the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant. The 23<sup>d</sup> on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 42<sup>d</sup> on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Grenadiers and 33<sup>d</sup> on the 29<sup>th</sup> Instant.

Notes: The musters of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. battalion companies were held at Newtown, Long Island on Dec. 28, 1778; the Grenadiers at Jamaica, Long Island on Dec. 29, 1778 and the Light Infantry at Southampton, Long Island on March 2, 1779. See App. E of this volume, Enclosure E-1: *Company Muster Reports*.

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1778...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1778...

The Commander in Chief has his Majesty's orders to signify to the Officers and Soldiers of the Army which Marched thro' the Jerseys from Philadelphia last Campaign His Majesty's Royal Approbation of the Intrepidity and Perseverance which they displayed during the March and in the affair of the rear Guard at Freehold. His Excellency is further directed to express to [Hessian] Lieutenant Generals [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen & [Lt. Gen. Charles] Earl Cornwallis, to Major General [Charles] Grey and to Brigadiers General [Edward] Mathew, [Hon. Alexander] Leslie, & [Brig. Gen.] Sir William Erskine to Convey to each of them in particular His Majesty's fullest Approbation which His Excellency the Commander in Chief takes this most publick manner of doing.

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup>... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> December 1778...

Head Quarters New York 1 January 1779...



Reproduction 22<sup>nd</sup> Regt., 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 64<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Head Quarters New York 2 Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment

Captain Arch<sup>d</sup> Erskine from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. to be Major by Purchase vice [Rawlins] Hillman who retires } 6 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1778

42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment

*David Anstruther  
Capt. 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.*

Lieutenant [David] Anstruther from the 26<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Captain } 6<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1778  
by purchase vice Erskine preferred }

Ensign [Henry David] Fraser from 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Lieutenant } 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778 ...  
vice [James] Graham removed }

64<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Lieutenant James Graham from 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Lieutenant vice } 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778 ...  
[Peter] Murdoch promoted... }

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> January 1779...

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> January 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following appointment.

*William M<sup>c</sup>Pherson Capt. 42<sup>nd</sup>  
St. Col. in the Army*

[Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson, of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment to examine and settle the affairs of the General Hospital.

Notes: M<sup>c</sup>Pherson ranked as a Brevet-Lt. Col. in the army, but was still ranked as a Captain in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. His new position appears to have pulled him from the regiment. On Sept. 11 of that year, while the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was posted at Stony Point on the North River, Capt. John Peebles wrote in his journal that "*Brig*" [Thomas] *Stirling in N: York. Come down from Stony point two or 3 days ago – L' Col: M<sup>c</sup>Pherson desir'd to join his Reg't some days ago in a very ungracious manner...*"

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> January 1779...



Detail of "*Portrait of Queen Charlotte*," 1789, by Thomas Lawrence

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Gallery*, London

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> January 1779...

#### Morning Orders

The Commanding Officer of Artillery will please to fire a General Salute this day at Noon in honour of Her Majesty's Birth Day.

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup>... [to] 19<sup>th</sup> January 1779...



Reproduction 74<sup>th</sup> or Argyll Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> January 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

#### 74<sup>th</sup> [Argyll Highland] Regiment

Captain Lieutenant John Campbell to be Captain by purchase vice Ronald M<sup>c</sup>Donnell who retires } 20<sup>th</sup> ditto [Jan<sup>y</sup> 1779]...

Notes: Capt. Campbell had been a Lt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup>... [to] 25<sup>th</sup> January 1779...

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> January 1779...

A General Court Martial consisting of Three Field Officers Seven Captains & Three Lieutenants, to assemble at the City Hall on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant...

	{ [Brevet] Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colonel [Duncan] M <sup>c</sup> Pherson	[42 <sup>nd</sup> Regt.] President
Field Officers	{ Major [John] Campbell	74 <sup>th</sup> Regiment
	{ Major [Archibald] Erskine	22 <sup>nd</sup> d <sup>o</sup> ...

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> January 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to order that Brigadier Generals [Edward] Mathew [James Mark] Prevost, [James] Pattison, [Hon. Alexander] Leslie, Sir William Erskine and [John] Campbell shall serve as Major Generals 'till his Majesty's pleasure is known; Their Rank to bear date from the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1777.

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> January 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to order that Brigadier General [Francis] Smith, shall serve as Major General as long as he shall remain in this Country; His Rank to bear date the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1777...

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> January 1779...



Reproduction 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 31<sup>st</sup> January 1779...

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

26<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Alexander Buchanan Gentl<sup>n</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [David] Anstruther Promoted } 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777...

Notes: Lt. David Anstruther was a recently promoted Capt. in 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Buchanan's commission date is backdated to the date Lt. Anstruther was promoted from Ensign.

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup>... [to] 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1779...



Detail from "Wilhelm von Knyphausen."

Picture Source: *Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Humanities and Social Sciences Library, NYPL*

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> February 1779...

Lieutenant [James] Crammond of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment is appointed Supernumerary Aid de Camp to his Excellency [Hessian] L<sup>t</sup> General [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen.

The Detachment of 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment under the Command of Captain Ferguson has permission to fire ball from 9 to 12 in the forenoon, upon the East River above the Dock Yard.

Memorandum

All Invalids and Soldiers Widows for Europe are to prepare to embark at the Shortest Notice. Their Names to be sent immediately to the Town Major.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup>... [to] 9<sup>th</sup> February 1779...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment

Henry Graham, Gent: to be Ensign, vice Spence [John Spens] by	} 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup> 1777...
purchase of the blank commission dated	}

Note: Thirteen-year old Ens. Graham was the nephew of Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. He did not join the regiment in America until 1782.

Memorandum

The Invalids and Women for Europe will embark on Friday morning. They will apply to the Town Adjutant.

An Hospital board will assemble at the colledge Hospital to morrow at eleven o’Clock for the inspection of Invalids.

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> February 1779...

Memorandum

Eight weeks pay to be sent home with the Invalids ordered to embark tomorrow.

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup>... [to] 24<sup>th</sup> February 1779...

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> February 1779...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Gilbert] Waugh of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment is appointed an assistant to the Barrack Master General ‘till further orders.

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> February 1779...



Detail Showing Gov. Livingstone's Quarters in Elizabeth Town from "From New-York (41) to Brunswick" in "A survey of the roads of the United States of America, Pub. 1789, by Christopher Colles

Picture Source and Note: *Library of Congress, Geography and Map Div.* The map is oriented with North to the lower right hand corner.

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> February 1779...

Lieutenant Colonel [Thomas] Stirling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] having reported to the Commander in Chief his satisfaction of the behavior of the Troops employed in the late excursion against Elizabeth Town, His Excellency returns his thanks to the light company of the Guards, the 33<sup>d</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiments, for the cheerfulness and spirit with which they went through the fatigue if that service.

Note: Lt. Col. Stirling and his 1000-man detachment raided Elizabethtown, New Jersey on Feb. 25, 1779 to try to capture Gov. William Livingstone, however, the governor was not at home.

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> March 1779...

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1779...

The two months pay for the Invalids going home is to be paid to M<sup>r</sup> Hodgson, Hospital mate, who is ordered to attend them to the Chelsea board.

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>rd</sup>... [to] 6<sup>th</sup> March 1779...



Reproduction 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> March 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following promotions

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Captain Lieutenant Charles Campbell to be Captain vice Cameron Killed	} 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> 1778
Lieutenant Alexander Sutherland to be Captain Lieutenant vice	} ditto
Campbell promoted	}
Ensign Archibald Campbell to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice Sutherland, promoted	} ditto
Colin M <sup>c</sup> Vean, Gent. to be Ensign vice Archibald Campbell promoted	} ditto

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup>... [to] 10<sup>th</sup> March 1779

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> March 1779...

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Court martial of which [Brevet] L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] is president is dissolved.

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup>... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> March 1779...

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> March 1779...

Such Regiments as have not compleated their flank companies to a level with those of the battalion are to do it immediately.

The Quarter Master of British Regiments are desired to call at the Quarter Master Generals Office, where they will receive orders for the disposal of the cloathing which is come out in the fleet under convoy of the [44-gun *HMS*] Romulus.

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> March 1779...

Head Quarters New York 31<sup>st</sup> March 1779...

List of Promotions received from the War Office...

74<sup>th</sup> [Argyll Highland] Regiment

Ensign Donald Stewart to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> by purchase, vice Dugald Campbell promoted	} 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup> 1779
James Wood Gen <sup>t</sup> to be Ensign by purchase, vice Stewart promoted	} ditto
Peter M <sup>c</sup> Lachlan, Cadet to be Quarter Master by purchase vice Campbell,	} ditto
promoted	}

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup>... [to] 4<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

After orders

A General Court Martial consisting of three Field officers, six Captains and four Lieutenants, to assemble at the City Hall to morrow...Lieutenants...71<sup>st</sup> 1...

Officers of Absent Corps for the above Duty...71<sup>st</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie...



Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup>... [to] 13<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

Quarter Master of Regiments may call upon the Barrack Master for furniture and utensil money...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

Officers commanding Regiments are requested to be particular in returning to the Artillery Store copper hoops on barrels in which powder is issued to them and also the balls from the damaged cartridges.

Memorandum

The Commanding officers of Corps will be pleased to report on the back of the next States they give in of what quality the flints are that have been issued from the Kings Stores.

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

A General Court Martial consisting of three field officers, seven captains and three lieutenants, to assemble at the City Hall on Monday next...Members... 71<sup>st</sup> ...Capt<sup>n</sup> Chisholm...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup>... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> April 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

Major [John] Campbell of the 74<sup>th</sup> [Highland] Regiment is to serve with the Light Infantry 'till further orders; he will take charge of the flank companies at New Utrecht till they shall be order'd to join their battalions....

Memorandum

The Commander in Chief directs that the Commanding Officers of British Regiments be informed that they are expected to carry their colours with them to the field on the opening of the campaign.

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1779...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1779...

It has been represented from the Artillery Store that application of the different Regiments for the repair of arms are much more frequent than circumstances appear to authorise Arms broken in action, deficient in any respect when first issued or damaged through the inevitable Casualties of Service, ought justly to be repaired at the publick expence...

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup>... [to] 26<sup>th</sup> April 1779...



Lt. Col. Allan MacLeon, 84<sup>th</sup> or Royal Highland Emigrants Regt., 18<sup>th</sup> century

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Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

His Majesty has been pleased to place the regiment of Royal Highland Emigrants upon the Establishment as a [84<sup>th</sup>] British Regiment...Allan M<sup>c</sup>Lean Esq<sup>r</sup> to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel Commandant of the first Battalion} 13 Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1775...John Small, Esq<sup>r</sup> to be Major Commandant of the second battalion} 13<sup>th</sup> June 1775.

His Majesty has been pleased to confirm the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel [Hon. John] Maitland to the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> April 1779...

Notes: Although not discussed in the General Orders, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and several other battalions embarked on Apr. 28, 1779 under Brig. Gen. Edward Mathew and Commodore George Collier to raid Portsmouth, Virginia to retard Virginia reinforcements headed to join Washington's army and to seize naval stores. The detachment returned in time to reinforce Gen. Clinton's attack up the Hudson River to seize the forts at King's Ferry.

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> May 1779...

A List of promotions received from the War Office:

Major General David Jones to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> General, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1779

To be Major Generals

Colonel Edward Mathew	ditto
Colonel Francis Smith	ditto
Colonel Augustine Prevost	ditto
Colonel James Pattison	ditto
Colonel Hon <sup>'</sup> ble Alex <sup>r</sup> Leslie	ditto
Colonel Sir William Erskine	ditto
Colonel John Campbell	ditto...

To be Aides de Camp to the King

*Thos Stirling*  
*Lt Col*

L<sup>t</sup> Col Thomas Stirling vice Douglas      ditto  
L<sup>t</sup> Col George Garth vice Leslie            ditto...

Notes: Lt. Col. Stirling's promotion was largely an honorary appointment for meritorious service equivalent to the brevet rank of colonel in the army. This promotion did not impact his position as Lt. Col. of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1779...

The Commander in Chief has the King's order to signify to the Provincial Troops that His Majesty anxious to reward their faithful Services and spirited Conduct upon several Occasions has been pleased to confer on them by mark of his Royal Favour

All Officers of Provincial Corps that are, or may be raised in America shall when on Service with the regular Troops take Rank as Junior of their Rank to which they belong.

Such officers as may be wounded in action, so as to losing a limb or be maimed shall be entitled to the same gratuity of one years advanced pay as Officers of the Established Army...

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>rd</sup>... [to] 14<sup>th</sup> May 1779...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> May 1779...

The noncommissioned officers and men of the 57<sup>th</sup> light company having behaved in a manner which renders them unworthy of the distinction of serving in a flank corps, the Commander in Chief orders them immediately to be sent to their Regiment...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup>... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> May 1779...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> May 1779...

The 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, the Light Infantry [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co.] the British [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Gren. Co.] and Hessian Grenadiers, the 17<sup>th</sup> Foot, the Jagers, the [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers, the Loyal American Regiment, Emmerich's Chasseurs, the [Loyalist British] Legion, Captain Ferguson's Detachment are to hold themselves in readiness to march on short warning.

Notes: This order prepares for the 1779 campaign up the Hudson River to draw Washington into an engagement. Because Clinton considered Washington's position too strong for his reduced army, he hoped to draw Washington out by attacking the posts at King's Ferry (Stoney Point and Verplanck's Point).



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Captain Lieutenant [Alexander] Sutherland, to be Captain vice [George] Munro	}
[2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion] deceased	}
Lieutenant Harry Munro from the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Captain Lieutenant vice Sutherland	} ...

Head Quarters New York 24 May 79...

The huts of the Army to be preserved after the different regiments move from them. each corps will therefore leave a careful non commissioned officer with the convalescents on that duty...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>rd</sup>... [to] 27<sup>th</sup> May 1779...

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and the rest of the troops from Commodore George Collier's Portsmouth expedition returned to New York on May 27, 1779.

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> May 1779...

The Corps hereafter specified are to take the field tomorrow; they will severally regulate their march from their respective Encampments so as to be in readiness to pass out at King's Bridge at Seven in the Morning.

Left Column:

Mounted Jagers, 3 Battalions of Hessian Grenad<sup>rs</sup> and [Hessian] Regiment of Bose, to march to Phillips's house. A deputy Quarter mas<sup>r</sup> General attending to show them their Ground.

Right Column:

[Loyalist] Queen's Rangers, [Loyalist British] Legion & 63<sup>d</sup> Regiment to Cross the Brunx at William's Bridge where Guides will be ready to conduct them.

Left Center Column:

Ferguson's Corps, Light Infantry [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co.], 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, and the Loyal American Regiment to march to Valentines Hill. Guides will be allotted to them.

Right Center Column:

Emerick's Corps, 17<sup>th</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>. 33<sup>d</sup>.and 64<sup>th</sup> Regiments to March to Valentine's Hill, guides will attend them.

The Hon<sup>e</sup> Major General [John] Vaughan will command the British, Major Gen. S<sup>r</sup> William Erskine will command the Cavalry and Light Troops, the six Regiments of infantry are to be formed into two Brigades as follows

The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade:

7<sup>th</sup>, 63<sup>d</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> To be commanded by Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Alured] Clark [7<sup>th</sup> Regt.] til further orders.

2<sup>d</sup> Brigade:

23<sup>d</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>d</sup> To be commanded by Lieut Col. [James] Webster [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] til further orders.

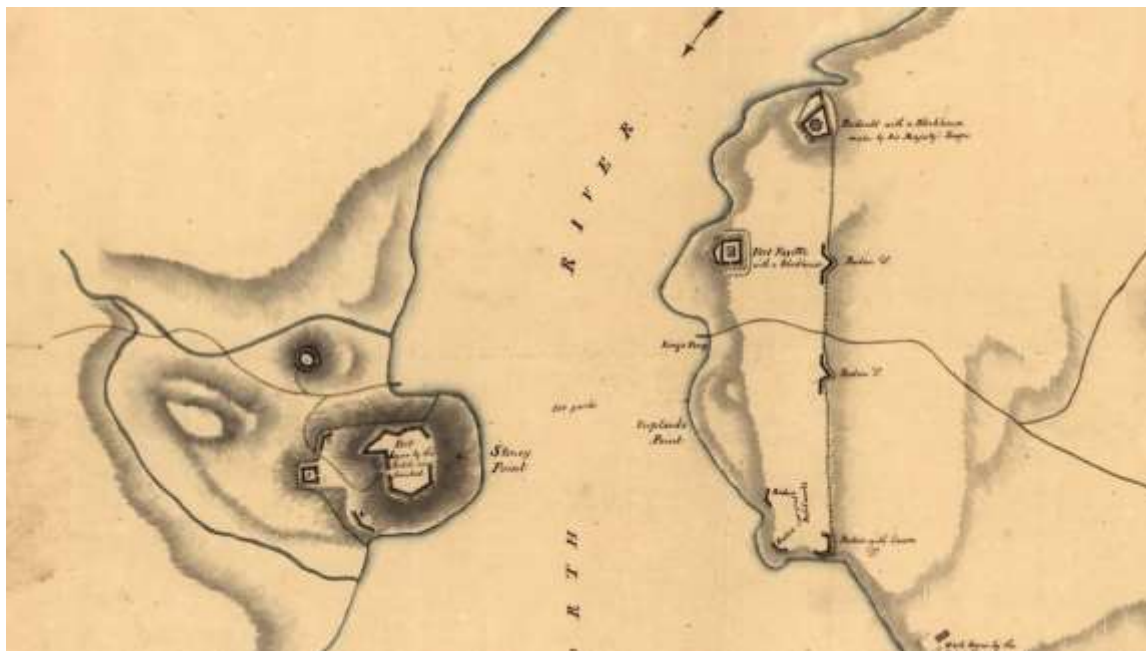
It is recommended to officers commanding Reg<sup>ts</sup> to take with them such a Number only of Women as they may judge will be useful in the Field. The Women and Children who are left behind may be lodged in the Empty Hutts or Barracks by application of Commanding Officers to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, returns of their Number being sent with them...

The Brigade Majors to be disposed of as follows

	{ Grenadiers	Scott
British	{ Light Infantry	Lewis
	{ 1 <sup>st</sup> Brigade	Redsale
	{ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade	Benson...

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> May 1779...

Note: From May 30 to June 2, 1779 the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and flank companies took part in capture of Rebel forts at Stoney Point and Verplanck's Point, New York, then returned to camp south of the forts.



Detail from "Sketch of Stoney & Verplank's Points upon the North River, as taken possession of, and fortified by His Excellency Sir H: Clinton in June 1779."

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div*

Head Quarters Verplanks Point 31 May 1779...

Head Quarters Verplanks Point 1 June 79...

Head Quarters Verplanks Point 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1779...

The Army will of course always hold themselves in readiness to march upon the shortest notice.

Head Quarters Verplanks Point, 3<sup>d</sup> June 1779...

The flank Companies of the Guards, the 42<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>, the [Hessian] reg<sup>t</sup> of Prince Charles, and the [Loyalist] Volunteers of Ireland are to hold themselves in readiness to Embark.

The other Corps will send to new york for such necessaries as they may be in want of & vessels shall be allotted for that purpose on application to Captain Laird.

Head Quarters Verplanks Point, 4<sup>th</sup> June 1779...

The flank Companies of the Guards, the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>, the Regiment Prince Charles and Volunteers of Ireland will Embark at 4 o'Clock this afternoon, they will Receive their Provisions on Board their Transports...



Reproduction 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters Verplancks Point, 5<sup>th</sup> June 1779

The 33<sup>d</sup> Regiment, having solicited to be Employed as a Light Corps, the Commander in Chief grants the request, and directs Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel Emericks Corps of Chaseurs [Jägers] to be attached to it ‘till further orders....

After orders

All Cattle and Horses that have been taken from the Inhabitants are to be immediately delivered up to Cap<sup>t</sup> Fowler of the Loyal American regiment, who is Appointed to receive them. Officers who chose to retain any of the Horses are to give receipts for them to this Officer and to be answerable for their Value.



Detail of “A topographical map of Hudsons River, with the channels depth of water, rocks, shoals &c. and the country adjacent, from Sandy-Hook, New York and bay to Fort Edward, also the communication with Canada by Lake George and Lake Champlain, as high as Fort Chambly on Sorel River. 1776,” by Claude Joseph Sauthier and William Faden

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 6<sup>th</sup> June 1779...

Morning Orders 7<sup>th</sup> June 1779...

As the troops are to hold themselves in readiness to move at the shortest notice, ‘tis recommended to the Members not to encumber themselves with any kind of heavy Baggage, tho’ the officers may send for such articles as they may be in immediate want of.

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 8<sup>th</sup> June 1779...

A Guard of a Serj<sup>t</sup> and 12 Men from the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> are to take charge of the Commander in Chiefs Baggage ‘till further orders....

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 9<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 15<sup>th</sup> June 1779...





Reproduction "Royal Brigade" (7<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Regts.) Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> June 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint Colo<sup>s</sup> [Capt. and Lt. Col. Arthur George] Martin [2<sup>nd</sup> Guards Regt.], [Thomas] Stirling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] and [Capt. and Lt. Col. George] Garth [1<sup>st</sup> Guards Regt.], to act as Brigadier Gen<sup>s</sup> 'till further orders. Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Stirling will take command of the 3 British Regiments of Infantry at Phillipsburg 'till further orders.

Notes: Guards Regiment company commanders were listed as Capt. and Lt. Col. indicating their regimental and army rank. According to Capt. Peebles, Brig. Gen. Stirling's brigade was nicknamed "*The Royal Brigade*" because it was made up of three royal regiments, the 7<sup>th</sup> (Royal Fusiliers), 23<sup>rd</sup> (Royal Welsh Fusiliers) and 42<sup>nd</sup> (Royal Highland) Regts. With Stirling's promotion, Maj. Charles Graham became the acting commander of the regiment. Maj. Graham was senior to Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan Macpherson in regimental rank.

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> June 1779...

A General Court martial consisting of 3 field Officers six Captains and four Lieutenants will Assemble at the City Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at ten in the Forenoon, for the Trial of such pris<sup>nrs</sup> as shall be brought before them

[Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> President.

Head Quarters 18<sup>th</sup>... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> June 1779...

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 21<sup>st</sup>... [to] 22<sup>d</sup> June 1779...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup>... [to] 24<sup>th</sup> June 1779...

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> June 1779

...General Courtmartial of which Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel Johnson is President...George Bruce of the 71<sup>st</sup> Grenadiers tryed for Desertion is acquitted...The Commander in Chief confirms both Sentences and orders Bruce to be released...

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup>... [to] 29<sup>th</sup> June 1779...



Reproduction Stirling's Brigade (42<sup>nd</sup>, 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Regts.) Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> June 1779...



The 7<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>d</sup> Regiments are to receive there future orders thro Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [George] Garth, and the 63<sup>d</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> Regiments are to put themselves under the command of Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Thomas] Stirling 'till further Orders.

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 1<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 4 July 1779...

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 5 July 1779

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Pattison [Royal Artillery] is appointed Commandant to the Garrison of New York untill further orders.

Morning Orders 6<sup>th</sup> July 1779...

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 7<sup>th</sup> July 1779

The troops under marching orders will expect Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan's directions to move a little before daybreak tomorrow. They will march in Two Columns. The left to consist of the Queen's Rangers, 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons and Legion, the Corps preserving the order in which they are named.

The right to consist of the Light Infantry [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co.], British Grenadiers [including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Gren. Co.], two Batt<sup>n</sup> Hessian Grenadiers, the Baggage & provisions, and the remaining Batt<sup>n</sup> of Hessian Grenadiers.

The Bag<sup>e</sup> of the Left Column to fall into the line of Waggons of the right at Pells bridge over East Chester Creek, whenever any Cattle /Rebel property/ are brought in by parties from any detachment of the Army they are to be delivered to a Guard at the Quarters of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Officer commanding that Detachment of the Army who will distribute them to the Troops in such Proportions as he shall think proper...



Detail showing Mamaroneck from "A topographical map of Hudsons River, with the channels depth of water, rocks, shoals &c. and the country adjacent, from Sandy-Hook, New York and bay to Fort Edward, also the communication with Canada by Lake George and Lake Champlain, as high as Fort Chambly on Sorel River. 1776," by Claude Joseph Sauthier and William Faden

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Head Quarters Maroneck 8<sup>th</sup> July 1779

#### Morning Orders

A Guard consisting of a Subaltern and 20 Men from the British Grenadiers to mount immediately over the Provision Train near their Encampment...

8<sup>th</sup> July 1779

The Troops will be in readiness to march tomorrow Morning at day breake. The right Column in the same order as this day. The left Column will Receive directions at Head Quarters tomorrow Morning.

Note: Mamaroneck is located about 30 miles northeast of New York City.

Head Quarters Saw Pitts 9<sup>th</sup> July 1779

The Troops will be in readiness to march tomorrow Morning by Day breake, British Grenadiers find the commander in Chief's guard tomorrow.

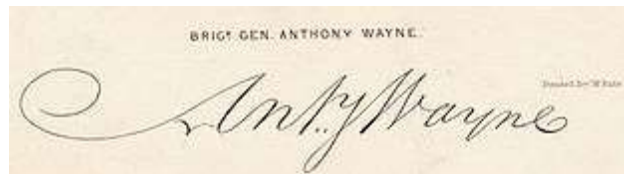
Head Quarters Maroneck, 10<sup>th</sup> July 1779...

Head Quarters Maroneck, 11<sup>th</sup> July 1779

#### Morning Orders

The British and Hessian Grenadiers will each send out small parties Immediately to collect all the Canoes on the waterside towards their rear and place them under the charge of the Provost Guard.

Head Quarters Maroneck, 11<sup>th</sup>... [to] July 1779



Signature of Rebel Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne

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Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup>... [to] 16<sup>th</sup> July 1779...

Note: Rebel troops under Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne assaulted and captured the post at Stoney Point on July 16, 1779. Brig. Gen. Stirling's brigade, including the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was immediately embarked to retake the post arriving at Haverstraw Bay, below Stoney Point on July 19, 1779.

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 17<sup>th</sup> July 1779

The Army will make a General Forage tomorrow & will march at day break tomorrow in two Columns

The right Column to consist of the Light Infantry, British Grenadiers, two Batt<sup>ns</sup> Hessian Grenadiers, Baggage and 3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Hessian Grenadiers.

The Left Column to consist of the Jagers, flank Companies of the Guards, Park of Artillery, 7<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>d</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup> British, The Hessian Regiments Landgrave, Prince Charles & Bose, The [Loyalist] King's American Regim<sup>t</sup>, [Loyalist] Volunteers of Ireland, Baggage and Provision Train. The column to be closed by Emerichs Chasseurs.

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan will command the right column, and will be attended by Lt Dinnford Ass<sup>t</sup> Dep<sup>ty</sup> QM Gen<sup>l</sup>.

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Mathew commands the left column, to which Lt [William] Rankin [16<sup>th</sup> Regt.], Ass<sup>t</sup> Dep<sup>ty</sup> QM Gen<sup>l</sup> will be attached.

A Detachment of Pioneers will march at the head of each column.

The Light Company of the [84<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Royal Highland Emigrants will fall in to the Left Column in the rear of the flank companies of the Guards, and when the Troops come to their Ground will take the earliest opportunity of joining the Corps of Light Infantry.

Head Quarters Dobb's Ferry 18<sup>th</sup> July 1779...

Head Quarters Verplancks Point 19<sup>th</sup> July 1779...

Head Quarters Verplanck's Point 20<sup>th</sup> July 1779...

Head Quarters Dobbs's Ferry 21<sup>st</sup> July 1779...

Head Quarters Dobb's Ferry 22<sup>d</sup> July 1779

Morning orders 6 o'Clock

The army will return to the Camp at Philipsburg, marching at nine o'clock this morning in two columns: Right column to consist of Emerichs Chasseurs, Provision Train, [Loyalist] Volunteers of Ireland, [Hessian] Regim<sup>ts</sup> of Bose and Prince Charles, Landgrave, Park of Artillery, 54<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>d</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Regiments of British, Flank Companies of the Guards and Jagers.

The Left Column to be composed of one Battalion Hessian Grenadiers, British Grenadiers, Light Infantry, 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, [Loyalist British] Legion, [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers.

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Vaughan to command the Left Column, and Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Matthew the right.

The Guides and Pioneers attached to each Column to be distributed as the officer Commanding may think proper.

When the troops arrive at Phillipsburg each corps will take up its old Ground.

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. remained at Stoney Point until Oct. 23, 1779 when the post was abandoned to consolidate troops in the New York area.

Head Quarters Phillipsburg 22<sup>nd</sup>... [to] 23<sup>d</sup> July 1779...

Head Quarters Phillipsburgh 24<sup>th</sup> July 1779...

It is to be considered as a Standing Order that whenever the Army moves, an officer is to march in the rear of each Regiment in order that if the next Corps does not keep up he may give notice to the Officer commanding his Battal<sup>n</sup> who will halt 'till the break is closed.

The Corps where the stop arises must likewise be signified from one Regiment to another, so that the head of the Line of march, it may be known in what part the Column is broken. Whenever the troops are disembarked from transports they are to take with them two days provisions.

Colo [James] Patterson of the 63<sup>d</sup> Regiment is appointed a Brig<sup>r</sup> General in this Army, his rank to date from. [blank]

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> July 1779...

Head Quarters On board the Fanny Off Verplancks Point 31<sup>st</sup> July... [to] 1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> ... [to] 6<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 8 Aug<sup>st</sup> 1779...

Memorandum:

The Field Hospital is Encamped on the Heights between 9 and 10 Milestones on the Kings bridge Road where the sick are to be sent 'till further notice.

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup>... [to] 18<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1779...

The Right Honorable Lord [William] Cathcart [38<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is appointed to duty as Quarter Master General 'till further orders.

After Orders 8 at Night

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to direct that Brig<sup>r</sup> Generals [Arthur George] Martin and [George] Garth with three Field Officers shall Assemble at Paulus Hook tomorrow morning at ten o'Clock to make inquiry into the cause of the affront suffered there from the Enemy this Morning and to report their opinion of the same to his Excellency.

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen [Arthur George] Martin President

Brig <sup>r</sup> General [George] Garth	}	
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [William] Martin Royal Art <sup>y</sup>	}	Members
[Brevet] Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] M <sup>c</sup> Pherson 42 <sup>d</sup> Regm <sup>t</sup>	}	
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo	}	Foot guards

Note: Rebel Maj. "Light Horse" Harry Lee led a night attack on the British post at Paulus Hook (now Jersey City), New Jersey on Aug. 19, 1779, taking 158 prisoners.

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup>... [to] 24<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 25 August 1779...

The 76<sup>th</sup> [MacDonald Highland] and 80<sup>th</sup> [or Royal Edinburgh Volunteers] Regiments with the Detachment of the 82 Regim<sup>t</sup> will Land at Six Tomorrow morning at Brooklyn Ferry, & will proceed to Bedford where they are to encamp...

The British regiments in this District will send for their recruits as soon as possible applying for Boats thro' the Adjutant Gen<sup>s</sup> Office where they will likewise receive Information, about what Transport their Men are Embarked.

The Recruits belonging to the British Reg<sup>ts</sup> not immediately upon the spot /viz 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>d</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>d</sup>, 43<sup>d</sup>, 63<sup>d</sup>, and 64<sup>th</sup> / will be landed as soon as boats can be attached for the purpose. They are to be stationed 'till further orders at Bushwick, Long Island under the care of Maj<sup>r</sup> [William] Cowley of the 22<sup>d</sup> Regiment.

Such Officers of the above Regiments as come out in this Fleet will remain for the present with their Recruits...

#### Memorandum

The British regiments for which Recruits are arrived are the 7<sup>th</sup>.. 17<sup>th</sup>.. 22<sup>d</sup>.. 23<sup>d</sup>.. 26<sup>th</sup>.. 33<sup>d</sup>.. 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>.. 42<sup>d</sup>.. 43<sup>d</sup>.. 44<sup>th</sup>.. 54<sup>th</sup>.. 63<sup>d</sup>. & 64<sup>th</sup>....

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was "*not immediately upon the spot*" because they were posted at Stoney Point, about 45 miles north of New York City, on the Hudson River. The recruits for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. had all been drafted from English regiments and were not accepted by Brig. Gen. Stirling as shown in the order below dated Sept. 1, 1779.

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1779...

The Sick of the Troops that arrived Yesterday are to be sent to red Hook as soon as Purveyor of the Hosp<sup>l</sup> shall have made his arrangements for their Reception.

The British regiments who have receiv'd Drafts & Recruits from Europe in this Fleet will send a Return to the Adju<sup>t</sup> Generals Office with their next States of their numbers of Germans there are amongst them.

The Regiments are as soon as possible to send Dr [Jonathan] Mallet /as Purveyor of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital/ a return of the sick to be Landed on Red hook agreeable to the order of this day.

Major [William] Cowley will prepare a Return of those left under his Care.

The several Regiments on the British Establishment are to prepare Muster Rolls for 182 days from 25<sup>th</sup> December 1778 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 1779 Inclusive.

Memorandum

The Corps are requested to send in their States [strength reports] of the 1<sup>st</sup> September as soon they became due and the British Regiments will please to insert on the Back of that Return, an exact List of their Officers Names specifying whether present or absent, with their Vacant Commissions, distinguishing whether by Purchase or otherwise and from what date.

Morning Orders 27<sup>th</sup> August 1779

To Avoid the delay which the removal of the Hosp<sup>l</sup> Tents &c from Bedlou Island to red Hook wou'd necessarily occasion the commander in chief is pleased to direct that the Sick of the Troops lately arrived shall be disembarked immediately at the former of those places....

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1779...

His Majesty has been pleas'd to appoint Doctor [John Mervin Nooth] North to be superintendent and Gen<sup>l</sup> of all the Hosp<sup>ls</sup> for the Forces both British and Foreign in North America...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup>... [to] 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 1779...

A General Court martial consisting of one Field officer /President/ nine Captains three Lieutenants is to Assemble at the City hall tomorrow morning...Members...71 [Regiment] Cap<sup>t</sup> ...1...Lieu<sup>t</sup> ...1

Names of Officers of absent Corps for this Duty...  
71<sup>st</sup> [Highland Regiment] Cap<sup>t</sup> [Duncan] Chisholm  
D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> Makenzie...

Head Quarters New York 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to dissolve the Corps of Chasseurs commanded by Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo. [Andreas] Emerick.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment to be Drafted on Staten Island on Fryday next [Sept. 3] in the Forenoon, 150 men to be Transferr'd to the 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and the remaining to be equally divided between the 23<sup>d</sup>..37..63.. & 64 Regiments.

After the draft the Officers and NonComm<sup>d</sup> Officers of the 26<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> are to remain at Newtown on Long Island 'till they can be sent to Britain.

*James Rose Esq;*

Serjeant Major [James] Rose is appointed Adjutant to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment vice [Capt. Lt. John] Rutherford who resigns that Office...

The Drafts are to take with them their Arms and Ammunition, for which the regiments that Receive them will give Receipts, it is expected these men are furnished with proper necessaries exact Returns of which will be sent with them when Drafted...

Note: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. mentioned in this order refers to the provisional battalion formed by splitting the regiment into two battalions in Aug. 1776 and not to the "official" 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. forming in Scotland under the command of Gen. Lord John Murray and Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod that sailed for South Africa and India in early 1781.



Reproduction 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Button

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Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 79...

After Orders

A considerable number of English & Irish recruits having been sent out by mistake for the 42<sup>d</sup> Regim: the Commander in chief is pleased to order that as many of them as Possible shall be exchanged for an equal Number of Scotch in the 26<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>nt</sup> to be Drafted on Fryday.

Notes: One full additional company of recruits was dispatched to Newfoundland in 1778 and the remaining additional company in Scotland was turned over to the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion on July 29, 1779. Accordingly, recruits originally recruited by the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup>, and 71<sup>st</sup> were drafted into the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. As shown in this order, many of them were transferred again to the soon to be drafted 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. in return for "Scotch" soldiers. The names and original regiments of these individual are provided in the muster reports of the companies of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. taken in New York on Nov. 22, 1779 shown in App. E of this volume in Enclosure E-1: *Company Muster Reports*.

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779

The Camp Equipment and Waggons of the 26<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> are to be returned to the Ass<sup>t</sup> Quarter Master General on Staten Island as soon as their draft is completed...

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Officers who may be in want of Horses will be pleased to apply to Paymas<sup>r</sup> of the Regim<sup>t</sup> of Losberg in which there are some very good ones to be disposed of.

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> September 1779...

Major [Charles] Stuart of the 63<sup>d</sup> Regiment who had the charge of the Drafts and recruits from Europe wil please to prepare a return as soon as possible for the Purveyor of the Hosp<sup>l</sup> of the names of the Sick men that were landed from the different Transports...

Head Quarters New York 5 September 1779...

The Recruits of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> that were Drafted on Staten Island on the 4<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> are to be delivered over to their respective Regiments who are to apply to Maj<sup>r</sup> [William] Cowly for them immediately...

Notes: These drafted men were the English and Irish recruits rejected by Brig. Gen. Stirling and replaced with Scots soldiers from the 26<sup>th</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief having reported to the secretary of State the spirited exertions of the Troops under Gen<sup>l</sup> [Edward] Matthew on the Coast of Virginia in May last, His Excellency has in consequence has receiv'd orders from His Majesty to signify his Royal thanks to Maj<sup>r</sup> General Matthew and to the Corps who Performed so material a Service...

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was part of the expedition being commended in this order.

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> September 1779...

Lieut [Thomas] Barrett of the 23<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> and Ensign [William] Frazer of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> are appointed to act as Assistant Engineers untill further Orders.

One Company of the 82<sup>d</sup> Regiment will march Tomorrow morning to Jamaica to relieve the 54<sup>th</sup> Light Company ordered to join their Battalion...

Note: Although three officers with similar names served in the regiment during the war, the “*Ensign Frazer*” in this order was Ens. William Frazer, who was assigned to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Inf. Co. The next William Fraser to join the regiment was not commissioned until orders dated Apr. 18, 1780 and the last William Fraser was not commissioned until Sept. 1780.

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779...

M<sup>r</sup> Porter the Deputy Commissary will attend to Muster the Light Infantry on Fryday the 10<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 10 o’Clock & at 12 will be at Bedford to take the Muster of the 76<sup>th</sup> 80<sup>th</sup> and 82<sup>d</sup> Regiments.

Lieut: Colo: [Henry] Hope 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment is to return to the Command of his Battalion of Grenadiers...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleas’d to appoint Colo Beverly Robinson to be commandant and director of a Corps of Suave Guards, to be formed when the Army moves...

Notes: A “*Sauve Guard*” is a safe guard placed at mills and other locations subject to plunder.

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup>... [to] 12<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 13 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Right Honorable Colonel [Francis] Lord Rawdon having resigned the office of Adjutant General, all reports and returns relative to that Department to be made to Lieut<sup>t</sup> [Stephen] Colonel Kemble [60<sup>th</sup> Regt.], Deputy Adjutant General who will do the duties of that Office ‘till further orders.

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup>... [to] 15<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The following Corps will hold themselves in readiness to Embark on the shortest notice viz – British Grenadiers and Light Infantry: 7..23..33..37..[illegible] and 57 Regiments British, The [Hessian] Grenadiers of Linsing, Lingerke, Mingerode & Graff, with 200 Jagers, Cavalry and Infantry of the Queen’s Rangers and Legion, Fanning Corps and Volunteers of Ireland...

When the British Regiments receive their orders to go on Board their Flank Companies will Embark with them...

Notes: This order represents Lord Cornwallis’ expedition that sailed on Sept. 25, 1779 and was intended to reinforce the island of Jamaica from an imminent attack by the French fleet. Before Cornwallis had sailed far, new intelligence was obtained that Jamaica was not the target of the French fleet and Cornwallis returned to New York. See order for Sept. 29, 1779.

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 19 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions...

57<sup>th</sup> Regiment...

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Gilbert Waugh from the 71 Regiment to be Capt by purchase vice [Charles] Brownlow preferr’d} D<sup>o</sup> [18 Sep 79]...

Memorandum



The several Corps who received the Drafts of the 26 and Recruits of 42<sup>d</sup> Regiments are requested to send the usual certificates as soon as possible...

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup>... [to] 21<sup>st</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1779...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt., 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. and 26<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Head Quarters New York 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to make the following promotions...

42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Hay M<sup>c</sup>Dowel from 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment to be Captain by purchase vice } 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 1779.  
[Capt. John] M<sup>c</sup>Intosh who retires }

Notes: Capt. Macdowall, who was serving in one of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment's additional companies in Scotland, never joined the regiment in America. He claimed that he wanted to go to America, but was ordered to stay in Scotland in order to raise the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. He eventually transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, in Scotland in March 1780.

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Ensign John Seton from the 80<sup>th</sup> Regiment to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> by purchase vice } D<sup>o</sup>  
[Hay] M<sup>c</sup>Dowel preferr'd }  
Blank Commission vice Seton

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Commander in chief is pleas'd to make the following Promotions...

26<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Lieu<sup>ent</sup> Green to be Adjutant vice [Lt. David] Anstruther Preferr'd } 7<sup>th</sup> Decem 78...

Notes: Lt. Anstruther was promoted to Capt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. on Jan. 2, 1779, effective Dec. 6, 1778.

The British Regiments are to Compleat their Flank Companies to 56 rank and File after transferring to the Battalion Companies their prisoners of War, & Such men as are unfit for actual Service.

The Highland Regiments will compleat theirs in proportion to their Strength.

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Brig: General [Capt. and Lt. Col. Arthur George] Martin and the Members of the Court of inquiry of which he was President, having presented to his Excellency the Commander in Chief, the proceedings of the Court, as a Vindication of opinions given by them on the conduct of Major [William] Sutherland [Royal Garrison Battalion] and the Garrison of Paulus Hook, on the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> August last, and having requested the same to be Transmitted home with the proceedings of the Court martial in order to thus being laid before His Majesty, the Commander in Chief has thought fit to comply with the request...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions

42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>mt</sup>

Ens<sup>n</sup> Henry Graham to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice [Harry] Munro promoted...

Notes: Graham's promotion was effective Feb. 2, 1779. Lt. Harry Munro was promoted to Capt. Lt. in the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. in orders dated May 22, 1779.

Memorandum...

Commanding Officers of British & provincial Corps will immediately send proper persons to visit their men in General Hosp<sup>l</sup> and to furnish them with such necessaries as they shall be in absolute need of. This order to be complied with as soon as possible.

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup>... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1779...



Detail of "Charles Cornwallis, First Marquis of Cornwallis," 1795, by John Singleton Copley

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Corps that were Embarked under Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [Charles] Earl Cornwallis is to be landed as soon as convenient...

Head Quarters New York 30 Septem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters Denys's House, 1<sup>st</sup>... [to] 2<sup>nd</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters On Board the Fanny, off Denys's, 3<sup>d</sup>... [to] 6<sup>th</sup> Octob 1779...

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Doctor [John Mervin] Nooth having represented the present scarcity of Nurses in the British Hospitals, commanding Officers of British and Provincial Corps will please to order One Woman for the attendance of every six Men they have now in, or may hereafter send to the General Hospital.

Such Women as refuse to be employed in this service are to be Immediately struck off the Provision Ration: this order to be complied with as soon as possible that the Sick may no longer suffer for want of proper attention.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to Appoint Major General [William] Tryon to the command of the Troops on Long Island, and the following Troops are to hold themselves in readiness to embark on the shortest notice /besides those already under orders Viz The 76<sup>th</sup> & 80<sup>th</sup> Regiments the 4 Companies of the 82<sup>nd</sup> and the Infantry of [Maj. William] Lord Cathcarts Legion, Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Leland and [Oliver] Delancey will be pleased to put themselves under the Command of Major General Tryon 'till further Orders...

Notes: The army had intelligence the Rebel army was preparing to attack Stoney Point and was preparing to relieve that post if necessary. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was still garrisoning Stoney Point at this time.

#### Memorandum

It is recommended to the Field Officers not to put their Horses on Board 'till further orders...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> October 1779...

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> October 1779...

The 7<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> and 33<sup>d</sup> Regiments and Volunteers of Ireland are to Embark immediately, the British Grenadiers as soon as sloops can be sent them are to Embark and Lay near their present Ground...

Head Quarters on Board the Fanny, off Stoney Point 12<sup>th</sup> October 1779...

Head Quarters on Board the Fanny North River 13<sup>th</sup> October 1779...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup>... [to] 19<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...



Detail of "Denyse's Ferry, the first place at which the Hessians and British landed on Long Island Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1776"

Picture Source: *The Miriam and Ora D. Wallach Div. of Art, Prints and Photographs: print Collection*, NYPL

Head Quarters Denyces House 21<sup>st</sup>... [to] 22<sup>d</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...



Detail of Major John Andre

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from the *Tower of London*

Head Quarters Denyces House 23<sup>d</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint Cap<sup>t</sup> [John] Andre of 54<sup>th</sup> regiment to be Deputy Adjutant general with the rank of Major in the Army untill His majesty's pleasure is known in the room of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo. [Stephen] Kemble [1<sup>st</sup> Bn., 60<sup>th</sup> Regt.] who resigns that Employment...

The Invalids of the Army who have been return'd unfit for Service by the different Hospital Boards are likewise to be sent home the 1<sup>st</sup> Opportunity.

Head Quarters Denyces House, 24<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters Denys's House, 25<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Corps on Board Ships on the North River will Land as soon as Convenient and be stationed as follows 'till further Orders. Viz –

42 Regiment at Greenwich Encamped

[Loyalist] Fanning's Corps...Loyal Americas...Fergusons Corps with the Light Company of 82<sup>d</sup>...

The Commander in chief is pleased to make the following distribution of Quarters for the Troops for the ensuing Winter...

Royal Artillery	}	
4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> Hess <sup>n</sup> Gren <sup>drs</sup>	}	
42 <sup>d</sup> Regiment	}	In New York & Bowery Lane
54 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	}	
2 Batt <sup>n</sup> Skinners [Loyalist]	}	...

Long Island

Light Infantry	}	Jamaica Hutted
Brit Grenadiers	}	...

Regiments will have notice given of the time they are to take possession of their respective quarters and every assistance will be given them in Fitting up their Hutts.

Notes: After destroying the fortifications they had built, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. left Stoney Point on Oct. 23, 1779 to return to New York. The huts mentioned were usually cut into a hillside facing south and the walls formed with the sod from the cut earth.

Head Quarters Denys's House, 26<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 27 Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters Denys's House, 28 Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Quarter Masters of such Corps shall be ordered to Hutt will be supplied with the following Tools by applying at the Engineers Store House upon the wharf behind the Coffee house: Felling axes 16, Spades 12, Shovels 12, Pick Axes 8, N. Casks 1.

The Guards, Grenadiers, Light Infantry, 80<sup>th</sup> Regt and Jagers will receive a double proportion...

Head Quarters Denys's House, 29<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Memorandum

An Extra Hospital Board will set on Tuesday next at the College Hosp<sup>l</sup> for the Examination of such Invalids as shall be brought before them.

Head Quarters Denys's House, 30<sup>th</sup> Octo 1779...

Colo Beverly Robinson [Loyal American Regt.], [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] and Major [John] Antil [New Jersey Volunteers] will be pleased to meet at the City Hall on Monday next at ten in the forenoon, as a Board to inquire into a Complaint preferr'd to the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief by M<sup>r</sup> Smith late Captain in the [Loyalist] Queen's Rangers respecting some Debts which are due to him by that Corps.

Head Quarters Denys's House, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters Long Island, 1<sup>st</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 79...

Head Quarters Long Island, 2 Novem<sup>r</sup> 79...

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to order the Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> to deliver to the several Corps of British & German Troops a proportion of Blankets, Mittens, Leggings Cloth, and Trimmings, Shirting Linen and Trimming for Shirts, Russian Drilling for Breeches, Shoes, Shoe Soals & Yarn Hose sent out from England for the use of the Army which are to be paid for by the Corps that receive them when the Price & Terms in which they are Sent out are ascertained from England for which purpose a return of the Strength of each Corps is to be sent to the Qua<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office, signed by the Commanding Officers of each Corps on or before

The Provincial troops will receive the same proportion from the Inspector Generals Store.



Reproduction 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Button

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Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Detachment of 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment under the comm<sup>d</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Ferguson will occupy the barracks of New Utrecht 'till further orders.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Cap<sup>t</sup> [Duncan?] Chisholm or Senior Officer here of the 71<sup>st</sup> Reg will take charge of the Detachment belonging to that Corps in the room of Cap<sup>n</sup> Ferguson who resigns that Command...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Commander in Chief desires the Army may be informed that as soon as the Hutts of any Reg: shall be compleated; and the Commanding Off<sup>r</sup> of the Regiment has reported the same to the Qua<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup> General the sum allowed for the Labour Of the Soldiers will immediately be paid.

Lieutenant [Edward P.] Willington of the 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to act as paymaster to the Non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers and men of absent Corps in the room of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Green of the 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment who joins his Corps...

The Officers of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment not in publick Employment here, are to join the Detachment of that Regiment ordered to Utrecht under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> [Duncan] Chisholm.

#### Memorandum

The British and provincial Corps are again requested to give in compleat Lists of the names of their non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers and Men actually Invalided by the Hosp<sup>l</sup> Boards, without which the agent

cannot possibly procure a passage for them, those Men are to have two Months pay sent with them, during the passage and subsist them to the Board.

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup>... [to] 11<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been pleas'd to order that the Garrison Battalion shall consist of six Companies, each Company to Consist of 1 Captain 2 Lieutenants an Ensign, 4 Serjeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Drummers & 96 privates, exclusive of 4 Contingent Men *P* Company...

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 14 Nov 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to order that no Officer, not of the Corps in Garrison, on Duty, or Sick, shall hold Quarters in New York, General Officers excepted, and such as may have leave from the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief or Commandant of the Garrison, And the Barracks Mas<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> will give in an immediate return to the Commandant of all Quarters held by special Order expressing by whom and when such orders were given.

A General Court Martial consisting of two Field officers, 6 Captains & 5 Lieuten<sup>s</sup> will assemble at the Court House on Thursday Morning next at 10 o'Clock for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before them. 82<sup>d</sup> Regt. Lt. Col. [John] Gunning – President...42<sup>d</sup> [Regt.] 2 Capt<sup>ns</sup>, 2 Lieu<sup>s</sup>...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Complaint having been made to the Commander in Chief, that the Sick sent from the different Corps to the General Hosp<sup>l</sup> has been in many Instances in an uncleanly State, and not properly supplied with necessities His Excellency orders a greater attention to this point in future.

The Officer visiting the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital will report against what Corps such Complaint may be made.

The recover'd men of the Army are to be sent for by their Regiments on Wednesday & Saturdays from the Anabaptist Meeting House in Gold Street.

The several Corps are reminded that whenever any of their men are returned for Garrison duty, they are to be immediately turned over to that Battalion with a State of their accounts made up to the end of the Muster...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup>... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief announces to the Army that the most signal Success has attended His Majesty's Army in Georgia.

The united force of the French King and the Rebellious Colonies after every Effort to besiege & storm to possess themselves of the Town of Savannah have been baffled and defeated by the Gallantry and good Disposition by the British General and the troops under his Command...

The Army will give in a Return of the Recruits received from England in the year 1779, each regiment specifying the Age size, former Service & infirmities of those they have received, they will likewise name such as may, since their arrival here been discharged or assigned to Garrison Duty...





Reproduction Stirling's Brigade (17<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Regts.) Uniform Buttons

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17<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>d</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>s</sup> will send in their Returns to Brigade Major [Frederick] MacKenzie at [Brig.] Gen [Thomas] Stirlings Quarters...

Notes: This order identifies the regiments assigned to Brig. Gen. Stirling's brigade.

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 20 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief orders the Army may receive an Extra amount of rum this day.

Brigade Major [Frederick] M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie is attached to the Dep<sup>y</sup> Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>s</sup> Office untill further orders...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

#### Memorandum

The men Invalided by the Board of Physicians & yet with their Regim<sup>s</sup> are to be sent to L<sup>t</sup> [Edward P.] Willington of 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment, on or before the 26<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> their Acc<sup>s</sup> having been previously settled according to form<sup>r</sup> orders.

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in chief is pleas'd to make the follow<sup>g</sup> promotions –

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regim<sup>t</sup>

Ensign W<sup>m</sup> Gordon from 26 Regim<sup>t</sup> to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> by purchase vice [Gilbert] Waugh promoted} 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 79

#### Memorandum

Unless the reports respecting Volunteers are made by the Command<sup>g</sup> officers of Corps, with which they serve Specifying their time of Service, no promotions of Volunteers can take place –

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup>... [to] 27<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The different Regiments will immediately give in a Return of the Number of Women and Children belonging to them, who are desirous of going to England or Scotland each Woman will receive one Guinea and each Child half a Guinea on Landing in Europe.

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> Sutherland gent to be Ensign vice [Mark] Kerr deceas'd



Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

All Officers Non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers and Invalids ordered to Europe are to be in readiness to Embark on Monday next the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant....

Memorandum

The Adjutants of the Light Infantry, Grenad<sup>s</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>.. 23<sup>d</sup>.. 33<sup>d</sup>.. 63<sup>d</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>s</sup> British, and Queen's Rangers are requested to attend at the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office tomorr<sup>w</sup> at 12 o'Clock.

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup>... [to] 3<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Regiments which have prisoners in the hands of the Rebels who may be in want of Necessaries or money, will give in a Return of the Articles they have to send to M<sup>r</sup> Loring, Commissary of Prisoners.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup>... [to] 6<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Hosp<sup>l</sup> accounts of several Regim<sup>s</sup> for Invalids going Home as yet unsettled from the 25<sup>th</sup> October, Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Edward P.] Willington of 71<sup>st</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> will pay them.

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief is pleased to order a Board of one general and two Field Officers to assemble tomo<sup>w</sup> at 11 o'Clock to consider of the propriety of giving redress to Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Peter] Russel of 64<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and the Officers promoted in succession to him in front of Reg<sup>l</sup> Rank.

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Thomas] Stirling [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] President

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> [Thomas] Dundas 80<sup>th</sup> Regiment and Major [Robert] M<sup>c</sup>Leroth 64<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>. Members

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779

Returns from each Corps to be given in immediately of the Deficiencies in Arms and Ammunition, accounting for Expenditures ...

Brig<sup>r</sup> Major [Frederick] M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie is appointed Deputy Adj<sup>t</sup> General...

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Memorandum

All officers going to England, or Ireland, are to give in their Names to Major Gordon...

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The 26<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Invalids and Widows & who are about to Embark for Europe, are to go on Board their respective Ships on Monday Morning from the following places at 10 o'Clock... British Invalids, Wood Wharf, D<sup>o</sup> for Ireland at Burlings Slip.

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Those Regiments which have prisoners with the Rebels may receive for their Effective Numbers from the Quarter Master General, the necessaries the rest of the Army have receiv'd and on the same terms...

The Field and Staff officers who embark Horses, will on Application to the Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> by Reg<sup>t</sup> receive Forage for that purpose...

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Mounted Light Infantry who are absent from their Corps, are to Join immediately.

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

It having [been] represented to the Commander in Chief a great part of the necessaries sent out for the use of the Army at the original prices in England are ill fabricated or Damaged, His Excell<sup>y</sup> finding his Majesty's beneficent intentions to the soldiers may have been frustrated by some negligence or fraud in Execution of his orders, appoints a Board of three Field Officers to inquire into the State of those Articles above alluded to that he may be able to report thereof for his Majesty's information.

The above Board will be pleased to call for the opinion of such persons as may be able to give them assistance in the matter.

L<sup>t</sup> Col. [James Marsh 43<sup>d</sup> Regt – President

Maj<sup>r</sup> [Robert] M<sup>c</sup>Leroth 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> } Members

Maj [Charles] Graham 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> }

The Board will meet at the Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> office on Fryday morning next at 10 o'Clock...

The Battalions of Light Infantry are to consist of the following companies.

1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>d</sup> 54<sup>th</sup> 63<sup>d</sup> 70<sup>th</sup> 74<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> 43<sup>d</sup> 57<sup>th</sup> 64<sup>th</sup> 76<sup>th</sup> 80<sup>th</sup> 84<sup>th</sup>.

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

#### Memorandum

The regiments who gave in returns of Arms and Ammunition to complete them will receive orders for the same by applying to the ordnance Office.

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Grenadiers, Light infantry, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Banastre] Tarleton's [Loyalist] Detachment of Cavalry [British Legion], the 23<sup>d</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> [Hessian] Reg<sup>t</sup> of Huyne & the Detachments from the Provincial Corps at Springfield will march tomorrow Morning from their Cantonments and Quarters to the Brewery at Brooklyn to embark as follows –

The 23<sup>d</sup> at nine o'Clock

33<sup>d</sup> Regiment at Eleven

Grenadiers, Light Infantry and Detachment at one

Regiment of Huyne at three

Colonel [Banastre] Tarletons Detachment will take up for the night the quarters of the Provincial Train in the Neighborhood of Brooklyn and the next day be crossed over to the Ship Yards to Embark at the Wharf in the East River at New York.

The Infantry of the Legion are to March tomorrow morning and Occupy the Hutts of the Grenadiers at Jamaica and on Monday move to Brooklyn to be embarked at one o'Clock.

The [Hessian] Regim<sup>t</sup> Donop and Landgrave are to march tomorrow Morning to Brooklyn Ferry where they will cross to New York, the former at ten o'Clock and the latter at two.

The 37<sup>th</sup> Regiment and [Hessian] Regiment of Du Corps will march on Monday morning to Hell Gate where they will cross to York Island and move the former to the Cantonments of the 64<sup>th</sup>, the latter to New York.

The different Regim<sup>ts</sup> will report their Landing on Staten Island to Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Patterson and on York Island to Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Pattison

The Hessian Grenadiers, 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> and Detachment of Yagers are to Embark on Board their Ships at the Wharfs in the East River tomorrow.

64<sup>th</sup> and detachment of Yagers will march from their Cantonments so as to be able to Embark the former at twelve and the latter at 2 o'Clock.

Colonel [Beverly] Robinsons Corps [Loyal American Regt.] will relieve the Guards of the 64<sup>th</sup> Regiment at Mardens Wharf and Turtle Bay.

Notes: This embarkation is for Sir Henry's Clinton's campaign to capture Charleston, South Carolina, which was accomplished in May 1780. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co. and 42<sup>nd</sup> Gren. Co. are included with their flank battalions.

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

When the 37<sup>th</sup> Regiment quit their Hutts at Newtown part of them are to be occupied by a Detachment of the Garrison Battalion – The rest shall serve for Quarters for such Women and Children as are Left behind Regiments Embarking & Recommended by the Commanding Officers – They will receive provisions and Fuel according to their Numbers for which the Officer commanding the Garrison detachments will sign returns.

The detachment of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regim<sup>t</sup> at Utrecht will march tomorrow Morning from thence so as to arrive at Brooklyn at 12 o'Clock where they will find Boats to embark them.

After orders 19<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779

The 37<sup>th</sup> Regiment and Reg<sup>mt</sup> Du Corps are not to move to Hell Gate untill Tuesday morning. They will after crossing proceed as before Directed.

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1779

Morning Orders.

The Corps Embarking are to take on Board the follow<sup>s</sup> Proportion of Waggon and Harness:

British Regiments      3 each

Hessian                      4 each

Flank Companies        3 each

The Regiments are to be answerable to the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> for these.

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Commander in Chief, has the mortification to receive Complaints of the harsh treatment masters of Transports have receiv'd from Officers in the Army. His Excellency trusts that the mention of this Circumstance in publick orders will awaken a sense of the impropriety of this behavior.

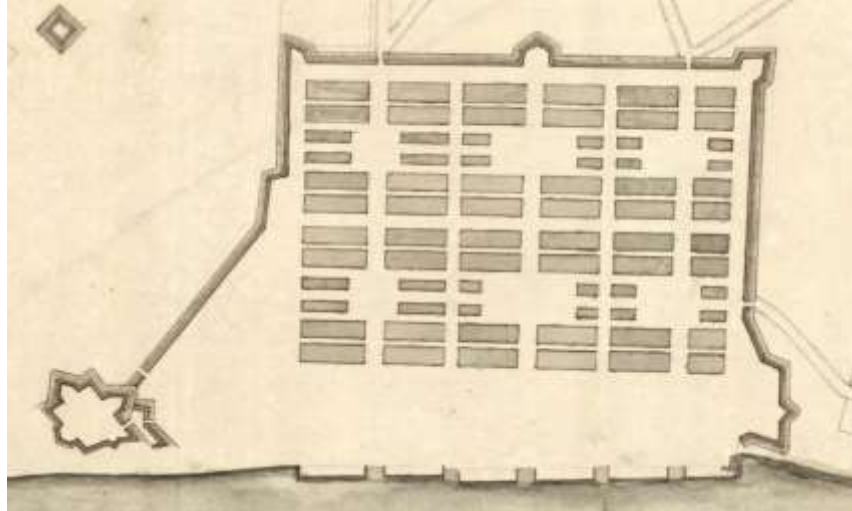
The Embarkation returns to be given in immediately.

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> ... [to] 24<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779...

The Orders will be given Out for the future at half after 11 o'Clock.

Notes: No orders were issued from Dec. 26, 1779 through Feb. 3, 1780 while the Commander-in-chief was at sea. During this period the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. remained in the New York area under the command of Hessian Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen.



Detail of "Savannah," 1780's

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Savannah 4<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1780...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief cannot View the Posts at Savannah without expressing his Admiration at the conduct and Gallantry which has been display'd by the Garrison that lately defended it...

Notes: After severe storms, the fleet headed for Charleston assembled off Savannah for most of the month of Jan. 1780.

Head Quarters Savannah 5<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1780...

The 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regim<sup>t</sup> are to hold themselves to Embark on the shortest notice; their Quarter mas<sup>r</sup> will learn from Cap<sup>t</sup> Nowles what ships are assigned them...

Head Quarters Savannah 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1780...



Capt. Patrick Ferguson, 70<sup>th</sup> Lt. Infantry Company

Picture Source: Wikipedia

Head Quarters Savannah 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1780...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to give Captain [Patrick] Ferguson of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment Provincial Rank of Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Colonel 30<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779.

On Board the John North Edisto, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1780...

The 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the Army to Land today in two Debarkations as follows:

Light Infantry	} first Debarkation
British Grenad <sup>rs</sup>	}

Hessian Grenadiers	}
Yagers	} second Debarkation
33 <sup>d</sup> Regiment	}

The above Troops will take on Shore with them three days provisions to the 14<sup>th</sup> Inclusive.

The rest of the army will be in readiness to Land on signal in one Debarkation with three days provisions to the 14<sup>th</sup> Inclusive.

The Army is Brigaded as follows till further orders.

Brigade of Light Infantry	}	Maj <sup>r</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie
Brigade of British Grenadiers	}	
Brigade of Hessian Grenadiers:		Maj <sup>r</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth

Lieu<sup>t</sup> General Earl Cornwallis

7 <sup>th</sup>	}	under the inspection of Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [Alured] Clarke [7 <sup>th</sup> Regt.]
23 <sup>d</sup>	}	

33 <sup>d</sup>	}	
71 <sup>st</sup>	}	d <sup>o</sup> of Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [James] Webster [33 <sup>rd</sup> Regt.]
Yagers	}	

63 <sup>d</sup>	}	
64 <sup>th</sup>	}	d <sup>o</sup> of Maj <sup>r</sup> Gen <sup>l</sup> [Johann Christoph von] Huyne
Huyne	}	

Notes: Clinton's narrative indicates he landed on "*Simmons Island*" (now Seabrook Island).



Detail showing British landing point at Edisto Inlet and Simond's House from of "*A sketch of the environs of Charlestown in South Carolina*" June 1780, by Capt. George Sproule, Asst. Engineer

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Simonds's House 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1780...

Head Quarters Simonds's House 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1780...

After orders 7 O'Clock

The Army to form in Column of March by the Right upon the Charlestown Road tomorrow morning at six O'Clock in the following Order

Five Companies of British Grenadiers

Pioneers

British Grenadiers

Hessian Grenadiers

7<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>d</sup> Regiments

63<sup>d</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> of Gen<sup>l</sup> Huynes Brigade...

Orders will be sent for the front to move at half past 6 o'Clock, Head Quarters will be at Wilson's Farm where orders will be given at two O'Clock

Head Quarters Wilsons Farm 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1780...

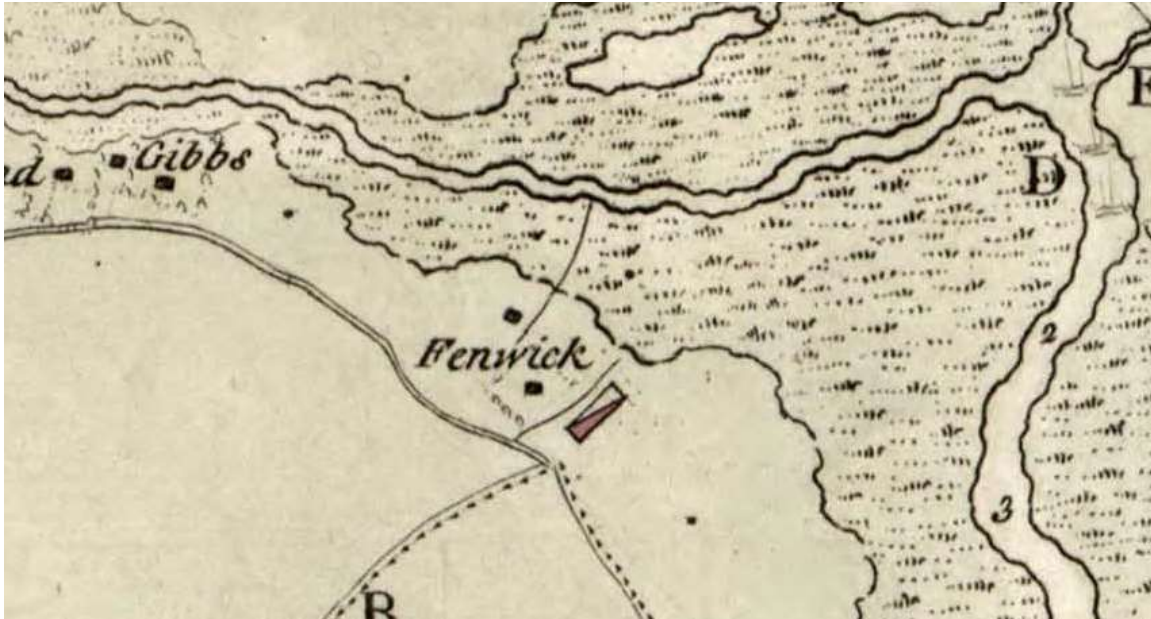
The Artillery and Proviant train must be Supplied with Horses.

The Commander in Chief is therefore under the necessity of requiring from the Officers commanding Corps that none are kept for private Convenience until the Departments are Supplied, as soon as a Sufficiency is procured a Distribution shall be made to the several Corps and Officers will be at Liberty to Purchase.

Negroes will be wanted and as the employing them will save the Troops much Toil & fatigue the General orders that whenever they may be taken from the Enemy or came in they may be sent immediately to one of the Commissaries of Captures.

A number of them shall be sent to each Regim<sup>t</sup> as soon as there shall be enough collected for the public service.

Head Quarters Wilsons House 15<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 16<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1780...



Detail showing Fenwick's House on the Stono River from of "A sketch of the environs of Charlestown in South Carolina" June 1780, by Capt. George Sproule, Asst. Engineer

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Fenwicks House [Johns Island] 17<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 19<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1780...

Head Quarters Fenwicks House [Johns Island] 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: 1780...

The Commander in Chief orders an Extra allowance of Rum to be issued to the Army this day.

Head Quarters Fenwicks House [Johns Island] 23<sup>rd</sup> ... [to] 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1780...

Head Quarters James Island 27<sup>th</sup>... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1780...

Head Quarters James Island 29<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1780...

#### After Orders

A General Court Martial consisting of three field Officers and ten Captains are to assemble tomorrow Morning at the head of the British Grenadiers at 10 O'Clock to try such prisoners as shall be brought before them

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Robert] Abercrombie [1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf. Bn.] President...

Light Infantry	5 Captains	} Members
Grenadiers	4 D <sup>o</sup>	
		}...





Detail showing Head Quarters on James Island from of "A sketch of the environs of Charlestown in South Carolina" June 1780, by Capt. George Sproule, Asst. Engineer

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters James Island 1<sup>st</sup> March 1780...

Head Quarters James Island 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1780...

Memorandum

Orderly Hour in future at twelve O'Clock...

Head Quarters James Island 3<sup>d</sup> March 1780...

After Orders

A Working party consisting of 2 Captains 5 Sub<sup>s</sup> 15 Serjeants and 500 Men to parade tomorrow morning at 8 o'Clock at the Engineers Encampment near Head Quarters, they will work 'till 12 o'Clock, and receive their orders from [Engineer] Cap<sup>t</sup> [James] Moncrieffe. A Second party of the same Numbers to parade at 2 o'Clock

Detail for Work at 8 o'Clock

	Cap	Sub	Serj	Private
1 <sup>st</sup> Light Infantry	1	2	6	200
1 Grenadiers	1	2	5	190
7 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>		1	4	110
Total	2	5	15	500

Detail for Work at 2 o'Clock

	Cap	Sub	Serj	Private
2 <sup>d</sup> Light Infantry	1	3	6	200
2 <sup>d</sup> Grenadiers	1	1	5	160
23 <sup>d</sup> Regiment		1	4	140
Total	2	5	15	500

Head Quarters James Island 4<sup>th</sup> March 1780...

The following Working parties will parade tomorrow morning the former at 7 and the latter at 10 o'Clock at the Engineers Encampment, near Head Quarters, & place themselves under the Direction of Cap<sup>t</sup> [James] Moncrieffe.

Detail for Work at 7 o'Clock				
	C	S	S	P
2 <sup>nd</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	1	2	6	210
2 <sup>d</sup> Grenadiers	1	1	5	136
23 Reg		1	4	134
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>500</u>

Detail for Work at One o'Clock				
	C	S	S	P
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	1	2	6	214
1 <sup>st</sup> d <sup>o</sup> Grenadiers	1	2	5	184
7 Regiment		1	4	104
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>500</u>

Head Quarters James Island 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 1780

#### Morning Orders

An Additional Working party to assemble at one o'Clock this day near Head Quarters and put themselves under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> Moncrieffe.

Details				
	C	S	S	P
1 <sup>st</sup> Light Infantry		1	1	41
2 <sup>nd</sup> d <sup>o</sup>		2	1	43
1 <sup>st</sup> Grenadiers		1	1	37
2 d <sup>o</sup>		1	1	31
7 Regim <sup>t</sup>	1		1	21
23 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>27</u>
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>200</u>

Head Quarters James Island 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 1780...

Major [Thomas] Armstrong of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot is appointed to the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Light Infantry.

#### After Orders

The following Working parties will parade tomorr<sup>w</sup> near Head Quarters where an Engineer will attend to receive them

Detail for Work at 7 o'Clock				
	C	S	S	P
1 <sup>st</sup> Light Infantry	2	2	6	210
1 <sup>st</sup> Grenad <sup>s</sup>	2	3	6	109
7 Reg <sup>t</sup>		3	3	101
Total	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>500</u>

Detail for Work at 1 o'Clock				
	C	S	S	P
2 <sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry	2	3	7	200

2 Grenadiers	1	3	4	160
23 <sup>d</sup> Regiment	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>140</u>
Total	4	8	15	500

Head Quarters James Island 6<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 1780...

Head Quarters James Island 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 1780...

No Corps will be permitted to recruit in the province except the Royal North Carolina Volunteers, South Carolina Royalists and those Corps having Leave to Inlist British and Irish Emigrants.

Head Quarters James Island 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 1780...

Head Quarters James Island 13<sup>th</sup> March 1780...



Detail of Portrait of Lt. Gen. Hon. Henry Edward Fox, 1805, by C. Turner after Phillips

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

The Hon<sup>l</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Henry Edward] Fox [38<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is appointed to do duty in the 1<sup>st</sup> and Maj<sup>r</sup> [Thomas] Coore of the 28 Reg<sup>t</sup> in the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion British Grenadiers.

The different Departments of Captures as Speedily as possible, returns of the Negroes they have with them, those which Land'd with the army are not to be included.

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. under Capt. John Peebles was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> British Grenadier Bn. on Aug. 10, 1778.

Head Quarters James Island 15<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 1780...

Head Quarters James Island 21<sup>st</sup> March 1780...

When Extra Rum is issued to the Troops it is to be in proportion of one Gill *P* man....

Head Quarters James Island 22<sup>d</sup> March 1780...

The Commanding Officers of Regim<sup>s</sup> are requested to give in to the Deputy Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup> return of such officers as are desirous to purchase, and also of the Volunteers attached to their several Corps, with their time of service and with such Recommendation as they may deserve to the Commander in Chiefs Attention.

Memorandum

The 7<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>..63<sup>d</sup> & 71<sup>st</sup> Regiments are requested to send duplicates of their Monthly returns for Aug<sup>t</sup>, Septem<sup>r</sup>, October, Novem<sup>r</sup> and Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779 to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Generals Office as soon as they conveniently can with the Monthly return and States due for January, Febru<sup>y</sup> & March 1780 A Monthly return for the 1<sup>st</sup> of each Month and State for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each.

Head Quarters James Island 23<sup>d</sup> Mar 1780...

#### After Orders

The Commanding Officers of Corps are ordered to notify to the Qua<sup>r</sup> Master Gen<sup>l</sup> before 10 o'clock tomorrow Morning, what Articles consigned to their different Regiments they wish should be brought in Victuallers from on Board the Ceres at Tybee to Stono Inlet.



Reproduction 44<sup>th</sup> Regt., 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. and 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters James Island 25<sup>th</sup> March 1780

List of prom<sup>n</sup> receiv<sup>d</sup> from the War Office...

44<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>...

John Ritchie Gent, to be Ensign vice Starke promoted /B. C./ } 5<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778

Notes: Ens. Ritchie later served as a Lt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co. "B.C." refers to a previously issued blank commission.

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>

Thomas Watts Gent to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice Arch<sup>d</sup> Campbell promoted /B. C./ } 8<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1778

Capt<sup>n</sup> James Frazer to be Maj<sup>r</sup> in the Army } 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1777

Promot<sup>s</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> f<sup>m</sup> the War office continued...

42<sup>d</sup> Regt

James Spens, Gen<sup>n</sup> to be Ensign vice [Alexander] M<sup>c</sup>Gregor promoted } 5<sup>th</sup> June 1778...

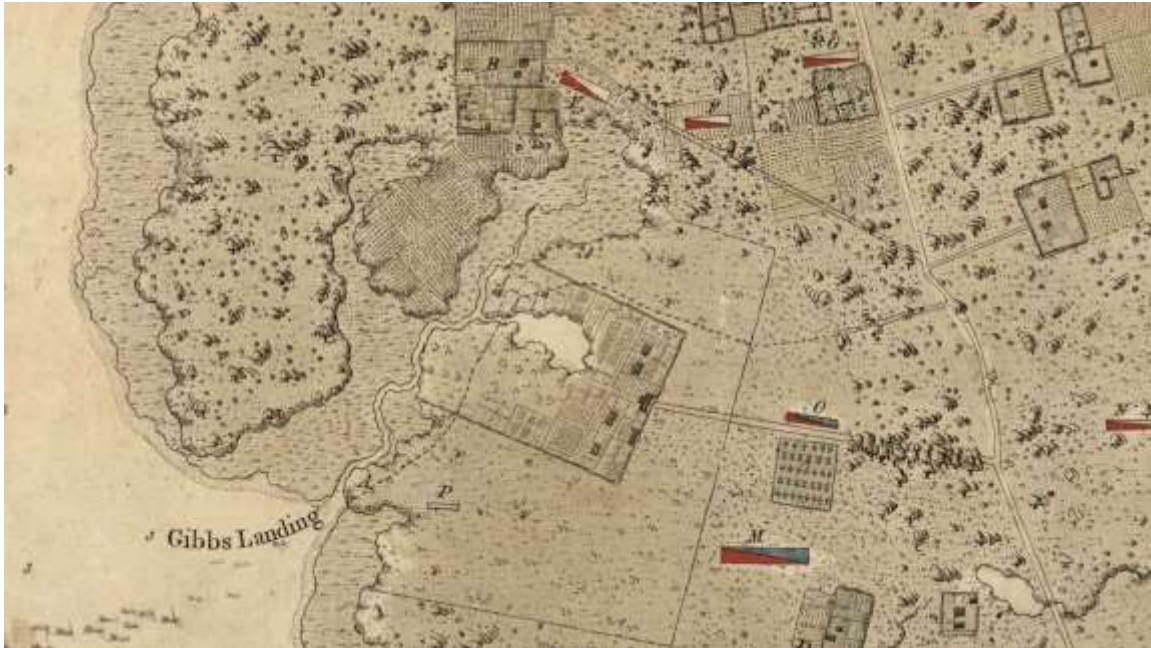
#### Leaves of Absence...

Lieut Robert Franklyn of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 6 months from the Recovery of his Health which has been Certified by his Physician.

Head Quarters James Island 26<sup>th</sup>... [to] 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 1780...

Head Quarters Linings House 28<sup>th</sup>... [to] 29<sup>th</sup> March 1780...

Notes: On March 29, 1780, Gen. Clinton's army crossed the Ashley River from the mainland to the peninsula where the city of Charleston occupies the point of land at the junction of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers.



Detail showing Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Headquarters at *B*, the Brit. Grenadiers at and *F* the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. at *M* from "A sketch of the operations before Charlestown, the capital of South Carolina," 1780 by Joseph F. W. Des Barres

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

Head Quarters Williams's House 30<sup>th</sup> March 1780...

Guards are to be placed on all Buildings by Corps contiguous to them, that the Boards or materials want<sup>d</sup> by the Engineers may not be taken.

Head Quarters Williams's House 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 1780...

A Corps Commanded by Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [James] Webster [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.] will move tomorrow Morning at day break toward the Country under cover of which Foraging parties may be sent out, each party under an Officer, excepting on such occasions no person is to pass the Picquets but by an Order expressly from Head Quarters: The Foragers are to parade at 5 o'Clock in the front of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment.

The several Corps are tomorrow before noon to send their Soldiers who are Carpenters to Cap<sup>t</sup> [James] Moncrieffe commanding Engineer at Gibbs's House, who will employ and pay them as such During the Siege.

It is intended that the Camp Equipage shall be brought to the Army as soon as the Stores more immediately wanted shall have been conveyed across the River, Officers command<sup>g</sup> Corps will therefore be pleased to send directions necessary to those persons in whose care it is on Board their several Transports that no Delay may arise when the Boats go along side to receive it.

Notes: On Mar. 31, 1780, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. sailed from New York as part of the reinforcement ordered by Gen. Clinton.

Head Quarters Williams's House 1<sup>st</sup> April 1780...

The Trenches will be opened this Evening.

The Light Infantry are to form the covering party and will be conducted to the Ground they are to Occupy by Cap<sup>t</sup> Moncrieff.

Working party is requested from the rest of the Army of 3 Field Officers 15 Captains & 1500 privates with Subalterns, and Non Commiss<sup>d</sup> officers in proport<sup>n</sup>.

A Reserve is also to be given of one field Officer five Captains and 500 privates with Likewise Sub<sup>n</sup> and Non Commiss<sup>d</sup> in proportion.

The whole to parade this Evening as follows at 6 o'Clock on the Charlestown Road, the Former with their right to the Hutts of the Light Infantry and fronting Cooper River, the Latter on the left of those.

{ [Hessian] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Otto Christian Wilhelm Von] Linsing [Regt. du Corps]  
 For work<sup>s</sup> Party { Maj<sup>r</sup> [Alexander] M<sup>c</sup>Donald [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]  
                               { Maj<sup>r</sup> [Archibald] M<sup>c</sup>Arthur [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]...

The Commanding Engineer will give his Directions to the working parties, which will be told off by the Major of Brigade into such Detachments as may be required.

On this first and principal operation of the Siege, His Excellency the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief directs that the Troops will evidence their Zeal and good discipline by the strictest Silence, the utmost attention to the Directions of the Engineers and the most animated Exertions in their Works.

#### Detail for the Work

	Cap <sup>s</sup>	Privates
British Grenadiers	5	379
Hessian D <sup>o</sup>	5	551
7 33 <sup>d</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Regim <sup>s</sup>	<u>5</u>	<u>570</u>
Total	<u>15</u>	<u>1500</u>

#### Reserve

	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Privates
British Grenadiers	2	126
Hessian d <sup>o</sup>	2	184
7 <sup>th</sup> 33 <sup>d</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Regim <sup>s</sup>	<u>1</u>	<u>190</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>500...</u>

Head Quarters Williams's House 2<sup>d</sup> April 1780...

A Detachment of 2 Field officers 8 Captains and 800 Men from the Grenadiers British & Hessian to relieve the Light Infantry at the Redoubts, and a Detachment of 1 Field Officers 4 Capt<sup>s</sup> and 400 men for Work from the Line, both with Subalterns and non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers in Proportion will parade this Evening at 6 o'Clock, at the place the working party marched from Yesterday.

Major [Colin] Grahams [16<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Light Infantry with a Capt<sup>n</sup> and 100 Men from the Line will parade on the right of the whole, These with 1 Field Officer and 200 Grenadiers from the Redoubts will form the Covering party.

When the workmen return the Field Officer and 200 Grenadiers are to return to the Redoubts, and the rest of the Covering party into Camp.

The Commanding Engineer will give Directions to the whole as to the hour at which they move and the parts to be occupied...

#### Detail for the Redoubts

	Cap <sup>s</sup>	
British Grenadiers	3	324 Privates
Hessian d <sup>o</sup>	<u>5</u>	<u>476</u>
	<u>8</u>	<u>800</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> 33 <sup>d</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Regiments	4	400 work
D <sup>o</sup>	1	500 Cover <sup>s</sup> party to join [Brevet] Maj <sup>r</sup> [Colin] Graham Light Infantry

#### After Orders

His Majesty has been pleas'd to grant to Cap<sup>t</sup> Moncrieff a Commission of Major in the Army.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief having receiv'd Intimation of his majesty's pleasure as to the memorial of several Field Officers relative to provisional Rank and as to Officers in the regular Troops holding Provincial Commissions, The General has ordered the Secretary of States Letter on that

subject, in date of the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1779 to be Lodged at the Deputy Adj<sup>t</sup> generals Office for the Inspection of Officers who are desirous to know its impart.

His Excellency must in Consequence of the above Letter call upon Officers holding two Commissions to give in the resignation of one of them...

Ad<sup>ml</sup> [Marriot] Arbuthnot has notified to the Commander in Chief, that the Vernon Store Ship is arrived with Naval Stores and with various articles for the Army particularly several Casks with Hatts & Accouterments His Excellency not having Invoices of her Cargo, can give the Army no further information on this Subject, but requires that the regiments will notify what articles they expect in her and which they desire to be Landed at James Island before the ship quits the Post.

Head Quarters Williams's House 3<sup>d</sup> April 1780...

The Several duties of this night are to be by Detachments from the whole Army excepting the 33<sup>d</sup> regiment, Major [Colin] Graham's Light Infantry and Hessian Yagers.

For the Redoubts 2 field Officers 6 Captains & 500 men both with Subalterns and non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers in proportion.

The 33<sup>d</sup> Regiment excepting at Colo [James] Websters direction such men as have to parade for a particular Service on the right of the whole.

The 33<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> not being included in the General detail tonight Major [William] Dansey is of course to do duty in the 33<sup>d</sup> Regiment and not an Detachment.

The place of parade is the same as Yesterday and According to the directions of the Engineers, the Troops are to be put in Motion and disposed of.

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will be pleased to command the whole of the troops on Duty.

Field Off<sup>r</sup> for the Redoubts {Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [John] York [Brit. Grenadiers]  
{Major Campbell ...

Detail	Evening Party		Working Party	
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Priv <sup>e</sup>	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Priv <sup>e</sup>
Light Infantry	2	145	1	120
British Grenad <sup>s</sup>	1	128	1	107
7 <sup>th</sup> and 71 <sup>st</sup> Regim <sup>s</sup>	1	137	1	114
Hess <sup>n</sup> Grenad <sup>s</sup>	2	190	1	159
Total	6	600	5	500

Head Quarters William's House 4<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1780...

Working parties are not to be Dismiss'd untill they have been marked up to the Camp by the Officer Commanding them, and their Tools given in to the Engineers.

The Commander in Chief has to request that no other than publick Officers or such as are on Duty to visit the Works...

Detail	for the Works		Work <sup>g</sup> Party	
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Priv <sup>e</sup>	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Priv <sup>e</sup>
L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	3	230	1	115
Brit Grenadiers	3	205	1	102
7 <sup>th</sup> and 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg	1	218	1	109
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's L <sup>t</sup> Inf		43	1	22
Hess <sup>n</sup> Grenadiers	3	304	1	152
Total	10	1000	5	500

Head Quarters William's House 5<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1780...

Detail for the Trenches for Work



	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Private	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Priv <sup>e</sup>
Light Infantry	3	216	1	108
Britt Grenadiers	2	192	1	96
7 <sup>th</sup> 33 <sup>d</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Regim <sup>t</sup>	2	267	1	134
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's Corps		40		20
Hess <sup>n</sup> Grenadiers	3	285	2	142
Total	10	1000	5	500

The time and place as Yesterday...

Head Quarters William's House 6<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

	Detail for the Trenches		for Work	
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Private	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Priv <sup>e</sup>
Light Infantry	2	216	1	108
Britt Grenadiers	3	192	1	96
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	2	285	2	142
Line	3	267	1	134
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's Corps		40		20
Total	10	1000	5	500

Head Quarters 7 April 1780...

	for the Trenches		for Work	
	Cap <sup>n</sup>	P	Cap <sup>n</sup>	P
Light Infantry	4	234	1	117...
Britt Grenadiers	2	200	1	104...
Line	3	207	1	103
Total	10	1000	5	500...

The Invoice of the Cargo of the Vernon Store Ship is at the Deputy Adjutant Gen<sup>s</sup> office where it may be inspected...

Morning Orders 8<sup>th</sup> April 1780

The Army are to furnish 500 Fascines...The Fascines to be 20 foot long with 10 pickets 10 Foot Long each.

They are to be deposited at the place of parade where an Officer of Engineers will be to receive them.

	Proportion to each
Light Infantry	117
Major Grahams Corps	22
Britt Grenadiers	104
Hessian d <sup>o</sup>	154
Line	103
Total	500...

Head Quarters 8 Ap<sup>l</sup> 1780...

	Detail for the Trenches		Work	
	Cap	Priv <sup>t</sup>	Cap	Priv <sup>t</sup>
Light Infantry	2	234	1	117
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's Corps	1	43		22
B Grenadiers	2	208	2	104
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3	308	2	154
Line	2	207	1	103
Total	10	1000	5	500...

The Paymas<sup>r</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Regiments are requested to assemble at 11 o’Clock tomorrow Morning at Head Quarters, to fix a mode of releasing to the Benefit of the Army the sum arising to the soldiers on Account of the Captured provisions for which they are not to put under Stoppages...

Head Quarters Williams’s 9<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

	Detail for the Trenches		Work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	2	234	1	117
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham’s L.I.		43		22
Britt Grenadiers	3	208	1	104
Hess <sup>n</sup> Grenadiers	2	308	2	154
Line	<u>2</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>103</u>
Total	10	1000	5	500...

[Hessian] Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will Command.

Head Quarters Williams’s House 10<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

Six pence will be paid for every cannon Shott fired by the Enemy which shall be brought to the Artillery Park, and one Shilling for every Dead Shott...

	Detail for the Trenches		For work	
	Cap	P	C	P
Light Infantry	3	234	1	117
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham’s d <sup>o</sup>	1	43		22
Britt Grenadiers	2	208	2	104
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3	308	1	154
Line	<u>1</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>103</u>
Total	10	1000	5	500

Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [Charles] Earl Cornwallis will be pleased to Command.

Head Quarters Williams’s House 11<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

	Detail for the Trenches		work	
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Priv <sup>t</sup>	Cap <sup>t</sup>	private
Light Infantry	3	234	1	117
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham’s		43		22
Britt Grenadiers	2	208	1	104
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3	308	2	154
Line	<u>2</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>103</u>
Total	10	1000	5	500

Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Alexander] Leslie will Command...

Head Quarters Williams’s House 12<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

Officers holding Commissions both regular & provincial and who have not yet made their Option, are requested by the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief Immediately to send in Writing to the Deputy Adj<sup>t</sup> General their Resignation of One Rank.

Report of several Officers respecting Capt<sup>d</sup> [captured] provision agreeable to the directions of the Commander in Chief we have consulted in what we Judge the best method of realising the amount of stoppages for Captured Provisions, and placing the Funds arising therefrom and we are unanimously of Opinion, that the paymas<sup>r</sup> General should retain no more from the subsistence than the amount of stoppages of Crown Provisions and that the amount of Stoppages for Capt<sup>d</sup> provisions should be receiv<sup>d</sup>

by the paymas<sup>rs</sup> of the several Reg<sup>s</sup> and paid by them into the hands of any Person, that his Excell<sup>y</sup> the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief shall please to appoint to receive it from them.

/Signed/	W <sup>m</sup> Dansey	Major	Reg <sup>t</sup> 33 <sup>d</sup>
	Jn <sup>o</sup> Harrison	P.M.R.F	
	Jn <sup>o</sup> Grant	P.M. 1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	71 <sup>st</sup>
	Tho <sup>s</sup> Frazir	P.M. 2 <sup>d</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
	Geo. Townshind Ass <sup>t</sup> Comm <sup>y</sup> General		

Agreeable to the directions of the Commander in Chief we have Consulted &c. &c. &c.

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief approves of the above opinion and requests a Field officer from each of the following Corps Viz Light Infantry

Britt. Grenadiers

Hessian Grenadiers and four regiments of the 3<sup>d</sup> Line will assemble at Head Quarters tomorrow Morning and decide on what manner it shall be disposed of. The General has observed that from Neglect of burying the Offals of Cattle many of the Camps are unwholesome and Offensive His Excellency desires attention may be paid in this matter...

	Detail for the Trenches		For Work	
	Cap	P	Cap <sup>t</sup>	P
Light Infantry	2	234	2	117
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's	1	43		22
Britt Grenadiers	2	208	1	104
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3	308	1	154
Line	<u>2</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>103</u>
Total	10	1000	5	500

[Hessian] Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will command.

Head Quarters Williams's House 13<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

	Detail For the Trenches		for Work	
	Cap	P	Cap <sup>t</sup>	P
Light Infantry	2	219	1	106
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's		40		19
Britt Grenadiers	2	194	1	94
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	2	228	2	138
7 <sup>th</sup> and 71 <sup>st</sup> Regim <sup>s</sup>	1	142		93
Yagers	<u>1</u>	<u>117</u>		
	8	1000	4	450

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis will please to take the Command of the troops and Duty...

Head Quarters Williams's House 14<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1780...

Detail	for the Trenches		For Work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	3	229	1	106
Graham's		42		19
B. Grenadiers	2	204	2	94
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	302	1	139
Line	<u>2</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>142</u>
	10	1000	5	500

Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will Command...

Head Quarters Williams's House 15<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1780...

Detail	for the Trenches		For Work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	2	231	2	106
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>	1	43		19
Britt Grenadiers	3	205	1	94
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	326	1	139
Line	<u>2</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>142</u>
	10	1000	5	500

[Hessian] Major Gen [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will Command

Head Quarters Williams's House 16<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1780...

Detail	for the Trenches		For Work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	2	213	1	106
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's d <sup>o</sup>		39		29
Britt Grenadiers	2	190	1	95
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	280	1	140
Line	<u>2</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>139</u>
	10	1000	5	500

Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [Charles] Earl Cornwallis will please to Command.

Head Quarters Williams's House 17<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

Detail	for the Trenches		For work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	2	237	2	85
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>	1	43		18
Britt Grenadiers	2	186	1	76
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	4	311	1	112
Line	<u>1</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>109</u>
	10	1000	5	500

Major General [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will Command...

Head Quarters Williams's House 18 April 1780

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the follow<sup>g</sup> Promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

Ens<sup>n</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Grant to be Lieut vice [John] Robertson promoted 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 79.

Ens<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Frazer to be Lieut vice Lud [Normand M<sup>c</sup>Leod] promoted 25 d<sup>o</sup>.

James Ashton [Alston] Volun<sup>r</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [Alexander] Grant promoted 24 d<sup>o</sup>.

W<sup>m</sup> Frazier Volun<sup>r</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice W<sup>m</sup> Frazer D<sup>o</sup> 25 d<sup>o</sup>.

David Sutherland Volunteer to be Ensign vice [Henry] Graham 2 Feb 79...

70<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieut John Meredith to be Captain vice [Patrick] Ferguson prom<sup>d</sup> ... } 25<sup>th</sup> Octo 1779

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Major Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Donald to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [1<sup>st</sup> Battn.] vice Colo Maitland Deceased } d<sup>o</sup>

Cap<sup>t</sup> Patrick Ferguson from 70<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Maj<sup>r</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> Battn.] vice } d<sup>o</sup>

M<sup>c</sup>Donald Promoted }

Lieu <sup>t</sup> Rob Duncanson to be Cap <sup>t</sup> [1 <sup>st</sup> Battn.] vice [Hamilton] Maxwell prom <sup>d</sup>	12 Nov 1778
Cap <sup>t</sup> Lieu <sup>t</sup> [Harry] Munroe to be Cap <sup>t</sup> [1 <sup>st</sup> Battn.] vice [Norman] M <sup>c</sup> Leod prom <sup>d</sup>	2 Feb. 1779
Lieu <sup>t</sup> John Robertson from 42 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Cap <sup>t</sup> [2 <sup>nd</sup> Battn.] vice	} 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1779
M <sup>c</sup> Intosh, deceased	}
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Norm <sup>n</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Leod from 42 <sup>d</sup> Regiment to be Captain-Lieuten <sup>t</sup> [1 <sup>st</sup> Battn.]	} 25 D <sup>o</sup>
vice [Harry] Munroe Promoted.	}
Ensign William Ogilvie to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice Duncanson promoted	} 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep <sup>t</sup> 79
Ensign John Wilson to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice [Roderick] Murchinson kill'd	20 d <sup>o</sup>
Duncan M <sup>c</sup> Greggor Volunteer to be Ensign vice Ogilvie promoted	} 19 Sep 79
Angus Cameron Volunt <sup>r</sup> to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice Wilson promo <sup>d</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
Roderick M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie Volun <sup>r</sup> to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice M <sup>c</sup> Intosh killd	21 d <sup>o</sup> ...

Detail	for the Trenches		For Work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	2	250	2	190
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's		50		13
Brit Grenadiers	3	250	1	51
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	300	1	147
Line	<u>1</u>	<u>150</u>		<u>99</u>
	10	1000	5	500

[Hessian] Major Gen [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will Command

Notes: Capt. Harry Munro was a former Lt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. He was replacing Capt. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, who had been promoted to Major in the 73<sup>rd</sup> (MacLeod's Highland) Regt. By the time of this order Maj. MacLeod had already been promoted again to be Lt. Col. of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. as of March 1780. MacLeod should not be confused with Lt. Normand M<sup>c</sup>Leod of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. who is also listed in this order to replace Harry Munro as Capt. Lt. in the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. arrived off Charleston on April 18, 1780 as part of a reinforcement Gen. Sir Henry Clinton had ordered from New York.

Head Quarters Williams's House 19<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

Detail	for the Trenches		For work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	2	250	2	90
M. Graham's	1	50		13
Brit Grenadiers	2	250	1	51
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	4	300	1	147
Line	<u>1</u>	<u>150</u>		<u>99</u>
	10	1000	4	400

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis Will please to Command.

The date of Capt<sup>n</sup> [Robert] Duncanson's [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] Commiss<sup>n</sup> is the 12<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778 and not the 30<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> as put by mistake in Yesterdays orders.

Head Quarters Williams's House 20<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

The Officers of Artillery Commanding the Batteries will each day be informed by the Commanding Engineer, to what point fire is to be Directed, and what times Guns or Mortars are to be fired and the officers Command<sup>g</sup> in the several Batteries are in this respect to observe the directions of the Commanding Engineer.

Detail	for the Trenches		For Work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P

Light Infantry	4	250	1	90
Maj <sup>r</sup> Graham's d <sup>o</sup>		50		13
Brit Grenadiers	3	300	1	51
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	300	1	147
Line	1	150	1	99
	10	1000	4	400

Maj<sup>r</sup> General [Hon Alexander] Leslie will Command...

Head Quarters Williams's House 21<sup>st</sup> April 1780...

	Detail for the Trenches		for Work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	2	250	1	90
Graham's	1	50		13
Brit Grenadiers	3	250	1	51
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3	300	1	147
Line	1	150	1	99
	10	1000	4	400

[Hessian] Major General [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will command.

Head Quarters Williams's House 22<sup>d</sup> April 1780...

	Detail for the Trenches		for Work	
	Cap	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	3	250	1	90
Major Graham's		50		13
British Grenadiers	3	250	2	51
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	300	1	147
Line	1	150		99
	10	1000	4	400...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen [Charles] Earl Cornwallis will please to Command.

Head Quarters Williams House 23<sup>d</sup> April 1780...

	Detail For the Trenches		For the Works	
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	P	Cap <sup>t</sup>	P
L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	3	216	1	82
Major Graham's		40	1	15
Britt Grenadiers	2	193	1	75
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	285	1	108
Line	1	148		79
42 Regiment	1	118		41
	10	1000	4	400

Major Gen [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will Command.

Note: This order reflects the first time the Royal Highlanders are listed for duty at Charleston.

Head Quarters Williams House 24<sup>th</sup> April 1780...

F. O. [field officer] for the Trenches { [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Duncan] MacPherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]  
{ Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Henry] Hope [44<sup>th</sup> Regt./Gren. Battalion]

Detail For the Trenches		For the Works	
Cap <sup>t</sup>	P	Cap <sup>t</sup>	P

L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	2	166		52
Graham's		40		15
Britt Grenad <sup>s</sup>	2	193	1	75
Hess <sup>n</sup> Grenad <sup>s</sup>	3	285	2	108
Line	1	148	1	79
42 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	1	118		41
63 <sup>d</sup>	1	50		30
	10	1000	4	400

[Hessian] Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kespoth will Command...

After Orders 4 o'Clock

An Additional Detachment of 2 Capt<sup>s</sup> & 200 Men with Subalterns and non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers in proportion to parade this Evening for the Trenches.

	Detail For the Trenches		For the Works	
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	P	Cap	P
Light Infantry	1	51		4
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>	1	10		1
British Grenadiers		45		6
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	1	67		10
Line		49		6
42 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>		28		3
	3	250		30

The 63<sup>d</sup> not being ordered to take any part of the Duties to night their proportion is added to the above Details.

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. at Charleston was commanded by Maj. Charles Graham, Younger of Drynie, and not by Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson. Although Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson ranked as a captain and company commander in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., he held a brevet Lt. Colonelcy "*in the army*" and accordingly was assigned field officer duties. Gen. Sir Henry Clinton rebuked the conduct of Lt. Col. M<sup>c</sup>Pherson for this duty for failing to adequately stop the troops from firing at false alarms. Clinton wrote in his journal of the siege: "*Examined, not formally however, Col. Hope, Col. MacPherson of 42; it appears that part of the second parallel did fire; they both confess it. Col. Hope says it was the Hessians, Col. MacPherson does not know which. I did not think it right publicly to condemn, though these gentlemen must have been very NEGLIGENT to have suffered such INFAMOUS CONDUCT...*" (Ref: Clinton's *Charleston Journal*, p. 167.)

Head Quarters Williams House 25<sup>th</sup> April 1780

	Detail For the Trenches		For the Works	
	Cap <sup>t</sup>	P	Cap <sup>t</sup>	P
Light Infantry	3	244	1	78
Grahams D <sup>o</sup>	1	47		15
B. Grenadiers	3	218	2	69
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3	322	1	102
7 <sup>th</sup> and 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>s</sup>	1	170		73
42 <sup>d</sup> Regiment		133		42
63 <sup>d</sup>	1	66		21
	12	1200	4	400

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Paterson will Command...

After Orders

The working party ordered this day will parade as follows

This Evening		tomorr <sup>w</sup> Morning	
Cap	P	C	P



Light Infantry	1	39		39
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>		7		8
Brit Grenadiers	1	34	1	35
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>		51	1	51
7 <sup>th</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>s</sup>		37		36
42 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup>		21		21
63 <sup>d</sup>		11		10
	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>

In future the Hour of Parade will be at 7 O'Clock.

Head Quarters Williams's House 26<sup>th</sup> April 1780

	Detail For the Trenches		Even <sup>g</sup> Work		tom <sup>w</sup> morn <sup>g</sup>	
	C	P	C	P...	C	P
Light Infantry	3	244	1	39		39
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>		47		7		8
B Grenad	3	218		34	1	35
Hess <sup>n</sup>	3	322	1	51	1	51
7 <sup>th</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	2	170		21		21
42 <sup>d</sup>	1	133		21		21
63 <sup>d</sup>		66		11		10
	<u>12</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>

Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will Command.

Head Quarters Williams's House 27<sup>th</sup> April 1780

	Detail For the Trenches		Even <sup>g</sup> Work		tom <sup>w</sup> morn <sup>g</sup> Work	
	C	P	C	P	C	P
Lig <sup>t</sup> Infantry	3	251	1	40		39
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>	1	47		8		8
British Gren <sup>s</sup>	2	216	1	30	1	31
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	332		52	1	52
7 <sup>th</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	2	148		37		38
42 <sup>d</sup>	1	138		22		21
63 <sup>d</sup>	1	68		11		11
	<u>12</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>

[Hessian] Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will Command.

Head Quarters Williams's House 28<sup>th</sup> April 1780

	Detail For the Trenches		Work this Evening		Work tom <sup>w</sup> morn <sup>g</sup>	
	C	P	C	P	C	P
Light Infantry	3	244		39	1	39
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>	1	47		7		8
Brit Grenad <sup>s</sup>	4	218		34		35
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3	332	1	51	1	51
7 <sup>th</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	1	170	1	37		36
42 <sup>d</sup>	1	133		21		21
63 <sup>d</sup>		60		11		10
	<u>12</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Patterson will Command.

### After Orders

The Carpenters who have been Employed in the Engineers Department are to return to their different Regiments.

Sappers and miners being now required for the Department to Major Moncrieff commanding Engineer they will receive daily pay in their Capacities.

### Morning Orders 29 April 1780

4000 Fascines are wanted with all possible Expedition. They are to be 5 foot long and to be thicker regarding to the common Proportions, The Corps by sending to [Engineer] Major [James] Moncrieffe will receive further Directions in this matter.

Corps	N <sup>o</sup> of Fascines
Light Infantry	765
Grahams Corps	140
Brit Grenadiers	707
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	993
7 <sup>th</sup> 63 <sup>d</sup> 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>s</sup>	<u>413</u>
	4000

### Head Quarters Williams House 29<sup>th</sup> April 1780

	Detail For the Trenches			Work this Evening		Work tommorow Morning			
	C	S	P	C	S	P	C	S	P
Light Infantry	3	5	243	1	1	39		1	39
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>		1	49			7			7
B Grenad <sup>s</sup>	3	5	213		1	36	1	1	35
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	6	333	1		50		1	50
7 63 & 71 <sup>st</sup>	2	5	237		1	47	1	1	48
42 <sup>d</sup>	1	2	125		1	21			21
	12	24	1200	2	4	200	2	4	200

Major Gen [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will Command...

### Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> Williams's House 30<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1780

F.O. for the Trenches { ...[Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]

For Work Major [Charles] Graham 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Detail For the Trenches	Work		Work	
	C	P	C	P
Light Infantry	3	239		38
Graham's Corps	1	50		7
B Grenad <sup>s</sup>	3	208		36
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	320	1	49
7 63 & 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>s</sup>	2	232	1	49
42 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>		<u>123</u>		<u>21</u>
	12	1200	2	200

[Hessian] Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen [Henrich Julius von] Kespoth will Command.

### Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> Williams's House 1<sup>st</sup> May 1780...

A Piquet consisting of 2 Captains & 200 Private men with Subalterns and Non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers in proportion will parade this Evening with the Detachment for the Lines.

	Lines		Picquet		work at night		morn <sup>g</sup> work	
	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P
L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	2	190	1	30		39	1	38
Graham's		41		7		7		7
B Grenad <sup>s</sup>	2	178	1	36	1	35		36
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	3	263		50	1	50	1	49
7 <sup>th</sup> 63 <sup>d</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup>	2	209		40		49	1	49
	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2	200

Brig<sup>r</sup> General [James] Patterson will Command

Head Quarters Williams House 2 May 1780...

	Lines		Picquet		Night		Work		C
	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	Morn <sup>g</sup>	
L <sup>t</sup> Infan <sup>y</sup>	3	190		38	1	39			38
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>		41		7	1	7			7
B Grenad <sup>s</sup>	3	178		36		35			36
Hessian D <sup>o</sup>	2	263	1	50		50	1		49
7 63 & 71 <sup>st</sup>	1	209	1	40		49			49
42 <sup>d</sup>		119		21		20			21
	10	1000	2	200		2	2		200

Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will Command.

Head Quarters Williams House 3<sup>d</sup> May 1780

A Field Officer from the British will in the future visit the General Hosp<sup>l</sup> every Morning about the Hour of ten o'Clock and report any Extraordinaries that may happen to the Commander in Chief.

One Subaltern and thirty men from the morning Working party and in future to be sent to the Artillery Park, He will receive his orders from the Commanding Officer of Artillery.

C	Detail		Work		Night	morn <sup>g</sup>	
	Lines	Picquet				P	
P	C	P	C		P	C	P
Light Infan <sup>y</sup>	2	190	1	38		39	1
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>		41		7		7	
Brit Grenad <sup>s</sup>	3	178		36	1	35	
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	263		50		50	1
7 63 & 71	2	209		40	1	49	
42 <sup>d</sup>		119	1	21		20	
	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2
							200

[Hessian] Major General [Henrich Julius von] Kespoth will Command...

Head Quar<sup>s</sup> Williams's House 4<sup>th</sup> May 1780

A General Court Martial consisting of three Field Officers and ten Captains will assemble tomorrow Morning at ten o'Clock in the Encampment of the Royal Fusileers for the Trial of such prisoners as may be brought before it.

Lieut. Col. [Alured] Clarke [7<sup>th</sup> Fuzileers] President...  
Maj<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Arthur 71<sup>st</sup> }  
Light Infantry 2 }  
Brit Grenad<sup>s</sup>... 2 } Members

42<sup>d</sup>... 1 }  
71<sup>st</sup> 2 }...

	Lines		Detail Picquet		Night		Work Morn <sup>s</sup>	
C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	
L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	2	174		36	1	36		36
Graham's d <sup>o</sup>		38	1	6		6		6
B Grenad <sup>s</sup>	2	167	1	33		34		33
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	243		46	1	46		47
7 63 64 & 71	3	266		59		59	1	58
42 <sup>d</sup>		112		20		19	1	20
	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2	200

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Patterson will Command.

His Excellency the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief wishes the Field Officers who have Assembled on the occasion to give their opinion upon the following proposition Viz

1<sup>st</sup> First: to determine into whose hands the money arising from the saving of provisions issued by the Commissary of Captures cattle shall be paid...

Ans<sup>r</sup> Into Lieu<sup>t</sup> [William] Grattons of the 64<sup>th</sup> Reim<sup>t</sup> to whom it is proposed to make an allowance of ten shillings *P* Diem for his Trouble to be charged against the Saving.

2<sup>nd</sup> Whether it shall be distributed to the Regiments at large, or that the whole or part shall be funded for the Relief of Widows or Orphans.

Ans<sup>r</sup> ...shall remit to the Commanding officer of each Corps, on the present Expedition their proportions according to their several Strengths, of two thirds of the whole sum that may be saved which shall be disposed of at their Discretion in the first instance, for the relief of such Objects in their own Corps, as may be deserving and then for the Benefit of the non Commiss<sup>d</sup> officers & Soldiers indiscriminately...and that the remaining third should be reserved ...to answer such Demands as may be made upon the above mentioned board upon the recommendation of His Excellency the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief, Lieu<sup>t</sup> General Earl Cornwallis, or any of the General Officers serving upon the Expedition...

3<sup>rd</sup> If it is funded to appoint a Board of a British a Hessian and a provincial Officers to direct the Expenditures &c...

Ans<sup>r</sup> Major [Archibald] M<sup>c</sup>Arthur of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment for the British, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col [William] Linsing of the Grenadiers for the Hessians, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col Trumbell of the New York Volunteers for the Provincials are appointed a Board to review and inspect the Accounts...

4<sup>th</sup> To settle upon what Recommendations, such a Board is to administer Relief...

Ans<sup>r</sup> Already answered in the Reply to the 2<sup>d</sup> article.

/Signed/ Alyred Clarke L<sup>t</sup> Col Roy<sup>l</sup> Fusileers [7<sup>th</sup> Fuzileers]  
Henry Hope L<sup>t</sup> Col 1<sup>st</sup> Bat<sup>n</sup> B.G. [British Grenadiers]  
W<sup>m</sup> Graff Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Hessian Grenadiers]  
Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Donald L<sup>t</sup> Col 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> [1<sup>st</sup> Battn.]  
Archi<sup>d</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Arthur Maj<sup>r</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> Battn.]  
Will<sup>m</sup> Linsing Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Hessian Grenadiers]  
Jn Yorke Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> B. G.  
R. Abercrombie Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry]  
J. Graves Simcoe L. Colo: Q.R.  
Thomas Dundass L<sup>t</sup> Colo. 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry

Head Quarters Williams House 5<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

C	Lines		Picquet		Night		Morn <sup>g</sup>	
	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	
L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	2	174		36	1	36		36
Graham's d <sup>o</sup>		38	1	6		6		6
Brit Grenad <sup>s</sup>	2	167	1	33		34		33
Hessian D <sup>o</sup>	3	243		46	1	46		47
7 <sup>th</sup> 63 <sup>d</sup> 64, & 71 <sup>3</sup>		266		59		59	1	58
42 <sup>d</sup>		112		20		19	1	20
	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2	200

Major General [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will Command.

The 42<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> the provis<sup>n</sup> Guard tomorrow of 1 Sub Of 1 Serj. and 20 privates...

Head Quarters Williams's House 6 May 80...

C	Lines		Picquets		Night work		Morn <sup>g</sup>	
	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	
L <sup>t</sup> Infan <sup>y</sup>	3	174		36		36	1	36
Graham's d <sup>o</sup>		38		6	1	6		6
Brit Grenad <sup>s</sup>	3	167	1	33		34		33
Hess <sup>n</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	3	243	1	46	1	46		47
7 63 64, & 71 <sup>st</sup>	1	266		59		59	1	58
42 <sup>d</sup>		112		20		19	1	20
	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2	200

[Hessian] Major General [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will Command.

The Commander in Chief requests that the Officers for duty in the Trenches, will come to the parade at the same time with their Men and remain with their respective Divisions.

Head Quarters Williams's House 7<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

Field Officer for the Trenches { [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] McPherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]  
{ Maj<sup>r</sup> Graham

	Lines		Picquet		Night		Work		Morning
	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	
L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	3	191	1	36		36			36
Graham's D <sup>o</sup>		37		6		6			6
B Grenadiers	2	164		33	1	34			33
Hess <sup>n</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	2	239		46	1	46	1		47
7 63 <sup>d</sup> 64 <sup>th</sup> 71 <sup>st</sup>	3	260		59		59	1		58
42 <sup>d</sup>		109		20		19			20
	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2		200

Brig<sup>r</sup> General [James] Patterson will Command...

Head Quarters Williams's House 8<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

	Lines		Pickets		Night		Morn <sup>g</sup>		C
	P	C	P	C	P	C	P		
L <sup>t</sup> Infantry	2	191		36	1	36			36
Graham's d <sup>o</sup>	1	37		6		6			6
B Grenad <sup>s</sup>	2	164		33		34	1		33
Hessians	2	239	1	46	1	46	1		47

7 63 <sup>d</sup> 64 <sup>th</sup> 71 <sup>st</sup>	2	260	1	59		59		58
42 <sup>d</sup>	1	109		20		19		20
	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2	200

Major Gen [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will Command...

The Detachment of the Royal Fuziliers doing duty with the Royal Artillery of 1S 1S 1C & 20P to be reliev'd tomorrow by the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment...

Head Quarters Williams's House 9 May 1780...

	Lines		Piquet		Night		Morn <sup>g</sup>	
	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P...
Total	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2	200

[Hessian] Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth will Command.

Head Quarters Williams House 10 May 1780...

	Lines		Piquet		Night		Morn <sup>g</sup>	
	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P...
Total	10	1000	2	200	2	200	2	200

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen [James] Patterson will Command.

Provis<sup>n</sup> Guard Tomorrow 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment.



Detail showing the British Siege works from "A sketch of the operations before Charlestown, the capital of South Carolina," 1780 by Joseph F. W. Des Barres

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

Head Quarters Williams's House 11<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

To Visit the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo. M<sup>c</sup>Donald...

	Lines		Piquet		Night		Works		Morn <sup>g</sup>	
	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P...

Total	<u>10</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>
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The Field Officers Commanding in the Trenches will with the advice of the commanding Officer of artillery and Commanding Officer of Engineers on the spot, give such orders relative to the Firing of Cannon and small Arms as he shall judge necessary. And the Officer commanding in the Batteries manned by the Royal Navy are requested by His Excellency in this particular the instructions of the Field Officer.

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will command...

After Orders.

The Army is to be under arms tomorrow Morning at 9 o'Clock.

A Company from the British and one from the Hessian Grenadiers with two Fieldpieces f<sup>m</sup> each service, will parade tomorrow at Nine o'clock on the Charlestown Road, near the Redoubt N<sup>o</sup> 3 in order to march into the town and take possession of the Horn Work.

The several departments will send proper persons into the Town with their detachments to receive from the Officers corresponding departments of the Enemy all Artillery, public stores, Forage, and provisions, but they are to take possession of no other articles except that will be delivered to their Charge...

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 63<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> are destined to be part of the Garrison of Charlestown and are to form tomorrow at 11 o'Clock between the 2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Parallel. Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Leslie will give all further orders to the detachments of Grenadiers and to these regiments and will occupy the Town...

Notes: The Rebel army under Maj. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln defending Charleston surrendered, and this order provides direction to the British army to take possession of Charleston.

Head Quarters Williams's House 12<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Colonel William Dalrymple to be Quar<sup>r</sup> Master General to the Army in North America, serving in the Colonies lying upon the coast of the Atlantic 12<sup>th</sup> November 1779

Head Quar<sup>rs</sup> Charlestown Neck 13<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

The Commander in Chief receives the highest pleasure in giving the Army, by whose courage and Toil he has reduced this important place, the Tribute of praise and of gratitude they so well deserve.

His Excellency presents his warmest thanks to Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, Major Generals [Hon. Alexander] Leslie and [Hessian Maj. Gen. Johann Christoph von] Huyne, [Hessian Maj. Gen. Henrich Julius von ] Kospoth and Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Paterson for their animated Services during the Siege. To the officers and Soldiers of the Royal Artillery, and of every Corps British and Hessian of the Yagers and to Cap<sup>t</sup> [George Keith] Elphinstone and the Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy who have acted with us on shore, his Excellency also addresses the assurance that he holds himself under the most permanent obligation to them, for having so well seconded in their Spirited efforts, all his Operations.

His Excellency further expresses his great Obligation to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [James] Webster [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.], and the Corps he broke in upon the most essential of the Rebel communications and particularly to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Banastre] Tarleton and [Loyalist] Corps of Cavalry, to the infantry of the British Legion, for the Soldierly conduct and Gallantry what gave them such Brilliant Advantage over the Enemy.

To Major [Patrick] Ferguson the General declares himself much Indebted for his great activity and good Services, and particularly for the useful application made of his Talents in Field Fortification.

But to Major [James] Moncreiff [Engineers], who plann'd and conducted the Siege, with great Judgment, such unrelaxed Assiduity, and so much intrepidity, and to the very capable officers under him, as well as to every other person in his department, His Excellency could wish to convey Impressions of his gratitude, greater than he is able to Express.

Field Officer for the Lines; Major [Archibald] M<sup>c</sup>Arthur [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]...

Detail

Cap<sup>t</sup>

Private



British Grenad <sup>s</sup>	1	84
Hessian d <sup>o</sup>	2	118
71 Regiment		98
	3	300

Head Quarters Williams's House 14<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

Detail	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Private
M Grahams Corps	1	17
British Grenadiers	1	87
Hessian D <sup>o</sup>	1	122
71 <sup>st</sup> Regiment		74
	3	300

After Orders.

As several of the Arms taken in Charlestown have been brought into Camp, The General desires the Commanding Officers of Corps will cause a strict Search to be made for them and return them to the Artillery Store in Charlestown, several of the Engineers tools have been taken away during the Siege, these are also to be collected and sent to the Engineer Encampment. The commanding Officers of Corps are to send a written report to the General of their having inforced this order. His Excellency requests that the commanding Officers of Corps will endeavor to prevent Stragglers and followers of the army from firing small arms near the Encampm<sup>t</sup> and confine any body found guilty of such Irregularity.

Notes: The next day as the muskets were being loaded into the magazine, a major explosion occurred, killing Lt. Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Leod, Corp. Donald M<sup>c</sup>Pherson and Pvt. Donald M<sup>c</sup>Cuman of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters Williams's House 15... [to] 16 May 1780...

Head Quarters 17<sup>th</sup> May 1780 Morn<sup>g</sup> Orders

As there will be captured effects to be divided between the Navy and the Army, the Commander in Chief requests, the Field Officers will assemble at Twelve O'clock this day at Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Alured] Clarke's quarters in Charlestown to choose one or more persons to adjust matters with the Gentlemen, whom the Navy will appoint to settle the distribution to the troops according to their several ranks.

Officers who were intitled to embark Horses, and who have Lost them on the passage are desired to send returns of them immediately to the Adjutant Generals Office.

Head Quarters Williams's House 17<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 18<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

Head Quarters 19<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

Captain Augustine Prevost of the 60<sup>th</sup> Regiment is appointed Deputy inspector General of Provincials.

It is the Commander in Chiefs positive orders that no prisoners be enlisted.

Head Quarters Williams's house 20... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

Head Quarters Williams House 29<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

After Orders.

The troops destined for the expedition are to embark as follows:

The Jagers tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock from Drayton's Wharf

The British and Hessian Grenadiers at 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning from Drayton's Wharf and two adjoining Wharves right & left.

The remainder of the Troops from the same places Thursday Morning.  
 The Wounded and Convalescents are to be embarked on Thursday at such place as shall be directed by Doctor Hayes with Capt<sup>n</sup> Franklin.



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quar<sup>s</sup> Williams's house 30<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment:

Ensign [John] Young to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice [Alexander] M <sup>c</sup> Leod, kill'd	15 <sup>th</sup> May 1780
Volun <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Dickinson [Dickson] to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice young promo <sup>d</sup>	d <sup>o</sup> ...

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment

Ens <sup>n</sup> Angus M <sup>c</sup> Donald to be Lieut. vice [David] Ross promoted	18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 79
Volun <sup>r</sup> John Forbes to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice M <sup>c</sup> Donald	22 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup>
Ens <sup>n</sup> James Flint to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> , vice [Andrew] Dunlap promoted	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 1779
Volun <sup>r</sup> Oenise [Aeneas] M <sup>c</sup> Leod to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice Flint promoted	d <sup>o</sup>
Ens <sup>n</sup> M [Magnus] Murchison to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice [Donald or Henry] M <sup>c</sup> Pherson kill'd	18 D <sup>o</sup>
Ens <sup>n</sup> D [Donald] M <sup>c</sup> Pherson to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice [Thomas] Taws killed	19 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>
Volun <sup>r</sup> Malcolm Grant to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice M <sup>c</sup> Pherson prom <sup>d</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
Volun <sup>r</sup> John Grant to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice [Colin] M <sup>c</sup> Vean deceased	20 D <sup>o</sup>

Head Quarters Williams's house 31<sup>st</sup> May 1780...

Head Quarters William's house 1<sup>st</sup> June 1780...

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief congratulates the Army in the success that has attended the Corps in the back country under the command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis...

Each Regiment is allowed to take on board 10 Negroes as Pioneers attached to the Corps, these Negroes are to be such whose Masters were not at the same time of their joining the Army under the protection of Government. The Commander in Chief desires that Officers commanding on board the several Transports will make themselves answerable that no Negroes are taken away without his consent.

Those attached to Regiments as pioneers are to be delivered up for the Public service when call'd for...



Detail from "A sketch of the operations before Charlestown, the capital of South Carolina," 1780  
by Joseph F. W Des Barres

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

Head Quarters Charles Town 2<sup>d</sup> June 1780...

When the Transports shall have fallen down from the Town a Signal will be made for all Masters to come On board the Agents Ship John. The several Officers commanding in the Transports will be pleased to send the Deputy Adjutant General a Report that every necessary search has been made and they believe no Negroes are kept on Board each ship except according to the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chiefs regulation in the order of the 1<sup>st</sup> June...

Notes: The gap in the orders from June 2-26 is due to Gen. Clinton sailing from Charleston to New York, taking among other units, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., the British Grenadiers and the Light Infantry.

While serving under Gen. Knyphausen as a Brigade commander, Brevet Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col. of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.) was severely injured with a leg wound leading the van of Gen. Von Knyphausen's advance on the city of Springfield, New Jersey on June 7, 1780.

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.



Detail of Portrait of Robert Abercromby, 1788 by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Art Gallery of South Australia*

## Lt. Col. Robert Abercromby's Orders, Lt. Infantry and 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., Goose Creek and Moncks Corner, South Carolina May 21 – June 2, 1780

[Lt. Col. Abercromby's Orders] 21<sup>th</sup> May 1780 Goos Creed

### Orders

Collonal [Robert] Abercromby [37<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf.] is Determined that this Detachment on this Excursion Shall Leve well wen Rebels Provisions are to be Found

But Plundring, Marading and other Aregularitys by nomens [no means] will be Suffered and he relies on Commanding officers of Corps bringing all a Fenders [offenders] to Emedit [immediate] Punnishment in order that Cattle or other provisions Can be Collected in a regular manner –

Propper Partes will be Sent out for this Porposs, Quarter Marster Sutherland as Commassary, will Receve all Provisions and will Issue the Same to the Corps –

Lu<sup>t</sup>. Collonal Abercromby is Confidt the Commanding officers will bring to Immedate Punnashment aney man that Shall befound guilty of Plundring – Marading, or aney aregularitys –

the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment is to join the Light infantry by 10 OClock this Night – at wich hour the woll [whole] are to march –

the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>: of Light Infantry give the rear Guard

Note: Lt. Col. Robert Abercromby, 37<sup>th</sup> Regt and Lt. Inf. Commander was ordered to take a separate command consisting of both battalions of light infantry and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders to Goose Creek, S.C., located about 18 miles north of Charleston.

Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders 22<sup>d</sup>. May 1780 –

For Picquet this Evening Capt<sup>n</sup> [William] Gore [33<sup>rd</sup>] Lieu<sup>ts</sup> [Henry] Pottingher [37<sup>th</sup>] & [Hugh] Wallace [22<sup>nd</sup>], –

For Picquet tomorrow morning Capt<sup>n</sup> [Donald] Campble [74<sup>th</sup>], Lieut<sup>s</sup> [Robert] Potts [42<sup>nd</sup>] & [Thomas] Nichol [33<sup>rd</sup>] –

Detail	S	C	P
Picquet to Night	1		8
D <sup>o</sup> to Morrow		1	9

for Guard Imm <sup>d</sup>		1	1
Total	1	2	18
<u>Serj<sup>t</sup> Campbl Orderly</u>			

[Lt. Col. Abercromby's Orders] Monks Corner 23<sup>d</sup> May 1780 –  
Three Days rum, flower & a proportion of Salt Will be Eshewed [issued] this Evning At the Church –

Note: Moncks Corner is about 32 miles north of Charleston.

L<sup>t</sup> Coll [Robert] Abercromby [37<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf.] has [illegible words] Country to bring The Kings troops for Sale to the Above price, therefor Requests off<sup>rs</sup> Upon Duty, on the Diff<sup>r</sup> Rhoads Will Send an Non Comm<sup>d</sup> off<sup>r</sup> to Conduct them Unmolested to the Market  
For Picquet tomorrow morning Capt<sup>n</sup> [Eyre] Coote [37<sup>th</sup>] Lieut<sup>s</sup> [Zachariah] Hall [70<sup>th</sup>] & [James] Stewart [42<sup>nd</sup>] –

The Morning parade in future will be at 8 O Clock –

Detail	S	C	P
Picquet			6

[1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry] Battlion Morning Orders 24<sup>th</sup> May 1780  
A Courtmartell to assemble at the presedants Wigwam at 10 OClock  
Captain [Donald] Campble [74<sup>th</sup>] President  
Lieut<sup>s</sup> [Robert] Potts [42<sup>nd</sup>] { Members { [Henry] Pottingher [37<sup>th</sup>]  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Campble [74<sup>th</sup>] { { [Hugh] Wallace [22<sup>nd</sup>]  
All Evidence to Attend –

Note: Interesting to note British Army Light Infantry Officers making due with a “wigwam” of brush hut as shelter.

[Lt. Col. Abercromby's Orders] 24<sup>th</sup> May 1780  
Morning orders  
all the Horses that war tacking [taken] Yesterday, to be Emedently Sent to Quarter master Sundrland at the Church -

A Subalton Serj<sup>t</sup> Corp<sup>l</sup> and 20 men to Prade at the Church at 10 oclcok

Detal	S	S	C	R&f:
1 <sup>st</sup> Light Infant <sup>y</sup>	..	..	1	6
2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	1	..	..	6
42 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup> [Regt.]	..	1	..	8
	1	1	1	20

NB: the Offals and all filth to be Emedintly Buried

B. orders –

for picquet to Morrow morning Cap<sup>t</sup> [George] Dalrymple [42<sup>nd</sup>] L<sup>ts</sup> John Campbell [74<sup>th</sup>]  
And [Robert] Walker [22<sup>nd</sup>]

	S	C	P
Detail	..	1	6

[1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry] Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders 25<sup>th</sup> May 1780  
For Picquet tomorrow Morning Cap<sup>tn</sup> [William] Raymond [22<sup>nd</sup>] L<sup>ts</sup> [David] Robertson [63<sup>rd</sup>] and [Henry] Pottongor [37<sup>th</sup>] –

Detail	S	C	P
Picquet	..		6

Guard	..	1	1
Orderly	1		

[1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry] B.O. 26<sup>th</sup> May 1780

A Court Martial to Assemble at 9 O Clock at the presidents Wigwam Cap<sup>t</sup> [William] Rayman [22<sup>nd</sup>] Pres<sup>d</sup> L<sup>ts</sup> [Thomas] Nichol [33<sup>rd</sup>], [Zachariah] Hall [70<sup>th</sup>] [Robert] Walker [7<sup>th</sup>] [illegible] Members

For Picquet to Morrow Cap<sup>t</sup> [Robert] Irvin [70<sup>th</sup>] L<sup>ts</sup> [Robert] Potts [42<sup>nd</sup>] & [Hugh] Wallas [22<sup>nd</sup>] Members

	{ S	C	P
Detail	{ .	.	6

[1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry] Ba<sup>tm</sup>: Orders 27<sup>th</sup> May 1780

For Picquet to Morrow morning Cap<sup>tn</sup> [William] Gore [33<sup>rd</sup>], Lieu<sup>ts</sup> [Thomas] Nickall [33<sup>rd</sup>], and [Zachariah] Hall [70<sup>th</sup>] –

Detail	S	C	P
Picquet		1	5

[Lt. Col. Abercromby's Orders] Munks Corner May 27<sup>th</sup> 1780

The Detachment Under the Command of L<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>n</sup>. [Robert] Abercromby [37<sup>th</sup>/ 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf.] Will March to Morrow Evening at Sun Set –

Sconers [schooners] Will be provided for the Sick & Such men as are Unable to March

The boats at the bredge Will Convey the officers Sea Stock

[Lt. Col. Abercromby's Orders] Monks Corner 28<sup>th</sup> May 1780  
orders

No Niggros Excpeting them who came with the Deferent corps to be permitted to Go with the Detachment –

[1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry] Battlion Orders 30<sup>th</sup> May 1780

The 1<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry Will Embark on board the following [transport] Ships, Viz Favourite, 37<sup>th</sup> Comp<sup>y</sup>, Staff, a Serj<sup>t</sup>.. Corp<sup>l</sup>, & 28 Men of the 42<sup>d</sup>.. Companey –

Dianna, 22<sup>d</sup>.. 33<sup>d</sup>.. & 54<sup>th</sup>.. 1 Serj<sup>t</sup> 1 Corp<sup>l</sup> & 12 Men From the 22<sup>nd</sup> [illegible] D<sup>o</sup>.. from the 33<sup>d</sup>, to go on board the Cristian

Minervia 7<sup>th</sup>.. & 42<sup>d</sup> Deducting a Serj<sup>t</sup> Corp<sup>l</sup> and 28 to go on the Favourite

Neptuin 70<sup>th</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup>.. – a Sub<sup>s</sup> Serj<sup>t</sup> Corp<sup>l</sup> and 38 of the 74<sup>th</sup> Comp<sup>y</sup> to Go on board the Christain

Cristain 63<sup>d</sup> Comp<sup>y</sup> – With the Several detachments –

Officers Commanding the Different Ships Will Send proper people Earley to Morrow Morning to remove the Baggage to their own Ships

[Gen. Sir Henry Clintons Orders] Morning [General] Orders 30<sup>th</sup> May 1780...

The army is to be Vittuled Up to the 2<sup>d</sup>. June Inclusive

The Commander in Chief has been Pleas'd to Make the Following Promotions

17 Lig<sup>t</sup> Dragoons...

33<sup>d</sup>.. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

38<sup>th</sup> .. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

42<sup>d</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>.

Ensign [John] Young to be Liu<sup>t</sup>. Vice [Alexander] M<sup>c</sup>Leod Kil'd the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1780

Volinter W<sup>m</sup>.. Dixon to be En<sup>n</sup>.. Vice Young Promoted D<sup>o</sup>...

43<sup>d</sup>.. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

44<sup>th</sup> .. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.. 3<sup>d</sup> Bettlion...

63<sup>d</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...  
71<sup>st</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>...

the Troops Distined for the expedition are to Embark as follows

The Yaggers to Morrow Morning at 6 OClock from Draytons Warfe

The British and Hessian Granaders at 5 OClock on Wensday Morning [May 31] From Drayton's and the two adjoying Warfes to the Right & Left

The Reamainder of the Troops from the Same places on Thursday Morning [June 1] – The Wounded & unvalacints [convalescents] are to be Embarked on Thursday at Such places as hall [shall] be Concerted by Doctor Hayes with Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tomkin

After [1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry] Battlion ord<sup>rs</sup> 30 May

1 Man p<sup>r</sup> Comp<sup>y</sup> and a non Commissn'd officer from Each Ship to be Sent to Morrow Morning by 5 OClock to Remove the baggage & barrack bedding;

The Guard to remain on board –

Such Solgers Who have any Demands on the Chief Engineer are to Send Returns of their Names to Liu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>n</sup> [Robert] Abercromby [37<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf.] to Morrow Morning by 6 OClock

[1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry] Batt<sup>n</sup> orders 31<sup>st</sup> May 1780

one Cap<sup>t</sup> of the Batt<sup>n</sup> and one Subalton of each Comp<sup>y</sup> to Reman in Camp

No Sorder will be Permeted to Go into Town but on the Comp<sup>ys</sup> Besnes [business] and not then without a Non Comissoned officer who Will Get a Pass Sined by the Cap<sup>tn</sup> of the Day...

[Gen. Sir Henry Clintons Orders] Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders June 1<sup>st</sup> 1780

Each Reg<sup>t</sup>. is Allowed to take on Board 10 Negroes as pioneers Attach'd to the Corps. These Negroes are to be such whose Masters were not at the Same time of their Joining the Army under the protection of Government – The Commander in Chief Desires that Officers Commanding on Board the Sevaral Transports will make them selves Answerable that no Negroes is taken Away without his Consent – Those Attach'd to Reg<sup>ts</sup> as Pioniers are to be Deliverd up for the Publick Service when Calld for – The Horses of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Officers & Gen<sup>l</sup> Staff are to be Embarked tomorrow Capt<sup>n</sup> Thompkins will give Informatio when Apply'd to on Board of what Ship

[1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Infantry] Batt<sup>n</sup> Orders June. 2<sup>d</sup>

Commanding Officers of the Sevaral transports are to be responsible to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>l</sup> [Robert] Abercromby [37<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf.] that the Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Instant is Duly Comply'd with –

Source: "Capt. Eyre Coote's 37<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Company Order Book, 1778 – 1781," *Eyre Coote Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan, transcribed and edited by Paul L. Pace, June 15, 2011 (1778 account tables transcribed by Don Hagist).





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## **Commander-in-Chief, North America, Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders, New York, June 26, 1780 – May 9, 1782**

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> June 1780

Orders by His Excellency Commander in Chief

New York 23<sup>d</sup> June 1780

The Commander in chief requests His Excellency [Hessian] General [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen to accept his thanks for the good Discipline and vigilance maintained amongst the Troops in New York and its dependencies, and to the satisfaction His Excellency has to Express at the appearance of the several Corps, he has to add his particular Commendations to those Officers and their Detachment, who during the Winter made various successful excursions which deserved His Excellency General Knyphausen's approbation...

Those Regim<sup>s</sup> who have not stores in New York are to apply for them immediately, in order to Lodge their heavy Baggage there, retaining no more with them than can be taken into the Field.

A transport will shortly sail for England, all invalided soldiers to be sent to Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Edward] Willington, 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment in New York, in whose charge they will remain 'till their Embarkation; their accounts to be settled up to the day they Embark and two Months subsistence to be advanced them from that time, which they will receive on landing.

Lieutenant Willington will give in a return of them to Captain Franken, Agent for Transports, who will provide for their passage to England.

The names of widows recommended for a passage home, are to be sent by their Regiments to Lieutenant Willington.

– 26 June 1780 –

The Regiments ordered to encamp will immediately deliver up their Barracks bedding and Utensils to the Barracks Major General.

The British Corps to prepare Muster Rolls for 183 days between 25<sup>th</sup> December 1779 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 1780.

Note: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Muster directed by this order was conducted at Valentine's Hill, Westchester Co., N. Y. on July 15, 1780 and is shown in this Volume in Appendix E, Enclosure E-1: *Company Muster Reports*.

Head Quar<sup>s</sup> New York 27<sup>th</sup> June 1780...

Returns of Officers, Non Commiss'd Officers and private Men belonging to the regiments in Georgia and Carolina to be sent immediately to the Adjutant General's Office New York.

Head Quar<sup>s</sup> New York 28<sup>th</sup> June 1780...

The Officers left with the baggage belonging to the reg<sup>s</sup> in Georgia and Carolina will immediately give in Returns of the number of Women and quantity of Baggage they have to ship.

Head Quarters N. York 29<sup>th</sup> June 1780...



Detail of "A topographical map of Hudsons River, with the channels depth of water, rocks, shoals &c. and the country adjacent, from Sandy-Hook, New York and bay to Fort Edward, also the communication with Canada by Lake George and Lake Champlain, as high as Fort Chambly on Sorel River. 1776." by Claude Joseph.Sauthier and William Faden.

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

General Orders, Phillipsburg: 30<sup>th</sup> June 1780

The several Corps to send in returns to the Adjutant General at Headquarters of the number of men they can give as Mowers, they will be employed and paid by the Commissary General...

Such of the regiments as are able to Bake bread will in future receive Flour, the corps which have not the means of doing it, will notify the same to the D<sup>y</sup> Commissary General...

Three days provisions to the 3<sup>d</sup> July inclusive will be issued to the Troops tomorrow morning, the regim<sup>l</sup> Waggon<sup>s</sup> are not to fetch it as those of the Provision Train will attend at daybreak at Phillipsburg to bring it to the different Corps...

Returns will in future be expected every three months of Officers desirous to purchase and of volunteers serving with the different Corps expressing the date of Commissions, and time of service, together with such recommendations as the Commanding Officer may think proper to Add. Returns as above are to be given in the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> Phillipsburg 1<sup>st</sup> July 1780...

Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> Phillipsburg 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1780...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> George Williamson of the 70<sup>th</sup> Grenadiers, is appointed to act as Adju<sup>t</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of British Grenadiers vice [Lt. George] Cleghorn [22<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] promoted...

Memorandum

No Orderly Serjeants are to be sent to Headquarters from the East side of the Brunx.

New York 3<sup>d</sup> July 1780...

Head Quar<sup>s</sup> New York 4<sup>th</sup> July 1780...

It is Expected that all the Invalids who are to go to England in the Fleet about to sail, are to be sent Lieutenant [Edward P.] Willington [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] on or before the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant.

Head Quarters, New York 7<sup>th</sup> July 1780...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...  
Serjeant [Andrew] Smith of the 42<sup>d</sup> regiment is appointed to act as Quarter master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of British Grenadiers vice [Sgt. Allan] Stewart [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] who retires...

Head Quarters, New York 8<sup>th</sup>... [to] 9<sup>th</sup> July 1780...

Head Quarters New York 10 July 1780

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Thomas] Dundas desiring to give his attention to the 80<sup>th</sup> Regiment, which Embarked for America under his Command, has obtained the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chiefs permission to quit the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry. This battalion together with the first will therefore 'till further orders be under the Inspection of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Robert] Abercrombie...

The Hospital Board will set at 9 o'clock every Monday Morning 'till further orders at the College Hospital.

Head Qrs New York 11<sup>th</sup> July 1780...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint Major W<sup>m</sup> Crosbie to be Barrack Maj<sup>r</sup> General of the Army under his Command in the room of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Alured] Clarke who retires on account of his bad state of health and is to be obeyed as such.

Head Qrs Phillipsburg 12<sup>th</sup> July 1780...

Note: Having received information that Gen. Washington may have retreated further into the highlands from his posts on the North River, Gen. Clinton decided to take a large reconnoitering party with him up the North River to Phillipsburg.

Head Qrs Phillipsburg 13<sup>th</sup> July 1780...

The Musters of the British and [German] Ansbach regiments will be taken as follows:

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Instant

The 42<sup>d</sup> at 5 in the Morning...

Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>

British Grenadiers at 6 in the Morning

Light Infantry at 5 in the Evening...

When prisoners make their Escape from the Rebels it is requested the commanding Officers of the Corps they Join will note down from their Report, the names and places of Abode of the persons who have spirited or conducted them through the Country...

#### Memorandum

Such Corps that have men desirous of being employed in wood cutting and will permit them to work for the Barracks master General near this Camp are desired to send in tomorrow morning to Lt<sup>n</sup> Williams near Head Quarters...

Head Qrs New York 14<sup>th</sup> July 1780...

His Excellency the commander in chief observes in the return of Volunteers delivered to him, the Names of several persons serving in other capacities, the General will be happy through the command<sup>g</sup> Officers of Corps to hear the Military merit of Gentlemen of every description and the preferment they are thought deserving of but by Volunteers His Excellency can only understand young Gentlemen serving in the Ranks at their own Expense & expecting preferment from their good behavior...

Head Qrs New York 15<sup>th</sup> July 1780

A General Court Martial consisting of two Field Officers and 11 Captains to assemble at 10 o'clock on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at the City Hall in New York for the trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it. Lt Col [Samuel] Birch, 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, President...

	Capt <sup>t</sup> ...	
1 <sup>st</sup> Light Infantry	1	}
2 <sup>nd</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	1	}
1 Grenadier	1	}
2 D <sup>o</sup>	1	}
		Members
		...

Head Quarters, Phillipsburg 16<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> July 1780...

Head Quarters, New York 18<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 26<sup>th</sup> July 1780...



Map detail showing Whitestone opposite Throg's Neck from "Plan of New York and Staten Islands with part of Long Island, survey'd in the years 1781, & 82."

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

On Board the Grand Duke at the White Stone 27<sup>th</sup> July 80

The Army for the present Expedition is Brigaded as follows

Yagers	} Inspected by	}
1 <sup>st</sup> Light Infantry	} L <sup>t</sup> Col [Robert] Abercrombie [1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf.]	} Commanded by
2 <sup>d</sup> Light Infantry	}	} Maj General
		} [Hon. Alexander] Leslie
British Grenadiers		}

Hessian Grenadiers                      Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen [Heinrich Von] Kospoth [Regt. Landgrave]

37 <sup>th</sup>	}
38 <sup>th</sup>	}
43 <sup>d</sup>	}
	Brig <sup>r</sup> Gen [John] Leland [1 <sup>st</sup> Guards Regt.]

22 <sup>d</sup> Regiment	}	}
Du Corps	}	Col Wurmb
Landgrave	}	
		} Under the Command of
		} Major Gen [Edward] Mathew
42 <sup>d</sup> Regiment	}	[Capt and] L <sup>t</sup> Col [John]
		} [Brig. of Guards]
Flank Comp <sup>y</sup> Guards	}	Howard [1 <sup>st</sup> Guards Regt.]
		} ...

Embarkation returns are expected as speedily as possible. When the Troops Land they will take 2 days prov<sup>s</sup> ready dress'd with them.

Notes: Gen. Clinton had learned that seven French ships of the line and 36 transports had sailed into Rhode Island harbor. Adm. Arbuthnot and Gen. Clinton agreed to a joint expedition to Rhode Island to attack the French. Commanders of companies in the Foot Guards Regiments were listed as "*Captain and Lt. Colonel*" giving Capt. and Lt. Colonel John Howard rank over Maj. Charles Graham, commander of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Huntington Bay 28<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 30 July 1780...

White Stone 31<sup>st</sup> July 1780...

The Troops to receive three days Provisions and to be in readiness to Land as soon as the camp Equipage arrives. The regiments will Immediately send their Quarter Masters to New York, to report to the Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> General, where their Camp Equipage and Regimental Waggon are, in order to receive directions from him as to the most speedy method of conveying them to Camp.

All Artillery, the Engineers, and Hosp<sup>l</sup> Stores, as well as Horses belonging to the Departments, are to remain on Board till further orders...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [John Daniel] Frazer of the 17<sup>th</sup> Light Company is appointed to act as Adjutant to the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion Light Infantry.

Head Qrs New York 1<sup>st</sup>...[to] 4<sup>th</sup> August 1780...

Note: Gen. Clinton and his council of war came to the conclusion that the French at Rhode Island were too strong to attempt an attack and that the troops could be better used to counter Washington's moves on the North River.

Head Qrs Flushing, 5<sup>th</sup> August 1780...

Head Qrs Flushing, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1780

A General Court martial will assemble tomorrow Morning at 10 o'Clock, for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it. Major General [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will be pleas'd to announce to the Corps under his command the President and Members who are to comprise it, and the place where it is to meet.

Head Qrs Flushing, 7<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1780

Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> New York 9<sup>th</sup>... [to] 12<sup>th</sup> August 1780...

Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> New York 13<sup>th</sup> August 1780...

Major General [James] Pattison finding his State of health no longer permit him to attend the Duties of Commandant of New York, His Excellency the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief cannot allow him to retire from them, without declaring himself obliged to him for Zeal and Diligence with which he has held his Late Command.

His Excellency Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [James Robertson] Robinson who comm<sup>ds</sup> the district of New York will be pleased until he shall have approved a Commandant to take upon him the duties hither to executed by General Pattison.

Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> New York 14<sup>th</sup> August 1780...

Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> N York 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1780

...General Court martial of which Major John Small of the 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment is president...

...Hamilton Henry, private Soldier in the 71 Rigim<sup>t</sup>, tried by the above General Court Martial for desertion is found not guilty and therefore acquitted.

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief approves the above Sentence & orders the prisoner to be released.

New York 16<sup>th</sup>... [to] 23<sup>d</sup> Aug 1780...

Head Qrs New York 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 1780

The Invalids to embark on Saturday morning at 7 o'Clock behind the burnt Church, their Discharges & balance are to be given to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Alexander] M<sup>c</sup>Donald of the [1<sup>st</sup> Bn.] 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment, or such officer as he may appoint to receive them...

Head Quarters, New York 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 1780...

Head Qrs New York 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 1780

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Alexander] M<sup>c</sup>Donald will please to give the officers going home in the fleet according to his Instructions such directions for fulfilling the regulations with respect to Invalids on their arrival, as he shall find necessary.

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Joseph or William] Cope of 63<sup>d</sup> Regiment, Lieu<sup>t</sup> [William] Armstrong 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment and Ensign [George] Stuart 82<sup>d</sup> Regiment are app<sup>d</sup> Assistants to the Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> Generals Departments in South Carolina, New York and Nova Scotia.

Notes: At this time there were two "*Ens. Stuarts*" in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regt. with similar names and the same date of rank. It is not known for certain which ensign was assigned to the quartermaster's department, but it was likely Ens. George Stuart who was later a Lt. in 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. because immediately after his transfer Stuart was listed in his first regimental muster as assigned as "*Assistant to Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Department.*" Ens. George Walker Stuart remained in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Qrs New York 27 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1780...

A court of inquiry to assemble at Kingsbridge on Wednesday morning next at 10 o'Clock, to examine into such matters as shall be laid before them. [Capt. and] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo. [John] Howard [1<sup>st</sup> Guards Regt.] President....

The Commander in chief has been pleased to appoint major John Andre, to be Adjutant General of the Army under his command untill his Majesty's pleasure is known.

Head Qrs New York 28<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 1780...

Head Qrs New York 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 1780...

A General Court martial to sit at the City Hall in New York on Monday next the 4 Sep<sup>r</sup> at ten o'Clock in the morning for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before them.

[Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] MacPherson 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> President...Members...42<sup>d</sup> [Regiment] – 1 Cap<sup>t</sup>, 1 Lieu<sup>t</sup>...

Head Qrs New York 1<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 2<sup>d</sup> Sep 1780...



*George Germain, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Sackville, 1766 by Nathan Hone the Elder*

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from U.K. *National Portrait Gallery*

Head Qrs New York 3<sup>d</sup> Sep 1780...

Extract of a letter from Lord George Germain, to S<sup>r</sup> Hen: Clinton K.B. dated Whitehall 4 July 1780

“The Honourable Testimony you give of the distinguished merit of the Officers who executed your orders, and of the Fortitude and Alacrity of the Troops that served under them was particularly pleasing to the King; and it is his Majesty’s Royal pleasure that you do acquaint both Officers and Soldiers, British, Foreign, and Provincial, that their intrepid and gallant behavior is highly approved of by his Majesty; But although in third general praise, every Officer & Soldier is included, his Majesty commands me to desire you to express to Lieu<sup>t</sup> General Earl Cornwallis, Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>s</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie, [Hessian Maj. Gen. Johann Christoph von] Huyne, [Hessian Maj. Gen. Henrich Julius von] Kospoth, Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Patterson, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Banastre] Tarleton, Major [Patrick] Ferguson and Major [James] Moncrieff [Engineers], his Majesty’s particular satisfaction in their Conduct, The merit of the Latter officers was highly distinguished in the defense and preservation of Savannah, it has now been equally conspicuous in the attack and Reduction of Charlestown.”

Head Qrs N: Y 4<sup>th</sup>... [to] 5<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1780...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser’s) Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Qrs N Y 6<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1780...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

[42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]

Ensign [John] Ritchie from 44<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice [Robert] Rollo, who retires } 6<sup>th</sup> Sep 1780...

Note: Although Lt. Rollo retired from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., he later was commissioned Captain in Brig. Gen. Benedict Arnold’s American Legion Provincial Regt.

– 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> –

Volunteer [Donald] Cameron, to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice [Duncan] McGregor [1<sup>st</sup> Bn.] kill’d 25<sup>th</sup> April 1780



Duncan Ochiltree Gent., to be Q<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.] vice [William] Ogilvie, dead 18<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 7<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 8<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1780...

Promo<sup>s</sup> Received from the War Office...

	42 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	
James West, Gent. late a Lieuten <sup>t</sup> in the 79 <sup>th</sup> foot to be Lieut <sup>t</sup> vice }		19 <sup>th</sup> May 1780.
[Lt. John Spens] Spence made Cap <sup>t</sup> Lieu <sup>t</sup> in 95 <sup>th</sup> foot }		
Lieu <sup>t</sup> John Harris, from half pay in the late 122 <sup>d</sup> Foot to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> }		26 <sup>th</sup> May 1780
vice West who exchanges }		
Hon. Lieu <sup>t</sup> Geo: Frazier, of the 88 <sup>th</sup> Foot, to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice Harris }		31 May 1780
who goes in the 88 <sup>th</sup> Foot }	...	

Note: The above three-way transaction resulted in only George Fraser serving in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

	71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Charles Menzies of 35 <sup>th</sup> Foot to be Captain of one of the }		
Add <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>s</sup> vice Colin Makinzee, made Major to }		24 <sup>th</sup> May 1780
92 <sup>d</sup> Foot. }		

Promo<sup>s</sup> from the War Office Continued...

	71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup>	
Edw <sup>d</sup> Frazier, Gent to be Ensign, vice [Hugh Mackay] Gordon }		27 <sup>th</sup> Ap 1778
promoted 16 <sup>th</sup> foot B. Comm <sup>n</sup> [blank commission] }		
Major Gen <sup>l</sup> Thomas Clarke [31 <sup>st</sup> Regt.], to be M.Gen <sup>l</sup> in }		1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1776
America only }		

Head Quarters, N Y 9<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The several Reg<sup>s</sup> to order their prisoners in the provost to be visited and Necessaries sent them...

Head Qrs N Y 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 11<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1780...



Detail of drawing of the Hon. Alexander Leslie, by John Kay

Picture Source: *A Series of Original Portraits and Caricature Etchings by the late John Kay*, Vol. II, Adam and Charles Black, Edinburgh, after p. 78.

Head Qrs N Y 12<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The Corps for Embarkation, are to take with them Camp Equipage, but to leave an Officer at New York with the heaviest Baggage, Convalescents, and other Incumbrances, four women for 50 men may embark

Each Field Officer, Adjutant, Quarter Master, will be allowed to take one Horse which can only be embarked in the Transports; Forage will be issued for a proper term on application to the Commander General...

Horses of Officers entitled to keep them, and which are not embarked will be supplied with Forage in their absence on draughts of the Officer of the Corps who remains behind, but it is expected that none will be thus foraged which are not this day in possession of the Officer alluded to.

The distribution of Corps in the transports and the number of Waggon to be taken by each may be known at the Adjutant General's Office. Guns, & Artillery Detachments attached to Corps, will embark with those Corps. All Officers of absent Corps are desired to give in their names at the Adjutant General's Office, supplying their place of abode and the duties they are upon...

Notes: This embarkation is for Maj. Gen Alexander Leslie's expedition to reinforce Lord Cornwallis in Virginia. The units for the expedition included the Guards, Hessian Regiment von Bose, Fanning's King's American Regiment, a corps of provincial light infantry commanded by Col. Watson (left behind sick), part of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regt., 84<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 100 Jägers.

Head Quarters N Y 13<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

A General Court Martial consisting of a Brigadier General, Six field Officers and six Captains to assemble at the City Hall in New York on Friday next, the 15<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 10 O'Clock in the morning for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it.

Brigadier General [John] Leland [1<sup>st</sup> Guards Regt.], President...

When the troops under order for Embarkation move from their ground, the Officer Commanding the several posts will be pleased to take particular care that the Huts be preserved.



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: Roy and Debra Najecki's *American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions.

42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>:

Volun<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Fraser, to be Ensign by purchase vice [Alexander] Home who retires} 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 1780...

Notes: Fraser's promotion is listed in the regimental succession book as 13 Sept 1780.

Head Quarters, New York 14 Sept 1780

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has appointed Lt Col [Samuel] Birch, of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regt of Dragoons to be Commandant of New York with the rank of Brigadier General.

Head Quar<sup>s</sup> N Y 14<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1780...



Detail from "Sketch of the battle of Camden, Augt. 16, 1780," by Charles Vallancey,

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Qrs N Y 21<sup>st</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1780...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has the satisfaction of announcing to the Army, that the most signal success has attended his Majesty's Arms in South Carolina, L<sup>t</sup> General [Charles] Earl Cornwallis having with a part of the Troops under his command attacked the Rebel Army Commanded by General [Horatio] Gates, consisting of three times his Number, over which he has gained a Compleat victory. On this Occasion all their Colours, Cannon, Baggage & Camp Equipage fell into the hands of His Majesty's Troops.

The Garrison of New York will Fire a Feu de' Joye tomorrow afternoon for which they will receive further orders from His Excellency Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [James] Robertson through the Commandant...

Notes: A "Feu de' Joye" is literally a Fire of Joy and represented a celebratory blank firing of muskets by troops in formation. The celebration is for Lord Cornwallis' victory over Rebel Maj. Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden, South Carolina on Aug. 16, 1780.

Head Qrs N Y 22<sup>d</sup> ... [to] 24<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 25<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Barry of the [Loyalist] Volunteers of Ireland, tried by the General Court martial of which [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> is presid<sup>t</sup> for the following Charges exhibited against him by L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Welbore Ellis] Doyle of said regiment –

First, For Disobedience of orders

Second, For Insolent and Contemptuous behavior towards his Commanding Officer

Third, For ungrounded and malicious charges, publicly alleged by him against his Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel

Fourth, For publick and dangerous threatenings by him made against his Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel.

The Court ...is of Opinion that he is guilty of the second and third Charges...

Head Qrs N Y 26<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> N Y 1<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Memorandum

The British regiments will give in as soon as possible, the returns of Officers for purchase, and Volunteers, agreeable to the order of 30<sup>th</sup> June last.

Head Qua<sup>rs</sup> N Y 2<sup>d</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 3<sup>d</sup> Octo 1780...

Major [Charles] Graham of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> for the General Court Martial tomorrow at 10 o'Clock at the City Hall in the room of Major Stuart who is taken sick –

Head Qrs N Y 4<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 7<sup>th</sup> Octo 1780...



Detail of engraving of Benedict Arnold by H.B. Hall after John Trumbull, 1879.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Archives and Records Administration*.

Head Qrs N Y 8<sup>th</sup> Octo 1780...

His Excell<sup>y</sup> the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been pleased to appoint Benedict Arnold, Esq<sup>r</sup> Colonel of a [American Legion] Reg<sup>t</sup> with the Rank of Brig<sup>r</sup> General, 27<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1780.

The Commander in Chief does with infinite regret inform the Army, with Death of the Adj<sup>t</sup> General Major [John] Andre...

Major Andre's Death is very severely felt by the Commander in Chief, as it assuredly will be by the Army, and must prove a real loss to his Country and to His Majesty's Service.

Note: Rebel Maj. Gen. Benedict Arnold deserted to the British Army, after a failed scheme with Adj. Gen. John Andre to deliver the Rebel fort at West Point to the British Forces. Adj. Gen. Andre was captured in civilian clothes with plans of the fort and was hanged as a spy.

Head Qrs N Y 9<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

All orders coming from the right Hon<sup>e</sup> Lord [Capt. John] Dalrymple 87<sup>th</sup> Regiment, to be obeyed as from an Aid de Camp.

Head Qrs N Y 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 15<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 16<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Cap<sup>t</sup> J. W<sup>m</sup> Bailie, of the Royal Fuzilliers, is app<sup>d</sup> Major of Brigade to the Light Infantry

Head Qrs N Y 17<sup>th</sup> Octo: 1780...

The 76<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> and [Hessian] Reg<sup>t</sup> of Donop will march to King's bridge...

The 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to march in to the Barracks of the 76<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> at New York...

The above Regiments will march on the 19<sup>th</sup> Instant at day break...

The Light Infantry to be at the Ship Yards new York at 12 o'clock the 19<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>, where boats will be ready to carry them over to Long Island...

Gen: After Orders...

The British recruits to Land tomorrow morning at 10 o'Clock in the following manner Viz – Those of the 7<sup>th</sup>.. 16<sup>th</sup>.. 17<sup>th</sup>.. 23<sup>d</sup>.. 33<sup>d</sup>.. 37<sup>th</sup>.. 38<sup>th</sup>.. 63<sup>d</sup>.. 64<sup>th</sup>.. 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Regim<sup>s</sup>...at Brooklyn Ferry, on Long Island...

Notes: This order assigns the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt, to Garrison duty in New York, during the winter of 1780-1781.

Head Qrs N Y 18<sup>th</sup> Octo: 1780...

Major Cuffe is appointed to take the Command, & have the Inspection of all the British Drafts & Recruits arrived from Europe, for the Regiments not present in this District...

Note: There was a Maj. Michael Cuffe, 27<sup>th</sup> Regt., with a date of rank on Jan. 1778, who was appointed to do duty in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Infantry Battalion, but the annotated War Office Copy of the 1778 *Annual Army List* (TNA, WO 65/28, p. 81) shows him retiring Oct. 13, 1778.

Head Qrs New York 19<sup>th</sup> Octo: 1780...

Head Qrs New York 20<sup>th</sup> Octo: 1780...

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief is pleased to order a board of Enquiry consisting of three Field Officers, to assemble at Brooklyn on Tuesday next the 24<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 10 O'Clock in the Morning, to Examine into the State of the British Recruits lately arrived from Europe, The Commanding Officers of those Regiments that have received theirs and Major Cuffe commanding those absent Corps will therefore order every necessary Information to be Laid before the Court; Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Henry] Hope, 44<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox 38<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> Grenadiers]; and Major [Charles] Stuart, 63<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> for this Duty...

A general Court martial consisting of 3 Field Officers, 6 captains, and 6 Lieutenants, to assemble at the City hall in New York on Monday next at ten o'Clock in the Morning, for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo Dundas, President...Members...42<sup>d</sup> [Regiment] 1 Lieutenant...

Head Qrs New York 21<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The Light Infantry Companies to be immediately Compleated from their Regiments, to 56 Rank & File. The Captains of those Companies, whose Regiments are absent, will compleat them from the Recruits arrived from Europe for their respective Regiments, taking those men most proper for that Service.

Those Companies whose Establishment is 101, and where strength at present is inferior to the Batt<sup>n</sup> Companies, are to be Levelled with those of the Regiments they belong to – The Officers comprising the General Court martial of which [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment is president are to do Duty till further Orders...

Gen<sup>l</sup> After Orders 21<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780

Returns to be given in Immediately of the Officers & Non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers, Men, Women & Children belonging to the Corps in Georgia & Carolina.

Head Qrs N Y 22<sup>nd</sup> ... [to] 23<sup>d</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 24<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Maj<sup>r</sup> [Thomas] Armstrong [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.] of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Light Inf<sup>y</sup> is appointed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>, and Cap<sup>t</sup> [St. Lawrence] Boyd of the 38<sup>th</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Company, to be Commandant of the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>...



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Head Qrs N Y 25<sup>th</sup> Octo 1780...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions

42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

[Brevet Q.M.] Serjeant Hector M<sup>c</sup>Lean, to be Q<sup>r</sup> mas<sup>r</sup> vice [Colin] Smith, deceased. } 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
1779...

Notes: Sgt. M<sup>c</sup>Lean was appointed to be quartermaster of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. (in America) on Nov. 22, 1778. The above order gives him the permanent position of quartermaster of the battalion in America. According to Capt. Peebles' journal, QM Smith committed suicide over mismanagement of prize funds from the 1779 raid on Portsmouth, Va.

Head Qrs N Y 26<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The Grenadier Companies to be compleated immed<sup>y</sup> from their Battalions to 56 Rank and File; if there are any men among the recruits from Eng<sup>d</sup> for the absent regiments, that are fit for that service, the Captains of the respective companies may take them.

The Companies whose Establishment is 101 are to be Leveled with those of their respective Regim<sup>s</sup> in the same manner as ordered for the L<sup>t</sup> Infantry.

Returns to be given in by each Battalion of L<sup>t</sup> Infantry & Grenadiers, of the numbers received in Consequence of the above order.

Note: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. strength report for Oct. 1, 1780 showed on 150 Rank & File wanting to complete for the eight battalion companies. With an establishment of 40 Corporals and 800 privates in those eight companies, the flank companies were likely leveled at around 86 men, including POWs, sick etc.



Detail of Maj. Gen. William Phillips

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Head Qrs N Y 27 Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [William] Phillips [Royal Artillery] of the Troops of Convention, as also Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen [Baron Friedrich Adolph von] De Reidisel...with their respective Families are Exchanged and in full activity of Service –

The Officers of this Army, and such of those belonging to the Troops of Convention of Saratoga, who have been on Parole in New York, are also Exchanged in like manner.

The several Exchanges was made between the British and American Commissioners General of Prisoners Loring and Skinner, on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1780.

The British Light Infantry, British Grenadiers and 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment will form a Corps under the Command of Major General [William] Phillips [Royal Artillery].

Officers of absent Corps that have recruits under the Command of Major Cuffe are to join them on Long Island immediately.

Head Qrs N Y 28<sup>th</sup>... [to] 29<sup>th</sup> Octo: 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 30<sup>th</sup> Octo 1780...

All Officers not upon Duty belonging to the Corps in South Carolina and Georgia are to join by first Opportunity.

Head Qrs N Y 31<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The Recruits and Drafts for the Regiments in Carolina and Georgia are to embark at Brooklyn Ferry on Friday morning the 3<sup>d</sup> November at 9 o'Clock, the boats will be there for that purpose...

The distribution of the Ships, is at the Adjutant Generals Office...

Serjeant David White is appointed Q<sup>r</sup> master to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenadiers.

Head Quar<sup>s</sup> N Y 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

As soon as the recruits &c for Carolina & Georgia are Embarked an Embarkation return to be sent to the Adjutant Generals Office by the officer Comm<sup>g</sup> on board each Transport, of the Number of Officers, Non Comm<sup>d</sup> Officers and private men on Board specifying the Corps they belong to –

Head Qrs N Y 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The Troops embarked for South Carolina & Georgia will put themselves under the command of Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Carl von] Bose. The embarkation returns are to be sent Immediately to the Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup> Office...

The Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been pleased to make the following proportions...

Lieu <sup>t</sup> [George] Dunlap of the 74 <sup>th</sup> Light Infantry is appointed Adj <sup>t</sup> to the	} 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 1780
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> of Light Infantry vice Ingram	}

Head Qrs N Y 5<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

A Return to be given in immediately, of the officers, & where quartered, who belong to the Regiments in Carolina and Georgia, after the present Embarkation with the reason of their Remaining here...

Head Qrs N Y 6<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 7<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

All persons whatever, coming within our posts from the Enemy, are to be reported immediately in writing to Head Quarters.



The Corps that have taken up their Winter Quarters may receive their Barrack bedding, by application to the Barrack Mas<sup>r</sup> General.

The non Commiss<sup>d</sup> Officers & Drummers of the Northern Army under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Edward] Willington [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] are to join Major Cuffe...

Head Qrs N Y 8<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Such Invalids as have passed the Hospital Board, and are now here, are to be sent immediately to Lieutenant [Edward P.] Willington [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.]. Their accounts to be settled up to the 10<sup>th</sup> November, the balances of which with their Discharges, and two months Pay from that day are to be given to Lieutenant Willington.

Head Qrs N Y 9<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

#### Memorandum

The Invalids cannot be sent to England in this fleet.

Head Qua<sup>s</sup> N Y 11<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The British Recruits under the Command of Major Cuff will march and occupy the Hutts at Flushing Fly as soon as they are fitted up to receive them...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [John] York 22<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> is appointed to the Command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of British Grenad<sup>rs</sup> in the Room of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Henry] Hope [44<sup>th</sup> Regt.], going to Europe –



Detail of contemporary portrait of George Finch, 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Winchilsea, 1771, by Nathaniel Dance-Holland

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

The Right Honble [Brevet-Lt. Col. George] Lord Winchelsea, 87<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> and Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox 38<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and the Honble Maj<sup>r</sup> [George] Damer 87<sup>th</sup> Regiment to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> British Grenadiers.

The Right Honble Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Commandant George] Lord Chewton 87<sup>th</sup> Regiment, is to be Obeyed as Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief till further Orders.

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Company under Capt. Peebles remained assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> British Grenadier Bn.

Head Qrs N Y 12<sup>th</sup>... [to] 21<sup>st</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1780...



Detail of Portrait of Braunschweiger Baron Friedrich Adolph von Reidesel, 1795, by Johann Heinrich Schröder

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Museum, Warsaw*

Head Quarters N Y [22<sup>nd</sup>] Novem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief is pleased to accept [Braunschweiger] Maj<sup>r</sup> General [Baron Friedrich Adolph von] de Reidesel's offer of serving with the Army until he shall go for Canada. That Gen<sup>l</sup> Officer will take the comm<sup>d</sup> of the District of Long Island...

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [William] Phillips' Corps and the Hessian Grenadiers under Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth are not comprehended in Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Redesel's Command.

Head Qurs N Y 30<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> [George] Earl of Winchelsea [87<sup>th</sup> Regt.] having the Brevet of Lieutenant Colonel, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1780 is to be obeyed accordingly.

Head Qua<sup>s</sup> N Y 1<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 2<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The Officers who have Charge of the Recruits that came over the last fleet from England will immediately make up their Accounts, and Transmit them to the Officers commanding the respective Regiments as soon as possible...

Head Qua<sup>s</sup> N Y 3<sup>d</sup> ... [to] 5<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Quarters N Y 6 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

All invalids and discharged Men belonging to the British Regiments, are to be sent to Lieuten<sup>t</sup> [Edward P.] Willington 71<sup>st</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>, on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant, their accounts are to be made up to the 24<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>, their Ballances, Discharges, and two months pay from 25<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780, are to be given with the Men, to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Willington; none will be receiv<sup>d</sup> after that day; the German Invalids are to be ready to go to Europe at the same time.

Head Qrs N Y 7<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Morrison Quarter mas<sup>r</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of New Jersey Volunteers, tried by the General Court Martial of which [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment is President, accused of having Drawn a quarter Quantity of provisions than the battalion from its Effective Strength was entitled

to receive...The Court...is of Opinion altho' he withdrew a number of rations he was authorized to do by his Commanding Officer, who signed the receipt...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> and Quarter master Charles Colburne of the Loyal American Regiment, tried by the above General Court martial, accused of receiving a large Sum of money on account of the regiment and secreting the same and other Frauds committed by him in his Official capacity.

The Court...is of opinion, that he is not guilty of the Crimes laid to his Charge...

Head Qrs N Y 8<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 9<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Donald, private soldier in the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Foot tried, by the General Court martial of which Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo Honourable Henry Fox [38<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grenadiers] was President, for having broke into the Inclosure of Cornelius Rapalje, Inhabitant of Newtown on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup> November, and attempting to plunder the property of said Corn<sup>s</sup> Rapalje.

The Court having considered the Evidence for and against the prisoner, together with what he had to offer in his defense, is of opinion that he; Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Donald is guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge, in breach of the 21<sup>st</sup> Article of the 14<sup>th</sup> Section of the Articles of War, and doth therefore sentence him to receive One Thousand Lashes on his bare back w<sup>th</sup> a Cat of nine Tails.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to approve the above Sentence and orders it to be into execution at the discretion of the Commanding Officer...

Notes: A complete transcript of Pvt. MacDonald's court martial is provided in App. C to this volume in Enclosure C-2: *Courts Martial and Legal Actions*.

Head Quarters N Y 10<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

List of Promotions received from the War Office...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Ens<sup>n</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Frazer, to be Lieutenant in one of the Add<sup>l</sup> Companies vice } 3<sup>d</sup> Aug 80

A Grant made Cap<sup>t</sup> in 99<sup>th</sup> Foot }

Ens<sup>n</sup> Thomas Watts, to be Lieutenant in one of the Add<sup>l</sup> Companies vice } 2<sup>d</sup> Aug 80

D. [Dugald] Campbell, made Cap<sup>t</sup> in 87<sup>th</sup> Foot }...



Detail of Print of "Colonel Sir Henry Johnson Bart. Lieut. Colonel of the 17<sup>th</sup> Foot," by Printers Jacques Gautier Dagoty, Carl Guttenberg, Henry Bryan Hall, Albert Rosenthal, Max Rosenthal & Samuel Sartain.

Head Quarters N Y 11<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Hon. Henry] Johnson of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment hav<sup>g</sup> requested a Court of Inquiry, to examine into his conduct relative to the defense made at Stony Point, His Excellency the Commander in Chief, is pleased to order a Court of Enquiry to meet accordingly at Roubelats Tavern in New York, on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, at 10 o'Clock to consist of Major General [William] Phillips [Royal Artillery], President, Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Leland [1<sup>st</sup> Guards Regt.], Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Samuel] Birch [17<sup>th</sup> Lt. Dragoons], L<sup>t</sup> Colonel [John] Gunning [82<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] & Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Robert] Abercrombie [37<sup>th</sup> Regt. /Lt. Inf. Brig.], Members.

Notes: Lt. Col. Johnson was the commander of British forces at Stoney Point, N. Y. at the time of Rebel Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne's capture of the post on July 16, 1779.

Head Qrs N Y 12<sup>th</sup>... [to] 14<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs, New York 15<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The British Corps will prepare Muster Rolls for the 25<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> December 1780, inclusive. In Case of a movement, the 22<sup>d</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to be considered as composing Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Leland's Brigade and he will therefore occasionally inspect them.

Head Qrs N Y 16<sup>th</sup>... [to] 21<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 22<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

The Exchanged Officers of the Northern Army have the Commander in Chiefs Liberty to go to Europe; such of them as belong to regiments in Canada, who chose to remain here 'till Spring, may do so, but in that case, a part of them are to do duty with the British recruits at Brooklyn under the Command of Major Cuffe.

It is his Excellency's desire that the Serjeants and Drummers of the Northern Army who are exchanged should go home.

Head Qrs N Y 23<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

John Kerr, private in the 82<sup>d</sup> Regiment, tried by the General Court Martial of which [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] was President, for Mutiny, is found guilty of the crime laid to his Charge, and Sentenced to receive 800 lashes...

Enoch Coddington, private in the [Loyalist] 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> new Jersey Volunteers, tried by the above General Court martial, for desertion and Holding a Correspondence with the Enemy, is found guilty, and Sentenced to receive 500 Lashes...

Richard Hutchinson, private Soldier in the 64<sup>th</sup> Regiment, tried by the above Gen<sup>l</sup> Court martial for desertion, is found guilty and Sentenced to receive 700 Lashes...

David Patterson, Mattross [asst. gunner] in the Royal Artillery tried by the above Court martial for the Murder of Patrick Eagan, private in the 63<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is acquitted...

John Campbell, Inhabitant, tried by the above Court Martial for stealing a Horse, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Bairnford of Long Island, is found guilty and sentenced to receive 500 Lashes.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to remit the 500 Lashes and orders the prisoner to be turn'd out of the Lines.

John May, private in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers, tried by the above Court Mart<sup>l</sup> for Robbing John Browne, Inhabitant of a Silver Watch, is found guilty, and Sentenced to receive 800 Lashes.

Rebecca Carey and Heremanus King, of the [Loyalist] Bucks county Volunteers, tried by the above Court martial, for the Murder of Thomas Cary, of the Bucks county volunt<sup>rs</sup> are acquitted...

In consequence of the recommendation of the Court Martial and some other Circumstances, the Comm<sup>r</sup> in chief is pleased to restore Maj<sup>r</sup> [John] Antill, to his former Rank in the [Loyalist] 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> New Jersey Volunteers.

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen [Samuel] Birch [17<sup>th</sup> Lt. Dragoons] will please to order two Field Officers, who with himself, will form a Board to Examine into such accounts as should be laid before them by Cap<sup>t</sup> [John] Smith [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.] secretary to the Commander in Chief.

A General Court martial consisting of four Field Officers, Seven Captains, and four Lieutenants, to meet at Roubelats Tavern in New York, on Wednesd<sup>y</sup> the 28<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780, for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it.

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: [John] York [22<sup>d</sup> Regt.], Grenadiers, President...  
 Lieu<sup>t</sup> [William] Nairn 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment [1<sup>st</sup> Battn.] } Members...  
 42<sup>d</sup> [Regiment] 1 Cap<sup>t</sup> 1 Lieu<sup>t</sup>... }

Note: Lt. William Nairne was a future Capt. of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Additional Co.

Head Qrs N Y 24... [to] 29<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 30<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

A General Court Martial to assemble at Roubelates [tavern] president at N York on Tuesday the 2<sup>d</sup> January, 1781, at Ten o'Clock –

Major General [William] Phillips [Royal Artillery] President...

Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [Robert] Abercrombie [37 <sup>th</sup> Regt. / Lt. Inf. Brig.]	}	Members
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [John] York [22 <sup>d</sup> Regt. and 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadiers]	}...	
1 Batt <sup>n</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Infantry 1 [Captain]	}	
2 d <sup>o</sup> 1 d <sup>d</sup>	}	
1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> Grenadiers 1 d <sup>o</sup>	}	
2 <sup>nd</sup> d <sup>o</sup> 1 d <sup>o</sup>	}...	

Head Qrs N Y 31<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs N Y 1<sup>st</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs N Y 2<sup>d</sup>... [to] 4<sup>th</sup> January 1781...

Note: Although the heading of the following order found in *Capt. Eyre Coote's 37<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Company Order Book, 1778 – 1781* is similar to issued Gen. Orders, it is more likely a specific order directed to Maj. Gen. William Phillips to prepare for the Virginia campaign and does not appear in the Sir Henry Clinton Order Book in the *Clinton Papers*.

Head Quart<sup>s</sup>. New York 3 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1781

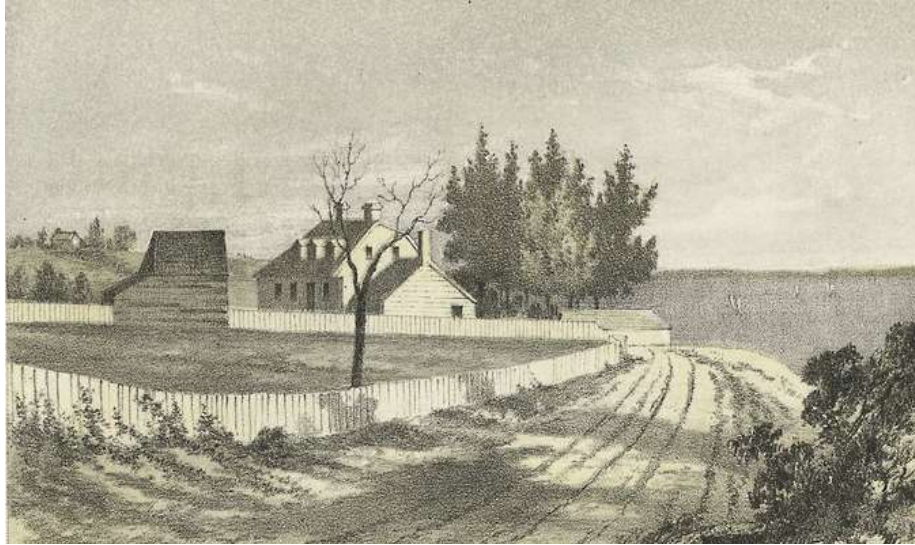
Sir

The 2 Batt<sup>ns</sup>. of Granadiers, 2 Batt<sup>ns</sup> of Light Infantry & 42<sup>nd</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> under your Command will hold themselves in Readiness to march at the Shortest Notice taking with them as Little Bagage as Possible. the men to carry their Blankets and a very small part of their Necessarys and two days provisions Ready dressed non but field Officers and the Staff will be allowed to carry Harsses each Corps may take two Waggons for the Convenience of the Officers, you will please to give orders that an Officer and a Sufficent Number of men be Left behind to take care of the Hutts and Cantoornments of each Corps A Field Return of each Corps to be Sent as Soon as Possible to the Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup>. Office

Head Qrs N Y 5<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Morning Orders

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Court martial of which Maj<sup>r</sup> General [William] Phillips is president, is adjourned till further orders.



House at Denyse's Ferry, Gravesend, Long Island

Picture Source: *New York Public Library*.

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Denyses House, Long Island, 5<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

The Troops that cross to Staten Island, will tomorrow Morning at day break receive two days provision...

Morn<sup>g</sup> Orders Denyces House 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1781

The Bagg<sup>e</sup> to be immediately taken out of the Waggons and laid down conveniently for Embarking, the Horses and Waggons to go to New Utrecht, where they will wait for further orders.

Head Qrs Bankers House, Staten Island 6<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781

Head Qrs 18<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 20<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 21<sup>st</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

The Invalids and discharged men of the British and [German] Ansbach, will embark on Tuesday morning the 23<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at ten o'Clock at the Fly market.

The British on board the Joseph and the Three Friends; and the Ansbach on the Minerva...

The General Court martial of which Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [William] Phillips is President, will assemble tomorrow the 22<sup>d</sup> instant at ten o'Clock in the morning at Roubalets Tavern.

Head Qrs New York 22<sup>d</sup>... [to] 25<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs N Y 26<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> [John] Young, 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment, is appointed an Assistant in the Quarter Master Gen<sup>s</sup> Department...

Head Qrs N Y 27<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs N Y 28<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

After Orders 28<sup>th</sup> January 1781



The men who have come in from the Troops of Convention, and who have been, or may be distributed in the Regiments serving with this Army may be assured all possible care will be taken to have their Claims for pay and Cloathing adjusted,

Major General [William] Phillips [Royal Artillery] has already directed that Certificates be procured as soon as possible of the different accounts from the Commanding officers of the Corps they have Left, and in the mean time the Soldiers thus claiming Pay and Cloathing, are to give in their own Abstracts, of what they suppose due to them, thro' the captains of the Companies they are in at present, to Cap<sup>t</sup> [William] Campbell of the 24<sup>th</sup> and Lieuten<sup>t</sup> [Edward P.] Willington of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiments, that such accounts may be Lodged in the Adjutant Generals Office, in order that, as Speedy a Settlement may be made of them, as possible.

Notes: The "*Troops of the Convention*" refers to the soldiers surrendered in Oct. 1777 by Maj. Gen. John Burgoyne at Saratoga, NY.

Head Qrs N Y 29<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

The privates of the regiments of the Northern Army now under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> [William] Campbell of the 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment, to be drafted on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> February, into such Regiments of British Infantry as they may make choice of...

Cap<sup>n</sup> Campbell will give in a return of those Men on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> instant, to the Deputy Adj<sup>t</sup> General, expressing their names, Regiments they now belong to, and the regiments they make choice of, such as do not make an option will be drafted to the weakest Regiment.

Head Qrs N Y 30<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs N Y 31<sup>st</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Those Men of the Northern Army who have ever served in the Cavalry, are to be drafted to the 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons.

Head Qrs N Y 1<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 4<sup>th</sup> Febru<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs NY 5<sup>th</sup> Febru<sup>y</sup> 1781...

The undermentioned Corps will send proper persons to the orderly room at the main Guard on Wednesday next at 12 o'Clock, to receive the following Number of Drafts from the Regiments of the Northern Army; they will give the usual Certificates for them to Lieuten<sup>t</sup> [Edward Pearce] Willington 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment: –

Corps	N <sup>o</sup> of Drafts...
42 <sup>d</sup>	12...

Note: The following privates were transferred to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. in accordance with this order: George Aickin, Archibald Nimmo, Alexander Gillian, John M<sup>c</sup>Phie, John M<sup>c</sup>Intosh, Edward Cox, John Campbell, Alex<sup>r</sup> Cameron, William Crookshanks, William Beveradge, Alex<sup>r</sup> Donaldson, Thomas Leach, Alex<sup>r</sup> Sharp (21<sup>st</sup> Regt.); Peter Kelly (24<sup>th</sup> Regt.) and James Baillie (31<sup>st</sup> Regt.). (Source: TNA, *Muster Reports*, 25 December 1780 - 24 June 1781 at WO 12/5479.)

Head Qrs NY 6<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 7<sup>th</sup> Febru<sup>y</sup> 1781...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt., 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. and 82<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: Roy and Debra Najecki's *American Revolutionary War Reproductions*



Head Qrs NY 8<sup>th</sup> Febru<sup>y</sup> 1781...

His Excellency the commander in chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

*James M. Duncan Capt.*

Capt<sup>n</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> [John] Rutherford, to be Captain vice [Brev-Lt. Col. Duncan] } 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1780.  
M<sup>c</sup>Pherson prom<sup>d</sup> in 71 Regim<sup>t</sup> }

*Robert Potts Capt. 42<sup>d</sup> Reg.*

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Robert Potts, to be Captain Lt vice Rutherford, promoted } d<sup>o</sup>.  
Ensign Ken<sup>th</sup> Calender to be Lieutenant vice Potts, promoted } d<sup>o</sup>.  
Volunteer Will<sup>m</sup> Edmonstone, to be Ensign vice Calender promoted } d<sup>o</sup>...

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment

Cap<sup>t</sup> Patrick Campbell, to be Major by purchase vice [Duncan] } 26 Octo<sup>r</sup> 79  
M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [of Cluny], promoted in Europe }  
Lieu<sup>t</sup> David Robertson, from 63<sup>d</sup> Regiment to be Captain by purchase } 18<sup>th</sup> Sep. 80  
vice Campbell promoted }  
Brevet L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson, from 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment to be Major } 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1780.  
vice [Patrick] Ferguson, kill'd }  
Ensign Colin Chisholme, to be Lieutenant vice [William] Ogilvie } 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1780  
Deceased }  
Ensign John Stewart, to be Lieutenant vice Alex<sup>r</sup> Frazer, dead } d<sup>o</sup>.  
Ensign Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Dougall, to be Lieutenant Vice Arch<sup>d</sup> Campbell, kill'd } d<sup>o</sup>.  
Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Norman M<sup>c</sup>Leod, to be Capt<sup>n</sup> vice Charles Campbell, killd } d<sup>o</sup>.  
Ensign Duncan Campbell, to be Lieutenant vice [John] Nairne promoted } d<sup>o</sup>.  
Lieu<sup>t</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Fraser, to be Adjutant vice Alex<sup>r</sup> Fraser, Kill'd } 25<sup>th</sup> May 80  
Lieu<sup>t</sup> John Nairne, to be Captain Lieutenant vice M<sup>c</sup>Leod, promoted } 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 80...

Notes: This order discusses two Duncan Macpherson's in the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. The first Duncan Macpherson had been major of the regiment and was head of the family of the Macphersons of Cluny. The second, Brev. Lt. Col. Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson, who was promoted to major in the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. had served most of the war in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. He was of the family of the Macphersons of Breakachy, who were closely related to the MacPhersons of Cluny. M<sup>c</sup>Pherson's wife, Margaret, was the sister of Duncan MacPherson of Cluny. Capt. Normand M<sup>c</sup>Leod of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. was formerly a Lt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

82<sup>d</sup> Regiment...

Ens<sup>n</sup> Geo: Walker Stuart, to be Lieutenant, vice [Lt. John] Snodgrass, drowned } [18<sup>th</sup> Sep 80]...  
Ensign Geo: Stuart to be Lieutenant by purch vice [John] Graham, who retires } d<sup>o</sup> ...

Notes: The two George Stuarts in this order can be confusing. Lt. George Walker Stuart remained in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Lt. George Stuart later transferred to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. in Sept. 1781.

Head Qrs NY 9<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1781...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

76<sup>th</sup> [MacDonald Highland] Regim<sup>t</sup>

Hon. Cap<sup>t</sup> Fran<sup>s</sup> Needham from 17<sup>th</sup> Drag<sup>s</sup> to be Major vice [Alexander] } 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 1780...  
Donaldson, who retires }

Notes: At the beginning of the war Maj. Alexander Donaldson was the commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Company of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. in Scotland. He retired from the 76<sup>th</sup> Highland Regt. due to medical issues.

Head Qrs NY 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 13<sup>th</sup> Febru<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs NY 14<sup>th</sup> Febru<sup>y</sup> 1781...

A Court martial consisting of three Field Officers nine Captains, and three Lieutenants to assemble at the City hall in New York on Monday next...Major [John] Breese, 54<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>, President...Members...Major Campbell, 71<sup>st</sup> ...Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieu Campbell 71<sup>st</sup> ...Cap<sup>t</sup> Robertson 71<sup>st</sup> ...Lieu<sup>t</sup> Nairne...

Head Qrs NY 15<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1781...

Head Qrs NY 17<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1781...

The British Light Infantry, the British Grenad<sup>s</sup>, the Hessian Grenadiers, the 42<sup>d</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> Regiments, will hold themselves in readiness to Embark at the shortest notice. The above Corps are to give an Embarkation Return Immediately to the Adjutant Gen<sup>s</sup> Office.

Notes: This expedition under Maj. Gen William Phillips was being prepared to reinforce Brig. Gen. Benedict Arnold, now a Loyalist officer, in Virginia, based on intelligence that French forces from Rhode Island were headed to the Chesapeake. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. and Grenadiers were removed from the expedition before it sailed on Mar. 20, 1781. Capt. George Dalrymple's 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt Infantry Co. was part of the expedition, and would end up being part of the troops surrendered at Yorktown in Oct. 1781.

Head Qrs NY 18<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1781...

List of Promotions receive'd from the War Office...

71<sup>st</sup> Foot/2<sup>d</sup>Batt<sup>n</sup>

Ens <sup>n</sup> Alexander McLaran, of the 51 <sup>st</sup> Foot, to be Ens <sup>n</sup> in one of the add <sup>l</sup>	} 13 <sup>th</sup> Octo 1780
Companies vice [Thomas] Watts, made Lieutenant	}
Erskine Frazer, Gent. to be Ensign in one of the Additional Companies	} 14 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
vice E.[Edward] Fraser made Lieutenant	}...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo Archib<sup>d</sup> Campbell of the 71<sup>st</sup> Foot, to be Aid de Camp to the King, vice [Lt. Col. Hon. William] Harcourt, made Col. of the 16<sup>th</sup> Dragoons 7<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1779.

Head Qrs NY 19<sup>th</sup> Febru<sup>y</sup> 1781...

His Majesty having been pleas'd to put the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of the 84 Regiment upon the same Establishment as the first Battalion, has appointed L<sup>t</sup> Colo Jn<sup>o</sup> Small to be L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Commandant 16<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780...

Head Qrs NY 20<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: 1781...

Head Qrs NY 22<sup>d</sup> Feb: 1781...

The British Light Infantry, and British Grenadiers are to practice firing Ball whenever the Weather Permits.

Head Qrs New York 23<sup>d</sup> ... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs NY 1<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 5<sup>th</sup> March 1781...

Head Qrs NY 6<sup>th</sup> March 1781...

His Majesty has been pleased to direct by Letter from the Secretary at war, dated 5<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780, that every Battalion now on the Establishment of 70 privates *P* Company, which have not according to the latest returns, so many Effectives as with the recruits of their additional Companies would complete the 10 Companies on Service to 570 Rank and file shall be reduced to the Establishment of 56 privates *P* Company.

His Majesty has in like manner directed that battalion on the Establishment of 100 privates *P* Company, whose Effectives with the Recruits at home wou'd not complete the 10 Companies on Service to 860 Effective rank and file shall be reduced to the Establishment of 85 privates *P* Comp<sup>y</sup>.

The Regiments under the convention of Saratoga, being much Lowered in their Numbers, His Majesty has thought proper for the present to reduce their Companies f<sup>m</sup> 56 Rank and file, to 30 privates, Including two contingent Men; but it is his Majestys intention, that whenever these Troops shall be exchanged, to replace them to their former Establishment of 56 *P* Company.

His Majesty has also been pleased, from a sincere consideration of their sufferings, to order that the number of nonCommissioned Officers, tho' very large in proportion to the reduced Establishment of these Regiments, shou'd continue the same as before.

List of regiments of Foot under the command of Gen<sup>l</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Henry Clinton, whose Numbers are to be reduced from the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1780, inclusive with a State of their intended Establishment agreeable to which the returns of the Army are to be made up in Future –

7<sup>th</sup> ...56 privates...16<sup>th</sup>...the same...17<sup>th</sup>...22<sup>d</sup>...23<sup>d</sup>...33<sup>d</sup>...37<sup>th</sup>...38<sup>th</sup>...43<sup>d</sup>...54<sup>th</sup>...57<sup>th</sup>...63<sup>d</sup>...64<sup>th</sup>...70<sup>th</sup>...60<sup>th</sup> each Battalion...

84<sup>th</sup> Regiment, each Batt<sup>n</sup> {10 Companies, 3 Serjeants, 3 Corp<sup>s</sup>, 2 Drum: and 56 privates ...

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment, 2 Battalions {24 Company's; 4 Serj<sup>s</sup>, 4 Corp<sup>s</sup>, 2 Drumm<sup>rs</sup>, and 85 privates in each

Company (including 4 Contingent men) with two fifers to each Grenad<sup>r</sup> Compan<sup>y</sup> as also with the usual commiss<sup>d</sup> and Staff Officers –

74<sup>th</sup> ...85 privates in each Company...

80<sup>th</sup> ...the same ...82<sup>d</sup> ...the same...

The 6 following regiments, Viz 9<sup>th</sup>..20<sup>th</sup>..21<sup>st</sup>..24<sup>th</sup>..47<sup>th</sup> & 62<sup>d</sup> ...30 privates in each Company...

The recovered men of the Guards, 7<sup>th</sup>..23<sup>d</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> 64<sup>th</sup>..71<sup>st</sup> Regiments and [Loyalist] Volunteers of Ireland, to parade at seven o'Clock tomorrow morning at the Albany Pier Wharf in New York where a sloop will be ready to take them on Board the Jupiter to Staten Island.

The Troops at present Embarked on Board the transports, will put themselves under the Command of Major Gen<sup>l</sup> [William] Phillips, Returns to be immediately given to him from the different Corps and detachments...

Notes: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was left out of this order. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry Co. was on the transports under the command of Maj. Gen. Phillips as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Inf. Bn.

Head Qrs NY 7<sup>th</sup>... [to] 24<sup>th</sup> March 1781...

Head Qrs NYork 25<sup>th</sup> March 1781...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotion

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Ensign Teisdale Cockill to be Lieutenant Vice John Campbell dead} 4<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1780

Head Qrs N York 26<sup>th</sup>... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> March 1781...

Head Qrs N York 1<sup>st</sup> April 1781...

The Recruits of the different Corps, are to be practice in firing at a Mark, which is to be done between the hours of 8 and 11 in the Morning.

Head Qrs N York 2<sup>nd</sup>... [to] 4<sup>th</sup> April 1781...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Head Qrs N York 5<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

His Excellency the Com<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Ensign Dougall Campbell, to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice [Allan] M <sup>c</sup> Lean drowned }	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1781
Volunteer [Sgt. Maj. James] Rose, to be Ensign vice Campbell prom <sup>d</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> d <sup>o</sup>

71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Volun <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Donald of the 71 <sup>st</sup> to be Ensign vice Chisholm promoted }	18 Sept 1780
Volun <sup>r</sup> Hugh M <sup>c</sup> Dougall, 71 <sup>st</sup> to be Ensign vice Stuart, promoted }	19 d <sup>o</sup>
Ens <sup>n</sup> [James] Apthorp, from Loyal American Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice }	20 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
M <sup>c</sup> Dougall promoted }	
Ens <sup>n</sup> Allen M <sup>c</sup> Intosh to be Lieutenant vice Alex Frazier, dead }	16 <sup>th</sup> Octo 1780
Ens <sup>n</sup> Rob <sup>t</sup> Campbell, to be Lieutenant vice [Donald] Cameron kill'd }	3 <sup>d</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup> 1780

Notes: Capt. Peebles' journal documents that he later received information that Lt. MacLean's ship sunk, but that MacLean was picked up as the ship was sinking and carried to Lisbon, Portugal. There is no indication, however, that MacLean rejoined the regiment. Sgt. Major James Rose had been serving as Adjutant to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion since Aug. 1779.

Head Qrs New York 6<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

Head Qrs N York 8<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

A General Court Martial consisting of Five field Officers and ten Captains, to assemble at the City Hall in New York on Fryday the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant ...Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Colo [John] Gunning [82<sup>nd</sup> Regt.], President ...Members...Cap<sup>t</sup> Robertson 71<sup>st</sup>...

Head Qrs N York 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 11<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

Head Qrs New York 12<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

The British Regiments having Prisoners with the Enemy at Philadelphia and that are desirous of sending them Cloathing, Money &c, will please to pack the former up in the most portable manner, and deliver it to Q<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup> [James] Hartzog of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment; who is appointed to take charge of it, on Board the Sloop Diligent Laying at Albany Pier. Lists of the Men and returns of the Necessaries to be delivered at the same time.

After Gen<sup>l</sup> orders

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment to furnish a captain for the General Court Martial tomorrow in the room of Cap<sup>t</sup> Bridgewater, who is sick –

Head Qrs New York 14<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 15<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

Head Qrs New York 16<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions –

60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Lieu <sup>t</sup> Teidsdale Cockell, from 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>mt</sup> to be Cap <sup>t</sup> by purchase vice	}	18 <sup>th</sup> Octo: 1780
[Francis] Hutchinson who retires	}	

Head Qrs New York 17<sup>th</sup>... [to] 21<sup>st</sup> April 1781...

Head Qrs New York 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1781...

All Officers British, German & Provincial on duty or otherwise, belonging to Corps not in the province of New York are to send their names and directions to the Adjutant Generals Office on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

They will also give in Returns on that day of the Number of Serjeants, Drummers and Rank & File of their Regiments under their Command.

Head Qrs New York 23<sup>d</sup>... [to] 24<sup>th</sup> April 1781...



*Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 March, 1781, by H. Charles M<sup>c</sup>Barron, Jr.*

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Prints and Posters: Soldiers of the American Revolution*, Center for Military History, U. S. Army

Head Qrs New York 25<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

The Arrival of [24-gun] His Majestys Ship Amphetrite with Dispatches from Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, gives the Commander in Chief an Opportunity of announcing to this part of the Army, the Victory obtained by the King's troops under His Lordships Orders over the Rebel Army in North Carolina on the 15<sup>th</sup> March last, in his Lordships own words...

The Garrison is to be prepared to Fire a Feu de Joye as Soon as the weather will permit.

Note: A "*feu de joie*" was literally a "fire of joy" and consisted normally of a running volley of fire to make a long continuous round of firing as a celebration.

Head Qrs New York 26<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

Head Qrs New York 27<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

The Commanding officers of regiments are desired to send to the deputy Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> general for the Cloathing of their respective regiments immediately it being now ready to be delivered.

The Cloathing for the Flank Companies of the Regiments to the Southward is also here, & must be likewise sent for Immediately.

The Officers commanding Regiments, & the store keepers of absent Regiments are desired to give into the Storekeeper of the ordnance, all the Arms in the possession over the number for their Effective Men; and the Store keeper of the Ordnance is ordered to receive them, and report the State they are un as soon as possible.

Morning Orders 28<sup>th</sup> April 1781

The Garrison of New York will fire a Feu de Joye this Evening.

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 1<sup>st</sup> May 1781...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [James] Marsh of the 43<sup>d</sup> Regiment is appointed to command the first Battalion British Grenadiers.

Head Qrs New York 2<sup>d</sup>... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> May 1781...



Reproduction 37<sup>th</sup> Regt., 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Head Qrs New York 9<sup>th</sup> May 1781...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

37 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	
Lieuten <sup>t</sup> John Ritchie from 42 <sup>nd</sup> Regiment to be Captain by purchase vice	} 28 <sup>th</sup> Ap <sup>l</sup> 1781.
[Henry] Savage promo <sup>d</sup> in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Regiment.	}
42 <sup>d</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	
En <sup>n</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Dickson to Lieutenant by Purchase vice Ritchie promo <sup>d</sup> 37 <sup>th</sup>	} d <sup>o</sup>
Regim <sup>t</sup>	
A blank Commission for an Ensigncy by Purchase, vice Dickson, promoted	} d <sup>o</sup> ...
71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	
Ensign Donald M <sup>c</sup> Bain, to be Lieutenant vice [Patrick] Cumming, Drowned	} 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1780
Ensign David de Warr, to be Lieutenant, vice Peter Fraser, drowned	} 5 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
Ens <sup>n</sup> Alex <sup>r</sup> Macktavish, to be Lieutenant vice Rorey M <sup>c</sup> Leod, kild	} 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1781
Ens <sup>n</sup> Laughlin M <sup>c</sup> Quarrie, from 84 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Lieutenant vice Colin Chisholme,	} d <sup>o</sup>
kild	}
71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>mt</sup>	
Volunteer M <sup>c</sup> Pherson, appointed by mistake an Ensign in the 82 <sup>nd</sup> is removed	} 3 <sup>d</sup> Nov 1780
to the 71 <sup>st</sup> vice R. Campbell, promoted	}

Head Qrs New York 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 14<sup>th</sup> May 1781...







A Court of Enquiry consisting of Five Field Officers, to assemble at 10 o'Clock tomorrow Morning at the City hall in New York, to examine into such matters as shall be laid before it.

[Brevet] Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] M <sup>c</sup> Pherson, 71 <sup>st</sup>	President...
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [George] Trumbell, NY Volun <sup>rs</sup>	}
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Colo [William] Allen, Pennsylv <sup>a</sup> Loy <sup>ts</sup>	}
Maj <sup>r</sup> [James] Campbell, 71 <sup>st</sup>	}
Major [Gabriel] DeVeber, 3 <sup>d</sup> Delancey's	}

Members

Head Qrs New York 24<sup>th</sup> May 1781...

Major [Oliver] Delancy of the 17<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons is appointed to act as Adjutant General, 'till further orders.

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [James] Chalmers, Maryland Loyalists, is for the Court of Enquiry in the room of Lieutenant Colo [William] Allen, who is sick.

Head Qrs New York 25<sup>th</sup>... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> May 1781...

Head Qrs New York 1<sup>st</sup> June 1781...

Head Qrs New York 2<sup>d</sup> June 1781...

Returns to be given in tomorrow Morning at ten o'Clock at the Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup> Office, of the number of Officers and men of the undermentioned Corps, that are fit to join and they will prepare to Embark on the shortest notice Viz. Guards, Light Infantry, 17<sup>th</sup> Foot, 23<sup>d</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 43<sup>d</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 76<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, [Hessian] Prince Hereditaire, [Hessian] Bose, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> [German] Anspach, Jagers, [Loyalist] Queen's rangers, [Loyalist] British legion, [Loyalist] American legion, and Loyal Americans.

Such as the above mentioned Corps, as have cloathing, or necessaries to send, will apply to the Adjutant Gen<sup>s</sup> Office at 12 o'Clock tomorrow, when they will be informed what Vessels are appointed to receive them.



Detail of 1770 Equestrian Statue of *King George III*, New York, 1912, Sketch by Charles M. Leffers

Head Qrs New York 3<sup>d</sup> June 1781...

Tomorrow being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Birthday, a Royal Salute will be fired at 12 o'Clock.

Head Qrs New York 4<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

Returns to be given in tomorrow morn<sup>g</sup> at the Adjutant Generals Office at the number of Invalids with the British Corps, that have pass'd the Hospital Board, and are fit to bear Arms, during the Passage to England onboard His Majesty's Ships.

The men are to be sent on Wednesday morn<sup>g</sup> next to Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Edward P.] Willington [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.], to whom their Discharges, balances and two months pay from the 10<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> are to be given at the same time.

Head Qrs New York 5<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

Head Qrs New York 6<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>

Lieu <sup>t</sup> Thom <sup>s</sup> Frazer, to be Capt <sup>n</sup> by purchase vice J Robinson	} 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 81
[John Robertson], who retires	}
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Gilfillan, from 64 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Cap <sup>t</sup> by purchase vice	} 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 81
H. Campbell, who abides by a Comp <sup>y</sup> which he purchased in 94 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	}

Head Qrs New York 7<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

The Men who were Ordered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> to be in readiness to Join their respective regiments, are not to embark till they receive further directions, except such as are immediately necessary for the care of the Baggage.

Such Officers who want to join these Regiments will have a Passage ordered on application to Cap<sup>t</sup> Chads, Agent.

The Hospital Boards, will for the future meet at 9 O'Clock every Monday Morning at the College Hospital.

It is the commander in chief orders, that no Soldier whose services entitles him to his Majesty's Royal Bounty of Chelsea, shall be for the future put into the Garrison Battalion.

The Court of inquiry of which [Brevet] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [Duncan] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] is dissolved.

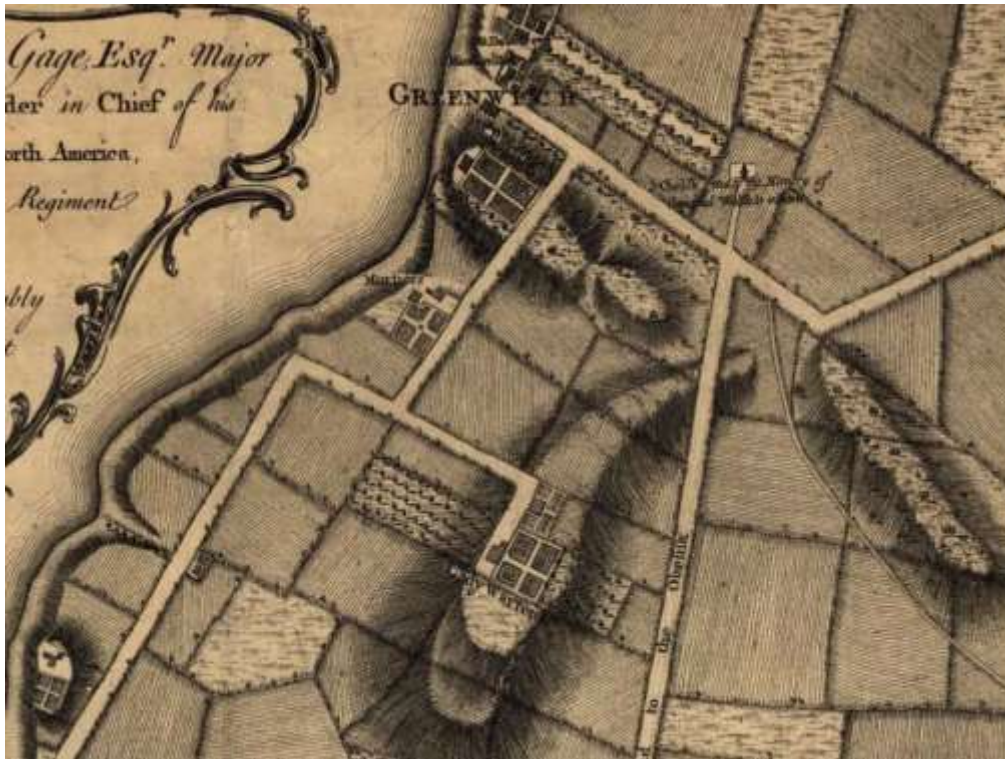
Notes: Although Brevet Lt. Col. Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson (formerly of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.) was promoted to Major of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. (Fraser's Highlanders) in orders dated Feb. 8, 1781 he did not immediately join his regiment in the Southern Campaign. He eventually sailed from New York on June 15, 1781 to carry Gen. Clinton's dispatches for Lord Cornwallis.

Head Qrs New York 9<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

Head Qrs New York 10<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

The following Corps will prepare to encamp Immediately. They will deliver their Barracks Bedding and Utensils on Tuesday next, to the Barracks Masters of the respective Districts; 17<sup>th</sup> Drag<sup>s</sup>, British Grenadiers, 38<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>nd</sup>, Jagers, Hessian Grenad<sup>s</sup>, [Hessian] DuCorps, [Hessian] Losberg Jun<sup>r</sup>, [Hessian] Combined battalions, [Loyalist] 3<sup>rd</sup> Delancey's, [Loyalist New Jersey Volunteers] 4<sup>th</sup> Skinners, and Loyal Americans.

Head Qrs New York 11<sup>th</sup> June 1781...



Detail showing roads to Greenwich from “*A plan of the city of New-York & its environs to Greenwich, on the North or Hudsons River, and to Crown Point, on the East or Sound River, shewing the several streets, publick buildings, docks, fort & battery, with the true form & course of the commanding grounds, with and without the town,*” 1766, by John Montrésor,

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Qrs New York 12<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

The following Regiments are to Encamp on Thursday morning the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant at the undermentioned places. The Deputy Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> General will order proper persons to show them their ground.

The two Batt<sup>s</sup> of British Grenadiers, near Bedford, in the ground that was occupied last year by the Light Infantry.

The four Battalions of Hessian Grenad<sup>s</sup> in the Bowery near New York.

The 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment, on the middle road leading to Greenwich...

The 37<sup>th</sup> Regiment will relieve the 42<sup>nd</sup> in the Garrison of New York...

The Troops on their Arrival at their ground will apply to the Commissary, who will furnish them with Straw and Hay for the Tents.

#### After Orders

The Recruits, Recovered Men, Stores and Camp Equipage of the Guards, 17<sup>th</sup> Foot, 23<sup>d</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 82<sup>d</sup> Light Company, Prince Hereditaire, Bose, and British Legion, to be at the Albany pier at two O'clock tomorrow at which place and time, Transports will be pointed out for their reception....

Morning Orders, New York 13<sup>th</sup> June 1781

The Stores, &c of the following Corps to be Embarked from the Albany Pier at Two o'Clock this day, on Board the undermentioned Transports. The deputy Quarter master general will please to order small Craft to be furnished for that purpose

L <sup>t</sup> Comp <sup>y</sup> of 82 <sup>d</sup> & Legion, on Board	the Emerald
17 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>d</sup> , 33 <sup>d</sup>	Aldborough

Guards 71<sup>st</sup> & 80<sup>th</sup>  
Hessian Corps

Bellona  
Harmony...

Head Qrs New York 14<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

Head Qrs New York 17<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

A Return to be given in immediately by the following Corps, of the Number of Officers and Men fit to join this Expedition. Regiments distinguishing such as are Embarked, and such as are near ready to go on Board / Viz, Guards, 17<sup>th</sup> Foot, 23<sup>d</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 82<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Company, [Hessian] Prince Hereditaire, [Hessian] Bose, and [Loyalist] British Legion.

Head Qrs New York 18<sup>th</sup> June 1781

#### Morning Orders

The Officers and Men &c of the Corps mentioned in Orders yesterday, that are fit to Embark are to parade behind the burnt Church at two o'Clock this day where Boats will be ready to put them on Board...

Head Qrs New York 20<sup>th</sup>... [to] 24<sup>th</sup> June 1781...

Head Qrs New York 25<sup>th</sup> June 1781

The British Recruits now at Flatbush will march on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> to Hallets Cove from whence they will cross on Thursday morning to Horns Hook, and join the Corps of recruits in the Hutts of the regiment of [Hessian Regt.] Losberg Junior near M<sup>c</sup>Gowan's Pass.

Head Qrs New York 26<sup>th</sup> June 1781

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Major [Archibald] M<sup>c</sup>Arthur from 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment to be Lieutenant Colonel      }{24<sup>th</sup> Ap 1781]  
vice [William] Crosby rem<sup>d</sup>      }

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Cap<sup>t</sup> James Campbell from 33<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> to be Major, vice M<sup>c</sup>Arthur promoted.      }ditto



Portrait of Thomas Pelham-Clinton, Earl of Lincoln

Picture Source: Univ. of Nottingham

Head Qrs New York 27<sup>th</sup> June 1781

In Obedience of His Majesty's Commands, [Capt. and Lt.] Colo The Honble [Thomas] Earl of Lincoln of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot Guards, is appointed to serve as Brig<sup>r</sup> General in the Army in North America 31<sup>st</sup> January 1781.

Note: Like other Guards Regt. company commanders, the Earl of Lincoln ranked as a Lt. Col. in the army.

Head Qrs New York 28<sup>th</sup> June 1781

The Recruits arrived from England under Convoy of the Warwick are to Disembark tom<sup>w</sup> Morning at 5 o'Clock at the Hay Wharf in the North River where the Officers commanding the Regiments to which they belong will send proper Persons to receive them. Those for absent Corps are to be under charge of Captain Campbell, commanding the British Recruits.

Returns to be given in as soon as possible of the numbers received by each Corps, of the Casualties, since the time of their Embarkation, and a Report of the State in which they have arrived, their Accounts to be settled Immediately, and a State of them sent to the Adjutant General.

Head Qrs New York 29<sup>th</sup> June 1781

The British Recruits will be Landed at 5 o'Clock tomorrow Morning at the Fly Market, where the respective Corps will send proper persons to receive them.

Notes: The Fly Market was located on Maiden Lane on the East River side.

Head Qrs New York 30 June 1781

The Regiments will receive a proportion of Blankets according to the following distribution on applying to the Quarter Mas<sup>t</sup> Generals office on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1781...1<sup>st</sup> Grenadiers 257...42<sup>d</sup> 347...

Head Qrs New York 1<sup>st</sup> July 1781...

Head Qrs New York 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1781...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> [Hon. Alexander] Leslie [63d Regt.] and [John] Campbell [57<sup>th</sup> Regt.], to act as Lieu<sup>t</sup> Generals till His Majestys pleasure shall be known....

Head Qrs New York 6<sup>th</sup> July 1781...

The Troops arrived from Pensacola in the Cartel Ships are to be landed tomorrow Morning at Daybreak at Brooklyn Ferry from whence they will march to Newtown...

Notes: The returning troops included former 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Lt. John Macdonald who had been promoted to Major of the Maryland Loyalists.



Reproduction 22<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Officer Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Qrs New York 7<sup>th</sup> July 1781

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions  
22<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>



Captain Henry Lysaght from 63<sup>d</sup> Regiment to be Major by purchase vice [Archibald] Erskine, who retires } 30<sup>th</sup> April 1781...

Notes: Maj. Erskine was a former Capt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Qrs New York 8<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 9<sup>th</sup> July 1781...

Head Qrs New York 13<sup>th</sup> July 1781...

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Paterson is to Command the British Grenadiers 'till further orders...

Head Qrs New York 14<sup>th</sup> July 1781...

A General Court martial consisting of four Field Officers, and nine captains to assemble at the City Hall in New York at 2 o'Clock, on Monday Morning next the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant...major Temple 23<sup>d</sup> Regiment President...Members...42<sup>d</sup> Regiment one Captain...

Head Qrs New York 16<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 19<sup>th</sup> July 1781...

Head Qrs New York 21<sup>st</sup> July 1781

The troops for Canada and Halifax will Embark tomorrow morning...

Notes: The expedition consisted of about 933 officers and men including Brunswick Dragoons, Brunswick Infantry, and Hessian Regt. of Lossberg and 161 officers and men of small detachments.

Head Qrs New York 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1781...

The following Regiments are each to furnish a Subaltern, one Serjeant, one Corporal and fifteen Privates to do duty with the Artillery 'till further orders. The Officers commanding the several Districts will give the necessary directions for their being sent to New York as soon as possible when the Officer of each party will put himself under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [William] Martin [Royal Artillery]. 22<sup>d</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>d</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiments, [Loyalist] 3 Batttalion DeLancey, [Loyalist New Jersey Volunteers] first Batt<sup>n</sup> Skinners & 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Skinners.

Head Qrs New York 25<sup>th</sup> July 1781...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Qrs New York 26<sup>th</sup> July 1781...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotion

42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment

Ensign [Alexander] Lorraine to be Lieutenant by pur<sup>ce</sup> vice [Lt. Kenneth] } 1781.

Callander, who retires } 25<sup>th</sup> July

Morn<sup>g</sup> Orders New York 27<sup>th</sup> July 1781

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint Brig<sup>r</sup> Generals [Charles] OHara, [James] Paterson, [Paston] Gould, [William] Dalrymple, and [Thomas] Stirling to act as Major Generals 'till His Majesty's pleasure be known.

Notes: Maj. Gen. Stirling (Lt. Col., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.) was still recovering from a leg wound from 1780 and was unable to perform field duty.

Head Qrs New York 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1781...

The Commander in Chief desires that all Sentries may be placed, as much as possible, out of the Sun during the heat of the day.

Head Qrs New York 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1781

The Grenadiers, Light Infantry, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, and 57<sup>th</sup> Regiments are directed to send an Officer each to the Six Mile Stone on the road to Kings Bridge on York Island at 9 o'Clock tomorrow Morning where they will receive a Number of Recruits to complete them according to the Last Returns; a person of the Adjutant Generals Office will attend to deliver them, a Distribution; and on application at his Office in New York, they will receive a State of each man's Accounts made up to the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1781 from which day the Draft is to take place. As the Men last arrived from England have been settled with the Commanding Officers of Regiments that receive any of them, & those Officers that had charge of them from England are to have their Accounts made up to the 24 June 1781 and Copies sent to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office, as soon as possible in order that they may be transmitted here.

The Whole of the Corps of Recruits will parade at 9 o'Clock tomorrow Morning for the above purpose.

Each Corps will give in a Return to Major Cuffe for the Arms, they receive with the Recruits.

Head Qrs New York 6<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 1781...



Miniature of Capt. James Campbell, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. (back labeled "Major Ja<sup>s</sup> Campbell H. M. 42 Reg<sup>t</sup>")

Picture Source: Courtesy of *Historical Antique Arms*

Head Qrs New York 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 1781

Captain [Thomas] Thompson of the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, is appointed to act as Major of Brigade to the Troops arrived from Pensacola, under the Command of Lieutenant General [John] Campbell, 'till the Return of Brigade Major [James] Campbell [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]...



Notes: Maj. of Brigade Campbell was being held as a Hostage by the Spanish Army because of an insurrection against Spanish forces at Natchez. He was held until Dec. 1783. The story of his lengthy captivity is provided in *Kilts & Courage*, Vol. II, App. E: *Captivity of Major of Brigade James Campbell by Spanish Army*.

Morning Orders 22<sup>nd</sup> ... [to] 26<sup>th</sup> August 1781...

Morning Orders 27<sup>th</sup> August 1781...

#### After Orders

A General Court Martial consisting of three Field officers, and 12 Captains, to assemble at the City hall in New York, on Wednesday next the 29<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 10 o'Clock in the Morning, for the trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it. Maj<sup>r</sup> [Charles] Graham 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment President...Members...Brit Grenadiers 4 Capt<sup>ns</sup> ...42<sup>nd</sup> 1 Captain...

Evening Orders 27<sup>th</sup> August 1781

Distribution of Transports under orders to serve the Men of the following Corps going to Virginia...L<sup>t</sup> Inf<sup>y</sup> ...Minerva...71<sup>st</sup>... Antelope...

Head Qrs New York 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 1781

The General Court Martial ordered yesterday is Countermanded.

Head Qrs New York 29<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 1781...

Head Qrs New York 1<sup>st</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1781

A General Court Martial consisting of three Field officers, and ten Captains, to assemble at the City hall in New York, on Monday next the 3<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at ten o'Clock in the Morning, for the trial of all such prisoners as shall be brought before it... Members...Maj<sup>r</sup> [Charles] Graham 42<sup>nd</sup> ...

Head Qrs New York 2<sup>nd</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 3<sup>d</sup> Sept 1781

Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [Hon. Alexander] Leslie having represented to the Commander in Chief, that some Officers were Ignorant of the steps that had been taken to procure an equitable division of the Money arising from the Captures made at Charlestown, His Excellency has been pleased to direct that all the papers respecting that Transaction be Lodged in the Adjutant Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office for the inspection of all officers concerned.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, Yagers, British and Hessian Grenad<sup>rs</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>d</sup>, [Hessian] Reg<sup>t</sup> du Corps, [Hessian] Prince Charles, and [Hessian] Bunau are to hold themselves in readiness to Embark at the shortest notice.

Notes: This expedition was being assembled to relieve Lord Cornwallis who was besieged at Yorktown, Virginia. Due to worries about the French fleet the expedition under Gen. Sir Henry Clinton did not sail until Oct. 19, 1781, the same day Lord Cornwallis surrendered.

Head Quarters, New York 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1781

The Corps that were yesterday ordered to be in readiness to Embark on the shortest notice are to send in Embarkation Returns precisely at ten o'Clock tomorrow Morning.

Head Quarters, New York 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 1781

The Men belonging to those Corps who were ordered to the artillery as additional gunners are to join their respective Regiments immediately.

Head Quarters, New York 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 1781

Head Qrs New York 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1781

All Invalids and discharged men belonging to the British Regiments who have passed the Hospital Board are to be sent immediately to Lieutenant [Edward] Willington 71<sup>st</sup> Regt...

Memorandum: To be sold tomorrow at the Coffee house Bridge at 12 o'clock two very Valuable Horses of the Late Lieutenant [James] Crammond of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment.

Notes: Lt. James Crammond, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., was an aide de camp to Hessian Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen when he died on Aug. 30, 1781.

Head Qrs New York 15<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 1781...

Head Quarters, New York 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1781...

The Troops Embarked for the Expedition are to Land tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock at Coles Ferry on Staten Island and encamp on such ground as the Deputy Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> General /who will attend for that purpose/ shall point out.



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters, New York 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1781

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

42<sup>d</sup> Regt.

Lieut Geo Stewart from 82<sup>d</sup> Regiment to be Lieutenant vice } 1 Sep 1781...  
[Lt. James] Crammond Dead }

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment

Volunteer Alex Cameron 76<sup>th</sup> Regiment to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice Caskell promoted } 4 Nov 1780  
Volunteer Dugald M<sup>c</sup>Donald 76<sup>th</sup> to be Ens<sup>n</sup> vice D. Campbell promoted } 5 Nov 1780  
Volunteer Alex Campbell 71<sup>st</sup> to be Ensign vice M<sup>c</sup>Intosh promoted } 6 Nov 1780

Head Qrs New York 22<sup>d</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>... [to] 1<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 4<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1781

Promotions received from the War Office...

71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Fraser to be Cap<sup>t</sup> in one of the Additional Companys vice } 20<sup>th</sup> June 1781  
Innes who retires } ...

Orders by the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief...

The 22<sup>d</sup> and 42<sup>d</sup> Regiments to be under the comm<sup>d</sup> of Brig General [Thomas] Earl of Lincoln and Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brig<sup>e</sup> Phillips to be attached to this Brigade 'till further orders...

Note: Although the Earl of Lincoln was a company commander in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt of Foot Guards, his rank as Capt. and Lt. Colonel in the Guards and his temporary Brig. Gen. commission in America, outranked Maj. Charles Graham, commanding the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Qrs New York 5<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 10<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>o</sup> 1781...

After orders.

The Troops on Staten Island who are under Embarkation Orders are on Friday Morning the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant to go on Board the several Transports they were on previous to their landing on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, for which purpose they will be under arms at half past Seven o'Clock that Morning, and wait on the ground of their Encampment 'till they receive orders to move.

The Camp Equipage, baggage and Artillery Waggon are to be put on Board one Transport according to the Distribution sent to each Corps the 30<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup>.

As no women can possibly be embarked they are to be left behind according to the Arrangement made respecting them the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

The following alterations are made in the distribution of transports for the present Embarkation viz.

42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> The Holly Victualler instead of the Empress of Russia.

Head Qrs New York 11<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 12<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>o</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 13<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Ensign David Sutherland of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> tried by the General Court Martial of which Maj<sup>r</sup> [John] Breese of the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment is President accused by the Subalterns of the same Regiment of having acted in a manner unbecoming the character of an Officer and Gentleman.

The Court having considered the Evidence in Support of the accusation together with the Prisoners defence is of the opinion that the Prisoner, Ensign David Sutherland is not guilty of the Charges brought against him and therefore acquit him.

The Court is further of opinion that from the Information the Subalterns of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt had received suspecting Ens<sup>n</sup> Sutherland and the steps they took in consequence of such Information that, they the Subalterns of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> acted in a manner highly Justifiable & Proper. The Commander in Chief is pleased to approve of the above sentence and orders Ens<sup>n</sup> Sutherland to be released from his arrest....

Note: The record of the general court martial of Ens. Sutherland, is provided in *Kilts & Courage*, Vol. II, App. G. *Court Martial of Ens. David Sutherland*. Sutherland was court-martialed being charged with lying in a legal case and failing to challenge a civilian, who had insulted him, to a duel. The subalterns in the regiment refused to do duty with him, until the stain to the regiment was removed. Accordingly Maj. Graham brought Sutherland to a court-martial to resolve the issue.

Head Qrs New York 15<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1781

A Court Martial consisting of 3 Field Officers and 12 Captains to assemble at the City Hall in New York on Thursday next the 18<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>...Members...Maj<sup>r</sup> [Simon] Fraser 71<sup>st</sup>...

Head Qrs New York 16<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1781

The Grenadier Companies of the 40<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>s</sup> are to join the Battalions of Grenadiers, the 40<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion and the 69<sup>th</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion...

Head Quarters, Sandy Hook 17<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 21<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Qrs New York 31<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>o</sup> 1781

The Detachment of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment arrived under the Command of Lieut [John] Grant will be landed this day at Brooklyn; where they will be quartered and to do duty with the Corps under the Command of Major [William John] Darby [7<sup>th</sup> Regt.] 'till further orders.

Notes: Lt. John Grant (later “of Auchendown”) of one of the two additional or recruiting companies of the Royal Highlanders, had taken a company of recruits to Newfoundland in 1778 with two companies of the 71<sup>st</sup> Additional to reinforce the island. He was ordered to take about half the company to strengthen the regiment in New York and then he was to join the “official” 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. raised in 1779-80 in Scotland under Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod.

Head Qrs New York 3<sup>d</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781

Returns to be given in tomorrow of the Number of British and German Invalids and Discharged Men that are to be sent to Europe.

Head Qrs New York 7<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781

Returns to be given in Friday Morning at ten o’Clock at the Adjutant Generals Office of the Officers, Soldiers, Invalids Women and Children belonging to the Army who are to go to Europe...

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781...



Detail of “Surrender of Lord Cornwallis,” 1820, by John Trumble

Picture Source and Note: Architect of the U.S. Capitol. British procession led by Brig. Gen. Charles O’Hara, not Lord Cornwallis, who was ill.

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781

Quarters & Cantonments for the following Corps...North River 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment...Long Island...Jamaica British Grenadiers...

Notes: The troops returning from the unsuccessful attempt to reinforce Lord Cornwallis in Virginia landed on Nov. 10, 1781. “Quarters & Cantonments” indicate the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. would be housed for the winter in buildings and homes, rather than barracks or sod huts.

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup>... [to] 13<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781

Cantonments for the Officers of the following Regiments who are prisoners on Parole...

L<sup>t</sup> Infantry... } Huntington...

71<sup>st</sup> [Regiment] ... } [illegible] Rockiway & that District...

The Officers of the above Corps will on their arrival make application to the Officers commanding on Long and Staten Island, who will give them Billets within the several Districts which are allotted to them...

The Corps that are to Hutt are to send to the Engineers at New York immediately for the following proportion of Tools Viz 24 Spades or Shovels 8 Pick Axes 16 Felling Axes 1 Cask Nails 2 Cross cut Saws 1 Whip Saw 2 Hand Saws 12 Hammers...

Head Quarters, New York 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781...

The Officers belonging to the following Regiments Viz Guards. 17. 23. [illegible] 71. 76. 80 who are not Prisoners are to be quartered at Flat Lands and New Lotts...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781...

A Court of inquiry consisting of three Field Officers to assemble at Roubalet's Tavern at Eleven o'Clock tomorrow Morning to examine into such matters as shall be laid before them.

Major [Richard] Temple 23<sup>d</sup>, Major [Charles] Graham 42<sup>nd</sup>, and Major [Stephen] Bromfield 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment, for this duty.

A General Court Martial consisting of three Field Officers to assemble at the City Hall in New York on Wednesday next the 21<sup>st</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at ten o'Clock in the Morning, for the Trial of all such prison<sup>rs</sup> as shall be brought before it...Members...Major Fraser 71<sup>st</sup>...

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> ... to] 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Quarters, New York 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotion

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment

Thomas Cochrane, Gent to be Ensign vice [Donald] M<sup>c</sup>Bean promoted} 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1781...

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 1781...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>

Ensign Will <sup>m</sup> Sutherland to be Lieutenant vice [William M <sup>c</sup> Caskal]	} 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 81
Caskill promoted	} ...
Volunteer Donald M <sup>c</sup> Mullen to be Ensign vice Sutherland promoted	} 1781 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup>
Volunteer Lewis M <sup>c</sup> Donald to be Ensign vice [David] Dewar promoted	} 26 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
Volunteer Dougald Stewart to be Ensign vice [Alexander] M <sup>c</sup> Tavish	} 21 <sup>st</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
promoted	}
Ensign Angus Cameron to be Lieuten <sup>t</sup> vice Thomas Fraser kill'd	} 17 <sup>th</sup> Octo 1781
Ensign Roderick M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie to be Lieu <sup>t</sup> vice [Charles Barington]	} 18 <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup>
M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie promoted	} ...
	80 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Charles Barington M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie from 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Cap <sup>t</sup> Lieutenant	} 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep 81
vice [Thomas] Bibby removed to 7 <sup>th</sup> Regiment	} ...

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781

The men of the 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment in Nova Scotia are to be formed into five compleat Companies with the proper proportion of Officers and non Commissioned Officers after which the number of Officers, non Commissioned Officers and privates that shall remain are to be sent to New York in order to join the other five Companies of the Regim<sup>t</sup> serving in Carolina..

Memorandum

The Regiments are to settle the accounts of such Invalids as are in the General Hosp<sup>l</sup> immediately on the day of Embarkation...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1781

As the Fleet for Europe will sail in a short time, the Officers, Invalids &c will Embark on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 9 o'Clock in the Morning according to the following Distribution, where Boats will attend to carry them on board their respective ships Viz

British Invalids &c for the Nestor at the Albany Pier

D<sup>o</sup> for the Apollo at Pecks Slip...

Capt<sup>n</sup> [John] M<sup>c</sup>Pherson of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regiment is to have charge of the British Invalids on Board the Nestor and Lieu<sup>t</sup> [Abraham] Blick of the 44<sup>th</sup> regiment of those on board the Apollo, to whom Lieutenant [Edward Pearce] Willington [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] will deliver Lists of the Invalids with their Discharges balances & two Months pay, those Officers will receive their Instructions from the Adjutant General.

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1781

A Board of inquiry of three Field Officers to assemble tomorrow at Twelve O'Clock at the City Hall to examine such matters as shall be brought before them.

Major [Charles] Graham 42<sup>nd</sup>, Maj<sup>r</sup> [Charles] Brownlow [57<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Grenad<sup>rs</sup>, Major [Stephen] Bromfield 40<sup>th</sup> for the above Duty.

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781

The Quarter Mas<sup>rs</sup> of the 37<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Regim<sup>s</sup> are to assemble at the Barracks Office New York on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> instant at ten o'Clock in the Morning to survey such Barrack Furniture as Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel [William] Crosbie Barracks Master General shall lay before them and report the State of it.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>mt</sup>



Maj. William Nairne

Picture Source: *The Scottish Songstress, Caroline Baroness Nairne*, by Her Great Grand-Niece, Oliphant Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh, 1894, p. 34.

Lieutenant W <sup>m</sup> Nairne to be Capt <sup>t</sup> Lieutenant vice [John] Nairne, dead	} 20 <sup>th</sup> June 1781
Ens <sup>n</sup> John Forbes to be Lieutenant vice Nairne promoted	} 19 <sup>th</sup> Octo 1781
Volunteer John Campbell to be Ens <sup>n</sup> vice Forbes	} d <sup>o</sup> ...

Note: Capt. Lt. William Nairne would later serve in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. beginning in Dec. 1782.

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Major [Hon. Henry] Broderick [55<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is appointed to the British Grenadiers in the room of Major [Richard] Temple [23<sup>rd</sup> Regt.].

Two Months pay commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1781, is to paid immediately paid to Lieutenant [Edward Pearce] Willington [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] by the respective Corps for each Invalids as are Embarked...

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

54<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Lieu <sup>t</sup> Will Gordon from 71 <sup>st</sup> Regiment to be Captain by purchase	} 15 <sup>th</sup> Octo 81
vice [Eyre Power] Trench	}

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781

The Additional Gunners are to join their respective Regiments on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> for which purpose the Officer commanding the Royal Artillery will give the necessary orders...

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781...

The Officers and men belonging to the British Reg<sup>s</sup> in Carolina, Georgia, and East Florida will Embark tomorrow Afternoon at 2 o'Clock according to the following Arrangements... those of the 37<sup>th</sup>; 60<sup>th</sup>.. 63<sup>d</sup>.. 64<sup>th</sup> & 71<sup>st</sup> at the [Brooklyn Ferry] ...and go on Board the Salty...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781

The British Regiments will prepare Muster Rolls for 183 days from 25<sup>th</sup> June to the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1781...

The Senior Officers on board each of the Ships now going to Charlestown will please to give to give an Exact return of the November of a Men Embarked at 5 o'Clock this Evening.

Notes: The muster of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. was delayed and not until taken at "*Greenwich York Island 13<sup>th</sup> February 1782.*" Because the 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry Co. had been surrendered at Yorktown, its muster was not taken for the specified period until the company's release in 1783.

Head Quarters New York 23 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Head Quarters New York 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781

A Board of Enquiry consisting of three Field Officers, to assemble at the City Hall on Wednesday the 2<sup>d</sup> of January next at ten o'Clock in the morning to examine into such matters as shall be laid before it.

Majors [David] Ferguson 71<sup>st</sup> [Charles] Graham 42<sup>nd</sup> and [Stephen] Bromfield of the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment for this Duty.



Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782...

The Board of Field Officers of which Major [Charles] Graham [42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] is president, is to assemble at the City Hall on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 11 o'Clock to examine into such matters as Brig<sup>r</sup> General [John] Gunning [82<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] shall Lay before it respecting the Appointments of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regiment.

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782

A General Court Martial consisting of three Field Officers and 12 Captains to assemble at the City Hall in New York on Monday next the 14<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>...Members...Maj<sup>r</sup> [Simon] Fraser 71<sup>st</sup>... British Grenad<sup>rs</sup> 4 Cap<sup>s</sup>...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1782

The Officers belonging to Carolina, Georgia and East Florida are to take the present Opportunity to join their respective Regiment.

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Volunteer Thomas M <sup>c</sup> Phail to be Ensign vice [John] Grant kill'd	} 20 <sup>th</sup> Octo 1781
John Robertson to be Ensign vice Roderick M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie promoted	} 21 <sup>st</sup> d <sup>o</sup> ...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1782

Commanding Officers of Corps will be pleased to send in Returns to the Barrack Mas<sup>r</sup> Generals office in Water Street for Furniture & Utensil Money for the Year 1782, by the 27<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>, the money will be paid on and after the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

The Commanding Officers of the following Corps are requested to send in at the same time Returns of the Officers and Effectives of their respective Regiments present upon the 21<sup>st</sup> February last and they will be paid their Utensil and Furniture Money for the Year 1781, Viz Guards, 23<sup>d</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, Bose, Queen's Rangers, British Legion and such of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment as were in Virginia.

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup>... [to] 26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782..

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1782....

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotion

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>mt</sup>

Lieu<sup>t</sup> James Innes from 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment to be Cap<sup>t</sup> vice [Harry] Munroe who retires} 1781 1 Dec<sup>r</sup>

Notes: The retiring Capt. Munro had formerly served as a Lt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup>... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1782....



Reproduction 37<sup>th</sup> Regt., 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 60<sup>th</sup> or Royal American Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> Feb. 1782....

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>mt</sup>

Cap <sup>t</sup> James Graham from 57 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup> to be Major by Purchase vice	} 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> 81
[William] Montgomery who retires	} ...

Notes: Maj. James Graham, 37<sup>th</sup> Regt., began the war as a Lt. in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.



Detail of "Colonel Dickson of Kilbucko," circa 1802, by J. Jenkins

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42<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>mt</sup>

Lieu <sup>t</sup> William Dickson [of Kilbucko] to be Capt <sup>n</sup> by purchase vice	} 2 <sup>d</sup> Feb, 82.
[John] Peebles who retires	}

Ens <sup>n</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Edmondstone to be Lieuten <sup>t</sup> by purchase vice Dickson promoted	} 2 <sup>d</sup> Feb <sup>y</sup> 1782.
A Blank Commission for an Ensigny by purchase vice Edmondstone	}
promoted	}
Ens <sup>n</sup> [David] Sutherland having desired leave to retire, The	}
Commander in Chief is pleased to order a Blank Commission for an Ensigny	}
by purchase for his Benefit	}

4<sup>th</sup> Batt / 60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

A Blank Commiss <sup>n</sup> for an Ensigny by purchase vice S <sup>t</sup> Clair promoted	}
in 71 <sup>st</sup> Reg <sup>mt</sup>	}...

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1782....

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1782

Those Corps that have Men Prisoners with the Enemy are desired to call immediately at the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Office for a List of them and they are to provide the following necessities for each man Viz

Two pair Shoes, two pair Yarn Stockings, Two Shirts of Linen Sufficient, Russian Duck for two pair Trousers and materials for making them.

Returns of the Quantity provided to be sent to the same place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, as other means will be taken to supply them, should the Corps neglect to comply with this Order.

Those Corps that have Cloathing to send will give in a Return of the Quantity at the same time.

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1782

The Board of Enquiry composed of Major [Charles] Graham 42<sup>d</sup>, Major [Charles] Brownlow [57<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Grenadiers, and Maj<sup>r</sup> [Stephen] Brownfield 40<sup>th</sup> to assemble on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> march at 11 o'Clock in the Morning at the City hall to examine into such matters relative to the Ship, General Reidesel, as shall be laid before it.

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> March 1782

The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonels [James] Coates of the 19<sup>th</sup>, [Alured] Clarke of the 7<sup>th</sup> & [Robert] Abercrombie of the 37<sup>th</sup> Regiments to serve as Brig<sup>r</sup> Generals in the Army under his Command.

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> March 1782

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>mt</sup>

Major David Ferguson from 43 <sup>d</sup> Regim <sup>t</sup> to be Lieutenant Colonel by	} 1781
purchase vice [Alexander] M <sup>c</sup> Donald who retires	} 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> ...

After Orders 7<sup>th</sup> March 1782

The Commander in Chief has been pleased some time since to appoint Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonels [James] Bruce of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment and [Alexander] Stewart of the 3<sup>d</sup> Regiment to serve as Brig<sup>r</sup> Generals to the Army in America...

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> March 1782....

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> March 1782

An Invoice of all Articles intended to be sent to the Prisoners in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland to be Lodged by the different persons concerned, with the Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> General as soon as possible who is requested to give directions for their being embarked in the Vessels allotted for that purpose under the Inspection of an Officer of his Department, who is to go with those intended for the British at Philadelphia and Lancaster...

List of Promotions received from the War Office...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>mt</sup>

Ens <sup>n</sup> Erskine Fraser to be Lieutenant in one of the Additional	} 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1781
Companies vice Ens <sup>n</sup> Fraser made Captain	}
James Murray Grant to be Ensign vice Edw <sup>d</sup> Fraser	} d <sup>o</sup>



Maj. Gen. Charles O'Hara, 1791-1792

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His Majesty has been pleased to promote [Capt. and Lt.] Colo: Charles O'Hara of the Coldstream Regim<sup>t</sup> of Guards to the Rank of major General in the Army 19<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1781...

His Majesty has been pleased to direct that the 76<sup>th</sup> [Highland] Regiment of Foot commanded by Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo John M<sup>c</sup>Donnell, to be reduced to the Establishment, of 85 private Men *P* Company from the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1781...

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup>... [to] 22<sup>d</sup> March 1782...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> March 1782

Such Corps as have Necessaries &c to send to their Prisoners in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland are to apply immediately to the Quarter Master General for directions about their being Embarked...

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> March 1782...

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> March 1782...

The undermentioned Officers are appointed to act as Assistant Engineers 'till further orders, and will receive their directions from Captain [Abraham] D'Aubant Commanding Engineer...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Dougald Campbell                      42<sup>d</sup> Regiment...

#### After Orders

Commissioners having been appointed to meet on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> March at Elizabeth Town to negotiate matters relative to Prisoners, all Hostilities are to Cease from this day untill the breaking up of the said Commission from the Mouth of the River Raway to the Town of Newark inclusive.

Notes: There were three Dougal Campbells who served in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. during the war. This Lt. Campbell had promoted to lieutenant on April 5, 1781 and at the end of the war when the regiment was reduced, settled in New Brunswick, Canada.

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> March 1782

The Drivers, Horses, and Waggons furnished by the Quarter master General for the use of the General Officers, Staff and the several Corps of the Army as also for the supply of the several Publick

Departments, are to assemble on Wednesday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April next at the following places in order to be Mustered when it is desired that the Commanding Officers of Corps will advise their respective Quarter Masters to attend for that Purpose...

Those belonging to the General Officers and Publick Departments, the 40<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiments...are to assemble at the Waggon Yard at New York at eight o'Clock in the Morning...

Those of the ...1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions of Grenadiers...to Assemble at Jamaica, Long Island at the same time...

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> March 1782

The following arrangement of the Army to take place as follows 'till further orders

The 37<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>d</sup> Regiments to be commanded by Brig General [Robert] Abercrombie who is also to have the inspection of the [Loyalist] American Legion 'till further orders...

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> British Grenadiers to be commanded by Major General [James] Paterson – Maj<sup>r</sup> of Brigade Scott...

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> April 1782

All the Regimental Waggon, and those belonging to the Q<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup> Generals Department on New York Island, to assemble at M<sup>c</sup>Gowan's pass, on Monday Morning next at 9 o'Clock where they are to Load with fascines, and carry them to the Works near new York...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> April 1782...

Major [Charles] Brownlow [57<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is appointed to the Comm<sup>d</sup> of the Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenadiers in the room of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo [James] Marsh 'till further orders...

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup>... [to] 12<sup>th</sup> April 1782...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> April 1782

Major General [James] Paterson is to Command on Long Island...Brig General [James] Bruce will please to take the Command on Staten Island...Brig. General [Robert] Abercrombie will please to repair to Kingsbridge and put himself under the Command of Major General [Carl Von] Gausen [Hessian Prince Charles Regt.] 'till further orders...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> April 1782...

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> April 1782

Such Corps as have Cloathing on board the Archer Transport are to Land it immediately and put it into their respective Stores.

#### After Orders

The Commissioners having returned from Elizabeth Town in the Jerseys, Hostilities are to Commence in the district pointed out in the orders of the 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12 o'Clock tomorrow...

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup>... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> April 1782...

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> April 1782...

#### After Orders

A General Courtmartial consisting of One Major General, Four Brigadier Generals, and ten Field Officers to assemble at City Hall, on Thursday next 2<sup>d</sup> may at 10 O'Clock in the Morning for the trial of all such persons as shall be brought before it.

Major General [James] Paterson President  
Members...Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox Grenadiers...Major [Charles] Graham 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> May 1782

The General Courtmartial ordered to assemble the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant is not to meet until Friday the 3<sup>d</sup>.



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Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> May 1782...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

7<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Captain Lieu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Bibby to be Captain Vice [Walter] Home } 28<sup>th</sup> April promoted in  
42<sup>d</sup> Regiment } ...

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

*Charles Graham Major*

Major Charles Graham to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel Vice [Thomas] Stirling } 28<sup>th</sup> April 82 promoted  
to 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment }

*Walter Home Major  
N. H. Regt.*

Captain Walter Home from 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment to be Major Vice Graham } d<sup>o</sup>  
promoted }

3<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>...

Ensign James Apthorpe from 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> Vice [George] } 1<sup>st</sup> March 82  
Meggs promoted in 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> } ...

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment

Ensign William Walkin [Walker] from 74<sup>th</sup> Regiment to be Lieutenant } 21<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1781 Vice  
Angus Cameron who was Killed previous to his being appointed Lieu<sup>t</sup> }  
Vice Fraser Killed }

Ensign William M<sup>c</sup>Leod to be Lieutenant Vice Arch<sup>d</sup> Campbell Killed } 10<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 82

\_\_\_\_\_ Brisbane Gent. to be Ensign Vice McLeod promoted } d<sup>o</sup>

Ensign Malcolm Grant to be Lieutenant vice [Magnus] Murchison dead } 21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 82

\_\_\_\_\_ Menzies Gent. to be Ensign Vice Grant promot<sup>d</sup> } d<sup>o</sup>

Captain Lieu<sup>t</sup> William Nairne to be Captain Vice [Andrew] Lawrie dead } 1<sup>st</sup> March 1782

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> Balneaves to be Captain Lieu<sup>t</sup> Vice Nairne promoted } d<sup>o</sup>

Ensign Donald Cameron to be Lieutenant Vice Balneaves promoted } d<sup>o</sup>

Volunteer Thomas Gage Bruce to be Ensign Vice Donald Cameron } do  
promoted }

Cornelius L Wallace Gent to be Ensign, Vice Eneas M<sup>c</sup>Leod deceased } 2<sup>d</sup> March 1782

_____ Robinson Gent, to be Ensign Vice Lewis M <sup>c</sup> Donald Killed	} 3 <sup>d</sup> March 1782
George [M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie?], Gent. to be Ensign Vice [Thomas] M <sup>c</sup> Phail Killed	} 4 <sup>th</sup> March 1782
John Percival Beaumont Gent, to be Ensign Vice [James] Apthorpe	} 5 <sup>th</sup> March 1782
promoted in 3 <sup>d</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> 60 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	}

74<sup>th</sup> Regiment...

James Seton, Gent to be Ensign Vice Walton promoted in 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment } 21<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1781...

Note: Capt. Nairne, 71<sup>st</sup> Regt., would later serve in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. beginning in Dec. 1782.



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Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> May 1782

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions

42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

Ensign James Alston to be Lieutenant Vice George Stuart promoted in	} 4 <sup>th</sup> May 1782
the 4 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> 60 <sup>th</sup> Reg <sup>t</sup>	}

Volunteer Donald M <sup>c</sup> Niven to be Ensign Vice Alston promoted	} d <sup>o</sup>
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4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 60<sup>th</sup> Regiment...

Lieutenant George Stuart from 42 <sup>d</sup> Regiment to be Captain Lieu <sup>t</sup> Vice	} [4 <sup>th</sup> May 1782]
[George] Meggs promoted	}

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Ensign James Murray Grant to be Lieuten <sup>t</sup> by purchase Vice Gordon	} 2 <sup>d</sup> March 1782
promoted in 54 <sup>th</sup> Regim <sup>t</sup>	}

A Blank Commission for an Ensigncy by purchase Vice Grant promoted	}
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Surgeon's Mate Robert Ochiltree to be Surgeon by purchase Vice	} 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb <sup>y</sup> 82
[John Stewart] Stuart promoted in the Horse Guards	}...

Captain Thomas [Gilfillan] Gilfallen 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Ass<sup>t</sup> Dep<sup>y</sup> Quarter Master General on the Establishment, Vice [illegible] dead – untill His Majestys pleasure is known...

Brigadier General [John] Gunning having obtained Leave to return to Europe on account of his health & Brigad<sup>r</sup> General [James] Bruce having Retired from the Service, The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [James] Marsh of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment and Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col. [Andrew] Bruce of the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment to serve as Brigadier Generals in the Army under his Command.

General Sir Henry Clinton having obtained His Majestys gracious Permission to return to Europe the King has been pleased to appoint His Excellency Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [James] Robertson to succeed him on his departure as Commander in Chief of the Army in this district of North America – All Orders therefore coming from Lieu<sup>t</sup> General Robertson are to be obeyed.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> May 1782...

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> May 1782

General Sir Henry Clinton proposing to return immediately to Europe is happy in Congratulating the Army upon his being Succeeded in the Command by a General of Sir Guy Carleton's great Professional



reputation and Abilities: And whilst he wishes to express the very high sense he has and ever will have of the distinguish'd Sprit Discipline and Ardor they have shown on all occasions, he begs leave to offer them his warmest thanks for their Chearfull Obedience to his Orders and very effectual Assistance and Support in every Service they have been employ'd upon.

His Excellency Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [Wilhelm] De Knyphausen having obtained permission from his Serene Highness the landgrave of Hesse to return to Europe, the Command of the Hessian Troops devolves on His Excellency Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [August Heinrich] De Lossberg to whom all Returns and reports are to be made.

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> May 1782

Such Invalids as have had their accounts settled, and given to Capt<sup>n</sup> Handfield, are to embark to Morrow at 12 o'Clock at the Commissary's wharf, at the Fly market on board the regard and the Wisk, transports...

#### Memorandum

Such Officers as have leave to go to Europe to apply for their certificates at the Adjutant Generals Office at 12 o'Clock to Morrow.

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," Sir Henry Clinton Papers, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.  
Note: Orders dated from Sept. 27, 1778 to Dec. 16, 1778 are barely legible and the above is the best possible transcript.  
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Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir Guy Carleton

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### **Excerpts of Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders, New York, May 8, 1782 – Nov. 23, 1783**

His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton's Orders, New York Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1782

Head Quarters New York Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1782

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Brook Watson Esq<sup>r</sup> to be Commissary General of Stores Provisions and Forage to the Army in North America...

Captain Robert Morse of the Corps of Engineers is appointed Chief Engineer to the Army...

Head Quarters New York Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1782

Capt<sup>n</sup> [Fitz] Conner of 16<sup>th</sup> Foot is to take Charge of the Invalids going to Europe...

Head Quarters New York Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1782

The Court Martial of which Major General [James] Paterson is President to assemble on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst at 10 OClock in the Morning at the City Hall...

Head Quarters New York Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1782...

It is the Commander in Chiefs determination to receive no application from Officers but thro' the Colonels or Officers commanding the Regiment they belong to –

The Working Parties at New York and Brooklyn to be discontinued till further Orders –

Head Quarters New York Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1782

The Corps of Guides & Pioneers to assemble at Brooklyn Fort Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at 12 OClock...

The Baggage and Cloathing on board the Munificence Transport to be landed immediately.

The Troops are informed that the Commander in Chief will see them in the course of a few days.

The Regiments in Garrison the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & the three Regiments under the Command of [Hessian] Major General [Frederick] Wormb will be reviewed on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at 12 OClock. An Officer from each Regiment to be sent to the Quarter Master General in New York on Sunday morning at 8 OClock who will show them their Ground & the General commanding will give the necessary Orders for their Marching so as to be there at the Time appointed –

The Troops at Kingsbridge will take the Duties done by the Reg<sup>ts</sup> at M<sup>c</sup>Gowans Pass during their absence –

After Orders

The Meeting of the General Court Martial of which Major General [James] Paterson is President is put off untill Thursday the 23<sup>d</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> on which day it will assemble at the City Hall in New York at 10 OClock in the Morning

Head Quarters New York Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1782

After General Orders

All the Troops on Long Island the Garrison Batt<sup>n</sup> excepted will be reviewed by the Commander in Chief on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 OClock on the Ground in Front of the half Way house on the road to Jamaica –

...Each Corps to send on Monday Morning at 10 OClock an Officer to the halfway House where an Officer from the Quarter Master Generals Department will meet them & show them the Ground for their respective Regiments –

Major General [James] Paterson will please to direct the Garrison Batt<sup>n</sup> to take the Duties at Brooklyn & that sufficient Guards be left at the Redoubts at Denyces & White Stone –

A Return to be given in to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Generals Office on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at 10 OClock in the Morning of all Officers & Men now within this District belonging to absent Regiments specifying such as are on Parole.

Notes: The “half Way house” was also known as the Rising Sun Tavern and was located near Jamaica Pass.

Head Quarters New York Thursday 23<sup>d</sup> May 1782

The Several Departments are directed to deliver over to the Commissary General on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> such Stores and other articles now in their Possession as by His Majestys Commission are entrusted to his Charge of which they are desired to give him Returns and lodge Copies at the Adjutant Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Company & such Men of the Light Infantry as belong to Corps in this district to join their Reg<sup>ts</sup> as soon as possible for which the General Officers will please give the Necessary Orders.

All Men of Absent British & Provincial Regiments to be assembled at 12 OClock on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at New York the British at the Quarters of Capt<sup>n</sup> [Edward] Handfield 22<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> at N<sup>o</sup> 27 William Street and the Provincial at the Inspector General Office under the Charge of Lieut Col [George] Turnbull of the New York Volunteers –

The General Officers commanding in the respective Districts will give Orders for their being forwarded to New York accordingly. Capt<sup>n</sup> Handfield and Lieut Col Turnbull will report as soon as possible the Numbers who have joined them & Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Samuel] Birch [17<sup>th</sup> Lt. Dragoons] will please to order them to be furnished with Quarters –

Brig<sup>r</sup> General Birch is directed to order a Court of enquiry consisting of 3 Field Officers from the Garrison to assemble on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> to examine into such Matters as shall be laid before it by Doc<sup>r</sup> [Mervin] Nooth respecting the Hospital Stopages & it is hereby empowered to call upon such Persons as shall be found necessary to appear before it in Order to procure the fullest information –

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to constitute a Board to examine the Public accounts of the Army.

In absence of the Commander in Chief His Excellency Lieut General [James] Robertson is to be President. All British General and Field Officers of the Line to have a Seat at this Board whenever it shall suit their Convenience to attend The Honorable Henry White and the Honorable Hugh Wallace Esq<sup>rs</sup> to be also Members of this Board

His Excellency General [James] Robertson with Major Drummond Com<sup>y</sup> of Accounts and any other two Members to constitute a Board for the Dispatch of Business they will call for all necessary Papers and Persons whom they may whenever they shall judge proper examine upon Oath.

The Board to assemble on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> at 11 OClock at the House of His Excellency Lieut Gen Robertson's for the first time.

Head Quarters New York Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1782

All the Waggon's belonging to the Several Depar<sup>ts</sup> as well as those attached to the Regiments on Staaten are to be employed on Tuesday & Wednesday next the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> inst. in drawing the Fascines & Palisadoes from Places where they have been cut to the Post at the Flag Staff.

The Quarter Master General's Waggon's & all those attached to the Regiments Cantoned on this side of Jamaica on Long Island to be employed in drawing the Fascines & Picquets cut in Front of Jamaica to the Wharf at Flushing

The General Officers commanding on Long Island & Staten Island will give the necessary Orders for this Purpose & the Chief Engineer will please to direct proper Persons to attend & point out where the Fascines &c now are.

The Officers who compose the General Court Martial of which Major General [James] Paterson is President are to do duty till further Orders.

The American Legion & Capt<sup>n</sup> Stewarts Troop American Dragoons to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice.

Head Quarters New York Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1782

The Horses of the Army to be turned to Grass on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June after which time no Dry Forage will be issued except to General Officers & their Aid de Camps. To such of the Staff as are employed upon Duty at New York & with the General Officers commanding at each Post, To Brigade Majors and to orderly Dragoons and such Waggon Horses of the Several Departments as are employed in

the City of New York and cannot be spared from the Necessary Duties – of all which Returns are to be immediately sent to the Adjutant Generals Office that the Necessary directions may be sent to the Commissary general for Supplying such as are approved of, the Districts to be allotted for Grazing will be pointed out as soon as possible.

Promotions by His Most Serene Highness the Landgrave of Hesse  
Col. [Johann] de Loos to be Major General...

After Orders of Yesterday

The American Legion to march on Wednesday morning at 5 OClock to the Ship Yards at New York where Boats will be ready to cross them over to Brooklyn... [Loyalist] Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Cortland] Skinner is desired to give orders that Capt<sup>n</sup> [William] Stewarts Troop of [Loyalist] Kings American Dragoons may Cross to Long Island in the Boats that carry over the American Legion ...

Head Quarters New York Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1782

Returns to be given in at two OClock this day at the Adjutant Generals Office of the Officers and Men now in this District belonging to the Corps in Nova Scotia and at Panobscot. They will prepare to Embark tomorrow morning...

The Officers and Men of the 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment who came from South Carolina are to take this opportunity of going to Halifax where Eight Companies of the Regiment are to be formed.

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> May 1782

Major [William] Keppel of the 82<sup>d</sup> Regiment is appointed to serve with the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> British Grenadiers till further Orders ...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> June 1782

The Commissary General will please to direct proper Persons to point out the district in which the Horses of the Army are to be Grazed...

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Gunning having found his health sufficiently reestablished to remain in this Country does not avail himself of the leave Granted him by [Gen.] Sir Henry Clinton to go to Europe.

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> June 1782

For the future no Person is on any account so ever to Survey or take any Plan of the Country of the Works without Permission in writing from Head Quarters or from the Chief Engineer...

The Officer commanding at King's Bridge will please to give orders for all the Pioneers under his command to Join the rest of the Corps at Brooklyn, except Lieut Hunt and eight men who are to be kept for the necessary Duties of that Post.

It being necessary to have thirty thousand Fascines cut immediately it is to be done according to the following arrangement.

The 1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> British Grenadiers	2350	} Long Island
2 <sup>d</sup> d <sup>o</sup>	2500...	}
42 <sup>d</sup> Regiment	3000	} York Island

The Length of the Fascines & the Number of Pickets to each to be the same as those last furnished by the Troops...

Head Quarters New York Monday 3<sup>d</sup> June 1782

All Men belonging to absent Regiments whose Grenadier Companies are here are to Join & do Duty with them till further Orders.

The Non Commissioned Officers & Men of the Guards are to join the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of Grenadiers and those of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] & 80<sup>th</sup> [Royal Edinburgh Volunteers] Regiments to join the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.

All Men of Absent Provincial Corps to Join & do Duty till further orders with the Brigade under the inspection of Col. [Gabriel] Ludlow [DeLancy's]...

This Order extends to Prisoners on Parole who are to be taken care of till exchange tho they are not to do duty...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> June 1782

The Army will Fire a Fue de Joy this evening at 8 OClock in Honor of his Majesty's Birthday...

Note: A "*feu de joie*" was literally a "fire of joy" and consisted normally of a running volley of fire to make a long continuous round of firing as a celebration.

Head Quarters New York Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 82

The proceedings of the General Court martial of which Major General [James] Paterson is President having been suspended in Consequence of the Prisoner Capt<sup>n</sup> John [Richard] Lippincot [Associated Loyalists] pleading against the Legality of the Court. The Commander in Chief after the most mature Consultation and deliberation finding that there is no other method of obtaining Justice has thought proper to order that the said Court martial shall assemble on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at 10 OClock in the morning at the City Hall in New York and proceed on the Trial of the said Capt<sup>n</sup> John Lippincot –

Whatever Vacancies shall happen of Adjutants & Quarter Masters The Officers commanding Regiments are requested to recommend the most deserving Sergeants for those Commissions as the Commander in Chief proposes to reserve them in future to reward their Merits.

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> June 1782

Whenever it should be necessary to confine any Person not Military he is to be reported immediately to His Excellency Lieut. General [James] Robertson who will take the necessary Steps for their being brought to Trial...

The use of Vinegar being recommended to the Troops during the Hot Weather each Corps by sending to the Commissary General will be supplied with a Puncheon.

M<sup>r</sup> William Porter is appointed Commissary of Musters vice Pitcher deceased –

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> June 1782...

No Horses to be purchased for the Cavalry of the Army till further Orders.

The Army to prepare to Encamp at a Short Notice.

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> June 1782

As the Regiments are to prepare to Encamp at a short notice they will deliver up the Barracks Bedding &c &c immediately & send their heavy Baggage to their Stores in New York...

The Regiments to give in Returns of the number of Fascines they have cut & where they are...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> June 1782...

The Commanding Officers of Corps will make application immediatley for 40 Rounds of Fresh ammunition per man for their Effectives present. They will make use of 20 Rounds per Man of their old Ammunition for practice and will deliver the remainder into the ordnance Stores.

The Quarter Masters of 37<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> & those of [Hessian Regts.] Du Corps & Prince Charles to meet the Quar<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>rs</sup> General at 10 OClock tomorrow morning at the 6 Mile Stone on the Blooming Dale Road & the Quar<sup>r</sup> Masters of the Regiments in Garrison will meet him the same Day at Bunkers Hill at 12 OClock

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> June 1782

The Regiments who have been shown their Ground this Day by the Quartermaster General will march tomorrow morning as such Hours as may be most Convenient & encamp. They will make application for Straw at the magazine nearest their respective encampments...

The Quarter Masters of Grenadiers to attend at one OClock upon Ireland Heights on the Road to Flushing where a Person from the Quar<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup> Generals Dep<sup>t</sup> will show them their Ground...

Note: "Ireland Heights" are on Long Island. Rivington's *Royal Gazette* ran an advertisement dated July 3, 1782 for lost horse from "grenadier camp, on Ireland heights, near Flushing. 1st battalion British grenadiers."

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> June 1782...

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> June 82

The Regiments that have field pieces attached to them are to furnish two noncommissioned Officers and 18 Privates as Additional Gunners to be under the directions of the Officers commanding the Party of Artillery with them.

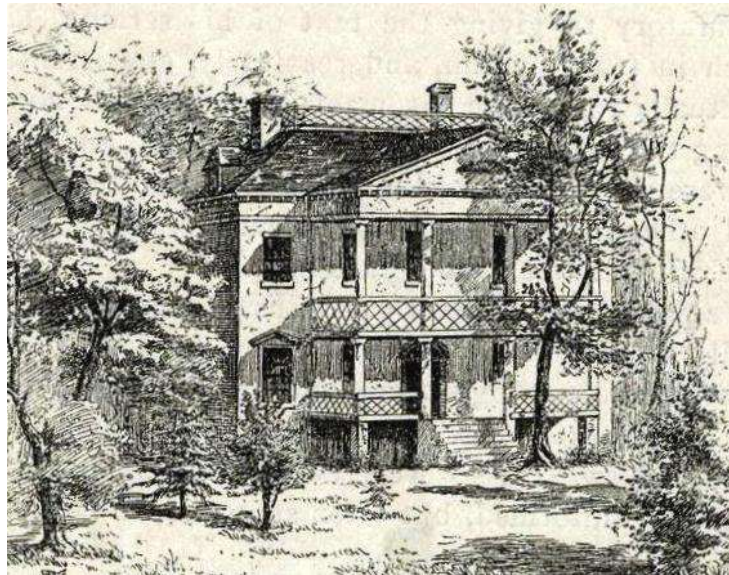
The Orders will in Future be given out at Head Quar<sup>rs</sup> at eleven OClock at which time the Aid de Camps & Brigade Majors & a Person from Each Department will attend.

The Orders for Long Island Staten Island Paulus Hook & Kings Bridge will be sent as usual.

The General Officers commanding in the several Districts are desired to make the necessary arrangements for the preservation of the Barracks & Hutts that are evacuated by the Troops.

It is strongly recommended to the Officers commanding Corps to pay the greatest attention for the preservation of the Medows & inclosures near their encampments & that no Injury be done to the Neighboring Inhabitants.

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> June 1782...



Maj. Abraham Mortier's House, 1847, from "Richmond Hill House, Varick Street, between Charlton and Vandam Streets" 1897, by Charles Haynes Haswell,

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Head Quarters Mortiers House 20<sup>th</sup> June 1782

As it is the Kings order that all rations issued by the Commissary General shall be paid for and none delivered without except to the Wives and Children of Soldiers and other Charities & as the mode by which the usual Stopages were to be collected has been pointed out by Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [James] Robertson in an order given out the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1780 it is the Commander in Chiefs direction that in future that mode become General throughout the Army under his command. All persons who have not paid them in as directed are to pay them to the Commissary General before the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant.

Head Quarters Mortiers House 24<sup>th</sup> June 1782

The Drivers Horses Waggon and Carts of the Quartermaster Generals Department...to assemble for Inspection...the 29<sup>th</sup> Inst...

Those of the 37<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>d</sup> Regiments to assemble at the 4 mile Stone on the road leading to Kingsbridge at 10 OClock the same Day...

Those of the ...British Grenadiers...to assemble on the common ground near the Pond of Jamaica...

The British Regiments upon application to the Quarter Master General will receive Wooden Canteens for their Effectives...

The British Corps the Waldeck Reg<sup>ts</sup> The free Corps of Hesse Hanau together with the Detachments of recruits belonging to Foreign Regiments in Canada will prepare their muster Rolls for 183 days commencing the 25<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1781 & ending the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1782 both Days inclusive

Head Quarters Mortiers House 30<sup>th</sup> June 1782

All British Officers & Soldiers on Parole who are not employed on Service are to hold themselves in readiness to embark for Europe by the first opportunity.

Such Provincial Officers under the above description as chose to go to Europe have the Commander in Chiefs Permission for that purpose.

Head Quarters Mortiers House 1<sup>st</sup> July 1782...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 3<sup>d</sup> July 1782

A Board of Enquiry having reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> 57<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> 63<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> 80<sup>th</sup> 82<sup>d</sup> 84<sup>th</sup> Regiments have not settled their accounts for Stopages due to the general Hospital is directed to furnish them with their several Accounts which they are desired to settle immediately...

Such Corps as have not received their Utensell money for the last year are desired to give in the usual Returns to the Barrack master General who will settle with them in the Customary manner...

The Following Regulation of the Number of Horses allowed is to take place in the Army till further Orders...

Lieut Col <sup>s</sup> or Field Officers Comm <sup>s</sup> Regiments }	2
Majors	1...
Adjutants & Quarter M <sup>rs</sup>	1...

#### Regulation of Waggon...

Regiments not to have Waggon perpetually attached to them but to be supplied when necessary by the Commissary General or his Deputy at the magazine from whence they are supplied with Provisions by an order from the Officer commanding Brigades or separate Corps...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 5<sup>th</sup> July 1782...

Brevet Major [George] Beckwith [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is appointed Aid de Camp to His Excellency the Commander in Chief...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 10<sup>th</sup> July 1782

The following Arrangements to take place till further Orders  
Major General [James] Paterson to Command on Long Island  
Brig<sup>r</sup> General [James] Marsh on Staten Island  
[Loyalist] Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Cortland] Skinner at Paulus Hook  
[Hessian] Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Uphraim von] Gosen at Fort Knyphausen & Post dependent  
[Hessian] Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth M<sup>c</sup>Gowans Pass Snake Hill & inclusive to the Lines of New York –



The Commandant of New York will regulate all matters & direct the Duties within the Lines of New York. All reports & applications in their several Districts to be made to those Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 13 July 1782...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 19<sup>th</sup> July 1782...

Such Regiments as have Demands for Bounty Money for Drafts received between the 1<sup>st</sup> January & 30<sup>th</sup> June 82 are desired to give in the usual returns on the 1<sup>st</sup> August next to the Adjutant General...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 23<sup>d</sup> July 1782

It appearing by Letter to Lieu<sup>t</sup> General [John] Campbell from the Governor of Cuba & the Lieut<sup>t</sup> Governor of Jamaica that the Troops Captured in West Florida by the Arms of Spain have been exchanged agreeable to a Cartell settled between the Commander in Chief of those two Islands they are hereby declared Free and are to duty accordingly.

The usual Quantity of Straw will be delivered to the Troops upon application to the Commissary General.

Head Quarters Mortiers House 25<sup>th</sup> July 82

The following arrangements to take place till further orders...The ...Pensylvania Loyalists...& Maryland Loyalists to encamp at Denyces under the command of Col. [Gabriel] Ludlow [DeLancy's]...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 27<sup>th</sup> July 1782...

It is the Commander in Chiefs order that divine service be performed every Sunday in each British & [Loyalist] Provincial Batt. The several Com<sup>s</sup> Officers to take Care that this order is Punctually obeyed.

Head Quarters Mortiers House 30<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> July 1782...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 1<sup>st</sup> August 82...

A General Court martial consisting of the following Members to assemble at the City Hall in New York on Saturday next the 3<sup>d</sup> August at 10 OClock in the Morning for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it.

Major [Edward] Eyre 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> President

Major [Walter Home] Hume 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment

Capt<sup>n</sup> Mackintosh 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment

L. Campbell 71<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>...

Members

Head Quarters Mortiers House 3<sup>d</sup> August 1782...

The Guards will hold themselves in readiness to Embark for England by the first Opportunity.

His Majesty having thought proper to place the [Loyalist] Voll<sup>rs</sup> of Ireland upon the Irish Establishment the Officers & non Commissioned Officers of that Corps will hold themselves in readiness to Embark for that Kingdom.



Detail showing two sets of barracks (No. 26) near Fort George and near the "Fresh Water" pond from "A Plan of the city of New York," circa 1776

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

Head Quarters Mortiers House 6<sup>th</sup> August 1782

The 42<sup>d</sup> Reg to march tomorrow morning to New York where it is to be Quartered till further orders The Commandant will give the necessary directions for its being put into Barracks.

Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Samuel] Birch will apply to [Hessian] Major General [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth for what men he shall think necessary for the Duties of New York which he is requested to furnish...

[Loyalist] Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Cortland] Skinner will please to order two Capt<sup>ns</sup> from the new jersey Volunteers for the general Courtmartial now sitting at the City Hall in new York in the room of Capt<sup>n</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Campbell of the 71<sup>st</sup> & Capt<sup>n</sup> Phillips of the garrison Batt<sup>n</sup> who are sick...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 7<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters Mortiers House 9<sup>th</sup> August 1782...

#### After Orders

The Grenadiers Companies belonging to Regiments now in this District are to join their Batt<sup>ns</sup> on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> the Com<sup>s</sup> belonging to absent Regiments are to be formed into one Batt<sup>n</sup> under the Command of the Hon<sup>bl</sup> Lieut. Col [Henry] Fox [38<sup>th</sup> Regt.]

Major [William] Keppel [82<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] to be Major to this Batt<sup>n</sup>. Boats are to be at Denyces to carry the 22<sup>d</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup> Companies to Staten Island & at Brooklyn Ferry to Cross the 37<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>d</sup> Companies to this Island the same Day.

Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [James] Paterson will please to give the necessary orders for these movements & the Quar<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup> General is requested to see that Boats are ready at the proper Time.

Notes: This order returned the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Company back to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. from the 1<sup>st</sup> British Grenadier Bn. The men of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry Co. were still being held prisoners-of-war after the surrender at Yorktown, Oct. 1781..

Head Quarters Mortiers House 11<sup>th</sup> August 82

The Troops arrived in the last Fleet to disembark tomorrow morning at Brooklyn ferry the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment will march to Flushing & the [Hessian] Reg<sup>t</sup> of Knoblock to Jamaica where they are to be Quartered till further orders...

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> August 1782

List of Promotions received from the War Office...

71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Col. Thomas Sterling from 42<sup>d</sup> Foot to be Col. vice Simon Fraser deceased 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 82.

Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Col. Alex<sup>r</sup> Earl Balcarras of 24<sup>th</sup> Foot to be Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col Commandant of the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> of the same Regiment to be formed into a separate Regiment and call'd 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 82.

Col. John Leland 1<sup>st</sup> Foot Guards to be Col vice Sir Will<sup>m</sup> Erskine promoted 26<sup>th</sup> May 82...

Notes: The two battalions of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. in America were split into two separate regiments. Maj. Gen Stirling became Colonel of the 71<sup>st</sup> Highland Regt. which consisted of all the men in America from the original 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions, 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. and about half the officers. Earl Balcarras became Lt. Col. Commandant of a separate regiment called "*2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot*" which included all the men of the original 71<sup>st</sup> in the two additional companies in Scotland and about half of the officers in America.

Officers appointed Captains in the new Independent Companies...L<sup>t</sup> J Abercrombie of 71<sup>st</sup> 27 Sep 81. Lieut Smol<sup>t</sup> Campbell of 71<sup>st</sup> Foot 10<sup>th</sup> May 81.. Lieut John Story of 71<sup>st</sup> 1 Oct<sup>r</sup> 81.

Note: Capt. Smollet Campbell was the brother of former Lt. Dugald Campbell, Younger of Craignish and George Campbell, both of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> August 1782

The Court Martial of which Major General [James] Paterson is President is dissolved.

In future whenever a Vacancy shall happen the Comm<sup>s</sup> Officers of Corps with any other recommendations he may think proper will please to mention the names of the Eldest Officers of each Rank actually doing duty with their Regiments.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

Garr<sup>n</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Lieut<sup>t</sup> B [Brinsley] Hewetson from [2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion] 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Capt<sup>n</sup> vice [Thomas] Baddely deceased.

At the Request of His Excellency [Hessian] Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [Frederick W.] Losberg the Army is informed that after a Strict Enquiry into the Conduct of such Officers as were present at the Surprisal of the Hess<sup>n</sup> Regiments Losberg Sen<sup>t</sup>, Knyphausen and late Graff at Trentown in the year 1776 none of those that are now living actually in the Hess<sup>n</sup> Service have been found Guilty of any Misdemeanor whatsoever wherefore they have been acquitted by a Court martial of which Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth is President which acquittal is approved by his Serene Highness the Landgrave of Hesse...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> August 1782...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> August 1782

A General Court Martial to Assemble at the City Hall in New York on Wednesday morning the 21<sup>st</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> at 10 OClock for the Trial of such Prisoners as shall be brought before it

Lieut General [John] Campbell President

Major General [James] Paterson	}
Brig <sup>r</sup> General [Alured] Clarke	}
Brig General [James] Marsh	}
Brig General [Andrew] Bruce [54th Regt.]	}...Members...
Lieut. Col. [Charles] Graham 42 <sup>d</sup>	}...

Major [Walter Home] Hume 42<sup>d</sup> }...

Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Robert] Abercrombie is appointed Quarter Mas<sup>r</sup> General vice General [William] Dalrymple who resigns....

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> August 1782...

Major [Edward] Eyre [40<sup>th</sup> Regt.] is to sit as a Member of the General Court Martial of which Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [John] Campbell is President in the room of Major General [James] Paterson – which Court martial to assemble tomorrow morning at 10 OClock at the City Hall in New York.

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup> August 1782

The Com<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>

Ensign \_\_\_\_ M<sup>c</sup>Donald to be Lieut<sup>t</sup> vice [Brinsley] Hewetson promoted 17<sup>th</sup> July 1782

Vol<sup>r</sup> R Eyre to be Ensign vice M<sup>c</sup>Donald

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> August 1782...

Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [John] Campbell will please to take the Command on Long Island till further orders...

Isaac Newman private Soldier in the 22<sup>d</sup> Regiment tried by the General Court Martial of which Major [Edward] Eyre of 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> was President ...

James M<sup>c</sup>Lean private Soldier in the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment tried by the above G. Court Martial accused of desertion the prisoner pleaded not Guilty & no Evidence appearing in Support of the accusation the Court do therefore acquit him of the Charge brought against him ...

The Prisoner...James M<sup>c</sup>lean of 71...to be released & sent to their Regiments...

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> August 1782

It is recommended to Officers to disencumber themselves of all unnecessary Baggage and Horses as they will only be allowed Conveyance for a very small proportion of Camp Equipage either by Land or Water...

The Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Brown is appointed Chaplain to the British Grenadiers.

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> August 1782

The Commander in Chief is highly pleased with the good order observed in the Evacuation of Savannah desires Brig Gen<sup>l</sup> [Alured] Clarke will accept his thanks for this Instance of his good Conduct...

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>t</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> August 1782...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> September 1782

The British Grenadiers 7<sup>th</sup>. 38<sup>th</sup>. & 54<sup>th</sup> Regiments to march this evening to Halletts Cove & Encamp till further Orders on such ground as shall be pointed out to them by an Officer of the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Depart<sup>t</sup>...

The Quarter Masters & Camp Colour Men of the British Grenadiers 7<sup>th</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>d</sup> 54<sup>th</sup> Hess<sup>n</sup> Grenadiers Reg<sup>t</sup> of Landgrave duCorps, Prince Charles, Knyphausen 17<sup>th</sup> Drag<sup>s</sup> Jagers Bunau & Hesse Hanau Corps to be at M<sup>c</sup>Gowans Pass at 9 OClock tomorrow Morning where a Deputy Qua<sup>r</sup> mas<sup>r</sup> general will give them further orders...

Notes: The "*Quarter Masters & Camp Colour Men*" were responsible for marking the location of a new camp. "*Camp Colours*" were 18 inch square flags in the color of the facings of the regiments used to designate camp lines.

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> September 1782

A Sufficient party to be 6 OClock tomorrow morning on the ground marked out for those Regiments whose Camp Colour Men were directed to attend at M<sup>c</sup>Gowans Pass this morning in order to Dig Wells as contiguous as possible to their respective Encampments The Chief Engineer will direct them to be supplied with Tools on the Spot: & they will report to the Adjutant General the number of Wells they have found necessary for each Batt<sup>n</sup>.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1782

The British Grenadiers 38<sup>th</sup> Regiments to Cross to Horns hook tomorrow morning at 5 OClock from which they will march and Encamp on the Ground mark'd out for them Yesterday near M<sup>c</sup>Gowans pass.

The 37<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>d</sup> [Hessian] Regiments duCorps & Prince Charles the Jagers 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons & Hanau Corps to March also tomorrow morning at 5 OClock & Encamp on the Ground marked out for them.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment to Cross from Brooklyn to New York tomorrow evening & take up the Quarters of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment.

As soon as the Regiments arrive at their Ground they will immediately Clear it & make good communication between each – upon application to the Commissary at Marstons Wharf the will be supplied with Provisions Straw &c.

The following Arrangements to take place till further Orders.



Brig. Gen. Alured Clarke, by Bromley

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The 7<sup>th</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>d</sup> Regiments to be Brigaded under the Command of Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Alured] Clarke.

The 40<sup>th</sup> & 54<sup>th</sup> Regiments to form a Brigade under the Command of Brig<sup>r</sup> General Bruce.

The British Grenadiers and 38<sup>th</sup> Regiments to be Inspected by Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col. [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox [38<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Brit. Grenadiers].

These Brigades to report to Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [John] Campbell....

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1782

The Commanding Officers of Corps encamp'd on this Island are requested to ascertain the Number of Casks that will be indispensably necessary for the Construction of their Wells which will be supplied on application to the Commissary at Marstons Wharf....

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1782

The General Court Martial of which Lieut<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Campbell is President is dissolved...

Major [George] Hewet of 43<sup>d</sup> Regiment is appointed to the British Grenadiers under the Command of Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col. [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox.

Such Corps as wish to have a Flatboat for the Conveyance of Supplying themselves from New York by the East River will be furnished on application to M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton Agent & at the Commissary generals Ship Yard These Boats when not in immediate use are to be kept carefully some where near Marstons Wharf.



Reproduction 71<sup>st</sup> (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Uniform Button

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His Majesty has been pleased to form two Regiments of the 71<sup>st</sup> to be Stiled the 71<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment the former to be Commanded by Col [Thomas Stirling] Sterling & the Latter by Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col. [Alexander] Earl of Balcarras. The Men of Both Battalions now in America wether prisoner or otherwise to be appointed to the 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & the Add<sup>l</sup> Companies at Newfound Land to be considered as Part of the same Reg<sup>t</sup> & the two Additional companies at home to be part of the 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>. The whole arrangement to take place from 25<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. The 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to consist according to the following Establishment

—  
1 Colonel & Capt<sup>n</sup>  
1 Major & Capt<sup>n</sup>  
1 Major without a Com<sup>y</sup>  
9 Captains  
26 Lieutenants  
10 Ensigns  
1 Chaplain  
1 Adjutant  
1 Quar<sup>r</sup> master  
1 Surgeon  
2 Mates  
48 Sergeants  
48 Corporals  
24 Drummers  
2 Fifers  
1020 Privates  
1197 Total

The men taken Prisoners at Boston in the 1776 are to be struck of the Strength of the Regiment except such as have notified their Situation & are now actually in Captivity.



Maj. Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling by Benjamin Marshall

Picture Source: The Black Watch Castle & Museum

#### List of the Officers of the 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

Colonel Thomas Sterling [Maj. Gen. "*in America*" and former Lt. Col., 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg.]

L<sup>t</sup> Colonel David Ferguson

Majors { Simon Fraser

{ Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [Lt. Col. "*in the army*" and former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]

{ Francis Skelly

{ John M<sup>c</sup>Donnell

{ Robert Hutchinson

{ Colin Campbell

Capt<sup>s</sup> { Robert Duncanson

{ James Fraser

{ Charles Menzies

{ Thom<sup>s</sup> Fraser

{ Edw<sup>d</sup> Fraser

Captain Lieut<sup>t</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> Balnevis

{ Robert M<sup>c</sup>Donald

{ John Ross

{ Thomas Hamilton

{ William Walkinshaw

{ Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Bean

{ Robert Campbell

{ John Grant

{ Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donald

{ William M<sup>c</sup>Kishile



{ John Robinson [Robertson – former Ens., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]  
 { John Wilson  
 { E. P. Willington  
 Lieut<sup>s</sup> { Donald M<sup>c</sup>Pherson  
 { John Grant  
 { Duncan Campbell  
 { Robert Campbell  
 { David Dewart  
 { Laughlan M<sup>c</sup>Quary  
 { Rich<sup>d</sup> Gauckman  
 { Erskine Fraser  
 { John Forbes  
 { William Walker  
 { William M<sup>c</sup>Leod  
 { Malcolm Grant  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ M<sup>c</sup>Donald

{ Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Donald  
 { Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lean  
 { Alex<sup>r</sup> Cameron  
 { Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Miller  
 Ensigns { Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ Menzies  
 { Thomas Gage Bruce  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ Robertson  
 { George M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie  
 { John Beaumont

Chaplain [Hugh] Blair  
 Adjutant  
 Quarter Master C. Campbell  
 Surgeon C. Chisholm  
 Mates { David Burns  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ Jackson

The Officers not named in the above List belong to the 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment & are to prepare to go to Europe by the first opportunity.

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> September 1782...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> September 1782

A Return to be given in by Monday next to the Adjutant Generals Office of all the Negroes arrived from Savannah in the last Fleet distinguishing those that are private Property & specifying the Persons they belong to.

All Officers belonging to the regiments in South Carolina are to take the first opportunity of Joining them.

Mem:

As there are several Commissions signed by [Gen.] Sir Henry Clinton at the Adjutant Generals office those Persons to whom they belong are desired to call for them.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to march on Wednesday Morning and Encamp on the Ground marked out for them at Hornshook

#### After Gen<sup>l</sup> Orders

The officers belonging to the Regiments in the Southern District are desired to apply immediately at the Adjutant Generals Office where they will be informed of the Ship they are to Embark in, Boats will be ready at pecks Slip tomorrow morning at 10 OClock & Continue untill four to carry them on Board, the Ships will positively sail on Wednesday.

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> September 1782

The General Orders will in future be given out at Head Quarters at Lefferts House at 10 OClock...  
Memorandum...

The Commander in Chief will go through the Encampments this Evening before Sun Set which time the Troops are expected to turn out: unless previous notice is given at other times they are not to turn out.

Notes: The "*Leffert's House*" was likely located at E. 91<sup>st</sup> St and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in Manhattan. Washington Irving once mentioned he had stayed there during the war of 1812.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 19<sup>th</sup> September 1782

The Adjutant General is under the necessity of requesting that Officers commanding Corps will notify to his Office as soon as possible whenever desertions may happen –

The Evening Gun to be fired till further Orders at Snake Hill varying the Gun till each has been fired, when the same is to be done at Horns Hook.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 21<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1782

The Honourable Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col. [Henry Edward] Fox is appointed to act as Brig<sup>r</sup> General till further Orders.

In future the Brig<sup>r</sup> Generals will appoint their own Brigade Majors...

Head Quarters Lefferts House 23<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Lieut<sup>t</sup> [Walter] Cliffe of the 7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed Major of Brigade to Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Alured] Clarke...

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie of the 76<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to act as Adjutant to the British Grenadiers.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 24<sup>th</sup> September 82

The Officers & Men under orders to join their Reg<sup>ts</sup> in the Southern Districts are to Embark this day on Application to the Agent of transports they will be furnished with proper conveyance...

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col. [William] Martin of the Royal Artillery is appointed to act as Brig<sup>r</sup> general till further Orders.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 25<sup>th</sup> September 82

A Picket of Cavalry consisting of 1 Capt<sup>n</sup> 1 Sub<sup>n</sup> & 40 men with non Commissioned Officers in proportion to March this Evening to the Glass House on the North River...

Notes: The "*Glass House*" was located about three miles north of the city on the North River.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 82

The Army to hold itself in readiness to march at an hours warning to Haerlem Heights where it will draw up Fronting the North River.

The Right Wing to march by the left on the road thro' M<sup>c</sup>Gowans pass The second Line following the first.

The left Wing to move from the right on the north River Road to King's Bridge the second line following the first.

The Regimental Pioneers to march at the head of their respective Lines.  
 The cannon to march at the head of the Reg<sup>t</sup> they are attached to.  
 The reserve to follow the Right till it Comes to the Smiths Shop on the Kings Bridge Road when it will take the Shortest way to the Ground it is to be reviewed upon  
 The general Officers leading Collumns will call upon the Officer commanding the reserve for such advance Parties of cavalry & Infantry as they shall think Proper  
 The Army to march precisely in an hour after two Guns fired from the 54<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> have been answered by two Guns from the Hess<sup>n</sup> Grenadiers.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 30<sup>th</sup> September 82...



Detail of Print of Lt. Gen. Thomas Musgrave, 1797, by Geigmund Facius, after Lemuel Abbott

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Head Quarters Lefferts House 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1782

Colonel [Thomas] Musgrave of the 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is appointed to act as a Brig<sup>r</sup> General. He will take Command of the two British Brigades in the front line.

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Campbell's Orders, October 5<sup>th</sup> 1782

Lieut. General Campbell has the pleasure of communication to the Right Wing of the Army His Excellency the Commander in Chiefs thanks for their fine appearance and Military behavior in the Field.

Lieut<sup>t</sup> General Campbell is happy at this opportunity of expressing his satisfaction & thanks to the Officers & men of the Right Wing for their regularity & good Conduct in their operation & Performance in the Field Yesterday which deservedly merits the applause of the Commander in Chief & all the General Officers –

It is his Excellency's wish & pleasure that his thanks on this occasion shall be explained to the several Corps this Evening on their respective Parades.

Note: The regiments under Lt. Gen. Campbell's command as of Sept. 5, 1782 consisted of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup> under Brig. Gen Alured Clarke, the 40<sup>th</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> under Brig. Gen. [Andrew] Bruce [54th Regt.] and the British Grenadiers and 38<sup>th</sup> under the "Inspection" of Lt. Col. the Hon. Henry Edward Fox.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 7<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters Lefferts House 9<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1782...

The British Soldiers now on Duty who have not their Winter Clothing on, to be relieved immediately by those who have them, should the Reg<sup>t</sup> they belong to not have Complied with the

Commander in Chiefs desire on that expressed to them some time ago, the Men must be relieved by those who have paid the necessary Attention to it.

The Winter Clothing to be sent by the Reg<sup>ts</sup> immediately to the Hospitals for their respective Sick.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 11<sup>th</sup> October 1782...

Each British Regiment to give in a Return of the Clothing they last received specifying for what Year it was due also at what time the Soldiers received their last Clothing.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 12<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 82

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions

33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Capt<sup>n</sup> Lieut George Stewart from 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Capt<sup>n</sup> vice [Hon. Charles William] Curzen who exchanges 11<sup>th</sup> October 82...

60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

Capt<sup>n</sup> Lieut<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Curzon from 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Capt<sup>n</sup> L<sup>t</sup> vice [George Stewart who Exchanges 11<sup>th</sup> October 82.

No Person on any account whatsoever to shoot within a Mile of any of the Encampments.

Mem.

The Adjutant General is under the Necessity of requesting when ever names of Volunteers are given in mention be made of their Age time of Service & where they actually are.

Note: Capt. George Stewart was a former lieutenant on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 69<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Head Quarters Lefferts House 14<sup>th</sup> October 1782

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the follow<sup>s</sup> Prom<sup>ns</sup>...

42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Lieut. John Nesmith from 69<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Lieut<sup>t</sup> vice [Alexander] Grant who Exchanges 14<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 82.

69<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Lieut Alex<sup>r</sup> Grant Jun<sup>r</sup> from 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Lieut<sup>t</sup> vice [John] Nesmith who exchanges 14<sup>th</sup> October 82.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 16<sup>th</sup> October 1782...

Head Quarters Lefferts House 18<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1782

A General Court martial to assemble at the City in New York tomorrow morning the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at 10 OClock for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it.

Brig<sup>r</sup> General [William] Martin President...

Head Quarters Lefferts House 19<sup>th</sup> October 1782

The Officers Commanding Corps are immediately to send to Halifax for their recruits the Officers Non Commissioned Officers & Clothing as found necessary by the return, upon application to the Commissary General he will give directions for a Ship to receive them & inform them at what time they are to Embark.

The 40<sup>th</sup> & 63<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> having no Clothing in Store the former is to be supplied from the Clothing of the 47<sup>th</sup> & the latter from that of the 24<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> by the desire of the Commanding Officers...

Head Quarters Lefferts House 20<sup>th</sup> October 1782

The Officers non Commissioned Officers & Private Men with such Clothing & Necessaries as are intended for the recruits & others in Nova Scotia are to be embarked this Day on Board the brig Betsy & Polly laying at Burtings Slip in New York: The several Corps to give in Returns to the Adjutant Generals Office at the same time specifying the Number of Officers men & the Quantity of Clothing & Necessaries they send...

The Commander in Chief having been pleased to direct that a donation of Leging Cloth with sufficient materials to make overhauls be delivered to the Troops within this district. The several Corps are to give in a Return to the Adjutant General on the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> of the Present Effective Sergeants Drummers Rank & File that a proper proportion may be prepared for each.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 22<sup>d</sup> October 1782...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. and 84<sup>th</sup> or Royal Highland Emigrant Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Head Quarters Lefferts House 26<sup>th</sup> October 1782

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint Donald Smith Gent<sup>n</sup>. to be an Ensign in the 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. of the 84<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>. by purchase of a Blank Commission dated 24<sup>th</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1779.

Note: Donald Smith was a Surgeon's Mate of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. at the time of this promotion.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 29<sup>th</sup> October 1782...

Head Quarters Lefferts House 30<sup>th</sup> October 1782...

Head Quarters Lefferts House the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1782

The Officers Commanding Corps are to send their Quarter Masters immediately to the Cantonments that have been named for them, where proper Officers from the Quarter Master & Barrack Master Generals Department will attend to mark their several Quarters & the sick of each Reg<sup>t</sup> are to be sent as soon as possible to their respective Regimental Hospitals.

The Troops destined for Long Island will in future receive their orders from Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [John] Campbell. The remainder in Camp will receive their Orders from Major General [Henrich Julius von] Kospoth, Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [James] Robertson will inform him whenever the Quarters are ready to receive such as are destined for New York also respecting the march of those intended to relieve the garrison of Pawlis Hook & the Regiment at Staten Island –

The whole to move into their Winter Quarters with all Convenient expedition...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> November 1782...

The Officers commanding British Reg<sup>ts</sup> are immediately to order an Inspection to be made into the State of the Clothing & appointments of which they will give in a Return as soon as possible Specifying the Good Bad & deficient of each Article...

Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [James] Robertson's Orders

Officers belonging to the Regiments in the Country are immediately to quit the Quarters they have had in Town – The Billets are hereby declared void & are to be occupied by Officers forming the new Garrison....

Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [James] Robertson's Orders 5<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1782

The 7<sup>th</sup>. 37<sup>th</sup>. [Hessian] Reg<sup>ts</sup> of Donop DuCorps & Losberg to March tomorrow morning to NYork to their respective Quar<sup>s</sup>

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> November 1782...

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> October 1782

A Board Consisting of Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Alured] Clarke and two British Field Officers of the Garrison to assemble every Saturday Morning at 10 O'Clock at such place as the Brig<sup>r</sup> shall point out for the purpose of examining into the claims of Officers for Payment for the Loss of Baggage...

The Different Reg<sup>ts</sup> to have their Camp Equipage immediately Dried & Inspected & a Report of the State of it to be given in to the Quarter Master General

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Officers commanding Regiments are requested to give in a Return of the Subalterns of their respective Corps who are serving without Pay...

Memorandum

The Adjutant General is directed to Call upon the Several Departments for a Return of the Officers & others Employed by them specifying the Dayly Pay they receive & the Place they are serving. The Return to be given in on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>.

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> November 1782

A Board of His Excellency Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [James] Robertson Brig<sup>rs</sup> General [Samuel] Birch, [Thomas] Musgrove [Musgrave], [Alured] Clarke & [Andrew] Bruce to assemble at 9 O'Clock tomorrow morning the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at His Excellency's House in New York for the purpose of examining into the such matters respecting the Division of Money arising from captures made in the Chesapeake as shall be laid before it by Brig<sup>r</sup> general [Robert] Abercrombie

The Commander in Chief having been pleased to grant leave of Absence to Joshua Loring Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissary General of Prisoners to go to Europe for six Months, Peter Dunant Esq<sup>r</sup> is appointed to act as Deputy Commissary of Prisoners and to transact the Business of that department during M<sup>r</sup> Loring's Absence.

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup>... [to] 18<sup>th</sup> November 1782...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> November 1782...

Memorandum

The Adjutant General requests each Corps will give in on Monday Morning the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant A Return of the Numbers of Men who have deserted between the 1<sup>st</sup> September & 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> inclusive specifying their Names & the Day they deserted.

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup> November 1782

A Board of General & Field Officers having been directed to consider what supplies were necessary to be sent to the Prisoners in Pennsylvania, Maryland & Virginia, they have pointed out the following Articles to be furnished by the Reg<sup>ts</sup> to each British & Provincial Soldier. 2 Shirts 2 p<sup>rs</sup> Worsteds Stockings 2 p<sup>rs</sup> Shoes 2 p<sup>rs</sup> Souls & heals 1 p<sup>r</sup> Cloth Legings 1 p<sup>r</sup> Woolen Mitts 1 Woolen Night Cap 1 Black Stock – which the Corps to provide immediately.

Such Reg<sup>ts</sup> as have Clothing due to their Men, are to have it prepared to send them & as the necessities received from England by the Commissary General are much Cheaper than any that can be purchased here it is recommended to the Corps to procure from him whatever they want as far as he can be able to supply them.

The Foreign Troops will make the necessary preparations to furnish their Prisoners with whatever Clothing & necessities they may think proper.

The Inspector General of Provincials will for the Provincial Troops & the Superintendent of the General Hospital will provide a proper assortment of medicines

Returns of the prisoners may be had upon application to the Adjutant General & invoices of all the Articles that are to be sent both by the German as well as the British Troops to be given to The Quartermaster General as soon as possible –

Notes: A number of the wagons transporting the above ordered supplies to the prisoners were stopped and looted by the Pennsylvania militia. A portion of the supplies to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co. POWs was lost in this manner.

Lieut<sup>t</sup> General Robertson's Orders NYork 23<sup>d</sup> Nov 82...

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> November 1782...

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> November 1782

The Commander in Chief is pleased to direct that the non Commissioned Officers Drummers & Private Men who are prisoners shall be furnished with a pair of Donation Woolen Legings each.

Mem.

The Warrant for payment of Bounty Money due to the 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>d</sup>, 23<sup>d</sup>, 33<sup>d</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>d</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> of Foot for Drafts received by them to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 82 is at the Pay Office & is made payable to the Paymasters or acting Paymasters of those Corps

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> November 1782

A General Court Martial to assemble at the City Hall in New York at 10 OClock on Monday Morning the 2<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> for the trial of such Prisoners as shall be brought before it

Maj<sup>r</sup> [Thomas] Dawson 3<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> President...

Maj<sup>r</sup> [James] Graham 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> ...

Notes: Maj. Graham began the war as a Lt. in 42<sup>nd</sup>, was promoted to Capt. in the 57<sup>th</sup> Regt. in 1777, and now served as acting commanding officer of 37<sup>th</sup> Regt. in the absence of Brig. Gen. Robert Abercromby.

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> November 1782...

Returns to be given in on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> by the respective Corps of the Number of Prisoners for whom Leging Cloth us wanted.

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> November 1782...

As a Convoy will sail for Europe in a Short time if there are any Soldiers with the British Reg<sup>ts</sup> who are deemed unfit for further Service they are to be sent on Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> to the Hospital Board for Examination.



The British Invalids & discharged men who are to go to Europe on Monday to be sent to Capt<sup>n</sup> Handfield in New York on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. The Corps are to settle their Mens Accounts to the 24<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> & give in to Capt<sup>n</sup> Handfield their discharges Ballances & two Months Pay from the 25<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 82.

The German Invalids the Officers, non Commissioned Officers & Men of the 16<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> and those of the Guards 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & Vol<sup>ts</sup> of Ireland with such non Commis<sup>d</sup> Officers of the Northern Army as are now here are to go to Europe by this Opportunity –

Returns to be sent to the Adjutant Generals Office on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> December of the Rank & Names of the Officers and Number of men Women & Children of each Corps & all other Military persons who are desirous of a Passage at the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office specifying whether they want to go to England or Ireland.

Such Widows of British & German Soldiers as do not go to Europe by this Fleet will be struck off the Provision Returns.

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> November 1782...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782...

All Clothing & Necessaries for the Prisoners of War in the Country are to be Packed up immediately & the Invoices sent to the Quarter Master General.

The Transport Ship Amazon at Franklin's Wharf will be ready to receive them on Thursday morning the 5<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>

Captain [William] Armstrong & some other Persons belonging to the Quarter master Generals Department will attend to see them Ship'd & that nothing is received on board but what is specified in the orders with Blankets & Camp Kettles also necessaries for the Officers as every thing else will be liable to Seizure.

A proportion of thread Needles & buttons to be issued with the legging Cloth for the prisoners.

Notes: "*Franklin's Wharf*" was between James Slip and Roosevelt Street.

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> December 1782...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> December 1782...

Such Officers as receive permission to go to Europe are to apply at the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> office for their Leaves of Absence.

No Soldiers who are fit for Service, to be taken to Europe except such as are Prisoners on Parole.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup>... [to] 9<sup>th</sup> December 1782...

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> December 1782...

After the General Officers have regulated the N<sup>o</sup> of Guards they Judge Adviseable in the Different Stations they will report the same to Head Quarters with a Detail – they will also report at the same time the Number of Rooms that will be requested for each Regimental Hospital –

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup>... [to] 15<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782...

All Persons going in the Fleet to Europe are to be Embarked by 10 O'clock on Thursday morning the 17<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> in the Ships pointed out for them by y<sup>e</sup> Agent of Transports.

Capt<sup>n</sup> Charles Handfield of y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & Lieut<sup>t</sup> [Benjamin] Craven of y<sup>e</sup> 63<sup>d</sup> will superintend the Embarkation of the Invalids in the Ships that are allotted to them...

The Discharges of the British Invalids their Accounts & advanced pay to be given to Lieut<sup>t</sup> Craven who is to take Charge of them to Europe & he is to apply to the Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup> for further Instruction...

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> December 1782...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> December 1782...

The Different British Regiments to prepare Muster Rolls for 183 days Commencing the 25<sup>th</sup> June and Ending the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1782 both days Inclusive.

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions –

17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons

Ensign Cornelius Lon Wallace from 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Cornet by purchase of a Blank Commission 19<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1782

2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

A Blank Commission for an Ensigny by purchase vice Wallace removed.

Mem:

The Weekly States to be discontinued till further Orders.

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> December 1782...

A List of Promotions received from the War Office...

71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Regiment

L<sup>t</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Bean to be Capt<sup>n</sup> of an Add<sup>l</sup> Com<sup>y</sup> vice Fraser who retires 24 June 82...

Leaves of Absence...

71<sup>st</sup> Regiment

Capt<sup>n</sup> Robert Duncanson six Months from 30<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 82 on his Private Affairs...

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> December 1782...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 3<sup>d</sup> January 1783...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

The Jagers & Hanau Free Corps ...to march to Huntington...

The Troops arrived from Charlestown to be Cantoned in the following manner –

The [Hessian] Reg<sup>t</sup> Angellelly...Reg<sup>t</sup> of Benning...Reg<sup>t</sup> Dittforth... [Loyalist] 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Delan<sup>y</sup>...New York Volunteers...Detachment of the [Loyalist] Kings American Reg<sup>t</sup>... [Loyalist] 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Skinners... [Loyalist] Prince of Wales's Volunteers...Detachment 23<sup>d</sup> & 33<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>...Detachment of the 17<sup>th</sup> Foot...The 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>ns</sup> of the 60<sup>th</sup> ...Detachment of the [Hessian] Reg<sup>t</sup> of Bose...Detachment of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons...

Notes: Charleston, S.C., captured by siege in 1780, had been evacuated on Dec. 14 and reoccupied by the Rebel forces.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

Such Regiments as have Demands for Bounty Money for Drafts received between the 1<sup>st</sup> July & 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 82 are to send the usual Returns to the Adjutant Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office

Mem:

The Troops arrived from Charlestown are requested to send to the Adjutant Generals Office States & Monthly Returns to the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> –

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup>... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

It being found necessary to Issue Oil instead of Candles to the Guard & barrack rooms here, upon application to the Barrack Master General the Troops will be furnished with their proportion of Lamps at the rate of one to each Room and a Point of Oil with Wick in proportion will be issued by the Commissary in lieu of a Pound of Candles...

Ensign Campbell of the 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment is to attend the Court of Enquiry at the City Hall in New York on Friday Morning the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant at 12 OClock to answer to a Complaint for Irregularities Committed in the Street.

Those Officers whose leaves of Absence with the Dates & terms are not Specified in the Monthly Returns of their Reg<sup>ts</sup> according to the regulation will be Considered as absent without Leave & Returned accordingly to the Secretary of War.

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 11<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

Maj<sup>r</sup> [William John] Darby 7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> & Maj<sup>r</sup> [James] Graham 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> [former Lt., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] will meet with [Loyalist] Col: Beverly Robinson on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at 12 OClock, at the Commissary Generals Store on Murray's Wharf, in order to compose a Board for Matters which will be laid before them –

Notes: "*Murray's Wharf*" was at the foot of Wall Street.

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup>... [to] 14<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1783...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

A General Court Martial to Assemble at the City Hall in New York at 10 OClock on Monday morn<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> for the Trial of such Prisoners as shall be brought before it –  
Major [Walter] Home 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> President...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup>... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

This being the Anniversary of Her Majestys Birthday a Royal Salute will be fired from the Guns on the Battery at New York...

The Commander in Chief desires Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [Hon. Alexander] Leslie will accept his thanks for the good Conduct he exhibited during the Evacuation of Charlestown & that he will Express his acknowledgements to the Troops under his Command who by their regularity & good Conduct merit his approbation –

A Board Consisting of one Field Officer & Four Captains to assemble at the City Hall in New York on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> to examine into such Matters as shall be laid before it.  
Maj<sup>r</sup> [Peter] Trail Royal Artillery President

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

Major [Peter] Trail of the Royal Artillery being taken ill Major [James] Graham of 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is for the Board ordered to Assemble tomorrow morning.

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

The 7<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>d</sup> 54<sup>th</sup> 57<sup>th</sup> 70<sup>th</sup> 74<sup>th</sup> 82<sup>d</sup> & 84<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> are in future in all their States & Monthly Returns to Acco<sup>t</sup> for their L<sup>t</sup> Infantry Companies.

Note: The men of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf. Co. were still being held as prisoners of war after Lord Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown in Oct. 1781.

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup>... [to] 27<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1783...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

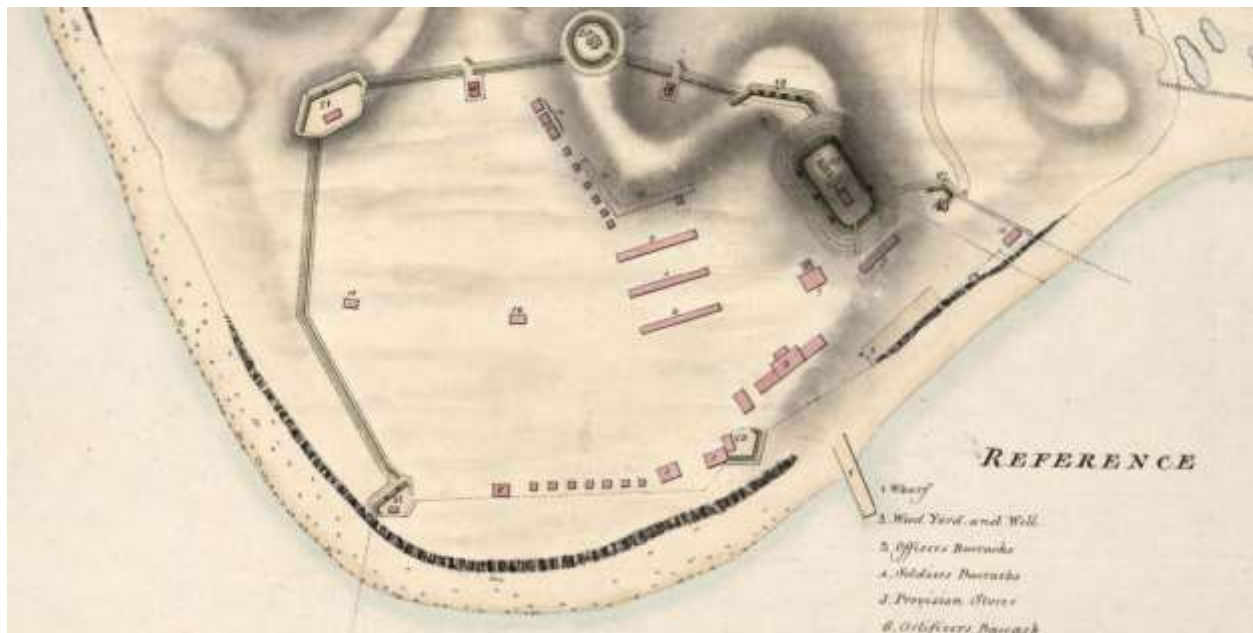
William Anderson private Sol<sup>r</sup> in 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> tried by the General Court martial of which Major [Walter] Home of 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> is President accused of Desertion. The Court having heard and Considered the Evidence in Support of the accusation together with what the Prisoner had to Offer in his defence is of opinion that the Prisoner W<sup>m</sup> Anderson is Guilty of the Charge brought against him & do therefore Sentence him to Suffer Death...

His Excellency The Commander in Chief is pleased to approve of the foregoing Sentences...

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> January 1783...

The Provost Martial will likewise Publish in the News Papers on the first Wednesday in every Month a calendar of all the Prisoners in the Provost under his Charge according to the Form that will be given him by the Adjutant General...



Detail from "Plan of Paulus Hook shewing the works erected for its defence, 1781-2," by John Hills (Surveyor) and Benjamin Morgan (Draftsman).

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div*

Head Quarters New York 31<sup>st</sup> January 1783...

William Anderson Private Soldier in 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> under Sentence of Death is to be executed at Powlis Hook on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of February next between the Hours of 10 & 12 OClock in the forenoon.

Note: An advertisement in the *Royal Gazette* (New York), Dec. 11, 1782 documents the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. occupying the barracks at Paulus Hook, New Jersey.

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783...

A General Court martial to Assemble at the City Hall in New York on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 83 for the Trial of Abraham Hammond and Jones Briggs for Treasonable Practice. Joseph Hayden & Nathan Horten for Counterfitting Dollars. David Molbay for Robbery & on suspicion of being a Spy. William Miller for High Way Robbery. James Walsh for Robbery and all other Prisoners that shall be brought before it.

Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Alured] Clarke President...  
42<sup>d</sup> [Regiment]                      1 [Captain] } Members...

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup>... [to] 5<sup>th</sup> February 1783...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783...

Such British Regiments as have Recruits at Halifax are not to Draw Subsistence for them here as they will be paid at that place

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783...

Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Andrew] Bruce's Brigade to furnish a Capt<sup>n</sup> for the General Court Martial of which Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Alured] Clarke is ordered to be president on Monday next in the Room of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment.

It is Requested that Officers will keep inside the Rails at the General Parade during the time of forming & marching off –

Note: the phrase "*in the Room of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment*" means in place of the officer of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. formerly appointed, not an actual room.

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783...

The Commanding Officers of Regiments are to have their Mens Accounts of their Respective Corps Settled to the 23<sup>d</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783.

Reports to be made on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of march of those who have not Complied with this order either in the whole or in part...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783...

Captain Abraham DePeyster of the [Loyalist] Kings American Regiment tried by the General Court Mar<sup>l</sup> of which Major [Walter] Home 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment is President accused by Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> [George] Campbell of that Regiment...Most Honourably Acquit him...

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup>... [to] 17<sup>th</sup> February 1783...

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> February 1783...

On the Evening of Saturday next the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant a well Chosen Collection of Military & other Books the Property of the late Lieut: [James] Crammond of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment at M<sup>r</sup> Guests N<sup>o</sup> 32 Wall Street.

Notes: Lt. James Cramond, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., was an aide de camp to Hessian Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen when he died on Aug. 30, 1781.

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> February 1783...

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Convoy of y<sup>e</sup> [Loyalist] prince of Wales American Reg<sup>t</sup> Tried by the General Court Martial of which Major [Walter] Home of y<sup>e</sup> 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment is President – Accused of Neglect of Duty. Second of Disobedience of Orders, third being Drunk on the Regimental Parade when the Regiment was under arms...do therefore Sentence him to be Cashier'd...

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> February 1783...

The Several Corps will give in to the Barrack M<sup>r</sup> General, the usual Returns for furniture & Utensil Money for the Year 1783 who will make up a General Return & Report when it is Completed –

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup>... [to] 22<sup>d</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to Appoint Captain [John] Stapleton of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons to be an extra Dep<sup>y</sup> Adjutant General to the Army under his Command –

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup> February 1783...

Head Quarters New York 25<sup>th</sup> February 1783...

Captain [Thomas] Bibby [80<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Ass<sup>t</sup> Dep<sup>y</sup> Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> is appointed an extra Deputy Adjutant General –

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> February 1783...

#### Memorandum

The Commander in Chief expects that Officers at the Head of British & Provincial Regiments will see that the Officers under their Command are Sufficiently instructed to be able to exercise the Men on all Occasions as His Excellency will probably Call on them frequently for that purpose particularly on the Parade.

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1783...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup>... [to] 3<sup>d</sup> March 1783...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

The Detachment of 82<sup>d</sup> Regiment The Brunswickers the men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> Hesse Hanau, also all Recruiting Parties & Officers & Men belonging to Regiments in Nova Scotia are ordered to be in Readiness to Embark by the first Opportunity...

All Officers of the Commissary Generals Dept<sup>t</sup> not Actually Employed may Return to England by the first Opportunity. There can be no further use for them in this Army...

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup>... [to] 7<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

#### Memorandum

The Warrant for payment of Bounty Money for Drafts Received by the 22<sup>d</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>d</sup> & 54<sup>th</sup> Regiments is Lodged at the Pay Office in Wall Street where the Paymasters of those Corps may Receive the Sum due to each

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup>... [to] 18<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

The Commander in Chief has Received the following Letter from His Majesty's Judge Advocate General

Horse Guards 22<sup>d</sup> November 82

Sir

Having had the Honour to lay before the King the Proceedings of the General Court Martial held at New York on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of August and Continued by adjournment to the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September last upon the trial of the Honourable Colonel Cosmo Gordon of the 3<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Foot Guards, accused of not having done his duty before the Enemy on the 23<sup>d</sup> of June 1780 I take the earliest opportunity of acquainting Your Excellency that His Majesty has been pleased to approve the opinion of the same Court martial whereby the said Colonel Cosmo Gordon is Honourably acquitted of the whole and every part of the Charge exhibited against him.

I have the Honor to be Sir your Excellency's Most Obedient humble Servant  
His Excellency Sir Guy Carleton K. B. /signed/ Charles Goold  
&c &c &c

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> March 1783...

List of Promotions Received from the War Office...

To be Major Generals

Colonels { ...Tho<sup>s</sup> Sterling 71<sup>st</sup> [Regiment]} 20<sup>th</sup> November 82

To be Colonels

L<sup>t</sup> Colonel { ...Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Pherson [Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.] 71<sup>st</sup> [Regiment] } Ditto  
{ Earl of Balcarras 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup> ... }

Leaves of Absence...

Capt<sup>n</sup> [Robert] Duncanson 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment 6 Months from 30 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1782...

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Colin Campbell of 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> being Quar<sup>r</sup> Mast<sup>r</sup> to the 71<sup>st</sup> to be fix'd to the 71<sup>st</sup> as Lieut<sup>t</sup> & Quar<sup>r</sup> Mast<sup>r</sup> & Lieut<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Grant of 71<sup>st</sup> is to be fix'd to the 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup>.

Note: Maj. Gen. Stirling served for most of the war as the Lt. Col. of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Brev.-Lt. Col. M<sup>c</sup>Pherson also served for most of the war in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. as a Captain of a company. These promotions in the army were posted by the War Office on Nov. 26, 1782 vs. Nov. 20.

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup> ... [to] 26<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

In order to save much unnecessary trouble, Notice is hereby given that no persons whatsoever are to be admitted into the British Lines without having previously obtained passports for the purpose from the Commandant of New York – Any Persons who may have come in without leave are directed to Report themselves immediately at the Commandants Office otherwise they will be Subjected to very Disagreeable Consequences – The General officers commanding in the Several Districts will see that particular attention is paid to this Order by the Officers of the Out -Posts ...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> March 1783...

Head Quarters New York 31<sup>st</sup> March 1783...

Complaints having been made by diverse Inhabitants that they cannot obtain Payment of Money due them by Officers; The Com<sup>r</sup> in Chief is pleased to Order a Board consisting of Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Alured] Clark, Col. Beverly Robinson, Loyal Americans; L<sup>t</sup> Col. [James] Chalmers, Maryland Loyalists, Major Darby 7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>, & Major [James] Graham 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to Assemble on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 83...



Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> April 1783...

After General Orders

All Officers & Men belonging to Regiments in East Florida are immediately to Join them. Upon application to Cap<sup>n</sup> Chads Agent of Transports proper Conveyance will be pointed out for them.

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> April 1783...

Garrison Orders

The Grenadier Companies of the 63<sup>d</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> will do Duty in Garrison till further Orders –

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup>... [to] 4<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

His Excellency Lieut<sup>t</sup> General [James] Robertson having obtained permission to Return to England – The Commander in Chief, directs that all applications & Matter of which he had the Superintendence be in future transacted on Newyork Island by Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Samuel] Birch – on Staten Island by Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Andrew] Bruce on Long Island by Lieut Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Campbell These General Officers will Report to Head Quarters

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

Mem<sup>o</sup>

The Several Corps are directed to apply at the Adjutant Genrals Office for Information Respecting their Prisoners with the Enemy –

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

A Proclamation

Cessation of Arms between His Majesty, The Most Christian King, The King of Spain, The States General of the United Provinces and the United States of America, will be read at the City Hall in New York at 12 OClock tomorrow the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> –

Copies of the above proclamation will be sent to the Officers Commanding Corps, who will have it Read at the Head of their Several Regiments, as soon as may be –

His Majesty has thought proper to direct that the several Corps formed in America mentioned in the margin hereof be placed on the British Establishment from the 25<sup>th</sup> December, 82 inclusive

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Colonel Pringles Corps from 25<sup>th</sup> June last inclusive

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Colonel [R] Donkins [Royal Garrison Batt<sup>n</sup>]

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Colonel [Banastre] Tarletons [British Legion]

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Colonel [John] Simcoes [Queen's Rangers]

Colonel [Edmund] Fannings

Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col Pringles [Newfoundland]

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions

7<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Lieut<sup>t</sup> James N. Grant of 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment to be Lieut<sup>t</sup> by purchase vice [Ashton] Shuttleworth who retires 9<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup>... [to] 14 April 1783...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

The Detachment of 82<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>, the Brunswickers & Men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt of Hesse Hanau, & Recruiting Parties & Officers & Men belonging to Nova Scotia now here on Leave of absence, are to embark on Board the Littledale Transport tomorrow morning...

It is the Com<sup>r</sup> in Chiefs Orders that the foll<sup>g</sup> Extracts from the 7<sup>th</sup> Article of the Provisional Treaty between Great Britain & the United States of America, be strictly attended to & complied with by all Persons whatever under his Command “And his Britannic Majesty shall with all convenient Speed & without causing any Destruction, or carrying away any Negroes or other property of the American Inhabitants, withdraw all His Armies, garrisons, & Fleets from the said United States & from every Post, place & Harbour, within the same, leaving in all Fortifications the American Artillery that may be therein, & also order & cause all the Archives, Records, Deeds & Papers belonging to any of the said States or their Citizens, which in the Course of the War may have fallen into the Hands of his Officers, to be forthwith restored & delivered to the proper States & Persons to whom they may belong, All Masters of Vessels are particularly cautioned at their Peril not to commit any Breach of the above Article –

Head Quarters New York 17 ... [to] 18 April 1783...

Head Quarters New York 19 April 1783...

All the Guards in Garrison are to Send out patroles both day & Night, which are to apprehend all Persons committing irregularities...

After Orders 18<sup>th</sup> inst

The Com<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been pleased to appoint Capt Chads of the Royal Navy, Capt<sup>s</sup> [Thomas] Gelfillan [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] & Armstrong, Ass<sup>ts</sup> D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hopkins & Parker on the part of America, or any three of them (one of the American Agents being present) to Superintend all Embarkations & See that the above Stipulations are observed...

Capt Morvat, who Commands the Embarkation, is requested to Assist & give such Orders as he shall Judge necessary for carrying these Measures into Execution.

Head Quarters New York 20... [to] 28<sup>th</sup> April 1783...

Head Quarters New York 29 April 1783...

An Hospital Board to Assemble every Monday, Wednesday & Friday ‘till further Orders for examination of such Invalids as shall be brought before it –

The Com<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

[Loyalist] British Legion

Vol: W<sup>m</sup> Campbell, 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be Cornet vice Stapleton removed to 54<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> } 25 April 1783...

Note: The “*Cornet*” rank used for mounted troops of dragoons and cavalry is equivalent to the rank of Ensign.

Head Quarters New York 30 April 1783...

Head Quarters New York, 1... [to] 11 May 1783...

Head Quarters New York, 12 May 1783...

All Officers who have been on Parole are to join their Reg<sup>ts</sup> & do their Duty –

The Officers Commanding Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to send in Returns to the Adjutant General daily of the Prisoners that join them, untill the whole arrive –

Head Quarters New York, 13 May 1783...

Head Quarters New York, 14 May 1783...

The Com<sup>r</sup> in Chief has so far Pardon'd several English Deserters as to allow them to return within these Lines, & to send them Home but their Dishonour is not done away, no Reg<sup>t</sup> here shall receive them, nor shall they again Serve with this Army –

It is recommended to the Soldiers of every British Reg<sup>t</sup> & to the Soldiers of every British American Reg<sup>t</sup> to Kick all such Rascals out of their Quarters should they have the Impudence to come in among them...

After Orders...

Boats will be ready at Paulus Hook to morrow morning at 9 oClock to carry down the Detachment of 71<sup>st</sup> & 80<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>, the former on Board the Transports at Staten Island, the latter to Coles Ferry... All Officers belonging to the 43<sup>d</sup> 76<sup>th</sup> & 80<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> will join their Corps at Staten Island, those of the 71<sup>st</sup> will Embark with their men...

Head Quarters New York, 15... [to] 16 May 83...

Head Quarters New York, 17 May 83...

After Order

The following Alterations will take place in the Ration of Provisions on the next Issuing Days  
One Pound of Flour or Bread, Twelve ounces of Pork or Twenty one of Beef without the Small Species

Head Quarters New York, 18 May 1783...

Head Quarters New York, 19 May 1783...

All Deserters who came within the Lines are to Report themselves within 24 Hours to the Officer Commanding at the next Post, those who do not Comply with this Order Shall be sent to the Provost & be deprived of the benefit of Pardon – Certificates are to be given to those Deserters who surrender themselves in the above Manner –

Mem<sup>o</sup>

A Return to be given to the Adjutant General this Day by the Commanding Officers of the different Reg<sup>ts</sup>, of the Number of Prisoners that have joined them –

Head Quarters New York, 20... [to] 21 May 1783...

Head Quarters New York, 22 May 83...

Capt Armstrong DQM<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Capt [Thomas] Gilfillan [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] DQM<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Major of Brigade Phillips, Capt Cook, 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Egbert Benson Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Smith, & Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> are to Compose the Board appointed by the Orders of the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1783, to Superintend all Embarkations.

Head Quarters New York, 23<sup>d</sup>... [to] 25 May 1783...

Head Quarters New York, 26 May 1783...

All British Invalids & discharged men who are to go to Europe are to be Sent to Capt Handfield at N<sup>o</sup> 55 Broad Street NYork, on Friday the 6 June; the Corps to which they belong are to Settle their Mens Accounts to y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> June, & give into Capt Handfield their Discharges, Ballances, & 2 Months Pay from 25<sup>th</sup> June 83 -

After Orders

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> will furnish their Invalids with Provisions to the 9<sup>th</sup> June inclusive  
All Persons desirous of leaving NYork are desired to give in their Names at the Adjutant Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office before the 1<sup>st</sup> June next, with a List of their Families, expressing the Place of their former Residence, & where they wish to be removed to –

Head Quarters New York, 27<sup>th</sup> May 1783...

### Mem<sup>o</sup>

The Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup> is desired to inform all Officers not on Duty belonging to Absent Reg<sup>ts</sup> that they must take the earliest Opportunity of joining them –

The Invalids ordered to be sent to Capt Handfield on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, are to be sent immediately to him –

Head Quarters New York, 28 May 1783...

The Horses of the Army to be turn'd to grass on Tuesday the 3<sup>d</sup> June, after which no Dry Forage will be issued except to Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers & their Aide De Camps...

Head Quarters New York, 29... [to] 31 May 1783...

Head Quarters New York, 1<sup>st</sup> June 1783...



Detail from "Portrait of George III of the United Kingdom," 1771 by Johann Zoffany

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### After Orders

Wednesday being the Anniversary of His Majestys Birth Day a Royal Salute will be fired at 12 °Clock from Fort George at New York – In the Evening a fue de joie will be fired by the Troops at the several Posts, for which the General Officers at the different Districts will give such Orders as they shall think necessary...In the Evening there will be an Illumination at Fort George –

The Invalids directed by the Order of 27 may to be sent to Capt Handfield are to be continued with their Reg<sup>ts</sup> 'till further Orders –

Head Quarters New York, 2<sup>d</sup> 1783...

Embarkation Returns to be given in immediately to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Generals Office of all the Ansbach, Hessian, Waldeck, Brunswick, Hanau, and Anhalt Zerbst Troops actually within the District of NYork & its Dependencies

Head Quarters New York, 3d June 1783...

List of Promotions from the War Office...

#### 71<sup>st</sup> [Highland] Reg<sup>t</sup>

Ensign Tho's Whitaker, of 10 <sup>th</sup> foot, to be L <sup>t</sup> vice [William] Walkinshaw made	} 6 Feb <sup>y</sup> 83
Capt of an Independent Company	}

#### 2<sup>d</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> [in Scotland]

L <sup>t</sup> Arthur Forbes to be Capt L <sup>t</sup>	13 Feb <sup>y</sup> 83
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Ensign Julian Heron of Major Elford's Corps to be L<sup>t</sup> vice Smolet Campbell } 12 Feb<sup>y</sup> 83  
made Capt of an Independ<sup>t</sup> Company } ...

Note: Lt. Julines Herring was briefly transferred to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Additional Company in 1783.

To be Majors in the Army

Captains...

Colin Campbell	71 <sup>st</sup> ...	} 19 <sup>th</sup> March 1783
Francis Skelly	71 <sup>st</sup>	} ...

Leaves of Absence...

Ensign Beaumont of 71<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 6 Months from d<sup>o</sup> [12 March 83] for the recovery of his Health...

Mem<sup>o</sup>

Such Reg<sup>ts</sup> as have sent Men to Capt Handfield are to Send proper Persons to take Charge of them & conduct them to their several Corps where they are to remain till further Orders, they will receive from Capt Handfield their Ballances & Discharges.

Head Quarters New York, 4<sup>th</sup>... [to] 12 June 1783...

Head Quarters New York, 13 June 83...

The British Reg<sup>ts</sup> ...will prepare Muster Rolls from the Time they were last Mustered to the 24<sup>th</sup> June –

Head Quarters New York, 14 June 83...

Head Quarters New York, 15 June...

The Com<sup>r</sup> in Chief has been pleased to make the foll<sup>o</sup> Promotions

37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

L<sup>t</sup> Tho's Digby to be Capt by Purchase vice [John] Ritchie promoted in 91<sup>st</sup> – 2 June 83...

Notes: Capt. John Ritchie had briefly served as a lieutenant in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Co.

Head Quarters New York, 16 June 1783...

The Proprietors of Houses & land lately evacuated will apply to L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Campbell for the Possession of those on Long Island, to Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Samuel] Birch for those on York Island, & to Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Andrew] Bruce for those on Staten Island; these General Officers will be pleased to cause all such Estates to be immediately Delivered up to the Proprietors, or to their Attorney's, unless where they may see sufficient reasons for returning them some time longer...

Head Quarters New York, 17 June 83...

Head Quarters 18th June 1783...

All General Officers and others under the Command Sir Guy Carleton who have Separate Commands are to send to the Adjutant General by the first and every following opportunity for the Information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief Copies of all Orders they have given out Since the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1783 or shall find Necessary to give out in future in their Respective Districts –

Head Quarters 19th... [to] 24 June 83...

Head Quarters New York, 25 June 1783...

The Hospital Board for the Examination of Invalids is discontinued till further Orders –

Head Quarters New York, 26 June 1783...

An Inspection & Muster of His Majestys Provincial Forces will commence on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> Instant...

Head Quarters New York, 27<sup>th</sup> June 1783...

Memorandum

The British & Provincial Reg<sup>ts</sup> are in their Return of the 1<sup>st</sup> July to Strike of all their prisoners of War except those whose continuance in the Country they can account for & who, they have reason to expect will join them immediately. The names of such men & their reasons for continuing them to be Specified on the Back of the Return.

Head Quarters New York, 28<sup>th</sup>... [to] 30<sup>th</sup> June 1783...

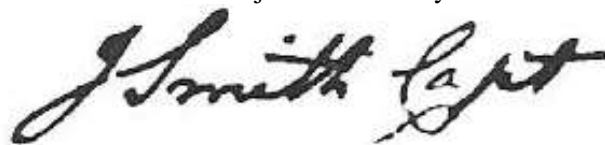
Head Quarters New York, 1<sup>st</sup> July 1783...

The Adjutant General's Office is removed to No. 17 Broadway.

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> July 1783...

List of Promotions received from the War Office...

To be Majors in the Army...

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Smith Capt". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, typical of the 18th century.

John Smith 1<sup>st</sup> Batt: 42<sup>d</sup> 19 March 1783...

Note: Brevet-Maj. Smith died around July 20, 1783.

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> July 1783...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

Such British Corps as have demands for Subsistence for Men who have been Prisoners of War are to make up a separate Abstract of such Subsistence to 24<sup>th</sup> June 1783 inclusive. The British American Corps are to make up a separate Abstract of the Subsistence due their Men who have been Prisoners of War from 25 June 1782 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 1783. The Paymasters on application at the Pay Office in Wall Street and at the Inspector Generals Office will be informed of the Sums which have been by L<sup>t</sup> Colonel Gordon on Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Subsistence of the Prisoners of their respective Corps. The usual Subsistence Accounts of the Corps from 25<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> August 1783 to be given in as soon as convenient...

Notes: Maj. James Gordon, 80<sup>th</sup> Regt. was the senior officer who remained to command the Yorktown prisoners of war in the prison camps.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

After Orders Yesterday

The British and British American Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to give in to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant the Spring Returns of Arms & Accoutrements specifying the Good, bad and wanting of each Article and marking how the Deficiencies have arisen; They will likewise give in a State of their Clothing specifying what Year it has been delivered out to the Men & what they have in Store; These Inspection & Returns to be made by the Senior Officers of the Regiments who is within the District...

5<sup>th</sup> July

The Invalids directed by the orders of 26<sup>th</sup> may to be sent to Capt: Handfield but were afterward ordered to remain with their Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to be sent to him on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Instant at N<sup>o</sup> 59 Broad Street with their Balances Discharges and two Months Subsistance.

Memorandum

Wednesday next 9<sup>th</sup> Instant is fixed by the Admiral for the sailing of the Fleet for Canada...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup>... [to] 7<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

A General Court Martial to assemble at Roubalet's tavern in New York on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 83 at 11 oClock in the morning for the Tryal of Jacob Dunyce Inhabitant of N York accused with having with force and violence carried off Francis Griffin a Negro under the protection of the British Government...L<sup>t</sup> General [John] Campbell President...Members ...42 Reg<sup>t</sup> 1 D<sup>o</sup> [Field Officer]...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup>... [to] 11<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

The Waldeck & Anhalt Zerbst Corps will march on Tuesday next the 15<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> so as to be at Brooklyn Ferry ...where Boats will be ready to carry them on Board their Transports.

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 27<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions...

42 Reg<sup>t</sup>

*Robert Potts Capt. 42 Reg.*

Capt: Lieu<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Potts to be Capt: of a Comp<sup>y</sup> vice [John] Smith deceased } 27 July 83

*Robt Franklin Capt.*

L<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Franklin to be Capt Lieut vice Potts promoted } d<sup>o</sup>

Ens<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Fraser Sen<sup>r</sup> to be Lieu<sup>t</sup> vice Franklin promoted } d<sup>o</sup>

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

The Q<sup>r</sup> Masters & Camp Colour Men with their Camp Colours of the British Grenadiers 23<sup>d</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> 3 Batt: 60<sup>th</sup> 4 Batt: 60<sup>th</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> [Loyalist] British Legion, [Loyalist] Queens Rangers, [Loyalist] Kings American Reg<sup>t</sup> [Loyalist] NYork Volunteers, [Loyalist] 1 & 2 Delanceys, [Loyalist] 1, 2 & 3<sup>d</sup> New Jersey Volunteers, [Loyalist] Loyal American Reg<sup>t</sup> [Loyalist] Prince of Wales Am: Reg<sup>t</sup> – [Hessian] Reg<sup>ts</sup> Du Corps Knyphausen, Ditforth, Bunau, Angelilli, Knoblauch & Benin are to meet Capt. [Thomas] Gilfillan [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> Master Gen<sup>l</sup> at Franklins House at the Head of Newton Creek at 8 oClock on Friday Morn<sup>g</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> in order to mark out Grounds for those Corps to encamp on – A State of the Camp Equipage in possession of the several British & British American Reg<sup>ts</sup> to be sent to the Adj<sup>t</sup> G<sup>l</sup> on Thursday Morn<sup>g</sup> the 31<sup>st</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> accounting for the Deficiencies – The Grenadiers, 33<sup>d</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup> and Kings Am: Reg<sup>t</sup> The Reg<sup>ts</sup> Du Corps Ditforth, Knyphausen & Bunau, The 1, 2 & 3 New Jersey Vol<sup>rs</sup> & Prince of Wales Am: Reg<sup>t</sup> will march on Saturday Morn<sup>g</sup> en camp on the Ground that will be marked out for them – The British Legion, Queens Rang<sup>s</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Delancey's will March on Saturday to Jamaica halt there



that night & proceed next morn<sup>g</sup> early to the Ground pointed out for them to encamp on – The 2<sup>d</sup> Delancys Loy<sup>l</sup> Am: Reg<sup>t</sup> & the Reg<sup>t</sup> of Angelelli will March on Sunday Morn<sup>g</sup> to Jamaica halt there that night & proceed next Morning to the Ground pointed out for them to encamp on – The 23<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>s</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> NY Vol<sup>s</sup> & the Reg<sup>ts</sup> of Benin & Knoblauch will March on Sunday Morn<sup>g</sup> to the Ground on which they are to encamp – The Reg<sup>t</sup> of Bose will march from Jamaica on Saturday and take the Quarters of the Reg<sup>t</sup> Du Corps

The Maryland & Pennsylvania Loyal<sup>s</sup> will march on Sunday Morn<sup>g</sup> & encamp at Denyses's – Sufficient Guards are to be left in the Cantonments to take care of any Publick Stores that may be left untill they can be removed –

The strictest attention is to be given that no part of the Property of the Inhabitants be in the smallest degree injured, any person found destroying Rails, or turning out Horses without proper Billets from the Ass<sup>t</sup> Comm<sup>y</sup> will be very severely punished...

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> July 1783...

The remainder of the [German] Ansbach Troops ...will March so as to be Denyses's Ferry on Long Island at 12 oClock on Friday next Aug<sup>t</sup> where Boats will be ready to carry them on Board those Ships.

Head Quarters New York 31<sup>st</sup> July 1783...



Reproduction 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

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Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> August 1783...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotion –  
[42<sup>nd</sup> Regt.]

W<sup>m</sup> Anstruther Gent. to be Ensign vice [William] Fraser promoted 27 July 1783}

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> August 1783...

Brig<sup>r</sup> General [Alured] Clarke will repair to Long Island & take the Command of the British & British American Troops ordered to Encamp near Newton Creek, he will Report to L<sup>t</sup> General [John] Campbell...

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> August 1783...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

The Hessian Reg<sup>ts</sup> of Knyphausen, Ditforth, vacant Prince Hereditaire, Bose, Angelilli, Knoblauch, Benin & Bunau will hold themselves in readiness to Embark in a few Days...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 9<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

After Orders

The [Hessian] Regiments of Bunau, Ditforth, Angelelli, Knyphausen & Knoblauch will march so as to be at Brooklyn Ferry on Tuesday Morn<sup>g</sup>, the 12<sup>th</sup> instant at 8 oClock where Boats will be ready to carry them on Board the Transports allotted for them.

The [Hessian] Reg<sup>ts</sup> late Prince Hereditaire, Bose & Benning will march so as to be at the same place On Wednesday Morn<sup>g</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> where Boats will be ready to convey them on Board the Transports allotted for them.

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup>... [to] 13<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

Head Quarters New York 14<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

All Clothing now in possession of Reg<sup>ts</sup> and which may be due to the Men is to be delivered to them immediately – Report of such as cannot, the Clothing of 83 to be made to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> ...

Head Quarters New York 15<sup>th</sup>... [to] 16<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

The Commander in Chief has received the following Instructions from His Majesty which was to be entered into the Regimental Books of the several Corps & His Excellency makes no doubt but the Contents will be strictly complied with –

– Geo: Rex –

Whereas we have thought fit that our Forces under your Command and in N<sup>o</sup> America be forthwith reduced, Our will and pleasure is that in the doing thereof you or the Person or Persons appointed by you for this Service do cause the following Instructions to be duly observed and complyd with, and all Officers & Solders of our said Troops are hereby required to yield obedience therewith as they shall answer the Contrary at their Peril –

1<sup>st</sup> The 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>s</sup> of our 60<sup>th</sup> or Royal American Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot commanded by our right Trusty and well beloved Counselor General [Jeffrey] Lord Amherst – The 2<sup>d</sup> Batt: of our 84<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> or Royal Highland Emigrants Commanded by yourself and our Four [Loyalist] Corps respectively Commanded by our Trusty & well beloved L<sup>t</sup> Colo: Rob<sup>t</sup> Donkin [Royal Garrison Bn.], our Trusty and well beloved L<sup>t</sup> Colo: Banister Tarleton [British Legion], Our Trusty & well beloved L<sup>t</sup> Colo: Jn<sup>o</sup> Graves Simcoe [Queens Rangers] are to be entirely disbanded as soon as the same can possibly be done –

2<sup>d</sup> Our several Reg<sup>ts</sup> of Foot respectively Commanded by our Trusty and well beloved L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Geo: Morrison [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.], our Right Trusty & right well beloved Cousin & Counselor [Charles] Earl Cornwallis [33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.], Our Trusty and well beloved L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Eyre Coote [37<sup>th</sup> Regt.], Our Trusty & well beloved L<sup>t</sup> G<sup>l</sup> Morisco Frederick [54<sup>th</sup> Regt.], and our trusty and well beloved L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> John Campbell [57<sup>th</sup> Regt.] and the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt: of our 42<sup>d</sup> or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Commanded by our Trusty and well beloved Gen<sup>l</sup> John Murray (commonly called Lord John Murray) are to be forthwith reduced according to the Plan hereunto annexed and it is our will and pleasure that you or such Person or Persons as you shall appoint for this Service do as soon as possible take care that each of the said Reg<sup>ts</sup> be formed and consist of the numbers mentioned in the said annexed Plan and no more; And that all the non Commissioned Officers and Private Men of our Reg<sup>ts</sup> over and above those numbers who are less fit for Service be discharged, in the doing whereof as likewise in the Disbanding the several Battalions & Corps specified in the first article of these our Instructions the following directions are to be observed duly –

3<sup>dly</sup> Before such Disbanding and Reduction you are to cause an exact Muster to be taken, or in case that cannot be conveniently done, Effective Rolls to be made of each Troop and Company of our said Regiments, battalions, and Corps and to transmit to our secretary of War for our information, an account of their Condition and Numbers at the time of Disbanding and Reduction, together with a List of the names & Rank of the Commissioned Officers herby to be Disbanded specifying also if any of them hold other Commissions to which Pay is annexed –

4<sup>thly</sup> Our Intention being only to pay of at present & clear the non Commissioned Officers & Private men of our said Regim<sup>ts</sup> Battalions and Corps and give an allowance of half pay to the Commissioned Officers entitled thereto from the time of their Disbanding; You are to take care before the Disbanding and Reduction that the Quarters of each Troop and Company be duly cleared. That the accounts between the Men and their Officers be made up and that they be fully satisfied and paid their Arrears, Stoppages,

Bounty and all other just pretensions up to the day of their Discharge Inclusive. Whereof the said Officers are to take Acquittances and Discharges from them respectively distinguishing each Head of Payment –

5<sup>thly</sup> You are to take care that the Arms delivered out of our Stores of ordnance to the Disbanded Men and Indended for, be returned thither and acquittances taken for the same –

6<sup>thly</sup> You are to take care that each non commissioned Officer and Private Man hereby to be discharged be permitted to carry away with him his Cloths and Knapsack he now wears –

7<sup>thly</sup> You are to provide a Passage for all the Commissioned Officers and for as many of the non Commissioned Officers and Private men Discharged from the Reg<sup>ts</sup> which are to be reduced in their Establishments according to the Plan hereunto annexed as shall be desirous of returning to Great Britain either by hiring Vessels of otherways as you shall find best for our Service and least expensive to the Public and cause them to Embark with their Wives & Children under the Command of such discreet Commanding Officers as you shall think necessary to take care of them on their Passage during which they are to be subsisted –

8<sup>thly</sup> And we have been pleased to allow each non Commissioned Officer and Private Man of the Battalions and Corps to be Disbanded 14 days Subsistance as of our Royal Bounty to carry them to the places of their former residence and the like Bounty to such of the non Commissioned Officers and Private men of the Reg<sup>ts</sup> hereby to be reduced as shall desire to continue in America. Our will and pleasure is that the said Bounty Money be paid to them respectively on the day of their discharge, and such of them belonging to the said Reg<sup>ts</sup> last mentioned as shall desire to return home, the like Bounty is to be paid upon their Disembarkation in this Kingdom (except to the Men who may have been Enlisted in Scotland or Ireland to whom in consideration or their Home being more distant we are pleased to allow 28 Days Subsistance) and receipts are to be taken for the said Bountys all which acquittances, Discharges & Receipts are to be transmitted to the Agents of the said Corps to be produced to our Secretary at war as Vouchers for the several Payments herein directed –

9<sup>thly</sup> You are to order the Commissioned Officers whom you shall appoint to take care of the men on their passage to send to the Secretary at war Authentic Lists attested in the best manner of the names of the non Commissioned Officers and private men when dismissed in Great Britain and to give them passes in case they shall desire the same, to the place of their former Residence allowing them a reasonable time to repair thither, and strictly charging them not to Travel with any Arms and not to move more than three in a Comp<sup>y</sup> upon pain of severest punishment.

And to the end the said non Commissioned Officers and Private Men may be sensible of the care we have taken of them upon their dismissal, you are to cause these directions top be read at the head of each Troop and Company for a more ready compliance with our ...

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at our Court at James's this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1783, in the Twenty third Year of our Reign

By His Majesty's Command

(signed) R. Fitzpatrick

To our Trusty & well beloved Sir Guy Carleton K.B. and Commander of our Forces in N<sup>o</sup> America exclusive of Canada or to the Officer Commanding in Chief our said Forces for the time being –

Plan of the Establishment of the several Regiments to be reduced, referred to in His Majesty's order and Instructions to [Gen.] Sir Guy Carleton dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 1783

L<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [George] Morrison's Reg<sup>t</sup> [17<sup>th</sup> Regt.] Field & Staff Officers

Colonel, L<sup>t</sup> Colonel, Major, 1 Chaplain, 1 Adjutant, 1 Quarter Master, 1 Surgeon, 1 Mate Total 5

One Company 1 Capt: 1 Lieu<sup>t</sup> 1 Ensign 2 Serjeants 3 Corporals 2 Drummers and 48 Privates

Total 58

2901 Five Companys more of the same Numbers

One Company of Grenadiers, 1 Capt: 2 Lieut<sup>s</sup> 2 Serjeants, 3 Corporals, 2 Drummers 2 Fifers and 48 Privates –

Total 60

One Company of Light Infantry, 1 Captain 2 Lieut<sup>s</sup>, 2 Serjeants, 3 Corporals, 2 Drummers and 48 Privates

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Total 58  
Total 471

Five Reg<sup>ts</sup> of Foot more, 33<sup>d</sup> Commanded by Earl Cornwallis; 37<sup>th</sup> Sir Eyre Coote; 42<sup>d</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> John Murray; 54<sup>th</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> General Frederick; 57<sup>th</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Campbell of the like Numbers Viz<sup>t</sup> – 471

N. B. Six Commissioned Officers remain en Second, being 2 Capt<sup>s</sup>, 2 Lieu<sup>ts</sup>, 2 Ensigns belonging to the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> company's of each Corps –

It is moreover ordered that the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry 33<sup>d</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>d</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to hold themselves in readiness to Embark for Nova Scotia where they are to remain till further Orders –

The 17<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, 7<sup>th</sup> Foot, 22<sup>d</sup>, 23<sup>d</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> 43<sup>d</sup> 70<sup>th</sup> 74<sup>th</sup> 76<sup>th</sup> 80<sup>th</sup> & 82<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>ts</sup> to hold themselves in readiness for Europe.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons, The 70<sup>th</sup> 74<sup>th</sup> 76<sup>th</sup> 80<sup>th</sup> & 82<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> are to be Disbanded as soon as they arrive in Great Britain, in the mean time the Establishment of those Corps (the Dragoon Reg<sup>t</sup> excepted) are to be reduced to 400 Privates which reduction is to be considered as having taken place on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1783. during the Voyage home the Officers and men are to be put under the usual Stoppages of 3<sup>d</sup> P day (each) for Provisions

All such Men as have entered into marching Regiments of Infantry since 16<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775 and such as have entered into any other Corps since 9<sup>th</sup> February 1779 are now entitled to their discharge provided they have been three Years in the Service from the date of their attestations, otherwise they will become entitled thereto upon completing that period of Service. All Men under these Circumstances will be discharged and Passages provided for then Home, except such as may desire to remain in America – Should the Reg<sup>ts</sup> which continue in America be by this means reduced below their Peace establishment, they may be compleated by the Men entitled to their Discharges or dismissed from Disbanded Reg<sup>ts</sup> or Reduced Corps, provincial as well as Regular, as shall appear to be in every respect fit for the Service and shall be willing to be Reattested therein without any limitation, for which purpose a Bounty not exceeding 5 Guineas each Man may be offered to be paid them on their being attested anew in the manner before mentioned –

The 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>s</sup> of 60<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Kings Am: Reg<sup>t</sup> Queens Rangers, British Legion, Detachm<sup>t</sup> of Garrison Batt: New York Volunt<sup>s</sup>, British Legion Infantry, Loyal Americans, 1, 2 & 3 New Jersey Volunt<sup>s</sup>, 1 & 2<sup>d</sup> Delancey's, Prince of Wales Am: Reg<sup>t</sup>, Pennsylvania and Maryland Loyalists, American Legion and Guides & Pioneers, and the Men who wished to be discharged and remain in America are to hold themselves in readiness to Embark for Nova Scotia, where on their arrival those Corps will be disbanded unless any of them should chuse to be dismissed at this Place.

The non Commissioned Officers & Private Men of the Land Forces who may be reduced in Nova Scotia and wish to become Settlers in that Province will be allowed Grants of land at the rate of 200 Acres for every non Commissioned Officer and 100 Acres for every private man exclusive to what he shall be entitled to in right of his family; discharged of all Fees of Office and quit Rent for the first 10 Years – And as a further Inducement to them to become Settlers each Man shall be furnished out of the Public Stores with the usual Ration of Provisions allowed to him for one Year, and shall be permitted to retain Arms and Accoutrements –

Returns to be given in to the Adj<sup>t</sup> General of all such Men entitled to their Discharge specifying whether they mean to go to Great Britain or Nova Scotia –

His Majesty has been pleased to Grant to the King's American Dragoons Commanded by L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [Benjamin] Thompson permanent rank in America and half Pay on the reduction of the Reg<sup>t</sup> –

#### Memorandum

The Officers commanding the following Out Posts & Corps are informed that the Commander in Chief has given permission to Brig<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup> [William] Martin to call in the Officers & men hereafter Specified belonging to the Royal Artillery...

Notes: Additional information regarding the reduction of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. at the end of the war is provided in this volume in App. B: *Official Correspondence, Officers' Letters and Contemporary News Articles of the 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regiment in the American War for Independence and Canada, 1776-1789*

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

Memorandum

The [Loyalist] British American Reg<sup>t</sup> will prepare to Embark for the River S<sup>t</sup> John's as soon as possible; Embarkation Returns to be sent immediately to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office...

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

Embarkation Returns of the several British and British American Reg<sup>ts</sup> specifying the number of Women & Children to be made up and sent to the Adj<sup>t</sup> General by Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant –

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> August 1783...

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Samuel] Birch having obtained the Commander in Chief's leave to go to Europe, Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Thomas] Musgrave is appointed Commandant of the City of New York in his Room –

L<sup>t</sup> Colo: [James] Gordon of the 80<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> will take the Command of the Troops at Kingsbridge till further Orders –

The new Establishment of the British Corps ordered to remain in this Country to take place from the 25<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> ... [to] 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1783...

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1783...

Garrison Orders

For the greater uniformity of the Grand Parade it is directed in future that all the Motions on it be performed by the Word of Command and that only –

The Drummers & Music of the nation to which the Field Officer of the day belongs are to attend – And it is hoped that none but Generals & Public Officers will attempt to pass the line of Centinels –

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1783...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1783...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotion

– Roy<sup>l</sup> Garrison Battalion –

Serj<sup>t</sup> Major Jn<sup>o</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Pherson of 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> to be } 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1783

Quarter Master vice Sutherland who Resigns }

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> ... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> August 1783...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup> September 1783...

Head Quarters New York 2<sup>d</sup> September 1783...

All claims of Inhabitants against Officers for Money due to them, will in future be referred to the Commission for Settling & adjusting matters of Debt &c<sup>a</sup> who are hereby authorized to examine into and adjust the same –

The Men of the British American Reg<sup>ts</sup> who are desirous of going to Europe are to have their Accounts Settled immediately to 24<sup>th</sup> October, and their Discharges and Ballances given to Major [Henry F.] Sheridan of the New York Volunteers...

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> September 1783...

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

The Officers Commanding Regiments which are Embarked will take Care that no Officer under their Comm'd be permitted to Sail who has not Satisfied his Creditors...

After Orders...

Such Soldiers of British Reg<sup>ts</sup> as are entitled to their Discharges and are willing to Enlist in any of the British Reg<sup>ts</sup> to remain in Nova Scotia are to be permitted to join them immediately...

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

After Orders

Returns to be given in on Monday Morning the 8<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> of the Soldiers belonging to British Reg<sup>ts</sup> who are entitled to this Discharge and mean to Settle in Nova Scotia Specifying what part of that Province they wish to go to, Also the Number of their Women & Children distinguishing those above under Ten Years old...

Head Quarters New York 7<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

Head Quarters New York 8<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

The British and [Loyalist] British American Corps embarke'd for Nova Scotia will report to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo: de Weber [Gabriel DeVeber] of the [Loyalist] Prince of Wales's American Reg<sup>t</sup> who will take the Command of the whole during the Passage –

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup>... [to] 15<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

As soon as the British and [Loyalist] British American Reg<sup>ts</sup> destined for S<sup>t</sup> Johns in Nova Scotia are disbanded they are to become Regiments of Militia, And their Officers are to continue in their Respective Ranks as Militia Officers And be obeyed as such untill the Governour of Nova Scotia Shall make new Arrangements in this behalf –

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

The Regiments which have sent in Returns of men entitled to their discharges and are desirous of settling in Nova Scotia are to give in to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> on Friday Morn<sup>g</sup> next at 10 °Clock, lists of their names with their Wives and Children above and under 10 Years of Age sett opposite each mans Name; Their Accounts to be closed to 24<sup>th</sup> October 1783 They are to be in readiness to embark at the Shortest Notice –

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup>... [to] 20<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> September 1783...

The men belonging to British Reg<sup>ts</sup> who are entitled to their Discharges and who are going to Settle in Nova Scotia are to be accounted with for the Clothing of 1783...

1<sup>st</sup> Memorandum

The Quar<sup>r</sup> Mas<sup>rs</sup> of those Reg<sup>ts</sup> who have return'd Men entitled to their Discharges to go to Nova Scotia to call at the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> office at 10 °Clock tomorrow morning...

After Orders

Tomorrow being the Anniversary of His Majestys Coronation a Royal Salute will be fired from the battery at New York at 12 °Clock

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup>... [to] 25<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

Head Quarters New York 26<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

Returns to be given in to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> tomorrow Morning at 10 °Clock of the Smiths in each Reg<sup>t</sup> capable of making Wood Axes –

The men belonging to British Reg<sup>ts</sup> who are entitled to their Discharges and who are going to Settle in Nova Scotia are to embark immediately according to the following Destinations

Destination	Transport Names	Regiments	N <sup>o</sup> of Men Women & Children
Port Roseway {	Le Abundance	17 <sup>th</sup> Dragoons	100
	Clinton {	ditto	76
		7 <sup>th</sup>	105
		37 <sup>th</sup>	17
	Nancy	22 <sup>d</sup>	30
	Prosperous Anmilla	ditto	65
	Castor	43 <sup>d</sup>	16
	Friendship	do	27
	Grand Dutchess of Russia	38 <sup>th</sup>	46
	Charming Nancy	do.	9
S <sup>t</sup> Johns {		23 <sup>d</sup>	11
		7 <sup>th</sup>	8
		17 <sup>th</sup>	18
		37 <sup>th</sup>	9
	Nancy	38 <sup>th</sup>	20
		5	
	Neptune	40 <sup>th</sup>	45
		24	
	Mercury	42 <sup>d</sup>	22
		50	
Annapolis Royal {	Jason	42 <sup>d</sup>	50
		48	
	Lord Townsend {	38 <sup>th</sup>	9
		40 <sup>th</sup>	16
	Robert & Elizabeth	40 <sup>th</sup>	25

Notes: The three transports carrying discharged soldiers of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. who had chosen to settle in New Brunswick (then a part of Nova Scotia) arrived at St. John's Oct. 17, 1783. (Ref: *Early Loyalist Saint John: The Origin of New Brunswick Politics, 1783-1786*, David Bell, New Ireland Press, Fredericton (NB), 1983.

...Boats will be ready at Paulus Hook at 10 °Clock on Sunday Morning to carry the men of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on Board their Ships...The General Officers commanding in the different Districts will take care that the men march so as to be at the places appointed in proper times.

The Quarter Masters of those Corps will attend at the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office tomorrow morning at 10 °Clock to receive Orders for the Necessaries &c<sup>a</sup> allowed to their Men; And the Officers Commanding Reg<sup>ts</sup> will fix on discreet Non-Commissioned Officers from among those going to whom they will give Charge of the Men of their Respective Corps. The Non Commissioned Officers are to be sent to the Adjut<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office with the Quar<sup>r</sup> Masters with a List of the Mens Names that are to be put under their Care Specifying each Mans Wife and the Number of his Children above & under 10 Years of Age – If any Soldier misbehaves on the Passage the master of the Transport will report him to the Officers



Commanding at the post where he shall land that he may be excluded from the Indulgencies due to Orderly and well behaved men –

Head Quarters New York 27<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

The Troops at New York and Posts depending will hold themselves in readiness to embark at the Shortest Notice – Embarkation Returns of the Reg<sup>ts</sup> Specifying the Ranks of the several Officers & Non Commissioned Officers the Number of private Men, Women & Children to be sent to the Adjutant Generals Office on or before Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> Instant ...

Head Quarters New York 28<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

The British Soldiers going to settle in Nova Scotia who are embarked in the undermentioned Ships are to consider themselves as belonging to the several Companies of Militia according to the following Arrangement, they will therefore obey the orders of their respective Officers to whom the Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief has given Commissions untill the Governour of Nova Scotia makes new Arrangements in their behalf...

The Men of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on board the Friendship to Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Leonards [Possible former Major of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, New Jersey Volunteers] Company...

The men of the 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> on board the Neptune to Capt Thomas Fairchilds Company...

The Men of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on board the Mercury to Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dickinson's Company –

The Men of the 42<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on board the Jason to Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Spraggs [also Spragg] Company...

The Several officers under whom these Men are placed will report their Conduct during the Passage to the Senior Officer at the Post where they land –

Head Quarters New York 29<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

Head Quarters New York 30<sup>th</sup> September 1783...

The several Reg<sup>ts</sup> who have sent Returns of Smiths capable of making wood Axes to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office according to the orders of the 26<sup>th</sup> Instant are directed to send those Men to Major Mollison Waggon Master General in Maiden Lane as soon as possible –

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup>... [to] 2<sup>d</sup> October 1783...



Reproduction 17<sup>th</sup> Regt., 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt., 37<sup>th</sup> Regt. 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regt., 54<sup>th</sup> Regt. and 57<sup>th</sup> Regt. Uniform Buttons

Picture Source: *Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions*

Head Quarters New York 3<sup>d</sup> October 1783...

The 17<sup>th</sup>. 33<sup>d</sup>. 37<sup>th</sup>. 42<sup>d</sup>. 54<sup>th</sup>. & 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> will put themselves immediately under the Command of Lieut. General [John] Campbell –

Head Quarters New York 4<sup>th</sup> October 1783...

280 of the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry to embark on Board the Fishburn –

123 on Board the Saucy Ben –

403 Men and Women

315 of the 42<sup>d</sup> on Board the Rhinoceros –

170 on Board the Dutchess of Gordon –

100 on Board the Saucy Ben –

586 Men and Women

3 Companies of the 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> on Board the Jenny –

The Baggage of the 17<sup>th</sup> to be at the Back of the Burnt Church on the N<sup>o</sup> River on Tuesday Morn<sup>g</sup> next at 8 °Clock where Boats will be ready to carry it on Board the above Ship

Boats will be ready at Paulus Hook at the same time to carry the baggage of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment on Board the Ships allotted for it – Boats will be ready to embark the men at the same place at 8 °Clock on Wednesday Morning...

The Gen<sup>l</sup> Officers Comm<sup>s</sup> in the Districts where those Reg<sup>ts</sup> are, will order them to march so as to be at the places above mentioned at the time pointed out –

Notes: This order prepares the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. to leave New York for Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Head Quarters New York 5<sup>th</sup> October 1783...

The 43<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> will march so as to be at Brooklyn at 6 °Clock on Wednesday Morning where Boats will be ready to carry it to Paulus Hook to relieve the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment.

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> that embark for Nova Scotia will leave Money in the hands of the Officers of their respective Corps who have Charge of the Men to be sent to England, to pay them to the 24<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 83 taking care in the settlement of their Accounts to conform strictly to the Kings instructions –

On their Arrival in Nova Scotia they will immediately report to Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox & put themselves under his Command till the arrival of Gen<sup>l</sup> [John] Campbell

#### Memorandum

The Reg<sup>ts</sup> that embark for Nova Scotia are desired to send to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> immediately a Return of the men they leave behind to go to England specifying the Names of the Officers they leave to take Charge of them...

Head Quarters New York 6<sup>th</sup>... [to] 8<sup>th</sup> October 1783...

Head Quarters New York 9<sup>th</sup> October 1783...

A bounty of a shilling a day having been extended to 200 more of the Serjeants of the Army, His Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to order 50 Vacancies to be reserved for the Serjeants of this Army; Commanding Officers of the British Regiments will therefore send to the Adjutant General as soon as possible a return of the Serjeants of their respective Corps, whom they may Judge deserving of Recommendation to be placed on the Shilling List. No Serjeant can have the Benefit of this Bounty untill he has actually passed the Chelsea Board.

Head Quarters New York 10<sup>th</sup> October 1783...

The British Soldiers going to settle in Nova Scotia who embark this day on Board the undermentioned Ships are to consider themselves as belonging to the several Companies of Militia according to the following Arrangement. They will therefore obey the orders of their respective officers to whom the Commander in Chief has given Commissions untill the Governour of Nova Scotia shall make new Arrangements in his behalf ...

The Men of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment in the Mary to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Fords Company –

The Men of the 42<sup>d</sup> Regiment in the Alexander to Cap<sup>t</sup> Batholemue Crannels Company –

The several Officers under whom these men are placed will report their Conduct during the Passage to the Senior Officer at the Post where they Land...

Head Quarters New York 11<sup>th</sup> October 1783...



Maj. James Stirling, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt., in detail of 1805 engraving *The Death of General Sir Ralph Abercromby, K.B.* by Francis Legat after 1802 painting by Thomas Stodhard, Republished by R. Bowyer & M. Parkes, 1828.

Source: *Anne S. K. Brown Military Collection*, Brown Univ.

Head Quarters New York 12<sup>th</sup> October 1783...

#### After Orders

The Officers who have Charge of the Men who are to go to England of the 17<sup>th</sup>. 33<sup>d</sup>. 37<sup>th</sup>. 42<sup>d</sup>. 54<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> are desired to send to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> a List of the Mens Names & the Number of Women and Children of their Respective Corps they will also name the Officers that are left with them –

Notes: Lt. James Stirling, was assigned as the officer in charge to escort the discharged 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt. soldiers, who had chosen to take their discharges in Scotland. A listing of these soldiers is provided in this volume in *App. B: Official Correspondence, Officers' Letters and Contemporary News Articles of the 42<sup>nd</sup> or Royal Highland Regiment in the American War for Independence and Canada, 1776 – 1789.*

Head Quarters New York 13<sup>th</sup>... [to] 15<sup>th</sup> October 1783...

Head Quarters New York 16<sup>th</sup> October 1783...

The Officers and men of the undermention'd Corps who are to go to England are to Embark on Sunday morn<sup>g</sup> next according to the following Arrangement...

182 of the 37<sup>th</sup> Regiment & 177 of the 42<sup>d</sup> to go on Board His Majestys Ship Steady...

354 of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment on board the Baker, Atley & Camel

Boats will be ready at Brooklyn Ferry at the above Hour to receive those on Long Island...

The Officers who have charge of these Men will report to the Adjutant General the Numbers of Men on Board immediately on their Embarking –

The Gen<sup>l</sup> officers Comm<sup>g</sup> in the several Districts will give directions for the men of those Corps marching so as to be at the places pointed out for Embarking in proper time.

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup>... [to] 22<sup>d</sup> October 1783...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> October 1783...

Memorandum

The British Regiments are desired to send Embarkation Returns to the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> on Saturday morn<sup>g</sup> at 10 °Clock specifying the Ranks of the Comm<sup>d</sup> & Non Commissioned Officers & the Number of Privates & Women & Children

Head Quarters New York 24<sup>th</sup>... [to] 31<sup>st</sup> October 1783...

Head Quarters New York 1<sup>st</sup>... [to] 16<sup>th</sup> November 1783...

Head Quarters New York 17<sup>th</sup> November 1783...

Memorandum...

Returns to be given in by tomorrow Evening to Cap<sup>t</sup> Armstrong Dep<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> at the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office by the Regiments who had necessities embezzled last winter whilst going from Wilmington to their Prisoners at Lancaster: These Returns are to Specify the Articles lost and the prices they really Cost or are charged against the Regiments –

*Details of the lost clothing are provided in this Volume in Appendix G, Enclosure 1: Clothing and Necessaries for the British and German Prisoners of War, Including the 42nd Lt. Infantry Company, "Embezzled & Lost" Enroute to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Nov. 1782 – May 1783.*

Head Quarters New York 18<sup>th</sup> November 1783...

After Orders...

The 80<sup>th</sup> Regiment will retire from Kingsbridge on Friday next the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> at 8 °Clock in the morning or earlier should the American Troops appear marching toward their Post; They will join the Jagers at M<sup>c</sup>Gowans pass, when the whole will march to New York and Embark on Board the Transports allotted for them –

A Barracks Master to be left at the Posts to deliver up the keys –

Boats will be ready behind the Burnt Church at 9 °Clock in the Morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> to carry the [Hessian] regiments of Donop & Lossberg Jun<sup>r</sup> to the Ships allotted for them, And at Paulus Hook at 12 °Clock the same day to embark the [Hessian] Grenadier Battalion of Lengerkie

Head Quarters New York 19<sup>th</sup> November 1783...

After Orders

The 17<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons to be at the Back of the Burnt Church on Saturday Morning at 8 °Clock where Boats will be ready to carry them on Board the Peggy Transport – The Grenadiers and Light Infantry Company's of the 64<sup>th</sup>. 70<sup>th</sup>. 74<sup>th</sup> and 82<sup>d</sup> Regiments to be at Brooklyn Ferry at 8 °Clock on Saturday Morning where Boats will be ready to carry them on Board the Thetis Transport –

The 63<sup>d</sup> Grenadier & Light Infantry Comp<sup>ys</sup> to march on Saturday morning so as to be at Denyces Ferry at 9 °Clock where Boats will be ready to cross them to the Flagg Staff where they will relieve the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment which will embark on Board the Laville and Liddle Transports order'd for their reception –

Head Quarters New York 20<sup>th</sup> November 1783...

All persons civil as well as Military who have public Claims upon the Dep<sup>ty</sup> Mas<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> by virtue of Warrants granted by the Commander in Chief are to present them for and receive payment on or before Saturday the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant at 4 °Clock at which Hour the Pay Office Books will be closed & no further Business transmitted –

Garrison Orders

The Commanding Officers of those Regiments that take the duty of the day will give directions to such of their Officers as are not on Guard and they think necessary to preserve good order and regularity in the Town, to make frequent Patroles in the different Posts of it and take up all disorderly

people they may find in the Streets, or those of the Inhabitants going without Lanthorns after 8 °Clock in the Evening –

After Garrison Orders

The Inhabitants are positively cautioned not to appear in the Streets after 8 °Clock in the Evening from tomorrow without Lanthorns as constant Patroles are order'd to go in all parts of the Town to preserve good order, peace & regularity in the Garrison and to take up all Persons found disobeying this order or committing irregularities –

Head Quarters New York 21<sup>st</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1783...

The Regiments are to settle their Hospital Accounts with the Purveyor immediately to the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant –

The 43<sup>d</sup> Regiment will cross from Paulus Hook to New York at 1 °Clock on Saturday afternoon at which time Boats will be ready for that purpose –

Head Quarters New York 22<sup>d</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1783...

Head Quarters New York 23<sup>d</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1783  
Parole Barflour – Burford C Sign London

After Orders 23<sup>d</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1783

The Town is to be evacuated on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant, the 40<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>d</sup> Regiment will Cross at Brooklyn and march to Denyces and Utrecht under the Command of Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> [Thomas] Musgrave –

The 7<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Regiments to Occupy Staten Island under the Command of Brig<sup>r</sup> general [Alured] Clarke –

Boats will be at the hay Wharf in the North River to receive the 7 22 23 & 38<sup>h</sup> Regiments as soon as all the Troops are Embarked they will proceed to the place of their destination

The Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> of the Regim<sup>ts</sup> will apply to Capt. [Thomas] Gilfillan [71<sup>st</sup> Regt.] D<sup>y</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> for an account of the Quarters of their respective Regiments

M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton Agent of Small Craft will furnish Vessels to receive their Baggage All Baggage the can be possibly be Spared to be embarked by 12 OClock to Morrow

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.