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**Replacement Announcement for Lt. John Harris, 88th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),
London, Jan. 1, 1782**

War-Office, January 1...

88th Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Ensign William Bell to be Lieutenant, vice John Harris.

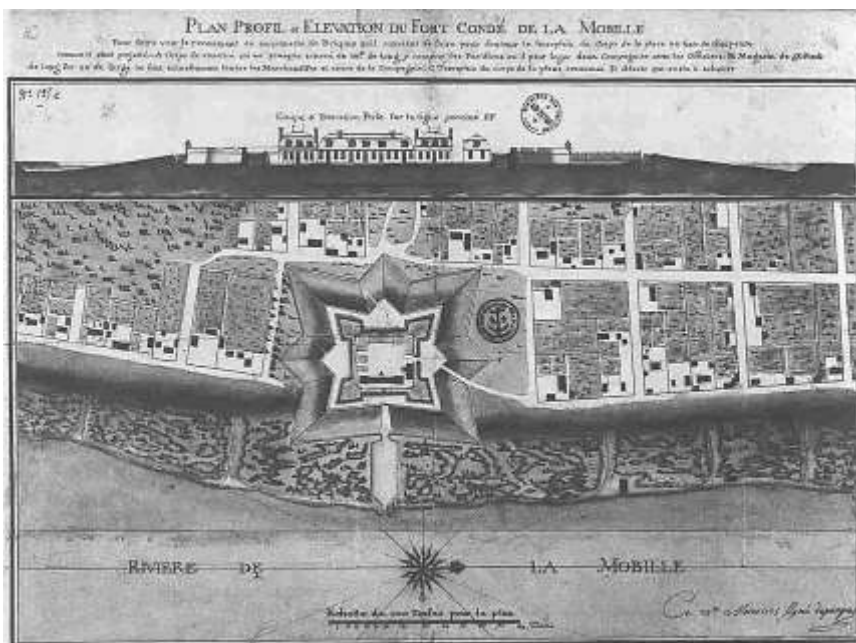
Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Dec. 29, 1781-Jan. 1, 1782 pp. 1-2. Lt. Harris was briefly assigned to the 42nd Regt. as part of a three-way promotion transaction. The War Office annotated copy of the Annual Army List for 1781 shows Lt. Harris marked as dead. His replacement's date of rank was May 14, 1781, which was likely the date of Harris' death.

**General Order Appointing Meeting of Board of Enquiry Under Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt.,
President, New York, Jan. 9, 1782**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 9th Jan^y 1782...

The Board of Field Officers of which Major Graham is president, is to assemble at the City Hall on Friday the 11th Ins^t at 11 o'Clock to examine into such matters as Brig^t General [John] Gunning [82nd Regt.] shall Lay before it respecting the Appointments of the 82nd Regiment.

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich.



Plan of Fort Conde, Mobile, by Adrien de Pauger, circa 1725

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons.

**Dep. Commissioner of Prisoners Robert Ross' Report of the Punitive Transfer of Major of Brigade
(and Capt) James Campbell, 42nd Regt., from Havana, Cuba to Mobile, Alabama, Jan. 10, 1782**

To His Excellency The Honorable Lieutenant General [Alexander] Leslie
Commanding His Majesty's Troops in the Southern District of N.
America &ca. &ca.

Robert Ross Deputy Commissary General of Prisoners and lately returned from the Havana in the
flag of Truce [ship] four Sisters, begs leave to represent

That Captain James Campbell of His Majesty's 42^d Regiment of foot, late Major of Brigade to
Major General [John] Campbell [of Strachur] in West Florida, being Prisoner of war at the Havana, was
about the 10th day of January last, at two hours notice, ordered to embark on board of a vessel bound to
Mobile, where by order of General [Bernardo de] Galvez he is confined close prisoner in the fort, to
remain in that condition during the continuation of the present war

The reason assigned for this harsh proceeding is said to be, some expressions in letters wrote by
Captain Campbell to General Galvez, which have been deemed disrespectful.

To every person acquainted with the unwholesome Climate of Mobile, and the distress of the
Spanish Garrison for good water, the communication with the Rivulet from which the fort was usually
Supplied being cut off by the Indians, the above order regarding Captain Campbell must appear as
equivalent to a death warrant.

Robert Ross
Dep^y Commissary, Prisoners

Charles Town 15th July 1782

Source and Note: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers* at PRO 30/55/91, p. 9996(1-2), p. 119. Capt.
Campbell became a prisoner at the surrender of Pensacola in May 1781.



A View of St. James' Palace, Pall Mall, by Thomas Bowles. Pub. 1763

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Newspaper Account of Gen. Lord John Murray's Attendance at Assembly at St. James' Palace, London, Jan. 23, 1782

LONDON, JANUARY 24, 1782.

Yesterday there was a Levee at St. James's; his Majesty, with a great concourse of the Nobility, the Foreign Ministers, &c. were present...

Yesterday Lord John Murray was at the Levee at St. James's for the first time since his arrival from Scotland.

Source: *Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser*, Jan. 24, 1782, p. 2.

**General Order Announcing Retirement of Capt. Harry Munro, 1st Battalion,
71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), New York, Feb. 2, 1782**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 2^d Feb^y 1782....

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotion

71st Reg^{mt}

Lieu^t James Innes from 16th Regiment to be Cap^t vice [Harry] Munroe who retires } 1781 1 Dec^r

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich.

**News Account of Death of Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser and that Brevet-Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Lt.
Col., 42nd Regt. will Become Colonel of 71st Highland Regt., London, Feb. 6, 1782**

Postscript.

LONDON, *February* 9...

Yesterday Morning, at Seven o'Clock died, at his House in Downing-Street, Lieut.-Gen. Simon Frazer, Colonel of the 71st Regiment of Foot, and Member of Parliament for the County of Inverness. His Death is said to have happened by the Bursting of a Blood-Vessel, owing to his having taken too strong an Emetic the Night preceding.

It is reported that Major-Gen. Sterling, who has commanded the Royal Highlanders during the whole War in North America, will succeed Gen. Frazer, as Colonel of the 71st, which is a Highland Regiment of two Battalions.

Source and Note: *Northampton Mercury*, Feb. 11, 1782, p. 3. Per Merriam-Webster, an Emetic is an agent that induces vomiting. Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling's rank of Maj. General was only for service in America. He left New York for Britain around Dec. 5, 1781 for additional care of the leg wound he received at Springfield, New Jersey in 1780. He was promoted Maj. General in the army on Nov. 20, 1782.

**Letter from Commander-in-Chief Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst to Lt. Col. Lord Balcarres, 24th Regt.
(Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) Appointing Him Lt. Colonel Commandant of "2^d 71st Regt.",
London, Feb. 13, 1782**

Whitehall, 13th. Feb^{ry} 1782

My Lord,

I have the honour to acquaint Your Lordship, in addition to my Letter of the 5th. of last Month, in answer to Your Lordships Letter of the 18th. December past, in wherein Your Lordship acquaints me that you are ready to raise to Reg^t. for the King's Service; that on the occasion of the Death of L^t: General [Simon] Fraser, I have again, this day, laid your Lordship's offer before The King, and that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of your Lordship to be L^t: Colonel Commandant of the 2^d. Bⁿ. of the 71st. Reg^t. of Foot, which is to be Formed into a Separate Regt, and to be called the 2^d. 71st. Reg^t. of Foot.

It is proposed to give your Lordship every reasonable and proper assistance from the Non Effective Fund of the 71st. Regiment to enable you to compleat the Regiment to which The King is

graciously pleased to appoint your Lordship to be L^t: Colonel Commandant; and I hope His Majesty's gracious intentions towards you upon this occasion will be perfectly agreeable to Your Lordship.

I have &c^a.

Earl of Balcarras

Amherst

Source: TNA, *Miscellaneous Letters from Lord Amherst* at WO 34/238, p. 220. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments by Company and Changes for the Period June 25 - Dec. 24, 1781
from Musters at Greenwich, New York, Feb. 13, 1782**

[Gen. Lord Murray's Company]

...Kings Leave	General L ^d Jn ^o Murray	Colonel & Cap ^t
	Robert Potts	Cap ^t Lieu ^t
	James Stirling	Lieutenant
	James Alston	Ensign
Commander in Chiefs leave	James M ^c Laggan	Chaplain
	Hugh Fraser	Adjutant
	Hector M ^c Lean	Quarter M ^r
	William Robertson	Surgeon
	Alex ^r Stewart	{ Mates
	Donald Smith	{ ...

[Lt. Col Stirling's Company]

On His Pass ^e to Europe, Commander in Chiefs Leave	Thomas Stirling	Lieutenant Colonel/ Major General
	Alexander Stewart	} Lieutenants
An assistant to the Quarter Master Generals Department	John Young	}
	William Edmonstoune	Ensign...

[Maj. Graham's Company]

	Charles Graham	Major & Captain
Sick	Gavin Drummond	} Lieut ^s
	H. D ^d Fraser	}
	James Rose	En ^{sn} ...

[Capt. Smith's Company]

	John Smith	Captain
sick	Alexander Innes	} Lieutenants
	George Campbell	}
sick	David Sutherland	Ensign ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Cap ^t
	Hugh Fraser	} Lieutenants
Transferred to 2 nd Battalion 1 st December 1781	Henry Graham	}
Received from d ^o d ^o d ^o d ^o Not Joined	Hon ^{ble} Geo: Fraser	}
Promoted 25 th July 1781 Transf ^d to C ^t Dalrymples	Alex ^r Loraine	} Ensigns
Received from Cap ^t Campbell d ^o sick	William Fraser	}

[Capt. Anstruther's Company]

	David Anstruther	Captain
	Alex ^r Grant	} Lieutenants
Dead 30 th Sep ^r 1781	James Crammond	}
Rec ^d from 82 ^d Regiment D ^o Assistant to	George Stewart	}
Q ^r M ^r Gen ^l Department	William Fraser	} Ensign ...

[Capt. Rutherford's Company]

On his Passage to Europe Comm ^r in Chief Leave	John Rutherford	Captain
In Europe, by Comm ^r in Chief Leave	Alexan ^r M ^c Gregor	} Lieu ^{ts}
	Alexan ^r Cumming	}

[Capt. Campbell's Company]

Received from 2 ^d Battalion 1 st Sept ^r 1781. as Major of	James Campbell	}	Captain
Brigade to Lieu ^t Gen ^l Campbell, Prisoner with y ^e Spaniards			
Transferred to Ditto	d ^o	Hay M ^c Dowal	}
		Robert Franklin	}
		William M ^c Donald	}
Transfer ^d to Captain Grants Company 25 th July 1781	William Fraser	}	Ensign

Note: The information in this muster regarding Capt. Campbell is incorrect. Campbell purchased Capt. Hon. George MacKenzie's company when he was promoted in the 73rd Regt. and was never assigned to the 2nd Bn. in Scotland.

[Grenadier Company – muster taken at “Jamaica [Long Island, New York] 11th Jan^y 1782”]

	John Peebles	}	Captain
	Alex ^r Grant	}	Liet ^{ts}
	William Dickson	}	
Duty	Dougal Campbell	}	

[Light Infantry Company - muster taken at “Powles Hook 28th July 1783” after Company returned from prison camp after Yorktown.]

In Europe Sir Henry Clinton's leave	{	George Dalrymple	Captain
	{	James Stewart	Lieutenants
transf ^d to Colonels 17 th May 1783		William Fraser	}
Retired 25 th July 1781		Kenneth Callender	}
Commission D ^o rec ^d from C ^t Grants & transf ^d to C ^t Ruth ^{ds} 8 th Feb ^y 83		Alex ^r Lorraine	}

Source: TNA, War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776 at WO 12/5479.



Comforts of Bath: The Bath by Thomas Rowlandson 1798

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

News Account of Arrival of Col. Thomas Stirling, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Bath, England, Feb. 13, 1782

Bath, Feb. 13. Arrived here...Gen. Stirling...

Source and Note: *Morning Herald and Daily Advertiser* (London), Feb. 16, 1782, p. 3. Stirling was at Bath in hopes the waters would help heal his wound from 1780. Stirling's commission as a Maj. Gen. was only valid in America. His permanent commission as Maj. Gen. was not dated until Nov. 20, 1782.

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to his Daughter, Mrs. Mary Foxlowe, Regarding Her Marriage to Lt. William Foxlowe (later Murray), 18th or Royal Irish Regt.,

London, Feb. 15, 1782

I wrote you the 11th ins^t., enclosed to your husband. The Queen in her Drawing Room wished me joy, but desired to know if I approved of your marriage; to which I replied that I did very much, as you desired it, and that his character is very good, is in the army, now raising an Independent Company for His Majesty's Service, and was second son of a very respectable family in Derbyshire; that the Duke of Athole and Lord Mansfield approved, and were trustees to the settlement. She then said 'it was very good,' and other words which were low, and I could not hear.

The Duchess of Athole is at Dunkeld, and lies in there in May next. The Duke and Duchess of Gordon are expected very soon. All our friends here are well; they and many more wish you joy. I am, my dear child,

your affectionate father,
John Murray

Source: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, by William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886, footnote p. 512.



Reproduction 71st Highland Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to Commander-in-Chief Gen. Lord Amherst Thanking Him for Appointment as Colonel, 71st Highland Regt. Bath, Feb. 16, 1782

Bath Feb^y 16th 1782

My Lord,

Permit me to return Your Lordship my warmest thanks, for the obliging part you took in my late appointment to the 1st Battⁿ 71st Reg^t.; and for the friendship & patronage you have honoured me with ever since I had the honour of serving under Your Lordship, which I shall make my utmost study always to merit –

This gracious mark of his Majestys favour I receive with all due gratitude, and hope yet to be able to prove myself worthy of it.

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect, My Lord
your very much obliged humble Ser^t

Right Hon^{ble} Lord Amherst

Tho^s. Stirling

Source: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Letters to Lord Amherst* at WO 34/184, f. 276.

Promotion Announcement of Brevet-Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to be Colonel, 71st Highland Regt. and Lt. Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarras to be Commandant of "2^d 71st Regt.", London, Feb. 16, 1782

War-Office, February 16, 1782.

To be Colonel of the 71st Regiment of Foot, vice Simon Fraser, deceased, Colonel Thomas Stirling, of 42d Foot.

To be Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the 2d Battalion of the 71st Regiment, (to be formed into a separate Regiment, and called the Second 71st Regiment of Foot,) Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Earl of Balcarras, of 24th Foot."

Source and Notes: *London Gazette*, Feb. 12-16, 1782, p. 1. Brevet-Maj. Gen. Stirling, who had been badly wounded in the leg in 1780, left America in Dec. 1781. As his Maj. General commission was valid only in America, he is correctly titled Brevet-Colonel. Earl Balcarres had previously served as a Capt. in the 42nd Regt. at the beginning of the war.



Detail from *Welbore Ellis, 1st Baron Mendip*, by Karl Anton Hickel

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Letter from Secretary of State for the Colonies Welbore Ellis to Maj. Gen. James Robertson, Acting Commander in Chief, Regarding Appointment of Brevet-Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. as Colonel of 71st Regt. and Brevet-Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarres (former Capt., 42nd Regt.), as Lt. Col. Commandant, 2nd 71st Regt. and Ordering the Drafting of the 2nd Battalion, London, Feb 18, 1782

Whitehall 18th February 1782

Sir,

The King having been pleased to appoint Colonel Sterling to the Command of the first Battalion of the 71th Regiment late [Maj. Gen. Simon] Fraser's and to give the second Battalion to Lieutenant Colonel Earl Balcarres as Lieutenant colonel commandant, I am commanded to acquaint you therewith and to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that you do draft the second Battalion to complete the first out of the second Battalion and order the remaining Officers Drummers and Privates of the second Battalion to return immediately to Great Britain that the second 71st- Regiment may be recruited as soon as possible.

I am &c^a.

W. Ellis

Major Gen^l. Robertson

Source and Note: TNA, *Correspondence, Secretary of State* at CO 5/175, pp. 275-276 (f. 138). Transcribed by Todd Braisted. During this period drafting a regiment consisted of assigning the soldiers to other regiments and the officers and noncommissioned officers returning home to recruit. Secretary Ellis' first name is often spelled Welbourne.



Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarres

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Letter from Brevet-Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarres (former Capt., 42nd Regt.) to Commander-in-Chief Gen. Jeffrey, Lord Amherst Acknowledging Appointment as Lt. Col. Commandant, 2nd 71st Regt., Balcarres, Feb. 20, 1782

My Lord

I am honored with your Lordships Letter of the 13th. Feb^y acquainting me that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of me to be L^t. Colonel Commandant of the 2^d 71st. Reg^t. of Foot.

In addition to the Obligations I owe your Lordship – I beg you will represent to His Majesty my humble Acknowledgements of Gratitude & Duty –

I intend to be in Town immediately for 2 or 3 weeks to pay my personal Respects to His Majesty, and to make the necessary Arrangements previous to the work His Majesty has been pleased to commit to my Care –

I am my Lord

Your Lordships most obed^t. and most humble Serv^t.

Balcarres

Balcarres

Feb^y. 20th 1782

Lord Amherst

Source: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Letters to Lord Amherst* at WO 34/184, f. 329. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. Balcarres House is located about eleven miles south of St. Andrews

Second Letter from Brev.-Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarres, 24th Regt., (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) to Commander-in-Chief Gen. Jeffrey, Lord Amherst Thanking Him for the Appointment as Lt. Col. Commandant, 2nd 71st Regt., Balcarres, Feb. 20, 1782

My Lord

I take the liberty of troubling Your Lordship with a 2^d Letter, to thank you in the warmest Manner for the Kings Countenance and Protection you have ever shewn myself, & Family – I hope my Exertions in overseeing the reestablishment of the 2^d. 71st – may shew that I am not ungrateful for the Favours I have received at your Lordships Hands –

I am my Lord

Your Lordships most obliged humble Serv^t.

Balcarres

Balcarres

Feb^y. 20th 1782

[to Lord Amherst]

Source: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Letters to Lord Amherst* at WO 34/184, f. 329. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officer, New York, Feb. 23, 1782

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 23^d Feb. 1782....

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

37th Reg^{mt}

Cap ^t James Graham from 57 th Reg ^t to be Major by Purchase vice	} 30 th Dec ^r 81
[William] Montgomery who retires	} ...

42nd Reg^{mt}

Lieu ^t William Dickson to be Capt ⁿ by purchase vice [John] Peebles who	} 2 ^d Feb, 82.
retires	}
Ens ⁿ W ^m Edmondstone to be Lieuten ^t by purchase vice Dickson promoted	} 2 ^d Feb ^y 1782.
A Blank Commission for an Ensigny by purchase vice Edmondstone	}
promoted	}
Ens ⁿ [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	}...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Maj. James Graham, 37th Regt., began the war as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt.

General Orders for a Board of Enquiry Under Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., to Assemble, New York, Feb. 28, 1782

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 28th Feb. 1782

The Board of Enquiry composed of Major Graham 42^d, Major [Charles] Brownlow [57th Regt.] Grenadiers, and Maj^r [Stephen] Brownfield 40th to assemble on Friday the 1st 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.

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. The ship *General Reidesel* was a 150-ton vessel assigned to the Quartermaster Genera; Dept. in 1781.

Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt. Listed as Member of Board of Enquiry to Examine Loss of Convention Army Uniforms on Flag of Truce Ship at Yorktown, New York, Mar. 2, 1782

At a Board of Enquiry, reassembled at New York, in the Province of New York, on Saturday March 2nd 1782, By Order of His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, Knight of the Most Honorable order of the Bath, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces, within the Colonies Laying on the Atlantic Ocean from Nova Scotia to West Florida, Inclusive, &c. &c. &c.

Present

Major Charles Graham 42nd Reg^t.

Major Stephen Bromfield - 40th Reg^t.

Major Charles Brownlow - 57th Reg^t.

Stephen Payne Adye Esqr. Dep^y. Judge Advocate

The Board took into Consideration the Letter from Lieu^t. General [Hon. Alexander] Leslie, dated Head Quarters Camp quarter House Jan^y. 28th 1782, address^d. to Lieu^t. Colonel Delancey as also the Several papers laid before them at their former Meeting, and on which they could not then give an Oppinion, from the want of the Information relative to the Matters Before them, which was to be expected from Lieu^t. General Leslie, and which his Letter now Submitted to their Perusal contains upon the whole of the Information laid before them, the Board is Of Oppinion that as the Vessel Carrying the Flag of Truce, was by unexpected and unavoidable events prevented from fulfilling the Purpose for which it was Sent, but afterwards enter^d. a British Port, and there landed a part of its Cargo, that this Vessel could no longer be Considered as a Flag of Truce and Consequently that the Goods and Stores in General, which composed her cargo, whether Consisting of Clothing for His Majesty's Troops, and those of his Allies or of private Property, and which fell into the Hands of the Enemy, were a legal Capture - And that as these Goods and Stores were Landed at Portsmouth in Virginia, then in Possession of the King's Troops, by Permission of Lieut. General Leslie for the use of the Army there, no Imputation of Neglect, or Breach of Trust can fall upon Captⁿ. Gerlach, who went with and had the care of the Clothing intended for the Troops of Convention - nor on Mr. Hoakesly who apparently was fulfilling his trust as Commissary by executing the Orders of Lieu^t. General Leslie, for forwarding His Majesty's Service.

Charles Graham Maj. 42nd Reg^t
C: Brownlow Maj^r. B: Grend^s.
S. Bromfield Ma^j. 40th Reg.

Stephen P. Adye
Dep^y. Judge Advocate

Source: TNA, *Audit Office, American Loyalist Claims, Series II* at AO13/5, ff. 153-154. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Listing of 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Officers in Great Britain from the
Regimental Agent, Alexander Anderson, London, Mar. 2, 1782**

Officers belonging to the 2^d. Battalion of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot now in Great Britain

Captain John M ^c Gregor Lieu ^t . Alex ^r . M ^c Gregor	Left on Shore Sick at Portsmouth & Still in bad health at Inverness from the detachment at Newfoundland (last from New York) at home with leave from the Commander in Chief in America now at Stirling
Ensign Robert Robertson	Left at home Young – at Lude in Athol Scotland
Ensign William White	left on Shore at Portsmouth by leave being Young, now at Hoxton near London

With the following Officers of the Additional Company & lately appointed
Captⁿ. John Grant
Ensign John Macae
Ensign Alex^r. Rose – Vice John Murray Robertson promoted

Princes Street
2^d March 1782

Alex^r Anderson
Agent

Source and Note: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers*, WO 34/189, f.236. The 2nd Bn. had sailed in 1781 for South Africa and India. Capt. MacGregor, Lt. Macgregor, and Capt. Grant all served in the 42nd Regt. prior to the raising of the 2nd Bn.

Promotion Announcement for Lt. John Grant, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., to be

Captain of an Additional Company, London, Mar. 5, 1782

War-Office, March 5, 1782...

42d Regiment of Foot, 2d Battalion, Lieutenant John Grant to be Captain Additional Company.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 2-5, 1782 p. 1. Capt John Grant (later of Auchindown) served as a Lt. in the 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt. and commanded the company in Newfoundland from 1778 to 1781.



Trooper of the 2nd Horse Grenadier Guards, by David Morier, c. 1750.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Letter from Commander-in-Chief Gen. Lord Amherst to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Denying Requested Transfer to Command of the Second Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards,
Whitehall, Mar. 13, 1782**

Whitehall, 13th March 1782

My Lord,

I had the honour of receiving Your Lordships's Letter of this day, and took the earliest moment of laying it before The King but His Majesty has not given me any Commands either as to the Second Troop of Horse Guards, or the Government of Duncannon.

I have the honour to be My Lord &^{ca}

Rt. Honble Lord John Murray

Amherst

Source and Note: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Letters from Lord Amherst*, WO 34/238, f. 268. The command of the Second Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards was awarded to His Highness Prince Frederick effective Mar. 23, 1782. Gen. Murray also did not receive the Governorship of Duncannon Fort. The fort is located on the southeast coast of Ireland, about 108 miles from Dublin.

**Excerpt of Letter from Capt. William Robertson, Younger of Lude, 77th Regt. of (Highland) Foot,
to His Mother, Charlotte Robertson, Regarding Arrival in Scotland of Capt. Lt. William Nairne, 1st
Battalion, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot (Future Capt., 42nd Additional Company),
Dublin, Ireland, Mar. 21, 1782**

Dublin N barracks 21st Mar 1782

...Willie Nairne's arrival must have given all his friends a great deal of satisfaction. I suppose there will be no danger of his leaving them soon.

Source: *Papers of the Robertson Family of Lude*, Perthshire at NRS, GD132/765, Item 9, transcribed by Ed Brumby.

**Orders Appointing Lt. Dugald Campbell, 42nd Regt., to be an Assistant Engineer,
New York, March 27, 1782**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 27th 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^t Dugald Campbell 42^d Regiment...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. There were three Dougal Campbells who served in the 42nd Regt. during the war. This Lt. Dugald Campbell had been promoted to lieutenant on April 5, 1781 and at the end of the war settled in New Brunswick, Canada.

**Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, 71st Highland Regt., to William Graham of Airth,
Regarding his Return to Great Britain and Airth Son, Lt. Henry Graham, Bath, England,
Apr. 18, 1782**

Dear Airth

Bath 18th April 1782

I received your & My Dear Annies joint Letter to 30th March, the good accts you give of all your family will always give me pleasure and I wish you may both long enjoy w^t health and happiness that agreeable comforts. I wrote Annie about [his son Lt.] Henry [Graham, 42nd Regt.] a little while ago & then mentioned that a possibility might be fallen on to keep him in Europe a little longer as she was very anxious but I thought the opportunity of C [Capt. John] Rutherfords joining [returning to America from leave] should not be lost, since then you would see a positive order for all Off^{rs} to join their Corps in America unless they had the Kings leave or were prisoners and as Henry never has joined since his appoint^t, now five years, I think is absolutely necessary he should join the first opportunity, besides the great expence he puts you and the very little benefit, I am afraid, he receives would make it a measure of prudence, if there was no other reason for it I am really sorry he has cost you so much and had I had any Idea of its coming so high I should certainly not have required his stay in Edin^r unless he had shown a very particular attention to the branches he put to, which I fear he did not however that cannot now be recalled, and if he has not benefited its his own fault and will not have his parents to reproach for want of care I bid M^{rs} Graham write him I should see him as I passed S^t Omer [France] or should write him from Ostend [Belgium], let me know his direction, I shall leave my Valise w^t my bedding for him at London and you may give him a Light Camp bedstead w^t common check curtains, Cap^t [John] Rutherford will advise what necessary to take w^t him but let them not be many, much baggage is a great incumbrance I left a Chest w^t books & lumber under the Qt^r M^r [Quartermaster Hector M^cLean] care who will give the key to H for his use if Rutherf^d goes not this year he hopes it might be easier & less expensive for him to go directly from London this you must get settled after you know R motions for I hope to be gone before that time as I leave this the 20th having found no benefit from the waters here, I shall stay as short a while as possible in London, not exceeding 14 days if nothing extra intervenes, & proceed to Margate [southeast tip of England] for a passage to Ostend & then determine as opportunitys offer of going to Baresges [French Spa town in the Pyrenees] either by way of Paris or by sea to bourdeaux, a Capt. [Alexander] McKay of 69th Reg^t accompanys me. when you settle w^t M^r D Erskine you will end it yourself w^t Henrys pay from 25th Dec^r 1780 in Subsist at 3-6 p^r day as this will answer both yours I shall not write Annie but offer her my affect Love with my best wishes, for Marys happy hour & the Welfare of you and yours as I am with great truth the most faithful of your friends & Serv^t.

Tho^s. Stirling ...

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 60-61 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 77-78. On the death of Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser, Stirling was promoted to colonel of the 71st Highland Regt. (formerly 1st Battalion, 71st Highland Regt. –Fraser's Highlanders) on Feb. 13, 1782. The regiment was disbanded June 4, 1784. According to the Regiment muster reports, Lt. Graham arrived in America between Jan. and May 1783.

**Parliament Discussion on Appointing Lt. Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarres, 24th Regt.
(Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to Command 2nd 71st Regt., London, Apr. 22, 1782**

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

The Fifteenth Parliament of Great Britain; and the Fourth of the present King.

SECOND SESSION...

HOUSE of COMMONS

Monday, April 22...

SEVENTY FIRST REGIMENT MADE INTO TWO REGIMENTS.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of supply, the Secretary at War moved for several sums for the service of the army, stating that since the death of Lieutenant-General [Simon] Fraser, the 71st regiment, consisting of two battalions, had been divided into two regiments, one battalion to each; that the Earl of Balcarres, a nobleman of high rank, and an officer of distinguished merit in his profession, had been appointed of one; but though he was to command this regiment, he was not to derive any new rank from his appointment; he was already a Lieutenant Colonel; and it was only as such he was to command the new regiment, which he had engaged to recruit on very moderate terms indeed, and consequently advantageous to the country.

Source and Note: *The Political Magazine and Parliamentary, Naval, Military, and Literary Journal. For August, 1782*, pp. 474 and 477. Strangely Balcarres' regiment was called the 2nd 71st Regt. to show it was not a second battalion of the 71st Regt. but rather a complete separate regiment.



Secretary at War Thomas Townshend, later 1st Viscount Sydney

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**Orders from Secretary at War Thomas Townshend to Col. Thomas Stirling, 71st Highland Regt.
(Former Brevet-Maj. Gen., 42nd Regt.) for His Regiment to Remain on Service,
London, Apr. 30, 1782**

W.O. 30th April 1782

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that the King has been pleased to order that your Regiment shall continue on Service, as consisting of twelve Companies; and that for this purpose, all the private men of both Batt^{ns}. of the Late General Fraser's Regiment in N^o. America, whether prisoners or otherwise, be appropriated to the 71st Regiment under your command: that the Add^l. Comps. at Newfoundland be considered as a part of the same, that the Add^l. Comps. which are in Great Britain, be attached to the second 71st Reg^t. and that the whole of this arrangement shall take place from the 25th instant inclusive.

I have signified H.M.'s P. to Sir Guy Carleton on the several matters above stated, as well as for the return of the Officers and Non. Comm^d. Officers of the second 71st.

Enclosed you will receive a distribution of the Commissioned Officers into the two Reg^{ts}. in the settlement whereof, the rule observed has been, that all officers whose Commissions specify to what Battalion they were appointed, should remain in that Battalion; and that the rest of the officers should be appointed alternately according to their present seniority in the Regiment. A like list is transmitted to Sir Guy Carleton, who is at the same time informed, that His Majesty will have no objection to his making changes which he may think proper in the allotment of the Officers, either for their own convenience, or for the good of H. M.'s Service.

The absent officers of your Regim^t. who are not on Parole should be ordered to repair to New York by the earliest opportunity, on which head you will be pleased to give your directions without delay.

I have the honor &c

Tho^s Townshend

To Col Stirling, 71st from Thos. Townshend.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, General Letters* at WO 4/117, pp. 199-200. The division of the former 42nd Regt. officers by battalions is shown below.



Gen. Sir Guy Carleton

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Letter from Secretary at War Thomas Townshend to Gen. Sir Guy Carleton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Regarding the Split of the 71st Highland Regt., London, Apr. 30, 1782

W. O. 30th. April 1782

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that upon the Death of Lieut: Gen^l. [Simon] Fraser, H.M. thought fit to order that the two Batt^{ns}. of the 71st. should be formed into two distinct Reg^{ts}. that the first Battⁿ., to the command of which Colonel [Thomas] Stirling of the Royal Highlanders is appointed, should be named the 71st. Reg^t. & that the other Battⁿ. should be named the Second 71st. Regiment, of which the Earl of Balcarras is appointed Lieut: Col: Comm^t. [Commandant] on condition of filling it up by Recruits raised in the Highlands of Scotland.

H.M. has further been pleased to direct that all the Private Men of both Batt^{ns}. now in America, whether Prisoners or otherwise, be appointed to the 71st. that the Additional Companies at Newfoundland be considered as a part of the same Reg^t. that the Additional Companies in Britain be attached to the second 71st. and that the whole arrangement shall take place from 25th. instant inclusive.

The 71st. Regt. is to continue on Service as consisting of the 12 Comp^s., & the Comm^d. [Commissioned] and non Comm^d. Officers of the second 71st. are to be sent home by the earliest opportunity.

Enclosed you will receive a Distribution of the Officers in the two Regiments; in the settlement whereof, the rule observed has been, that all officers whose commissions specify to what Battalion they were appointed should remain in that Battⁿ. and that the rest of the Officers should be appointed alternately according to their present Seniority in the Regiment. I am at the same time to acquaint you that H.M. will have no objection to any changes that you may think proper to make in the allotment of the Officers, either for their own Convenience, or the good of the Service under Y. C^d...

I have the honor &c

Tho^s. Townshend

General Sir Guy Carleton

&c &c &c

New York

[Enclosure]

Distribution of the Officers of the late Lieu^t. General Fraser's Reg^t into the 71st: /Stirlings/ and Second 71st: /Balcarras's.

Officers mark'd with a Cross (X) were originally Commissioned in the Batt^s they belong to

	71 st : Reg ^t .		Second 71 st : Reg ^t .
[*]Tho ^s Stirling	Col ^o .	[*] E. Balcarras	L ^t Col ^l Comm ^{dt}
Dav ^d Ferguson	L ^t Col ^l ...	X Arch ^d Campbell	L ^t Col ^l ...
Majors...		[*] Norman M ^c Leod	} Captains...
[*] D [Duncan] M ^c Pherson	31 Dec ^r 80 }		
[*] W ^m . Nairne	20 Jun 81 Cap ^t . L ^t ...		
[*] Jn ^o Robertson	8 Nov. 78 } L ^{ts} ...		

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters* at W04/275, pp. 170-172 (ff. 87-88). Officers marked with a [*] were former or future officers in the 42nd Highlanders during the American war.

Promotion Orders for Maj. Charles Graham, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., to be Lt. Colonel, and for Capt. Walter Home, 7th Grenadier Company, to be Major, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., and Capt. Lieutenant William Nairne, 1st Battalion, 71st Highland Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Additional Company), to be Captain, "2^d 71st" Regt., New York, May 3, 1782

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 3^d May 1782...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

42^d Regiment

Major Charles Graham to be Lieu^t Colonel Vice [Thomas] Stirling } 28th April 82

promoted to 71 st Regiment	}
Captain Walter Home from 7 th Regiment to be Major Vice Graham	} d ^o
promoted	}...

71st Regiment...

Captain Lieu^t William Nairne to be Captain Vice [Andrew] Lawrie dead } 1st March 1782..

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, May 4, 1782

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 4th May 1782

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions

42^d Regiment

Ensign James Alston to be Lieutenant Vice George Stuart promoted in the	}	4 th May 1782
4 th Batt ⁿ 60 th Reg ^t	}	
Volunteer Donald M ^c Niven to be Ensign Vice Alston promoted	}	d ^o
4 th Battalion 60 th Regiment...		
Lieutenant George Stuart from 42 ^d Regiment to be Captain Lieu ^t Vice	}	[4 th May 1782]
[George] Meggs promoted	}	

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich.

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to William Graham of Airth, Discussing Airth's Son, Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., London, May 4, 1782

Dear Airth

London May 4th 1782

I have yours of 19th Ap^r and forwarded [your son, Lt.] Henrys [Graham] Letter I am really sorry he has put you to so much expence & I fear to little purpose & as he does not benefit so much as might be wished it is a stronger reason for his joining but the late order puts that out of all doubt & the sooner he comes the better I understand Cap^t [John] Ruther^d wishes to stay longer & has applied for leave, however many other opportunities may be found for his going over, as many Off^{rs} here must join, as I am uncertain whether you & M^{rs} Graham would wish to see him I shall not determine his going from hence leaving that to you two, but some recruits & draughts are going from hence soon w^t whom he can go and M^r [Alexander] Anderson the [regimental] agent shall have directions from me to assist him in a passage if you fix it, a Matrass w^t two blankets in a Oil Cloath bag shall wait him here as for necessarys they ought to be few a pair of boots 3 p^r Shoes 8 p^r white thread 6 p^r Silk 2 p^r Nankeen trousers 2 p^r white Cloath britches 2 vests of D^o 2 White washing vests one Regu. coat & Cloath & Lace & trimming for another 2 dozen shirts – 6 white Cambrick stocks, 2 black Silk, 6 pocket Handkerchiefs, bonnet & black Feathers the Agents direction is Alex^r Anderson E^{sq} Princes Street Lothbury London then to many Off^{ers} of my [71st] Reg^t in Scotland who must join a Cap^t Colⁿ Campbell Glendarowel Ja^s Fraser Cha^s Menzies Ed^d Fraser, L^{ts} Dav^d Dewar Edin^r Jⁿ Robertson &^c &^c since writing the above I have M^{rs} Grahams Letter from Kippenross I disapprove much of his going to Paris the best place he can be is his Reg^t, surely dancing & fencing is not worth the expence you are at as for a french m^r he must be very bad at it if he requires a M^r at S^t Omer & he deserves no attentions for his having neglected to write you his situation at first he must therefore certainly come over & if you have any directions for him as to his joining via Scotland you had better write m^r Seton where he shall be ordered to call The Agents have credited me w^t £14.15.6 his arrears to 24th Dec^r 79 and his Subⁿ [subsistance] from 25th Decr 1780 to 25th Decr 81 £64-1-8 which sums you will charge me in settling with M^r D Erskine M^r Edmonstone ought to have refused paying his sons [Ens. William Edmonstone] draught for £200 as they have taken advantage of him, £150 is the

regulated price & no more ought to have been given & I can see no harm if he still refuses to pay the £50 if not already done, there is a Lt^{cy} in my Reg^t to sell for £150 which I intended for W Edmonstone... I have not yet fixed my day nor entirely how I go from ostend [Belgium] but shall write you if I pass by St Omer otherwise you will hear of me from [his brother] S^t W [William Stirling of Ardoch] or [his sister] M^{rs} [Mary] Campbell

Adieu kind Comp^{ts} to all my friends and believe me ever yours
Tho^s Stirling

Source: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 61-62 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 79-80.

**Excerpt of Engineer Department Report Lists Lt. Dugald Campbell, 42nd Regt.,
as Assistant Engineer, New York, May 13, 1782**

Return of the Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Draughtsmen, Storekeepers & Clerks, Artificers, Labourers, Vessels, Waggon & Horses employ'd in the Engineer Department, 13th. May 1782 –

Engineers

Cap^t. D'Aubant
Cap^t. Lieu^t Parker
Lieu^t. Fyers

Assistant Engineers

Cap ^t . Sproule	16 th Reg ^t foot
Cap ^t Norberg	60 th ditto
Lieu ^t Rogers	Royal Artillery
Lieu ^t Campbell	42 nd Reg ^t
Lieu ^t Willington	71 st ditto...

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers, Main series of Papers* at PRO 30/55/40, p. 4595(1) 2.

Promotion Announcement, 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers, London, May 18, 1782

War-Office, May 18, 1782...

37th Regiment of Foot, Captain James Graham, from 57th Regiment, to be Major, vice William Montgomerie...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant William Dickson to be Captain of a Company, vice John Peebles.

Ditto, Ensign William Edmonstone to be Lieutenant, vice William Dickson."

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Lieutenant James Innes, from 16th Foot, to be Captain of a Company, vice Harry Munro."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 18, 1782 p. 5. Capt. James Graham, 37th Regt. and Capt. Harry Munro, 71st Regt. were former Lts. in the 42nd Regt.

**Excerpt of Letter from Margaret Robertson, Mother of Lt. John Robertson, 1st Battalion, 71st
Highland Regt. (Former, Ens., 42nd Regt.) to the Hon. Charlotte Murray Regarding
Lt. Robertson's Departure for America, Lude, May 19, 1782**

Lude May 19th 1782

I have your my dear Madam of y^e 15th and inclose a letter from your two Grandsons [John and Robert Robertson], whom it was not possible to give the satisfaction of seeing as one had but a few days

to prepare for their departure – a week or ten days before the orders John had a letter from y^e Adjutant Gen: telling him not to prepair for America which lulled us till the sudden order came – Bob was quite happy to go with his Brother, but whether to join his [2nd Bn, 42nd] Reg^t in India or if promoted depends upon himself and friends when he gets to London, I hope God will direct every thing for their advantage and happiness wherever they go. Much depends upon themselves, first to make friends and then to keep them by a proper behavior and return for favours. Mr [James] Robertson [Younger of Lude] went with them yesterday the length of Dunkeld and to proceed with a short call upon all their friends as they happen to be in the way but his Horses being so Old their baggage so heavy judged he hires a Chaise from Perth and thinks of going as far as Airdoch with them, lets them take the Chaise on to Stirling and it returns to Orchell and takes Mr. Ron: back till he meet his own carriage again You will not doubt of the struggle I had to pairt with two beloved dutyful and indeed promissing Sons at such a distince, and myself in so tender a way. but to day I am more composed then for severals past – Last night I mean the very night before they went letters came from my dear eldest Son of recommendations for Robert to Sir Eer [Eyre] Coot and General [William] Meddowes in case he go to India which I find every body wishes, and nothing I suppose will prevent it but the struggle are easily perceived it would be for the Brothers to pairt John wishes to go to India with Bob, and Bob to America with John ...

My headache is increased by writing so my dear Madam

Adieu M: Robertson

Source: NRS, Margaret Robertson to the Hon. Charlotte Murray, May 19, 1782 in *Correspondence to Charlotte, daughter of William Murray, 2nd Lord of Nairn and wife of John Robertson of Lude from Margaret Robertson, her niece and daughter-in-law, 1779-1782*, at GD132-767-24-1.

Posthumous Promotion Announcement for Maj. Patrick Graham, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., to be Brevet-Lt. Colonel in the East Indies, London, June 18, 1782

War-Office, June 18, 1782...

To be Lieutenant Colonels in the East-Indies only. Majors...Patrick Graham, of 42d..."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 15-18, 1782 p. 1. Unfortunately Maj. Graham, 2nd Bn., died on ship on the way to India before this announcement was published. Graham had served for the early part of the war in America as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. and as a Capt. of an Additional Company in Scotland.

42nd Regt. Company Officer Assignments and Changes for the Period Dec. 25, 1781 to June 24, 1782, Bloomingdale, New York, July 1, 1782

[General's Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Colonel & Cap ^t	General Sir Henry Clintons leave	James M ^c Laggan	Chaplain
	Robert Potts	Cap ^t Lieu ^t			
	James Stirling	Lieu ^t		Hugh Fraser	Adjutant
Promoted 1 st May 82 Transf ^d D ^o	James Alston	} Ensigns	Duty	Hector M ^c lean	Quarterm ^r
Commission dated D ^o Transf ^d	Donald M ^c Niven	}		William Robertson	Surgeon
to C ^t Smiths 4 th May 82				Alex ^r Stewart	} Surgeon
				Donald Smith	} Mates ...

[Lt. Colonel's Company (Previously Major's Company)]

Promoted 28 th April 1782	Transf ^d to L ^t Co ^{ls}	Rec ^d f ^m d ^o 29 th Ap ^l 82	Charles Graham	Lieu ^t Col ^o & Captain
Commis ⁿ dated d ^o	Rec ^d from 7 th Reg ^t .	Transf ^d to L ^t Co ^{ls}	Walter Home	Major
			Gavin Drummond	} L ^{ts}
			H ^y : D: Fraser	}
			James Rose	Ens ⁿ

Major's Company (Previously Lieutenant Colonel's Company)

Made Colonel of 71 st Regiment 28 April 1782	Thomas Stirling }	Lieutenant Colonels
Commissioned dated 28 April D ^o Rec ^d from Majors Company	Charles Graham }	
Transferred to D ^o 29 th April 1782		
Received from Majors company 29 th April 82	Walter Home }	Major
	Alexander Stewart }	Lieutenants
An assistant to the Quarter Master Generals Department	John Young }	
Promoted 2 nd February 82 Transferred to Captain Anstruthers company	William Edmondstoun }	Ensign...

[Capt. Smith's Company]

	John Smith }	Captain
	Alexander Innes }	Lieutenants
	George Campbell }	
Retired 28 th February 1782	David Sutherland }	Ensigns
Received from Col ^s 4 th May 82	Donald McNivan }	...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant }	Cap ^t
	Hugh Fraser }	
Transferred to C ^t Campbells Company 14 th Feb ^y 1782	Hon ^{ble} Geo. Fraser }	Lieutenants
Received from C ^t Anstruthers Company D ^o D ^o D ^o	Dougald Campbell }	
sick	William Fraser }	Ensign

[Capt. Dickson's Company (Previously Capt. Anstruther's Company)]

Transferred to Grend ^{rs} 14 February 1782	David Anstruther }	Captains
Received from ditto d ^o d ^o	William Dickson }	
	Alex ^r Grant }	
Promoted in 60 th Regiment 1 st May 1782	George Stewart }	Lieut ^{ts}
Commission dated d ^o d ^o	James Alston }	
	William Fraser }	Ensign

[Capt. Rutherford's Company]

In Britain by leave of Gen ^l Sir Henry Clinton	John Rutherford }	Cap ^t
	Alexan ^r Cummine }	
Transferred to Captain Anstruthers Co ^y 14 th Feb ^y 1782	Alexan ^r McGregor }	Lieu ^{ts}
Received from Ditto Ditto	William Edmundstone }	

[Capt. Campbell's Company]

On duty as Major of Brigade to Lieu ^t Gen ^l Campbell, Prisoner with the Spaniards	James Campbell }	Captain
	Robert Franklin }	
Transferred to Cap ^t Anstruthers 14 th February 1782	William McDonald }	Lieutenants
Received from Cap ^t Grant D ^o D ^o	Hon ^{ble} George Fraser }	

[Grenadier Company - mustered at the Grenadier Camp, Ireland heights (three Miles east of Flushing) on July 12, 1782]

Resigned 2 ^d Feb ^y 1782	John Peebles }	
Commission Dated D ^o – Transferred to Captain Anstruthers 14 Feb ^y 1782	William Dickson }	Captains
Received from the Battalion 14 th Feb ^y 1782	David Anstruther }	
	Alex ^r Grant }	
Promoted 2 ^d Feb ^y 1782	William Dickson }	
Commission Dated D ^o – Transferred to Capt ⁿ Rutherfuds 14 Feb ^y 1782	William Edmondstoun }	Lieutenants
Rec ^d from C ^t Rutherford's 14 Feb ^y 1782 – In Britain his leave of absence expired 31 st July 1781 – But supposed to be in 2 ^d Batt ⁿ	Alex ^r MGregor }	
Transferred to Capt. Grants 14 th Feb ^y 1782	Dougal Campbell }	
Rec ^d from Cap ^t Campbells 14 th Feb ^y 1782	William McDonald }	

[Light Infantry Company – mustered at Paulus Hook, New York in 1783 after they were released as prisoners of war.]

In Europe Sir Henry Clinton's leave	George Dalrymple	Captain
D ^o	James Stewart	}
transferred to Colonels 17 th May 1783	William Fraser	} Lieutenants
D ^o to Captain Rutherfords 8 th February 1783	Alex ^r Lorraine	} ...

Source: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists*, 42nd Foot, 1st Battalion, 1777-1786 at WO 12/5479, ff. 91-100.

Promotion Announcement, 42nd Regt. Officers, London, July 16, 1782

War-Office, July 16, 1782...

42d Regiment of Foot, Major Charles Graham to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Thomas Stirling.

Ditto, Captain Walter Home, from 7th Foot, to be Major, vice Charles Graham.

Ditto, Ensign James Alston to be Lieutenant, vice George Stewart.

Ditto, Volunteer Donald M^cNiren [M^cNiven] to be Ensign, [vice] Alston.

60th Regiment, 4th Battalion...

Ditto, Lieutenant George Stewart, from 42d Regiment, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice George Meggs.

Source: *London Gazette*, July 13-16, 1782 p. 3.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lieutenant William Nairne, 1st Battalion, 71st Highland Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Capt., London, July 16, 1782

War-Office, July 16, 1782...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant William Nairn to be Captain of a Company, vice Andrew Laurie...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 13-16, 1782, p. 4. Capt. Nairne and three other officers were transferred from the "2^d 71st" Regt. to form an Additional Company in the 1st Bn., 42nd Regt. in Jan. 1783.



Detail of Portrait of Secretary at War George Yonge, 1790 by Mather Brown

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpts of Request from Alexander Anderson, Agent for the 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War George Yonge, for Reimbursement for Cost of Sick Officers of the 2nd Battalion, London, Aug. 2, 1782

Princes Street Lothbury 2^d Augst: 1782

Sir

The Subsistence of the 2^d Battalion of the 42^d (or Royal Highland) Reg^t. of Foot having been only issued up to the 24th. June 1781 –

I have had to Subsist from Period, The undermentioned Officers left sick when the Battalion embarked at Portsmouth for India Viz^t.

Cap ⁿ . John MacGregor now ill at Inverness in Scotland	}	£	s	d
for 365 days from the 25 June 1781 to 24 June 1782 at 7/6 p ^r day	}	136:	17:	6...
and Lieu ^t . Alex ^r MacGregor from the detachment	}			
at Newfoundland, from the 24 th June 1781 to the	}	32:	—	6
24 th Dec ^r 1781 (he then Commencing Lieu ^t . to the	}			
Additional Company Established the 25 th Dec ^r , 1781)	}			
183 Days Subsce at 3/6	}			
		£278:	8	-

for which Sum I beg you would please to direct an issue to be made from the Pay Office to Reimburse me

P.S. ...
Captⁿ MacGregor & Ensⁿ White
have the Kings leave of Absence
y^r &ca A A

I have the Honor to be &ca
Alex^r Anderson

R^t. Honb^{le} Sir Geo Yonge Bar^t
Secretary at War & &ca

Source and Note: *TNA, Secretary-at-War, Out-letters*, June- Sept. 1782 at WO 4/118, p. 290. Capt. John MacGregor used the name John Gregor as an officer in the 1st Bn., 42nd Regt. He requested his commission as a Captain in the 2nd Bn. be issued with his correct family name of MacGregor. Lt. Macgregor served with the 2nd Additional Company at Newfoundland before serving with the 1st Bn. in New York.

News Account of the British Defense of Fort Trincomale by Capt. Hay Macdowal, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Capt., 1st Battalion), Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Aug. 24-30, 1782.

CEYLON.

THAT our readers may be enabled to form an estimate of the value of our late acquisition in the East Indies, we lay before them the following account of Ceylon...

The following description of Trincomale, and account of its capture last war, are extracted from Munro's Narrative of the Military Operations in India during that period...

In 1782, two of the best sailing ships of [Adm.] Sir Edward Hughes's fleet were dispatched from Madras with 200 men from the 42d and 78th regiments, commanded by Capt. Hay Macduel, of the former, to reinforce Trincomale. This detachment arrived safely at Ceylon, and upon Captain Macduel's taking upon him the command, he found the two Forts, but particularly the lower one, in so weak a defence, that the labour of some four months was requisite to render them in any degree tenable.

Soon after Captain Macduel had taken upon himself the command, he found himself besieged by the active [Baillie de] Suffrein [de St Tropez, Commander-on-Chief, French Fleet], who had secretly sailed from Caddalore to Battocolo, where he was joined, on the 24th of August, by two line of battle ships and a formidable body of troops, with which force he quickly laid siege to Trincomale. Capt. Macduel, thus attacked, made as good a stand as his defenceless situation would admit of, but was forced to capitulate on the 30th of the same month; by which event, the most convenient and essential harbour in India was lost to the British Crown.

Source: *Staffordshire Advertiser*, Jan. 16, 1796, p.2.

Excerpt of Status Report of Generals and Field Officers, Including Officers and

Former Officers of the 42nd Regt., New York, Oct. 3, 1782

State of the British Generals and Field Officers in the Army under the Command of His Excell ^y . Sir Guy Carleton K.B				
October 1782				
Rank	Name	date	Regiment	where Stationed
General & Commander in Chief	} His Excell ^y S ^r Guy } Carleton		Colo 47 th Reg ^t	New York...
Lieu ^t . Colonels...	} Duncan M ^c Pherson	29 Aug 77	Maj ^r 71 st _____	gone home...
	} Charles Graham	28 Ap ^l . 82	d ^o [L ^t Colo] 42 nd	New York...
Majors	} James Graham	30 Dec 81	Major 37 th	New York...
	} Walter Home	28 Ap 82	d ^o 42 nd	New York..
				<i>Ol^r Delancey Ad^t Gen</i>

Source and Note: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers. B. Larger Papers* at PRO 30/55/91, 10017(1-2). Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson previously served in the 42nd at that rank. Maj. James Graham had been a lieutenant in the Royal Highlanders.

Account of Return of Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to Great Britain, Dover, Aug. 4, 1782

Extract of a letter from Dover, August 4.

“Arrived the ship Lord Germain, Captain William Thouburne, in six weeks from Charles-Town, South Carolina. In her Lieutenant-Colonel Macpherson, of the 71st...

Source and Note: *The Remembrancer; or Impartial Repository of Public Events, for the Year 1782. Part II*, Printed for J. Debrett, London, 1782, Google Books, p. 239. M^cPherson, a Capt. in the 42nd Regt. for most of the war, was a prisoner of war on parole after being taken at Yorktown. He left Virginia on the transport *Lord Mulgrave* for New York, but the transport was forced to put in to Charleston, S.C.



Reproduction 71st Highland Regt. Uniform Button

War Office Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to be Colonel, 71st Highland Regt., and for Lt. Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarras (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) to be Lt. Col Commandant of “2^d 71st” Regt., New York, Aug. 12, 1782

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton’s Orders] Head Quarters New York 12th August 1782

List of Promotions received from the War Office...

71st Reg^t

Col. Thomas Sterling from 42^d Foot to be Col. vice Simon Fraser deceased 13th Feb^y 82.

Lieut^t. Col. Alex^r Earl Balcarras of 24th Foot to be Lieut^t Col Commandant of the 2^d Battⁿ of the same Regiment to be formed into a separate Regiment and call’d 2^d 71st Reg^t of Foot 13th Feb^y 82...

Source and Notes: 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. The two battalions of the 71st Regt. in America were split into two separate regiments. Maj. Gen Stirling became Colonel of the 71st Regt. which consisted of all the men in America

(including the two companies in Newfoundland) and about half the officers. Earl Balcarres became Lt. Col. Commandant of a separate regiment called “2^d 71st Reg^t of Foot” which included all the men of the original 71st in Scotland and about half of the officers in America.

Promotion Announcement for Maj. George MacKenzie, 1st Battalion, 73rd Regt. of (Highland) Foot (Former Lt., 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), to be Brevet-Lt. Colonel in India, London Aug. 17, 1782

War-Office, August 17, 1782...

Major George Mackenzie, of the 1st Battalion of the 73d Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel in the East Indies only.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 13, 1782, p. 2. Maj. MacKenzie served as a Lt. in the Additional Company of the 42nd Regt. in Scotland. He can easily be confused with Lt. Col. the Hon. George Mackenzie (son of the Earl of Cromarty and younger brother of Lord Macleod, Col. of the 73rd Regt.), who was the Commander of the 42nd Light Infantry Company in America and the Lt. Col. of the 73rd Regt. in India.



Fort Frederick, Trincomalee, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), 2011

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpt of Articles of Capitulation Signed by Capt. Hay Macdowal, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Capt., 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt.), Trincomalee, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Aug. 30, 1782

Articles of the Capitulation agreed to between Mr Baillie de Suffrein de St Tropez, Commander in Chief of his Most Christian Majesty's fleet in the Indian Seas; the Baron d' Agoult Lieut.-Col. commander of the land forces before Trincomale; and Capt. Hay Macdowel, commander of the forces belonging to his Brittanic Majesty, and those of the honourable East India Company at Trincomale in the Isle of Ceylon.

Art. I	THE gates shall be surrendered as soon as the capitulation shall be signed and approved off: the troops shall lay down their arms, artillery, &c. on the Glacis, in going out; they shall go out at sun rise, with matches lighted, two field pieces of six pound ball, one mortar, and all things belonging to it; a dozen charges, &c. shall all be conducted on board, for the purpose of being transported to Madras, by the shortest way in transports fitted out and victualled at the expence of his most Christian Majesty...
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At Trincomale, Aug. 30, 1782.

(Signed)

HAY MACDOWAL, Capt.
42d Reg. Comm.
Le Chevalier de SUFFREIN
Le Baron D'AGOULT

Source and Note: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Apr. 14, 1783, p. 1. Macdowal was court martialed for surrendering the fort but was acquitted Jan. 29, 1783.



Officers of the Caledonian Band

Picture Source: Print No. CXVI from *A Series of Original Portraits and Character Etchings* by John Kay, Hugh Paton, Carver and Gilder, Edinburgh, 1837, Google Books, after p. 284.

**News Account of Maj. Alexander Donaldson (Former Capt., 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt.),
Appointed Major of the Volunteer Corps “*The Caledonian Band*,” Edinburgh, Sept. 5, 1782**

Scotland...

On Thursday, Sept. 5. there was a meeting of several noblemen and Gentlemen at Edinburgh, to Consider of a plan for raising a volunteer corps of ten companies, to serve without pay, (until called out on actual service), on Lord Shelburne's plan. They are to be clothed in the highland dress, and called the CALEDONIAN BAND. The meeting agreed to associate immediately, and appointed the following officers, viz, the marquis of Graham, colonel; the earl of Buchan, Lieutenant-Colonel; Maj. Alexander Donaldson, late of the 42d regiment, Major... The officers names are to be transmitted to Lord Shelburne, for his Majesty's approbation, with a request of arms and accoutrements. Near 300 have already given in their names to serve in the corps.

Source and Notes: *Scots Magazine*, Sept. 1782, p. 501. Donaldson had been Captain of the 1st Additional Co. in Scotland in the early part of the war before being promoted to the Majority of the 76th Regt. (MacDonald's Highlanders). The fear of French invasion caused the formation of the Caledonian Band, but before the commissions could be issued, the preliminaries of peace had been signed.

**Orders Announcing Assignment of Former 42nd Regt. Officers in the 71st
and “2^d 71st” Highland Regiments, New York, Sept. 10, 1782**

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 10th Sept^r 1782...

His Majesty has been pleased to form two Regiments of the 71st to be Stiled the 71st & 2^d 71st Regiment the former to be Commanded by Col [Thomas Stirling] Sterling & the Latter by Lieut^t Col. Earl of Balcarras...

List of the Officers of the 71st Regiment

Colonel Thomas Sterling ...

Majors... { Duncan M^cPherson ...

Lieut^s... { John Robinson ...

The Officers not named in the above List belong to the 2^d 71st Regiment & are to prepare to go to Europe by the first opportunity...

Source and Notes: 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. Col. Sterling was former Lt. Col. of the 42nd Reg. and had returned to Britain in Dec. 1781. Lt. Col. M^cPherson was former Brevet-Lt. Col. in 42nd Regt. and had been paroled after the surrender of Yorktown and had arrived in Britain in Aug. 1782. “*John Robinson*” was actually John Robertson, of the Robertsons of Lude, and was a former Ens. in 42nd Regt.

Excerpt of Listing of Location of Present and Former 42nd Regt. Field Officers, New York, Oct. 3, 1782

State of the British Generals and Field Officers in the Army under the Command of His Excellency Sir Guy Carleton K. B. October 3^d. 1782.

Rank	Name	Date	Regim ^t .	Where Stationed
General and Comm ^d in Chief	His Exec ^y S ^r , G. Carleton		Col ^o . 47 th Reg ^t	New York...
Lieut ^t . Col ^{ls} ...	Duncan M ^c Pherson	29 th . Aug ^t . 77	Maj ^r . 71 st	– gone home
	Charles Graham	28 th Apr ^l 82	d ^o [L ^t . Col ^o .] 42 ^d	New York...
Majors	James Graham	30 Dec 81	Major 37 th	d ^o ...
	Walter Home	29 Apr 82	d ^o 42 nd	New York...

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Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Military Headquarters, North America, Entry Books*, Returns at WO 36/3, f. 92. The list is also filed at PRO 30/55/91, p. 86. Brevet-Lt. Col M^cPherson left Yorktown on parole on the transport *Lord Mulgrave*, which was forced to put in to Charleston instead of New York. M^cPherson sailed directly for Britain from that port. Maj. James Graham, began the American war as a lieutenant in the Royal Highlanders.

Letter from Gen. Sir Guy Carleton, Commander in Chief, North America, to the Secretary at War Providing Listing of Officers of the 71st Regt. and “2^d 71st” Regiments, Including Several Former and Future Officers of the 42nd Regt., New York, Oct. 7, 1782

No.7.

New York October 7th 1782

Sir

I have enclosed a State of the 71st. Regiment, with a List of the Officers of that as well as of the 2nd. 71st. Regiment, according to the last Returns, but I am prevented making a Distribution of the Non Commissioned Officers, Drummers and Private Men, until I am informed of the Numbers of the two additional companies at Newfoundland, they never having been put on the Strength of this Army.

Major Patrick Campbell, of the 2nd. 71st. Regiment, died the 31st. of August, by which its Establishment becomes reduced to One Major.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant

Guy Carleton

His Majesty’s Secretary at War

[Excerpts of Enclosures]

List of Officers in the 71 st . Regiment			
Rank	Names		Dates
Colonel	Thomas Stirling [Former Lt. Col., 42 nd Regt.]		13 th February 1782
Majors ...	{ Duncan M ^c Pherson [Former Capt. 42 nd Regt.]		31 st Dec ^r . 1780...
Lieutenants...	{ John Robertson [Former Ens., 42 nd Regt.]		8 th November 1778...

O Delancey Adj Gen^l

List of Officers of the 2 nd 71 st . Regiment			
Rank	Names		Dates
L ^t . Colo: Comm ^t .	Earl of Balcarras [Former Capt., 42 nd Regt.]		13 Feb: 1782...
Captains...	{ Norman M ^c Leod [Former Lieutenant, 42 nd Regt.]		25 Aug 1779...
	{ William Nairne [Future Capt., 42 nd Regt.]		1 Mar 1782...

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Adj Gen^l

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 1. From Military Commanders: a. Commanders-in-Chief, North America* at WO 1/12, pp. 251, 255 and 259 (ff.126, 128 and 130). Letter transcribed by Todd Braisted. The ranks shown for the prior 42nd Regt. do not reflect any brevet promotions.



Reproduction 33rd Regt. Uniform Button

**Promotion Order for Capt. Lt. George Stewart, 4th Battalion, 60th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.)
to a Company in the 33rd Regt., Lefferts House, New York, Oct. 12, 1782**

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters Lefferts House 12th Oct^r 82
His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions
33^d Reg^t
Captⁿ Lieut George Stewart from 4th Battⁿ 60th Reg^t to be Captⁿ vice [Hon. Charles William] Curzen who
exchanges 11th October 82...

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.

Exchange Order for 42nd Regt. Officers, Lefferts House, New York, Oct. 14, 1782

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters Lefferts House 14th October 1782
The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the follow^g Prom^{ns}...
42^d Reg^t
Lieut. John Nesmith from 69th Reg^t to be Lieut^t vice Grant who Exchanges 14th Oct^r 82.
69th Reg^t
Lieut Alex^r Grant Jun^r from 42^d Reg^t to be Lieut^t vice Nesmith who exchanges 14th October 82.

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.



Reproduction 84th Regt. Uniform Button

**Promotion Order for Surgeon's Mate Donald Smith, 42nd Regt., to Ensigncy,
2nd Battalion, 84th Regt. or Royal Highland Emigrants, Lefferts House,
New York, Oct. 26, 1782**

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters Lefferts House 26th October 1782

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint Donald Smith Gentⁿ. to be an Ensign in the 2^d Battⁿ. of the 84th. Reg^t. by purchase of a Blank Commission dated 24th. Nov^r. 1779.

Source and Note: 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. This transfer is confirmed by the muster report of the General's Co., 42nd Regt. taken at "Paulus Hook 4th January 1783."

**Strength Report Lists Departure of Remaining 42nd Regt. Additional Company
Detachment under Lt. Dugald Campbell, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Oct. 28, 1782**

Return of His Majesty's Troops doing Duty at St. John's Newfoundland, and the Commands detached from that Garrison October 28th, 1782...

71st of Foot

Captain John M^cDonald...

Robert Pringle L^t. Col.

Newfoundland Foot, Commandant

N. B. Lieu^t. Dougald Campbell, 2 Serj^{ts}, 2 Corp^{ls}, & 40 privates of the 42^d Reg^t. Embarked for Halifax on the 26th Instant, by order of the Governor.

To The Right Honble. Sir Geo. Yonge Bart.
Secretary at War

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers*. C. (30 June 1782-22 March 1783) at PRO 30/55, f. 10327. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lt. John Spens, 95th Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Captain, London, Nov. 2, 1782**

War-Office, November 2, 1782...

95th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant John Spens to be Captain of a Company, vice John Jeffer.

Source: *London Gazette*, Oct. 29 – Nov. 2, 1782, p. 1.

**News Summary of Court Martial of Capt. Hay Macdowall, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., for
Surrendering Fort Trincomale, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Nov. 11, 1782**

The following copy of the proceedings of a court martial, held upon Capt. Hay Macdowall, of the 42d regiment, for the surrender of Trincomale and its dependencies, has been lately brought from India by the Suprize packet:

Captain Macdowall's crime and sentence.

Crime.- Captain Hay Macdowall, of His Majesty's 42d regiment, lately commanding in the fort of Trincomale and its dependencies, put under arrest by order of Major-General James Stewart, commanding his Majesty's forces on the coast of Coromandel, for surrendering the fort of Trincomale to the French, under Mons. Sussrein, upon the 30th of August last, without sufficient cause for so doing, or before any practicable breach was made in that fort.

Dated Head Quarters, Fort St. George, November 11, 1782.

(Signed) HENRY MALCOLM, Adj.-Gen.

Sentence:- The Court having materially and deliberately considered the evidence for and against the prisoner, together with what he has said in his defense, find, that although there was no practicable breach effected, he did not surrender the fort of Trincomale till his ammunition was nearly expended, and with every prospect of relief at an end: That in so doing, he complied with the orders he received from his Excellency the Commander in Chief, to defend the place to the last extremity: That the terms he obtained were equally honourable to himself and the garrison, and such as he had no reason to expect from the situation he was reduced to, and the force opposed to him. The court is therefore of opinion, that the prisoner, Capt. Hay Macdowall, is not guilty of the crime laid to his charge, and do honourably acquit him.

(Signed) A. GORDON, Lieut. Col.-President

JOSEPH GARROW, Dept.-Adj.-Gen.

I approve, (signed) JAMES STEWART.

Camp Taumorum, Jan. 29, 1783.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Oct. 31, 1783. This court martial refers to the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. in America, but the subject of the court martial is Capt. Macdowall who was assigned to (but did not serve with) the 1st Bn. in America, prior to being transferred to the 2nd Bn.

Summary of Letter from Maj. Gen James Paterson to Gen. Sir Guy Carleton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Reporting Movement of 42nd Regt. Detachment from Newfoundland, Halifax, Nov. 13, 1782

No. 4... A detachment of the 42nd of one subaltern, one serjeant and forty privates arrived here a few days ago from St. John's Newfoundland in order to join their regiment. I have ordered them on board the Berwick navy store ship and the ordnance ship Lady Amherst...

Source and Note: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. III, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1907, Google Books, pp. 217-218 and TNA, PRO 30/55/54. This note reports on the departure of the last of the 42nd Additional Company in Newfoundland moving to New York where the troops were to join the 1st Battalion. The Officers were to continue on to Scotland to join the 2nd Bn. which had already sailed for South Africa and India.

Transport Moor Assigned to Carry "2^d 71st" Regt. Officers to England, Likely Including Capt. Normand McLeod (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Charleston, Nov. 19, 1782

List of Ships bound to England under the direction of Lieu^t. Arnold & under the Convoy of His Majestys Ship Adament...

Moor 202 Ditto [Officers] 2^d 71st Regiment...

Charles Town Novem^r. 19th. 1782

H: Chads

Source: TNA, *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester* at PRO 30/55, f. 10026.



Vice Adm. John Campbell, Gov. of Newfoundland

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Letter from Vice Adm. John Campbell, Gov. of Newfoundland, to the Earl of Shelburne, Secretary of State for the Home Department, Describing the Sending of Lt. Dugald Campbell, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to New York, *HMS Portland*, Spithead, Nov. 23, 1782

Portland at Spithead 23^d Novem^r 1782

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship of my Arrival here this Morning in His Majesty's Ship *Portland* from Newfoundland...

In Obedience to His Majesty's Order to Governor Edwards by Lord George Germain in a Letter dated the 16th of March 1781, I sent the remainder of the Detachment of the 42^d Regiment of Foot from Newfoundland to Halifax in the *Thorn* Sloop of War, to be conveyed from thence to New York in order to join the first Battalion of that Regiment, and directed Lieutenant Dougal Campbell who attended them thither to make the best of his way to England and join the Second Battalion to which he belongs.

I have only further to acquaint your Lordship that nothing particular has happened within the limits of my Government since the date of my Letter by His Majesty's Ship *Winchelsea* and that every thing remained quiet when I left S^t Johns the 31st of October.

I shall do myself the honor to wait upon your Lordship so soon as I receive permission from the Admiralty Board to come to Town and beg leave to subscribe myself

With very great respect My Lord

The Rt Honble the Earl of Shelbourne

Your Lordship's Most Obedient humble Servant

Jn^o: Campbell

Source and Note: TNA, *Colonial Office Papers, Newfoundland Entry Books* at CO195/35, p. 295 (f. 149). The orders forming the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. in Scotland in 1779, directed that the existing two additional companies of the regiment, be assigned to the 2nd Bn. About half of one the companies was still in Newfoundland under the command of Lt. Campbell. Although the additional company recruits with Campbell were initially to be part of the strength of the 2nd Bn., they were turned over to the 1st Bn. in America and only the officers returned to join the 2nd Bn.

Voucher Showing Officers and Men Requesting Passage to Great Britain, Including Lt. Dugald Campbell, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Lt., Additional Company), New York, Late Nov. 1782

List of Officers, &^{ca}, who have applied for Passage to Europe in the Fleet

Rank and Names	Regiments		Officers	Men	Women	Children
...Total for England			65	537	72	53
Applications since the foregoing was closed...						
Lieu ^t Dugald Campbell 2 ^d B. 42 ^d	England		1	5...		

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Commissariat Dept.: Accounts. New York, Miscellaneous Vouchers, 1776-1784* at WO 60/27, Bundle 22. Nov. 1782 date is approximated based on Campbell sailing from Halifax to New York about Nov. 10, 1782.

Promotion Announcement for Col. Thomas Stirling, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to be Maj. General and Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 71st Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) and Lt. Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarres, 2nd 71st Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Brevet-Colonels, Nov. 26, 1782

War-Office, November 26, 1782.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint...

As likewise COLONELS...

Thomas Stirling ...

To be MAJOR-GENERALS...

As likewise LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...

Duncan M^cPherson...

Alexander Earl of Balcarres...

To be COLONELS..."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 23-26, 1782, pp. 1-2. These officers had returned to Britain before this order.

Promotion Announcement, 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers, London, Dec. 7, 1782

War-Office, December 7, 1782...

33d Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant George Stewart, of the 4th Battalion of 60th Regiment, is appointed to be Captain-Lieutenant vice Honourable Charles Curzon. [Exchanged]

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Nesmyth, of 69th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Alexander Grant...

69th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Alexander Grant, jun. of 42d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice John Nesmyth.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Dec. 3, 1782, p. 3. Capt. George Stewart was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt.

Account of the Return of Capt. John Rutherford, 42nd Regt., New York, Dec. 1, 1782

NEW-YORK, December 4

...last Sunday [Dec. 1] arrived the ship Ruby, Captain Morrison; from Glasgow, she left port the 2d of October last. In her came passenger Captain Rutherford, of 42d regiment, and several other Gentlemen.

Source and Note: *Royal Gazette* (New York), Dec. 4, 1782. Capt. Rutherford and his wife had returned to Scotland in Dec. 1781 following the death of their son.

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Plan of Paulus's Hook and fortifications, 1778, by

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments and Changes June 25 to Dec. 24 1782,
Paulus Hook, New Jersey, Jan. 4, 1783**

[General's Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray Sick	Robert Potts James Stirling	Colonel & Captain Captain Lieutenant Lieutenant
Gen ^l Sir Henry Clintons leave	Duty	James M ^c Laggan	Chap ^l ⁿ
		Hugh Fraser	Adj ^t
		Hector M ^c lean	Q ^r M ^r
		William Roberts ⁿ	Surg ⁿ
		Alex ^r Stew ^t	Mate
Promoted Ensign in 2 ^d Batt ⁿ 84 th Reg ^t 26 th Oct ^r 82		Donald Smith ...	

[Lt. Colonel's Company]

Charles Graham	Lieut ^t Colonel & Captain
Gavin Drummond	} Lieut ^s
H ^y : D ^d : Fraser	}
James Rose	Ensign...

[Major's Company]

	Walter Home	Major
	Alexander Stewart	} Lieutenants
An assistant to the Quarter Master Generals Department	John Young	} ...

[Capt. Smith's Company]

	John Smith	Captain
	Alexander Innes	} Lieutenants
	George Campbell	}
	Donald M ^c Niven	Ensign ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Cap ^t
	Hugh Fraser	} Lieu ^{ts}
	Dugald Campbell	}
Sick	William Fraser	Ens ⁿ ...

[Capt. Campbell's Company]

Kept as Hostage with the Spaniards	James Campbell	Cap ^t
	Robert Franklin	{ Lieu ^{ts}
	Hon ^{ble} George Fraser	{ ...

[Capt. Rutherford's Company]

	John Rutherford	Captain
	Alex ^r Cummine	} Lieutenants
	William Edmundstone	} ...

[Capt. Dickson's Company]

	William Dickson	Captain
	James Alston	{
Transferred to 69 th Regiment 14 th October 1782	Alex ^r Grant [Auchterblair]	{ Lieu ^{ts}
Received from ditto ditto ditto	John Nasmyth	{
	William Fraser	Ens ⁿ ...

[Grenadier Company - muster taken at Paulus Hook, New Jersey on Jan. 4, 1783]

	David Anstruther	Cap ^t
Duty	Alex ^r Grant [Sheuglie]	}
	William M ^c Donald	} Lieu ^{ts}
Transferred to 2 ^d Battalion 1 st Aug st 1782	Alex ^r MGregor	}
Rec ^d from D ^o D ^o but not joined since appointed	Henry Graham	} ...

[Light Infantry Company - muster was taken after the men returned from prison camps after Yorktown in 1783.]

In Europe Sir Henry Clinton's leave	George Dalrymple	Captain
d ^o d ^o	James Stewart	}
transferred to Colonels 17 th May 1783	William Fraser	} Lieutenants
d ^o to Captain Rutherfuds 8 th February 1783	Alex ^r Lorraine	} ...

Source: TNA, War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, 42nd Foot, 1st Battalion, 1777-1786 at WO 12/5479, ff. 101-110.



View up Wall Street with City Hall (Federal Hall) and Trinity Church, New York City from around 1798 by Archibald Robertson)

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**General Orders Appointing Maj. Walter Home, 42nd Regt. to be Court Martial President,
New York, Jan. 15, 1783**

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 15th January 1783...

A General Court Martial to Assemble at the City Hall in New York at 10 OClock on Monday
morn^g y^e 20th Inst^t for the Trial of such Prisoners as shall be brought before it –
Major Home 42^d Reg^t President...

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.



Maj. William Nairne

Picture Source: *The Scottish Songstress, Caroline Baroness Nairne*, by Her
Great Grand-Niece, Oliphant Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh, 1894, p. 34.

**Letter from Secretary at War George Yonge to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Regarding Transfer of Capt. William Nairne and Three Officers of the "2^d 71st" Regt. to Raise a
42nd Regt. Additional Company, London, Jan. 21, 1783**

W. O. 21st. Janu^{ry} 1783

My Lord,

I have the honor to acq^t. Your Lop [Lordship]: that H. M. [His Majesty] has been pleased to direct that the 1st Battalion of the 42^d. Reg^t. of Foot, under your Command, should be augmented with one Company for the purpose of recruiting, which Company is to consist of 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 10 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 4 Drummers, & 30 Private men; & that directions have been given to the (2^d.): – 71st. Reg^t. of Foot, to turn over accordingly, 1 Captain [William Nairne], 2 Lieutenants [Julines Herrings and John Sinclair], & 1 Ensign [Alexander Innes], of one of the additional Companys to the 1st. Battalion of Your Regiment.

The pay of the said Company is to take place on the Establishment of the 1st. Battalion of Your Lordship's Reg^t.; from the 25th. Decem^r. last inclusive.

As soon as I am enabled, I shall not fail to acquaint you, for what Numbers the next Assignment of the Offreckonings of your Regim^t.: is to be made.

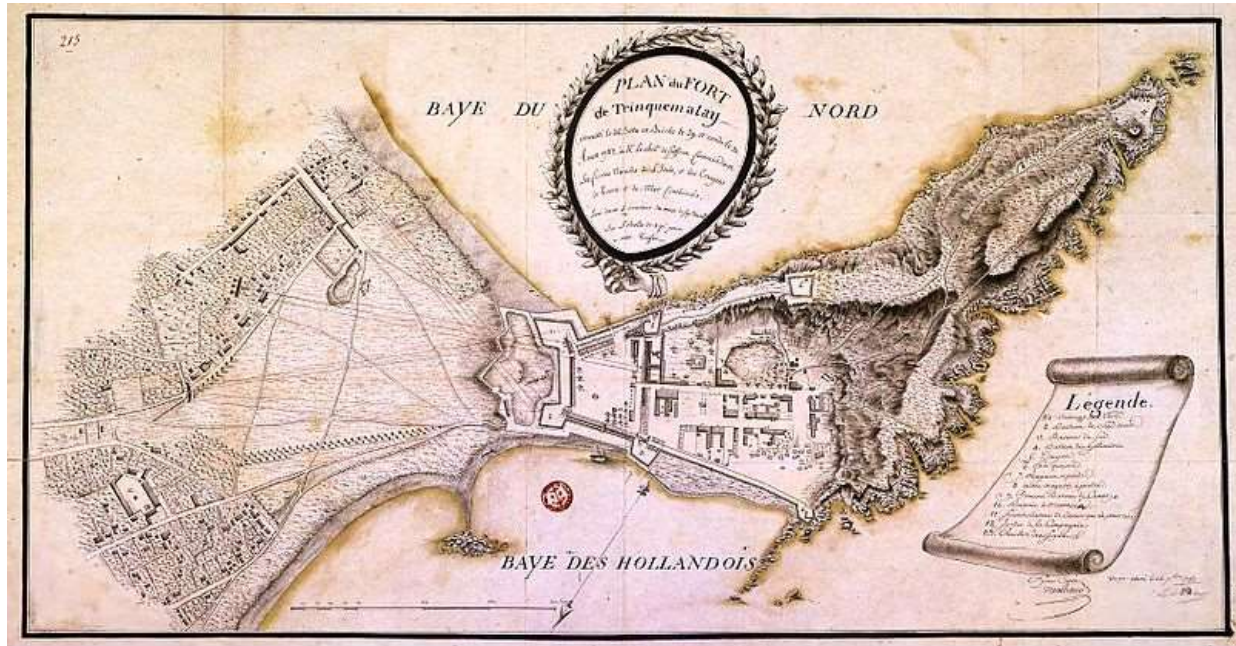
I have the honour &c^a

General

Geo: Yonge

Lord John Murray

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, Dec. 1782 - Mar. 1783 at WO 4/120, p. 208. When the 2nd Bn. 42nd Regt. was formed the two additional companies of the Regiment were assigned to the 2nd Bn. Accordingly the 1st Bn. lost its capability to recruit in Scotland until this order. When the 71st Highland Regt. was split into two regiments the troops in America became the 71st Regt. and the additional companies in Scotland became the "2^d 71st Reg^t" under Lord Balcarres.



"Plan of Fort Trincomale, made by the Chevalier de Suffren in August 1782"

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons.

**Excerpt of Court Martial Results for Capt. Hay Macdowal, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt.
(Former Capt., 1st Battalion), for the Surrender of Fort Trincomale,
Fort St. George, India, Jan. 29, 1783**

The following copy of the proceedings of a court martial, held upon Capt. Hay Macdowall, of the [2nd Battalion] 42^d regiment, for the surrender of Trincomale [Ceylon/Sri Lanka] and its dependencies, has been lately brought from India by the Suprize packet:

Captain Macdowall's crime and sentence.

Crime.- Captain Hay Macdowall, of His Majesty's 42^d regiment, lately commanding in the fort of Trincomale and its dependencies, put under arrest by order of Major-General James Stewart, commanding his Majesty's forces on the coast of Coromandel, for surrendering the fort of Trincomale to the French, under Mons. Sussrein, upon the 30th of August last, without sufficient cause for so doing, or before any practicable breach was made in that fort.

Dated Head Quarters, Fort St. George, November 11, 1782.

(Signed) HENRY MALCOLM, Adj.-Gen.

Sentence:- The Court having materially and deliberately considered the evidence for and against the prisoner, together with what he has said in his defense, find, that although there was no practicable breach effected, he did not surrender the fort of Trincomale till his ammunition was nearly expended, and with every prospect of relief at an end: That in so doing, he complied with the orders he received from his

Excellency the Commander in Chief, to defend the place to the last extremity: That the terms he obtained were equally honourable to himself and the garrison, and such as he had no reason to expect from the situation he was reduced to, and the force opposed to him. The court is therefore of opinion, that the prisoner, Capt. Hay Macdowall, is not guilty of the crime laid to his charge, and do honourably acquit him.

(Signed) A. GORDON, Lieut. Col.-President
JOSEPH GARROW, Dept.-Adj.-Gen.

I approve, (signed) JAMES STEWART.

Camp Taumorum, Jan. 29, 1783.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, October 31, 1783. Lt. Macdowall of the 71st Highland Regt. Additional Company in Scotland was promoted to Capt. in the 42nd Regt., but never joined the regiment in America. He was later transferred to the 2nd Bn. raised in Scotland in 1779-1780.

**General Orders Announcing Sale of the Effects of Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt., Deceased,
New York, Feb. 18, 1783**

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 18th February 1783...

On the Evening of Saturday next the 22^d Instant a well Chosen Collection of Military & other Books the Property of the late Lieut: Crammond of the 42^d Regiment at M^r Guests N^o 32 Wall Street.

Source and Note: 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. When he died on Aug. 30, 1781 Lt. James Cramond was an aide de camp to Hessian Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen.



Detail showing Lt. Col. the Hon. George Mackenzie, 2nd Bn., 73rd Highland Regt. from *General Elliot and his Officers Observing the Destruction of the Floating Batteries, Gibraltar, 1782*, by George Carter

Picture Source: National Army Museum, London

**Army Promotion Announcement for Lt. Col. Hon. George Mackenzie, 73rd (MacLeod's)
Highland Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Light Infantry Company), London, Mar. 4, 1783**

War-Office, March 4, 1783.

To be COLONELS IN THE ARMY.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...

George M^cKenzie...

To be MAJOR-GENERALS in the East Indies only.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL

Norman M^cLeod, of 2d Battalion of the 42d Regiment.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 1-4, 1783, pp. 1-2. Maj. Gen. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod served in America as a Captain in the 71st Highlanders.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. John Ritchie, 37th or the North Hampshire Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Major in the 91st Regt., London, Mar. 4, 1783

War-Office, March 11, 1783...

91st Regiment of Foot, Captain John Ritchie, of the 37th Regiment, to be Major, vice Dudley Ackland."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 8-11, 1783, p. 1. Maj. Ritchie briefly served as a Lt. in the 42nd Grenadiers.

Retirement Announcement for Capt. Normand MacLeod (Cyprus), 2nd 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Mar. 18, 1783

War-Office, March 18, 1783...

71st Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Elphinstone to be captain of a Company, vice Norman M^cLeod.

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 15-18, 1783, p. 1.

General Orders Forwarding War Office Promotions for Col. Thomas Stirling, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to be Maj. General and Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 71st Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), and Lt. Col. Alexander, Earl of Balcarres, 2nd 71st Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Colonels in the Army, New York, Mar. 21, 1783

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 21st March 1783...

List of Promotions Received from the War Office...

To be Major Generals

Colonels { ...Tho^s Sterling 71st [Regiment]} 20th November 82

To be Colonels

L^t Colonel { ...Duncan M^cPherson 71st } Ditto
{ Earl of Balcarres 2^d 71st d^o ... }...

Source and Notes: 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. Note: Maj. Gen. Stirling served for most of the war as the Lt. Col. of the 42nd Regt. Brevet-Col. M^cPherson also served for most of the war in the 42nd Regt. as a Captain of a company. At the time of these orders, all three officers had returned to Great Britain.

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officer and Former Officer, London, Apr. 12, 1783

War-Office, April 12, 1783...

95th Regiment of Foot, Captain John Spens to be Major, vice James Corbett...

To be MAJORS in the Army.
CAPTAINS...

John Smith, of 1st Battalion of 42d Foot..."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 12, 1783, pp. 4-5. Maj. John Spens was a former Lt. in 42nd Regt.

Annotated War Office Copy of Annual Army List for 1783 Showing Four Officers of “2^d 71st” Regt. of (Highland) Foot Transferred to the Additional Company, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, Apr. 28, 1783

War-Office, 28 April 1783.

A LIST OF THE OFFICERS OF THE ARMY...

	The Second 71st Regiment of (Highland) Foot,	
Lt. Col. Command.	Alex. <i>Earl of</i> Balcarres	13 Feb. 1782...
Captain...	{ William Nairne	1 Mar. 82 [annotation] 42 ^d ...
Lieutenant...	{ John Sinclair [annotation] 17 Feb ^y	17 Jan 83 [annotation] 42 ^d ...
	{ Julines Herring	12 Feb. [annotation] 42 ^d ...
Ensign...	{ Alexander Innes	7 Mar. [83] [annotation] 42 ^d ...

Source and Note: TNA, *Annotated Annual Army List for 1783* at WO 65/33 (missing page 146 provided by Ed. Brumby). When the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. was formed the two 1st Bn. additional or recruiting companies were assigned to the 2nd Bn. A new additional company was authorized for the 1st Bn., 42nd Regt. and the officers and men were transferred in late Jan. 1783 from the 2nd 71st Regt. effective Dec. 25, 1782.



Bareges in the Pyrenees, 1783 by Archibald Robertson, after George Barret

Picture Source: *British Museum* (Creative Commons Attribution – Non Commercial Lic.)

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, 71st Highland Regt.

**(Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to William Graham of Airth, Regarding Officers of the 42nd Regt. and
His Trip to Bareges, France, June 7, 1783**

Bareges 7th june 1783

My Dear Airth,

I received your Letters of 31st March, & of 1st May...[Airth's son Lt.] Henrys [Graham] acc^t I shall give you at meeting, he got no money from me but £10 which I gave him as present at St Omer which wt the ballⁿ of the 470 Livres from Cap^t Stewart I think might make about 16 or £18 when he got to London he drew for £18.18 at Portsmth from the Agent & who paid £5.1.6 for hosiery for him, these two last articles are charged in his acc^t, his sea stock you wrote me cost him £16, so that he must have had enough with him, as there would probably be two months pay due him by the time he arrived at Halifax and he will receive a years arrears at Xmas which is about £15 Sterg, I am thus circumstantial to show you he ought not to be in straits, and I would not have him accustomed to expect any pecuniary assistance from you, 'tho I would by no means have the purse entirely shut against him if there was good reason for opening it, he has Magnified the price of sheeting, at least he ought to have said 8S^h Currency p^r yard which is only 4.6 Sterling, he got 6 new Shirts at S^t Omers [France] if there has been no steps to him lately he is within the break, but last war the Lieut^s who chose it were permitted to serve on Ens^s pay, and I am clearly of opinion he ought to do so if he has it in his choice, & means to follow this profession, if he does not like it and wishes to take any other than he may go on half pay, this you should mention to [John Edmonstoune of] Cambus Wallace for his son [Ens. William Edmonstoune, 42nd Regt.] to fix it as they may not have time given them to consult their friends, they ought therefore to be wrote to on that head that they may memorial the commander in chief in case of a reduction that they may be permitted to serve on Ensigns pay as the young Lt^s of the 42^d did at the end of the last war - I have had no Letter from him... I hope [Capt.] Hay Mcdowal [2nd Bn., 42nd Regt., Sri Lanka] will be able to prove he could do no more... what is [former Maj.] Archie [Erskine] about in getting daughters pray tell him to fill the Cambo better & mak a plook in place of a stimple

I arrived here the 21st of last month & never suffered so quick a change of Climate we had been sitting at Toulouse [southern France] w^t all our windows open and the weather too warm to go out in middle of the day, when I arrived here all the hills were covered with snow and on the 24th there was 8 inches on the streets as I was going to the bath & often has it fallen since & only w^tin these 3 days has the weather been tolerable I was the first that came & now there not half a dozen strangers

I am injecting, bathing, douching & drinking, at no allowance but my Eyes are beginning to be affected again & I am afraid I must suspend my remedys for some time, I was an hour today lying on my face while a Surgeon was probing & tugging at a splinter w^t his forceps but it is D--- obstinate it would not move I might have been making better use of that position in a hundreth part of the time w^t the Widow you recommend if she had been here but not being here with one of the Pyreanean Nymphs who are as like our High^d Lasses as can be only that they would not throw a pail of Milk in your face was you to put half a crown in their bosom, but this is all theory my Dear Airth, no practice, I am so stewed in the baths, sweated [torn] parboiled at the Douche that there is not a drop of sap in [torn] my flesh soft as butter, my skin loose & wrinkled, my hairs Gr[torn] well might my old Friend at N York say now if she saw me, O Stirling you are grown old & ugly – well thank God I am not immortal I shall get rid of this old battered clay soon – but enough of this - tell [his sister] M^{rs} [Mary] Campbell I got her Letter of 7th May & shall write her soon, it will be near 7 weeks before I can have an answer to any Letter, let her therefore continue writing me till I bid her stop, I may perhaps take a sudden resolution of leaving this as I have no confidence in the waters in that case London will be the first place that will bring me up; Adieu, My Dear Willie, kindest Love to Annie & the bairns, remember me affecte^{ly} to all my friends, & believe me ever to be,

your faithfull Friend & Serv^t
Tho^s Stirling

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 69-70 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 82-83. Bareges is a small spa village in the French Pyrenees. Capt. Macdowal was acquitted in a court-martial in Nov. 1782 for the capitulation of Fort Trincomale, Sri Lanka.

**Leaves of Absences from the Secretary at War for 42nd Officers and Former 42nd Regt. Officer,
London, Undated but after June 9, 1783**

Leaves of Absence...

Major [James] Graham	} 37 th Reg ^t .	{ D ^o [6 M ^o .] from 26 Jan ^y 84 on his Priv ^t Aff ^s ...
L ^{ts} [James] Stirling	}	{ 6 M ^o . from 15 Jan ^y 84 D ^o .
[James] Stewart	}	{ 12 M ^o . from 4 Mar 84 for his Health.
Capt [Robert] Anstruther	} 42 ^d Reg ^t .	{ 12 M ^o . from 6 Feb ^y 84 D ^o .
L ^t Col ^o [Charles] Graham	}	{ 12 M ^o . from 28 Ap ^l 84 on his Priv ^t Aff ^s .
Capt [John] Rutherford	}	{ 12 M ^o . from D ^o . D ^o ...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Secretary at War, Out-letters, America* at WO 4/275, p. 343. Maj. James Graham was a former Lt., 42nd Regt.

**Orders from Secretary at War Richard Fitz Patrick to Colonels of Regiments, Including Gen. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., to Pay Subsistence Money to Reduced Men of the Additional Companies,
London, June 23, 1783**

W: O: 23^d. June 1783

My Lord,

I have the honour to acq^t: You, that the men to be Discharged in Consequence of the Reduction of the Additional Companies, are to have the usual Bounty of fourteen days Subsistence beyond the time of their Discharge, to carry them to their respective Homes; those excepted who were enlisted in Scotland or Ireland who are to receive twenty one or twenty eight Days Sub[”]sce according to the Distance.

The Commanding Officer is to draw upon the Agent for this Bounty

I have &c^a

R^t Hon[”]ble Lord Adam Gordon

R: Fitz Patrick

Col^o: of the 1st (or Royal) Reg^t of Foot

Like Letters of the same date to the Colonels of the following Reg^{ts}: of Foot, viz^t...
42^d ...

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, June – Aug. 1783 at WO 4/122, pp. 142-143 (f. 73).

**War Office Promotion Order for Capt. John Smith, 42nd Regt. to be Major in the Army,
New York, July 2, 1783**

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 2^d July 1783...

List of Promotions received from the War Office...

To be Majors in the Army...

John Smith 1st Batt: 42^d 19 March 1783...

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.



Brevet-Maj. John Smith's Tombstone

Picture Source: *New-York Historical Society Quarterly Bulletin*, Vol. IV, July 1920, Google Books, p. 51.

Death Announcement for Brevet-Maj. John Smith, 42nd Regt., New York, July 25, 1783

New-York, July 30... Last Friday evening [July 25] died at Powles-Hook, Major John Smith, of the 42d, or Royal Highland Regiment, and on Sunday his remains were interred there with military honours. During a service of twenty-nine years, his conduct as an officer and a gentleman, was uniformly such as acquired him the greatest respect and esteem of that regiment in particular, and of numerous acquaintances, who now sincerely regret the loss of so valuable a friend.

Sources and Note: *Royal Gazette* (New York), July 30, 1783 and *Pennsylvania Packet*, Aug. 7, 1783, p. 1. Maj. Smith's tombstone was the former base of the equestrian statue of King George in New York.



Facade of the Hôtel de Soubise in Paris

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by LPLT.

**Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to His Daughter, Mary,
Regarding his Visit to Paris, July 25, 1783**

before 5 o'clock in the morning
[from the Hotel de Soubise at that watering-place]

My dear Daughter,

I thank God I am much better than when I came here, and hope soon, by His goodness, to be as well as ever The Count d'Airtois, the King of France's brother, was here for a few days, and did me the honour several times to speak to me in English, which many of the people of fashion here do The Prince and Princess de Ligne, the Earl of Shelburne, his Lady, and the Miss Vernons (her sisters, by her mother, Lady Gower) are all very civil and obliging. She asked very kindly for you when we were at Aix-la-Chapelle. You remember to have dined with her at the Duchess of Bedford's, at Woburne... I hope you and your husband will be here next summer. My kind compliments to him and affectionate service. You will remember, if you and he can, to see Lord and Lady Spencer at Buxton, and send them the best of your fruit. Let me know how he does. I pray God to bless you both.

Ever your most affectionate Father,
John Murray

Source: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886, note p. 514.

**Promotion Orders for Officers Following Death of Brevet-Maj. John Smith, 42nd Regt.,
New York, July 28, 1783**

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 28th July 1783...
The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions...

42 Reg^t

Capt: Lieu ^t Rob ^t Potts to be Capt: of a Comp ^y vice Smith deceased	} 27 July 83
L ^t Rob ^t Franklin to be Capt Lieut vice Potts promoted	} d ^o
Ens ⁿ W ^m Fraser Sen ^r to be Lieu ^t vice Franklin promoted	} d ^o

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.

**42nd Regt. Officer Company Assignments and Changes from Dec. 25, 1782 to June 24, 1783,
Paulus Hook, New Jersey, July 28, 1783**

[General's Company]

... Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Colonel & Captain
	Robert Potts	Captain Lieutenant
Transferred to Cap ^t Dalrymples 17 th May 1783	James Stirling	}
Received from D ^o d ^o	William Fraser	} Lieu ^{ts}
Transferred to Cap ^t Anstruthers 10 th May 1783		
Transferred f ^m D ^o d ^o d ^o	Henry Graham	}
Gen ^l Sir Henry Clintons leave	James M ^c Laggan	Chapln
	Hugh Fraser	Adju ^t
	Hector M ^c Lean	Q ^r M ^r
	William Robertson	Surgeon
	Alex ^r Stewart	Mate ...

[Lt. Colonel's Company]

	Charles Graham	Lieutenant Colonel & Captain
	Gavin Drummond	}
	H ^y : D ^d : Fraser	} Lieutenants
	James Rose	Ensign ...

[Major's Company]

	Walter Home	Major
	Alex ^r Stewart	}
Received from Cap ^t Rutherfurds Company 8 th Feb ^y 1783	William Edmundstone	} Lieutenant
Transfer'd to Captain Dickson's D ^o D ^o	John Young	} ...

[Late Capt. Smith's Company]

Dead 25 th July 83 –	John Smith	Captain
	Alex ^r Innes	}
	Geo Campbell	} Lieutenants
	Donald M ^c Niven	Ensign ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Captain
	Hugh Fraser	}
	Dougal Campbell	} Lieutenants
	William Fraser	Ensign ...

[Capt. Campbell's Company]

Kept as Hostage with the Spaniards	James Campbell	Captain
	Robert Franklin	{ Lieutenants
	Honb ^{le} George Fraser	{ ...

[Capt. Rutherford's Company]

In Europe by his Excell ^y the Comm ^r in Chiefs leave	John Rutherford	Cap ^t
Transd from C ^t Dalrymples 8 th Feb ^y 1783	Alex ^r Lorraine	}
Transferred to C ^t Anstruthers d ^o d ^o	Alex ^r Cummine	} Lieu ^{ts}
Received from C ^t Dicksons d ^o d ^o	Jam ^s Alstone	}
Transf ^d to Majors d ^o d ^o	Will ^m Edmundstoune	} ...

[Capt. Dickson's Company]

Received from Majors Company 8 th Feb ^y 1783	William Dickson	Captain
In Europe by the Comm ^r in Chiefs leave	John Young	}
Transferred to Cap ^t Rutherfuds Company 8 th Feb ^y 1783	James Alston	}
	John Nasmyth	}
	William Fraser	Ensign...

[Grenadier Company]

Absent by the Comm ^r in Chiefs leave in Europe	David Anstruther	Capt ^t
Rec ^d from Capt ⁿ Rutherfuds 8 th Feb ^y 1783	Alex ^r Cummine	}
Transferred to Capt ⁿ Dalrymples Ditto Date	Alex ^r Grant	}
	Will ^m McDonald	}
Rec ^d from Colonels 10 th May 1783	Will ^m Fraser	}
Transferred to Ditto Ditto Ditto	Henry Graham	} ...

[Light Infantry Company]

In Europe Sir Henry Clinton's leave	George Dalrymple	Captain
Received from Captain Anstruthers Comp ^y 8 th Feb ^y 1783	Alexander Grant	}
transferred to Captain Rutherfuds D ^o D ^o	Alexander Lorraine	}
In Europe Sir Henry Clinton's leave	James Stewart	}
Received from Colonels 17 th May 1783	James Stirling	}
transferred to D ^o D ^o	William Fraser	} ...

Source: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists*, 42nd Foot, 1st Battalion, 1777-1786 at WO 12/5479 ff. 111-120.

Promotion Order for William Anstruther to be Ensign in the 42nd Regt., New York, Aug. 1, 1783

[Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 1st August 1783...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotion –

[42nd Regt.]

W^m Anstruther Gent. to be Ensign vice [William] Fraser promoted 27 July 1783}

Source and Note: 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. Ens. Anstruther did not join the regiment in New York before it embarked for Nova Scotia in Oct. 1783 and had still joined by the time of the regimental review at Halifax on June 9, 1784. He was authorized a number of leaves until at least Apr. 3, 1786.



Reproduction 60th Regt. Uniform Button

Letter from Secretary At War, Robert Fitzpatrick to Regimental Agents Gray & Ogilvie to Pay Interest on a Vacant Ensigny in the 4th Battalion, 60th or Royal American Regt. to Capt. John Robertson, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Aug. 8, 1783

W. O. 8th. Aug^t. 1783

Gentⁿ.

I am to signify to you the King's pleasure, that out of such Money as hath accrued in your hands by the pay of the vacant Ensigny in the 4th. Battⁿ. of the 60th. (or R. A.) Reg^t. of Foot, in succession to M^r. John Robertson, late a Captain in the 71st. Reg^t. you do give credit to him after the rate of 5P Cent – on the regulated price of the said Ensigny, during the continuance of the vacancy, and also in

consideration of that Commission having been sold considerably under the regulated price, that you do give him further credit to the amount of such deficiency as shall be properly ascertained to you not exceeding the whole vacant pay of the Ensigncy.

Mess^{rs}. Gray & Ogilvie

I am Gentⁿ.

R: FitzPatrick

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, General Letters* at WO 4/122, f. 216. This interest payment is likely the result of the succession transaction when Capt. John Robertson retired from the 2nd Bn., 71st Highlanders on Feb. 18, 1781. Robertson's Captaincy was taken by Lt. Thomas Fraser of the same battalion, and Fraser's Lieutenancy was filled by Ens. James Sinclair of the 4th Bn., 60th Regt., leaving a blank ensigncy in the 60th Regt. (Ref. War Office annotated copy of the 1781 Annual List, p. 146 at WO 65/31, f. 145) and General Orders dated at New York on Feb. 23, 1782.

Former Ens. David Sutherland, 42nd Regt. Commissioned in Loyalist Corps Butler's Rangers, Aug. 25, 1783

List of the Officers of the Corps of Rangers Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John Butler with the Dates of their Commissions

Rank	Name	Date
Lieutenant		
Colonel	John Butler	14 February 1780...
2 nd		
Lieutenants...	David Sutherland	25 August 1783...

Source: British Library. Add MSS 21745, Register of Commissions, 1777-1784. National Archives of Canada, *Haldimand Collection*, microfilm reel A-677.

Excerpt of Promotion List with 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Aug. 29, 1783

List of Commissions sent to the Adju^t. General – 29th Aug^t. 83...

Rob ^t . Potts Esq ^r .	Captain	42 ^d D ^o
W ^m . Fraser sen ^r . Gent.	Lieu ^t .	42 ^d D ^o
Robt. Franklin Esqr.	Capt ⁿ . Lieu ^t .	42 ^d D ^o
W ^m . Anstruther Gent.	Ensign	42 ^d D ^o ...

Rec^d. at the Adj^t. General's Office
P. Rob. Obrien

Receipt required

Received from James Ford at the Secretary's
Office the 30th August 1783 – my Commission.

John Curtis
Ensign R. G. Battⁿ.

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers*, Aug. 24 – 31, 1783 at PRO 30/55/79, p. 8917.

Promotion Announcement, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 27, 1783

War-Office, September 27, 1783...

42d Regiment of Foot, 1st Battalion, Captain-Lieutenant Robert Potts to be Captain of a Company, vice John Smith.

Ditto, Lieutenant Robert Franklin to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Robert Potts.

Ditto, Ensign William Fraser, sen. to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Franklin.

Ditto, William Anstruther, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Fraser.

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 23, 1783, p. 1.

**42nd Regt. Officer Company Assignments and Changes from June 25 – Aug. 24, 1783,
Paulus Hook, New Jersey, Oct. 6, 1783**

[General's Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Colonel & Captain	General Sir Henry	James MGlaggan	Chaplain
Promoted to C ^t Smiths 29 th July 1783	Rob ^t Potts	} Captain Lieutenant	Clintons leave		
Commission Dated 27 th July	Rob ^t Franklin	}		Hugh Fraser	Adju ^t
Rec ^d from C ^t Campbells				Hector M ^c Lean	Q ^r M ^r
	Hendry Graham	Lieutenant		William Robertson	Surgeon
				Alex ^r Stewart	Mate ...

[Lt. Colonel's Company]

in Europe His Excellency The Com ^r in Chiefs leave	Charles Graham	Lieutenant Colonel & Captain
	Gavin Drummond	} Lieutenants
Seconded 24 th Aug ^t . 83 gone to Europe The Com ^r in Chiefs leave	H ^y : D ^d : Fraser	}
	James Rose	Ensign...

[Major's Company]

	Walter Home	Major and Captain
	Alex ^r Stewart	} Lieutenants
Reduced to half pay 24 th August 1783 gone to Europe	William Edmondstone	} ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Capt ⁿ .
	Hugh Fraser	} Lieu ^{ts}
Reduced on half pay 24 th Aug ^t . 83 going to Nova Scotia	Dugal Campbell	}
by Comm ^r in Chiefs Leave		
	Will ^m . Fraser	Ensign ...

[Capt. Campbell's Company]

Kept as Hostage with the Spaniards	James Campbell	Captain
Commission dated 27 th July 83 } as Capt Lieut. transferred to Col ^s Co ^y	Robert Franklin	}
	Hon ^{ble} Geo Fraser	} Lieu ^s
Promoted 27 July 83 Received from C ^t Dicksons Co ^y ditto	Will ^m Fraser	} ...

[Capt. Rutherford's Company]

Absent by the Comm ^r in Chiefs leave in Europe	John Rutherford	Captain
	Alex ^r Lorrain	} Lieu ^{ts}
Duty	James Alston	} ...

[Capt. Dickson's Company]

	William Dickson	Captain
Reduced to half [pay] 24 th August 1783 In Europe by the Commander in Chiefs leave	John Young	} Lieutenants
Ditto	D ^o . John Nasmyth	}
promoted in Cap ^t Campbells Com ^y 27 th . July 1783	William Fraser	} Ensigns
promoted 27 th . July 1783 not joined Since appointed	William Graham [actually Anstruther]	} ...

[Capt. Potts' Company]

Commission Dated 27 th July 1783 Rec ^d . from Colonels	Dead 25 th July 83	John Smith	}	Captains
		Duty Robert Potts	}	
		Alexander Innes	}	Lieutenants
		George Campbell	}	
		Donald M ^c Niven		Ensign ...

[Grenadier Company]

absent by the Commander in Chiefs leave in Europe	David Anstruther	Captain
	Alexander Cummine	{
Reduced upon half pay 24 th Aug ^t 1783 & Abs ^t by the Comm ^r in Cheifs leave in Europe	William M ^c Donald	{ Lieutenants
	William Fraser	{ ...

[Light Infantry Company]

In Europe Sir Henry Clinton's leave	George Dalrymple	Captain
	Alex ^r Grant	}
In Europe Sir Henry Clintons leave	James Stewart	} Lieutenants
	James Stirling	} ...

Source: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists*, 42nd Foot, 1st Battalion, 1777-1786 at WO 12/5479 ff. 121-130.

Letter from Chap. James M^cLagan, 42nd Regt. to James Robertson of Kindrochet Regarding Meeting for Distribution of Meal to the Poor, Bailnaine, Oct 6, 1783

Bailnaine Oct 6, 1783

Sir,

The cause of this intrusion is that there are 28 Boll, 2 f, 2 pecks of meal partly come & partly coming for our poor & that there is a meeting of the Heritors appointed at Blair Atholl at 12 o'clock on Wednesday next to distribute it, at which time and place your company is requested & expected.

With Compts &c

James M^cLagan

Source and Note: NRS, *Irvine Robertson Papers*; James Robertson of Kindrochet General Correspondence, Kindrochet Box at GD1/53. Transcribed by James Irvine Robertson at jamesirvinerobertson.co.uk. Rev. M^cLagan was on extended leave from America.

News Account of the Freedom of the City Voted for Lt. Col. Hon George Mackenzie, 2nd Battalion, 73rd (MacLeod's) Highland Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Company), Edinburgh, Approx. Oct. 15, 1783.

EDINBURGH...

Last week, the Right Hon. the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, unanimously voted the freedom of this city to Colonel George Mackenzie, of Lord Macleod's second battalion [73rd Regt.]... This day, Captain Robert Deans [*HMS Mentor*], of his Majesty's navy, had the same honour conferred on him; all for good services done their King and Country.

Source and Note: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Oct. 22, 1783, p. 3. Then Capt. Mackenzie commanded the 42nd Lt. Infantry Company for the first part of the American war. Capt. Deans was held hostage by the Spanish Army along with Brig. Maj. (and Capt.) James Campbell, 42nd Regt. after the fall of Pensacola, West Florida in May 1781.

Letter from Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col, 42nd Regt.), to his Sister, Mrs. Anne Graham, Reporting his Arrival and Disappointment in Getting a Commission for Her Son, Half-Pay Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., London, Oct. 27, 1783

M^{rs} Graham of Airth
by Falkirk

Suffolk Street N^o 28 Oct 27th 1783

My Dear Annie

You would hear from Sir W^m or M^r Erskine both of whom I wrote of my arrival in this country and tho you can have no doubts of my affection for you & yours yet I thought it would not be unpleasant to have those assurances under my own hand after an absence of eight years, which has not in the least deminished that sincere regard for you all and desire to be usefull to you

I am sorry my efforts have not been attended wth better success I find Henry is coming home on half pay the scheme of his serving on Ens^{ns} pay not being allowed, I shall take care of him while here if he comes this way & send him off soon for Scotland as nothing can be done for him at present

if he could give application to any other business I should wish he would as there is no incouragement for his present profession

I am uncertain as to my stay but will without fail Salute you & yours with the most cordial affection at Airth after leaving Edin^r Till then, I remain, with great truth,

My dear Sister,

your most affectionate brother & Serv^t

Tho^s Stirling

P.S. the leg is in an indifferent state the wound still open but I can walk a little way wth the assistance of a Staff & hope in time to get more strength in it

Source and Notes: NRS, Inventory Acc. 12290, *Additional papers of the family of Graham of Airth, and other related families*, notably (Graham) Stirling of Ardoch and Strowan, and Stirling of Kippendavie, Box 1, Folder 3: Sir Thomas Stirling of Ardoch and Strowan (5) 1776-1807. By this time, Maj. Gen. Stirling had left the 42nd Regt. to become Col. of the 71st Highlanders. The letter is written from Sussex Street which is about eight miles northwest of the center of London. Stirling is still suffering from a leg wound from 1780. On Mar. 22, 1784 Lt. Graham exchanged from half-pay to Col. Stirling's 71st Highland Regt. and was promoted to Captain in the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. on Apr. 21, 1784.

**List of 42nd Regt. Officers to Return to Britain from Gen. Guy Carleton, Commander-in-Chief,
North America to Secretary at War Richard Fitz Patrick, Oct. 22, 1783**

N^o. 57.

New York 22^d October 1783

Sir

I enclose an embarkation return of the detachment of the 71st Regiment, and of the men discharged from the British Regiments gone to Nova Scotia, together with lists of the last mentioned men's names, and of the Officers that have charge of them.

The transports with the detachment of the 71st are ordered to proceed to the Clyde in order to join the other part of that Regiment expected from Jamaica as intimated in my letter N^o. 53. The others are ordered to Spithead.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Guy Carleton

Right Hon^{ble}

Richard Fitz Patrick...

42nd Regiment

Lieu^t [James] Sterling

d^o [Henry] Graham

d^o Hon^{ble} G [George] Fraser

d^o [Alexander] Lorraine

d^o [James] Alston...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In Letters* at WO 1/13 f. 314. Of the listed officers, only Lt. Stirling remained on active service. The other officers went out on Half-Pay. Stirling was charged with escorting the discharged soldiers of the 42nd Regt. returning to Britain in this voyage. Following a leave in Scotland, Stirling returned to join the regiment at Nova Scotia.

Letter from Margaret Robertson, Mother of Lt. John Robertson 71st Highland Regt. (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), to the Hon. Charlotte Murray, Regarding his Land Grant in Nova Scotia, Lude, Nov. 22, 1783

[Addressed] The Hon^{ble} Lady Lude
Tullibelton

My Dear Madam...

Lately we have had no less than three letters from John who is still at New York but daily expecting to leave that he has given in a claim for his proportion of Land in Nova-Scotia and says if he fail in his Military expectations he then will turn farmer ...

My D^rs Madam yours

M. Robertson

Lude Nov: 22^d
1783

Source and Note: NRS, *Correspondence to Charlotte, daughter of William Murray, 2nd Lord of Nairn and wife of John Robertson of Lude from Margaret Robertson, her niece and daughter-in-law, concerning personal and family matters, 1783-1787* at GD132/768/5. Tullybelton is located about eight miles north-northeast of Perth.

Retirement Announcement for Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Brev. Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), London, Dec. 2, 1783

War-Office, December 2, 1783...

71st Regiment of Foot, Captain George Don, of the 51st Regiment, to be Major, vice Duncan M^cPherson.

Source: *London Gazette*, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 1783 p. 1.

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to William Graham of Airth Regarding Opportunities for Advancement for Airth's Son, Half-pay Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., London, Dec. 11, 1783

London Dec^r 11th 1783 Suffolk Street N^o 28

My Dearest Friends

I have received both your Letters which were very agreeable as they told me of your Welfare, Jamies, & the young folks at home & the happy recovery of M^{rs} Erskine & M^{rs} Stirling being better; the confusion in the India affairs or rather total change makes it impossible to get any recommendation for James at present after all is arranged if I can my efforts shall not be wanting – I have this day heard of [Airth's son, Half-pay Lt.] Henry [Graham] he was to have come in a Ship which is arrived here & in which his baggage is but by etourdorie [thoughtless blunder] or some other cause he lost his passage & they tell me was to go in the Vessel that carries the 71st to Clyde you may therefore expect him soon if not already arrived; I am sorry he did not come here as I have been planning for him but which I could not finish w^out knowing what his Major [Walter Home, 42nd Regt.] had done or proposed, or if he was in the 42^d, if [Capt.] Cha^s Grant will sell or Cap^t [William] Dickson [of Kilbucho] as I would be clear for purchasing him a Comp^y as it would only cost £950 besides his Lt^{cy}, to which I will readily contribute, he might be put under stoppage of £100 p^r Annum to pay the interest & sink by little the capital

there is another opportunity in my [71st] Reg^t of a Comp^y which will cost £800 but this gives only rank of £50 p^r aⁿ more of half pay than his Lt^{cy} – his prospect of getting any thing in the army but by purchase is very poor for several years & even in that way the price will rise & will cost more all this should be well considered, I know it is more than you can afford to advance for him unless some of his friends would join, whenever he arrives inquire of him if his Major has any scheme for him & what it is or if he thinks Cap^t Grant will sell or Dixon as that would be a great inducement to me to get him in to 42^d otherwise it is the worst Corps for preferment for a Subaltern in the army... Adieu

Love to all my friends & believe me ever your most affec^{te} Brother

T. Stirling

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 72-73 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 84-85. Neither Capt. Grant nor Capt. Dickson sold their companies to Lt. Graham.

Leaves of Absences for 42nd Regt. Officers at the End of the American War, London, Undated, Likely Late 1783

Leaves of Absences...

Major [James] Graham...	}	37 th Reg ^t	{ D ^o [6 M ^o] from 26 Jan ^y 84 on his Priv ^t Aff ^{ts}
L ^{ts} [James] Stirling	}		{ 6 M ^o from 15 Jan ^y 84 D ^o [on his Priv ^t Aff ^{ts}]
[James] Stewart	}		{ 12 M ^o from 4 Mar 84 for his Health
Capt ⁿ [David] Anstruther	}	42 ^d Reg ^t	{ 12 M ^o from 6 Feb ^y 84 D ^o
L ^t Col ^o [Charles] Graham	}		{ 12 M ^o from 28 Ap ^l 84 on his Priv ^t Aff ^{ts}
Capt ⁿ [John] Rutherford	}		{ 12 M ^o from D ^o D ^o ...

Source and Note: TNA, War Office, Out-letters, America, 1780-1784, WO 4/275, p. 343. The late 1783 date is an estimate based on page 273 of the same volume dated June 9, 1783. Maj. James Graham was a former Lt. who was promoted from the 42nd Regt. in 1777.

Excerpt of Copy of Return of Officers of British American Corps, Including Capt. Robert Rollo, American Legion (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Prepared by Ward Chipman, Former Deputy Muster Master of the British American Forces, New York, Late 1783

S^t Johns' New Brunswick, 12 June 1822

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter from the War Office by date of the 2^d April last, stating that considerable difficulty had from the want of authentic information been experienced in deciding upon the successive claims made upon that Office, by the families of Officers of the several Corps of American Provincials, raised prior to 1783... that in the Year 1783 His Excellency Sir Guy Carleton, then Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, directed a return to be made of the respective names, Services & ages up to that time of the Officers belonging to the Corps above alluded to, including the Officers upon the British American Staff & others attached to that part of the Service: that the said return was accordingly completed...

I have the honor now to inclose to you a true copy of the return...

(signed) Ward Chipman...

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Seconded Officers

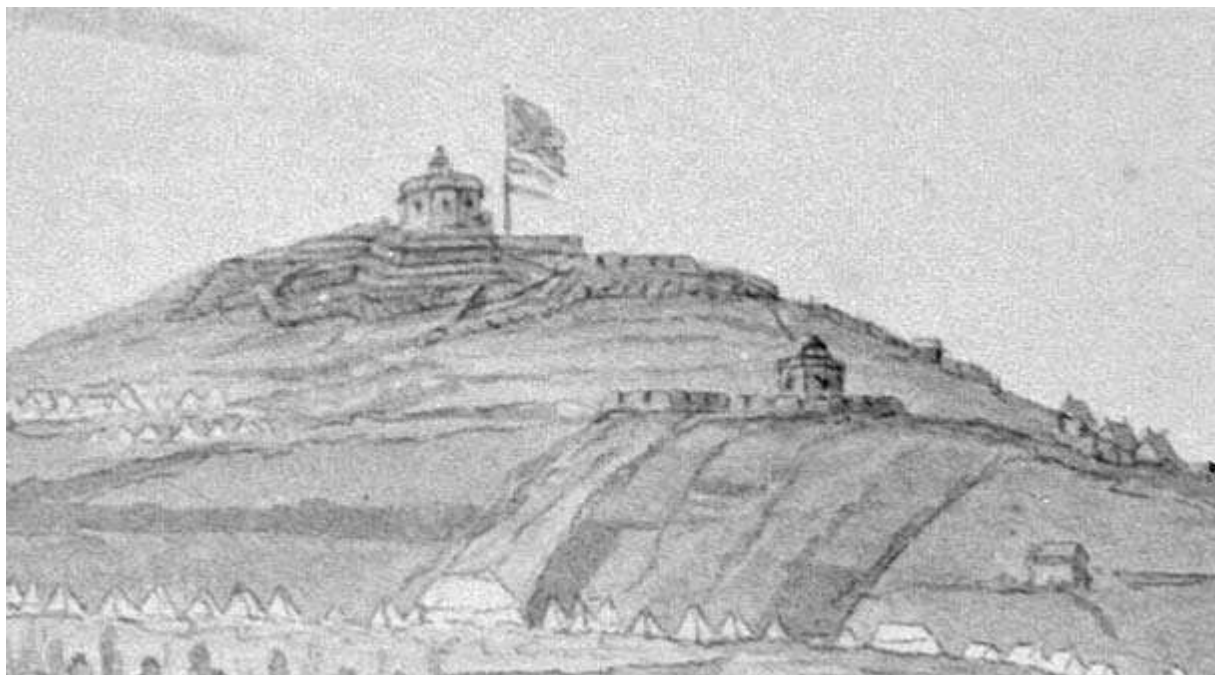
Regiments they belong to	Rank	Names	Country	Age	Service in the	
					British	Provincial...

American Legion	Capt ^s	{ Fred ^k Metsner	England	32		
		{ Mich ^l . Housard	America	29		
		{ Robert Rollo	[blank]			
		{ Richard Ness	[blank]			
	Cornet	William Cagney	Ireland			

... Ward Chipman

Source: TNA, *War Office: Printed Annual Army Lists, British American Half Pay* at WO 65/165, p. 27 (f. 16).

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South Aspect of Halifax from near Point Pleasant Park, ca. 1780 by Edward Hicks; engraved and published in 1782.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons.

**42nd Regt. Officer Company Assignments and Changes from Aug. 25, 1783 - Dec. 24, 1783,
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, Jan. 17, 1784**

[General's Company]

... Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Colonel & Captain
	Robert Franklin	Captain Lieutenant
Transferred to Captain Campbells Comp ^y 24 th Oct ^r 83	Alexander Innes	}
ditto ditto 23 ^d December 83	George Campbell	} Lieutenants
Rec ^d from Captain Potts Comp ^y 24 th Aug ^t gone to	Henry Graham	}
Europe on half pay 25 th Ag ^t 83		
	Donald M ^c Niven	Ensign
Gen ^l Sir Henry Clintons leave	James M ^c Laggan	Chapl ⁿ
	Hugh Fraser	Adjutant
	Hector M ^c Lean	Q ^r M ^r
	William Robertson	Surgeon
	Alexander Stewart	Mate ...

[Lt. Colonel's Company]

In Europe by Sir Guy Carletons leave	Charles Graham	Lieutenant Colonel & Captain
In second	Robert Potts	Captain
Transferred to Cap ^t Rutherfurds Comp ^y 24 th October 1783	Gavin Drummond	} Lieutenants
In second In Europe by Sir Guy Carletons leave	Henry David Fraser	} Ensign...
	James Rose	

[Major's Company]

	Walter Home	Major
	Alexander Stewart	Lieutenant...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

Received f ^m Cap ^t Dalrymples Comp ^y 25 th Oct ^r 1783	Charles Grant	Captain
In Europe By Sir Henry Clintons Leave	James Stewart	}
En Second 20 th August 1783	Hugh Fraser	} Lieutenants
	William Fraser	Ensign...

[Capt. Campbell's Company]

Kept as Hostage with the Spaniards	James Campbell	Captain
Received from Colo ^s Company 24 th Oct ^r 1783	Alexander Innes	{
d ^o from d ^o 24 th Dec ^r d ^o	George Campbell	{ Lieutenants
to Britain upon half pay 24 th Aug ^s d ^o	Hon ^{le} Geo: Fraser	{
d ^o d ^o d ^o	William Fraser	{ ...

[Note: Capt. Campbell was released as a Spanish Hostage in Dec. 1783]

[Capt. Rutherford's Company]

Absent by Gen ^l S ^r Guy Carleton's leave in Europe	John Rutherford	Captain
Received from lieutenant Colonels Company 12 th Oct ^r	Gavin Drummond	}
Gone to Britain upon Half pay 24 th October	Alex ^r Lorrain	} Lieu ^{ts}
d ^o d ^o d ^o	James Alston	}
Received from Cap ^t Dicksons not joined since App ^d 27 th July 83	William Anstruther	Ensign ...

[Grenadier Company]

Absent by Sir Guy Carletons leave in Europe	David Anstruther	Captain
	Alexander Cummine	} Lieutenants
	William McDonald	} ...

[Light Infantry Company]

In Europe S ^r Henry Clinton's leave	George Dalrymple	[Captain]
In second 25 August 1783	William Dickson	[Captain]
On Command	Alexander Grant	[Lieutenant]
Transferred to Cap ^t Grants 24 th Oct ^r 1783	James Stewart	[Lieutenant]
In Europe S ^r Guy Carletons leave	James Stirling	[Lieutenant]...

Source and Notes: WO 12/5479 ff. 131-138. This muster taken at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on Jan. 17, 1784 displays the reduction to the peace time establishment of eight companies from ten during the war. The two junior Captains, William Dickson and Robert Potts, lost their companies and were seconded to other companies. Capt. James Campbell had been released by the Spanish Army in Dec. 1783 (See App. E).

Letter from Half-pay Capt. Lord William Murray, late 77th (Atholl) Highland Regt. (Former, Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Mr. George Stewart, Explaining his Conduct while Commanding the 73rd (MacLeod's) Highland Regt. in India in Early 1784

Newton, Oct. 23, 1787.

Dear Sir,

Agreeable to your letter to [his Mother] the Dutchess [Strange], which arrived this morning, I send you the following little narrative. Though it is long, yet I could not well curtail it more than I have done without leaving out some material facts.

Early in the year 1784 I found myself [verbally] attacked by a party [of officers] in the 73rd, who, on account of my promotion, were determined to do me every injury in their power. I found it necessary to vanquish them by some means or other. I tried lenient, but so far from having the desired effect, it only cemented the confederacy against me. I then, from my own observation, and the advice of my best friends, found a different course must be pursued. I accordingly begun by calling on Captain [James] Robertson, who I had many reasons to consider a leader. He met me, and after exchanging a shot, gave me every satisfaction I could wish. This happened, I believe, in May; but previous to our meeting, Captⁿ [John] Hamilton informed me that by calling on Capt. Robertson I had made the whole corps my enemies, and that I should have to fight them from right to left. It was in my own tent, where a brace of loaded pistols were lying on the table. I told him, if he liked it, I would begin with him, and that it would be better to finish the business immediately. He declined my offer, saying he was not the first for duty, but that it should be settled by lot. I told him they would always find me prepared and ready to meet the officers of the corps either singly or collectively. All was quiet, and I heard no more of them till the end of August at Arcot; but I always used the precaution of going well armed to prevent a surprise. At that time news arrived from England that I was not confirmed in the Majority of the corps. The day of this being published in orders, I was engaged on a shooting party, and found at my return that Captain [James] Baird, to whom the command of the Regiment had devolved, had, during my absence, in a most unmilitary and ungentlemanlike manner, entered my house, taken out the colours of the corps and withdrawn the guard. Early next morning I made a complaint to Gen^l Home [East India Company], who commanded the cantonment. He said he conceived him to blame, but that he being an officer in his Majesty's service, he could not interfere. That very night I set off for Madras, and next morning waited on Gen^l Campbell with a formal complaint. His answer was, that as I was now [back] on half pay he knew nothing of me, but that if I found myself injured with Captⁿ Baird's behaviour, I probably did not want spirit to resent it. I knew what he meant, but for many reasons did not wish to have a personal settlement with Capt. Baird. The same night I left Madras for Pondicherry, where I arrived in two days, and took my passage on board a French ship for Lisbon; but a few days before she was to sail I received letters from some of my friends that Capt. Baird and others (conceiving I had left India), were aspersing my character in a most infamous manner. I immediately set out for Arcot, but on my arrival there found it necessary to go to Madras to settle some private business before I took further notice of any other circumstance. It was late in October before I returned to Arcot. I called out Captain Baird, who touched me slightly, and made an apology, which he was afterwards so infamous as to retract. We parted, and I found the next person who had insulted me greatly to be Mr. [Lt. Gilbert] Waugh, a person who I had countenanced and pushed forward in the corps, and who had ever enjoyed my friendship and outmost confidence. I thought that he had behaved so as not to deserve being treated like a gentleman. I horsewhipped him. The natural consequence was a challenge from him. We met [Oct. 31, 1784] and tossed up for the first fire; I gained, but told him I had received sufficient satisfaction, and desired him to fire. He did so, and only grazed my hair. I then fired [and critically wounded Waugh who soon died] – Such is the outline of this unlucky business. I was 14 or 15 months in arrest, and could not get a trial. Let me know as soon as possible what I am to look for from the Father, and when I am to settle with my agent. Comp^s to M^{rs} Stewart, and remain Your most ob^t humble Sv^t, W^m Murray.

Source and Notes: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. IV, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, pp. 124-128. The author of the *Chronicles* goes on to explain that "Major Waugh [father of Lt. Waugh and Fort-Major of Guernsey] then said— '... I am well informed from India of the whole of this unhappy business. My son was knocked down in the market-place by Lord William, without telling him what it was for' and in consequence of which the Major ... was fully determined to bring the business into a Court of Justice immediately, as he knew that Lord William was returned from India..." The author continued to explain that "The Duke and General Murray referred Lord William's case to some legal authorities, who gave an opinion that it had been decided in another case that a half-pay officer could not be tried by a court-martial for an act done when on half-pay. As nothing further is mentioned on the subject, it is probable that Lieutenant-Colonel Browne brought his influence to bear on Major Waugh, and that the matter was dropped."

War Office Orders for Lt. James Stirling, 42nd Regt. to March the Invalids

of the 37th and 42nd Regts. from Deptford to Chelsea, London, Jan. 9, 1784

It is H. M. P. [His Majesty's Pleasure] that you cause the Invalids belonging to the 37th & 42^d Reg^{ts} of Foot under Y^r Com^d., on board H. M^s. Armed Ship Steady, to disembark at Deptford and proceed from thence to Chelsea where they are to be quartered until they can be examined by the Chelsea Board. Wherein &c Given &c 9th Jan^y 1784.

Lieu^t Sterling, or
Officer Commanding the
Invalids on board H. M.
Armed Ship Steady off
Deptford

B. H. M. C [By His Majesty's Command]
In the absence &c [of the Secretary at War]
[Deputy Secretary at War Matthew] *MLewis*

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Secretary at War: Marching and Militia Orders* at WO5/65, p. 257. Lt. Stirling had been selected in America to escort the discharged soldiers of the 42nd Regt. back to Britain. Deptford is a district of London on the River Thames about six miles southeast of Buckingham Palace. *HMAS Steady* was noted to be a 430-Ton displacement storeship when it was put up for sale by the Royal Navy in Mar. 1784.

**Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.),
to William Graham of Airth Regarding Opportunities for Advancement for Airth's Son,
Half-pay Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 16, 1784**

London 16th Jan^y 1784

My Dear Friends

I have received your Letters about Henry your intentions for him are certainly as much as could be expected but I am at a loss what to decide upon as you leave it to me, something should be done at present for if I leave this I do not mean to return in a hurry & little can be done except one is present. there is a Small chance just now of getting him on full pay w^out any money, at any rate that must be done before he could purchase a Comp^y either in an Old or young Corps, if this succeeds £800 more could get him the rank of Cap^t w^l half pay £90 a year, if it should not it would cost £850 at least to get that, or even to get him upon full pay as L^t, if this fails, will cost £150, however be assured I shall think well of it and do in it as if he was my own his baggage is sent in a ship for Carron (I know not the name) directed for M^r Browns care Sea lock the keys in a Letter, in a trunk there is a paper parcell for Lady Stirling & four Ladies Hats tyed up in a Napkin of mine let them be cared for & safely forwarded

Adieu My Dear Brother & Sister/ love to the Bairns & best wishes for Toms safety & prosperity of you all

I ever am yours most faithfully
T.S.

[addressed] W^m Graham Esq^r of Earth

Source: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), p. 73 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, f. 86.



Gov. Archibald Campbell, circa 1790-92 by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Letter from Gov. Archibald Campbell, to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Regarding Release of Spanish Hostage, Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., Spanish Town, Jamaica, Jan. 18, 1784

Spanish town Jamaica 18th. Jan^{ry}: 1784

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 6th: of Sept^r: only reached me last Evening, and was the first of your letters received on the subject of Richmond Estate. —

By Cap^t: James Campbell of the 42^d: Reg^t: I am happy to have it in my power to forward the enclosed information regarding that property; part of which has been extracted from the records of the Secretary Office of this Island, and part collected from the best authorities I could procure: I wish they may prove satisfactory.

Cap^t: Campbell will inform you, of his release from the illiberal treatment of Don Bernardo de Galvez; being detained as a hostage to satisfy the caprice of that General, for upwards of two years and a half; contrary to the Capitulation of Pensacola. —

By this misfortune he was secluded from every military exertion; suffered much in rank, and greatly in his private fortune. — I am however in hopes that an officer who has discharged his duty for 22 years with Zeal and fidelity, will not pass unnoticed in the herd of Officers, aspiring to the Rank of Major. —

It gave me infinite satisfaction to learn from Admiral [James] Gambier, the most favourable intelligence of your health; That you may long Continue to enjoy that Blessing, is the ardent wish of

Dear Sir

Your Most Faithful and Most Obed^t: Humble Serv^t:

Arch^d: Campbell

Sir Henry Clinton K: B:
&c &c &c

Source and Notes: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 199: 3, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. Capt. Campbell served as major of brigade for his uncle, Maj. Gen. John Campbell of Strachur, Commander of British Forces in West Florida. Capt. Campbell had been held as a hostage successively at Havana, Mobile and New Orleans since the surrender of Pensacola in May 1781. By Sept. 1783, Sir Henry Clinton had returned to England indicating that was the destination of Capt. Campbell. Gov. Campbell began the war as the Lt. Colonel of the 2nd Bn., 71st Highland Regt.

Letter from Capt. John Grant, Additional Company, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Lt., 1st Battalion) Regarding Route of March to South of England, Edinburgh, Jan. 29, 1784

Sir

Edin^r the 29th Jan^y 1784

Having received a Route from General [Hon. Alexander] Mac Kay to bring me to Cumberland Fort, I propose going the London road, as being the best & most convenient for Quarters, I march from here to morrow, & I expect if the weather will permit to be at Barnet the 4th of March from which place I shall go myself, or send an express to London to receive orders from the Adj^t Gen^l & I shall regularly call at the post Office upon the road in case any orders be sent for me

I have the Hon^r to be Sir

Your most obed^t humble Serv^t *John Grant*

Capt 2^d Battn 42^d Regt

Colo Ross Dep^y Adj^t Gen^l

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II* at WO 1/1024, p. 577.
Cumberland Fort is located near Portsmouth.

Letter from Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to Secretary at War, Sir George Yonge, Regarding Denial of a Lieutenancy in the 71st Highlanders for his Nephew, Half-pay Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., London, Mar. 6, 1784

London March 6th 1784

Sir,

I cannot help expressing my mortification w^t the failure of my recommendation in favour of my Nephew to be a L^t in my Reg^t. My services and suffering I thought might have entituled me to this small favour; however, Sir, I do not pretend to contest the point with you, but I hope my readiness to fulfill your desires will plead hereafter in favour of My Nephew L^t. Henry Graham, whose interest I have much at heart when a proper opportunity offers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

your most obed & most humble Serv^t

Tho^s Stirling

S^r: Geo: Yonge

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II* at WO 1/1025, p. 393. Maj. Gen. Stirling commanded the 42nd Regt. for most of the American war before becoming the Col. of the 71st Highlanders. Stirling's letter seems to have been successful as Graham was soon appointed as shown in *London Gazette* for Apr. 6, 1784 (below).

Legal Notice Regarding Lt. Col. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Mar. 6, 1784

First Notice – First Terms.

IN the ranking and sale, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Graham, of the 42d Regiment of Foot, with concurrence of His Majesty's Advocate, against Andrew Cranston wright in the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, and his Creditors, the Lord Hailes, by interlocutor signed the 28th February last, named the Lord Justice Clerk of course to rank the said Creditors, and assigned the 12th of June, to the whole Creditors to produce their claims and diligences, competent to them against the bankrupt or his estate, and that for the first term, with certification as in a reduction and improbation, and appointed this notice thereof, so as the same may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

C. H. CALLANDER, Clk.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Mar. 6, 1784, p. 4.

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, 71st Highland Regt.

**(Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to William Graham of Airth Regarding Opportunities for
Advancement for Airth's Son, Half-pay Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., London, Mar. 15, 1784**

London March 15th 1784

I have been making several efforts to get Henry in to the Army again but all hitherto ineffectual, I am making one last effort if that fails I have no hopes of any thing else at present, but I wish to have yours & Annies sentiments before I go farther

there is a Company in the 19th Reg^t to be sold, but it is in Jamaica and may continue there for some time another offers in the 2^d Battⁿ 42^d Reg^t which is in India and as it is a young Corps may be reduced when the Ministry can make proper arrangements for the Settlement of that Country, it is true this Comp^y is the additional one & of Course the Cap^t may be continued in Brittain to recruit for the Battⁿ: but its being the add^l: Comp^y makes it more liable to be broke & the recruiting business is but an unpleasant one this is the true state of the two chances I have of getting Henry in, the chief thing you are to consider and determine is the Climate of Jamaica opposed to that of India if he should be ordered there and it being the Additional Comp^y of a young Corps that has a great chance of being reduced, the income is rather better in the 42^d than the 19th this last being a second Cap^t, that is, w^out a Comp^y & of Course w^out any emolument, only ten Shill^{gs} a day

the price to be paid is the same let Annie and you weigh matters and write your sentiments to me immediately as no time is to be lost, I mean to bring H in to my Reg^t first as you would see by my last to [his sister] M^{rs} [Mary] Campbell of 8th directed to Airth & then perhaps one of the above two I would not have you mention my intentions to Henry as I find he has already begun to talk of the hardship of being a Subaltern for some years, if this plan fails he must be content to get into full pay as L^t & even pay for it

say therefore nothing of purchasing a Company but if you wish to consult him as to the choice of Climates, ask him whether he chuses to go as L^t to Jamaica in a standing Corps or L^t to India in a young Corps that may be reduced soon.

...I am very uncertain about my stay it depends upon my Pay M^r coming soon after the reduction of the [71st] Regt they are all now arrived & of course must soon be set to right about

My kind Love to Annie & the Bairns I ever am
your most affec^{te} friend & Serv^t
Tho^s Stirling

Source: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 74-75 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 87-88.

**Letter from Chap. James M^cLagan, 42nd Regt., to James Robertson of Kindrochet
Congratulating Him on the Birth of His Son, Blair Manse, March 17, 1784**

Blair Manse March 17, 1784

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with yours of today just now – I heartily wish you joy of your Son & M^{rs} Robertson a happy recovery __ I am much teased by schoolmasters & every other day from home – If Providence enable me I shall wait of you on Friday – but you must not hinder me a moment, as the School M^r of Glengarry is to be here with his papers that day & I mean to be at Achgoul tomorrow.

With the sincerest good wishes &c
James M^cLagan

Source and Note: NRS, *Irvine Robertson Papers*; James Robertson of Kindrochet General Correspondence, Kindrochet Box at GD1/53. Transcribed by James Irvine Robertson at jamesirvinerobertson.co.uk. Rev. M^cLagan was on extended leave from the 42nd Regt. at Halifax, Canada.



Reproduction 71st Highland Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Henry Graham, Half-Pay 42nd Regt.,
to be Lieutenant, 71st Highland Regt., London, Apr. 6, 1784**

War-Office, April 10, 1784...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Lieutenant Henry Graham, on the Half-pay of the 42d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Alexander M^cLaren.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 6, 1784, pp. 2-3. Lt. Graham was the nephew of the Colonel of the 71st Highlanders, Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, formerly of the 42nd Regt.



Reproduction 42nd Regt. Uniform Button

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Henry Graham, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 1st Battalion,
42nd Regt.) to be Capt., 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, Apr. 20-24, 1784**

War-Office, April 24, 1784...

42d Regiment, 2d Battalion, Lieutenant ____ [Henry] Graham; of the 71st Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice ____ [John] Grant

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 20-24, 1784, p. 1. This order marks the retirement of Capt. John Grant of Auchindown, who as a Lt. commanded the 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt. at Newfoundland from 1778-1781. At the time of his retirement, Capt. Grant was the commander of the additional (or recruiting) company of the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. in Scotland. Capt. Graham was the nephew of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling and joined the 42nd Regt. in America in the spring of 1782.

**Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, 71st Highland Regt.
(Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to William Graham of Airth Regarding a Promotion for Airth's Son,
Half-pay Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., London, Apr. 25, 1784**

London April 25th 1784

My Dear Airth,

I have to acknowledge yours of 20 March and though it was longer in coming than I expected, there was no harm done, I have at last brought my Schemes to bear for Henry and I have the pleasure to congratulate you & him on his appoint^t to be Cap^t [of the Additional Co.] in the 2^d Battⁿ 42^d Reg^t by Purchase vice Cap^t Jⁿ Grant [later "of Achindoune"] by your Letter I found both Annie & you leaned to the East rather than the West Indies and the terms of the latter being higher, for the income and much difficulty likely to be encountered in getting it to bear, I seized the first offer & closed with Cap^t Grant, and it will be in next Tuesdays [London] Gazette I am now to give you some acct of its situation form &^c The Comp is the additional for the purpose of recruiting the Battⁿ in India Henry will therefore not be

obliged to go over unless he chuses and the state of affairs there at present and the station the Reg^t is in with the expense of a voyage it is not to be desired if an appearance of service should offer I would not be for keeping him at home in the mean time he will have a recruiting party of the Noncommissioned Officers, to distribute for the purpose of getting men & may appoint his own Headquarters where he pleases either Stirling Edin^r or any where else there is two Officers belonging to the Comp^y The chance of being reduced soon is not likely as they are keeping the 98, 100, & 101st Reg^{ts} in India and if I have any guess we shall not be long at Peace in that quarter of the Globe – the Price is near £1000 besides his Lieutenancy, if the Comp^y stands 12 months, if it is reduced within that time it is to be £50 less this was best bargain I could make, and I have had my trouble about it but I shall think my self well repaid if it answers as I wish, The settling of the money betwixt us must be deferred till we meet the method I propose is that you take £550 upon yourself & Henry shall give me his bond for the remainder, with an obligation to pay at least £100 p^r aⁿ: out of his pay, for the purpose of interest, & clearing part of the principal this he may very well afford to do as his pay will be good 200 Guineas a year I shall get his beating order, instructions &c before I leave this, & when the Serg^t & Corp^{ls} leave this for Scotland give them directions to call on him...

Adieu My Dear Airth kind Love to Annie & the Bairns

I am ever your faithfull friend & Serv^t

Tho^s Stirling

P.S. 26th Henrys name is in the Gazette of Saturday and I have settled the money matters till we meet ...

Source: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah , Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 75-76 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 89-90.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Testifies on Behalf of Loyalist Claim for Losses for Brig. Gen. Oliver DeLancey, London, May 3, 1784

Proceedings of Loyalist Commissioners

Lincoln's Inn Fields, 1784.

Vol. III.

Before Commissioner Wilmot.

Claimants...

1784 3rd May 1172. Case of Brig^r. Gen. Oliver Delancey

[DeLancy] Swears to the Whole of his Memorial being true. Says that he was Employed by Sir William Howe to Command in Long Island. He had a Civil as well as a Military Command. In 1775 he lived at Greenwich, N. York Island, & in Consequence of avowing principals of Loyalty was frequently mob^d...

He Esteems his Property in America Worth more than £100,000 Ster^g...

His Estate has been confiscated mostly. Mostly sold – he holds it lost to him...

Gen. Stirling

Has known Gen. DeLancy many years. He was a Colonel the war before last. He was always well attached to his Govn^t. Gen. Stirling went to America in 1776 & found him then very active. He knows his House in Bloomindale. He thinks it was worth £16 or 1800 with furniture £2,000 or near that.

Source and Note: *Second Report of the Bureau of Archives for the Province of Ontario*, Part II, Alexander Fraser, Printed for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Toronto, 1904, Google Books, pp. 1240-1244. *Lincoln's Inn Fields* is a square in London about two miles northeast of Buckingham Palace.

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, 71st Highland Regt.

**(Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to William Graham of Airth Regarding a Promotion for Airth's Son,
Half-pay Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt. (Former Lt., 1st Battalion), London, May 4, 1784**

London May 4th 1784

My Dear Airth

I wrote you a few days ago of my having purchased Cap^t Jⁿ Grants [Additional] Comp^y in the 2^d Battⁿ 42^d Reg^t [in India] for your son Henry the price £1450 and £50 more if the Compy is not reduced 12 Months hence all which I have settled and paid the Commission will bear date 24th April 1784, I mentioned £550 for your part & the rest I take on myself, you will therefore make M^r David Erskine take a bond from Henry to me for £400 bearing date 24th April and when I come down I shall settle the £550 with you with our other acc^{ts}: Henry must pay the Interest of the whole to us & he must likewise pay £50 of the principall yearly this he will be well able to do if he remains in Brittain as he will live mostly with his friends should he go to India he will with Oeconomy be able to do more. I have wrote him to try and enlist some of the men at Stirling or of my [disbanded 71st Highland] Reg^t. at Perth and you must let him have a little money for that purpose if he can get a well behaved lad for a Serv^t he will be allowed to put him on the strength of his Comp^y as a recruit & draw pay for him, if there is any thing from here such as Buttons, lace, &^c for Reg^t: let me know & I shall bring it with me I beg you will keep him at writing & improving his hand and if you was to make your School Master give him an hour a day at book keeping & arithmetick it would be of great service to him I shall probably be down the end of this or beginning of next month, when I shall salute you all in the most cordial manner as I am

most affectionately yours

Tho^s Stirling...

Source: Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 76-77 from NLS, Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, ff. 91-92.

Col. Commandant Alexander, Earl Balcarres, Half-Pay 2nd 71st Highland Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) Returned as a Peer for Scotland, London, May 15, 1784

Crown-Office, May 15 [1784].

Return of the SIXTEEN PEERS for Scotland...

Earl of Balcarres...

Source: London Gazette, May 11-15, 1784, p. 2.

**Letter from Former Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., Regarding the Death of His Son,
Ens. John Macpherson, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., at Mangalore, India to Alexander Campbell,
Younger of Glenure, Lochend, May 22, 1784**

Lochend 22^d May 1784

My Dear Sandie

I received your friendly letter – the death of my promising Son distress me much – what you Observe is very just that our feeling are of no Avail and that we ought to submit to the will of Providence in a becoming manner but our nature is so framed as frequently to give way to imoderate grief I am making all the efforts I can against it but my feelings upon an Occasion of this kind are too strong which makes it sit the heavier upon me – I propose seeing you so soon as I am able – I have been in very indifferent health for some time past – the warm weather coming in may in some measure contribute to a removal of my complaints. I have wrote to your mother [M^cPherson's sister Mary] you'll offer my best wishes to your father [Duncan Campbell of Glenure] for whom I have a great value – I am

My Dear Sandie Yours aff^{ly}

James M^cPherson

Source and Note: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine* at GD170/1969/10. Mangalore is located on the southwest coast of India, about 570 miles south of Mumbai.

Promotion Announcement, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, June 8, 1784

War-Office, June 8, 1784...

42d Regiment of Foot [2nd Battalion]...

Ditto, Ensign John M^cDonald to be Lieutenant, vice [John] Oswald...

Ditto, Lieutenant James Spens to be Captain of a Company, vice [Thomas Dalyell] Dalzell.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 5-8, 1784, pp. 1-2. This order marks the retirement of Lt. John Oswald, who served in an Additional Company of the 42nd Regt. during the American war. Capt. Spens served briefly as an Ensign in the 1st Bn. in the American war

Excerpts of the Review of the Garrison, including the 42nd Regt., by Maj. Gen John Campbell of Strachur, Halifax, June 17, 1784

Head Q^{rs} Halifax 17th June 1784

Report of a General Review of His Majestys Forces that compose the Garrison of Halifax by Major General Campbell Commanding all His Majesty's Troops in Nova Scotia &^c &^c &^c on the 9th June 1784

Consisting of a Detachment of the Royal Artillery the 17th, 33rd & 42nd Regiments...

The Officers were properly Armed and saluted well...

John Campbell
MGen^l

General Return of the Names, Country, Age and Service of the Officers Present and Absent of His Majestys 42 nd /or Royal Highland Reg ^t of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray with the dates of their several Commissions. Reviewed by Major General John Campbell Halifax 9 th June 1784						
Rank and Names	Country				Years of	
	English	Scotch	Irish	Foreigners	Age	Service
Colonel Lord John Murray		1			76	46
Lieut ^t Col ^l Charles Graham		1			34	25
Major Walter Home		1			40	34
{ Charles Grant		1			41	25
{ James Campbell		1				
{ John Rutherford		1			37	21
Captains { George Dalrymple		1			26	12
{ David Anstruther		1				
{ Robert Potts		1			35	14
{ William Dickson		1			31	5
Capt ⁿ Lieu ^t Robert Franklin			1		32	14
{ Alex ^r Grant		1			32	12
{ Gavin Drummond		1			29	9
{ James Stewart		1				
{ Alex ^r Stewart		1			27	10
{ Alex ^r Innes		1			26	9

Lieuten ^{ts}	{ James Stirling		1			25	8
	{ Alex ^r Cumine		1			27	
	{ William M ^c Donald		1			23	8
	{ George Campbell		1			23	8
	{ Hugh Fraser		1			48	8
	{ Henry D. Fraser		1			24	
	{ William Fraser		1			17	5
	{ James Rose		1			38	4
	{ James Rivington	1				20	3
	{ Donald M ^c Nivan		1			23	3
Ensigns	{ William Anstruther		1			18	2
	{ Alex ^r Fraser		1			22	2
	{ Vacant						
	{ Vacant						
Chaplain	James M ^c Laggan		1			55	21
Adjutant	Hugh Fraser		1			48	9
Qu ^r Master	Hector M ^c Lean		1			37	6
Surgeon	William Robertson		1			30	8
Mate	Alex ^r Stewart		1			28	10

Ranks, and Names	Dates of their several Commissions in the Army						
	Ensigns	Lieutenants	Captain Lieutenants	Captain	Major	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel
Colonel Lord John Murray						23 ^d July 1738	25 th April 45
Lieut ^t Col ^l Charles Graham	17 th Septem ^r 1760	10 th Septem ^r 1762		7 th Septem ^r 1771	25 Aug ^t 1778	28 April 1782	
Major Walter Home		12 June 1760		25 May 1772	28 April 1782		
{ Charles Grant	28 th July 1760	9 th August 1762		20 March 76			
{ James Campbell				18 August 78			
{ John Rutherford	31 May 1764	31 March 1770	18 August 1778	31 Decem 80			
Captains { George Dalrymple	12 July 1773	24 Feb ^y 1776		25 Aug ^t 1778			
{ David Anstruther				6 Dec ^r 1778			
{ Robert Potts	7 Sept ^r 1771	12 July 1773	31 Decem ^r 1780	27 July 1783			
{ William Dickson	15 May 1780	28 April 1781		2 Feb ^y 1782			
Capt ⁿ Lieu ^t Robert Franklin	16 Octo ^r 1771	6 Sept ^r 1775	27 July 1783				
{ Alex ^r Grant	1 March 1773	23 Aug ^t 1776					
{ Gavin Drummond	31 Jan ^y 1776	5 October 1777					
{ James Stewart		7 October 1777					
{ Alex ^r Stewart	28 Aug ^t 1775	17 Decem ^r 1777					
{ Alex ^r Innes	21 Sept ^r 1776	3 Aug ^t 1778					
Lieuten ^{ts} { James Stirling	22 April 1777	3 Aug ^t 1778					
{ Alex ^r Cumine		18 Aug ^t 1778					
{ William M ^c Donald	5 October 1777	25 Aug ^t 1778					

{ George Campbell	27 Sept ^r 1777	18 Octo ^r 1778					
{ Hugh Fraser	17 Dec ^r 1777	19 Octo ^r 1778					
{ Henry D. Fraser		23 Nov ^r 1778					
{ William Fraser	13 Sept 1780						
{ James Rose	1 Jan ^y 81						
{ James Rivington	28 Feb ^y 1782						
{ Donald McNivan	4 May 1782						
Ensigns { William Anstruther	27 th July 1783						
{ Alex ^r Fraser	8 Aug ^t 1783						
{ Vacant	25 April 1781						
{ Vacant	25 July 1781						
Chaplain James McLaggan	15 June 1764	<u>Description of Officers Uniforms.</u> Scarlet Frocks with Gold laced Button holes & Epaulettes, Lapelled to the waist with dark blue & white lining, small round Sleeves, with blue Cuffs, buttons N ^o 42 ^d Reg ^t . White waist Coats, belted plaids & hose, blue Bonnets in place of Hatts, with Black Ostrich Feathers.					
Adjutant Hugh Fraser	20 March 1776						
Q ^r Master Hector McLean	21 Decem ^r 1779						
Surgeon William Robertson	11 Sept ^r 1777						
Mate Alex ^r Stewart	25 Aug ^t 1775						
		Signed <i>W. Home Major</i> <i>R. H. Reg^t ...</i>					

General Return of His Majestys 42 nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, Commanded by General Lord John Murray Reviewed by Major General John Campbell Halifax 9 th June 1784...				
Absent Officers			Officers on Duty and on what Duty	Vacant Officers and by what Means
Rank and Names	Since what Time	By whose Leave		
General Lord John Murray	29 th April 1776	His Majestys	Lieutenant George Campbell on Command	Two Ensigny's by the promotion of Ensign Dickson and Lorrain
Lieutenant Colonel Charles Graham	12 th do 1783	Sir Guy Carleton's		
{ James Campbell	Kept as Hostage with	the Spaniards		
{ John Rutherford	12 th April 1783	Sir Guy Carleton's		
Captains { George Dalrymple	19 th Octo ^r 1781	Sir Henry Clinton's		
{ David Anstruther	12 th July 1783	Sir Guy Carleton's		
{ James Stewart	19 th Octo ^r 1781	Sir Henry Clinton's		
Lieutenants { James Stirling	10 th Sept ^r 1783	Sir Guy Carleton's		
{ Henry David Fraser	12 th April 1784	Sir Guy Carleton's		
{ Alexander Cumine		Major General Campbell's		
{ William Anstruther		} Not joined since		
Ensigns { James Rivington		} Appointed		
{ Alexander Fraser		}		
Chaplain McLaggan		Officiating by Deputy		
<i>W. Home Major</i> <i>R. H. Regim^t</i>				

Source and Note: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns, Foreign*, 1783-1784 at WO 27/52, 75124. Unlike the Reviews of 1774 and 1775, the 1784 review did not use a preprinted form. A more accurate source of Commission data is provided in this volume in Appendix K, Commission and Succession Lists.

Capt. Robert Rollo, Late American Legion (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), on List of Disbanded Officers, County of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, June 18-24, 1784

Muster Roll of Disbanded Officer, discharged and Disbanded Soldiers and Loyalists taken in the County of Annapolis, betwixt the 18th. and 24th. of June 1784.

Annapolis Royal 30th. July 1784

Class	Names	Men	Women	Child above 10	D ^o under 10	Serv ^{ts} above 10	Serv ^{ts} under 10		Total	Remarks...
Jackson's...	Cap ^t . Rob ^t . Rollo	1	-	-	-	1	-		2	Disbanded Officer Am ⁿ Legion Settling at Bear River...

Source: Public Archives, Canada, *Ward Chipman Papers*, Master Muster General's Office, Loyalist Musters, at M.C. 23, D 1, Series I, Volume 24, pp. 28, 45. The American Legion was a joint Infantry-Cavalry unit, raised by Rebel traitor Brig. Gen. Benedict Arnold.

Widows' Pension and Bounty Application for Mrs. Margaret Smith, Widow of Quartermaster Colin Smith, 42nd Regt. (Died Dec. 21, 1779), London, July 2, 1784.

WE do hereby Certify to the best of our Knowledge, that *M^{rs}. Margaret Smith* was the Real Wife of *Colin Smith, late Quarter Master to the 42^d Reg^t. of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray, who died on full Pay the 21st. day of December 1779* And left the said *Margaret Smith with two Children unprovided for* –

Wherefore We humbly recommend her, as an Object of his MAJESTY'S Royal Bounty and Compassion. Given under our Hands this *fifteenth* Day of *July 1784*

John Murray General

Colonel of the 42R.

Alex^r Anderson Agent 42^d. Foot

London ss.

M^{rs}. Margaret Smith came this Day before me, and made Oath that she was lawfully married to *Colin Smith* late a *Quarter Master to in the 42nd. Reg^t. of Foot* – commanded by *General Lord John Murray* and ever since his Decease she has continued a Widow, and is so at this present Time; and that she has no other Pension, Allowance, or Provision made her by the Government, either in Great-Britain or Ireland, without the Pension she hopes to receive by his Majesty's Bounty.

the Mark of

Sworn before me at Guildhall, London }
2^d July 1784 before me }

X Margaret Smith

John Burwell

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Widows' Pensions and Bounty*, Application Papers at WO 25/3104/5/19. Capt. Peebles recorded in his journal that QM Smith shot himself over some mismanagement of prize money from the May 1779 Virginia raid. The italicized text represent the handwritten information on the pre-printed form.



Reproduction 9th Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

**Transfer Announcement for Maj. John Ritchie, Half-Pay 91st Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to the 9th or East Norfolk Regt., London, July 10, 1784**

War-Office, July 10, 1784...

9th Regiment of Foot, Major John Ritchie on the Half-pay of the late 91st Regiment, to be Major, vice John Money."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 6, 1784, p. 2. Maj. Ritchie previously served as a Lt. in the 42nd Grenadiers in the American war.

**Advertisement for the Sale of Pitnacree Estate, Owned by Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Aug. 6, 1784**

Judicial Sale of the lands of PITNACREE
Lying in the Parish of Loggyraite, and shire of Perth
BY ADJOURMENT
AND UPSET PRICE REDUCED.

TO be SOLD, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 10th August 1784, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon.

The Lands of PITNACREE, with the valuable woods, mansion –house, and others, thereto belonging, lately pertaining to Lord John Murray, The proven value, and former upset price whereof, was 5770l. 4s. 3d. 2-12ths; but the upset price is now reduced to 5000l. Sterling.

These lands of Pitnacree are known to be most pleasantly situated; they hold blench of the Crown, and intitle to a freehold qualification; and the woods thereon must now be greatly-increased in their value, the proof of their value having been taken in the year 1773.

The articles of roup [auction], and title-deeds, to be seen in the hands of John Callander depute clerk of Session, and John Fraser writer to the signet.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Aug. 6-10, 1784, p. 22.

**War Office Listing of Former 42nd Regt. Officers Who Served in Loyalist Units
and Were Placed on Half-Pay After the War, London, Aug. 11, 1784**

ARMY LIST 1783
British American Half Pay 1783

Officers of the British American Forces placed in Half Pay and Allowances
at the conclusion of the American War 1783,

See letter Book, 1784 N^o 10 (336)

Letter to Treasury dated 11th Aug^t. 1784...

[Alphabetical List]		[Unit page]	
[Robert] Rollo	Capt. }	22...	[Former Lt., 42 nd Regt.]
[David] Sutherland	2 ^d . L ^t . }	29...	[Former Ens., 42 nd Regt.]

Seconded Officers from 25th. Oct^r. 1783 [p. 22]...

American Legion Captains Robert Rollo [annotation] to Dec^r 18th...

Lieut: Colonel Butler's Rangers [p. 29]...

Second Lieut^s... David Sutherland, [annotation] 5 West India Reg^t. 21 Mar. 1805...

Source: TNA, *British American Half Pay 1783* at WO 65/166 (Formerly WO 65 Index 5606), ff. 1, 18, 19, 47, 48, 55, and 58.

**News Article on Scots Immigrant Problems, from 42nd Regt. Officer, Halifax, Nova Scotia,
Sept. 8, 1784**

Extract of a letter from an officer in the 42d regiment, dated Halifax, 8th September 1784

“I am sorry to see so many of the poor adventurers from our country going about the streets almost starving; the province is full of people, and a number of these miserable wretches have nothing to subsist on after they leave the ship; I wish a stop was put to this sort of Emigration.”

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Nov. 19, 1784, p. 11.

**Advertisement for the Sale of the Furniture of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
London, Oct. 5, 1784**

By Mr. GREENWOOD.

At his ROOMS, the West-side of Leicester-square, Tomorrow, the 6th of October, and following Day at 12 o’Clock

THE Elegant and Genuine HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, late in the possession of
LORD JOHN MURRAY;

brought from his Lordship’s house on Oxford-street, (a sale not permitted on the premises) consisting of exceeding handsome mahogany bookcases, chairs and tables, beds and bedding, fine bed and table linen, pier-glasse, fine oil japan jars, and other china: a piano-forte, a sedan chair, good kitchen furniture, and a variety of other articles.

To be viewed, and catalogues had to the sale.

Source and Note: *Morning Post and Daily Advertiser*, Oct. 5, 1784, p. 1. A “*pier-glasse*” is a large mirror placed on the narrow section of wall between two windows.

Promotions for 42nd Regt. Officer and Half-Pay Officer, London, Oct. 9, 1784

War-Office, October 9, 1784...

42d Regiment of Foot, 1st Battalion, James Blair, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Alexander Loraine...

64th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant George Fraser, on the Half-Pay of the 42d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice John Holden Cowell.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 5-9, 1784, pp. 1-2. Lt. Loraine had been promoted to Lt. effective July 25, 1781. Accordingly Ens. Blair was promoted into a blank Ensigncy from that transaction. Lt. Lorraine went out on half-pay effective Dec. 12, 1783.

**Letter from Secretary at War George Yonge to Alexander Anderson Esq., Regimental Agent
Regarding Full Pay for 42nd Regt. Half-pay Lieutenants, Delayed in America, London, Oct. 19, 1784**

W.O. 19 Oct^r 1784

Sir,

It appearing that Lieut^{ts} Geo: Fraser, James Alston & Alex^r Loraine reduced Officers of the 1st Battⁿ of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot were detained on Service abroad so they could not arrive in England until the 12th December last, I am to signify to you His M.^ys [Majesty’s] Pleasure that you do give the said several Officers the amount of their full Pay respectively from the 25th June 1783 to the 12th December following inclusive, & place the same against the vacant Pay of the 1st Battⁿ of the 42^d Reg^t where the Charge will be allowed.

I am S^r

Alex^r Anderson Esqr.
Lothbury

Geo: Yonge

[Margin note]

Mem: Lieut^s Fraser, Alston & Loraine having receiv'd their half Pay the difference only between that & Full Pay was made good to them under this order

A. Lewis

Source: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters* at WO 4/127, p. 90.



Reproduction 57th Regt. Uniform Button

**Promotion Announcement for Capt. John Campbell, Half-Pay, 74th Regt. of (Highland) Foot
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Company in the 57th or West Middlesex Regt.,
London, Oct. 30, 1784**

War-Office, October 30, 1784...

57th Regiment of Foot, Captain John Campbell on Half-Pay in the 74th regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Neil Campbell."

Source: *London Gazette*, Oct. 26-30, 1784, p. 1.

**Account of Duel Involving Brevet-Maj. Lord William Murray, 73rd (MacLeod's) Highland Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Oreat, India, Oct. 31, 1784**

9. *Extract of a letter from Oreat in the East-Indies, dated the 20th of December, 1784.*

"On the 31st of October last a duel was fought between Lord William Murray and Lieut. Gilbert Waugh of the 73d regiment, when the latter was mortally wounded, and died 3 days after, greatly regretted by his brother officers, and universally lamented by all his friends and acquaintance."

Source and Note: *Ipswich Journal*, Nov. 19, 1785, p. 2. "Oreat" is the location cited in the original article, but that location cannot be identified. *The Gentleman's Magazine*, Nov. 1785, reported the duel occurred on the 21st of Oct. 1784 (p. 912).

War Office Promotions and Leave Approvals, 42nd Regt., London, Nov. 3, 1784

W. O. 3^d. Nov^r. 1784

Sir,

Duplicate by
the De^r. Pacquet

I have the honor to send you enclosed a List of promotions made in the Regts
under your Command and of Leaves of Absence granted by the King.

I have &c.

Geo: Yonge

Major Gen^l. [John] Campbell [of Strachur

&c &c &c

Halifax

Nova Scotia

37th. Regt of Foot...

42^d. Reg^t. 1st. Battⁿ.

James Blair, Gent. To be Ensign vice [Alexander] Loraine promoted 6th. Oct^r. 1784...

57th. Reg^t.

Captⁿ. Jn^o Campbell on Half Pay 74th Reg^t to be Captain of a Company, } 27th Oct^r. 1784.
 vice Neil Campbell who exchanges }

Leaves of Absence...

Lieut. H[enry]. D[avid]. Frazer	}	42 ^d . Regt 1 st . Batt ⁿ .	{	6 Months from 10 th . Sept. 84 for his Health
Ens ⁿ . [William] Anstruther	}		{	6 _____ from 12 th Aug ^t . D ^o
Capt ⁿ . [James] Campbell	}		{	6 _____ from 1 st . Oct ^r . on Private Affairs
Lieut. [James] Stirling	}		{	6 _____ from 5 th Oct ^r . D ^o ...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-letters. America* at WO 4/276, p. 20. Capt. John Campbell was previously a Lieutenant in the 42nd Regt.

Order from Secretary at War George Yonge to Capt. Henry Graham, Additional Company of the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Lt., 1st Battalion) to March to Chatham Barracks Prior to Embarking for India, London, Nov. 11, 1784

It is H. M. P. [His Majesty's Pleasure] that you cause the Recruits of the 42^d Reg^t. of Foot, under your Command, on their arrival in South Britain to March from under the care of such Commissioned & Non commissioned Officers as you shall judge expedient, by the shortest & most convenient Route to Chatham Barracks, where they are to be quartered & remain until further Order. Wherein &ca Given &ca 11th Nov^r 1784

By H M's [His Majesty's] Command
Geo Yonge

Cap^t. Graham, or Officer
 Comm^g: the Recruits of the 42^d Reg^t:
 of Foot; on their arrival in
 South Britain

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War Marching and Militia Orders* at WO5/63, p. 459. Chatham was located about 33 miles southeast of London.

Letter from Maj. Walter Home, 42nd Regt., to the Secretary at War Regarding Rank Precedent Between the Two Battalions of the Regiment, London, Nov. 22, 1784

Cecil Street Nov^r: 22^d: 1784

Sir

Before I left Halifax in Oct^r: last, I had been credibly informed that the 2^d: Battⁿ: of the 42^d: Reg^t., on its return from India, would be reduced as a distinct & separate Battⁿ. from the 1st: now in Nova Scotia; & that the Officers of the young would not interfere with those of the old Battⁿ: –

On my arrival here I found that the matter either had not been fully considered, or that it was not finally determined.

The following circumstance obliges me, as Commanding Officer of the 1st: Battⁿ: to be anxious to have the matter ascertained.

Cap^t: [Charles] Grant who purchased his company nine years ago, gave in his Resignation to retire from the Service on receiving the regulated price for his Commission, / just before my departure from Halifax; and I should wish to recommend the Senior Officers of each Rank in the first Battalion to succeed to the promotion, provided they will not be in danger of being put on half pay by the interference of the 2^d: Battⁿ: with the first. I hope Sir you will forgive me for representing the hardship to which the

first Battⁿ: will be exposed by this Interference. The second Batt was raised in Britain when the first was on Service in N^o: America without the smallest benefit or advantage by promotion to the old Officers of the first Battⁿ: the two Corps have constantly been employed on separate & distant Services without interfering; & if they should interfere at last, the old & established Battalion will have been placed thereby in a Situation where it would only lose, and where it was impossible to gain. The two Senior Cap^{ts}. of the first Battⁿ. at this moment, were Officers before the Major of the Second Battalion was born.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Sir Your Most Hble & Most Obed^t: Servant

The R^t: Hon^{ble}

The Secretary at War
&c &c &c

W: Home

Major Ist: Bⁿ:
42^d:

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II* at WO 1/1024, p. 265. The issue was moot after the 2nd Bn. was not reduced but renumbered as the 73rd Regt. in 1786

Embarkation Return for Capt. Henry Graham's Additional Company, 2nd Battalion 42nd Regt., for Voyage to India, Chatham, Nov. 29, 1784

Return of the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers &c to Embark for India

29th November 1784

Officers for this Duty	Regiments	Commissioned Officers			Staff	Non Commissioned Officers			Privates
		Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns		Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	
Lieu ^t Campbell & Ens [Thomas Aked] Eked	36	..	1	1	..	2	2	1	100
Cap ^t [Henry] Graham & Ens. [Hugh] Sutherland	42 ^d	1	..	1	..	2	2	..	105
Ensigns Bourke & Wardrobe	52 ^d	2	..	2	2	1	60
Lieu ^t & Ens	73 ^d	..	1	1	..	2	2	..	100
Lieu ^t . Robinson, Ensign Fawcett & Surgeon Wood	78 th	..	1	1	1	2	2	..	90
Total		1	3	6	1	10	10	2	455

Of the above Number, Cap^t. Graham & 53 Private of the 42^d Reg^t. now on their March from Scotland and expected to arrive from thence by the end of December –

As also of the above Number, One Lieutenant & 100 Private of the 73^d Reg^t. also on their March from Scotland & expected to arrive at the same time –

Total now present for Embarkation at Chatham

Cap ^t	Lieu ^{ts}	Ens ^s	Surgeon,	Serjeants,	Corp ^{ls} .	Drum	Priv ^{ts} .
..	2	5	1	8	8	2	302

Jam^s: Townsend

I: Gen^l:

Source and Note: TNA, War Office, *Embarkation Returns* at WO 25/1145, f. 112. Capt. Graham, nephew of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, served as a Lt. in the 1st Battalion during the American war.

Letter from Chap. James M^cLagan, 42nd Regt., to James Robertson of Kindrochet Regarding Construction Funds, Blair Manse, Nov. 30, 1784

Blair Manse Nov 30th 1784

Sir,

I trouble you with this to acquaint you that after paying the mason's & carpenter's accompts for the Kirks, manse & offices, there remains in my hands a balance of £4.13.3 sterling. This I told the Duke [of Atholl] who proposed (instead of having a meeting of the Heritors & dividing it) to lay it out in finishing what was in the estimates before – relating to the manse and offices & spoke himself to Lude about it who has readily agreed – I have mentioned it to Colonel Robertson & Auchleeks who both approve. I expect similar answers from the gentlemen who live at a distance, to who I have already or soon will write. The things most necessary to be done are the slating of the Porch, the flagging of the kitchen, the repairing of the hearth of fire places, the vent, roofs &c &c. If you are of the same opinion respecting your proportion of it, be pleased to signify to your assent & I shall lay it out in the best manner I can as far as it will go.

With Kind comp^s &c
James M^cLagan

Source and Note: NRS, *Irvine Robertson Papers*; James Robertson of Kindrochet General Correspondence, Kindrochet Box at GD1/53. Transcribed by James Irvine Robertson at jamesirvinerobertson.co.uk. Rev. M^cLagan was on extended leave from the 42nd Regt. at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Hay Macdowal, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Capt., 1st Battalion), to Major, London, Dec. 4, 1784

War-Office, December 4, 1784...

42d Regiment, 2d Battalion, Captain Hay MacDowall to be Major, vice [John] Campbell.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 30-Dec. 4, 1784, p. 1. Maj. Macdowal was a former Capt. in 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., although he never joined the regt. in America. The 2nd Battalion was stationed in India at this time.



Thomas Townshend, 1st Viscount Sydney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Summary of Request from Maj. Gen. John Campbell of Strachur, to Baron Sydney, Secretary of State to Appoint His Nephew, Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., as Deputy Adjutant General, Halifax, Dec. 29, 1784

Dec. 29, 1784 Halifax

The difficulty of making returns from the dispersed situation of the troops, the demands of disbanded soldiers and the multitude of loyalists arrived and arriving. This makes him renew his application for the appointment of a Deputy Adjutant General; recommends Capt. James Campbell.

Source and Note: *Sessional Papers of the Dominion of Canada*, Volume 28, Issue 6, 1895, Google Books, p. 429. Capt. Campbell had recently arrived in Nova Scotia from being held hostage by the Spanish Army after the surrender Pensacola, West Florida in May 1781.

1785



St. Paul's Church, Halifax

Picture Source: *Hutchinson's Story of the British Nations*, Walter Hutchinson, Hutchinson & Co., London, p. LXXXVI.

Text of Tombstone of Retired Capt. Charles Grant, 42nd Regt., St. Paul's Church Burial Ground, Halifax, Feb. 1, 1785

Here lies the body of Charles Grant, Esq., late Captain in the First Battalion of His Majesty's 42nd Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, who departed this life the 1st day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1785. Aged 44 years.

Source and Note: *Family History Stairs Morrow*, William James Stairs, McAlpine Publishing Co., Halifax, N. S., 1906, Google Books, p. 15. A Nov. 1784 letter from Maj. Home indicates Grant retired from the 42nd Regt. Oct. 1784 but the date of rank of his replacement Capt. Robert Pigot Chrystie is Aug. 26, 1785, based on the supposed retirement of Capt. Grant. Normally the date of rank of the successor to an officer would be the same as his retirement date.

News Article of the Drowning of the Wife of Capt. Normand MacLeod (Cyprus), Late 2nd 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. 42nd Regt.), Isle of Skye, Feb. 8, 1785

By a letter from Skye we have an account, that as Capt. Norman Macleod, late of the 71st regiment, was going, on Feb. 8. in a boat with his wife, whom he had lately married, and her sister, upon a visit to some friends; the boat struck upon a sunken rock when she filled and overset. The Captain got hold of an oar, where he remained with his wife and her sister near two hours, when they were all three taken up by a boat from the shore. Every effort was tried, but unfortunately in vain, to recover Mrs Macleod."

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, March 1785, p. 155. MacLeod served for most of the American War as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. He was wounded during the attack on Fort Washington in Nov. 1776 and again shortly after being promoted

in the 71st Regt. during the siege of Charleston in 1780. He is identified in Clan histories as Norman MacLeod of Cyprus based on his trade activities there before his commission.

Retirement Announcement for Brevet-Lt. Col. George MacKenzie, 73rd (MacLeod's) Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), London, Feb. 12, 1785

War-Office, February 12, 1785...

73d Regiment of Foot, Captain. Alexander Trotter to be Major, vice George Mackenzie.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 8-12, 1785, pp. 1-2. MacKenzie can be confused with Lt. Col. the Hon. George Mackenzie, 73rd Regt., who served as Capt. of the Light Infantry Company in the 42nd Regt. during the beginning of the American war and died in India.

Excerpt of Request from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to His Son-in-Law, Capt. William Murray (formerly Foxlowe), for He and His Wife, Mary Murray, to Join Him, Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 5, 1785

This is a charming place, you'll both be well here ... let me know how you travel. In my opinion your wife may come in her little phaeton with her four ponies, if you and your servant ride on horseback, and he carries a portmanteau, but you are the best judge what to do... If I live, I shall endeavour to get you the rank of King's aide-de-camp. By that means you will be Colonel... I have written to the Duke of Athole that I wish he would speak to the Minister "about a title for you before you leave England, "and I have sent the letter to M^r. [Alexander] Anderson to deliver. Please acquaint your father of this, but no one else, not even your wife, for women are bad secretaries I have let the Duke of Gordon know that you intended making him a visit at Gordon Castle, but were called away [from Pitnacree] on business, and had not time even to see my sister at Banff Castle. If the Duke of Athole is not in town when you come there, take my letter to him (from M^r. Anderson) to the Duke of Gordon to open. He will then see what I have said to the Duke of Athole, and that I beg he will introduce you to the King, speaking first of it to the Minister, to have his approbation. I have written likewise to M^r. Anderson to advance the money for the fees.

Affectionately yours,

John Murray

Berne, 5 February, 1785.

Source and Note: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886. p. 515 and footnote. After the season in Spa, Belgium, Lord Murray spent the winter of 1783-1784 in Brussels, then traveled about 350 miles to Dijon, France and then another 157 miles to Berne, Switzerland where this letter was written. Alexander Anderson was the regimental agent for the 42nd Highlanders and Lord Murray frequently requested him to perform person favors. Lord John Murray's sister was Lady Findlater.

Payment by Parliament for Expenses Sustained by Maj. of Brigade (and Capt.) James Campbell, 42nd Regt., While Held Hostage by the Spanish Army, London, Apr. 7, 1785

7 Aprilis A. 1785

Army Extras Dates of Warrants
1784

August 28.

...To Captain James Campbell, for the Expenses
he incurred by having been detained as a Hostage
by Spain after the Surrender of Pensacola

793[£] 9[s]...

Source and Note: *Journals of the House of Commons, From May the 18th, 1784, In the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, to December the 1st, 1785*, Reprinted by Order of the House of Commons, 1803, Google Books, p. 789. Capt. Campbell was captured at the surrender of Pensacola in May 1781 while serving as the major of brigade for his uncle, Maj. Gen. John Campbell of Strachur, and held hostage by the Spanish Army until Dec. 1783.

Payment by Parliament for Expenses Sustained by Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Late 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), for Treatment of His Leg Wound, London, Apr. 7, 1785

7 Aprilis A. 1785

Army Extras Dates of Warrants

1784...

January ...29th

To Major General *Thomas Stirling*, for the Cure of a Wound received as he was leading the van of the British Army against Rebels in New Jersey, the 6th June 1780

332[£] 5[s]...

Source and Note: *Journals of the House of Commons, From May the 18th, 1784, In the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, to December the 1st, 1785*, Reprinted by Order of the House of Commons, 1803, Google Books, p. 786. At the time Stirling was wounded he was commanding a brigade in New Jersey, while the 42nd Regt. was returning from the Siege of Charleston.



Reproduction 60th Regt. Uniform Button

Promotion Announcement for Lt. Hon. George Fraser, 64th or the 2nd Staffordshire Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company in the 1st Battalion, 60th or Royal American Regt., London, Apr. 23, 1785

War-Office, April 23, 1785...

60th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant George Fraser from the 64th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Brevet Major James Grandidier.

Source: *London Gazette*, Apr. 19, 1785, p. 2.

Excerpt of Memorial by Lt. Col. Charles Graham, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., to Sec. at War. George Yonge to Give Rank Precedent to 1st Battalion Officers in the Event the 2nd Battalion was to be Reduced as Proposed, Great Britain, June 6, 1785

The Forty-second Regiment was ordered, in the spring of 1776, on Service to North America, where, during the whole course of the War which followed, it may with truth be averred, that no one Regiment was more constantly employed, serving chiefly with one or other of the Flank Corps, and that no Regiment was more exposed to danger, – underwent more fatigue, – or suffered more from both.

Source and Note: *Historical Record of the Forty-Second or, the Royal Highland Regiment of Foot*, Richard Cannon, Parker, Furnivall and Parker, London, 1845, pp. 84-85 from TNA, *Proceedings of a Board of General Officers* at WO71/11, pp. 272-9. Lt. Col. Graham was on leave in Great Britain from Halifax when this memorial was written. The 2nd Bn. was not reduced, but rather renumbered as the 73rd Regt. in 1786.

Promotion Announcement for Lt. John Nesmyth, Half-Pay 42nd Regt., to be Lieutenant, 69th or South Lincolnshire Regt., London, June 25, 1785

Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland; all dated June 25, 1785...

69th Foot, Lieutenant John Nasmyth, from the British Half-Pay of the 1st Battalion of 42d Foot, to be Lieutenant; vice Robert Amory, who exchanges.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 26-30, 1785, pp. 1-2. Lt. Nesmyth previously served in the 69th Regt. before transferring to the 42nd Regt. in Oct. 1782 and going out on half-pay in 1783.

Letter from Lt. and Asst. Engineer Dugald Campbell (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Col. Edward Winslow, Regarding Engineering Dept. Accounts, Frederickton, New Brunswick, July 16, 1785

Frederickton 16th. July 1785

Sir

In consequence of a letter I have this day received from Captain Balfour, I have sent him Abstracts of the difficult Accounts of expences incurred by the Engineer Department in this district since the 24th. Oct^r. last to be attested by the Board of Accounts, they having already examined and approved them. Captain Balfour will give you for the General's information the Abstracts as soon as they are signed, being duplicates of those already sent by me to Head Quarters, not knowing at that time they were to be forwarded through you. – I am Sir

Your most ob^t hum^l Serv^t

Dug^d Campbell

L^t. & Assistant Eng^r.

Col. Winslow

Source: *The Winslow Papers*, Vol. 4-100, Univ. of New Brunswick Archives and Special Collections.

Excerpt of Letter from Mary Murray, Daughter of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to the Countess of Effingham, Chateau de Gerensee, Switzerland, Aug. 1785

My dear Madam, Pray excuse my silence, as I believe I made a promise of writing to your Ladyship as soon as I arrived at Berne, and am quite ashamed to have so long delayed that pleasure. ... We had a pleasant and good journey to Berne, and found my father in very good health and spirits, and very happy to see us Berne is a very pretty town, and very clean.

We staid some time in Berne, and are now at the Chateau de Gerensee, a very good modern house, which my father has taken for the summer and autumn. It is the property of a lady at Berne, and stands in a most charming, romantic situation. At the front we have prodigious mountains which overtop the clouds, and appear quite close to us, but are at several miles' distance. We have likewise a fine view of the mountains which surround the glaciers, and are covered with eternal snow; as well as of other mountains enveloped with thick woods. There is also a pretty lake, which belongs to the house, and in which we have the liberty of fishing.

With the hope of hearing soon of your welfare, and that your Ladyship and Lord Effingham have continued in perfect health since I had the happiness of seeing you at Peckham Rye, I am,

dear Madam, your very sincere friend and humble servant,

Chateau de Gerensee, August, 1785.

Mary Murray

Source and Note: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, by William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886, footnote pp. 515-516. Gerzensee, Switzerland about thirteen miles southeast of Berne.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to His Daughter, Mary Murray, Regarding Her Return to England from France; Paris, Aug. 25, 1785

My dear Daughter, I had the great pleasure last night of receiving a letter of the 19th from your husband, from Dover, informing me that you got safely there, after a very short passage, and were not ill. I humbly thank the Almighty for it. Give my compliments to your husband for letting me know so soon ... Certainly you went on your knees to thank God, who has preserved you, and you pray to be kept from passion and jealousy, your great faults. Be very obedient to your husband, and submissive in all things, which is ordained by God Almighty. It is your own fault if you are not happy. I am very old—seventy-six

years of age, and I will give you for pin-money £100 a year, and £50 for the rent of another house, provided you use your husband very well. Otherwise I shall order you nothing. Banner Cross is an old house, which I shall keep in my own hands for my life. You will soon come to it, as soon as I die, which cannot lie long. Consult with your husband about it, and tell me what you decide. I have written to Mr. Anderson of this. I hope you will both be happy.

Your most affectionate father,
John Murray

Write often, at least once a month, and to your aunt.

Source and Note: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, by William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886, footnote p. 518. Lord John Murray was living then at 95 Rue de Verneville, Paris. Mary Murray's husband, William (Foxlowe) Murray, had been a Capt. of an independent company at the end of the war. He had received permission from the King to take the name Murray. Mr. Anderson is likely the regimental agent of the 42nd Highlanders, Alexander Anderson.

**Pay Receipt for Lt. Dugald Campbell (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) as Assistant Engineer,
Fredericton (Formerly Saint Anns Point), New Brunswick, Canada, Aug. 25, 1785**

Saint Anns Point N Brunswick
25th August 1785

His Majesty's Works } D^r
in the Engineer Dep^t. }

To Lieut Dugald Campbell for his pay as Assistant Engineer employed in the district of Saint Johns river New Brunswick under the direction of Lieut James Glenie Engineer, commencing the 25th. June and Ending the 24th. August 1785 inclusive, amounting in the whole to the sum of twenty four pounds ten shillings and two pence Halifax Curr^y.

Certified by
Ja^s Glenie Eng^r...

Fredericton 25th August 1786

Received from Joseph Wheelright Esq^r. Acting deputy paymaster general by the hands of Edward Winslow Esq^r the sum of twenty pounds ten shillings & two pence Halifax currency in full of the within account. Having signed two receipts of this sum and date.

Dug^d Campbell
L^t. & Ass^t. Eng^r.

Witness M. Byler

Source and Note: No. 16, New Brunswick Accounts 29, *Winslow Family Papers*, Univ. of New Brunswick. Half-pay Lt. Campbell took a land grant in then Nova Scotia at the end of the American war in lieu of returning to Scotland.

Promotion/Retirement Announcement, 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Sept. 10, 1785

War-Office, September 10, 1785...

42d Regiment of Foot, 1st Battalion, Lieutenant Robert Pigot Christie, of the 20th Regiment of Foot, to be Captain of a Company, vice Charles Grant.

Ditto, Lieutenant William Johnston, of the 37th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice John Rutherford.

Ditto, Lieutenant Alexander Grant to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Robert Franklin.

Ditto, Ensign Archibald Campbell, on the Half-Pay of the 2d Battalion of the 84th Regiment, to be Ensign, vice James Rivington.

Ditto, Alexander Simpson, Gent. to be Ensign."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 6-10, 1785, pp. 1-2. This order marks the retirement of Capt. Rutherford and the death of Capt. Lt. Franklin on Aug. 31, 1785 while still serving with the regiment at Nova Scotia. Capt. Charles Grant's tombstone in Halifax indicates he died Feb. 1, 1785 but a Nov. 1784 letter from Maj. Home indicate he retired in Oct. 1784.

War Office Promotion/Retirement Orders and Leave Approvals, 42nd Regt., London, Oct. 6, 1785

W. O. 6^h. October 1785

Sir

Duplicates sent
by the Nov^r.
Pacquet

I have the honor to send you enclosed a List of Promotions made in the Reg^{ts}. under
your Command, and Leaves of Absence granted by the King.

I have &c
Geo: Yonge

Major Gen^l. Campbell
&c &c &c
Nova Scotia

37th. Reg^t. of Foot...

42^d. Regiment 1st. Battⁿ.

L ^t . Rob ^t . Pigot Chrystie of the 20 th . Foot to be Captain of a Company,	} 26 ^h . Aug ^t . 1785
vice [Charles] Grant who Retires	}
Lieut. William Johnston, of the 37 th . Reg ^t . to be Captain of a Comp ^y .	} do
Vice [John] Rutherford who Retires	}
L ^t . Alex ^r . Grant to be Capt L ^t . vice [Robert] Franklin deceased	} 31 st . do
Ens: Archibald Campbell from half pay in the 2 ^d . Batt ⁿ .	} 26 ^h . do
of the 84 ^h . Reg ^t . to be Ensign, vice [James] Rivington, who Exch ^s .	}
Alexander Simpson Gent. To be Ensign, vice [William] Dickson	} do
Promoted	}...

Leaves of Absence...

L ^t . [James] Stewart	} of 42 ^d . Reg ^t .	{ 6 Months from 7 th . May 1785, on his P. Aff ^s .
Major [Walter] Home	}	{ 6 Months from 1 st . June 1785 on D ^o

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Out-letters, America, 1784-1790* at WO 4/276, pp. 75-76. (f. 38). Capt. Charles Grant likely retired in Oct. 1784. He died in Halifax in Feb. 1785. Ens. Rivington was very young and never actually served with the regiment.



Maj. George Dalrymple, 42nd Regt., circa 1791- 1794

Picture Source: The Black Watch Castle & Museum

**County Record of Post of Marriage Bond for Capt. George Dalrymple, 42nd Lt. Infantry Company,
Nova Scotia, Canada, Oct. 15, 1785**

Capt. Dalrymple posted a £100 marriage Bond payable to Gov. John Parr on Oct. 15, 1785 for his marriage to Martha Miller in the province of Nova-Scotia.

Source: Halifax County, Nova Scotia, Marriage Bond Registration Book, Year: 1785, Book: 1700, p. 582.

**Promotion Announcement for 2nd Lt. James Lees (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.) to be 1st Lieutenant,
Corps of Engineers, London, Oct. 26, 1785.**

Office of Ordnance, October 26, 1785...

Corps of Engineers... Second Lieutenant James Lees to be First Lieutenant, vice Benjamin Fisher, promoted.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 25-29, 1785, p. 1. Lt. Lees had resigned from the 42nd Regt. shortly before the regiment sailed for America in 1776.



Miniature of Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt. (back labeled "*Major Jas Campbell H. M. 42 Regt*")

Picture Source: Courtesy of Historical Antique Arms

Letter from Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt. and Military Secretary to Gen. John Campbell of Strachur, Commander-in-Chief, to Edward Winslow, Halifax, Nov. 19, 1785

Halifax, 19th November, 1785

Sir

I am honored with your letter of the 4th instant by Lieu^t Gordon, now acting Paymaster of Contingencies &c. at this place, vice Whitlock deceased And feel myself highly honored by the preamble of your letter, and gladly accept of that familiar correspondence you so frankly and so obligingly propose on the footing of our mutual attachment to General Campbell. But here sir permit me to remind you that (unless I am very much deceived) I have already been admitted to the Friendship of Hospitality in your House, and to the protection of your Household Gods; Some little attention I was enabled to shew you on Staten Island when Brigade Major to General Campbell in 1777, together with your own hospitable disposition, procured me the Honor of a Bed at your House in New York, and I recollect that the House you then inhabited had the year before been occupied by Captⁿ. Powell and some officers of the 49th Reg^t...

I have the honor to be Sir,

Edward Winslow, Esquire
&c &c

Your most obed^t humble servant
{ *James Campbell* }
{ *Secretary* }

Sources: *Winslow Papers A. D. 1776 – 1826*, Ed. Rev. W. O. Raymond, New Brunswick Historical Society, 1901, Google Books, pp. 319-320 and *The Winslow Papers*, Item 4-138, Univ. of New Brunswick.

Letter from Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt. and Military Secretary to Gen. John Campbell of Strachur, Commander-in-Chief, to Edward Winslow, Halifax, Nov. 20, 1785

Head Quarters Halifax the 20th Nov.^r
~ 1785

Dear Sir,

Major General Campbell has this morning relented from his Intentions Yesterday, and has cancelled the former and wrote a fresh Letter to Colonel Bruce, warranting the Payment of the Expences incurred by the Repairs of Barracks at Fort Howe, and the Conversion of Part of the Provision Store into Barrack for the Non Commissioned Officers and Men, and into a Regimental Hospital whereof I consider it but Justice to advise you, that you may be prepared accordingly He has however wrote him informing in future a strict observance of, and Conformity to the Orders whereof a Copy is herewith inclosed you. The General desires to acknowledge the Rec^t. of your Favor to him of the 3^d ins^t., and begs to assure you afresh of his attachment and Esteem And that he thinks it woud be no more than Justice to you, & woud unquestionably be a sensible Gratification to himself to have some thing to bestow more worthy of your Acceptance For my Part it will afford me the highest Pleasure to be able to demonstrate myself

Your Friend and Humble Servant

Colonel Winslow &c^a.}

James Campbell

Source: *The Winslow Papers*, Item 4-140, Univ. of New Brunswick.

Marriage Announcement for Capt. George Dalrymple, 42nd Regt., Nova Scotia, Late 1785

MARRIAGES, January 1786...

At Mount Denson, in Nova Scotia, Capt. Dalrymple of the 42d regiment, to Miss Martha Willet Miller.

Source and Notes: *European Magazine, and London Review*, January, 1786, Google Books, p. 65. Mount Denson is located about 46 miles northeast of Halifax. Based on the time required for Nova Scotia news to reach Britain, the wedding must have occurred sometime in late 1785.

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War Office Promotions and Leave Approvals, 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 4, 1786

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Sir

W. O. 4th Jan^{ry}: 1786

I have the honor to send you enclosed a list of Promotions made in the Reg^{ts}:
under y^r: command & of leaves of absence granted by the K[ing].

I have &c.

Off^r. comm^g:

Geo: Yonge

H. M's Forces

Nova Scotia

17th Reg^t: of F^t...

37th Reg^t...

Leaves of absence

L^{ts} ... } of 37th Reg^t: 6 Months from { ... } Nov^r: 1785 Private Aff^{rs}:
[James] Mitchell } { 27th } ...

Captⁿ [Robert] Potts }

L^{ts} [Gavin] Drummond }

[Alexander] Innes }

A[lexander] Stewart } of 42^d Reg^t: 1st Bⁿ: 6 Months from 3^d Oct^r: 1785 P[ri]vate]. A[ffairs].

H[enry] D[avid] Fraser }

Ensⁿ. [William] Anstruther }
 Surgⁿ. [William] Robertson }

L^t. Col. [Charles] Graham } of 42^d Reg^t: 1st Bⁿ: to 1st Mar. 1785 P. A.
 L^t. [Alexander] Cumine }...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, America* at WO 4/276, pp. 94-95 (f. 48). Lt. James Mitchell, 37th Regt., was a former Surgeon's Mate in the 42nd Regt. during the American war.



Saint-François Square, Lausanne, Switzerland, circa 1840

Source: Wikimedia Commons from Musée historique de Lausanne. Photograph by Rama

News Account of Winter Residence of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 18, 1786

For the Public Advertiser...

At Lausanne [Switzerland] there winters also General Lord John Murray.

Source and Note: *The Public Advertiser*, Jan. 18, 1786, p. 2. Lausanne is a city in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, located about 39 miles northeast of Geneva.

Newspaper Account of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) Receiving the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh, Jan. 25, 1786

EDINBURGH...

On Wednesday [Jan. 25] the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, conferred the freedom of the city on Major-General Thomas Stirling.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Jan. 31, 1786, p. 5.

Announcement of Promotion of Ens. William Fraser and Retirement of Lt. George Campbell, 42nd Regt., London, Feb. 18, 1786

War-Office, February 18, 1786...

42d Regiment of Foot, 1st Battalion, Ensign William Fraser, to be Lieutenant, vice George Campbell.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 14-18, 1786, p. 2. At this point only one of the three William Frasers who served during the American war was still serving as an officer in the regiment. This officer was the son of long serving Adj. Hugh Fraser.

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to His Sister, Anne Graham (Airth) Regarding Passage to India for Her Son, Capt. Henry Graham, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Lt., 1st Battalion), London, Mar. 4, 1784

Edin^r 4th March 1786

...I had a Letter two days ago from [42nd Regt. Agent] M^r [Alexander] Anderson wherein he tells me they had positively refused giving any allowance to Henry for his passage tho he had only asked what the Subaltern had got (£70) & even with that they would pay about £10 – more for the expense of it, He says Henry has taken his passage on Board the [East Indiaman] Will^m Pitt which would sail in about a fortnight after the date of his Letter (25th Ul^o) so that there is little time to spare if you mean to apply to L^d Graham, to recommend him to L^d Cornwallis [Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis] which by all means you ought to do as certainly it would be of great service to him, but I doubt if L^d Cornwallis would take him into his suite as he will have such powerful recommendations from all hands for hundreds of others and the time is so short if the ship sails as Anderson mentions that Henry will probably have paid his passage already & could not get it back however I would not have you fail in applying for L^d Grahms recommendation as at all events it will do him service. I wished to have seen Coll Ross321 before he set out for London to have spoke to him but missed him Henry knows Coll Ross and I hope will wait of him to beg to introduce him to Ld Cornwallis, I could write his Ldp but it would only be in the Genr Line that if Henrys conduct met with his approbation that I should deem it a favour he would give him his countenance I had one Letter from Henry but he did not say where to direct for him & then he was in hopes of getting an allowance I ans^d his Letter but had to direct it to And^{rs} care, you should write him by all means to get presented to L^d. C. & if there is time & he thinks it will be of use to him to write me & I shall send a Letter to his L^p: [Lordship] – I find the accts but unfavorable about the expense of living in India and had Henry wrote me immediately in finding that nothing would be allowed I should rather advised him to have taken the money it will cost him for his passage & gone to the Continent for a year, as my greatest desire when I thought of his joining was to take him from home, & being an Idle man there losing much however it would [torn]em as if he was of opinion he could think for himself, I shall be happy he may conduct himself thro life w^out any foreign assistan[torn]

M^{rs} Erskine is well and we dine together at M^{rs} M[torn]vals [His Brother] Charles is a poor Flirt and will never succeed (if he has any intention) in the town, whatever he may do in the country the facility w^l which the Sex was approached in Jamaica at least the Black part of it makes it very up hill work at past forty to dance, to flirt, & speak small talk to procure a smile, a tap of the fan or even a squeeze to make place for him on the same bench at the play or assembly but I must let him answer for himself, as for me I have made great exertions to put on the semblance of former days like the Old hunter I prick up my Ears and prance a little at the Cry, but cannot get over the field, but it is not folly in me for I am truly sensible it is full time for me to retire before I am hissed out & therefore do not press myself upon them Make my kind Comp^{ts} to M^r & M^{rs} Stirling Bess & Miss M^cgrowter and believe me My Dear Sister yours most affectly TS

PS I have wrote H to get introduced to L^d C & likewise to wait of M. of G. to recommend him

[addressed] M^{rs} Graham of Airth at Kippenross Stirling

Source: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 94-95 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at ACC 12290-4. East Indiaman *William Pitt* under Capt. Charles Mitchell sailed Mar. 26, 1786.



Detail of East Indiaman Pitt and other Vessels, by Dominic Serres (1722-1793)

Picture Source: ArtUK, from *National Maritime Museum*

Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Henry Graham, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Lt., 1st Battalion), to His father, William Graham of Airth, Aboard *East Indiaman William Pitt*, Off Plymouth, England, Mar. 28, 1786

28th March 1786 W^m Pitt

one more line to my dear mother to let her know that I am well again altho' a little weak after being a few days sick. – it was owing to a cold that I caught before I left town wi^{ch} brought on a fever. there is a very good humane man on board as Surgeon a very different sort of being from naval surgeons in general. he has paid me every attention in his power after a great deal of trouble I settled with [Agent, 42nd Regt., Alexander] Anderson or rather with his deputies deputy – I have directed him to send a copy of my account to Gen^l [Thomas] Stirling. – I hope soon to weather my debt and be a free man. – make my best compliments to the General and tell him that I would have wrote him by this opportunity but am too weak to sit long at a time. tell my other friends that the [illeg.] is now and Neptune too [unclear], – I send this by a boat that we met by chance she is just setting off, we are off Plymouth with a fair wind to carry us clear of the chanell. – farewell God bless my father & mother brothers sisters and the rest of my relations amen

believe me ever your affec^{te} Son
Hen Graham...

[addressed] W^m Graham Esq^r of Airth
Airth House
Falkirk NB [North Britain, i.e. Scotland]

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 95-96 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at ACC 12290 f. 4. Capt. Graham would not see his family again as he died in India on Oct. 16, 1787.

Excerpt of General Orders, Halifax, Approximately Apr. 26, 1786

42^d. Regiment 1st: Battⁿ.

William Stewart, Gent: to be Ensign vice William Fraser promoted } 8th March 86...

Leaves of Absence...

Surgeon Robertson of 42^d Reg^t: 1st: Bⁿ. till the 1st: July 86: Private Affairs

Source: *The Edward Winslow Letters*, Vol. 9, p. 57, Atlantic Canada Virtual Archives, Univ. of New Brunswick.



Reproduction 19th Regt. Uniform Button

Exchange Announcement for Capt. Thomas Lyttelton, 19th or the 1st Yorkshire North Riding Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Half-Pay, 76th Regt. of (Highland) Foot, London, Apr. 29, 1786

War-Office, April 29, 1786...

19th Regiment of Foot, Captain Samuel Graham, from the Half-Pay of the 76th Regiment, to be Captain en Second, vice Thomas Lyttleton.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 25-29, 1786, p. 1. Capt. Lyttelton had transferred from the 5th Regt. to the 19th Regt. effective Dec. 25, 1782. Lyttelton remained on Half-pay of the 76th Regt. through 1790.



Reproduction 55th Regt. Uniform Button

Transfer Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. John Robertson, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Ens., Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), to the 55th or the Westmorland Regt., London, June 13, 1786

War-Office, June 17, 1786...

55th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Robertson from Half-Pay of the 71st Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Francis Grant.

Source: *London Gazette*, June 13, 1786, p. 2.



Shoulder belt plate, 73rd (Highland) Regiment of Foot, 1788

Picture Source: Courtesy *National Army Museum*, London, NAM Accession Number: NAM. 1960-05-101-1

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Dougal Campbell, 73rd Highland Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company, London, July 1, 1786**

War-Office, July 1[1786]...

73d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Dougal Campbell to be Captain of a Company, vice Æneas Fraser.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 27-July 1, 1786, p. 2. The 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. was renamed the 73rd Regt. in 1786 was serving in India during this period.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Alexander Macgregor, 73rd Regt. of (Highland) Foot
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Capt. Lieutenant, London, June 18-22, 1786**

War-Office, July 22, 1786...

73d Regiment, late 42d [2nd Battalion], Lieutenant Alexander M^cGregor to be [Capt.] Lieutenant.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 18-22, 1786, p. 1. This promotion was corrected by an entry in *London Gazette*, June 22-25, 1786, p. 2 which read "ERRATUM, in last Saturday's Gazette, Page 325, in the Notification of Lieutenant Alexander M^cGregor's Commission, in the 73d Regiment of Foot, for *Lieutenant* read *Captain-Lieutenant*." Macgregor was likely still in Scotland where he had been serving in the Additional Company of the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

**Excerpt of Letter from George Yonge, Sec. at War, to Maj. Gen. John Campbell, Regarding His
Return to Britain with Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., London, July 23, 1786**

War Office 13th July 1786

I have the Honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th of last Month, with a Memorial enclosed from M^r. [Thomas] Moncrieff, and to acquaint you, that His Majesty has taken into Consideration the particular Circumstances attending M^r. Moncrieffe's former Appointment to be One of the Majors of Brigade to the Forces in North America, as well as the great inconveniences to which he has lately been subjected, by being named to a Situation in Cape Breton, which now proves not to have been vacant as had been understood; and as Captain James Campbell of the 42d Regiment, who at present acts as Major of Brigade under your Command, is to accompany you to Europe, His Majesty has thought this the most favourable Opportunity to provide for M^r. Moncrieffe, by restoring him to his original Appointment. It is accordingly His Majesty's Pleasure that M^r. Moncrieffe be considered as Major of Brigade to the Forces under your Command, upon his Arrival in Nova Scotia (wither he will be ordered immediately to repair) or upon Captain Campbell's quitting that Province, which ever shall first happen. But in case Major Moncrieffe's again leaving America, his Appointment of Major of Brigade is to cease,

and, agreeably to the Rule laid down by my Predecessor's Letter of the 17th June 1783, the Employment is thereafter to be held only by Officers belonging to the Regiments on the Spot.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

Major General John Campbell, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Geo. Yonge

Source and Note: *A Statement Submitted by Colonel Desbarres for Consideration*, Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions Microfiche Series (Monographs), note to p. 89. As the 42nd Regt. detachments sailed from Halifax for Cape Breton and St. John's Island (now Prince Edward Island) on June 4, 1786, Campbell did not meet the Major of Brigade criteria of being from a regiment assigned to Halifax. On June 7 1775, Thomas Moncrieffe, a French & Indian war veteran, was commissioned as Major of the Royal Fencible American Regt. and was initially assigned in 1776 as Major of Brigade to the grenadier battalions. He does not appear in the 1786 Army List as a commissioned officer.

**Nova Scotia Land Claim by Capt. George Stewart, 33rd (or The 1st Yorkshire West-Ring) Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Halifax, July 18, 1786**

To His Excellency John Parr Esq^r.. Governor Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia the Islands of Saint John and Cape Breton and vice Admiral of the same &c: &c: &c:

The Memorial of Captain Geo: Stewart of His Majesty's 33^d.. Regiment of Foot
Sheweth

That your Memorialist was appointed a Muster Master for taking and settling the claims of Loyalists disbanded Soldiers and others to His Majesty's Royal bounty of Provisions and executed such appointment in the year 1784 to the Satisfaction of the Commander in Chief and your Excellency as by the returns presented to your Excellency will appear –

That your Memorialist is desirous of settling an Old Trusty Servant and his family in this Province and therefore request's

<i>Approved</i>	That your Excellency will be pleased to Order a Warrant of Survey to be
<i>For Four Hundred Acres</i>	made out to him for Five Hundred Acres of Land in the County of
<i>19th July</i> [illegible initials]	Sydney.

Halifax July 18, 1786

Geo^e.. Stewart
Cap^t: 33^d Reg^t

Source and Note: Nova Scotia Archives, *Land papers 1765-1800*, Guysborough County, 1786, p. 204. Despite the approval for 400 acres, the survey was done for 500 acres.

**Death Announcement for Mrs. Hester Graham, Wife of Former Lt. James Graham, 64th Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Charleston, Oct. 6, 1786**

Charleston, October 6 [1786]...

[DIED.] On Friday the 6th inst. in the 22d year of her age, Mrs. *Hester Graham*, the amiable and much lamented wife of *James Graham*, Esq; and only child of Col. Probort Howorth...

Source and Note: *The Charleston Evening Gazette*, Oct. 9, 1786, p. 3. Lt. Graham was one of only two former officer of the 42nd Regt. to return to the United States and settle there after the war.

**Exchange Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. Alexander Loraine, 42nd Regt.,
to the 9th or the East Norfolk Regt., London, Oct. 14-17, 1786**

Commissions signed for the Army in Ireland...

9th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Alexander Loraine, from British Half-Pay of 42d Foot, to be Lieutenant en Second, vice [James] Fitzgerald, exchanged, dated August 26, 1786.

Source: *London Gazette*, Oct. 14-17, 1786, p. 2.

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Exchange Announcement for Lt. Gavin Drummond, 42nd Regt., to Half-Pay 77th Regt. of (Highland) Foot, London, Jan. 13, 1787

War-Office, January 13, 1787...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Farquharson, from the Half-Pay of the 77th Regiment, is appointed to be Lieutenant, vice Gavin Drummond."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, January 9-13, 1787, p. 1. Lt. Drummond is listed on the 77th Regt. Half-pay list for 1788 at WO 65/38, p. 342.



Diploma of the Highland Society of London, 1805

Picture Source: *A Brief History of Wood-Engraving from its Invention*, Joseph Cundall, Sampson, Low, Marston, & Co., London, 1895, Google Books, p. 120

Capt. James Spens, 73rd Highland Regt. (Former, Ens., 42nd Regt.), Elected to the Highland Society of London, Jan. 20, 1787

List of Members of the Highland Society of London, on the 4th June 1778, with the successive Additions since that Period, as recorded in the Books of the Society...

[ELECTED] JANUARY 20, 1787...

East Indian Subscribers to the Gaelic Edition of Ossian...

375 Capt. [James] Spens, 73d Regiment

Source: *An Account of the Highland Society of London, From its Establishment in May 1778, to the Commencement of the Year 1813*, Sir John Sinclair, Printed by B. McMillan, London, 1813, Google Books, pp. 45-46.



Reproduction 65th Regt. Uniform Button

**Announcement for Capt. Lt. Alexander Macgregor of Balhaldies, 73rd Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Capt. Lieutenant, 65th or the 2nd Yorkshire North Riding Regt.,
London, June 23, 1787**

War-Office, June 23, 1787...

65th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant Alexander Mac Gregor from the 73d Regiment, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Burton Gage Barbut."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 19-23 1787, p. 2. Capt. Lt. Macgregor formerly served as a Lt. in 42nd Regt. in Newfoundland and America. This 73rd Regt. was formerly the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. and not the previous 73rd or Macleod's Highlanders which was renumbered by this time as the 71st Regt.



Gen. Lord John Murray, Colonel, 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot

Portrait Source: "The Black Watch at Ticonderoga," by Frederick B. Richards, in *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association*, Vol. X, New York Historical Association, 1911, Google Books , opposite p. 429.

Death Notice of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Paris, May 26, 1787

LONDON, *June 6 and 7...*

Lord John Murray died at Paris the 26th ult.

Lord John Murray was the oldest General in the service; he has had the 42d regiment upwards of 40 years. By his death Lord Sandwich becomes the father of the army, in the same manner as Alderman Harley is the father of the city.

Source: *Newcastle Courant*, June 16, 1787, p. 2.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Fowlowe to his Father, Samuel Foxlowe, Esq., Regarding the Paris Death of Gen. Lord John Murray, Passy, France, May 27, 1787

My Lord John Murray, I observed in my last, had been often to see us lately. On Tuesday [May 22] last he came to take a family dinner, as he had done before, but was taken ill upon the road, and was with some difficulty got out of his coach. He was not, however, so ill but he insisted on walking up stairs, that is, he would not submit to be carried. He eat next to nothing (as I am told, for I was not there, being engaged upon business at Paris), but fancied himself better before he went home. The next morning I called upon him, and found him, as he said, perfectly recovered. In the afternoon of the same day I accidentally fell into company with the Duke of Gordon, to whom I gave my Lord John's address. He called to see my Lord, with whom he staid some time, and my Lord's valet has taken it into his head that the pleasure he received from his visit, and the exertions he made, caused some extraordinary revolution in his frame, in short, he became unwell immediately on his leaving him, and yesterday was so much worse that the man sent for Lord and Lady Findlater, who live very near. The man had before got a physician, and Lord Findlater also sent for his own, who at once pronounced that he could be of no use whatever, that nature appeared entirely exhausted, and that probably he could not survive many hours. As the physician foretold, he died at eight o'clock in the evening, I believe without a struggle. Lord Findlater was with him a very few minutes before he died, and Lady Findlater again a very little while after. My Lord Findlater did me the honour immediately to send me notice of the event, requesting 'that I would give the necessary orders for the funeral, and the disposal of his Lordship's effects.' I dined with them to-day, after seeing him early in the morning, when he referred everything to me, sensibly observing, however, that unnecessary expense should be avoided. On calling upon the Commissary who has the management of these affairs, I found that, even if it had been desired, there could have been no public funeral, on account of the difference of the religions. I took an acquaintance with me, a gentleman perfectly conversant with such concerns, that I might not be imposed upon, and settled the ceremony so as to meet with my Lord and Lady Findlater's perfect approbation. The funeral will be to-morrow night, the duty performed, I believe, by the Ambassador's Chaplain. You will have observed in the papers that the 'Droit d'aubaine' is taken off from all English subjects, consequently I suppose we shall have no trouble respecting the effects. They are at present under the seal of the Commissary, and I shall open them before my Lord Findlater and proper witnesses. I do not write by this post to my brother, as you will mention this matter to him and M^{rs}. Murray much better than I can by letter. My Lord and Lady Findlater have been extremely civil indeed to me, and have both given me pressing invitations to come to see them whenever I come to Paris, and to dine with them, etc. He has the character of an exceedingly dry, reserved man, very difficult of access. I found him, as I think, naturally of a serious turn, but of very amiable, polished manners. She seems a jolly, good-natured woman.

Lady Findlater says there is no probability of finding a will made on this side the water, as she thinks the poor old man had no idea of dying these ten or twenty years. I wish you would come over with my brother...

I am your ever dutiful and most affectionate son,
T. P. F.

To Samuel Foxlowe, Esq., Staveley Hall, near Chesterfield.

Source and Notes: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886, footnote, pp. 518-19. The “*Droit d'aubaine*” was an ancient French right to keep the property of any deceased foreign subject. Lord John Murray’s daughter, Mary, married William Foxlowe, and the author of this letter is thought to be William’s brother. Lady Findlater is Lord John Murray’s sister.

Excerpt of a Letter Describing Reception for Maj. Gen. John Campbell, Prior to his Departure for Great Britain with Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., Halifax, May 29, 1787

Extract of a letter from Halifax, May 29 –

“Yesterday a number of respectable gentlemen waited on Major General Campbell with the following Address from the inhabitants of this town.

To Major-General JOHN CAMPBELL.

Commanding his Majesty’s force in British America, bordering on the Atlantic Ocean, and Colonel of the 57th regiment, &c. &c. &c.

“Impressed with a sense of the attentive regard, you have discovered to the interest and welfare of this community during your command, the inhabitants of Halifax are induced thus publickly to express their sentiments, of gratitude and esteem, upon the occasion of your departure...”

Source and Note: *Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser*, Aug. 16, 1787, p. 2. The date of the letter provides information Capt. Campbell’s approximate departure date from Nova Scotia.



Detail of *Sir Hector Munro*, by David Martin, prior to 1797

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Portrait Gallery*, London

News Account of Selection of Maj. Gen. Hector Munro of Novar, K. B., to be Colonel of the 42nd (or the Royal Highland) Regt. of Foot, London, June 1, 1787

LONDON, *June 6-7...*

Sir Hector Monro is appointed to the command of the 42d regiment.

Source and Note: *Bristol Journal*, June 9, 1787, p. 2. Munro’s date of rank is from the annotated War Office copy of the 1787 Army List at TNA, WO 65/37, p. 104.

Funeral Notice for Col. Hon. George Mackenzie, 71st (MacLeod’s) Highland Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Light Infantry Co.), Walajabad, India, June 4, 1787

Deaths. 1787 June 4. AT Wallajabad, in the East Indies, justly and universally lamented the Hon. Col. George Mackenzie (brother-german to Lord Macleod), of his Majesty's 71st regiment and commandant of the second brigade. – His remains were conveyed to the garden house of William Balfour, esq. at Madras, escorted by a party of the 19th light dragoons, and a detachment of infantry. Every military honour was paid by the second brigade on the removal of the corpse from Wallajabad. On the evening of the 7th, his body was deposited in the church-yard of Madras [now Chennai]. During the funeral ceremony, half-minute guns were fired from the fort, the flag hoisted half-mast high, and three volleys were fired from his Majesty's 14th regiment of Hanoverians over the grave. The Governor, Council, and Settlement, civil and military, attended to pay the last tribute to the remains of a gallant soldier and warm friend."

Source and Note: *Gentleman's Magazine*, Apr. 1788, p. 366. Son of the Earl of Cromarty, Col. the Hon. George Mackenzie served as the Capt. of the 42nd Lt. Infantry Company during the first part of the American war. A "brother german" means a legal brother. At this point the 73rd Regt. (MacLeod's Highlanders) had been renumbered as the 71st Regt.

Excerpt of New Brunswick Land Grant to Half-pay Lt. Dugald Campbell and Discharged Soldiers of the 42nd Regt., Fredericton, New Brunswick, June 16, 1787

New Brunswick

78. Dugald Campbell Esquire
Alexander Drummond, & others

N^o. 111. George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King,
Tho^s.. Carleton Defender of the faith and so forth – To all to whom these Presents shall come Greetings
Know ye that we of our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion Have given
and grants, and by these presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto Dugald
Campbell Esquire... in severalty unto each of them, and unto each and every of their several and
respective Heirs and Assigns several Lots or Plantations of land comprehended within two several Tracts
or parcels of Land containing in the whole Eleven Thousand three hundred and forty three Acres more or
less with the usual allowance for roads and waste, situate lying and being within the parish of Saint Mary
in York County...

Given under the Great Seal of our Province of New Brunswick Witness our trusty and well
beloved Thomas Carleton Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said province
at Fredericton the Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eight
seven and in the Twenty seventh year of our Reign. –

	By command of His Excellency in Council	
Fredericton, New Brunswick	}	<i>Johⁿ. Odell</i>
Registered the 16 th . June 1787	}Exe ^d .	

Source: Author's copy from Marvin Mackay



Reproduction 37th Regt. Uniform Button

**Retirement Announcement for Maj. James Graham, 37th or the North Hampshire Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, July 7, 1787**

War-Office, July 7, 1787...

37th Regiment of Foot, Captain Charles Ross, from the 3d Regiment of Horse, to be Major, vice James Graham.

Source: *London Gazette*, July 3-7, 1787, p. 1.

Freedom of the City Awarded to Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., Glasgow, Aug. 18, 1787

Saturday [Aug. 18], the Lord Provost and Magistrates of Glasgow presented the freedom of the city to the following gentlemen – Thomas Steel, Esq; one of the Secretaries of the Treasury – the Hon. Dudley Rider – Major General [John] Campbell of Strachur – Major of Brigade Campbell of the 42d regiment of foot and Mons. Lezurier; after which they were elegantly entertained in the Tontine Tavern.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Aug. 23, 1787, p. 3.

**Account of Duel Involving Capt. George Dalrymple, 42nd Lt. Infantry Company,
by Lt. William Dyott, 4th (or King's own) Regt., Halifax, Aug. 20, 1787**

Aug. 20. – A duel was fought between Captain Dalrymple of the 42nd and Lieutenant [Charles] Roberts of the 57th, owing to the former having two years prior to the duel said in a company that Mr. Roberts was not fit for the Grenadiers; at the same time hinting that he had sold some of his brother's books. Lieutenant Roberts at the time this discourse took place was in Europe, and not meeting with Captain Dalrymple till now, he being quartered at Cape Breton, had not an opportunity of demanding satisfaction. They fired only one pistol each, as Captain Dalrymple was wounded in the right arm, but not dangerously.

Source and Note: *Dyott's Diary 1781-1845*, Vol. I, Gen. William Dyott, Ed. Reginald W. Jeffrey, Archibald Constable, London, 1907, Google Books, pp. 32-33. Although most of the 42nd Regt. was at Cape Breton at this time, it is more likely that Capt. Dalrymple was stationed at St. John's Island (now PEI) with two companies of the regiment.

**Connecticut News Account of Duel Fought by Capt. George Dalrymple, 42nd Regt.,
Halifax, Aug. 20, 1787**

NEW-LONDON, Oct. 12.

On the 24th ult. [Actually Aug. 20] A duel was fought at Halifax between captain Dalrymple of the 42d regiment and lieutenant [Charles] Roberts of the 57th, when the former was wounded in his right arm.

Source: *Pennsylvania Packet*, Philadelphia, Oct. 27, 1787, p. 2.

**Endorsement of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., Late 71st Highland Regt., by Maj. Gen. James
Murray of Strowan, Col., 72nd Highland Regt., to Henry Dundas, Aug. 26, 1787**

[Cover]

Men^l. from M:General Murray –
respecting - M: Genl Sterling
August 26th. 1787

[Body]

M General Stirling has served 40 years as an Officer. that in 1757 he raised a Company in the 42^d Reg^t & served in said Corps 25 years as L^t, Cap^t Major & L^t Col^l & purchased both his Majority & L^t Colonelcy; was at the reduction of all Canada, the taking of Martinico and the Havannah, and in 1763 he was pitched

on by Gen^l [Thomas] Gage then Commander in Chief in N America to take possession of the Illinois country ceded to G Britain by the peace of 1763 which service he performed without any expence to Government 'tho he was ten months on the tour which was near 5000 Miles

That in 1775 when the 42^d was ordered to be Augmented he by a constant attention to that service had the Reg^t compleated in five months from 350 men to 12000 and made fit for immediate Service and during the course of the war he received the published thanks from the C^r in Chief twice for his Conduct at the head of that Corps –

That in June 1780 he had the Misfortune to have his Thigh broke by a Shot as he was leading the van of a British army in the Jerseys, under which he languished a long time & ran the risk of his life rather than allow an amputation for fear of being rendered incapable of service.

that in 1782 His Majesty was pleased to appoint him to one of the Batt^{ns} of 71st Reg^t which was reduced in 1784 and is now upon half pay as Col^l: after 40 years Service & paying near £5000 for his Commissions, twice Wounded and a broken leg

NB In 1779 He got the Brevet rank of Col^l by seniority & His Majesty was at the same time pleased to Appoint him His Aid de Camp, but received not the appointment until about a twelvemonth before he was named to the Battⁿ of the 71st & by it lost his L^t Col^{cy} & Kings Aid de Camp

Source and Note: NRS, *Requests made to Henry Dundas and Robert Dundas, 1st and 2nd Viscounts Melville and their successors* at GD51/1/592. Because of the political power held by Henry Dundas he was nicknamed the “Uncrowned King of Scotland.” Maj. Gen. Murray of course is incorrect in writing that Stirling raised the regt. to 12,000 men instead of the correct number of approximately 1200.

Retirement Announcement for Chap. James M^cLagan, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 1, 1787

War-Office, September 1, 1787...

42d Regiment of Foot, The Reverend George Watson to be Chaplain vice James M^cLagan.

Source: *London Gazette*, Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 1787, p. 1.

New York News Account of Change in Command of 42nd Regt Detachment on St. John's Island (now Prince Edward Island), Charlottetown, Sept. 9, 1787

CHARLOTTE-TOWN, (St. John's Island) Sept. 29.

On the 9th inst. Captain Robert Potts, of the 42d regiment, arrived here from Sydney [Cape Breton], and took command of the troops, in the room of Captain [George] Dalrymple, who left this island in a bad state of health.

Source and Note: *New-York Morning Post*, Jan. 1, 1788, p. 2. Capt. Dalrymple had been shot in the arm in a duel in Halifax, on Aug. 20, 1787.

Promotion Announcement for Ens. James Rose, 42nd Regt., to be Lieutenant, London, Sept. 26, 1787

War-Office, September 26, 1787...

42d Regiment of Foot, Eldest Ensign ____ Rose to be Lieutenant..."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 25-29, 1787, pp. 3-4. Lt. Rose was a former Sgt. Maj. of the 42nd Regt. The “Eldest” or senior Ensigns of numerous regiments were promoted in this order. There is a theory that the blank line in place of an officer's first name is to indicate the officer did not purchase the promotion.

Excerpt of Letter from Mr. Henry M. Perry, Commissary of War Stores and Provisions to Brig. Gen. Thomas Carleton, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New Brunswick, Mentioning Capt. Robert Potts, 42nd Regt. as the Commanding Officer, Charlotte Town, St. John's Island (Now Prince Edward Island), Oct. 6, 1787

Charlotte Town in the Island of Saint John October the 6th. 1787.

Sir

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I arrived at this place the 19th. Ultimo [Sept.], and agreeable to the Directions I had received in Halifax from M^r. Brinley, the transfer of Provisions, from M^r. John Webster the late Acting Commissary, to me, took place the 25th. of last month, but finding by M^r. Websters Accounts, a very considerable Deficiency, and the appearance of great disorder and Damage in what remained in the Kings Stores, I applied to Captain Potts of the 42nd. Regiment; the commanding Officer here, who ordered first, a Board of Inquiry, and Afterwards a Board of Survey...

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect, Sir, Your Excellency's

Most Obedient and most humble Servant

His Excellency Brigadier General
Carleton, Governor and Commander
In Chief of New Brunswick &c &c &c

Henry M. Perry
Com^{vy}. Of Stores of War and Provisions

Source: Letter from Henry M. Perry to Thomas Carleton 6 Oct. 1787, *The Winslow Papers*, Univ. of New Brunswick, marked 6-29.

Letter from Half-pay Capt. Lord William Murray, 77th or Atholl Highland Regt. (Former, Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Mr. George Stewart, Describing Details of His Command of the 73rd Highland Regt. in India, Newton, Oct. 23, 1787

Dear Sir,

Newton, Oct. 23, 1787.

Agreeable to your letter to [his Mother] the Dutchess [Strange], which arrived this morning, I send you the following little narrative. Though it is long, yet I could not well curtail it more than I have without leaving out some material facts.

Early in the year 1784 I found myself attacked by a party in the 73rd, who, on account of my promotion, were determined to do me every injury in their power. I found it necessary to vanquish them by some means or other. I tried lenient, but so far from having the desired effect, it only cemented the confederacy against me. I then, from my own observation, and the advice of my best friends, found a different course must be pursued. I accordingly begun by calling on Captain [James] Robertson, who I had many reasons to consider a leader. He met me, and after exchanging a shot, gave me every satisfaction I could wish. This happened, I believe, in May; but previous to our meeting, Captⁿ [John] Hamilton informed me that by calling on Capt. Robertson I had made the whole corps my enemies, and that I should have to fight them from right to left. It was in my own tent, where a brace of loaded pistols were lying on the table. I told him, if he liked it, I would begin with him, and that it would be better to finish the business immediately. He declined my offer, saying he was not the first for duty, but that it should be settled by lot. I told him they would always find me prepared and ready to meet the officers of the corps either singly or collectively. All was quiet, and I heard no more of them till the end of August at Arcot; but I always used the precaution of going well armed to prevent a surprise. At that time news arrived from England that I was not confirmed in the Majority of the corps. The day of this being published in orders, I was engaged on a shooting party, and found at my return that Captain Baird, to whom the command of the Regiment had devolved, had, during my absence, in a most unmilitary and ungentlemanlike manner, entered my house, taken out the colours of the corps and withdrawn the guard. Early next morning I made a complaint to Gen^l Home [East India Company], who commanded the cantonment. He said he conceived him to blame, but that he being an officer in his Majesty's service, he could not interfere. That very night I set off for Madras, and next morning waited on Gen^l Campbell with

a formal complaint. His answer was, that as I was now on half pay he knew nothing of me, but that if I found myself injured with Captⁿ Baird's behaviour, I probably did not want spirit to resent it. I knew what he meant, but for many reasons did not wish to have a personal settlement with Capt. Baird. The same night I left Madras for Pondicherry, where I arrived in two days, and took my passage on board a French ship for Lisbon; but a few days before she was to sail I received letters from some of my friends that Capt. Baird and others (conceiving I had left India), were aspersing my character in a most infamous manner. I immediately set out for Arcot, but on my arrival there found it necessary to go to Madras to settle some private business before I took further notice of any other circumstance. It was late in October before I returned to Arcot. I called out Captain Baird, who touched me slightly, and made an apology, which he was afterwards so infamous as to retract. We parted, and I found the next person who had insulted me greatly to be Mr. [Lt. Gilbert] Waugh, a person who I had countenanced and pushed forward in the corps, and who had ever enjoyed my friendship and outmost confidence. I thought that he had behaved so as not to deserve being treated like a gentleman. I horsewhipped him. The natural consequence was a challenge from him. We met and tossed up for the first fire; I gained, but told him I had received sufficient satisfaction, and desired him to fire. He did so, and only grazed my hair. I then fired – Such is the outline of this unlucky business. I was 14 or 15 months in arrest, and could not get a trial. Let me know as soon as possible what I am to look for from the Father, and when I am to settle with my agent. Comp^s to M^{rs} Stewart, and remain

Your most ob^t humble Sv^t,
W^m Murray.

Source and Note: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. IV, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, pp. 125-126. Lord William got off on killing Lt. Waugh on a technicality. Because Lord William's Brevet Majority was never approved by the War Office, he was technically still on half-pay at the time of the duel and could not be court martialled for an action that took place while he was on half-pay.

**Lt. Col. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt. Nominated as Justice of the Peace, Sydney,
Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Oct. 27, 1787**

At a Council held in the Council Chamber in the Government House at Sydney Cape Breton on Saturday the 27th October 1787...

His Honor the Lieutenant governor was then pleased to nominate the following gentlemen to be Justices of the peace within the Island of Cape Breton and Its Dependencies

For the County of Sydney

The Honorable David Mathews, C. R. William Smith James Edward Boisseau Thomas Uncle Samuel Sparrow Lieutenant Colonel Charles Graham, Abraham Cuyler together with the Reverend Ranna Cosset Clerk, the reverend Benjamin Lovel clerk and Jonathan Jones Esq^r ...

Source: *Cape Breton, Executive Council Minute Books, 1785-1820, Vol. 318*: Minutes of Council of the Island of Cape Breton from July 1785 to 16th July 1787. Collected and Bound by the Commission of Public Records, Halifax 1862. Transcribed by Eric Krause at www.krausehouse.ca.

**Chapel Record Shows Capt. James Campbell. 42nd Regt. as Attendee at Wedding of
Gen. John Campbell of Strachur, Park, Renfrewshire, Nov. 1, 1787**

At Park near Inchinnan Renfrewshire 1st November 1787

Married According to the form and manner of the Church of England Gen^l John Campbell of Strachur, and Helen Campbell lawful Daughter to Mungo Campbell Esq^t of the Island of Grenada __ Witnesses M^r and M^{rs} Campbell of Park, their two daughters, Cap^t James Campbell 42 Reg^t of foot _ M^r Alex^t Campbell the Brides Brother, her father the Said Mungo Campbell &c

John Falconer Minister
of the English Chapel. Glasgow

Extracted from the Register of said English Chapel. Glasgow 20th November 1787 _ before these
Witnesses Mess^{rs} Alexander Warrand and John Waterson Merchants in Glasgow by me
John Falconer Minister

Alex Warrand Witness
John Waterson Witness

Source and Note: TNA, *Widows' Pension and Bounty, Application Papers* at WO 25/3092/2, item 17. Inchinnan is located about ten miles northwest of Glasgow on the River Clyde.

Death Notice for Capt. Henry Graham, 73rd Regt. (Former Lt., 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt.), Danapore, India, Nov. 1787

DEATHS...

In November last [1787], at Dinapore, Captain Henry Graham, of His Majesty's 73d regiment.

Source and Notes: *Public Advertiser* (London), July 26, 1788, p. 3. The 73rd Regt. was formerly numbered as the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. Capt. Graham was the nephew of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling. A Maj. Mence was unsuccessfully court martialled in Dec. 1787 for the murder of Capt. Graham. See article below dated Dec. 5, 1787. Danapore, in Bihar state, is a city in northeast India, about 1100 miles from Mumbai. It was the headquarters of the 73rd Regt.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lt. Alexander Macgregor of Balhaldies, 65th or the 2nd Yorkshire North Riding Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company, London, Nov. 3, 1787

War-Office, November 3, 1787...

65th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant Alexander Macgregor to be Captain of a Company, vice John Mackay.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 30 – Nov. 3, 1787, p. 1. Capt. Macgregor was former Lt. in 42nd Regt. Additional Company in Newfoundland.

Location of Independent Company of Invalids Commanded by Capt. William Stewart (Former 42nd Regt. Lt.) Shown in Annotation in Commission Book for 1787-1789, London, Nov. 14, 1787

Capt. Wm: Stewart's Ind^t. Comp^y. of Invalids doing Duty at Guernsey... 14th Nov: 1787

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Commission Books, Series I*, 1787-1789 at WO 25/39, pp. 128-9. Guernsey is an island in the English Channel about 30 miles west of the French Cherbourg Peninsula.



Detail from Charles Cornwallis, First Marquis of Cornwallis, 1795,
by Jonathan Singleton Copley

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Extract of Letter from Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis to Hon. Henry Dundas Regarding
Performance of Maj. Hay Macdowal and the 73rd Regt. (Formerly, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt.),
Munger, India, Nov. 16, 1787**

Dear Sir,

Near Mongheer, Nov. 16, 1787.

I have been most agreeably surprised at the good condition of the native troops. A spirit of exertion and emulation prevailed throughout the whole, and I have no doubt that they will soon arrive at a very high pitch of discipline. The 73rd regiment is in excellent order, and does great credit to the pains which Colonel [Norman] Macleod [of MacLeod] and Major Macdowal have taken with it, but what shall I say of the Company's Europeans? I did not think Britain could have furnished such a set of wretched objects. I would infinitely rather take the 73rd regiment upon service with me, than the whole six Company's battalions. Indeed, I have great doubts whether by drafting the whole six, I could complete one serviceable battalion to the present establishment...

Believe me &c.,
Cornwallis

Source and Note: *Correspondence of Charles, First Earl Cornwallis*, Vol. I, ed. Charles Ross, John Murray, London, 1859, Google Books, pp. 299-300. Munger is located in northeast India, on the Ganges River, near Nepal.

**Transfer Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. John Young, 42nd Regt.,
to the 60th or Royal American Regt., London, Nov. 24 1787**

War-Office, November 24, 1787...

60th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Young, from Half-Pay of the 42d Regiment of Foot, is appointed to be Lieutenant, vice James Wakeley.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 20-24 1787, p. 4. Lt. Young, a Pennsylvania Loyalist, who served in the American War with the 42nd Regt., can easily be confused with a second Lt. John Young (from the 8th Regt.), who was appointed to the 60th Regt. on Sept. 6, 1788 vice Philip Masseria. The Lt. Young who served in the 42nd Regt. retired Apr. 2, 1789.

**Barons of the Exchequer Rule on the Claim of Former Capt. John Grant (Auchindown), 2nd
Battalion 42nd Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Additional Company) and His Wife, Grace Grant,
Edinburgh, Nov. 28, 1787**

Exchequer Chambers, Edinburgh,
28th November 1787.

BY order of the Barons, intimation is hereby given, That a petition having been this day presented to the Barons, from Mrs. Grace Grant, spouse of Captain John Grant, late of the 42d regiment, and him for his interest, praying a gift of the estate of the deceased Thomas Grant, son of Patrick Grant of Rothimurkus.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Dec. 6, 1787, p. 4. After commanding a 42nd Regt. additional company in Newfoundland during the American war, Capt. Grant (later "of Auchindown") retired from his additional company of the 2nd Battalion on Apr. 21, 1784.

**Officer Court Martialed for Murder of Capt. Henry Graham,
73rd Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Calcutta, India, Dec. 5, 1787**

East India Intelligence

On the 5th of Dec. 1787, Maj. Mence was tried at Calcutta for the murder of Capt. Henry Graham of his Majesty's 73d regiment, and acquitted; no evidence appearing against him, but that of Capt. Hogan,

who was ordered, by Col. [Norman] McLeod [73rd Regt.], to carry him to take his trial for the above murder, but knew nothing farther.

Source and Notes: *Gentleman's Magazine, For July 1788*, Sylvanus Urban, David Henry, London, 1788, Google Books, p. 467. Henry Graham was the nephew of Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, commander of the 42nd Regt. in America. "Maj. Mence" is likely Maj. George Mence of the Bengal Establishment. The 73rd Regt. was formerly the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

**Death Notice for Wife of Capt. James Spens, 73rd Highland Regt.
(Former Ens., 42nd Additional Co.), Bengal, India, Dec. 19, 1787**

DEATHS. Dec. 19, 1787. At Dinapore, Bengal, Mrs Isabella Macleod, wife of Captain James Spens of the 73d foot, and sister of Lt-Col. [Norman] Macleod of Macleod."

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, July, 1788, p. 362. Capt. Spens was a former Ens. in a 42nd Regt. Additional Company and briefly served in America. The 73rd Regt. was previously identified as the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

1788

Land Tax Record for Dr. Kenneth Callander (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Westminster, London, 1788

Liberty of Westminster, to wit.

For the Parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the said Liberty.

An Assessment made in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the twenty Eighth year of his Majesty's Reign for granting an Aid to his Majesty by a Land Tax to be raised in Great Britain for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Brook street Ward...

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South Molton Street...

[page] 44...

Keneth Callander 6 [£] 1 [s] – 4 [d]...

Source and Note: Copy of original manuscript in author's possession. South Molton St. is about two miles north northwest of Buckingham Palace.

**Death Notice for Half-pay Capt. Lt. David Crawford, Late 83rd or Royal Glasgow Volunteers Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Edinburgh, Jan. 1, 1788**

DEATHS...Jan.1, 1788...At Queensferry, David Crawford, Esq; of Carronbank, Captain-Lieutenant in the late 83d regiment.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, January 1788, p. 50. The 83rd Regt. was disbanded May 8, 1783.

Transfer and Promotion Announcements for Former 42nd Regt. Officers, Jan. 26, 1788

War-Office, January 26, 1788...

60th Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Captain Frederick De Chambault, from the Half-Pay of the 60th, to be Captain of a Company, vice Hon. George Fraser...

75th Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Lieutenant Alexander Cumine, from the 42d Regiment, to be Captain-Lieutenant.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 26-29, 1788, pp. 1-2. Capt. the Hon. George Fraser was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. The Army List of 1778 (p. 358) shows Fraser listed on English Half-pay for "OFFICERS of the ELEVENTH COMPANIES, reduced from the 24th of December, 1787."



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**Exchange Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. James Alston, 42nd Regt.,
to a Lieutenancy in the 63rd or West Suffolk Regt., London, Jan. 31, 1788**

Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland; dated January 31, 1788, except otherwise mentioned...

63d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant James Alston, from the half-Pay of the 42d Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice [Wastel] Cliffe, exchanged."

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 1-4, 1788, p. 1.

Death Notice for Capt. Dugald Campbell, 73rd Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Apr. 5, 1788

War-Office, April 5, 1788...

73d Regiment of Foot, Captain James Campbell, from the Half-Pay of the late 71st Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Dugald Campbell, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 1-5, 1788, pp. 1-2. This order marks the death of Capt. Campbell, a former Lt. in 1st Bn., 42nd Regt. The 73rd Regt. was formerly identified as the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

**Death Notice for Capt. Henry Graham, 73rd Regt. of (Highland) Foot (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),
London, May 10, 1788**

War-Office, May 10, 1788.

73d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Alexander Mackenzie, from the 52d Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Henry Graham, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette* for May 10-13, 1788, p. 1. Capt. Graham was a former Lt. in 42nd Regt. and the nephew of Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling. He may have been murdered in India. See Court Martial results dated Dec. 5, 1787 above.

Two News Articles Report Bankruptcy Declaration for Dr. Kenneth Callander (Former, Lt., 42nd Regt., and London, Nov. 8 and 14, 1788

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Kenneth Callander, of South Mouton Street, in the parish of St. George, Hanover-square, in the County of Middlesex, Apothecary, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a bankrupt is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 22d Day of November instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, on the 24th Day of the same Month, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, and on the 23d of December next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to

come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to choose Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Anderson, Broad-street, Barnaby-market.

BANKRUPTS...

Kenneth Callander, of South Moulton Street, in the parish of St. George, Hanover-square, Middlesex, apothecary, dealer and chapman [merchant or peddler]; to surrender Nov. 22 at eleven, at Guildhall, London. Attorney, Mr. Anderson, Broad-street, Barnaby-market.

Sources and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 8, 1788, p. 3 and *Kentish Gazette*, Nov. 14, 1788, p. 3. Former Lt. Kenneth Callander was awarded his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1786. His daughter Anna Maria was baptized at St. James, Westminster, and London on Jan. 20, 1791.



Judge Adj. Gen. Sir Charles Gould, 1792 by Mather Brown

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Letter from Secretary at War Sir George Yonge to Judge Advocate General Sir Charles Gould, Requesting a Board of Officers to Review Claims by Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., Late 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) and Col. Alexander, Earl of Balcarres, Late 2nd 71st Highland Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) Regarding Expenses due Them from Estate of Lt. Gen. Simon Fraser, Former Col., 71st Highland Regt., and the Board Response, London, May 29, 1788 and Mar. 17, 1789

War Office, 29th. May 1788.

Sir,

I enclose to you herewith a Memorial I have received from Major General Stirling and another from Lord Balcarres respecting a Claim they make upon the Executors of the late Lieutenant General Fraser for Accoutrements &^{ca}. due to the late 1st. and 2^d. 71st Regiments of Foot on their respective Appointments to the command thereof; and am to signify to you The King's Pleasure, that you do lay the same before the first Board of General Officers which shall be convened at the Horse Guards, in order that they may report to me their opinion respecting the said Claim and the amount thereof, for His majesty's information.

You will be pleased to apprize me of the time of meeting, in order that I may prepare the respective Agents to attend with such papers as may serve to elucidate the said claim.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

You're most obedient humble Servant
Geo Yonge

Sir Charles Gould

[1st Enclosure]

To

The Right Honourable Sir George Yonge Bar^t. His Majesty's Secretary at War. &c. &c. &c.
The Memorial of Major General Stirling; late Commanding the 1st. 71st. Regiment of
Foot.

Sheweth,

That you're Memorialist was appointed to the Command of the 1st. Battalion, of the 71st. Regiment, which was Vacant by the Death of Lieutenant General Fraser; and that the date of this appointment was February 13th. 1781.

That your Memorialist understanding that he was entitled to a complete set of accoutrements according to the Establishment at the time he received the Command of it; Made his demand accordingly upon the representative of General Fraser; who declared they would governed by the Opinion of the General's Agents Mess^{rs}. Ross and Ogilvie.

That Mess^{rs}. Ross and Ogilvie refused the Claim.

That your Memorialist having informed those Gentlemen he should apply for Justice to a Board of General Officers; they replied that they disclaimed and disallowed on the part of the Representatives the Jurisdiction of such a Board.

That the Propriety of the Claim being admitted in Your Office, The Paymaster General was directed to respite on his hands a considerable portion of the offreckonings, these assigned for, until such Claim was investigated

That this claim having now been Year after Year repeatedly made, and as often refused,

Your Memorialist therefore hopes that his Case may be laid before His Majesty, whose most gracious interference he now most humbly prays for

Tho^{se}: Stirling. M. G.
Col^o. late 71st. Reg^t.

London

[2nd Enclosure]

To The Right Hon^{ble}. Sir George Yonge Bar^t, K. B. &^{ca}.: &^{ca}... &^{ca}...

The Memorial of Colonel the Earl of Balcarres
Late Commanding the 2nd. 71st. Reg^t. of Foot.

Sheweth,

That you're Memorialist was appointed to the Command of the 2^d. 71st. Regiment at Lieu^t. Colonel Commandant vacant by the death of Lieutenant General Fraser, and that the date of this appointment was February the 13th. 1781.

That your Memorialist understood that he was justly entitled to a complete set of Accoutrements to be made good to him from the representatives of Lieutenant General Fraser.

That no Accoutrements of any kind were delivered with his Battalion for ten Companies serving in America and very few good for the two Companies in Britain that he accordingly made such demand; That the Representative declared that they would governed by such an Opinion as would be given by the Agents of General Fraser who were Mess^{rs}. Ross and Ogilvie.

That Mess^{rs}. Ross and Ogilvie refused the Claim.

That your Memorialist said to them that he would apply for justice to a Board of General Officers, They replied that they disclaimed and disallowed on the behalf of the representatives the jurisdiction of such a Board.

That the propriety of the Claim being admitted in Your Office, The Paymaster General was directed to respite on his hands a considerable portion of the Offreckonings, then assigned for until such claim was investigated

That this claim having now been continued Year after Year and now your Memorialist is legally advised that if the Representative of the late Lieutenant General Fraser should decline abiding by the decision of a Board of General Officers, Yet such a decision must in the Eye of a Court of Justice be of the greatest effect.

Your Memorialist therefore prays that his Case may be laid before His Majesty whose most gracious interference he now most humbly solicits.

London 24th. May 1788

Balcarres
Colonel

[Board Meeting]

At a Meeting of the Board of General Officers of the Army at the Judge Advocate General's Office on Monday the 17th. day of March 1789.

Present

General Sir George Howard, K. B.

Gen^l. Joseph Lord Dover, K.B.

Gen^l. Bigoe Armstrong

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Lancelot Baugh

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Sir John Dalling, Bar^t.

Lieu^t. Gen^l. James Grant

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Thomas Clarke

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Hon^{ble}. Henry S^t. John

Major Gen^l. Patrick Tonym

Major Gen^l. James Murray

Gen^l. Cyrus Trapaud

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Cha^s. Lord Southampton

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Edw^d. Maxwell Browne

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Thomas Hall

Lieu^t. Gen^l. George Morrison

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Charles Rainsford

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Sir Geo. Osborne, Bar^t.

Major Gen^l. Sir Hector Munro, K. B.

Major Gen^l. James Adeane

Read the Secretary at War's Letter to the Judge Advocate General bearing date the 29th. May 1788, signifying His Majesty's Pleasure of referring to the Board for their Opinion, a Memorial of Major General Stirling, and also a Memorial of the Earl of Balcarres respecting a claim made by them respectively upon the Executors of the late Lieutenant General Fraser for Accoutrements &^{ca}. due the late 1st and 2^d. 71st Regiments of Foot on their respective appointment to the Command thereof.

Ordered, that it be recommended to the Parties to reduce a state of their Case into writing with such Arguments, as they have to urge in explanation, and also to communicate their respective Cases interchangeably, and each to make such further observation, as they shall see necessary; and that they do then transmit the same to the Judge Advocate General, who is desired when possible thereof, to summon the Board to meet on some convenient day for taking the whole into consideration.

Source and Notes: TNA, *Proceedings of the Board of General Officers* at WO71/11, pp. 400-406. The signed letter and Memorials from Geo. Yonge, Maj. Gen. Stirling and Earl of Balcarres are filed at *Courts Martial proceedings: Papers* at WO 71/160.

Death Notice for Ens. Alexander Fraser, 42nd Regt., London, June 10, 1788

War-Office, June 10, 1788...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ralph Peter Dundas, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Alexander Fraser, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 7-10, 1788, p. 1. Ens. Fraser was commissioned in Aug. 1783, but did not serve with the regiment in America.

Advertisement for Creditors of Deceased Former Brevet-Col. Hon. George MacKenzie, 71st (MacLeod's) Highland Regt.t (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Company), July 22, 1788

THE Creditors of Lieutenant Colonel George Mackenzie, now deceased, some Time Major in the First Battalion of the late 73d Regiment of Foot, are requested to give in to George Andrew, Writer in Edinburgh, Notes of the Debts severally due to them, specifying the precise Amount thereof, and the Securities by which the same are constituted, in order, that Measures for their Payment may be taken.”

Source: *London Gazette*, July 22, 1788, p. 4.

Abstract of Male Servants Tax within the Shire of Inverness Includes Listing for Retired Brevet-Lt. Col. William Grant, 42nd Regt., Inverness, Sept. 3, 1778

Abstract of the Male Servants Tax within the Shire of Inverness from the 5th. April 1778 to the 5th April 1789 by John Rose Surveyor

Date	Masters & mistresses names & designations	Number of servants...
3 Sep ^t 1788...	Lieu ^t Col ^l William Grant late of the 42 ^d Reg ^t	4...

Source: Website, scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/digital/volumes/historical-tax-rolls/male-servants.



Detail of Miniature Painting of Capt. James Campbell

Picture Source: Courtesy of *Historical Antique Arms*

Wedding Announcement for Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., Glasgow, Sept. 16, 1788

Sept... 16... Lately at Glasgow, Brevet Major James Campbell of the 42d regiment, to Miss Jeany Houston, daughter of the deceased Alexander Houston, Esq; of Jordanhill.”

Source: *Edinburgh Magazine or Literary Miscellany* for September 1788, p. 136.



Detail of Portrait of Prince William Henry (later King William IV), 1800, by Sir Martin Archer Shee

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Account of Dinner of Lt. Col. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., with Capt. Prince William Henry (later King William IV), *HMS Andromeda*, by Lt. William Dyott, 4th (or King's Own) Regt., Sydney, Cape Breton, Canada, Sept. 24-25, 1788

Wednesday [Sept. 24] – About three o'clock we came to an anchor in Spanish River (Cape Breton), having had a remarkably fine run from Shelburn. Immediately on our coming to anchor, the Prince sent for us to dinner. The entrance into the harbour has nothing very striking... The next morning [Sept. 25] we weighed and went about nine miles up the harbour, and anchored off the new settlement called Sydney. The harbour from the mines is about three miles broad, and the shores entirely covered with wood to the water's edge. The French, I believe, had a small settlement here at the time Louisburg was taken in '57, since when it has been quite deserted till the year '83, at which period a governor, etc., was sent out from England, a man of the name of [Joseph Frederick Walle] Des Barres, a captain in the 60th regiment; a great surveyor, having published a survey of the coast of North America from Florida, but a most eccentric genius. He fixed the seat of government at Sydney, and I am sorry to say that their improvements have not a very propitious appearance at present. He dined with his Royal Highness; Lieut.-Colonel Graham, who commands a part of the 42nd regiment quartered at Sydney, dined on board. We got pretty hearty, and went on shore in the evening and supped at Colonel Graham's. The town of Sydney consists of about fifty houses situated on the banks of Spanish River, and surrounded to the very sides of the buildings by an almost impenetrable wood. There is a narrow path from the barracks just to keep up a communication, and that's all the clear country I saw. The barracks are shamefully bad; the troops have cleared a good parade and made themselves as comfortable as their situation would allow. The officers had no rooms in the barracks, and were obliged to build huts and log-houses.

Source: *Dyott's Diary 1781-1845*, Vol. I, Gen. William Dyott, Ed. Reginald W. Jeffrey, Archibald Constable, London, 1907, Google Books, pp. 57-59.

Exchange Announcement for Lt. William M'Donald, 42nd Regt., to Half-Pay 53rd or the Shropshire Regt., London, Sept. 27, 1788

War-Office, September 27, 1788...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant-Colonel [Lt. “*Coll*”] Lamont, from the Half-Pay of the 53d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William M^cDonald, who exchanges.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 23-27, 1788, p. 1. Lamont’s name and rank were corrected in the *The London Gazette* for Sept. 27-30, 1788 which read “*for Lieutenant - Colonel, read Lieutenant Col Lamont..*” Lt. M^cDonald was the son of Lt. John Macdonald, both of whom served in the American war. M^cDonald remained on half-pay of the 53rd Regt. under “*Eleventh Companies, reduced the 24th of December, 1787*” until his name is crossed through and annotated “*D^d*” (dead) in the annotated War Office copy of the annual Army List for 1801.

**News Account of Review of the 42nd Regt. by Prince William Henry,
Cape Breton, Canada, Oct. 13, 1788**

By a letter from Sydney, on the Island of Cape Breton dated November 9, 1788, we learn “That on the 11th of October arrived in that river, a squadron of his Majesty’s ships... under the command of His Royal Highness Prince William Henry. On the 13th, the Prince reviewed the eight companies of the 42d or Royal Highland regiment in garrison there, and commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Graham. His Royal Highness was pleased to express much approbation of their readiness and handsome appearance, and honoured the officers of the regiment with his Company to dinner, where many loyal toasts were drank and the festivity concluded with a *Feu de Joye*.”

Source and Note: *London Stuart Star and Evening Advertiser*, Feb. 28, 1789, p. 2. Prince William Henry was the future King William IV (The Sailor King).

**Extract of Wedding Bond for Former Capt. Robert Rollo, American Legion (Former Lt., 42nd
Regt.) and Lydia M^cAlpine, Digby Township, Nova Scotia, Dec. 11, 1788**

Province of Nova-Scotia, *Township of Digby 11th Dec^r 1788*

Know all Men by These Presents, *That Rob^t Rollo & Rob^t Timpany of S^d Township and County aforesaid –*

Are held and firmly bound to John Parr Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty’s Province of Nova Scotia, in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Lawful Money of Great-Britain to be paid to the said John Parr or his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, for the true Payment whereof we bind ourselves and each of us for the whole, and every part thereof and the heirs, Executors, and Administrators of us, and each of us, firmly by these presents, seal’d with our Seals, dated the Eleventh Day of Dec^r in the 27th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and 88

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if hereafter, there shall not appear, any lawful let or Impediment by reason of Consanguinity, Affinity, or any other lawful means, whatever, but the said *Rob^t Rollo & Lydia M^cAlpine* may solemnize Marriage together...

Source and Note: Marriage Bond, 1788 in *Kings County Registration Book*, 1700, p. 738. Robert Timpany was the former Major of the 4th Bn., New Jersey Volunteers (Loyalist).

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War Office Approvals for Leaves of Absence for 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Jan. 7, 1789

W. O. 7th January 1789

Sir

I have the honor to send you enclosed a List of Leaves of absence granted by the King to Officers in the 42^d and 57th. Reg^{ts}. of Foot under your Command.

Brig^r Gen^l. [James] Ogilvie, or Officer
Commanding His Majesty's Forces
in Nova Scotia

I have &ca
Geo. Yonge

Leaves of Absence
Cap^t. [David] Anstruther [and] Johnston 42^d Reg^t } 6 Mon^s. each from 4th Dec^r. 1788, on
} their private affairs...

Captain [John] Campbell } 57th Reg^t.
12 Mo^s. from 5th June 1788, for the recovery of his health...

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-letters* at WO 4/276, p. 271 (f. 136). Capt. Campbell served in the American war as a lieutenant in 42nd Regt. before being promoted into the 74th or Argyle Highland Regt.



Reproduction 60th Regt. Uniform Button

**Transfer Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. William Edmonstoune, 42nd Regt.,
to Lieutenancy in the 60th or Royal American Regt., London, Mar. 14, 1789**

War-Office, March 14, 1789...

60th Regiment of Foot. Lieutenant William Edmonstone, from Half-Pay of the 42d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice John Watson, deceased."

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 10-14, 1789, p. 4.

Letter from Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, to Secretary at War Sir George Yonge Approving Retirement of Lt. John Young, 60th or Royal American Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Apr. 3, 1789

St. James' Square, 3rd April, 1789

Sir...

I reported to the King the situation of Lieut. John Young, of the 60th Foot, that I had transmitted his memorial to you; and that from his services, losses and paralytick state of health, he begged to be permitted to sell his Commission; and as Lieut. Pyott was desirous of remaining in the Army, I hope, he might be allowed to purchase of Lieut. Young. I therefore beg the favour of you to lay the same before His Majesty, and to desire the Commission may be dated on the 2nd of April, by which Lieut. Pyott will retain his rank in the Army. I enclose Lieuts. Pyott and Young's certificates. I have the honour to be, &c.,
Amherst

2nd April, 1789

Most humbly proposed to your Majesty in the Second Regiment of Life Guards: By Purchase, to be Lieutenant *vice* Edward Pyott, who resigns, the eldest Cornet who can purchase – John Hughes. To be

Cornet *vice* John Hughes, promoted Sub-lieutenant in the late first Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards – Arthur Cuthbert.

Amherst, Colonel,

Approved by the King: the Commission dated this day. AMHERST.

Source and Note: "Leaves They Have Touched," Dr. Henry Scadding in *The Canadian Journal of Science, Literature, and History*, Vol. XIV, The Editing Committee of the Canadian Institute, The Canadian Institute, Toronto, 1875, Google Books, p. 84. Lt. John Young was a Pennsylvania Loyalist who served as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. during the American war.

Newspaper Account of the Consideration of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) and Col. Alexander, Lord Balcarras (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) to be Colonel, 71st (MacLeod's) Highland Regt., London, Apr. 8, 1789

LONDON...

Yesterday news arrived from Edinburgh, of the death of [John Mackenzie] Lord Macleod, Colonel of the 71st regiment, now in the East-Indies.

The candidates for it, are Lord Balcarras, Major-General [John] Campbell, late of the 74th, and General Stirling, late Lieutenant-Colonel to the 42d.

Source and Note: *St. James's Chronicle Or, British Evening Post*, Apr. 7-9, 1789, p. 1. During the American War, MacLeod's Highlanders were numbered the 73rd Regt. The Colonelcy of the now 71st Regt. was awarded to the Maj. Gen. Hon. William Gordon on Apr. 9, 1789.

Retirement Announcement for Lt. John Young, 60th or Royal American Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Apr. 14, 1789

War-Office, April 14, 1789...

60th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Edward Pyott, from the 2d Regiment of Life-Guards, to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice John Young, sen. who retires.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 11-14, 1789, pp. 13-14. This transaction resulted from the letter above dated Apr. 3, 1789 concerning Lt. Young.



Detail Showing Lord William Murray and Lady Murray from the Print "Promenade in the State Side of Newgate" Nov.7, 1793, by William Holland

Picture Source: *The British Museum* (Creative Commons Lic. - Not for Commercial Use)

Marriage Announcements of Half-Pay Capt. Lord William Murray, 77th or Atholl Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Miss Mary Ann Hodges, Edinburgh, June 20 and 22, 1789

OXFORD, JUNE 20...

On Tuesday was married by Special Licence, at Caversfield, the Seat of Joseph Bullock, Esq. the Right Honourable Lord William Murray, Brother to the Duke of Athol, to Miss Hodges, eldest Daughter of James Hodges, Esq. of Masulipatam

[Caledonian Mercury]

On Monday was married by special license, at the Seat of Joseph Bullock, Esq; at Caversfield, in Oxfordshire, the Right Hon. Lord William Murray (son of the late and brother to the present Duke of Athol,) to Miss Hodges, grand daughter of the late Sir James Hodges.

Sources and Notes: *Oxford Journal*, June 20, 1789, p. 3 and *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, June 22, 1789, p. 3. Mary Ann Hodges was the daughter of James Hodges of the Madras Civil service and Mary Bullock. Mr. Hodges was a Member of the Council of Masulipatam from 1773 to 1786. (*The Noozeed Affair*, Hatchard, London, 1832.). Masulipatam (now Machilipatnam), on the northeast coast of India is located about 320 miles northeast of Chennai (formerly Madras).

**Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lt. Alexander Cumine, 75th Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company, London, Sept. 8, 1789**

War-Office, September 8, 1789. PROMOTIONS – EAST INDIA.....

75th (Highland) Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant Alexander Cumine to be Captain of a Company."

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 5-8, 1789, pp. 2-3.

**Promotion of Half-Pay Col. Alexander, Earl of Balcarres, 2nd 71st Highland Regt.
(Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Colonel of the 63rd or the West Suffolk Regt.,
London, Aug. 27, 1789**

Commissions dated August 27, 1789...

63d Regiment of Foot, Colonel Alexander Earl of Balcarres to be Colonel, vice Earl Waldgrave.

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 22-26, 1789, p. 2.

**Hunting Certificates in Fife issued to Capt. David Anstruther, 42nd Regt., and Half-pay
Capt. William Nairne, Additional Company, 42nd Regt., Fife, Oct. 27, 1789**

FIFE-SHIRE GAME DUTY.

LIST of PERSONS to whom Stamped Certificates with respect to the killing of game, have been issued by the Sherriff-clerk of Fife, from the 1st day of July, to the 30th day of September, 1789, inclusive...

Anstruther, Capt. David, of the 42d regiment of foot, residing at Airdit...

Nairne, Capt. William, residing in St. Andrews...

JO. HORSBRUGH, Clk.

By order of his Majesty's Commissioners for Managing the Stamp-Duties

JOHN BRETTEL, Secretary.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Oct. 23-27, 1789, p. 18.

**News Account of Attendance of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) at
the Recognition of Maj. Gen. James Stuart (Lt. Col., Late 90th Regt.), Glasgow, Nov. 28, 1789**

MAJOR GENERAL STUART

The entertainment given at Glasgow to Major General Stuart, as mentioned in our last, was meant as a mark of regard and esteem for an officer, who, during the course of a very active life, had distinguished himself by his military merits in different quarters of the globe, and who had suffered severely in the service of his country...

Besides the Gentlemen of the county present at this entertainment, there was Major General Tho. Stirling, an officer of distinguished merit, who commanded the gallant Highlanders of the 42d Regiment during the last war in America...

Colonel Dalrymple of Cleland, in the county of Lanark, was in the chair, and the following toasts, amongst others were drunk: –

The King, Queen, Prince of Wales, and the Royal Family...

A health to Major General Stirling for the honour of his presence, and to the ever gallant Royal Highlanders who fought so bravely under his command in America...

Source and Note: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Nov. 28, 1789, p. 3. There was an officer with a similar name (James Stewart) in the 42nd Regt. in the American war, but at this time he was still serving as a Lt. in the regiment.

Bankruptcy Advertisement for Creditors of Dr. Kenneth Callander (Former Lt., 42nd Regt., London, Dec. 19, 1789)

London, December 19, 1789.

THE Creditors of Mr. Kenneth Callander, late of South Molton-street, Apothecary, a Bankrupt, are desired to meet, at the Globe Tavern, in Fleet-street, and to bring their Accounts, that a Dividend may be made.

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 15-19, 1789, p. 791.

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Bankruptcy Certificate Issued for Dr. Kenneth Callander (Former, Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Jan. 6, 1790

CERTIFICATES...

Kenneth Callander, of South Molton-street, St. George, Hanover-square, Middlesex, Apothecary.

Source: *London World*, Jan. 6, 1790, p. 2.

Former Capt. William Dickson and Former Ens. James Spens, 42nd Regt., Admitted to the Highland Society of Scotland, Edinburgh, Jan. 12, 1790 and Jan. 12, 1803

List of Members of the Highland Society of Scotland, March 1807.

Distinguishing the dates of their Admissions: with the president, Vice presidents, and other Officers for that year, annexed...

January 12, 1790...

Lieut. Colonel James Spens, late of the 73d regiment...

January 12th 1803...

Brigadier General William Dickson of Kilbucko...

Source: *Prize Essays and Transactions of the Highland Society of Scotland*, Vol. III, Henry Mackenzie, Archibald Constable and Co., Edinburgh, 1807, Google Books, Appendix, pp. 609, 615, 634.



Central Embroidery King's Color, 41st Regt., 1789

Picture Source: *A History of the Services of the 41st (the Welch) Regiment*, Lt. and Adj. D. A. N. Lomax, Hiorns & Miller, Devonport, 1899, Google Books, p. 344.

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.),
to be Colonel, 41st Regt., London, Jan. 13, 1790**

*Commission signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland; dated January 13, 1790.
41st Regiment of Foot, Major-General Thomas Stirling to be Colonel, vice Major-General M^cNab,
deceased."*

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 6, 1790, p. 2. Maj. Gen. Stirling commanded the 42nd Regt. for most of the American war before becoming Col. of the 71st Highlanders in 1782. By the time of the above order the 41st Regt. had become a regular regiment of the line and was no longer the Invalids Regt.

**Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.),
Elected to Highland Society of London, Feb. 11, 1790**

*List of Members of the Highland Society of London, on the 4th June 1778, with the successive Additions
since that Period, as recorded in the Books of the Society...*

[ELECTED] FEBRUARY 11, 1790...

[No. 442] Major-Gen. Stirling, 41st Regiment...

Source: *An Account of the Highland Society of London, From its Establishment in May 1778, to the Commencement of the Year 1813*, By Sir John Sinclair, Printed by B. McMillan, London, 1813, Google Books, p. 49.

**Birth Announcement for the Son of Half-pay Capt. Lord William Murray, Late 77th or Atholl
Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Mar. 23, 1790**

BIRTHS.

March...23... The Lady of Lord William Murray [former Miss Mary Ann Hodges], of a son
[James Arthur Murray].

Source: *Scots Magazine*, Mar. 1790, p. 153.

Promotion Recommendation for Capt. David Anstruther, 42nd Regt., by Maj. and Dep. Adj. General for Scotland William Wemyss and John Anstruther, Newton and Edinburgh, June 11 and 14, 1790

14 June 1790

Col^l Wemyss
Majority for Major Anstruther in the New Companies

Newton Thursday

Dear Sir

The inclosed Memorial ... [remainder of body of letter illegible]...
W Wemyss

Recommendation from John Anstruther dated at Edinburgh, June 11, 1790

My Dear Sir

I am just now informed that, Several New Battalions are immediately to be raised May I solicit your good office for procuring a Majority in one of them to my Brother? He has now been twelve Year a Captain Led the Grenadier company of the 42^d Reg^t during the whole American war where he had an opportunity of seeing as many broken Bones as any officer on that Service and where he was severely wounded himself; before his purchase into the 42^d he was Sir W^m Erskine's Adjutant in the 26th, who I believe will be very ready to Vouch for his Spirit and ability as an officer; He is now at Glasgow with the grenadier Company of the 42^d so can be got on a few hours notice at any time – To say anything of my own opinion of him would be improper as a Brother who had the Honor to be with Sincere Regard

My Dear Sir
Edinb^r 11th June 1790

Yours ever
Jⁿ Anstruther

Source and Note: NRS, Request made to Henry and Robert Dundas from Col. W. Wemyss dated June 14, 1790 in the *Papers of the Dundas Family of Melville, Viscounts Melville (Melville Castle Papers)* at GD51/6/8/1. Capt. Anstruther did not actually take command of the 42nd Grenadier Company until 1782, near the end of the American war.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lieutenant George Stewart, 33rd or the 1st Yorkshire West Riding Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company, London, July 20, 1790

War-Office, July 23, 1790...

33d Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant George Stewart to be Captain of a Company, vice William Gore.

Source: *London Gazette*, July 20, 1790, p. 2.

Listing of Parliament Election Freeholders (Land Owners) Including Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Half-Pay Capt. Norman M^cLeod (Cyprus), Late 71st Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Capt. Alexander Macgregor, 65th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Former Capt. John Rutherford, 42nd Regt., Maj. Alexander Donaldson, Late 76th Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), Perth-shire, Inverness-shire, Roxburgh-shire and Nairn-shire, Sept. 29, 1789 and July 17, 24 and 27, 1790

ROLLS of the FREEHOLDERS of the different Counties of Scotland, as made up at the Meetings for choosing their Representatives to the Parliament of Great Britain, summoned to meet at Westminster the 10th August 1790...

INVERNESS-SHIRE.

ROLL made up at the MEETING of FREEHOLDERS, held at INVERNESS 27th July 1790...
Colonel Norman M^cLeod of M^cLeod...

Captain Norman Macleod of the late 71st regiment...

PERTHSHIRE

ROLL made up at the Meeting of FREEHOLDERS held at Perth 17th July 1790...

Major General Thomas Stirling of Feddals...

Lieutenant Alexander Macgrigor of Balhaldies...

ROXBURGH-SHIRE

ROLL made up at the MEETING OF FREEHOLDERS, held at JEDBURGH 24th July 1790...

John Rutherford of Mossburnfurd...

NAIRN-SHIRE...

ROLL made up at the MEETING OF FREEHOLDERS, held at NAIRN, Michaelmas [Sept. 29], 1789...

Major Alexander Donaldson, late of the 76th regiment...

Source and Notes *A View of the Political State of Scotland at the Late General Election*, Printed for J. Ainslie, P. Hill, T. Cadell, Elliot & Kay and J. Murray, Edinburgh and London, 1790, Google Books, pp. 107, 110, 147-151 and 171-174. There were at least three estates in Perthshire with the name Feddals. Robert Graham Burden through his wife held Easter Feddal. Maj. Gen. Stirling likely held Middle and Wester Feddals which had been held by the Stirling's of Ardoch since the 1600's. Stirling's estate of "Feddals" contained Feddals, Kildees, Drummawhanie, Middle Feddal, Bennie, Cathkine and Dachlewan. (Ref: *A Directory of Land Ownership in Scotland c1770*, Loretta R. Timperley, Scottish Record Society, Edinburgh, 1976, Google Books Snippet, p. 280.)



Reproduction 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. Uniform Button

Death Announcement for Ens. William Anstruther, 42nd Regt., London, Aug. 28, 1790

War-Office, August 28...

42d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot, Patrick McLeod, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Anstruther, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 24-28, 1790, p. 3. Anstruther was commissioned Ens. in the 42nd Regt. on July 27, 1783, but did not serve with the regiment in America.

Hunting Certificate Issued for Half-Pay Capt. Lord William Murray, 77th Regt. or Atholl Highlanders (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Berkshire, Oct. 30, 1790

Berkshire GAME DUTY, 1790

A LIST of the several PERSONS who have taken out GAME CERTIFICATES under the Act of 25 George III.

NAMES

Murray, Right Honourable Lord William

PLACES OF RESIDENCES...

Tidmarsh

Source and Note: *Oxford Journal*, Oct. 30, 1790, p. 4. Tidmarsh is located six miles west north-west of Reading.

Retirement Announcement for Lt. William Edmondstone, 60th or Royal American Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Nov. 6, 1790

War-Office, November 6, 1790...

60th (or the Royal American) Regiment of Foot, Ensign James Brown to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice William Edmonstone, who retires.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 2, 1790, p. 2. Lt. Edmondstone was a former Lt. in the 42nd Grenadier Co.

Death Announcement for Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., Glasgow, Nov. 14, 1790

Died a few days ago, at Glasgow, Brigade Major James Campbell, of the 42d or Royal Highland regiment of foot.

Source and Notes: *London Evening Post* for Nov. 27, 1790, p. 4. A similar notice was published in *Scots Magazine* for Nov. 1790, p. 570 and *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Nov. 25, 1790, p. 3. Campbell's date of death is taken from the pension application for his wife, Jean Campbell, at Glasgow, Aug. 25, 1791 below.

Promotion Announcement, 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Nov. 27, 1790

War-Office, November 27, 1790...

42d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot, Captain Lieutenant Alexander Grant to be Captain of a Company, without Purchase, vice John [actually James] Campbell, deceased.

Ditto, Lieutenant James Stewart to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Alexander Grant.

Ditto, Ensign Donald McNiven to be Lieutenant, vice James Stewart.

Ditto, Simon Fraser, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Donald M^cNiven.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 23, 1790, pp. 2-3. "John Campbell" was actually Capt. James Campbell who had been captured at the surrender of Pensacola and held hostage by the Spanish Army until late 1783. Capt. Grant, Capt. Lt. Stewart, and Ens. M^cNiven all served in the 42nd Regt. during the American war.

1791



Detail of Photograph of Edinburgh Castle from the North, 2012, by Kim Traynor

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Diary Account of Lt. Hugh Fraser, 42nd Regt., and Family by Phillip Barrington Ainslie, Edinburgh Castle, 1791

1791. The gallant 42nd regiment (the Royal Highlanders) were quartered in the Castle of Edinburgh during the early part of this year. Many of the officers being of my father's acquaintance (having met them on service during the Seven Years' war), he often received them at his house...

Many of the officers of the 42nd were of the clan Fraser, amongst whom was Captain Fraser who commanded the grenadier company. He had served from early youth in the gallant "Forty Twa," and under the lamented Wolfe, led the grenadiers when they stormed the heights of Abraham. In all the actions where the Royal Highlanders were engaged during the Seven Years' war, he was distinguished for his gallantry. Two sons of his held commissions in the 42nd—the youngest, Simon, was considered the handsomest man in the regiment.

The other members of the gallant veteran's family consisted of his wife, a most amiable matron, and an only daughter, the sweet and bonnie Sally. The motherly kindness of Mrs. Fraser to my companion Benjy Bartlet and myself, when we visited her and bonnie Sally, in the castle, I still remember with much gratitude. Their apartments were in the Great Square, where, in the olden time, the palace was situate, in one of the apartments of which the unfortunate Queen Mary was born. Mrs. Fraser, while administering with true Highland hospitality to our creature comforts, delighted and interested our young imaginations with many a traditionary historic anecdote of the wrongs and sorrows, and melancholy fate, of the beautiful but erring Mary Stuart, narrated with a fervour and warmth in which we heartily participated. Captain Fraser was in manners and appearance the perfect Highland gentleman, and gallant soldier; yet, although he had served so long, was at this time no higher in rank than the eldest captain of his regiment...

Source and Notes: *Reminiscences of a Scottish Gentleman, Commencing in 1787*, Phillip Barrington Ainslie writing as Philo Scotus, Arthur Hall, Virtue, and Co., London, 1861, pp. 14-16. There were no Captains named Fraser in 1791. Lt. Hugh Fraser was the senior officer named Fraser in the regiment. He had two sons in the regiment, Lt. William and Ens. Simon. The 42nd Regt. was not the Battle of Quebec.

**Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers in Independent Companies, London,
Jan. 27-28, 1791**

War-Office, January 27, 1791

OFFICERS appointed to INDEPENDENT COMPANIES.

To be CAPTAINS...

Lieutenants...

John Robertson, from the 55th.

H. D. [Henry David] Fraser, from the 42d...

William Grant, from the 55th...

War-Office, January 28...

42d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot, Captain the Marquis of Huntly, from an Independent Company, to be Captain of a Company, vice Alexander Grant, who exchanges...

INDEPENDENT COMPANIES.

Captain Alexander Grant, from the 42d Regiment to be Captain of a Company, vice the Marquis of Huntly, who exchanges.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 1791, pp. 1-3. Capt. Robertson was a former Ens. and Capt. William Grant was a former Sgt. Major in the 42nd Regt. The Independent companies being formed by this order were a means to rapidly recruit hundreds of men. After the companies were raised the troops were drafted to fill other regiments and the officers put on half-pay.

Transfer Announcement for Half-Pay Capt. Lord William Murray, Late 77th or Atholl Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company, 70th (or the Surry) Regt., London, Jan. 29, 1791

Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland...

70th Regiment of Foot, Captain Lord William Murray, from Half-Pay of late 77th Foot, to be Captain, vice Johnston, exchanged. Dated October 31, 1790.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 29, 1791, p. 3. Lord William Murray was the brother of the Duke of Atholl.



Reproduction 47th Regt. Uniform Button

**Exchange Announcement for Capt. Henry David Fraser, Independent Company
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to the 47th (or the Lancashire) Regt., London, Feb. 12, 1791**

War-Office, February 12 [1791]...

47th Regiment of Foot, Captain Henry David Fraser, from an Independent Company, to be Captain of a Company, vice William Corfeild, who exchanges...

INDEPENDENT COMPANIES.

Captain William Corfeild, from the 47th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Henry David Fraser, who exchanges.”

Source: *London Gazette*, Feb. 8-12, 1791, p. 1.

Promotion/Retirement Announcements, 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Mar. 19, 1791

War-Office, March 19 [1791]...

42d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot, Captain George Dalrymple to be Major, by Purchase, vice Walter Home, who retires.

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant James Stewart to be Captain of a Company, vice George Dalrymple.

Ditto, Lieutenant Alexander Stewart to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice James Stewart...

77th Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Captain William Grant from the Half-Pay of the Independent Companies, to be Captain of a Company, vice John H. Dalrymple, who exchanges to the 65th.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 15-19, 1791, pp. 1-2. Maj. Dalrymple, Maj. Home, Capt. James Stewart, and Capt. Lt. Alexander Stewart served in the 42nd Regt. during the American war. Captain William Grant was a former Sgt. Major of the 42nd Regt.

**Promotion/Retirement Announcements for 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers,
London, Apr. 9, 1791**

War-Office, April 9, 1791...

42d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Farquarson to be Adjutant, without Purchase, vice Hugh Fraser, who resigns.

57th Regiment of Foot, Major Hay MacDowall, from 73d Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Charles Brownlow, who retires.

73d (Highland) Regiment of Foot, Captain James Spens to be Major, by Purchase, vice Hay Macdowall, promoted in the 57th regiment.”

Source and Notes: *London Gazette*, Apr. 5, 1791, pp. 2-3. Lt. Hugh Fraser was a former Sgt. Maj. of the 42nd Regt. and served the entire American war as Adjutant of the regiment. Lt. Col. Macdowal was a former Capt. and Maj. Spens was a former Ens. in the 42nd Regt. The 73rd Regt. was formerly the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Dugald Campbell, Assistant Engineer (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Lt. Governor and Brig. Gen. Thomas Carleton, Regarding the Naming of Fort Carleton, New Brunswick, May 29, 1791

Fort Carleton 29th. May 1791

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that I arrived at Presqu'ile the 20th. and at this Post on the 25th of May, having been much delayed by the height of the [St. John] River. Before I proceed further I have to request that your Excellency will be pleased to do me the honor of permitting this Place to be in future called Fort Carleton as a mark of respect and in testimony of the gratitude I feel for the kindness you have honored me with...

The Warmest Zeal for His Majestys Service and for the honor of Your Excellencys Government has emboldened me to lay the above before you.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your Excellencys most obedient humble Serv^t

*Dug^d Campbell Lieut.
& Assistant Engineer*

His Excellency Brigadier General Carleton

Source and Note: Lt. Dugald Campbell to Brig. Gen. Carleton, May 29, 1791 in the *Winslow Family Papers*, Vol. 7-91, University of New Brunswick. Fort Carleton was built on the Saint John River at the current location of Grand Falls, New Brunswick, near the Maine border about 120 miles northwest of Fredericton.

Exchange Announcement for Lt. Alexander Innes, 42nd Regt., to Half-pay Independent Company, London, July 9, 1791

War-Office, July 12, 1791...

42d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Raitt, from Half-Pay of the Independent Companies, to be Lieutenant, vice Alexander Innes, who exchanges."

Source: *London Gazette*, July 9, 1791, p. 1.

Marriage Announcement for Lt. William Fraser, 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, July 27, 1791

MARRIAGES...July 27. Lieut. William Fraser, of 42d foot, to Miss Eliza Robertson of Kelso.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, September, 1791 p. 466. Lt. Fraser served in the American war and was the son of long serving Adj. Hugh Fraser.

News Account of Voyage of Half-pay Ens. James Rivington, Late 2nd Battalion, 84th of Royal Highland Emigrants (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.) to Charleston, Aug. 18-24, 1791

NEW-YORK, Sept. 7.

The ship Delaware, which left Philadelphia the 18th of August, arrived off Charleston lighthouse on the 24th. In this ship were many passengers, among whom were Messrs. Joseph Hardie and James Rivington, jun. charged with South Carolina assumptions from the merchants of this city and Philadelphia.

Source and Note: *New-York Daily Gazette*, Sept. 7, 1791, p. 2. Ens. Rivington had been too young to serve with the regiment and remained in America after the war.

**Pension Application for Jean Campbell, Widow of Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt.,
Glasgow, Aug. 25, 1791**

WE do hereby Certify to the best of our Knowledge, that *M^{rs}. Jean Campbell*
Was the real Wife of
James Campbell Esquire, late a Captain in the 42^d. Reg^t. of Foot, who died in Full Pay the 14 day of Nov^r
1790

And left the said *Widow unprovided for*
Whereof We humbly recommend her as an Object of his MAJESTY'S Royal Bounty and Compassion.
Given under our Hands the *fifth* day of *August 1791*

Hector Munro
Col^o. 42^d. Reg^t.
Ross & Ogilvie Agents

M^{rs}. Jean Campbell came this Day before me, and made Oath that she was lawfully married to *James Campbell Esq* late a *Captain* in the *42^d. Regiment of Foot* commanded by *Major General Sir Hector Monro K: B:* and ever since his Decease she has continued a Widow, and is so at this present Time; and that she has no other Pension, Allowance, or Provision made for her by the Government, either in *Great-Britain or Ireland*, without the pension she hopes to receive by his Majesty's Bounty.
Jean Campbell

Sworn before me at
Glasgow
Ja^s. Forbes J_r }
Augst. 25th. 91 }

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Widows' Pensions and Bounty, Application Papers* at WO 25/3092/2, item. 14. The application was on a preprinted form, with the particulars included by hand. Except for the words Britain, Ireland and "sworn before me" the italicized words above represent the handwritten portion of the document.



Detail of Drawing of Patrick Campbell

Picture Source: *Travels in the Interior Parts of North America in the Years 1791 and 1792*, Patrick Campbell, Printed for the Author, Edinburgh, 1793, Frontispiece.

**Patrick Campbell's Account of His Nephew, Lt. Dugald Campbell (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),
Frederick Town, New Brunswick, Canada, Sept. 4, 1791**

September 4. Upon enquiry I was informed that my relation lieutenant Dugald Campbell, assistant engineer, who resided within five miles of Frederick Town, had passed through it two days ago to visit his farm on the Nashwack river, about eighteen miles from hence; and was expected to return that day by the same route.

Source: *Travels in the Interior Parts of North America in the Years 1791 and 1792*, Patrick Campbell, Printed for the Author, Edinburgh, 1793, p. 38.

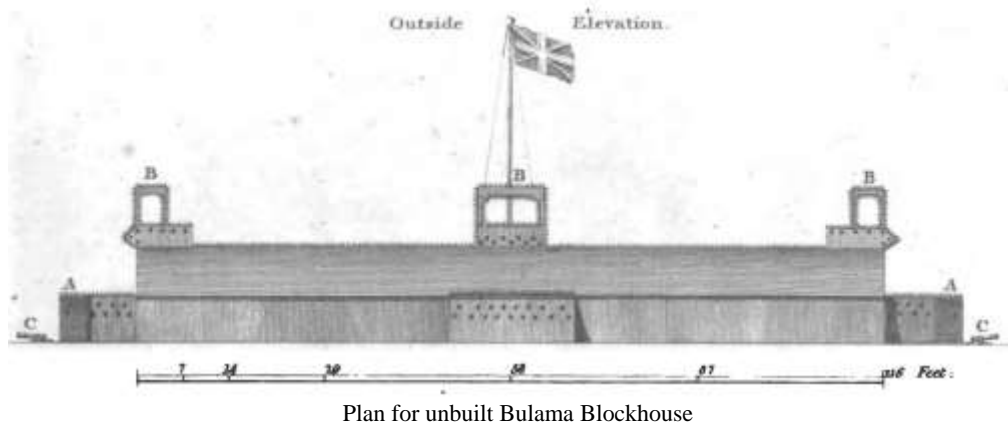
News Account of 42nd Regt. Officers Entertained Prior to March to Fort George, Edinburgh, Nov. 16, 1791

Yesterday, the last division of the 42d, or Royal Highlanders, marched from this city, on their route to Fort George, &c.

On Saturday, his Excellency Lord Adam Gordon invited the officers of this regiment to partake of a most sumptuous entertainment at Gordon's Tavern, Hunter's Square. The dinner was served up in a very elegant stile, and the wines were excellent.

Source and Note: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Nov. 17, 1791, p. 3. Sixteen of the thirty-two officers in the 42nd Regt. in Apr. 1791, served in the American war.

1792



Picture Source: *African Memoranda: Relative to an Attempt to Establish a British Settlement on the Island of Bulama*, Capt. Philip Beaver, R. N., Printed for C. and R. Baldwin, London, 1805, Google Books, after p. 280.

Lt. Governor John Young (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) and His Wife Sail to Establish New Settlement on African Island of Bulama, Gravesend, England, Apr. 4, 1792

A List of those people who sailed from Gravesend, on the 4th of April 1792, on board the ships Calypso and Hankey, and the cutter Beggar's Bennisson, with the intention of forming a settlement on the Island of Bulama on the western coast of Africa...

EMBARKED ON BOARD THE HANKEY.

SUBSCRIBERS.

Council.

John Young, lieutenant-governor, returned in the Calypso, the 19th July, 1792...

Subscribers' Wives.

Mrs. King, returned in the Calypso the 19th July, 1792.

___ Young, do...

Source and Note: *African Memoranda: Relative to an Attempt to Establish a British Settlement on the Island of Bulama*, Capt. Philip Beaver, R. N., Printed for C. and R. Baldwin, London, 1805, Google Books, pp. 433, 439 and 442. After a deadly attack by hostile islanders, Young, his wife and about 150 of the settlers abandoned the settlement and returned to England. The settlement was totally abandoned in 1793.

1st Lt. James Lees (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.) Removed from Corps of Royal Engineers, London, May 2, 1792

Office of Ordnance, May 2 [1792].

Corps of Royal Engineers...

Second Lieutenant William Bartlett to be First Lieutenant, vice James Lees.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 1-5, 1792, p. 2. Lees was cashiered from the Royal Engineers.

Promotion Announcement, 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Aug. 11, 1792

War-Office, August 11 [1792]...

42d Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant Alexander Stewart to be Captain of a Company, vice the Marquis of Huntly, promoted in the 3d Foot Guards.

Ditto, Lieutenant James Stirling to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Stewart.

Ditto, Ensign David Stewart to be Lieutenant, vice Stirling.

Ditto, Alexander Leith, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Stewart.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 7-11, 1792, pp. 2-3. Capt. Stewart and Capt. Lt. Stirling served as lieutenants in the American war. Ens. David Stewart is the future Maj. Gen. David Stewart (Garth), author of *Stewart's Sketches*.



Detail from Portrait of Lachlan Macquarie

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from *Picturesque Atlas of Australasia*, Vol. I, Andrew Garran, 1888

Journal of Capt. Lt. Lachlan Macquarie, 77th Regt., Notes the Arrival of Capt. Alexander Cumine, 75th Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), at Bombay (Mumbai), India and His Sailing for England, Nov. 26-Dec. 28, 1792

1792...

Nov^r. 26...

I forgot to mention in its place that Captain Alexander Cumine of the 75th. Regiment came to live with me on the 17th. Inst.; he arrived lately from the Coast, and is so far on his way to Europe...

Dec^r. 28.

This day sailed for England the *Montrose* East Indiaman commanded by Capt. Dorin; on her went Passengers Mrs. Capt. French and Capt. Cumine 75th. Regt., who I did myself the pleasure to accompany on board....

Source: Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie Archive, *Journal No. 2: 26 March 1792 - 28 December 1794*. Lachlan Macquarie, Original held in the Mitchell Library, Sydney, ML Ref: A768 pp. 393-396, Microfilm Reel CY299 Frames #207-208, Macquarie University, Australia.

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Journal Account of Capt. Lt. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., by Phillip Barrington Ainslie, Musselburgh, 1793

1793...Also at this time, the gallant 42nd Highlanders (waiting for transports) were quartered in Musselburgh ... The light company was commanded by Captain Stirling, an intimate friend of my father's. He was very kind to me, and, by the present of a green light infantry feather, which he stuck in my cap, nearly enlisted me "to follow the drum;" but, as my decided predilection was for the navy, "the scarlet fever" was soon cured.

Captain Stirling (who got his commission in the 42nd when very young) served through the American war, and afterwards with the Duke of York in Flanders; with Sir Ralph Abercromby, in Egypt; and also throughout the Peninsular war. He was ever distinguished for his indomitable bravery and coolness in action. In the battle of Alexandria, he commanded the 42nd, when Buonaparte's Invincibles were nearly annihilated, and their eagle taken by the gallant Highlanders. After the Peninsular war, he attained the rank of major-general, and retired from active service, shattered in health, and with the scars of many wounds received in "hard-fought fields." A brother veteran, who had served with him during many years in the 42nd, related to me (after the General's death) several traits of his extraordinary coolness and gallant demeanour in action. At the battle of Corunna, where the 42nd were, as usual, in the thickest of the fray. General Stirling (then colonel in command of that regiment) walked about in front of his men under a continued and most severe fire, with as much coolness as on a mere parade. Some years after, I met and conversed with a colour-sergeant of the 42nd (who had been severely wounded at Corunna), respecting the position of the gallant Highlanders when the French advanced. His reply was most characteristic: "Weel, yer honour ye see, we were drawn up in line. Some o' us had faan, for the cannon-shot came thick; but no' a man but stood as firm and dour as Craig Alachy. The Cornel, honest man, just walked about in front o' us wi' a bit switch in his hand, as quietly as if he had been on the parade on the Castle Hill o' Embro'. Naething anger'd him till we cam' to the charge; and then he was aye foremost, and just like a wild boar."

Source and Note: *Reminiscences of a Scottish Gentleman, Commencing in 1787*, Phillip Barrington Ainslie writing as Philo Scotus, Arthur Hall, Virtue, and Co., London, 1861, pp. 31-37. Stirling was not promoted to Capt. until 1795. "Craig Alachy" or Craigellachie is a high hill near Aviemore in Badenoch, and the slogan cry of the clan Grant.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. John Young, Late 3rd Battalion, 60th or Royal American Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to His Aunt, Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson, Regarding His Poor Health, London, Jan. 15, 1793

I am returned from Africa my health so bad I could do no good There. My disorder lies in my head excruciating pain and at times an invincible Stupor. I have been Seven months in England four of which I have been confined to my Chamber, I can hardly write a line with ease. I am very ill – I am Dying I have destroyed all your Letters as you desired I am content to Dye.

Source: *Most Learned Woman in America: A Life of Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson*, Anne M. Ousterhout, Penn State Press, 2010, p. 314.

Retirement Announcement for Capt. Robert Potts of Galalaw, 42nd Regt., London, Mar. 2, 1793

War-Office, March 2. [1793]...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Alexander Mackenzie to be Captain of a Company, by Purchase, vice Pott, who retires.

Source: *London Gazette*, Feb. 26-Mar. 2, 1793, p. 4.

Promotion Announcement for Lt. Alexander Loraine, 9th or the East Norfolk Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Capt. Lieutenant, London, Mar. 19, 1793

War-Office, March 19, 1793...

9th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Alexander Loraine to be Captain-Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Dean, who retires.”

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 16-19, 1793, p. 12.

Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to his Nephew James Graham Expressing Poor Opinion of Earl Cornwallis' Military Talents, Lochlane, Scotland, Apr. 10, 1793

Lochlin 10th April 1793

My Dear Nephew,

I was extremely happy to receive your letter of 18th Augst. giving me such pleasing accounts of your health, which I most sincerely wish may continue and I hope by this time that you have got an appointment to your liking which will remove every degree of chagrin, that certainly increased if it did not bring on your complaints

The success in India gave universal joy here and which was heightened by not being expected by many I had always a very high opinion of [Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis] L C integrity and honour, but I confess not so of his military talents & I still think the first campaign a very rash one & but for the junction of Mahrattas He & his whole army had been lost... believe me to be, with great truth,

Dear Nephew,

yours most faithfully

Tho^s Stirling

addressed: James Graham Esq^r
in the H India Comp^{ys} Service
at Rungpoor
Calcutta

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 95-96 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS. 10947, ff. 139-140.

**Letter from Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling to Lady Christian Graham, Regarding an Ensigncy
in the Invalids for Former Lt. John Young, 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, May 10, 1793**

To
Right Hon^{bl}
Lady Christian Graham
George Street
Edin^r

Madam

Lochlan 10th May 1793

I have to acknowledge the honour of your Ladyships letter of the 6th Ins^t: with your handsome donation to M^r. Young by a bill indorsed to me from the house of Forbes Hunter & C^o. for £50 on Mess^{rs} Moffat Kensington, Lyon London which I have this day remitted to M^r Young & who will I am sure receive this mark of your goodness with the greatest gratitude, and likewise your kind assurance of applying to M^r. Dundas for some small annuity or secure place to protect him from future want; I take the liberty of mentioning in case M^r Dundas should make any difficulty of procuring a pension or sinecum place, that an Ensigncy in the Invalids would answer equally well, & As M^r Young was a loyalist and served in the Army in America it gives him some pretension, it may be objected that he sold out of the Army, but it was want off health that forced him to that measure, as he could not possibly join his Reg^t & the Country was then likely to be involved in a war with Spain so that no delay could be procured. He got a compensation from the Commissioners for his losses in America but it was so small an amount that great part of it was spent hanging on in London before he received it, the residue with the sale of his commission he laid out in purchasing some Officers half pay to make up an annuity but upon a decision of Lord Kenyons that they could not sell it, one or two of them very dishonourably detained their certificates by which he was deprived of that resource - M^{rs} Ferguson is still alive but the last account he gave me of her was that she was disposing of her property very fast and probably she might soon have nothing left having got in to very bad hands.

As your Ladyships thinks I ought to apply I shall write to Gen^l Murray to speak to M^r Dundas but I am satisfied your application will be sufficient only I beg to add that what can be done for him should not be delayed. He is a most unfortunate but deserving man, well informed, & an excellent heart otherwise I should not have troubled your Ladyships. M^{rs} Campbell joins me in most respectfull Comp to your Ladyships, we as all M^r Youngs friends must claim a just sense of humanity to him.

I am happy to learn you have heard from M^r Grame lately who I hope has benefited from his travels.

I have the honour to be, with high esteem

Madam

Your Ladyships most obed^t Serv^t

Tho^s Stirling

Source: NAS, *Papers of the Dundas Family of Melville* at GD51/6/74, transcribed by Ed Brumby. A Petition by the Earl of Hopetown read in the House of Lords on Sept. 25, 1799 lists Lady Christian Graham as the "*Relic of Thomas Graham, of Balgowan, Esquire...*" Lt. Young was ta first cousin of Maj. Gen. Stirling and the Grahams of Balgowan were relatives of Lt. Young's mother's family, the Graemes of Graeme Park, Pennsylvania.

**News Account of Admittance of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling of Feddals
(Former, Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to the Highland Society of Scotland, Edinburgh, May 26, 1793**

HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND.

A General Meeting of this Society, agreeable to their Charter of Independance, was held in their Hall here, on Saturday last... the following New Members were duly elected and admitted viz...

Major General Thomas Stirling of Feddals...
...and afterwards a numerous and respectable party of the Members dined together in Hunter's Tavern,
Sir Alexander Ramsay Irvine of Balmain, Bart. Vice President, in the chair.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], June 3, 1793, p. 3.

**Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers in Fencible Regiments,
London, June 15, 1793**

War-Office, June 15, [1793]...

West Lowland Regiment of Fencible Men.

Hugh Montgomerie, Esq; to be Colonel...

Alexander Donaldson to be Major..."

Perthshire Regiment of Fencible Men.

John Earl of Breadalbane to be Colonel...

To be Lieutenants

Gavin Drummond...

To be Surgeon

Donald Smith...

Perthshire Regiment of Fencible men, 2d Battalion.

Andrew M^cDonall to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

William Robertson to be Major.

To be Captains...

Alexander Munro...

To be Lieutenants...

John Sinclair...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 11-15, 1793, p. 3. Maj. Donaldson was the former Capt. of the 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt. in Scotland, Lt. Drummond was a former Lt., Surgeon Smith was a former Surgeon's Mate and Capt. Munro was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. Lt. Sinclair briefly served in the 42nd Additional Company at the end of the war on transfer from the 2nd 71st Regt. Fencible Regiments were raised only for service in Great Britain.

**Promotion Announcement for Surg. William Robertson, 42nd Regt., to be Apothecary to the Forces
in Great Britain, London, June 18, 1793**

War-Office, June 18 [1793]...

HOSPITAL STAFF...

To be Apothecaries to the Forces in Great Britain...

Surgeon William Robertson, from the 42d Foot..."

Source: *London Gazette*, June 15-18, 1793, pp. 3-4.



1798 Engraving of Sir James Grant and the Strathspey Fencibles by John Kay

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers in Strathspey Fencibles,
London, June 22, 1793**

*War-Office, June 22. [1793]...
Strathspey Regiment of Fencible Men*

Sir James Grant, Bart. to be Colonel...

John Grant [Glenmoriston] to be Major.

To be Captains.

John Grant [Auchindown]...

To be Captain-Lieutenant

John Grant [Rippachie]...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 18, 1793, p. 3. All three John Grants in this order served in the two battalions of the 42nd Regt. during the period of the American war. Maj. Grant of Glenmoriston was a former Capt. in the 2nd Bn. 42nd Regt. Capt. Grant of Auchindown was a former Lt. in 42nd Regt. who commanded the 2nd Additional Company in Newfoundland from 1778 to 1781 and a Capt. of the 2nd Battalion Additional Co. Capt. Lt. Grant of Rippachie, briefly served as a Lt. in 42nd Regt.

**Transfer Announcement for Half-pay Lt. John Young, 60th or Royal American Regt. (Former Lt.,
42nd Regt.), to Ensigny in Capt. John, Lord Elphinstone's Independent Company of Invalids,
London, July 23, 1793**

War-Office, July 23...

John Young, Gent, late a Lieutenant in the 60th. Foot, to be Ensign in Lord Elphinstone's Independent Company of Invalids in North Britain, vice [James] Hanson, approved for a Lieutenancy in the 78th Foot.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 20-23, 1793, p. 2. Lt. Young, a Loyalist from Pennsylvania, had served in the 42nd Regt. in the American war. He suffered a stroke which was the reason for the posting to the Invalids. As Capt.

Lord Elphinstone had been appointed Lt. Governor of Edinburgh Castle in 1781 it was likely the location of his invalid company. The effective date of Young's transfer was Mar. 8, 1793.



Officer's Silver Shoulder Belt Plate of the West Lowland Fencibles

Picture Source: Courtesy of *Toovey's Antique & Fine Art Auctioneers & Valuers*

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. Alexander Donaldson, West Lowland Fencibles
(Former Capt., 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. Colonel, London, July 27, 1793**

War-Office, July 27, 1793...

West Lowland Regiment of Fencible men, Major Alexander Donaldson to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lord [Archibald] Kennedy, who resigns.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 23, 1793, p. 3. Fencible regiments were raised for the defense of Great Britain and were not to be sent overseas.

**Excerpts of Deserter Advertisement, Referencing Capt. David Anstruther,
42nd Regt. on the Recruiting Service in Edinburgh, Aug. 5, 1793**

DESERTED,

From the 42^d or ROYAL HIGHLAND REGIMENT of Foot, PETER PURDIE, one of the band of Music...

Any person who will apprehend the above Deserter...will receive TWO GUINEAS of Reward...by applying to...Captain Anstruther, now recruiting in Edinburgh.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Aug. 5, 1793.

**Transfer Announcement for Half-pay Capt. Alexander Grant, Independent Companies
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to 78th Regt. of (Highland) Foot, London, Aug. 17, 1793**

War-Office, August 17 [1793]...

78th Regiment of Foot...

To be CAPTAINS...

Captain Alexander Grant from the Half-Pay of the late Independent Companies...

Source: *London Gazette*, Aug. 13-17, 1793, p. 1.

Exchange Announcement for Lt. John Nesmyth, 69th or the South Lincolnshire Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to an Independent Company, London, Sept. 27, 1793

War-Office, September 27, 1793...

69th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Edward Villiers Crotty, from an Independent Company, to be Lieutenant, vice Nasmyth, who exchanges.

INDEPENDENT COMPANIES...

Lieutenant John Nasmyth, from the 69th Foot, to be Lieutenant in Captain Woodford's Independent Company of Foot, vice Crotty, who exchanges...

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 24, 1793, pp. 2-3.

Promotion Announcement for Lt. Hugh Fraser (Former Lt. and Adj., 42nd Regt.) to be Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Orkney and Shetland Battalion of Fencible Men, London, Sept. 28, 1793

War-Office, September 28 [1793]...

Orkney and Shetland Battalion of Fencible Men.

Thomas Balfour, Esq; to be Major-Commandant....

To be LIEUTENANTS.

Hugh Fraser, Gent...

To be ADJUTANT.

Lieutenant Hugh Fraser..."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 24, 1793, pp. 2-3. Lt. Fraser was a former Sgt. Major, Lt. and longtime Adjutant of the 42nd Regt. The Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands are off the northern tip of Scotland.

Lord Moira's List of General Officers, Including Brevet-Brig. Gen. Charles Graham (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), During Flanders and Quiberon Campaigns Sept. 1793 to Nov. 1795

RETURN of the GENERAL and STAFF OFFICERS who have been employed and paid under the Earl of MOIRA; divided into Three Periods: With an Account of the Pay and Allowance of those Officers.

FIRST PERIOD;

From the Embarkation of the Troops at Portsmouth in November [actually September] 1793, to the Termination of the subsequent Winter Quarter.

THE British Regiments under the command of Lord Moira on his outset, were eleven; viz. 3d, 19th, 27th, 28th, 40th, 42d, 54th, 57th, 59th, 63d, and 78th.

The GENERAL OFFICERS employed were

Major General Crosbie,
Brigadier General Lord Cathcart.
Brigadier General Graham,
Brigadier General Hunter.
Brigadier General Doyle, Quarter Master General...

SECOND PERIOD;

From the Encampment of the Troops at Nettleby [June 1794] to the Winter Quarters of 1794.

THE number of Regiments under the Command of Lord Moira was as follows; viz. 19th, 27th, 28th, 40th, 42d, 54th, 57th, 59th, 87th, 89th, Foot; and detachments... of Cavalry...
No additions of General Officers...

THIRD PERIOD;

From the assembling of the Troops at Southampton, in July 1795, to the Termination of Lord Moira's Command.

THE Regiments actually assembled under Lord Moira's command were, the 2d, 3d, 12th, 14th, 19th, 27th, 28th, 33d, 42d, 57th, 63d, 78th, 80th, 90th, 101st, 103d, 109th, 124th Foot; with the 4th Dragoon Guards, the 12th Dragoons, and two squadrons of the 25th Dragoons...

The GENERAL OFFICERS employed during this Period, were

Major General Crosbie.

Major General Graham.

Major General St. Leger, for the Cavalry.

Major General Campbell.

Hon. Major General Needham.

Major General Doyle, Quarter Master General

The number of General Officers was in this period obviously inadequate for foreign service...

November 29th, 1795.

MOIRA...

Source and Notes: *An Impartial Report of the Debates That Occur in the Two Houses of Parliament...Sixth Session of the Seventeenth Parliament...*, Vol. II, Pub. by William Woodfall, T. Chapman, London, 1795, Google Books, Appendix pp. 38-45. Netley is located about 18 miles northwest of Portsmouth. The July 1795 expedition was to Quiberon Bay, France and was eventually commanded by Maj. Gen. Doyle. Lord Moira was previously known as Lord Rawdon and served in the American war.



Prince Frederick, Duke of York, 1790

Picture Source: *Wikimedia Commons*.

News Account of Lt. Col. Charles Graham Leading the 42nd Highlanders to Join the Duke of York's Army, Ostend, Belgium, Sept. 25, 1793

Ostend, Sept. 23...

Sept. 25. This morning landed here a fine corps of Highlanders, the 42d regiment of foot commanded by [Lt.] Colonel [Charles] Graham. They are to stay with us a few days, and then join the

army under the orders of the [Gen. Prince Frederick] Duke of York, which is in continual motion; and, to judge from different movements of the troops, it is in all probability on the point of avenging our late disasters near Dinkirk.

Source: *Saunders's News-Letter, and Daily Advertiser*, Oct. 2, 1793, p. 1.

Promotion Announcement for Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarres, 63rd or the West Suffolk Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be a Maj. General and for Lt. Col. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., to be Colonel in the Army, London, Oct. 18, 1793

War-Office, October 18 [1793]

HIS Majesty has been, pleased to appoint...

As likewise COLONELS...

Alexander Earl of Balcarres...

To be MAJOR-GENERALS...

As likewise LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...

Charles Graham...

To be COLONELS.

Source: *London Gazette*, Oct. 15-19, 1793, pp. 3- 4.

Appointment Orders for Maj. Gen. Alexander Earl of Balcarres, Col., 63rd or the West Suffolk Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Acting Commandant of the Forces in Jersey, Oct. 22, 1793

War-Office, October 22...

STAFF...

Major-General Alexander Earl of Balcarres to be Commandant of the Forces in Jersey during the Absence of the Governor of the said Island.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 19-22, 1793, pp. 3- 4. The Island of Jersey is located off the west coast of the Cherbourg Peninsula, France.

Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Col. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., to be Brevet-Brig. General on the Continent, London, Nov. 26, 1793

War-Office, November 26 [1793]...

BREVETS...

To be Brigadiers on the Continent of Europe only...

Colonel Charles Graham.

Source: *London Gazette*, Nov. 23-26, 1793 pp. 1-2.

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Transfer Announcement for Lt. John Nesmyth, Independent Company (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to the 102nd Regt. (Irish Rangers), London, Jan. 11, 1794

War-Office, January 11, 1794...

Officers for the Corps raising by Lieutenant-Colonel Trench. Commissions dated October 31, 1793.

Lieutenant Colonel Eyre Power Trench, from the 38th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant...

LIEUTENANTS

John Narmyth [Nesmyth], from an Independent Company...

To be Lieutenants....

Source and Notes: *London Gazette*, Jan. 7-11, 1794 p. 24. Lt. Colonel Trench's regiment joined the line as the 102nd Regt. Lt. Nesmyth was a former Lt. in 42nd Regt. The regiment was stationed in Guernsey until disbanded in 1795. Lt. Col. Trench had served as a captain in the 1st Lt. Inf. Bn. in the American war.

Excerpt of Memorial of Capt. Lt. John Grant of Rippachie, Strathspey Fencibles (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Tammore, March 10, 1794

I am a very old officer, having entered the army at the age of 16 in 1760 as ensign by purchase: went out in the 4th Division of Independent Companies to Senegal, where on 11 Nov., 1761, I was appointed Lieutenant. In 1763, was reduced and remained on half pay till 1775, when I was appointed as one of the additional Lieutenants of the 42nd, but owing to bad health had to retire. I served five years during the last war in the Duke of Gordon's Regiment of Fencibles and commanded a company. At present tho' the oldest Captain in Sir James Grant's Fencibles, I am only Captain-Lieutenant.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-letters* (names starting with the letter G), dated 1794 at WO 1/1072 quoted in *Territorial Soldiering / in the North-East of Scotland during 1759-1814*, John Malcolm Bulloch, Printed for the University, Aberdeen, Scotland, 1914, p. 176. There is a note with this memorial that states "He became Captain, May 9, 1794, vice Alexander Macdonnel."

Exchange and Promotion Announcement for Capt. David Anstruther and Quartermaster Hector M^cLean, 42nd Regt., to Independent Companies, London, Apr. 12, 1794

War-Office, April 12 [1794]...

42d Regiment of Foot, Captain James Muter, from an Independent Company, to be Captain of a Company, vice Anstruther, who exchanges.

Ditto, Quarter-Master Serjeant Donald M^cDonald to be Quarter-Master, vice M^cLean, removed to the Independent Companies...

INDEPENDENT COMPANIES.

Captain David Anstruther, from the 42d Foot, to be Captain of an Independent Company of Foot, vice Muter, who exchanges...

Quarter-Master Hector M^cLean from the 42d Foot, to be Ensign in Captain [Hon. John] Kennedy's Independent Company of Foot, vice Shipley, promoted in the 85th Foot.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 8-12, 1794, pp. 1-2. Capt. Anstruther and Quartermaster M^cLean, both served in the American war.

Half-Pay Lt. Col. John Spens of Stonelaw, 95th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) Part of Freeholder Meeting to Approve Raising Two or More Troops of Fencible Cavalry, Hamilton, Scotland, Apr. 25, 1794

HAMILTON, April 25, 1794.

AT a General Meeting of the Nobility, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the COUNTY of LANARK, held this day at Hamilton, in pursuance a requisition by the Sheriff of the said County, it was unanimously resolved as follows. –

It. That we are ready and willing at all times, to stand forward in a constitutional manner, in defense of our King, in the support of our Constitution, and in the protection pf our country...

III. That of the plans proposed by the Executive Government it appears, that those contained in article third, is the most adapted to the circumstances and situation of this country, and therefore, that we ought to proceed in raising two or more Troops of Fencible Cavalry...

PRESENT

The Earl of Hyndford, Preses...
Major John Spens of Stonelaw...

Source and Notes: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Apr. 28, 1794, p. 3. Hamilton is located about 15 miles southeast of Glasgow. Spens was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the army Mar. 1, 1794.

Promotion Announcement for Maj. John Ritchie, 9th or the East Norfolk Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. Colonel, 60th or Royal American Regt., London, May 6, 1794

War-Office, May 6 [1794]...

9th Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Brevet-Major Alexander Baillie to be Major, vice Ritchie, promoted in the 60th Foot...

60th Regiment of Foot, Major John Ritchie, from the 9th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice [Gerrit] Fisher, removed to the 9th Foot."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 6, 1794, pp. 5-6. Lt. Col. Ritchie was a former Lt. in the 42nd Grenadiers.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lt. John Grant of Rippachie, Strathspey Fencibles (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company, London, May 13, 1794

War-Office, May 13 [1794]...

Strathspey Regiment of Fencible Men, Captain-Lieutenant John Grant to be Captain of a Company, vice Mac Donell, who resigns.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 10-13, 1794, pp. 1-2. Capt. Grant of Rippachie briefly served as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. in Scotland at the beginning of the American war, but returned to Half-pay due to medical reasons.

Death Announcement, Ens. John Young, Capt. Lord Elphinstone's Independent Company of Invalids (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, May 13, 1794

War-Office, May 13...

Ensign George Mackay, from the Invalids at Portsmouth, to be Ensign in Lord Elphinstone's Independent Company of Invalids in North Britain, vice Young, deceased.

Source: *London Gazette*, May 10-13, 1794, p. 2. John Young was the only American Loyalist to serve as an officer in the 42nd Regt. during the American war.

Announcement of Resignation of Lt. John Sinclair, 2nd Battalion, Perthshire (or Breadalbane) Regiment of Fencible Men (Former Lt., Additional Company, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt.), London, July 2, 1794

War-Office, July 12...

2d Battalion of the Perthshire Regiment of Fencible Men.

Allan Campbell, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Sinclair, who resigns.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 8-12, 1794, p. 697. Lt. Campbell's date of rank was July 2, 1794.

Brevet Promotion Announcements for Half-pay Lt. Col. John Spens, 95th Regt. (Former Lt. 42nd Regt.), and Capt. William Dickson, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 9, 1794

War-Office, September 9 [1794].

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint...

As likewise MAJORS...

John Spens, of the late 95th Foot... [Actual date of rank is Mar. 1, 1794.]

To be LIEUTENANT-COLONELS in the Army...

AS likewise CAPTAINS...

William Dickson, of the 42d Foot...

To be MAJORS in the Army."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 6, 1794, pp. 2-3. This announcement for John Spens was likely delayed in printing as the Annual Army List for 1795 (TNA, WO 65/45, p. 21) shows Spens' date of rank as a Lt. Col. in the army as Mar. 1, 1794.

Extract of Officer List from Muster of 42nd Regt., Sheil, Holland, Oct. 23, 1794

Muster Roll of His Majesty's 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot for 182 Days, from the 25th. Decem^r. 1793 to 24 June 1794 both days Inclusive

Commissioned and Warrant Officers		
Colonel (Absent King's Leave)	Sir Hector Munro	Exch ^d . to an Indep ^t Coy. 3 April...
L ^t . Colonel (B ^t Gen ^l on the Staff in Britain)	Charles Graham	
Major	George Dalrymple	
	{ William Dickson...	
	{ James Stewart	
Captains	{ Alex ^t Stewart...	
	{ David Anstruther	
Cap ^t Lieu ^t .	James Stirling	
[illeg.]: duty as Brig ^e Major	{ James Rose...	
Lieutenants Sick	{ Donald M ^c Nivan...	
Qua ^r . Master	{ Hector M ^c Lean	Removed to an Indep ^t C ^o . 3 April...
(Signed James Rose Major Brigade		

Source and Note: TNA, 42nd Regt. "Muster Roll Book Commencing 25th. December 1793" at WO 25/380, ff. 2-3. Major of Brigade Rose was a former Sgt. Major, Adjutant and Ensign during the American war.

Former Lt. Dugald Campbell of Craignish, 42nd Regt., Commissioned Captain in 2nd Battalion, 5th or Argyllshire Regiment of Fencibles, London, Oct. 25, 1794

FENCIBLE INFANTRY.

Argyllshire Regiment. 2d Bat. (5)

Colonel	Henry Mord. Clavering	25 Oct. 1794...
Captains	{ John Porter	25 Oct. 1794...
	{ Dugald Campbell	do.
	{ Dugald Campbell	do...

Source: *List of the Officers of the Several Regiments and Corps of Fencible Cavalry and Infantry; of the Officers of the Militia; of the Corps and Troops of Gentlemen and Yeomanry and of the Corps and Companies of Volunteer Infantry,*

War-Office, 22d June 1797, p. 48. Campbell's draft memorial to the Duke of York in Oct. 1801 identifies him with the Argyllshire Fencibles.

Extract of Officer List from Muster of 42nd Regt., June 25-Dec. 24, 1794

Muster Roll of His Majesty's 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot for 183 Days, from the 25th. June to 24 December 1794 both days Inclusive

Commissioned & Warrant Officers		
Col ^o / Ab ^t King's Leave/ L ^t . Col ^o / M General on the Staff Major	Sir Hector Munro Charles Graham George Dalrymple	Prom ^d in 19 th Reg ^t
Recruiting { Captains { duty {	William Dickson... James Stewart Alex ^r Stewart...	
Cap ^t Lieu ^t . / Recruiting	James Stirling	
Lieutenants { {	James Rose... Donald McNivan...	

Source: TNA, 42nd Regt. "*Muster Roll Book Commencing 25th. December 1793*" at WO 25/380, ff.4-5.



Detail of *Portrait of Lt. Col. Commandant Alexander Lindsay, 6th Earl of Balcarres, 2nd 71st Regt., 1782*, by unknown artist.

Portrait Source: Bruce Venter comment dated Mar. 13, 2017 to “Benedict Arnold’s Phantom Duel,” by John Knight, Mar. 7, 2017, *All Things Liberty* website

Appointment Announcement for Maj. Gen. Alexander, Earl of Balcarres, Col., 63rd or the West Suffolk Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) to be Lt. Governor of Jamaica, London, Oct. 24, 1794

Whitehall, October 24 [1794]...

The King has also been pleased to appoint Major-General Alexander Earl of Balcarres to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Jamaica, in the room of Major-General Adam Williamson.

Source: *London Gazette*, Oct. 21-25, 1794, p. 1.

Creditor Notice of Auction of Assets of Former Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan McPherson of Bleaton, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Edinburgh, Nov. 7, 1794

SALE OF LANDS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of Colonel DUNCAN MACPHERSON of Bleaton, were formally notified that a trust-disposition had been executed by him, for the purpose of extricating his affairs; but some of them having expressed a desire that Mr. Alexander Nairne, accountant in Edinburgh, who is trustee on the sequestrated estate of Captain John Macpherson of Ballachroan, whose affairs are, in some measure, connected with those of Colonel Macpherson, should be also trustee on his estates – and the other creditors having for the sake of amity, agreed to it, drafts of a trust disposition and deed of accession have been prepared, and lie for the inspection of all concerned in the hands of Arch. Milne, writer to the signet.

The Lands will be exposed to sale by public roup [auction] in the following lots, as early as may be, after the powers of the trustee are ascertained by the accession of the creditors; it is therefore of material importance that they transmit, without delay, powers to accede to the trust.

LOT I. The lands and Estate of EASTER BLEATON, which are under lease to substantial tenants, at about 100 l. [£]. of rent, after deduction of public burdens. This Estate is situated on the banks of the River Skee, in the parish of Rattray, and County of Perth.

LOT II. – The lands and Estate of WESTER PLOUGH of GASK. with the woods, fishing, teinds, and pertinents, being part of the Barony of Strathnearn, in the parish of Dunlichity, and county of Inverness. The present rent of the Estate is about 40 l.

LOT III. Colonel Macpherson holds the Two Ploughs of the Lands of Flichity, with the woods and fishings situated in the parish of Daviot, and county of Inverness, under a proper wadset, redeemable on payment of 811 l. sterling. The Colonel is bound to pay an annuity to the Widow of a former proprietor, and an elusory Tack Duty, amounting together to 11 l. 6s. 9d. 4-12ths, and he is intitled to a lease of these Lands for three years, after redemption at the old rent. They are at present possessed by Colonel Macpherson, but it is supposed they would set to good tenants for at least 90 l. of rent.

These Estates merit equally the attention of sportsmen and farmers. The rivers afford excellent fishing. The hills which are extensive, abound with a variety of game, and are uncommonly well adapted for sheep farming on the most improved system.

For further particulars, application may be made to Archibald Milne, writer to the signet, and those who wish to inspect the Lands may apply to the tenants on the Estates.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Nov. 7, 1794, p. 364.

Promotion/Retirement Announcements for Former 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Dec. 6, 1794

War-Office, December 6, 1794...

9th Ditto [Regiment of Foot]...

Captain-Lieutenant Alexander Loraine to be Captain, of a Company, without Purchase, vice [Alexander] Baillie, promoted...

65th Ditto

Lieutenant the Hon. James Stopford to be Captain of a Company, by Purchase, vice [Alexander] McGregor who retires.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Dec. 2-6, 1794, pp. 4-6: Capt. Loraine and Capt. MacGregor were former lieutenants in the 42nd Regt.

Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to His Nephew, James Graham, Discussing Purchase of Strowan Estate, Lochlane, Scotland, Dec. 24, 1794

My Dear Nephew,

Lochlin 24th Dec^r 1794

...[Stirling's widowed sister] M^{rs} [Mary] Campbell & I set out tomorrow to keep our Xmas at Kippinross where we are to have the pleasure of meeting your Mother & Christy I shall therefore reserve the rest of Letter till after seeing them... I bought a small property near this, Strowan rent £160 p^r aⁿ price paid £6000, we must improve greatly to make a Centage for our money...

Adieu My Dear Nephew the Affectionate good wishes of all here will ever attend you believe me yours most faithfully

Tho^s Stirling

P.S. I am ashamed of having so long neglected to thank you for the Madiera which is safe at Ardoch & y^r health shall not be forgot when it is broached

[addressed] James Graham Esq^{re}. Collector at Rungpour Bengal

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 126-128 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS. 10947 ff: 143-144. Maj. Gen. Stirling was appointed colonel to the 41st Regt. Jan. 13, 1790.

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Maj. George Dalrymple, 42nd Regt., circa 1791-94

Picture Source: The Black Watch Castle & Museum

Promotion Announcement for Maj. George Dalrymple, 42nd Regt., to be Lt. Colonel, 19th or the 1st Yorkshire North Riding Regt., London, Jan. 9, 1795

War-Office, January 9. [1795]...

19th Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Major George Dalrymple, from the 42d Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice [James] Coates, promoted to the Command of the 2d Foot...

Source: *London Gazette*, Jan. 6, 1795, p. 2. Then Capt. Dalrymple commanded the 42nd Light Infantry Company during the latter part of the American war.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Alexander Munro, 2nd Battalion, 4th Regt. of Fencible Men – Breadalbane Fencibles (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be 2nd Major, London, Jan. 10, 1795

War-Office, January 10...

2d Battalion of the 4th Regiment of Fencible Men.

Captain Alexander Munro to be Major, vice Robertson, removed to an Independent Company of Foot.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 6, 1795, p. 2.

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Jan. 24, 1795

War-Office, January 24. [1795]...

42d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Brevet-Major William Dickson to be Major, vice [George] Dalrymple, promoted in the 19th Foot.

Captain- Lieutenant James Stirling to be Captain of a Company, vice Dickson...

Source: *London Gazette*, Jan. 20-24, 1795, p. 4.



Detail from "The Chapel Royal at Holyrood Abbey in the reign of James VII of Scotland," William S. Daniel, 1852

Picture Source: *History of the Abbey and Palace of Holyrood*. Roger Griffith, Duncan Anderson, Edinburgh, pp. 123 – 124.

Burial Record for Capt. David Anstruther, 42nd Regt., Abbey of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, Jan. 29, 1795

29 Jan 1795.--David Anstruther, Esquire, Captain in the 42nd Regiment of Foot, youngest son of Philip Anstruther, Esquire, of Inverkeithing, died at Edinburgh on Saturday, the 24th, and buried in the Chapel Royal of Holyroodhouse, the 29 Jan 1795, at one o'clock afternoon. The grave is within two feet on the south side of his sister, Euphemia Anstruther, who was buried in 1782.

Source: *Burials in the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, Midlothian: Edinburgh* - Register of Burials, Chapel Royal or Abbey of Holyroodhouse, 1706-1900.

Excerpt of Letter from Dr. William Robertson (Former Surg., 42nd Regt.) to Capt. John Peebles (Former Capt., 42nd Grenadier Company), London, Feb. 19, 1795

[Addressed]

London nineteenth February 1795

To

Cap^t. John Peebles

Irvin

[Illegible] N. B.

D^r Peebles

feb^y. 19th 1795

The death of my patient having dissolved my connection with the family at Draycot & put 130 £ in my pocket I returned to town just in time to be put on duty at Chelsea in a Hosp^l. lately fitted up for the reception of Sick & wounded from the Continent...

W^m: Robertson

Source and Notes: NRS, "Letters from Doctor William Robertson to Major John Peebles at Irvine," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thortoun* at GD21/401/1. Draycott is a small town in Somerset, about 140 miles west of London. "N.B." is the abbreviation for North Britain, a common term for Scotland during the period.

Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Col. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., to be Maj. General in the Army, London, Feb. 27, 1795

War-Office, February 27. [1795]...

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint

COLONELS...

Charles Graham, of the 42d Foot...

To be MAJOR-GENERALS in the Army.

Source: *London Gazette*, Feb. 24-28, 1795, p. 3.

Account of Col. Hay Macdowal, 57th Regt. and Col. George Dalrymple, 19th Regt. (Former Captains, 42nd Regt.) Leer, Germany, Mar. 23, 1795

From an Officer of Lord Cathcart's Brigade,

Leer, March 23.

The posts now occupied by the British army, which is immediately to embark for England, are to be taken possession of by 12,000 Hanoverians. Our lines at this time occupy an extent of nearly seventy-one miles... General [Ralph] Abercrombie commands the left wing... Colonel [Hay] M^cDowall with the 57th regiment Lingen... The 42d and 33d regiments are at Oldersham... Colonel [George] Dalrymple with the 19th and 89th regiments at Askendorp... General Abercrombie is adored by the soldiery. The enemy keep up a fire on our centinels, they are in great force.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Apr. 9, 1795, p. 2.

**Appointment Announcement for Dr. William Robertson, Apothecary to the Forces in Great Britain
(Former Surg., 42nd Regt.), to be Purveyor to the Hospitals for the Forces on Foreign Service,
London, March 21, 1795**

War-Office, March 21 [1795]...
HOSPITAL STAFF.

...the Forces on Foreign Service...

William Robertson Apothecary to the Forces in Great Britain, to be Purveyor to the Hospitals for the Said Forces.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, March 17-21, 1795, pp. 2 and 4. A Purveyor was defined as “...*the Commissariat Officer to the hospital and had the purchase and distribution of food and medical comforts and all accounts dealing with these matters in his charge.*” (Ref: *Roll of Commissioned Officers in the Medical Service of the British Army... 20 June 1727 to 23 June 1898*, Col. William Johnson, C. B., Aberdeen University Press, Aberdeen, 1917, p. xxxiii.)

**Promotion Announcement for Half-pay Capt. John Robertson, Independent Company (Former
Ens., 42nd Additional Co.) to be Lt. Colonel, Perth Regt. of Fencibles, London, Mar. 28, 1795**

War-Office, March 28, 1795...
Perth (Highland) Regiment of Fencibles.

Major William Robertson, from an Independent Company, to be Colonel...

Captain John Robertson from Half-Pay of the Late Independent Companies, to be Lieutenant-Colonel...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 28, 1795, pp. 2-3. Lt. Col. John Robertson was a former Ens. in the 42nd Regt. and the brother of the colonel of the regiment of Fencibles, Col. William Robertson of Lude. This regiment of Fencibles was reduced in 1799.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. James Rose, 42nd Regt., to be Capt. Lieutenant of the 78th
Highland Regt. (The Ross-shire Buffs), London, Apr. 11, 1795**

War-Office, April 11. [1795]...

78th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant James Rose, from the 42^d Foot, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Lamont, who declines.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 7-11, 1795, pp. 3-4. Capt. Lt. Rose was a former Sgt. Major, Adj. and Lt. in the 42nd Regt.

**Promotion Announcement for Gavin Drummond, (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),
to a Company, 4th (Breadalbane) Regt. of Fencibles, London, Apr. 5, 1795**

War-Office, April 5. [1795]...
1st Battalion of the 4th Regiment of Fencible Men,

Major Alexander Maclean to be Lieutenant-Colonel...

To be Captains,

Gavin Drummond, Esq...”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 21, 1795, pp. 2-5. The 4th Regt. of Fencible Men was also known as the Breadalbane Regiment of Fencible Infantry.

**Excerpt of Letter from Half-pay Capt. James West (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Gov. of Madras
Robert Hobart, Earl of Buckinghamshire, Requesting Appointment to Office of Cutwal (i.e.
Superintendent) of the Market, Madras (now Chennai), India, Apr. 10, 1795**

Though harvests have been abundant, prices rule high, great part of which no doubt grows out of Sir Charles Oakley's ...mistaken rules to Oeconomy, and tho he button'd up his own Coat to the Coller and observed there was no need of a Westcoat in so warm a climate, he could not nor ought not to have thought of a *Westcoat* was Extravagant or unprofitable, whatever his thought were of a double garment....The British arms, my Lord, have been long successful in India, and tho' such extent of Country is now in possession, I remember the time when the Company's Power, fate and defence were all within the walls of Fort St. George; and from such defence nobly made success follow'd and gave possession of the Carnatic, and from such happy success, Power and Plenty. I hope they will make me the Instrument to relieve the poor and not to send them away...

James West

Source and Note: Vestiges of Old Madras, 1640-1800, Vol. III, Henry Davidson Love, Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, 1996, pp. 482-483. Chennai located on the southeast coast of India.

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. James Spens, 73rd Regt. of (Highland) Foot
(Former Ens., 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. Colonel in the Army, Apr. 21, 1795**

War-Office, April 21. [1795]...

B R E V E T S.

To be Lieutenant-Colonels in the Army...

Major James Spens, of the 73d Foot....

Source and Note: London Gazette, Apr. 21, 1795, pp. 2-5. The 73rd Regt. was formerly numbered as the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

Brevet Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers, London, May 15, 1795

War-Office, May 15. [1795]

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint

CAPTAINS...

Alexander Grant of the 78th Foot, 1st Battalion...

Alexander Cumine, of the 75th Foot,

to be MAJORS in the Army."

Source and Note: London Gazette, May 12-15, 1795, pp. 2-5. Majors Grant and Cumine were former Lts. in the 42nd Regt. during the American war.

**Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers in Col. Oliver Nicolls' Regt.
(Later 4th West India Regt.), London, July 4, 1795**

War-Office, July 4, 1795...

Colonel Nicolls's Regiment.

To be Captains...

Lieutenant Donald M^cNiven, from the 42d Foot..."

Lieutenant _____ [John Nesmyth] Nasmyth, from the 102d Foot..."

Source and Note: London Gazette, June 30-July 4, 1795, pp. 5-6. Capt. Nesmyth was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt.

Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers and Staff, London, July 11, 1795

War-Office, July 11. [1795]...

1st Battalion of the 78th Foot, Brevet Major Alexander Grant, to be Major, vice the Earl of Breadalbane, promoted.

Captain-Lieutenant James Rose to be Captain of a Company, vice Grant...

3d Battalion of the Breadalbane Regiment of Fencible Infantry.

Major John Earl of Breadalbane, from the 78th Foot, to be Colonel, with the permanent Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army...

To be Lieutenants,

Lieutenant Donald Smith..., from the 1st Battalion.

To be Surgeon,

Dr. Donald Smith...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 7, 1795, pp. 3-5. Maj. Grant was a former Lt. and Capt. Rose was former Sgt. Major, Adj. and Lt. in 42nd Regt. Lt. and Surgeon Dr. Donald Smith was likely the same person who was a former Surgeon's Mate in the 42nd Regt.

News Account of Arrival of Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), and Maj. William Dickson, 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, July 11, 1795

Edinburgh, July 11...

Arrived at Sommers's Hotel, Sir William Stirling, Bart [Baronet]. General Stirling, and Major Dickson of Kilbucho.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), July 11, 1795, p. 3.

Excerpt of a Letter from Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt., to His Nephew, Thomas Graham, Discussing His Estate of Strowan, Lochlane, Scotland, Aug. 8, 1795

Lochlin 8th Aug^t 1795

My Dear Tom,

... I need not give you any intelligence of your friends in Scotia your Mother & Sisters will do that fully, [Stirling's brother] S^r Will^m [Stirling of Ardoch] has built a new House in which he will be in by the time you visit Strathallan and I have got a small property [Strowan] not much to my amusement but in what may be done hereafter for there is long leases

Your Aunt joins me in affectionate good wishes & believe me to be

Yours most Sincerely

Tho^s Stirling

[addressed] Thomas Graham Esq^r.

at M^r Bigbie's St Thomas Apostle
London

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), p. 134 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS. 10951 ff: 137-138.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. John Grant of Auchindown, Strathspey Fencibles, (Former Lt., 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt.) to be Major, London, Aug. 8, 1795

War-Office, August 8 [1795]...

1st (or Strathspey) Regiment of Fencible Infantry.

Captain John Grant to be Major...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 4-8, 1795, pp. 1, 4. Maj. Grant of Auchindown was former Lt. in 42nd Regt. and commander of the 2nd Additional Company stationed in Newfoundland 1778 to 1781.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. James Alston, 63rd or the West Suffolk Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company, London, Sept. 12, 1795**

*War-Office, September 12. [1795]...
63d Regiment of Foot...
To be Captains of Companies...*

Lieutenant James Alston.

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 8-12, 1795, pp. 5, 7.



Detail of "Colonel Dickson of Kilbucko," circa 1802, by J. Jenkins

Picture Source: National Library of Scotland, from *Edinburgh characters*, J. Jenkins, No. 80. Not for Commercial use.

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. William Dickson, 42nd Regt., to be Lt. Colonel,
London, Sept. 8, 1795**

*War-Office, September 8. [1795]
42d Ditto [Regiment of Foot].*

Major William Dickson to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 8-12, 1795, pp. 2, 7. Lt. Col. Dickson ended the American war as a Capt. of the 42nd Regt.



Reproduction Butler's Rangers Cartridge Pouch Badge

Picture Source: www.najecki.com

**Land Grant Petitions from 2nd Lt. David Sutherland, Late Butler's Rangers
(Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), Ontario, Canada, Aug. 17, 1795 – July 13, 1796**

Upper Canada Land Petition of David Sutherland Lieutenant in the late Corps of Rangers commanded by Lieut. Col. John Butler dated at Newark [Niagara-on-the-Lake] on 17 Aug 1795

Most respectfully Sheweth That your Petitioner having served as a Lieutenant in the said Corps, untill the Conclusion of the late American War, thereby became entitled to two thousand acres of the waste Lands of the Crown and (having hitherto drawn no part there of) therefore prays that your Excellency may order that proportion to him assigned to him [sic]—And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c
[Signed] David Sutherland

Received at the Executive Council Office on 17 Aug 1795 and read on 22 Aug 1795. Ordered to lie over to Wednesday. Ordered two hundred acres for the present and the remainder when he shall bone fide have made a Settlement.

Source: Upper Canada Land Petitions LAC "S" Bundle 1, Petition Number 71.

Letter of David Sutherland to Acting Surveyor General David W Smith, Esq. dated at Newark [Niagara-on-the-Lake] on 26 Aug 1795

Dear Sir, Previous to my Departure for the States, I take the Liberty of writing you & Requesting your good offices in my behalf with His Excell^y whom I regret sincerely not to have been at Newark during the sitting of Council—tho I had repeatedly waited on him to have the honor of a conference—and presuming that should any difficulty arise with His Excellency as to his granting me the Lot I have asked for on Nanticoke Creek. I take the liberty to inform you that should he be pleased to indulge me with the Lot which I think comprehends the Mill Seat, I will in the space of two years engage to build a grist Mill on it—In less than two months. I expect to have the pleasure of seeing you at Newark—when I may perhaps be enabled to make some improvement on my Lands—I have the honor to be—

Sir Your most obed^t Serv
[Signed] David Sutherland

Source: Upper Canada Land Petitions LAC "S" Bundle 1, Petition Number 72.

Upper Canada Land Petition of David Sutherland late Lieutenant in the Corps of Rangers dated at Newark [Niagara-on-the-Lake] on 31 May 1796

Humbly Sheweth—That your Memorialist in Compliance with the minute of Council, of the month of August last, is now come into this province for the express Purpose of settling on his Lot of Land in 4 Township on Lake Erie—Wherefore your Memorialist prays, That your Excell^y would be pleased to order the Remainder of his Lands to be assigned to your Memorialist on the unlocated lands in the Home District

[Signed] David Sutherland

Received at the Executive Council Office on 1 Jun 1796 and read in Council on 13 Jul 1796. Ordered recommended to make up his Military Land in the County of Lincoln.

Source: Upper Canada Land Petitions LAC “S” Bundle 2, Petition Number 75.

Overall Source and Note: “The Upper Canada Land Petitions of the Niagara Settlers,” Transcribed by R. Robert Mutrie, Library and Archives Canada (RG 1). Sutherland served briefly with the Rangers after retiring from the 42nd Regt. in 1782.

Transfer and Promotion Announcement for Lt. Col. Hay Macdowal, 57th or the West Middlesex Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. Colonel in the 36th or the Herefordshire Regt. and Colonel in the Army, London, Aug. 22, 1795

War-Office, August 22 [1795].

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...

Hay M^cDowall, of the 36th Foot...

to be COLONELS in the Army....

36th Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Lieutenant-Colonel Hay M^cDowall, from the 57th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Campbell, who retires.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 18-22, 1795, pp. 2- 3. Col. Macdowall was a former Capt. in the 42nd Regt. The record of Macdowal’s service in the 36th Regt. is confusing. See his biography in Appendix A for clarification.

Extract of Officer List from Muster of 42nd Regt., Nutshalling Camp (Nursling), England, Sept. 10, 1795

Muster Roll of His Majesty’s 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot for 182 Days, from the 25 Decem^r. 1794 June to. 24 June 1795. both days Inclusive

Commissioned & Warrant Officers		
Colonel {Absent King’s Leave	Sir Hector Munro	
L ^t . Colonel	Charles Graham	
Major {	George Dalrymple	promoted to L ^t . Col ^o . 19 Reg ^t }
{		13 January }
Recruiting{	William Dickson...	Comss ⁿ . dated 14 January
{	James Stewart	
Captains duty {	Alex ^r Stewart...	promoted 13 Jan ^{ry}
{	William Dickson	Comss ⁿ . dated 14 Jan ^{ry}
Recruiting{	James Stirling	
Cap ^t Lieu ^t . {	James Stirling...	prom ^d 13 Jan ^r

	{ ...	
	{ Donald M ^c Nivan...	promoted in a new Corps...
Lieutenants	{ James Rose...	prom ^d in 78 ^h Reg ^t

Source: TNA, 42nd Regt. “*Muster Roll Book Commencing 25th. December 1793*” at WO 25/380, ff. 6-7. Nutshalling is now called Nursling and is located about four miles northwest of Southampton in southern England.

**Extract of Officer List from Muster of 42nd Regt., Nutshalling Camp (now Nursling),
England, Sept. 10, 1795**

Muster Roll of His Majesty’s 42nd. /or Royal Highland Regiment of foot for 182 Days from 25 Decem^r. 1793 to 24th. June 1794 both days Inclusive.

(The Muster Rolls for this period were made, & the Muster taken by B: Major [Lt. James] Rose [42nd Regt.] at Theil [Holland] 23^d Oct: 94 but were lost; this Muster is therefore taken in lieu thereof)

Commissioned & Warrant Officers		
Colonel (Absent King’s Leave)	Sir Hector Munro	
L ^t . Col ^o . (M Gen ^l on the Staff)	Charles Graham	
Major	George Dalrymple	prom ^d . in the 19 th . Reg ^t . } 13 January 95 }
Captains	{ William Dickson...	
	{ James Stewart	
	{ Alex ^r Stewart...	
	{ David Anstruther	Exch ^d . to an Indep ^t Coy. 3 April...
Cap ^t Lieu ^t .	James Stirling	
Lieutenants	{ James Rose...	prom ^d . in 78 th Reg ^t . April 95
	{ Donald M ^c Nivan...	prom ^d . in a new Corps June 95
Qu ^r . Master	{ Hector M ^c Lean	removed to an Indep ^t Comp ^y . 3 April 94...
Sworn before me at Nutshalling Camp this 12 th day of Oct ^r 1795. [unsigned]		

Source and Note: TNA, 42nd Regt. “*Muster Roll Book Commencing 25th. December 1793*” at WO 25/380, ff.8-9. Nutshalling is now called Nursling and is located about four miles northwest of Southampton in southern England.

Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Oct. 3, 1795

War-Office, October 3 [1795]...

73d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel James Spens, to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

75th Ditto, Lieutenant-Colonel H [Hay]. M^cDowall, from the 36th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Hartley, who exchanges...

Brevet Major Alexander Cumine to be Major, vice [George] Hart.”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 29, 1795, pp. 2, 4. Lt. Col. Spens and Maj. Cumine were former lieutenants and Col. Macdowal was a former Capt., in the 42nd Regt. The 73rd Regt. was formerly numbered the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

**News Account of Lt. Col. George Dalrymple, 19th Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Company)
Acquitted of Assault on Custom Official, Gosport, Oct. 10, 1795**

Colonel George Dalrymple, indicted for an assault on a constable at Gosport, was honourably acquitted.

Source and Note: Hampshire Chronicle, Oct. 10, 1795, p. 4. There is only one Col. George Dalrymple listed in the Annual Army List for 1795 and 1796.

Death Notice for Wife of Former Maj. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Sept. 20, 1795

Deaths... [Sept.] 20...At Lochend, Perthshire, Mrs M^cPherson, wife of Major James M^cPherson, late of the 42d regiment, aged 70.

Source: *Edinburgh Magazine or Literary Miscellany for October 1795*, p. 322.



Picture Source: *An Historical Account of the Island of Saint Vincent*, Charles Shephard, London, 1831, Google Books, frontispiece.

**News Account of Actions of Lt. Col. John Ritchie, 3rd Battalion, 60th Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Grenadiers) at St. Vincents, West Indies, June 6, 1795**

WEST INDIES.

ST. VINCENT'S GAZETTE, JULY 11.

Immediately after the publication of the narrative of the 6th ultimo [June], our situation, which had continued upon the defensive since the recapture of Dorchester Hill on the 8th of May was very suddenly changed to the most active and successful offensive operations against the enemy [French and Caribs – runaway slaves]... On the 8th ultimo, a detachment of Major Malcom's corps of rangers, consisting of 100 men, arrived from that island [Martinique] and the 3d battalion of the 60th regiment (which under the command of Lieutenant-colonel Ritchie, sailed from England, destined for Demerary, [a Dutch colony on the north coast of South America, later British Guiana], but were not landed, in

consequence of the representations of the inhabitants, and had arrived at Barbadoes,) were also ordered here by the commander in chief, and came down on the 9th...

A little before day-light on the 11th, the enemy at the Vigie began to beat the *reveille*, about which time Lieutenant-colonel Ritchie's division began their attack on their upper post, from which they immediately fled. His division then posted on to the second height, which was also soon abandoned by the enemy. The enemy, at first only observing Lieutenant-colonel Ritchie's division, actually came out to attack him; but Lieutenant-colonel Leighton appearing at that instant, they precipitately returned...

About eight o'clock the enemy beat the *charade*, and sent a flag to demand terms, which were refused them, and a party of the 46th ordered to storm the place, which they did, followed by the whole...

Source: *Hampshire Chronicle*, Oct. 10, 1795, p. 4. Lt. Col. Ritchie died of a leg wound on Sept. 12, 1795 as reported below.

**Two News Accounts of Death of Lt. Col. John Ritchie, 3rd Battalion, 60th Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Grenadiers) at St. Vincents, West Indies, Oct. 12, 1795**

WEST-INDIA NEWS.

From the ST. VINCENT'S GAZETTE, of October 17 [1795].

KINGSTOWN, OCTOBER 17...

...The 21st and 22d the enemy made their appearance in Mirriaqua, about Dr. Young's, and the following day took a position between the Vigie and town of Fairbairn's ridge...

The communication between the Vigie and Kingstown being thus intercepted, Lieutenant-colonel Ritchie, with a party of about three hundred regulars and rangers, was ordered as a convoy to the provisions required at that post, and he marched in the forenoon on the 24th. The party kept the high road till they arrived at Caliaqua's estates, and Raquet's negro grounds, till they fell into Ross's road, at the extremity of Fairbairn's estate, where they were fired upon by the enemy, and an action commenced, but was of short duration; for, from some unaccountable cause, our troops gave way just in the moment of victory, and fled in different directions, pursued by the enemy.

Lieutenant-colonel Ritchie, Lieutenant-colonel Fairbairn, Lieutenant-colonel Leith, Capt. Heron, 60th, Lieut. Brown, 46th, Lieut. Paterson of the rangers, and Mr. Thomas Durham, a volunteer in the 60th, with some privates, amounting to about eighteen in number, but which was afterwards augmented to upwards of thirty, retreating to Collin's estate, and threw themselves into the mill, and behind the ruins of the buildings, where they defended themselves for several hours against a very large body of the enemy, who made several unsuccessful attempts to force them, in which they lost many men. About dark, finding all their efforts vain, the enemy retired. Lieutenant-colonel Ritchie was unfortunately wounded in the leg stepping out of the mill to reconnoitre, and was we believe was the only person hurt of that party... Our party remained at the mill till near midnight, when they left it, carrying with them Lieutenant-col. Ritchie, who was unable, from his wound, to walk... The cool and steady conduct of Lieutenant-colonel Ritchie, the whole of this unfortunate day, could not be too much admired...

To the great regret of this whole community, Lieutenant-colonel Ritchie, whose wound we flattered ourselves would not prove mortal, died on Monday forenoon. His death, which was very sudden, is supposed to have arisen from a splinter of the bone pricking an artery, working itself out; from which accident he bled to death before assistance could reach him. In this gentleman the service has lost a cool and brave officer, and society a worthy and agreeable member.

Source: *Hampshire Chronicle*, Jan. 23, 1796, p. 2.

Edinburgh, December 12...

Lieutenant-Colonel John Ritchie of the 60th regiment, died at St Vincent on the 12th October, of a wound received in an action with the enemy [French and Caribs or runaway slaves] on the 23d

September. The exertions of this gentleman have been highly honourable to himself, and serviceable to his country.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Dec. 12, 1795, p. 3.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. James Stewart, 42nd Regt., to be Major, London, Oct. 24, 1795

War-Office, October 24 [1795]...

42d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Captain James Stewart to be Major, without Purchase, vice [William] Munro, promoted in the Caithness Fencibles...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 20-24, 1795, pp. 5, 7. Maj. Stewart served as a Lt. in the American war.



Fort Charlotte, Lerwick, Shetland, Scotland – south gate.
Occupied by the Orkney and Shetland Fencibles in 1793

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by Otter

Promotion Announcement for Lt. Hugh Fraser, Orkney and Shetland Fencibles (Former Lt. and Adj., 42nd Regt.), to a Company in the North Lowland Regt. of Fencible Infantry, Oct. 27, 1795

War-Office, October 27 [1795]...

North Lowland Regiment of Fencible Infantry.

Major Thomas Balfour, of the Orkney and Shetland Fencibles, to be Colonel-Commandant...

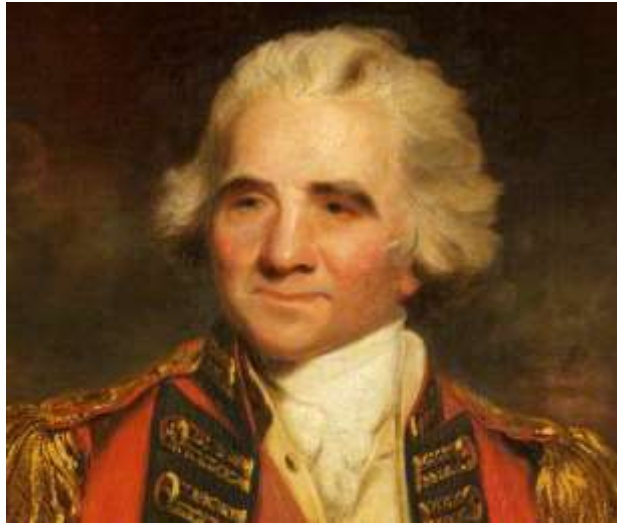
To be Captains of Companies,

Lieutenant Hugh Fraser, from the Orkney and Shetland Fencibles....

To be Adjutant,

Hugh Fraser...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 24-27, 1795, pp. 5-6. The Orkney Islands and Shetland Island are both located of the northeast coast of mainland Scotland. The North Lowland Fencibles served in Ireland during the 1798 Rebellion and were disbanded at Dundee on Aug. 6, 1802.



Detail of *Sir Ralph Abercromby*, 1798, by John Hoppner

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Nat. Portrait Gallery, London

News Account of 42nd Regt. in Gen. Sir Ralph Abercromby's West Indies Expedition with Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) as Second in Command, London, Nov. 26, 1795

LONDON, Nov. 26...

The Army for the West Indies, under [Gen.] Sir Ralph Abercrombie, is composed of 21 Regiments of Infantry, of 1000 men each, if they have been completed to their intended establishments, viz.

2d, 4d, 8th, 10th, 19th, 27th, 28th, 29th, (2d battalion)-31st, 33d, 37th, 38th, 42d, 44th, 48th, 53d, 55th, 57th, 63d, 88th, and one squadron of the 26th Dragoons.

The army is. divided into five brigades and a corps de reserve.

Major General Graham is second in command...

All the forces now going out are under General Abercrombie, and go with him from Cork to the Windward Islands: and afterwards, all that can be spared will be sent to St. Domingo...

Source: *Saunders's News-Letter, and Daily Advertiser* (Dublin), Dec. 1, 1795, p. 1.

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Transfer Announcement for Half-pay Lt. Alexander Grant, 69th or the South Lincolnshire Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to the 1st Battalion, 1st or the Royal Regt., London, Feb. 23, 1796

War-Office, February 23, 1796...

1st Battalion of the 1st Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Alexander Grant, from the Half-Pay of the 69th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Davies, removed to the 18th Dragoons.

Source: *London Gazette*, Feb. 20-23, 1796, pp. 2-3.

Recommendation from Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Baronet of Nova Scotia and Auditor of the Excise in Scotland, for Lt. Col. George Dalrymple, 19th or the 1st Yorkshire North Riding Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Company) to the Dundas Family, London, Mar. 29, 1796

Dear Sir

I remain Dear Sir Most sincerely yours
Hew Hamilton Dalrymple

Muster Roll of His Majesty's 42nd/ or Royal High^d. Reg^t. of Foot for 183 Days, from the 25^h June to 24^h Decem^r. 1795 both days Inclusive

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Detail from *Pacification with the maroon negroes in the island of Jamaica*. Engraving by Scott of painting by Augustin Brunias (c.1730-1796)

Picture Source: *An Historical Survey of Saint Domingo, Together with an Account of the Maroon Negroes in the Island of Jamaica*, B. Edwards, London, 1801, facing p.311.

**Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Gen. Alexander, Earl of Balcarres (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.)
Reporting the End of the Maroon War, Jamaica, Mar. 26, 1796**

Whitehall, May 21, 1796

A Letter, of which the following is an Extract, has been received by his Grace the Duke of Portland, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Major-General Earl of Balcarres, dated Jamaica, March 26, 1796.

I Have the Satisfaction to inform your Grace of the Termination of the Maroon War...

The most perfect internal Tranquillity is restored to the Island: The Slaves on every Plantation are obedient, contented, and happy...

Source: *London Gazette*, May 17-21, 1796, p. 6.

Excerpt of Muster Report Officers of the 42nd Regt., Gibraltar and the West Indies, June 24, 1796

Muster Roll of His Majesty's 42nd. / or R. Highland/ Regiment of Foot for 183 days from 25 Dec^r. 1795 to 24 June 1796 both Days Inclusive

[Includes note] *This Muster was taken a second time at Gibraltar, on account of Casuals which had happened in the West Indies during this period not being reported to the Regiment in time to make up the Rolls by, the proper one is booked immediately after this*

Commissioned [^] & Warrant Officers including the En Second		
Colonel /King's leave/	Sir Hector Munro	
1 st Lieu ^t Col ^o (Major Gen ^l . on the Staff)	Charles Graham	

2 ^d Lieu ^t Col ^o .	William Dickson	
1 st Major /W. Indies/ 1 st Major 2 ^d Major /W. Indies/	James Stewart R. P. Chrystie Alexander Stewart	Died 12 June Commission dated 24 June
Captains	James Stirling...	

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Description and Succession Books*, 42 Foot. 1 Battn at WO 25/380, f. 13. Lt. Cols. Graham and Dickson, Majors James and Alexander Stewart and Capt. Stirling all served with the regiment in the American war.



Detail from "View of York from the harbour looking north, in 1803."

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Landmarks of Toronto*, John Ross Robertson, vol. 1, 1894.

2nd Lt. David Sutherland, Butler's Rangers (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), Awarded Land, York (now Toronto), Canada, July 13, 1796

Extracts From Upper Canada land Book B, Petitions for Land

York

13 July 1796...

96. Lieutenant David Sutherland, late Butler's Rangers. Recommended to make up his military lands in the county of Lincoln...

Source: Brock University Digital Repository, *Documents and papers relating to Colonel John Butler and his corps of rangers. Pt.IV. 1783-1977*, by William A Smy, 1994. Nineteenth Report of the Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario (Toronto, 1930), pp 38-46.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Alexander Stewart, 42nd Regt., to be Major, London, Aug. 6, 1796

War-Office August 6, 1796...

42d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Captain Alexander Stewart to be Major, vice Christie, deceased...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 2-6, 1796, pp. 2-3. Maj. Stewart served as a Lt. during the American war.

Promotion Announcement for Lt. Alexander Grant, 1st Battalion, 1st Regt. (The Royals) (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Company in the 66th (or the Berkshire) Regt. Sept. 24, 1796

War-Office, September 24, 1796...
66th Ditto [Regiment of Foot].
To be Captains of Companies...

Lieutenant Alexander Grant, from the 1st Battalion of the Royals, vice [Thomas Percy] Lepyatt, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 23, 1796, pp. 4-5. Grant's promotion was effective July 1, 1796.



Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville, by Henry Raeburn, 1805

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Extract of Letter from Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Commanding His Majesty's Troops, Leeward Islands (in the Absence of Lt. Gen. Ralph Abercromby) to Rt. Hon. Henry Dundas, Secretary of State for War, Describing the Status of Activities in the West Indies, Martinique, Oct. 16 and Nov. 13, 1796

Head Quarters, Martinico, Oct. 16, 1796

Our affairs in *Grenada* wear the most favourable aspect, I may say, indeed, tranquility is completely restored...

I embrace with satisfaction the opportunity to inform you, that a negotiation has been opened, for a general exchange of prisoners, with the Commissioners of the *French Republic at Guadaloupe*...

Head-Quarters, Martinico, Nov. 13, 1796

SIR,

It affords me great satisfaction to have an opportunity of informing you of the entire reduction of the *Brigands* and *Charibs* in *St. Vincent's*, which was communicated to me by Major General *Hunter* shortly after I had the honour of addressing you on the 16th ult. a copy of whose letter I herewith transmit, together with the return of killed and wounded.

I have the honour to be, &c.

CHARLES GRAHAM, Major-General...

Return of the KILLED and WOUNDED...

42d Foot. – 1 rank and file killed; 3 rank and file wounded...

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Jan. 17-20, 1797, p. 44



Regimental Uniform of the Reay Fencibles circa 1794 by Capt. I. H. Mackay Scobie

Picture Source: *An Old Highland Fencible Corps*, Capt. I. H. Mackay Scobie, William Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh, 1914, frontispiece.

Excerpts of Order Book of Reay Fencible (Highland) Regiment Pertaining to Capt. Hector M^cLean (Former Quartermaster, 42nd Regt.), Ireland, Oct. 26, 1796 – Aug. 24, 1802

R. O., 26th Oct. [1796 - Belfast] ... The regiment to march to Carrickfergus at 6 o'clock the morning of Friday, 28th current.

G. O., Carrickfergus, 31st Oct. As the Reay Fencibles are ordered to march to-morrow morning [for Belfast], the Royal Irish Artillery and Invalids will furnish the guards, to mount at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

G. O., 7th Nov^r. [1796]... R. O. Lieut. Hector Maclean to be attached to Captain Lamington Baillie's Company, and to have charge of it till further orders.

R. O., 29th Jan^y. [1797] Captain Alex. Clarke is appointed to the Light Company in room of Captain Munro resigned. Captain Baillie is removed to Captain Mackay's Company, Captain Aaron Blanche is appointed to Captain Baillie's Company, and Capt.-Lieut. H. Maclean is appointed to the Colonel's Company. These appointments and transfers to take place from the 1st February.

R. O., 3rd March... The garters lately arrived from Glasgow to be equally divided among the companies, and to be charged against the men's accounts at the first settlement. Captain Maclean will deliver pattern garters to each company, and the officers in charge of companies are to insist that the men have their garters made agreeable to the pattern.

R. O., 5th May. [1798 - Belfast] The Commanding Officer having received the route for Cavan and Granard, the regiment will march in the following order, viz.:

1st Division the Colonel's, Major's, Captain Scobie's, Blanche's, and Maclean's Companies, on Monday, 7th of May...

R. O., 14th May. Captain Morison's, Baillie's, and Captain Maclean's Companies to march for Granard to - morrow morning at 4 o'clock, as per route.

Garrison after orders, Dublin, June 18th [1798] Three hundred of the Reay Fencibles [including Capt. M^cLean] to be ready to march, with guns, camp equipage, and entrenching tools ; they will be supplied with four days' bread and cooked provisions.

R. O., Dublin, 24th June. The regiment to march to-morrow morning at five o'clock to Kilcock, agreeable to the garrison orders of this date...

R. O., 22nd August [Maynooth]... Captain Colin C. Mackay having been granted leave of absence to Scotland for two months the duties of quartermaster will be performed in his absence by Captain H. Maclean.

General Orders, A. G. Office, 10th Sept [1798]... The Reay Fencibles to be quartered at Longford, and to begin their march before Thursday...

R. O. [Sept. 20, 1798] According to orders received from Dublin, the regiment is to hold itself in readiness to march at the shortest notice, and follow such orders as Major-General Moore shall direct.

Reg^{tl}. Orders, Galway, 12th May 1800... Captain Clarke having obtained the leave of the Lord-Lieutenant to Scotland, the duties of paymaster will be performed in his absence by Captain Maclean [until August 1800].

R. O., 18th October 1800. The following recruiting parties to march from hence [Galway, Ireland] to Scotland on Monday morning.

Captain Maclean to be stationed at Edinburgh, under whose command on that service are to be Sergeant Hugh Morison of Captain Blanche's Company, Sergeant D. Davidson of the Light Company, Corporal John Sutherland of Captain Hunter's Company, Corporal Joseph Morison of the General's Company, Privates Walter Davidson and John Morison of the Light Company, and Donald M^cDonald of Captain Morison's Company.

R. O., 8th Jan^y [1802]. A regimental court of inquiry, composed as below, will assemble to-morrow morning after parade. Such soldiers as may have any claims against the regiment will state the same in writing to the court.

Major Scobie, President.

Members.

Captain Morison.

“ C. Mackay.

Captain Hunter.

“ Maclean.

R. O., Galway, 21st Aug. 1802. The regiment will march from hence to Belfast in three divisions as per route, viz... 2nd Division Lieutenant – Colonel's, Captain Clarke's, Captain Hunter's, and Captain H. Maclean's Companies, on Wednesday, 25th instant, under Captain Maclean.

Garrison Orders.

Galway, 24th Aug. 1802.

The Reay Fencible Highlanders being under orders to march for Scotland, Brigadier-General Meyrick cannot part from them without expressing his unqualified approbation and satisfaction of their exemplary good conduct, excellent discipline, and regular soldier-like behaviour since he has had the honour to command them, and he desires that they will accept his best wishes for their future success and happiness in their approaching retirement from the service which their high character so justly merits.

Source and Note: *An Old Highland Fencible Corps*, Capt. I. H. Mackay Scobie, William Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh, 1914. Hector McLean joined the Fencibles as the third ranked Lieutenant from Half-pay of the 42nd Highland Regt. He was promoted to Capt.-Lieutenant Feb. 1, 1797 and to Capt. Nov. 1, 1797. He returned to Half-pay when the Fencibles were disbanded on Oct. 13, 1802.

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.)
to be Colonel, Maj. Gen. Graham's Regt. (Later the 5th West India Regt.), London, Dec. 6, 1796**

War-Office, December 6, 1796...
A Regiment of Foot.

Major-General Charles Graham, from the 42d Foot, to be Colonel, vice [Stephens] Howe, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Dec. 3-6, 1796, pp. 2-3. Maj. Gen. Graham's Regt. was re-titled as the 5th West India Regt. in 1798. Graham served as Captain of the 42nd Grenadiers in the early part of the American war and as Major for the remainder of the war.



Detail of Portrait of Lt. James Stewart, c. 1781

Picture Source: Alexander John Good

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officer, London, Dec. 20, 1796

War-Office, December 20, 1796...

42d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Major James Stewart to be [2nd] Lieutenant-Colonel, vice [Charles] Graham, promoted to the Command of a Regiment.

Captain James Sterling [Stirling] to be [2nd] Major, vice Stewart.

59th Ditto, Captain the Hon. George Fraser, from the Half-Pay of the 60th Foot, to be-Captain, vice [John] Potticary, who exchanges.

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 17-20, 1796, p. 2. Lt. Col. Stewart and Maj. Stirling served as Lts. in the American war. Capt. the Hon. George Fraser was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt.

Extract of Officer List from Muster of 42nd Regt., Gibraltar, Dec. 30, 1796

Muster Roll of His Majesty's 42nd. or R. High^d. Regiment of foot for 183 days from the 25th. December 1795 to 24th June 1796 both days inclusive

Commissioned and Warrant Officers including <small>those on second</small>		
Colonel (King's Leave)	Sir Hector Munro	
Lieu ^t . Colonel (M. G. on the Staff 2 ^d Lieu ^t . Col ^o .	Charles Graham William Dickson	
Major	Robert P. Chrystie	dead 12 June
Major (W. Indies)	James Stewart	
Major (W. Indies)	Alex ^r . Stewart	Comss ⁿ . dated 24 June
Captains... {	James Stirling...	

Source and Note: TNA, 42nd Regt. "*Muster Roll Book Commencing 25th. December 1793*" at WO 25/380, ff. 16-19. Maj. Chrystie did not serve with the 42nd Regt. during the American war, but is provided in this listing for clarification of Alexander Stewart's promotion. Five companies of the 42nd Regt. were serving in the West Indies during this period.

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Transfer Announcement for Capt. Donald M^cNiven, Maj. Gen. Oliver Nicolls's Regiment, (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to the 63rd (or the West Suffolk) Regt., London, Jan. 17-21, 1797

War-Office, January 21, 1797...

63d Ditto [Regiment of Foot],

Ta be Captains,

Captain D. M^cNiven from Major-General Nicolls's Regiment, vice [Rawleigh] Mansell, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 17-21, 1797, pp. 1-2. Maj. Gen. Oliver Nicolls's Regiment was later titled the 4th West India Regt.

Transfer Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. William Frazer, 42nd Regt. to the 83rd Regt., London, Feb. 28, 1797

War-Office, February 28, 1797...

83d *Ditto* [Regiment of Foot], Lieutenant William Fraser, from the Half-Pay of the 42d Foot, to be Lieutenant."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 25-28, 1797, pp. 2, 4. There were three officers with similar names in the American war. This officer spelled his name as "William Frazer" and was initially commissioned Ens. from Volunteer on Aug. 15, 1778.

Commission Announcement for John Peebles, Esq. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to a Company in the Irvine Volunteers, London, Mar. 5, 1797

War-Office, March 5, 1797...

Irvine Volunteers.

William Ralston, Esq; to be Major Commandant.

To be Captains of Companies;

John Peebles, Esq...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 21, 1797, pp. 2, 4. Capt. Peebles was the former commander of the 42nd Grenadier Company in the American war. Irvine is located on the Firth of Clyde in North Ayrshire, about 30 miles southwest of Glasgow.

**News Account of the Return of Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.)
from the West Indies on *His Majesty's Packet Chesterfield*; Falmouth, England, Apr. 30, 1797**

LONDON, May 1...

Saturday [Apr. 30] a mail from the Leeward Islands was received at the General Post Office, brought to Falmouth by the *Chesterfield* packet, in twenty eight days, from St. Kitt's. – The passengers on board were,

From St. Kitt's. – Major General Graham, Major Stewart, Major Wemyss, Captain Fawcett, Mr. Rose, and Mr. Farquarson...

Source: *Saunders's News-Letter* (Dublin), May 6, 1797, p. 1.

**Transfer Announcement for Lt. Col. Hay Macdowal, 36th (or the Herefordshire) Regt.
(Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to the 78th Regt. of (Highland) Foot or the Rossshire Buffs,
London, May 27, 1797**

War-Office, May 27, 1797...

36th Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Lieutenant-Colonel J. Randoll Mackenzie, from the 78th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice M^cDowall, who exchanges...

78th Ditto Brevet-Colonel Hay Macdowall, from the 36th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Mackenzie, who exchanges."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 23-27, 1797, pp. 4-5. Lt. Col. Macdowal was a former Capt. in the 42nd Regt. but did not serve in the American war. He transferred to the 2nd Bn. in 1780 and served with that battalion in India. Macdowal's service in the 36th Regt. is clarified in his biography in Appendix A of this volume.

**Promotion Announcement for Alexander Innes (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.)
to Company in the Enzie Companies of Banffshire Volunteers, June 20, 1797**

War-Office, June 20, 1797...

Enzie Companies of Banffshire Volunteers.

Sir George Abercromby to be Captain Commandant.

To be Captains,

Alexander Innes, Esq...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 17, 1797, pp. 11, 1. Enzie, Moray is located in northeast Scotland about thirteen miles east of Elgin.

**News Account of Review of Militia and Fencible Regiments by Maj. Gen. Charles Graham
(Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Brighton, England, July 4, 1797**

Brighton, July 4. GRAND FIELD DAY. – Yesterday morning all the troops, both in barracks and quarters, marched from this place to about four miles on the Lewes road, when they were reviewed by Major General Graham. The Horse Artillery were drawn up in the first position on the right of the line; the Lanark Fencible Cavalry were drawn up on the left of the line a general salute was then given. The line next marched by companies in slow and quick time. After the second time, the line formed upon the ground of the second position, firing twice by companies from the right, as soon as the first regiment was

formed. The Artillery all this time kept firing, to cover the forming of the line. The Fencible Cavalry then formed on each flank of infantry. When the line was formed, they fired twice by wings, then twice by battalions, the Artillery firing two rounds between each different fire of the infantry. Major General Graham now gave the word of command to fire a volley, which was most rapid under the smoke. When the line had retired, the cavalry from the wings advance briskly in front, with intent to take the enemy in flank. Each squadron gave the other the right, till the right formed upon the left, while the left formed behind the Horse Artillery. The Horse as well as the rest of the Artillery next fired three rounds as fast as they could, when the enemy was supposed to be completely routed. The whole then marched home through the village of Falmer, the Cavalry being in the rear.

Source and Note: *Kentish Weekly Post or Canterbury Journal* (Kent, England), July 7, 1797, p. 4. Brighton is located 54 miles south of London, on the southern coast of England.



Detail of *Portrait of King William IV*, 1800, by Sir Martin Archer Shee

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

News Account of Review of Fencible and Militia Regiments Commanded by Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) by the Duke of Clarence (Future King William IV), Brighton, England, Aug. 21, 1797

Brighton, Aug. 21. The Duke of Clarence's birth-day was announced here by ringing of bells &c. At ten o'clock, the Lanark and Dumbarton Fencibles, with the flying artillery, and the Monmouth regiment of Militia, marched to the hill near Falmer, where they were joined by the Northampton regiment of Militia, stationed at Lewes. – The following new manœuvres were introduced, under the command of Major-General Graham. The regiments marched in line, and retreated by battalions through each other. The front battalion retreated from the right or left of companies by files, and the rear battalion opened two or three files, opposite the heads of columns, to let them through. After marching about one hundred yards, the retreating battalion formed: the front battalion then retreated the same way, never going off with unloaded arms. The battalion next changed their front by companies, firing twice as they came up. They then practised charging in line after a volley, till they did it, a hundred yards at least, rapid and exact.

Source and Note: *Kentish Weekly Post or Canterbury Journal* (Kent, England), Aug. 25, 1797, p. 4. Brighton is located 54 miles south of London, on the southern coast of England.

Obituary of Half-pay Lt. Norman MacLeod, 69th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),

Gruel, Isle of Skye, Aug. 28, 1797

Died at Gruel, in the Island of Sky, on the 28th of August last, Lieut. Norman Macleod, late of the 69th regiment of foot. A sacred regard to truth, which he was never known to violate; a solid, but unaffected piety; an inflexible integrity, from which, no motives of interest could ever induce him to swerve; a generous and manly openness of heart, unacquainted with dissimulation or disguise, combined with a placid serenity of temper; those principles formed the tenor of his conduct, and were the distinguishing features of his character. His friends and relations, whom he loved with an ardour of affection, seldom to be paralleled, the poor, whom charity never failed to relieve, sincerely deplore his death, and will long continue to cherish his memory with sorrow and veneration.

Source and Notes: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Oct. 6, 1797, p. 12. Gruel is in Bracadale Parish and had only four people in the 1911 census. Lt. MacLeod chose to turn down his commission in the 42nd Regt. soon after his appointment for medical reasons. His death was also notice in *Gentleman's Magazine*, by Sylvanus Urban, London, October 1797, Google Books, p. 891.

Death Notice for Capt. Alexander Grant, 66th (or the Berkshire) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), On Passage from St. Domingo, late 1797

Deaths [late 1797] ...Lately, on his passage home from St Domingo, Captain Alexander Grant, of the 66th regiment, and son of Robert Grant, Esq. of Auchterblair.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Magazine or Literary Miscellany for February 1798*, p. 159. Capt. Grant was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. where he was listed as Lt. Alexander Grant, Junior.



Reconstruction of British gunners in the Great Siege Tunnels, Gibraltar

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by Prioryman, 2012

Extract of Officer List from Muster of 42nd Regt., Gibraltar, Dec. 17, 1797

Muster Roll of His Majesty's 42nd. (or R. High^d.) Regiment of foot for 183 days from 25th June to 24 Dec^r. 1796, both days inclusive.

Commissioned & Warrant Officers, including those ^{Ensecond}		
Colo. (King's Leave).	Sir Hector Munro	

L ^t . Col ^o Lieu ^t . Col ^o . L ^t . Col ^o . (D. of York leave)	Charles Graham William Dickson James Stewart	prom ^d . to Col. of a Reg ^t . 30 Nov ^r . Comss. dated 14 Dec ^r .
Major Major Major duty	Alex ^r Stewart James Stewart James Stirling...	prom ^d . to L ^t Col ^o . 13 Dec ^r . Coms ⁿ . dated 14 Decem ^r

Source and Note: TNA, 42nd Regt. "*Muster Roll Book Commencing 25th. December 1793*" at WO 25/380, ff 20-22.

Extract of Officer List from Muster of 42nd Regt., Gibraltar, Dec. 17, 1797

Muster Roll of His Majesty's 42nd. (or R. Highland) Regiment of foot, for 182 days, from 25th. December 1796 to 24th. June 1797, both days inclusive.

Commissioned and Warrant Officers, including those en second		
Colonel (King's leave).	Sir Hector Munro	
1 st Lieu ^t . Col ^o . 2 ^d . Lieu ^t . Colonel . (D. of York leave)	William Dickson James Stewart	
1 Major 2 ^d Major (duty)	Alexander Stewart James Stirling...	

Source: TNA, 42nd Regt. "*Muster Roll Book Commencing 25th. December 1793*" at WO 25/380, ff. 23-24.

1798

Half-Pay Lt. Dugald Campbell, 42nd Regt., Paid as Draftsman for Surveyor General of New Brunswick, 1798

Account exhibited by George Sproule Esq^r. Surveyor General of New Brunswick to the Commissioners appointed pursuant to the fifth article of the treaty of Amity Commerce and Navigation between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America.

1798...	To 245 days Work performed in reducing and drawing survey plans 7 inspecting & directing the whole...	New Brunswick Currency £...
	To 20 days work performed by Dugald Campbell as a Draughtsman in the same service at 5 dollars P ^r day...	25 0 0

Source: "Account exhibited by George Sproule Esq., Surveyor-General of New Brunswick, 1798", *The Winslow Papers* (on-line) at Vol. 9-103, Electronic Text Centre, The Library of the University of New Brunswick, Canada.

Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Jan. 9, 1798

War-Office, January 9, 1798.

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint...

MAJORS...

George Stewart, of the 33d Foot...

To be LIEUTENANT-COLONELS in the Army....

CAPTAINS...

Henry David Fraser, of the 47th Foot...

To be MAJORS in the Army....”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 6, 1798, pp. 2-4. Lt. Col. Stewart and Maj. Fraser were former Lts. in the 42nd Regt.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lt. Hector M^cLean, Reay Fencible Infantry Regt. (Former Quartermaster, 42nd Regt.), to a Company, London, Jan. 30, 1798

*War-Office, January 30, 1798...
Reay Fencible Infantry.*

Captain-Lieutenant Hector M^cLean to be Captain, vice MacKay, removed to a Lieutenancy of Invalids on the British Establishment.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 27-30, 1798, p. 89. Capt. M^cLean and the Reay Fencibles saw action in the Irish uprising of 1798.

Excerpt of a Letter from Capt. John Rutherford, Roxburghshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) to Capt. John Peebles, Irvine Volunteers (Former Capt., 42nd Grenadier Company), Discussing Officers of the 42nd Regt., Mossburnford, Feb. 2, 1798

Mossburnford, 2 Febr^y 1798

My dear friend...Cadet [Robert] Pott was a night with us lately – as gay as a lark and brimfull of esteem for recollection of his old acquaintances amongst whom you was not forgotten in a bumper of port – His rib [wife] is grown as broad as long and consequently gives no hope of an heir to the Laird of Borthwickshiels –

When in Ed^t lately I saw little [James] Stewart as we used to call him now L^t Co^l to the 42^d he expects to be obliged to join at Gibraltar – is in tolerable health – after his W. Indies campaign during which I am told he distinguished himself upon one or two occasions – he says that [Lt. Col. William Dickson of] Killbucho – is going to sell out ...who should I sup with at Co^l Stuarts but – Mate [Alexander] Stuart – returned from the East Indies possessed of a Competent fortune – seeking for amusement in the change of scene – and in pursuit of pleasure in various modes you may recollect him awkward, Timid & taciturn – He is now quite the reverse – I partook of a Mess dinner upon the invitation of Major [John] Grant of the 1st Fencibles – Screw your bayonets was the Nom de guerre with us – He was commanding Officer of the Castle – shewed me marks of partiality & kindness...he has one Son a Cap^t Lieu^t in the 60th and another going out to India well recommended as a Surgeon

John Grant or rather I believe James [Rose] our old Serg^t Major was at Table a Lieu^t – and one or two more old acquaintances in America _

What has Cha^s Graham old Grenadier chum of yours been about _ that B Bell is going to bring him to a Court martial _ I had formed a good opinion of him and should be sorry to have occasion to change it – I had a letter from Rose lately – He continues to be Gen^l [Nesbitt] Balfours right hand man _ Stewart says he could not carry on the war without him – Graham never writes me...

Source and Notes: NRS, Cunningham of Thortoun Papers, GD21/417, item 2. In this letter Capt Rutherford discusses many of their comrades from the American war. “*Cadet Pott*” was former Lt. Robert Potts, “*little Stewart*” was former Light Infantry Lt. James Stewart, “*Killbucho*” was former Capt. William Dickson of Kilbucho, “*Mate Stuart*” was likely former Surgeon’s Mate Alexander Stewart, “*Major Grant of the 1st Fencibles*” was former Lt. John Grant (of Auchindown) of the 2nd Additional Company in Newfoundland, “*James our old Serg^t Major*” was probably former Sgt. Maj. and later Lt. James Rose who had been promoted to Capt. in the 39th Regt. in May 1796. “*Cha^s Graham*” was former Lt. Col. Charles Graham, Peebles’ grenadier company commander. “*B Bell*” is likely Lt. Col. Bryan Bell, 46th Regt., who was removed from the service after making groundless court martial charges against Bevet-Col. Baldwin Leighton, of the same regt.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. John Rutherford (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Maj. Commandant, Roxburghshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry, London, Jan. 13, 1798

War-Office, January 13, 1798...

Roxburghshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Captain John Rutherford to be Major Commandant, vice Sir James Pringle, who resigns.

Source: *London Gazette*, Jan. 9-13, 1798, pp. 1-2.

Brevet Promotion Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. Col. John Spens, 95th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Feb. 17, 1798

War-Office, February 17, 1798...

BREVET...

Lieutenant-Colonel John Spens, on the Half-Pay of the 95th Foot, to be Colonel in the Army.

Source: *London Gazette*, Feb. 13, 1798, pp. 2-3.

Extract of Officer List from Muster of 42nd Regt., Gibraltar, Apr. 1798

Muster Roll of His Majesty's 42nd. (or R. High^d.) Regiment of foot.) for 183 Days from 25th. June to 24th. December 1797. both days inclusive.

Commissioned & Warrant Officers, including those Ensecond		
Colonel (King's leave).	Sir Hector Munro	
1 st Lieu ^t . Col ^o .	William Dickson	
2 ^d . L ^t . Col ^o . (D. of York leave)	James Stewart	
1 st Major	Alex ^r Stewart	
2 ^d Major	James Stirling...	

Source and Note: TNA, 42nd Regt. "*Muster Roll Book Commencing 25th. December 1793*" at WO 25/380, f. 23. The specific date in April is torn and unreadable.

Pension Application Papers for Elizabeth Young, Widow of Retired Full-Pay Lt. John Young, Invalids (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Apr. 11, 1798

WE do hereby Certify to the best of our Knowledge, that *Elizabeth Young*
was the real Wife of *John Young late a retired Lieutenant of Invalids who died on full Pay the 15th. of November 1797*

And left the said *Elizabeth Young wholly unprovided for*

Whereof We humbly recommend her as an Object of his MAJESTY'S Royal Bounty and Compassion. Given under our Hands this *eleventh* day of *April 1798* –

Bernard Brooksberry
Agent

Elizabeth Young – came this day before me, and made Oath that she was lawfully married to *John Young* – late a *Lieutenant* – in the *retired Invalids* – ~~commanded by~~ and ever since his Decease she has continued a Widow, and is so at this present Time; and that she has no other Pension, Allowance, or Provision made for her by the Government, either in Great-Britain or Ireland, without the Pension she hopes to receive by his Majesty's Bounty .

Elizabeth Young

Sworn before me *this 3rd. Day of January 1798*
Rob^t. Smith

15 Nov^r

Source: TNA, *War Office, Widows' Pensions and Bounty Application Papers* at WO 25/3107/3/24.

**Promotion Announcement for Militia Maj. John Rutherford, Fourth
(or Dumfrieshire) Militia Regt. (former Capt., 42nd Regt.), London, Apr. 23, 1798**

Whitehall; April 23, 1798.

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint the following Noblemen and Gentlemen to serve as Field Officers in the Regiments of Militia in Scotland...

Fourth (or Dumfrieshire) Regiment.

Charles Earl of Dalkeith to be Colonel...

_____ [John] Rutherford, Esq; of Mossburn-Ford, to be Major.”

Source: *London Gazette*, Apr. 21-24, 1798, p. 1.

**News Account of Orders Issued by Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.),
Lewes, England, May 10, 1798**

LEWES, MAY 14.

It was on Thursday [May 10] given in general Orders from Major-general GRAHAM, that all general Orders concerning the soldiers should be read and made known to every individual: and that the South Hants and Bedford Regiments should immediately make and give in a return of all Sawyers, Carpenters and Bricklayers, specifying where they are employed, as a number are wanted for the public Service.

Source and Note: *Evening Mail* (London), May 14, 1798, p. 3. Lewes is located about nine miles northeast of Brighton.

**News Account of Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) Taking Command,
Brighton, England, June 18, 1798**

ARMY...

General Graham has succeeded [Lt.] General [Sameul] Hulse in the command at Brighton.

Source and Note: *Observer* (London), June 24, 1798, p. 4. Lt. Gen. Hulse left Brighton to go to Ireland with the Brigade of Guards.

**Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Col. Hay Macdowal, 78th Highland Regt.
or the Rossshire Buffs (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Maj. General in the Army,
London, June 23, 1798**

War-Office, June 23, 1798.

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint

COLONELS...

Hay M^cDowall, of the 78th Foot,

To be MAJOR GENERALS in the Army.”

Source: *London Gazette*, June 19-23, 1798, p. 7.

**News Account of Stage Play Attendance by Maj. Gen. Charles Graham
(Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Brighton, England, July 3, 1798**

The Brighton Theatre is attend with little success. Tuesday se'nnight [July 3] Major General Graham besooke the play, and the produce no more than 2l. Munden played on the preceding Saturday to 5l.

Source and Note: *Ipswich Journal*, July 14, 1798, p. 2. Brighton is located 54 miles south of London, on the southern coast of England.



Detail of Portrait of French General Louis Baraguey d'Hillier

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Two News Account of French General de Division Louis Baraguay d'Hilliers Meeting with
Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Brighton, England, Aug. 3, 1798**

LONDON, August 7...

The French General d'Hilliers, with his two Aids-de-Camp, passed through Brighton on Friday [Aug. 3] on his way to France. He stopped a few hours at that place, and had a long interview with General Graham.



Detail of Miniature of Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, later King of Hanover, 1823 (based on 1802 Portrait) by Johan Georg Paul Fischer

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Royal Collection*

BRIGHTON, AUGUST 3.

General BARAGUAY D'HILLIERS arrived at one o'clock this morning, at the New Ship, on his route from Portsmouth to Dover, to be exchanged for [Maj.] general [Eyre] COOTE. He is a fine fellow, with whiskers: almost six feet high – looks sulky. General GRAHAM, and Prince ERNEST [Augustus, Duke of Cumberland – son of King George III], went to see him.

Sources and Note: *Oxford Journal*, Aug. 11, 1798, p. 4 and *Morning Post Gazetteer* (London), Aug. 6, 1798, p. 3. Gen. d'Hilliers had been captured at sea while returning to France from Malta by HMS Seahorse on June 27. Maj. Gen. Coote had served as a Capt. in the 1st Lt. Inf. Bn. in the American War for Independence. He was captured at Ostend, Belgium, around May 1798. Brighton is located 54 miles south of London, on the southern coast of England.

News Account of Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) Being Appointed to Command Militia Brigade in Ireland; Lewes, England, Sept. 11, 1798

COUNTRY NEWS

LEWES, SEPT. 10.

Major-General Graham having been appointed to the Command of a Brigade to serve in Ireland, he left Brighton last week for that purpose...

Source and Note: *True Briton* (London), Sept. 14, 1798, p. 4. Lewes is located about 50 miles south of London, near the southern coast of England. It is about eight miles northwest of Brighton.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. James Alston, 63rd (or the West Suffolk) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Major, London, Sept. 18, 1798

War-Office, September 18, 1798...

63d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Captain James Alston to be Major, by Purchase, vice [Matthew R.] Johnston, who retires."

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 15, 1798, p. 2.

News Account of Militia Brigade Command for Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Ireland, Sept. 27, 1798

LONDON, September 27.

The following English militia regiments, &c. have arrived, and are to remain in Ireland. – *Brigade 1.* Dorset 972, South Devon 400, North Hants 885, Lancashire 1148, commanded by Major-General Morshead. – *Brigade 2.* Leicestershire 1285, South Lincoln 771, West Suffolk 1125, commanded by Major-General Loftus. – *Brigade 3.* Hertfordshire 1049, West Kent 1080, commanded by Major-General Graham. – *Brigade 4.* Bedford 702, Worcester 986, East Suffolk 1073, commanded by Major-General Wemys. – *Brigade 5.* North Gloucester 939, North Lowland 474, Second Breadalbane 495, Essex Fencible Cavalry 272, to join Major-General Campbell. – Total 13, 651.

Source: *Oxford Journal*, Sept. 29, 1798, p. 2.



Reproduction 59th Regt. Uniform Button

Retirement Announcement for Capt. Hon. George Fraser, 59th (or the 2nd Nottinghamshire) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Oct. 2, 1798

War-Office, Oct. 2, 1798...

59th Ditto, Lieutenant William Bowyer, from the Royal Fuzileers, to be Captain, by Purchase, vice Fraser, who retires.

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 29, 1798, p. 4.



Detail of painting "*East Indiaman General Goddard with the Dutch Fleet*," by Thomas Lunly

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Blue World Web Museum

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to His Nephew, Capt. Thomas Graham, *East Indiaman General Goddard*, Offering Swords for His Ship, Lochlane, Scotland, Nov. 29, 1798

Lochlin 29th Nov^r 1798

My Dear Nephew,

...In equipping your Ships I know not if you have Swords on board. I have about 70 half basket hilts 24 Inches in length of Blades without Scabbards at Stirling in Ja^s Bairds, they would require a little cleaning & brushing up they may be worth 6S^h each if they could be of use to you in that way I shall make you a present of them & they might be put in a box & sent to London. I wish you had seen them to know if they would answer or unless you are sure of that it would be needless to be at the expence of sending them up —

[Stirling's widowed sister] M^{rs} [Mary] Campbell wrote your Mother to day so shall conclude with my affectionate Love to her & your Sister and warmest wished for your Success & Welfare as I am, with great [illeg.],

My Dear Tom, Your most affectionate Unkle
Tho^s Stirling

[addressed] Captain Graham Airth House by Falkirk

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison pp. 141-142 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS. 10951 ff.143-144.

Promotion Announcement for Militia Capt. John Peebles, Irvine Volunteers

(Former Capt., 42nd Grenadier Co.) to be Major, London, Dec. 15, 1798

War-Office, December 15, 1798...

Irvine Volunteers.

Captain John Peebles to be Major, vice, Ralston, who resigns.

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 11-15, 1798, p. 2.

**Death Notice for Wife of Lt. Col. James Spens, 73rd Highland Regt.
(Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), Madras (now Chennai), India, 1798**

DEATHS...At Madras, Mrs Frances Stewart, daughter of the late Sir John Stewart of Allanbank, Bart. and Lady of Lieutenant Colonel Spens, of the 73d regiment.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, Sept. 1798, p. 653. The 73rd Regt. was formerly the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

1799



Detail from A plan of St Philips Castle and fortifications in the island of Minorca. 1780, William Faden

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. Alexander Stewart, 42nd Regt., to be Lt. Colonel in the Army
and Quarter-Master-General, Minorca, London, Mar. 19, 1799**

War-Office, March 19, 1799...

STAFF.

Major Alexander Stewart, of the 42d Foot, to be Quarter-Master-General to the Forces, serving in Minorca, with the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army, vice Oakes, who resigns.

HOSPITAL STAFF...

____Moore, M. D. Acting Inspector of Hospitals, to be Inspector of Hospitals in Portugal, vice Robertson, removed to Minorca.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 16-19, 1799, pp. 2-3. "Robertson" may refer to Dr. William Robertson, former Surgeon of the 42nd Regt.

Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Maj. Henry David Fraser, 47th (or the Lancashire) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Brevet-Lt. Colonel and Deputy Adj. General to the British Forces Serving, in Portugal, London, May 21, 1799

War-Office, May 21, 1799...

STAFF.

Brevet-Major H. D. Fraser, of the 47th Foot, to be Deputy Adjutant-General to the British Forces serving, in Portugal, with the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 18, 1799, pp. 2-3. Maj. Fraser's date of rank was May. 17, 1799.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to his Brother, Sir William Stirling of Ardoch, Regarding Their Nephew, Half-Pay Ens. Henry Hamilton, 71st Highland Regt., May 1, 1799

1st May 1799.

My dear brother,

I send you inclosed the state of Ardoch Pen, with the sales, &^c., which I received by last packet, with a letter from H. Hamilton, dated 28 fb^y. —99...

He has brought himself into a dilemma, which I do not know how he will get rid of, by accepting a commission on full pay, & he may probably be ordered to join, so that he must leave the island for his reg^t or throw up, and lose the half pay of commission I got him in my late reg^t (71st)...

My dear brother,

Yours affect^{ly}

Tho^s Stirling

Sir William Stirling
Bar^t, Ardoch

Source and Note: *The Sessional Papers Printed by Order of the House of Lords... Session 1875*, Vol. XII, Google Books, p. 190. Henry Hamilton, late of the 71st Regt., was Gen. Stirling's nephew, son of his sister Isabella. He was living in Jamaica at the time of this letter. Ens. Hamilton is shown in the annotated War Office copy of the Army List for 1798 as joining the 83rd Regt. (stationed in Jamaica) as an Ens. Nov. 1, 1797 vice Ens. Robert Keith M^cIntosh. However, the annotated copy of the Army List of 1779 shows Hamilton's commission was cancelled, and the 1800 list shows him back on Half-pay of the 71st Regt.

Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers and Sgt. Major in Col. Hon. William Edward's Fencible Infantry (Cambrian Rangers), London, July 23, 1799

War-Office, July 27, 1799...

The Honorable Colonel Edward's Fencible Infantry.

Captain John Grant, from the late Strathspey Fencibles, to be Captain, vice Johnston, who resigns.

Captain William Grant, from the late Strathspey Fencibles, to be Captain, vice Saunders, who resigns.

Captain Gavin Drummond, from the late 1st Battalion of the 4th Fencibles, to be Captain, vice Kennedy, who resigns.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 23, 1799, pp. 2-3. Capt. Grant is this order is likely Capt. John Grant of Rippachie, who briefly served as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. in Scotland at the beginning of the American war, but returned to Half-Pay due to medical reasons. Capt. Drummond served as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. Capt. William Grant is likely a former Sgt. Major in the 42nd Regt.

**Retirement Announcement for Lt. Col. James Spens, 73rd Highland Regt.
(Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), London, July 23, 1799**

War-Office, July 23, 1799...

73d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Major Michael Monypenny, from the 78th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Spens, who retires.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 20-23, 1799, pp. 1-2. The 73rd Regt. was previously the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.



Armorial Bearings of Stirling of Ardoch

Picture Source: *The Stirlings of Keir and Their Family Papers*,
William Fraser, privately Published, Edinburgh, 1858, p. 126.

**Death Notice for Lt. Gen. Thomas Stirling's Brother, Sir William Stirling of Ardoch, 4th Baronet,
Edinburgh, July 26, 1799**

Sir William Stirling, of Ardoch, Bart. died at Venlaw, near Peebles, on Friday the 26th July last.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, August 2, 1799. Baronet William Stirling of Ardoch was the brother of Lt. Gen Thomas Stirling, former Lt. Col. of the 42nd Regt. On his brother's death Thomas Stirling became 5th Baronet of Ardoch. Venlaw was the home of Stirling's daughter, Christian, and her husband, Maj. Archibald Erskine, former Capt., 42nd Regt.

Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Aug. 13, 1799

War-Office, August 13, 1799...

9th Ditto [Regiment of Foot]...

To be Majors...

Captain Alexander Loraine.

35th Regiment of Foot....

To be Majors,

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel George Stewart, from the 33d Foot...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 10-13, 1799, pp. 1-3. Majors Loraine and Stewart were former Lts. in the 42nd Regt.

Estate Claims Notice for the Late Capt. Hon. George Fraser, 59th (or the 2nd Nottinghamshire) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 1799

ALL Persons having any Claim or Demand on the Estate of the Honorable Captain George Fraser, late of the 59th Regiment, deceased, are desired forthwith to lodge the same, properly vouched, with James Eraser, Esq; Writer to the Signet, at Edinburgh, or Alexander Fraser, of Lincoln's Inn, Administrator to the Estate, in order to an Arrangement being made as soon as possible for a Settlement of the same, in a due Course of Administration."

Source: *London Gazette*, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 1799, p. 7.

Maj. Gen. Charles Graham, Col., 5th West India Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) Assigned to Ireland Staff, Kilkenny, Sept. 1, 1799

STAFF of the ARMY in NORTH BRITAIN and IRELAND...
STAFF OF IRELAND...
Major Generals...

Peter Hunterm *Kilkenny*.
Chas Graham...

Source and Note: *Monthly Army List, Corrected to the First of September*, 1799, p. 11. Kilkenny is located about 80 miles southwest of Dublin. Like most senior officers who were colonels of regiment, Maj. Gen. Graham was not serving with his regiment



The Paragon, Bath, 2008, by Stephen McKay

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpt of Letter from Dr. William Robertson (Former Surg., 42nd Regt.) to Maj. John Peebles (Former Capt., 42nd Grenadier Company), Bath, Dec. 20, 1799

[Addressed]

BATH

Major John Peebles
Irvine NB

D^r Peebles

I wrote you in June last a long letter since which I have not heard from you. It will make me very uncomfortable to be deprived of the pleasure of a few lines occasionally...

In Sept^r I got in to my house – I have fitted up very comfortably an entry parlour & study also two bed rooms one of which I mean for you or any other very old particular friend who may favor me with their company _ I have an excellent Kitchen a good Cellar, the latter tho but ill supplied still contains a few Bottles of good Port ... My house stands me fully 1200 £ & furniture cost about £ 1450 ...

...Of our Old Corps I have heard nothing lately... LtCol. Alexander Stewart the Quarter Master Gen^l Minorca is making money fast he got that thru your Old friend [Gen.] Charles Stewart who was here some time ...

Although this town is very full of company there are very few of my acquaintances here...

Do favor me with a few lines & inform me how you go on, how M^{rs} P. & the Young lady are _ I have some thoughts of visiting Scotland in the Summer & so shall endeavor to spend a week at Irvine – at present however cannot fix on my plan of future operations_

Believe me [illeg.] Yours Most gratefull & sincerely

W^m. Robertson

14 Paragan R^d.

Dec^r. 20. 99

Source: NRS, "Letters from Doctor William Robertson to Major John Peebles at Irvine," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thornton* at GD21/401/2. "N.B." is the abbreviation for North Britain, a common term for Scotland during the period. Bath is located about 115 miles west of London. "Paragan Road" is now called The Paragon.

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Promotion Announcements for Maj. Alexander Cumine, 75th Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. Colonel, London, Jan. 1 and Feb. 25, 1800

War-Office, January 1, 1800.

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint...

MAJORS...

Alexander Cumine, of the 75th Ditto [Foot]...

To be LIEUTENANT-COLONELS in the Army.

War-Office, February 25, 1800...

75th Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Cumine to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Major-General [James] Hartley, deceased."

Sources: *London Gazette*, Dec. 31, 1799-Jan. 4, 1800, pp. 1-2, and Feb. 22-25, 1800, pp. 2-3.

Wedding Announcement for Maj. John Rutherford (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), Edinburgh, Jan. 21, 1800

Marriages...Jan...21. At Edinburgh, John Rutherford, Esq; of Mossburnford, to Miss Agnes Chatto, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Andrew Chatto, late of Mainhouse.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, Jan. 1800, p. 71. Mainhouse was an estate in Roxburghshire. This was 54-year old Rutherford's second marriage. Miss Chatto was 19.

House of Commons Record of Maj. Gen. Charles Graham (Former, Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) Pay as Maj. General in 1797 and Bills of Lt. Gen. Alexander, Earl of Balcarras (Col., 63rd Regt.) as Lt. Gov. Jamaica, London, Jan. 28, 1800

40 Geo. III

28^o Januarii [1800]

AN ACCOUNT of the Distribution of the Sum of £. 2,500,000, granted to His Majesty, toward enabling His Majesty to defray the Extraordinary Services of the Army for the Year 1797...

Dates of Payment		£.	s.	d.
1799... November 20th...	...To D ^o [Bills of Exchange], drawn by Earl <i>Balcarres</i> , from <i>Jamaica</i> , for D ^o [Public Services] -	91, 014	19	7
April 3d...	...To Major General Charles Graham, for 33 Days D ^o [Pay] as a Major General in Great Britain with One D ^o [Aid de Camp], to 24th <i>April</i> 1797 - - -	78	2	11...

Source: *Journals of the House of Commons, From September the 24th, 1779...to December the 31st, 1800*, printed by Order of the House of Commons, pp. 63, 69.



Drawing of 1800 Interview between Maj. Gen. Macdowal and Prime Minister Pilame Talawe, c. 1859

Picture Source: *Ceylon: An Account of the island Physical, Historical and Topographical*, Vol. 2, James Emerson Tennent, Longman Green and Roberts, London, 1859, Google Books, p. 80

Brigade Major William Macpherson's Account of the Arrival of Ambassador and Maj. Gen. Hay Macdowal (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) at the Court of Kandy, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Mar. 12 – Apr. 9, 1800

On the 12th of March 1800, between the hours of six and seven in the morning, Major General Hay Macdowall, in the capacity of Ambassador to the Court of Candy, took leave of the governor in the government-house of Columbo. Mr. North gave him a letter to the King [of Kandy, Wikrema Raja Singha], and one to the first Adigar [Prime Minister]. The letter of his Candian Majesty was delivered with all due ceremony to the appohamies appointed to take charge of it, and placed upon one of their

heads. They then moved out of the fort, followed by the ambassador, on whose departure a salute of seventeen guns was fired from the walls of Columbo. The escort appointed to attend him consisted of one thousand one hundred and sixty-four men, Europeans and natives, exclusive of pioneers and tent lascars....

In the morning of the 9th of April the Nobles of the-court waited on the Ambassador...

Having arrived at the entrance of the hall of audience several curtains were drawn, and gave us a full view of the King on his throne in a recess at the farther end of the apartment. The drawing of the curtains was the signal for six of the nobles to prostrate themselves on the ground, and for the Ambassador [Macdowal] and the gentlemen who were with him to kneel... I forgot to say that we were all obliged to take off our hats when we entered the hall, excepting the Ambassador, who did not take his off until he had delivered the Governor's letter. After keeping the Ambassador and his suite some time longer on their knees, the King at length condescended to let the whole sit down on the carpet. This, and all other communication between the King and the Ambassador took place, by the King's addressing the second Adigar, who repeated the sacred message to the Dessauve of Uva. The Dessauve then delivered it to the Cingalese interpreter, who repeated it in Portugueze to a person who explained it in English to the Ambassador, so that a few words took a long time to come from the throne to the Ambassador, and *vice versa*...

Source: *Description of Ceylon*, Vol. II, by Rev. James Cordiner, Longman, Hurst, Rees and Orme, Aberdeen, 1807, Google Books, pp. 287-288, 299, 302 and 303.

**Excerpt of Letter from Dr. William Robertson (Former Surg., 42nd Regt.) to Maj. John Peebles
(Former Capt., 42nd Grenadier Company), Discussing Officers from the 42nd Regt.,
Bath, Apr. 28, 1800**

[Addressed]

[from] BATH
Major John Peebles
Irvine NB

D^r Peebles

I congratulate you & M^{rs} P. upon the recovery of your Daughter [Sarah] an event there was little reason to doubt of, the Disease tho painful being seldom dangerous _ The sea bathing when the weather permits will be a means of giving strength & preventing future attacks, by rendering the body less susceptible of Injury from reicessitudes of Weather – But of this enough... We have our great politicians but our powers of dissemination are not more acute...

The accounts of [former Capt. John] Rutherfords Marriage sent to me – It is not for me to judge of other peoples conduct; but I sincerely hope he may have got a prudent Women & takes care of his family & if I may be allowed to wish that the great and of any divine institution may in any instance be defeated, (I would in this with he may not have a second family which would inevitably injure the Children of a woman whom I always respected & admired _ As *P* myself I see a prospect of soon entering into that State. Such is my situation that by doing so I must increase my expences considerably or alter my whole plan. Altho I have more than I can expect Still I find it requires very strict œconomy to support the necessary respectability upon my income an increase of expenditure would force me to break in upon my Capital & in the event of a family would prevent me either raising them as I would wish if alive or leaving the Widow & them enough for their support at 177£ a y^r would in that case fall immediately To marry for the sake of money alone I cannot allow myself to think of it, for a moment; & if I did a man of 48 is not likely to meet with a fortune possesses by a woman whose age or manners promise happiness in the married State & outthink by age I mean Young; If I should ever be so lost to all sense of propriety as to Solicit one who is more than 10 y^{rs}: Younger than Myself I hope I may meet with such a rebuff as to make me sensible of my folly – Its true we every day see Old fools united with Young girls, but alas we also too often see them smart for their folly – Don't imagine me adverse to matrimony

far from it: I am confident there is no real happiness except in that State, but it is a frivolous experiment, no medicine either is certain & have of happiness or excess of Misery will be the consequence –

I met with a [illeg.] of yours at Bristol Well, a C^t. [John] Richardson, Marine who desired to be remembered to you. His wife seemed Sensible tho very deaf. I saw but little of them: they are gone some time.

[Former Lt.] James Graham married the Daughter of a [illeg.] at Cheltenham without Cash, he has I believe one or two Children & is I am told quite the Gouty [illeg.] – The Gen^l [Charles Graham, former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.] is on the Staff in Ireland. I have heard nothing of him – the Old Corps [42nd Regt.] at Minorca – [Lt. Col. William] Dickson the Command discipline I fear relaxed – Al: [former Lt. Alexander] Stewart Quarter M^r Gen^l and of Course L^t: Col: Your friend [Gen. Charles] Stuart gave it to him in a handsome manner as a reward for great alacrity and attention at a post where he commanded, there had no attack been made upon it.

Col. [John] Yorke late 33^d. [former Lt. Col., 1st British Grenadier Bn.] is here with a Young family ... & at Bristol [former Capt. William] Gore late 33 L^t Inf^y. also with a family now a Banker – My old ass^{nt} [Surg. Mate Alexander] Stewart keeps close in London – He w^s about in June last in Perthshire – I wish he was exercising his talents w^{ch} [which] are far above mediocrity

As your letters always afford me real pleasure Hope you will occasionally indulge me. Make my most respectful Compl^{ts}. to M^{rs}. & Miss P & believe me Most gratefully & Sincerely

Yours ever

W^m. Robertson

April 28

1800

Source: NRS, "Letters from Doctor William Robertson to Major John Peebles at Irvine," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun* at GD21/401/3. The only Marine Capt. Richardson listed in the 1800 Annual Army List was John Richardson.

Promotion Announcement for Former Lt. Col. James Spens, 73rd Highland Regt. (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), to be Major-Commandant Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery (Militia), London, July 10, 1800

War-Office, July 10, 1800...

Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery.

James Spens, Esq; late Lieutenant-Colonel in the 73d Foot, to be Major-Commandant, vice Burnett, who resigns.

Source: *London Gazette*, July 8, 1800, pp. 4-5.

Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Dugald Campbell, King's New Brunswick Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Col. Edward Winslow Regarding Military Road Between New Brunswick and Upper Canada, Halifax, July 14, 1800

Halifax 14th. July 1800

Dear Sir

I had the honor of receiving your friendly Communication of the 30th. Ultimo from the hands of His Excellency Sir John Wentworth for which testimony of your kindness be pleased to accept my thankful acknowledgements.

The importance of the proposed Military communication through New Brunswick to Canada seems to be universally felt and acknowledged, and a coincidence of opinion from a Gentleman of such distinguished information and ability is to me very highly gratifying; I am very sorry to have to acquaint you, however, that the idea seems (I hope only for the present) to be abandoned, as the breach formed by the projection of a part of the American territory in the best, and perhaps the only practicable Route for that purpose, appears to be an insuperable bar...

I am very respectfully, Dear Sir
Your most obedient & most hum^l Serv^t.
D. Campbell

The Honorable Colonel Edward Winslow

Source: "Letter from Dugald Campbell to Edward Winslow, 14 July 1800" in the *The Winslow Papers* (on-line) at Vol. 10-57, Electronic Text Centre, Lib. of the University of New Brunswick.

**Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Dugald Campbell, King's New Brunswick Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Edward Winslow, Regarding Pursuit of Deserters from 66th Regt.,
Halifax, July 14, 1800**

St. John 14th July 1800

Sir

I have to report to you for the information of His Excellency Lieut. General Carleton that in Obedience to the Inclosed Order from His Royal Highness The Commander In Chief I have sent Lieut. Bradley with 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal & 6 private Men to St. Andrews & the part of the border adjacent to the American Line, in Order if possible, to apprehend the Deserters from the 66th Regiment – there being [torn] Garrison Boat, M^r Robertson Ass^t D^y Comm^y & Storekeeper Gen^l. has at my desire provided Lieut. Bradley with a Boat for which he is to pay five Shill^s per day, this I hope will meet His Excellency's Approbation

Dug^d. Campbell
Capt. K. N. B. Reg^t.
Command^s.

Edward Winslow Esq^r
Military Secretary

Source: Dugald Campbell to Edward Winslow, July 14, 1800 in *The Winslow Papers* (on-line) at Vol. 10-58, Electronic Text Centre, Lib. of the University of New Brunswick.



Cove Harbor, Cork

Picture Source: *Ireland Illustrated from Original Drawings*, G. N. Wright, H. Fisher, Son and Jackson, London, 1831, Google Books, after p. 73.

Death Notice for Maj. Gen. Charles Graham, Col., 5th West India Regt.

(Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Cork, Ireland, July 28, 1800

Obituary, with Anecdotes, of remarkable Persons...

July...

28. At Cork, Major-general Graham; whose remains were interred on the 30th, with military honors.

Source: *Gentleman's Magazine*, August 1800, p. 8000. Maj. Gen. Graham was a former Major and Lt. Colonel of the 42nd Regt. during the American war.

Merchant and Half-pay Ens. James Rivington, Jr., Late 2nd Battalion, 84th or Royal Highland Emigrant Regt. (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), Declared Insolvent, New York, Sept. 6, 1800

By order of Richard Harrison, Esquire, Recorder of the city of New-York, upon the petition of James Rivington, junior, of the city of New-York, merchant, an Insolvent Debtor in conjunction with so many of his creditors as have debts owing to them by the said James Rivington, junior, amounting at least to three fourths of all the monies owing by him, NOTICE is hereby given to all the creditors of the said James Rivington, junior, to shew cause if any they have before the said Richard Harrison, at his chambers in the Broadway, in the city of New-York, by the thirteenth day of November next, why an assignment of the said James Rivington, junior, estate should not be made and the said James Rivington, jun. be discharged according to the directions of the act, entitled "an act for giving relief in cases of insolvency, passed the 21st day of March, 1788."

JAMES RIVINGTON, junier, Insolvent

Dated New-York, 6th September, 1800.

JOHN PRICE & Co. Petitioning Creditor

Sept 10

Source and Note: *Spectator* (New York), Sept. 20, 1800, p.4. Commissioned at age twelve in 1783, Rivington was too young to serve with the 42nd Regt. during the American war. He remained in the United States after the war.



View of the Port of Galle in Ceylon in 1754

Picture Source: Wikipedia Commons.

Appointment Announcement for Lt. Col. George Dalrymple, 19th (or the 1st Yorkshire North Riding) Regt. (former Capt., 42nd Lt. Inf. Co.) to Command the Fort and Garrison of Pointe de Galle, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Oct. 1800

“Military Promotions, &c. Bengal. In His Majesty’s Regiments...1800...October...*By His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon*...Lieut. Col. G. Dalrymple, of his Majesty’s 19th regiment, is appointed to command the fort and garrison of Pointe de Galle...”

Source and Note: *Asiatic Annual Register...For the Year 1801*, J. DeBrett, London, 1802, Google Books, p. 74. Galle is located on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka.

1801

Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Jan. 1, 1801

War-Office, January 1, 1801.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint.

LIEUTENANT-GENERALS...

Thomas Stirling...

To be GENERALS in the Army...

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...

George Dalrymple, of-the 19th Foot...

To be COLONELS in the Army.”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 6-10, 1801, pp. 1-2. Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling commanded the 42nd Regt. for most of the American war. Col. Dalrymple was former captain of the light infantry company.



The landing of British troops at Aboukir, 8 March 1801, by Philip James de Loutherbourg

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from the National Galleries Scotland.

**Lt. Col. James Stewart, 42nd Regt., on Casualty List for Battle of Abukir (Now Abu Qir), Egypt,
Mar. 8, 1801**

Downing-Street, May 9, 1801.

A DISPATCH addressed to the Right Honorable Henry Dundas... from General Sir Ralph Abercromby, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Troops serving in the Mediterranean.
Camp before Alexandria, March 16, 1801...

OFFICERS WOUNDED...

42d Regiment.—Lieutenant-Colonel James Stewart...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 5-9, 1801, pp. 1, 3. Lt. Col. Stewart served as a Lieutenant in the American war. Abu Qir is located on the Mediterranean coast fourteen miles northeast of Alexandria.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Donald M^cNiven, 63rd (or the West Suffolk) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Major, London, Mar. 17, 1801

War-Office, March 17, 1801...

63d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Captain Donald M^cNiven to be Major, without Purchase, vice [Hugh] M^cLeroth, promoted in the Rifle Corps.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, March 14-17, 1801, pp. 1, 3. Maj. M^cNiven retired six months later.



Medal awarded by London Highland Society to the Officers and Men of the 42nd Regt. commemorating their victory at Alexandria, and portraying Maj. Stirling's capture of the French Colors. The award was not accepted by regimental officers, who decided they could only accept awards from the King.

Photo courtesy of Roan Hackney, *The London Medal Company*

Officers' Account of the Capture of the French "Invincibles" Standard by Maj. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., Alexandria, Egypt, Mar. 21, 1801

Narrative (by Authority) of the Movements of the Royal Highland Regiment on the 21st of March, 1801

On the morning of the 21st of March the picquets of the reserve had given their fire and retired, when Brigadier General [Hildebrand] Oakes ordered the left Wing of the 42d to advance. Major Stirling, who commanded this wing, gained the left of the redoubt, in which the 28th regiment had taken post and were engaged, when he immediately encountered the enemy in front. They were at this time endeavouring to force the redoubt, the ruins and the corps which communicated from thence to the sea. To the left of the

major's position, the road from Alexandria to Aboukir passes through a considerable hollow, which separated the 42d from the guards, a space which was unoccupied by any troops in the first line. On this road the officers of the light company descried and gave information of a column of the enemy, directing its march upon their flank, and having with them a standard and a field-piece. The major himself soon after ascertained this column to be French, and directed the officer, commanding the light company, to be ready to form front to his flank, in case any attempt should be made to turn it. The firing at this time was very smart, both in his front and to the right.

Passing by the rear, he had just reached the right of the wing he commanded, when he heard a discharge of grape, and on returning rapidly to the left, saw a French battalion in his rear, with a field-piece and six horses, and two loaded camels behind them. Conceiving himself likely to be placed between two fires, he did not hesitate to order the wing to face to the right about and charge. The order was obeyed with a spirited promptness, which insured the discomfiture of part of this corps, and obtained possession of the gun. The head of the enemy's column, followed by Major Stirling, directed its movements on the ruins, and was met by the rightwing of the 42d, under Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Stewart, who here joined in the conflict.

Thus pressed, a part of the column sought shelter in the ruins, which they entered, receiving the fire of some companies of the 58th regiment.

The 42d at this time closed in with them, and their standard was taken from the bearer by Major Stirling, who consigned it in charge to a noncommissioned officer. The survivors of the enemy immediately surrendered, and were marched prisoners to the beach, by Ensign [Thomas] Hillas of the 42d regiment. Both wings of the 42d, now quitting the ruins, formed battalion, under the orders of Lieut. Colonel A. Stewart, and proceeded to the ground which the left wing had occupied, at the commencement of the action, on the left of the 28th redoubt.

Along with the 28th, the regiment was now engaged in opposing the repeated attempts of the enemy to force the redoubt; attempts repeated also, in the same manner, by fresh bodies endeavouring to come round its left, apparently to break the line of the 42d, and force the redoubt.

The column in front kept up a heavy fire, advancing at the same time, when Sir Ralph Abercromby coming up to the 42d regiment, gave orders that the enemy should not be allowed to gain the height. Orders were at that moment given by Lieutenant Colonel A. Stewart to charge, which was instantly done, and the French infantry were driven down the declivity to a considerable distance in front and left of the position of the reserve. They retreated through the intervals of their cavalry, who were now observed, as the smoke cleared away, close to the left of the 42d.

The exertions of this charge had disordered the line, and Lieutenant Colonel A. Stewart, judging that the enemy's cavalry were preparing to charge in turn, ordered the 42d to form quickly on the grenadiers, and prepare to receive them. This moment was selected, by the enemy, for a desperate charge. It was doubtless a moment, in which a regiment, pressing close on a retreating enemy, cannot be supposed to be correctly in line. The charge of the cavalry was made *en masse*, and in some places penetrated the intervals which had been occasioned by the movements to form on the grenadiers; an order which, in the continued firing of musquetry, could not be distinctly heard by the whole battalion. The right were protected by the fire of the 28th on the redoubt, and Brigadier General Stewart, bringing up his brigade, at this critical moment, his own regiment gave the enemy a close and well-directed fire, which allowed time to the 42d to join their efforts to those of the rest of the reserve and of the foreign brigade in repelling the cavalry. This service was speedily accomplished with the effect stated in the dispatches of the Commander in Chief. The rest of the action consisted of sharpshooting and cannonading, as stated in the same dispatches,

The non-commissioned officer, Serjeant Sinclair, to whom the standard was given in charge, was wounded in the rear of the regiment, and by him the standard was lost.

The 42d reflect with great satisfaction on the prompt and effective support they received from the 28th regiment, the flank companies of the 40th regiment, the 58th regiment, and Queen's German Regiment, with whom they more immediately acted.

The above narrative was drawn up from information furnished by the officers concerned and at their desire it has been submitted to our inspection; and we declare it conformable to our best observation and recollection of the facts.

(Signed) A. Stewart, Major and Lieut. Col.
42d R. H. Regiment.
James Stirling, Major and Lieut. Col.
42d R. H. Regiment.

Source and Note: *History of the British Expedition to Egypt...*, by Lt. Col. Robert Thomas Wilson, Sold by T. Egerton, Military Library, Whitehall, London, 1803, Google Books, pp. 372-374. Brevet-Lt. Colonels Stewart and Stirling were Lts. in the American war. This account was prepared to counter a claim that Pvt. Anthony Lutz, Minorca Regt., captured the Standard of the Invincibles (as this flag was known) instead of Maj. Stirling. The actual unit that surrendered was the 900-man French 21st Demi-Brigade which had earned the nickname "*the Invincibles*" for their success in the recent Italian Campaign.

Excerpt of Letter from Dr. William Robertson (Former Surg., 42nd Regt.) to Maj. John Peebles (Former Capt., 42nd Grenadier Company), Discussing His Marriage, Mar. 23, 1801

[Addressed] [from] BATH
Major John Peebles
Irvine NB

D^r Peebles

I take up the pen to inform you that I shall soon enter into the married state with a lady turned 23 who was my first acquaintance in Bath. The propriety of the choice made, time will shew. If a very sincere & warm mutual affection which has existed for a year & a half is my pledge of [illeg] current happiness I am sure of it – She has no fortune at present but she has secured upon the death of an old Uncle & Aunt 2 to 3000 £ which will be something for Children should there be any – Had an Aunt of her fathers not destroyed a will made in favour of him & his family & controled her property worth 25 to 30,000 £ as the Eldest daughter her family there would have been something handsome for the young lady & her 4 other sisters. the Eldest is married a Col. [William] Monro Caithness Legion [Fencibles] & has two children with the prospect of more...

Your Much obliged friend

W^m. Robertson

March 23
1801

Source: NRS, "Letters from Doctor William Robertson to Major John Peebles at Irvine," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thornton* at GD21/401/4.

News Account of Smallpox Scars on Lt. Col. Alexander Stewart, 42nd Regt., Alexandria, Egypt, Mar. 1801

Salisbury Square, June 30 ...How many cases there have been of supposed inoculation of the latter which have proved unsuccessful. Among many instances which I heard of among the people even of the late expedition to Egypt, let me offer one. The name of [Alexander] Stuart, lieutenant colonel of the 42d regiment, may be recognized by many of your readers: I mean the worthy officer whose signature has been published on the late dispute respecting what has been called the "Invincible Standard." I do not remember any in the expedition more marked with the Small-pox. He told me, when going about the fleet in Marmorice harbour vaccinating the soldiers and sailors, "that he had been inoculated for the Small-pox when a boy, and had been considered as having gone through the disease very favourably; but that he had afterwards taken it in the natural way – you see what I have suffered from it.

Source and Note: *Gentleman's Magazine*, July 1803, p. 609. Lt. Col. Stewart served as a Lieutenant in the American war.



Fort Charlotte, Lerwick, Shetland, 2101

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons by "Lost Penguin"

Transfer Announcement for Capt. James Rose, 39th (or the East Middlesex) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to an Independent Company of Invalids, London, Apr. 4, 1801

War-Office, April 4, 1801...

At Shetland.

Captain James Rose, from the 39th Foot, to be Captain of an Independent Company of Invalids.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 31 – Apr. 4, 1801, pp. 2-3. Capt. Rose was a former Sgt. Maj. and Lt. in the 42nd Regt. The Shetland is an island group about 170 miles northeast of the northern tip of mainland Scotland.

Excerpt of Letter from Dr. William Robertson (Former Surg., 42nd Regt.) to Maj. John Peebles (Former Capt., 42nd Grenadier Company), Discussing His Marriage and Officers of the Regiment, Bath, England, Apr. 9, 1801

[Addressed]

[from] BATH

Major John Peebles

Irvine

N: B: [North Britain, i.e. Scotland]

Dear Peebles

On Saturday the 4th. June united in marriage [with Miss Anne Bower] ...

M^{rs}. R: regrets much that distance which must prevent a practical intercourse with a family from whose example she would desire so much improvement & whose society she is confident would be so gratifying to her...

I agree with you that on Sir C: [Charles] Stuart the Country has lost a very valuable man – I experienced polite attention from him during his last short visit –

Gen^l. [Charles] Graham, [former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.] died of mortification in the Inguinal Glands [lymph nodes]... [former Lt.] James Graham] is about quitting Cheltenham & going to London... He must fall a Sacrifice to intemperance – Alone he takes regularly a Bottle of Sherry or Madeira & when he gets friends to stay with him indulges to great excess – He begins to fall off.

Col. [John] York [former Lt. Col. 1st Grenadier Bn.] is very attentive to me and all of the old acquaintances I had in America – He always inquires of you –

Make my very kind Compl^{ts}. to M^{rs}. & Miss P. & that you may long enjoy every happiness
most Sincerely prays

Your Attached & Affectionate friend

April 9th.

P.S: you see [former Adj. James] Rose has got an Invalid Company in Shetland – [former Lt. Alexander] Lorraine is in the Adjutant Gen^l: Office London – [former Lt. James] Alston a rich man, coming home from Jamaica with [former Capt. Alexander,] Lord Balcarres whose Secretary he has been.

Source: NRS, "Letters from Doctor William Robertson to Major John Peebles at Irvine," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun* at GD21/401/5.

**Appointment of Replacement for Maj. Gen. Alexander, Earl of Balcarres
(Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) as Lt. Governor of Jamaica, London, May 16, 1801**

Whitehall, May 16, 1801...

The King has also been pleased to constitute and appoint George Nugent, Esq; Major-General- of His Majesty's Forces, to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Jamaica, in America, in the Room of Alexander Earl of Balcarres.

Source: *London Gazette*, May 12-16, 1801, p. 1.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. James Rose, Independent Company of Invalids (Former Sgt. Maj. and Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Commandant of Invalids, Shetland Islands, May 19, 1801

War-Office, May 19, 1801...

INVALIDS...

Captain James Rose to be Commandant of the Invalids stationed in the Shetland Islands.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 16-19, 1801, pp. 1-2. There were two companies of Invalids assigned to Shetland.

**Pension Application Papers for Elizabeth Ritchie, Widow of Lt. Col. John Ritchie,
3rd Battalion, 60th or Royal American Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Glasgow, June 24, 1801**

[Cover sheet]

Petition of the Widow of the late L. Colonel Ritchie of the 60th. Reg^t. who died of a Wound received in Action at S^t. Vincent's.

[Petition body]

To The Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Petition of Elizabeth Ritchie Widow of Lieu^t.. Colonel Ritchie of your Majesties 60th.. Reg^t.. of Foot

May it Please your Majesty

Your Petitioners late Husband Lieu^t.. Colonel Ritchie Commanded a party sent against the French and Caribes, on the Island of S^t.. Vincents on the 24th.. Sept^r.. 1795.. on which day he received a wound of which he died the 11th. of Oct^r.. following – The Inhabitants of S^t.. Vincents have upon all occasions declared that Col. Ritchie on that day which proved fatal to himself saved the Island, which would but for his Bravery and skill as an Officer have inevitably fallen into the hands of the Enemy, of which truth the Planters and Merchants connected with the Island were so sensible that out of respect to his Memory and

Knowing that the Petitioner his Widow was left in indigent Circumstances recommended the petitioner to Your Majesties Royal Bounty in a Memorial addressed to His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief a copy of which is herewith transmitted to Your Majesties Secretary at War. The Petitioner had the honor of communicating personally her situation to His Royal Highness who had the goodness to interest himself much in her behalf and to express his approbation of Col: Ritchie who had the honor of being known to His Royal Highness in Hanover. The Petitioner since Death of her Husband has been obliged to live with her Friends not having Income sufficient to enable her to keep house herself – The Petitioners hardships of her situation are attested by the Lord Provost of Glasgow, in a Certificate sent to the Secretary at War which accompanies this Petition to Your Majesty – The Petitioner humbly prays Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take her case into Your Royal consideration and to grant such Aid as your Majesty may in your Wisdom think proper and Your Majesties Petitioner will ever Pray &ca. &ca. &ca.

Elizabeth Ritchie

Glasgow
24 June 1801

[Enclosed Warrant]

Warrant for £ 100 to
Eliz: Ritchie, as of H.M's

Royal Bounty O. W. & P. [Our Will and Pleasure] is, that out of such Monies you pay unto Eliz. Ritchie, Widow of L^t. Col. Ritchie late of our 60th. (or Royal American) Reg^t. of Foot, the Sum of one hundred Pounds, without deduction, of which We are pleased to grant her, as of our Royal Bounty, in consideration of her faithful & unremitted Exertions in our Island of S^t. Vincents, where he received a Wound in Action, of which he died on the 11th. of Oct^r. 1795 – And for so doing &c –

[Attached sheet to Warrant]

Approved
GR. [King George]

It is humbly submitted to Your Majesty by the Secretary at War, that M^{rs}. Ritchie may have a Warrant for £ 100 *pr* annum, as of the Royal Bounty, in addition to the ordinary Pension.

W. O. July 9th. 1801 C[hables Phillip]. *Yorke*

[Pension Application form]

WE do hereby Certify to the best of our Knowledge, that *Elizabeth Ritchie* was the real Wife of *John Ritchie late a Lieutenant Colonel in the 3^d Battalion of the 60 Regiment of Foot who died the 11 Oct^r 1795*

And left the said *Elizabeth Ritchie a Widow –*

Whereof We humbly recommend her as an Object of his MAJESTY'S Royal Bounty and Compassion. Given under our Hands this *fourth* day of *June* 1796 –

[Gen. Lord Jeffrey] *Amherst*
Colonel in Chief

Ross & Ogilvie

Elizabeth Ritchie came this Day before me, and made Oath that she was lawfully married to *John Ritchie* late a *Lieutenant Colonel* in the *60th Regiment of Foot* commanded by *the Right Hon^{ble}. Lord Amherst* and ever since his Decease she has continued a Widow, and is so at this present

Time; and that she has no other Pension, Allowance, or Provision made for her by the Government, either in Great-Britain or Ireland, without the Pension she hopes to receive by his Majesty's Bounty .

Sworn before me *1st June 1796*
at Manion Hall
Southwark

Elizabeth Ritchie

J Stenard

Source: TNA, *War Office, Widows' Pensions and Bounty Application Papers* at WO 25/3103/1/36.

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. Alexander Cumine, 75th Regt. of (Highland) Foot
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to be Lt. Colonel in the Army, London, July 1801**

JULY

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned officers of regiments in the east-Indies to take rank in the army as follows, viz...

To be Lieutenant – Colonels – Majors ... Alexander Cumine of the 75th...

Source: *Asiatic Annual Register... For the Year 1801*, J. Debrett, London, 1802, Google Books, Military Promotions, pp. 71-72.

Excerpts of a Letter from Maj. John Rutherford to Maj. John Peebles (Former Captains, 42nd Regt.), Discussing Officers of the Regiment, Mossburnford, July 26, 1801

Mossburnford 26 July 1801

My good friend...I cannot close this without exulting in the achievements of our old Corps – which I am sure would not sure would not fail to give you likewise similar satisfaction.

I saw honest worthy [James] Rose lately. he is gone to Shetland to take the command of two or three companies of invalids it was hard that when they gave him one of these companies they did not allow him to dispose of his company in the 39th Reg^t D^r [William Robertson] Robinson I here is married _ I wish him all the happiness to be hoped for by the connection I fear he has been offended with me because I some years ago imposed some trouble upon him...

Source and Note: NRS, Cunningham of Thortoun Papers, GD21/417, item 13. "*Exulting in the achievements of our old Corps*" likely refers to the heroism of the 42nd Regt at the Battle of Alexandria, Egypt. "*Rose*" is Capt. James Rose, a former Sgt. Major and Lt. of the 42nd Regt. and "*Dr. Robinson*" is former Surg. William Robertson of the 42nd Regt.

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. Alexander Loraine, 9th (or East Norfolk) Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. Colonel, 91st Regt., London, Sept. 5, 1801**

War-Office, September 5, 1801...

91st Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Major Alexander Loraine, from the 9th Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice [Fielder] King, appointed to the Command of a Corps of Infantry.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 1-5, 1801, pp. 1-2. In 1801 the 91st Regt was assigned to the Cape of Good Hope.



Leith Links

Picture Source: *Cassell's Old and New Edinburgh*, Vol. III, James Grant, Cassell, Peter, Galpin & Co., London, Google Books, p. 268.

**News Account of Military Review Including the Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery,
Commanded by Lt. Col. James Spens (Former Ens., 42nd Additional Company),
Edinburgh, Sept. 22, 1801**

GRAND MILITARY REVIEW

Tuesday, Sept. 22

This morning, the four battalions of *Royal Edinburgh Volunteers*, with the two companies of *Royal Edinburgh* and *Royal Mid-Lothian Artillery*, paraded regimentally at seven o'clock, and marched by separate battalions, to *Lieth Links*, where they were joined by the *Lanark, Dumfries, and Aberdeen* Regiments of *Militia*, from the Camp at Musselburgh, with the light company of the *3d West York*, from Edinburgh Castle, two squadrons of the *4th Dragoon Guards*, from Piershill Barracks, and two squadrons of the *Royal Mid Lothian Cavalry*

Here they formed a very accurate line, extending the whole length direction, and were brigaded in the following order: –

Right Brigade – Brigadier-General Aytoun

...*Royal Edinburgh Highland Volunteers*, Lieut.-Col. Dewar, with four guns, manned by the *Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery*, under Lieut. Col. Spens...

Source: *Edinburgh Magazine or Literary Miscellany*, Sept. 1801, Google Books, pp. 235-236.

**Retirement Announcement for Maj. Donald M^cNiven, 63rd (or the West Suffolk) Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Sept. 26, 1801**

War-Office, September 26, 1801...

63d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Captain Samuel Fairtlough to be Major, without Purchase, vice M^cNiven, who retires.

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 22-26, 1801, pp. 1-2.



Lt. Dugald Campbell of Craignish, circa 1775-1777

Picture Source: Family photograph of Miniature, courtesy of Mr. Duine Campbell

Memorial of Capt. Dugald Campbell of Craignish, 2nd Battalion, 5th or Argyleshire Fencible Regt. (Former, Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Field Marshall and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, Prince Frederick, Duke of York, for a Royal Bounty, Glasgow, Oct. 1801

To His Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York, Knight of The Most Noble Order of the Garter, Field Marshall and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces

&^{ca}.. &^{ca}.. &^{ca}..

The Memorial of Dugald Campbell Esq^r Capt in the 5th.. or Argyleshire Regiment of Fencibles –

May it please your Royal Highness –

Your Memorialist begs leave to State that he Entered His

Majesty's Service at a very early period of life: He obtained a Lieutenancy in the Queens Highlanders (105th Regt.) the War before last: and on the reduction of that Corps continued on half-pay untill the late American War when he was Appointed to the 42^d. or Royal Highlanders and had the honour of serving in that distinguished Regiment untill called home by urgent family business nearly at the Conclusion of the War [Nov. 1777] _ Still one brother [George Campbell] a Subaltern in the 42^d. and Another in the late 71st. (Smollet Campbell now Cap^t of an Invalid Company in the Island of Guernsey) remained untill their Corps were called home: during which they were both wounded, the latter most Severely. – When the Fencible Corps were raised in the different Counties of Scotland in the years 1794-5 your Memorialist immediately Applied to be employed and was nominated a Captain in the [2nd Battalion] 5th or Argyleshire Fencible Regiment in which he Still remains, but from unavoidable Family misfortunes he has lately been obliged to dispose of an extensive landed property which passed down to him in an uninterrupted line of Succession of More than Four Hundred Years, - But independent of what he recent suffer in being forced to part with a property so long held by his Family, and one of the most respectable in the West of Scotland, has reduced him to look for his sole Support to the pay of Captain in the said Argylshire Fencibles. The weight of mental stress added to an inflammation in his eyes that has almost entirely deprived him of Sight, tenders Your Memorialist totally incapable of Activity in every other [illeg.] of life, And at the moment when the happy tidings of Approaching peace have been Announced to a rejoicing Country, he Stands Alone unprotected, unprovided for, and unable to Assist himself. – Under this Prossession of Accumulated distress, he presumes to Solicit Your Royal Highness's protection, and that that your benevolint [text missing from bottom of copy] to serve his King and Country with Zeal and

fidelity. – Your Memorialist will further intrude on Your Royal Highness's time by Stating that he has thus but Strictly followed the example of his Ancestors – His Grandfather Dugald Campbell of Craignish was long in the Army and saw very hard service in Flanders, being Appointed first to a Lieutenancy in [Capt. Simon] Lord Lovats [Highland] independent Company in April 1725, and to A Company in the Earl of Crawford's [43rd Highland Regt.] in October 1739 – His two Sons James, your Memorialists father, and Lachlan were Lieutenant and Ensign in the same Regiment, the latter killed carrying the Colours at the Battle of Fontenoy – Your Memorialist, as has been said, served in the [torn], /42^d. Regiment/ [torn phrase] only son [James], now a Lieutenant in the 72. Regiment, is just recommended for the purchase of a Company in that Corps with the remains of his patrimony – Your Memorialist has now to look forward to Your Royal Highness as the only means through which his Majestys most gracious and Royal bounty can reach him, and tho he would not Venture to urge further grounds in Support of his [illeg.], he, with due deference, maintains that half-pay as Captain, a place of Barrack-master or any Similar [torn] would render more Comfortable the remainder of a life [torn] [word blocked by seal] and cheerfully devote every day of to his King and Country [word blocked by seal]

Which is submitted &^{ca}

(dated) Glasgow

(Signed) D: C [torn] &^{ca}

Source and Note: *National Library of Scotland*, ACC6223/10 Bundle 1 item 19. Prince Frederick was the second son of King George III.

Account of Return of 42nd Regt. to Spithead, from Gibraltar with 1st Lt. Col. William Dickson, 2nd Lt. Col. James Stewart and Brevet-Lt. Col. Alexander Stewart, London, Dec. 26, 1801

London, Dec. 26...

The remainder of the gallant 42^d, or Royal Highlanders, are arrived at Spithead, last from Gibraltar, in good health and high spirits. Col. James Stewart, with three companies, are on the Ceres frigate. Three companies under the command of Col. Alex. Stewart, came home about three weeks since in the Resource, and the remainder of the regiment, under the command of Colonel William Dickson, are also arrived in the Dolphin frigate, having touched at Malta and Gibraltar. The Ceres and Dolphin are put under quarantine.

Source and Note: *Aberdeen Journal*, Dec. 30, 1801, p. 4. The same account was printed in the *Hampshire Chronicle*, Dec. 28, 1801, p. 4. The three officers mentioned served with the 42nd Regt. in America. The 42nd Highlanders were returning from the successful campaign to take Egypt, under Sir Ralph Abercromby which ended Sept. 2, 1801.

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The Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by Simon Johnston, 2007.

News Account of Maj. James Stirling, 42nd Regt. Being Enthusiastically Celebrated for Bravery at Battle of Alexandria, Edinburgh, Jan. 13, 1802

SCOTLAND.

On Jan. 13 appeared at the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, Major Stirling, of the gallant 42^d regiment, that conquered Bonaparte's *Invincibles*, in the full uniform of that regiment. He was received with the loudest and most enthusiastic applause, the music immediately striking up the favorite song of the Highland Character, 'In the garb of old Gaul.' On the celebrated 21st of March, when the French found their retreat entirely cut off by the Highlanders, two French officers advanced to Major Stirling, and delivered their standard into his hands. He immediately committed it to the charge of serjeant Sinclair, of the same regiment. He being soon wounded, the standard was found in the field by a private of a Minorca corps, who carried it to his own regiment. It was marked with the name of the different victories of the Hero of Italy; but considerably worn. The name of the battle of Lodi was scarce legible. All the British troops shewed equal courage on the day that decided the fate of Egypt.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, Feb. 1802, p. 147. Still in use, the Assembly Rooms are located at 54 George Street Edinburgh, about one half mile north of the Castle.

Death Notice for Dr. Kenneth Callander (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Edinburgh, Feb. 2, 1802

Deaths...Feb [1802]...

2. Kenneth Callander, M.D. youngest son of the late John Callander, Esq. of Craigforth....

Source: *Edinburgh Magazine or Literary Miscellany*, Vol. XIX, Feb. 1802, p. 160.

Death Notice for Capt. and Adj. Hugh Fraser, North Lowland Fencibles (Former Lt. and Adj., 42nd Regt.), Perth, Feb. 8, 1802

Obituary...Feb...8...

At Perth, Hugh Fraser, esq. captain and adjutant of the North Lowland fencibles. He was 16 years lieutenant and adjutant of the 42d (or Royal Highland) regiment, and served with that corps during its many and severe campaigns in America.

Source and Note: *Gentlemen's Magazine*, March 1802, p. 275. Fraser began the American war as a Sgt. Major before his appointment as Adjutant.

Pension Application Papers for Elizabeth Fraser, Widow of Capt. and Adj. Hugh Fraser, North Lowland Fencible Regt. (Former Lt. and Adj., 42nd Regt.), Perth, Feb. 15, 1802

[Cover page]

Eliz Fraser
N^o Lowland Fen^s

Memorial of Colonel [Edward] Stack of the North Lowland Fen^{bles} recommending Elizabeth Clark Widow of the late Captain & Adjutant Hugh Fraser of the said Regim^t. to be placed on the Widows Pension.

Perth 15th: February 1802.

[Memorial]

Unto The Right Honble The Secretary at War &c.. &c.. &c

The Memorial if Colonel Stack, Lieu^t. Colonel Commanding the North Lowland Fencibles.

Sheweth,

That Captain and Adjutant Hugh Fraser of the North Lowland Fencibles, died on the eighth Instant at this place, aged Sixty five Years, and worn out in the Service as will appear from the inclosed Certificate (N^o. 1) of Captain [Samuel] Hunter late and M^r. [George] M^c.Leod, present Surgeon of the said Regiment.

That he has left a Widow Aged seventy three years, who is from her helpless situation (as also appears from the inclosed Certificate (N^o. 2) an object of His Majesty's Royal bounty – And Memorialist hopes that it will not lessen her Claim by stating that her late Husband was Father and she Mother of Captain Simon Fraser of the 42nd: (or Royal Highland) Regiment, who was so severely wounded and lost his right hand in Egypt in the battle of the thirteenth of March last – Should the stating of the Services of the late Captain Hugh Fraser be a necessary step towards accomplishing the intention of this Memorial the following has been stated to Memorialist and which he believes to be correct _ Viz^t. _ That he was forty-eight Years in the Service, Sixteen of which he was Adjutant to the forty-second (or Royal Highland) Regiment holding at the same time the successive Commissions of Ensign and Lieutenant in said Corps – that during the various Campaigns of the forty-second Regiment in America he received five different wounds – that he was afterwards on the breaking out of the troubles in Ireland in one thousand seven hundred and ninety four appointed Captain of a Company and Adjutant in the North Lowland Fencibles, where he continued and was never absent during it's Service in Ireland from October one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, to December last, when the Regiment was Ordered for this Country. –

Memorialist therefore hopes that such steps will be taken as are necessary for placing Elizabeth Clark Widow of the late Captain Hugh Fraser on the Widows Pension agreeable to the Circular Letter of the eighth of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine (relative to Pensions to Commissioned Officer's Widows) and according to the rank of her late Husband.

Ed: Stack Colonel

Perth 15th: February 1802

& Lieu^t. Col: Comm^s
the Above Reg^t.

I must add to the Above Statement, that when I joined the N. L. Fencibles (in the last Spring) I found them a Correct Well disciplined Corps; that my Own Observations Since my Appointment has induced me to Concur in the General Opinion that the Zeal and experience of the late Capⁿ. Fraser has been highly Conducive to the making the Reg^t. & that any favor now Conferred on his Widow will be particularly gratifying to his late Comrades

Ed. Stack

[Enclosure 1]

(N^o. 1)

We do Certify upon honor, that in Our Opinion the late Captain Fraser's general health was impaired, and the immediate cause of his death induced, by the fatigues which he underwent, and the exposures to which he was subjected, in his Military Services in Ireland. —

*Samuel Hunter late Surgeon
N. Lowland Fencibles*

Perth 15th. February 1802.

*George McLeod Surgeon
North Lowland Fencibles*

[Enclosure 2 cover]

(N^o. 2)

Certificate of Lieu^t Colonel Stack (Commanding Officer) and Major Colin Campbell of the North Lowland Fencibles recommending Elizabeth Clark Widow of the late Captⁿ. & Adju^t. Hugh Fraser of said Regim^t. as an Object of His Majesty's Royal Bounty as also the Affidavit of Eliz: Clark (widow) sworn before a Magistrate

Perth 15th: February 1802.

[Enclosure 2 body]

N^o. 2

We do hereby Certify to the best of Our Knowledge that Elizabeth Clark, was the Lawful Wife of Captain & Adjutant Hugh Fraser of the North Lowland Fencibles, who died at Perth on the 8th. day of February 1802. that she was married to the said Captain Fraser on the 26th. day of February 1763, and is a Woman at the advanced Age of seventy three Years, that she is incapable through Age and Infirmities of using any exertion for her support and to the best of Our knowledge and belief is far from having a competency to live upon — therefore we humbly recommend her for an object of His Majesty's Royal Bounty. —

Given under Our hands, at Perth this 15th. day of February 1802

*Ed: Stack L^t. Col. Comm^s. N. L. F^{es}.
Colin Campbell Major NLF*

Elizabeth Clark came this day before me, and made Oath, that she was lawfully married on the 26th. day of February 1763, to Hugh Fraser, late a Captain & Adjutant in the North Lowland Fencibles Regiment (whereof the Honourable John Hope is Colonel) Commanded by Lieu^t: Colonel Edward Stack and ever since his Decease, she has continued a Widow, and is so at this present time, and that she has no Pension, Allowance, or Provision made her by the Government, either in Great Britain or Ireland.

Sworn before me at Perth, this 25th. day of February 1802. —

*Robert Ross, Baillie
Residing in Perth —*

*her
Elizabeth X Clark
mark*

John Campbell Cap^t NLF Witness

Will: Gunn Lieu^t North Low^d. F. Witness

[Enclosure 3]

Perth /N. B./ 1 March 1802

Sir

I have the honor to return you the enclosed papers relative to the placing of M^{rs}. Elisabeth Clark, alias Fraser on the Widows pension as Widow of the late Cap^t. Hugh Fraser of the Regiment under my Command / and to state that by a Letter from M^r. Merry of the War Office dated 8th. Feb^y. it appears that the North Lowland Fencible Was placed on the British establishment on the 23rd.. of December last, and by my Memorial of the 15 February it will appear that the late Cap^t. H. Fraser died on the 8th.. Ultimo

I have the honor to be Sir

M. Lewis Esq^t

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

&: &: &:

Ed. Stack L^t. Col:

War Office }

Comm^s North Lowland

London }

Fen^{ls}. –

[Enclosure 4]

War Office 23^d Feb. 1802

Sir,

I return you the Papers which accompanied your letter of the 17th Inst. relative to M^{rs}. Elizabeth Clark the Widow of the late Captain Clarke [sic] of the North Lowland Fencibles, & am directed to acquaint you in answer thereto, that the Regiment being on the Irish Establishment at the period of the Officer's Death, the application for the Pension for the Widow should be made to the Irish Government.

I am Sir, Your obed. Ser^t.

M^r. Small

M[athew]. Lewis

[Illeg.] street

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office, Widows' Pensions and Bounty Application Papers* at WO 25/3095/4/82. Before he was commissioned in the British Army, Col. Stack, an Irish Catholic previously in the French service, was a Lt. of Continental Marines in Capt. John Paul Jones' Squadron, and served on the *USS Bonhomme Richard* during its battle with *HMS Serapis* in the Battle of Flamborough Head on Sept. 23, 1779. Capt. Fraser began the American War in Ireland as the Sgt. Maj. of the 42nd Regt. He had two sons who served as officers in the regiment. William was a lieutenant in the American war. Fraser's younger son Capt. Lt. Simon Fraser lost his hand to artillery fire at the Battle of Mandura (near Alexandria, Egypt), Mar. 13, 1801.

Excerpts of a Letter from Maj. John Rutherford to Maj. John Peebles (Former Captains, 42nd Regt.), Regarding 42nd Regt. Officers, Mossburnford, Feb. 23, 1802

Mossburnford Feb^y 23^d 1802

My dear John... This days paper intimates the death of our old Adjutant [Hugh Fraser], But few of us remaining who were with us when you and I first met at Fort Loudon [Pennsylvania] 38 years ago... I see no cause to regret that I do not command a regiment nor participate in the well merited applauses bestowed upon those of our old Corps who are lately returned from the land of Egypt – You would see how [James] Stirling was received at a Ball in Edinburgh as this days paper informs me, also at Glasgow...

Source and Note: NRS, Cunningham of Thortoun Papers, GD21/417, item 12. "*Our old Adjutant*" is former Adj. and Lt. Hugh Fraser. "*Stirling*" is Maj. James Stirling, a former Sgt., Quartermaster and Lt. in the American war and a hero of the Battle of Alexandria, Egypt in Mar. 21, 1801.

Promotion Announcement for Maj. Gen. Hay Macdowal, Lt. Col., 78th Regt. of (Highland) Foot or the Rossshire Buffs (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Colonel, 2nd Battalion, 40th (or the 2nd Somersetshire) Regt. London, Mar. 27, 1802

War-Office, March 27, 1802...

40th Ditto, Major-General Hay Macdowall, from the 78th Foot, to be Colonel-Commandant of a [2nd] Battalion, vice Lord Hutchinson, appointed to the Command of the 74th Foot.

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 23-27, 1802, p. 4.

Promotion Announcement for Maj. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., to be Lt. Colonel in the Army, London, May 11, 1802

War-Office, May 11, 1802

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint...

MAJORS...

James Stirling of the 42d Foot...

To be LIEUTENANT-COLONELS in the Army...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 8-11, 1802, pp. 2-4. Stirling was a former sergeant, quartermaster and lieutenant in the American war.

Burgh Records Describe 1st Lt. Col. William Dickson of Kilbucho and the 42nd Regt. Being Entertained to Honor Service in Egypt, Peebles, June 19, 1802

1802, June 19. – The first Division of the 42d Regiment, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel William Dickson of Kilbucho, enter Peebles, and the officers and men are entertained in grand style at the cost of the town, in honour of their distinguished service in Egypt. – B. R.

Source: Burgh Records of Peebles in *A History of Peeblesshire*, William Chambers, William and Robert Chambers, Edinburgh, 1864, Google Books, p. 271.

News Announcements that Lt. Col. William Dickson of Kilbucho, 42nd Regt., was Elected to Parliament, Selkirk, Aug. 4 and 10, 1802

SELKIRK ELECTION, July 30. – WILLIAM DICKSON, Esq. of Kilbucho, Lieutenant Colonel of the 42d Regiment, was elected Representative of this District of Boroughs. Selkirk, Peebles, and Lanark voted for Colonel DICKSON, and Linlithgow voted for Mr. MAXWELL, of Carriden.

Crown-Office, August 10, 1802.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the ensuing PARLIAMENT...

Burghs of Selkirk, Lanark, Peebles, and Linlithgow

William Dickson, Esq; of Kilbucho, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 42d Regiment or Royal Highlanders.

Source: *Times* London, August 4, 1802 and *London Gazette*, Aug. 7-10, 1802, p 1.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. James Rose, Royal Invalids (Former Sgt. Maj. and Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Major, 2nd Royal Garrison Battalion, London, Nov. 20, 1802

War-Office, November 20, 1802...

OFFICERS of the Royal Garrison Battalions.

Commissions to be dated 25th December next...

2d Royal Garrison Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel David Home, from the 2d Dragoons, to be Colonel... Captain James Rose, from the Retired List of the Royal Invalids, to be Major.

Source: *London Gazette*, Nov. 16-20, 1802, pp. 1-2.

**Transfer Announcement for Maj. James Rose, 2nd Royal Garrison Battalion
(Former Sgt. Maj. and Lt., 42nd Regt.), to the 6th or Royal North British Garrison Battalion,
London, Dec. 21, 1802**

War-Office, December 21, 1802...

2d Royal Garrison Battalion, Brevet Major Henry Bowen, from the Invalids, to be Major, vice Rose, appointed to the 6th Royal Garrison Battalion.

6th Ditto, Major James Rose from the 2d Royal Garrison Battalion, to be Major.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Dec. 18-21, 1802, pp. 1-2. Maj. Rose's battalion is annotated in the War Office copy of the Army List of 1803 as the "Sixth or Royal North British Garrison Battalion." North Britain was a common name for Scotland during this period.

**Transfer Announcement for Capt. William Stewart, Invalids (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),
to the 5th Royal Garrison Battalion, London, Dec. 14, 1802**

War-Office, December 14, 1802...

OFFICERS of the Royal Garrison Battalions.

Commissions to be dated 25th December instant...

5th Royal Garrison Battalion.

To be Captains...

Captain Robert Bourne, from the Retired List.

Captain William Stewart, from the Invalids...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Dec. 11-14, 1802, pp. 1-3. Capt. Stewart was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. who was involuntarily transferred to the Invalids after losing the use of his leg from a wound received at the Battle of Piscataway, New Jersey on May 10, 1777. The annotated War Office copy of the 1803 Annual Army List is marked to show the 5th Battalion at Guernsey and a second illegible location. Guernsey is an island west of the Cherbourg peninsula of France.

1803

**General Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, Canada, Accepts the Province Road
Condition Report of Half-Pay Lt. Dugald Campbell, 42nd Regt., Fredericton, New Brunswick,
Feb. 12 and 19, 1803**

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY...
AT FREDERICTON, IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK...

MONDAY, 14th February 1803...

Message from the Lieutenant Governor, to the House of Assembly.

12th February 1803.

(Signed) THOMAS CARLETON.

THE Lieutenant Governor directs to be laid herewith before the House of Assembly a report made by Dugald Campbell, Esquire, the person appointed in pursuance of the provision for that purpose in the Revenue Act of the last Session, to view the Roads leading from the Nova Scotia line to Saint John and Fredericton, and from Saint Andrews to Saint John, together with the plans of the Roads, with such alterations as his opinion are requisite more effectually to complete the general communication, with estimate of such alterations, and the erections of the necessary Bridges...

T. C.

TUESDAY, 22d February 1803...

Message from the Lieutenant Governor, to the House of Assembly.

19th February 1803.

(Signed) THOMAS CARLETON.

THE Lieutenant Governor directs to be herewith laid before the House, an account of expenses incurred, and services performed by Dugald Campbell, Esquire, appointed in pursuance of the provision for that purpose, made in the Session of 1802, to view and report on the roads leading from the Nova-Scotia Line to Saint John, &c.; and His Excellency recommends the same to the consideration of the House. T. C.

Source and Note: *Journal of the Legislative Council of the Province of New Brunswick* [1786-1830], Vol. I, Printed by John Simpson, Fredericton, 1831, Google Books, pp. 285 and 287. Put out on Half-pay at the end of the American war, Lt. Campbell took up a land grant in New Brunswick with a number of soldiers of the 42nd Regt.

**Account by Maj. Gen. Hay Macdowal, (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), of the
Capture of Kingdom of Kandy, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Feb. 19, 1803**

LONDON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23...

A Ceylon Gazette Extraordinary was published on 23d of February, announcing this important event by the following document.

Coltons of the Pearl Fishery, near Chilow, Feb. 22, 1803.

A dispatch, of which the following is a copy, was this morning received from Major-General Hay Macdowall, commanding the forces of Ceylon, by his Excellency the Governor.

One mile East of Ceriagammie, Feb. 19, 1803.

SIR, – It is with great pleasure I inform your Excellency, that the advance under Lt. Col. Logan, of the 51st regiment, attacked this morning and carried the two strong and important posts of Galle Gederah and Girigamme. At the first (in which the enemy abandoned three very curious brass cannons), no resistance was made: at the last, a heavy fire commenced, the moment the grenadiers of the 19th; under Capt. Honner, which led, appeared, and was maintained, though with little effect, until the assailants entered the battery. From their contemptible mode of defence, the enemy, I presume, have not suffered much loss; on our side, one serjeant one private, of the 19th regiment, are severely wounded. From the steepness and narrowness of the paths, had the Candians behaved with common resolution, this conquest would have cost is the lives of many brave men. The Adigaar, it is said, had fled into the Four Corles, and the troops who were lately under his command, are dispersed in the woods, or have retired towards Candy. The road to the capitol is now open: I shall reach Katoogastotte on the Mahasille Ganga to-morrow, and next day have it on my power to march into it. I have no news of Lieut. Barbut's detachment. I have the honour to be, &c.

HAY MACDOWALL

The Madras Gazette Extraordinary of the 7th of March... states that intelligence had been received at Columbo, that the detachments of the army had joined on the morning of the 21st. The King of Candy and the first Adigar had abandoned the capital, and fled to the province of Ouva, after having set fire to the palace and several temples. Gen. Macdowall had placed a guard upon the palace; and by the exertions of the British soldiers the fires had been extinguished, but not until the building was nearly consumed. On the 26th of February his Excellency Governor North published in General Orders his congratulations Major-General Macdowall, Col. Baille, Lieut. Col. [G. B.] Barbut, their Officers, and men, on their possession of the capitol of Candy, and the successful advancement of the business with which they were entrusted.

Source: *Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, Sept. 28, 1803, p. 3.

**Ceylon General Orders Congratulating Maj. Gen. Hay Macdowal (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.)
for the Capture of Kingdom of Kandy, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Feb. 26, 1803**

CEYLON OCCURRENCES FOR FEBRUARY, 1803...

Colombo, 26th February [1803].

G. O. BY THE GOVERNMENT.

His excellency the governor is happy to congratulate major-general Macdowall on the possession of the capital of the kingdom of Candy by his majesty's troops, and on the speedy and successful advancement of the important business with which he is charged, the progress of which, his excellency is persuaded, would have been very different, had it not been for the energy, activity, and judgment displayed by the major-general, and the excellent discipline and spirit maintained by him in the army.

His excellency requests major-general Macdowall to accept of his thanks, and to communicate them to colonel Baillie, lieutenant-colonel Barbut, and all the officers who have so meritoriously seconded him; and at the same time to express to the non-commissioned officers and privates his high approbation of their good conduct and intrepidity.

Source: *Asiatic Annual Register...For the Year 1803*, printed for Cadell and Davies, London, 1804, Google Books, pp. 86-87.

**News Account of Magistrates of Dumfries Presenting Sword to 2nd Lt. Col. James Stewart,
42nd Regt., Dumfries, Mar. 1, 1803**

The Magistrates of Dumfries have presented an elegant Sword to Lieut.-Colonel JAMES STEWART of the 42d regiment. The following correspondence between the PROVOST and Colonel STEWART took place on the occasion:

SIR, I HAVE the honour to be delegated by the Magistrates and Council of Dumfries, to wait upon you in this manner, and in their name to present you with this Sword, as a testimony of sincere esteem for you as their Townsman, and of high respect for your military services to your King and Country. Having discharged this very agreeable duty, it only remains for me to assure you of the sincere satisfaction I feel, in cordially uniting with the Magistrates and Council in these sentiments: and in this public testimony of regard. I am, with much respect, &c.

GABRIEL RICHARDSON, Provost.

DUMFRIES, March 1, 1803.

Lieut-Col. JAMES STEWART of the 42d R. H. Reg.

SIR, -- To the fortune which cast my lot with that of the 42d regiment, I must ascribe the honour conferred upon me by the Magistrates and Council of Dumfries. That my conduct, has been known to most of them, during the long period of my services with: that corps, is a source of satisfaction which greatly enhances, in my estimation, this testimony of their varied approbation. This Sword shall be devoted to the service of the Standard to which it is now attached; and to deserve this flattering expression of their esteem, shall be the ambition of my life. Convey to them, Sir, the assurance of my warmest gratitude; and accept of my best thanks for the polite and obliging manner, in which you have fulfilled their commission. I have the honour to be, &c.

J. STEWART, Lt. Col. 42D R. H. Reg. EDINR.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Mar. 15-18, 1803.

**Lt. Col. William Dickson, 42nd Regt., Elected Member of the Highland Society of London,
Apr. 13, 1803**

List of Members of the Highland Society of London, on the 4th June 1778, with the successive Additions since that Period, as recorded in the Books of the Society...

[ELECTED] APRIL 14, 1803...

[No. 621] Col. William Dickson, 42nd Regiment ...

Source: *An Account of the Highland Society of London, From its Establishment in May 1778, to the Commencement of the Year 1813*, Sir John Sinclair, Printed by B. McMillan, London, 1813, Google Books, p. 49. Lt. Col. Dickson was not promoted to Brevet-Col. until Dec. 25, 1803.

**News Account of Lt. Col. Alexander Stewart, 42nd Regt. Having Suffered a “paralytic stroke,”
Edinburgh, Apr. 9, 1803**

Colonel ALEXANDER STEWART, of the 42d Regiment, lays dangerously ill in Edinburgh; he has had a paralytic stroke.

Source: *Morning Post* [London], Apr. 9, 1803, p. 3.

**Retirement Announcement for Maj. James Alston, 63rd (or the West Suffolk) Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, June 28, 1803**

War-Office, June 28, 1803...

63d *Regiment of Foot*. Captain James Stirling to be Major, by Purchase, vice Alston, who retires.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 25-28 1803, pp. 3-4. Maj. Alston was a former Lt. in the 42d Regt. Later that year Alston began using the name Alston Stewart in honor of his wife's inherited estate.

**Promotion Announcement for Former Lt. Col. James Spens (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.) to be Lt. Col.
Commandant, Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery, London, July 5, 1803**

War-Office, July 5, 1803...

Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery.

James Spens, Esq; to be Lieutenant Colonel-Commandant.

Source: *London Gazette*, July 2, 1803, pp. 1-2.

**Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Lt. Col. Henry David Fraser, 47th (or the Lancashire) Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Major, London, July 9, 1803**

War-Office, July 11, 1803...

47th *Regiment of Foot*...

To be Majors

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Henry David Fraser, vice [John] Irving, promoted...

Source: *London Gazette*, July 9-12, 1803, pp. 5-6.

**Transfer Announcement for Militia Lt. Col. James Spens, Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery
(Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), to Royal Edinburgh Volunteers, London, July 26, 1803**

War-Office, July 26, 1803...

Royal Edinburgh Volunteers.

James Spens, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Source: *London Gazette*, July 23-26, 1803, pp. 1-2.

**Militia Commission Announcement for Former Maj. John Peebles,
(Former Capt., 42nd Grenadier Company), to a Company, Irvine Volunteers,
London, Aug. 13, 1803**

*War-Office, August 13, 1803...
Irvine Volunteers.*

John Peebles, Esq.; to be Captain.

Source: *London Gazette*, Aug. 9-13, 1803, pp. 12, 14. Irvine is located in North Ayrshire.

Militia Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Sept. 27, 1803

*War-Office, September 27, 1803...
1st, (or Stratherne) Battalion of the Royal Perthshire Volunteer Brigade,
Sir Peter Murray, Bart, to be Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant...
To be Captains...*

Gavin Drummond, Esq...

*3d, (or Atholl) Battalion of Royal Perthshire Volunteer Brigade.
Lieutenant-Colonel Butler to be Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant.
To be Captains...*
James Alston, Esq.

London Gazette, Sept. 24, 1803, pp. 1-2. Captains Drummond and Alston were former lieutenants in the 42nd Regt.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Gen. Alexander, Earl of Balcarres, Col. 63rd (or the West Suffolk)
Regt. (Former Capt. 42nd Regt.) to be General in the Army and Lt. Col. William Dickson,
42nd Regt., to be Colonel in the Army, London, Oct. 1, 1803**

War-Office, October 1, 1803.
HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint
LIEUTENANT-GENERALS...
Alexander Earl of Balcarres...
To be GENERALS in the Army...
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...
William Dickson, of the 42d Foot...
To be COLONELS in the Army.

Source and Note: *London Gazette* for Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 1803, pp. 5-6. Col. Dickson served as an ensign, lieutenant and captain in the American war.

**Promotion Announcement for Capt. John Nesmyth, 4th West India Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),
to be Major, 7th West India Regt., London, Nov. 17, 1803**

War-Office, November 17, 1803...
7th West India Regiment, Captain John Nasmyth, from the 4th West India Regiment, to be Major without Purchase."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 15-17, 1803, pp. 1-2. The annotated War Office copy of the Annual Army List for 1803 is marked to show the 7th W. I. Regt. at Trinidad (TNA, WO 65/53, p. 253.)

**Militia Commission Announcement for Former Maj. John Rutherford, (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.),
to a Company, 1st Battalion, Roxburghshire Volunteer Infantry, London, Nov. 26, 1803**

War-Office, November 29, 1803...

Roxburghshire Volunteer Infantry.

John Rutherford, Esq; M. P. to be Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant...

1st Battalion.

To be Captains,

John Rutherford, Esq.

Source: *London Gazette*, Nov. 26, 1803, pp. 2, 4.

News Account of the Death of Retired Capt. Robert Potts, 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Dec. 1803

DEATHS...

At Borthwickshiels, Capt. Robert Potts, of Galalaw.

Source: *Scots Magazine for December 1803*, Edinburgh, 1803, Google Books, p. 884.

**Gen. Alexander, Earl Balcarres, Col. 63rd (or the West Suffolk) Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.)
Returned to Represent Peerage of Scotland, London, Dec. 6, 1803**

*The Names of the Sixteen Peers returned to represent the Peerage of Scotland for the General Election,
1806...*

Balcarres...

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 6-9, 1803, p. 4.

1804

**Militia Appointment for Half-Pay Capt. John Robertson (Former Ens., 42nd Additional Company)
to a Company in the Loyal Clandonachy Volunteers, London, Jan. 21, 1804**

War-Office, January 21, 1804...

Loyal Clandonachy Volunteers.

Colonel William Robertson [of Lude] to be Major-Commandant.

Lude or 1st Company.

John Robertson, Esq; to be Captain.

John Robertson, sen. Gent, to be First Lieutenant.

John Robertson, jun. Gent, to be Second Lieutenant.

Source and Notes: *London Gazette*, Jan. 17-21, 1804, p. 5. The "*Loyal Clandonachy Volunteers*" consisted of two infantry companies from Lude and Glenarachy and one mounted artillery battery. "*Clandonachy*" is synonymous with Clan Donnachaidh of which the Robertsons were attached. Col. William Robertson of Lude was Capt. Robertson's older brother.

**Marriage Announcement for Lt. Col. James Spens of Craigsanquhar, Late of the 73rd Highland
Regt. (Former Ens., 42nd Additional Company), Edinburgh, Feb. 8, 1804**

MARRIAGES...

Feb...8. At Edinburgh, James Spens, Esq. of Craig Sanquhar, late Lieutenant Colonel of his Majesty's 73d regiment, to Miss Elizabeth Joanna Davidson, second daughter of John Davidson of Ravelrig, Esq.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine and Edinburgh Literary Miscellany*, Feb. 1804, p. 157. The 73rd Regt. was the former 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

Retirement Announcement for Lt. Col. George Dalrymple, 19th (or the 1st Yorkshire North Riding) Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Company), London, Feb. 14, 1804

War Office, February 14, 1804...

19th Ditto [Regiment of Foot] Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Dunbar James Hunter to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Dalrymple, who retires.

Source: *London Gazette*, Feb. 11-14, 1804, pp. 1-2. The War Office Copy of the Annual Army List for 1804 (TNA, WO 65/54, p. 127) shows the 19th Regt. assigned to Sri Lanka.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Dugald Campbell (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Hon. Edward Winslow Regarding Trip to Quebec, Canada, Feb. 29, 1804

Quebec 29th Feb^y 1804

My dear Sir

I arrived here on the 21st Instant very much fatigued from the uncommon badness of the way which I was under a necessity of paving with Dollars to render it passable I took off my Snow Shoes at the Riviere du Caps without any regret after having wore them about three hundred miles...

I do not at present foresee any thing that may prevent my return in the Spring to New Brunswick...

Your much obliged hum^l Serv^t

Dugald Campbell

...The Honorable Edward Winslow Esq^r.

Source: Dugald Campbell to Hon. Edward Winslow, Feb. 29, 1804 in the *Winslow Family Papers*, Vol. 12-64, Univ. of New Brunswick.



Aviemore from Carn Dearg Mor, 2001, by John G Burns

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Letter from Retired Brevet-Col. Duncan M^cPherson, Late 71st Highland Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to Mr. William Tod (Factor of the Duke of Gordon) Regarding Obtaining Property in Kingussie, Aviemore, Mar. 14, 1804

Aviemore, 14th March 1804.

Dear Sir, -

M^{rs} Macpherson and I went up lately to look at your property in Kingussie, with which we were so much pleased that I do certainly flatter myself with the hopes of deriving (if I live) much comfort from it. The only thing that distresses me is the want of a few tenants to cast and assist in bringing home my peats; where I can find such aid I cannot with propriety say. Strone is the only place that occurs, and would answer my purpose. But I do not feel myself inclined to interfere directly or indirectly with the worthy lady who at present holds it off the Duke, unless there are other offers for the place. I therefore request the favour of you to acquaint me if there are one or more bidders for Strone and the Glen, as I shall be determined by a report you are pleased to make me on the part of the Duke of Gordon.

I am, dear sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,

Dⁿ M^cPherson.

W^m. Tod, Esq.

Source: *Glimpses of Church and Social Life in the Highlands in Olden Times*, Alexander Macpherson, William Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh, 1893, pp. 173-174. Kingussie is in the Highland district of Badenoch and is located about 42 miles south of Inverness. Aviemore is located about fourteen miles northeast of Kingussie.

Exchange Announcement for Lt. Col. Alexander Cumine, 75th Highland Regt. (Former Lt. in 42nd Regt.), to the 1st West India Regt., London, Mar. 20, 1804

War-Office, March 20, 1804...

75th Ditto [*Regiment of Foot*], Lieutenant-Colonel James Maitland, from the 1st West India Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Cumine, who exchanges.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 17-20, 1804, p. 6. The annotated War Office copy of the Annual Army List of 1804 shows the 75th Highland Regt. assigned to India and the 1st W. I. Regt. at St. Vincents in the Lesser Antilles.

**Recognition of Service of Maj. Gen. Hay Macdowal (Former Capt, 42nd Regt.)
by Governor General, Bengal, Northeast India, April 1804**

April [1804] ...Bengal Military Promotions

GO. Head-Quarters, Camp Near Ramghur...Major-general Hay Macdowall having been appointed to the staff of the army in India, has delivered over the command of the forces at Ceylon, according to his majesty's orders, to major-general David Douglass Wemyss.

The able and continual assistance and support which the governor has received, during near five years, from major-general Macdowall, and the cordial and uninterrupted union which, during that period, has rendered his official co-operation so agreeable to himself, and so beneficial to his government, renders it impossible for him to do justice to his feelings, on the departure of the major-general. He has, however, great satisfaction in an opportunity of requesting him to accept his public thanks and his heartfelt wishes for the success, to which his merit and abilities so justly entitle him, in every place, and on every occasion, where they may hereafter be called forth for the public service. ..

His lordship in council is pleased to appoint captain William M^cPherson, of his majesty's 12th regiment, to be major of brigade, and captain A. P. Macdowal, of his majesty's 33d regiment, to be aid-

de-camp to major-general Hay Macdowal, from the date of the officer's nomination, to the staff of this presidency.

Source and Note: *Asiatic Annual Register, For the Year 1804*, Google Books, p. 155. The historical geographical region of Bengal is it is divided between the country of Bangladesh and the state of West Bengal, India.

**Retirement Announcement for Brevet-Lt. Col. Henry David Fraser, 47th
(or the Lancashire) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Apr. 21, 1804**

War-Office, April 21, 1804...

47th Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Captain John Burgess Haffey to be Major, by Purchase, vice Fraser, who retires.

Source: *London Gazette*, Apr. 17-21 1804, pp. 6-7.

**Retirement Announcement for Lt. Col. Alexander Cumine, 1st West India Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Apr. 21, 1804**

War-Office, April 21, 1804...

1st West India Regiment, Major Charles D. Broughton to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Cumine, who retires.

Source: *London Gazette*, Apr. 17-21, 1804, pp. 6-7.

**Highland Society of Scotland, Awards Former Lt. and Surgeon Donald Smith, 3rd Battalion,
Breadlabane Fencibles (former Surgeon's Mate, 42nd Regt.), an Inscribed Plate for Work on Report
on the History and Authenticity of the Poems of Ossian, Edinburgh, July 11, 1804**

HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND...

Henry Mackenzie, Esq. Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Society appointed for investigating into the history and authenticity of the Poems of Ossian, laid before the Society the report of that Committee... and the Meeting further, for the r mentioned in the report, voted a piece of plate, with a suitable inscription, to Dr. Donald Smith, a gentleman of distinguished erudition, and particularly of the most acknowledged eminence in Celtic literature, as a mark of their sense of the great benefit the Committee had derived from his knowledge and services in that business...

Source: *British Press* (London), July 11, 1804, p. 4.



The Royal Prize, Royal Company of Archers

Picture Source: *The History of the Royal Company of Archers*, James Balfour Paul, Wm. Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh, 1875, Google Books, Plate X.

News Account of Lt. Col. Commandant James Spens, Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery (Former Ens., 42nd Additional Company), Winning Royal Prize in Royal Company of Archers Competition, Edinburgh, July 14, 1804

EDINBURGH, July 17...

Saturday, the prize given by his Majesty to the Royal Company of Archers, was shot for on Bruntsfield Links, and after some excellent shooting, was won by Lieut. Colonel James Spens, of the Royal Edinburgh Volunteers. A very genteel company was present, and a marquee was pitched on the green, where refreshments were served out to the ladies and gentlemen.

Source: *Carlisle Journal*, July 21, 1804, p. 3.



Venlaw Castle, built 1782

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons by Motmit, 1997.

Death Notice for Former Maj. Archibald Erskine, Edinburgh Volunteers (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), Venlaw, Aug. 1, 1804

Aug. 1...At Venlaw, Peeblesshire, suddenly, Archibald Erskine of Venlaw, Esq. formerly Major of the Edinburgh Volunteers, half brother of the late Rev. Dr. John Erskine, and youngest and last surviving son of John Erskine of Carnock, Esq. advocate, author of the *Institutes of Scots law*."

Source: *Scots Magazine*, Aug. 1804, p. 647.

**Excerpts of a Letter from John Rutherford to John Peebles (Former Captains, 42nd Regt.),
Discussing the Death of Retired Maj. Archibald Erskine, 22nd Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.)
Mossburnford, Aug. 15, 1804**

Mossburnford Aug^t 15 1804

My dear friend...I therefore hasten to mention that I yesterday gave away my daughter Elinor to...M^r Elliot of Harwood in our neighborhood...My Son John...is now an Ensign in the 61st Reg^t ...

I see by this days papers that Kilbucho is a B: General and that our old acquaintance & brother soldier Major [Archibald] Erskine has suddenly been taken from this state of existence...

Source and Note: NRS, *Cunningham of Thortoun Papers* GD21/417 item 11. "Kilbucho" is former Capt. William Dickson of Kilbucho, who purchased Capt. Peebles' Grenadier Company in the 42nd Regt. "Major Erskine" is Maj. Archibald Erskine of Venlaw, late of the 22nd Regt., who served with Peebles and Rutherford as a Capt. in the 42nd Regt. in America.

Promotion and Retirement Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Sept. 15, 1804

War-Office, September 15, 1804...

42^d Regiment of Foot [2nd Battalion], Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel James Stirling to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without Purchase.

Captain James Grant to be Major, by Purchase, vice [Alexander] Stewart, who retires.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 11-15, 1804, pp. 1-2. Lt. Cols. Stirling and Stewart served as Lts. in America

**Transfer Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. Dugald Campbell, 42nd Regt.
to be Lieutenant, 38th (or the 1st Staffordshire) Regt., London, Sept. 15, 1804**

War-Office, September 15, 1804...

38th Ditto [Regiment of Foot]...

Lieutenant Dugald Campbell, from Half-Pay of the 42^d Foot, to be Lieutenant.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 11-15, 1804, p. 1. Lt. Campbell had settled in Nova Scotia at the end of the American war, and never actually joined the 38th Regt. in Ireland before joining the New Brunswick Fencibles a week later.



Maj. James Stirling, 42nd 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.

**Account of Promotion of Brevet-Lt. Col. James Stirling to be Lt. Col., 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Sept. 20, 1804**

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel JAMES STIRLING, of the 42d foot, is appointed Lieut-Colonel of that regiment.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Sept. 20, 1804, p. 3.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Dugald Campbell, 38th (or the 1st Staffordshire) Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to be Captain, New Brunswick Fencibles, London, Sept. 25, 1804**

War Office, September 25, 1804...

New Brunswick Fencible Infantry...

Lieutenant Dugald Campbell, from the 38th Foot, to be Captain of a Company.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 22 – 25, 1804, p. 3. After the American war, Lt. Campbell had settled in the portion of Nova Scotia which later became New Brunswick.

Retirement Announcement for Lt. Col. James Stewart, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 25, 1804

War-Office, September 25, 1804...

42d Ditto [regiment of Foot], Major Robert Lord Blantyre, from the 17th Light Dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Stewart, who retires.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 22-25, 1804, p. 1. Lt. Col. James Stewart served as a Lt. in the 42nd Light Infantry Company in the American war.

**Exchange Announcement for Maj. James Rose, 6th (or Royal North British) Veteran Battalion
(Former Sgt. Maj. and Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Half-Pay, Nottingham Fencibles, Oct. 6, 1804**

War-Office, October 6, 1804...

6th Royal Veteran Battalion, Major Simon Fraser, from the 3d Battalion of Reserve, to be Major, vice Rose, who retires on Half-Pay of the late Nottingham Fencibles.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 2-6, 1804; p. 5. The annotated War Office copy of the annual Army List for 1804 is marked to show Maj. Rose's battalion was stationed at Edinburgh. Maj. Rose never served in the Nottingham Fencibles, but was assigned there when he retired to ensure he received Half-pay.

**Letter from Half-Pay Col. Commandant Hay Macdowall, 2nd Battalion, 40th (or 2nd Somersetshire)
Regt. (Former Capt., 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt.) to Thomas Graham, Thanjavur, South India,
Oct. 17, 1804**

Tanjour Oct. 17 1804

My dear Tom,

I was made very happy by the receipt of your most voluminous letter from sea, when I was just about quitting Madras, there I had been most comfortably stewed for two months. I felt most keenly the change between the cool climate and refreshing showers & breezes of Colombo [Sri Lanka], and the arid, parched and destructive land winds on Chaultry Plain [inland from Madras, now Chennai] – I never desire to see that abominable hole again, and if by accident I should ever arrive at the temporary command of the Army (the permanent is out of the question) I should immediately remove the Head quarters to a milder region... I presume your worthy Uncle the General [Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch] will not allow you to plough the main any more, it may be many years before that long wished for moment is

attained. I left Ceylon [now Sri Lanka] with regret, having been for near five years there in a most respectable & lucrative situation, & I tell you candidly that it was a pitiful action in Lord Hobart to remove me. – Were I by you, I could give you a thousand better reasons for continuing me, than the only one he pretended to publish ‘I had too large a salary’ – Let him or his successor look at the management of the Military disbursement during my reign & Gen^l. Wemyss’s and then tell me how the system of economy has answered. – After serving thirty years (and arriving at the rank of a General officer, I having scarcely been absent from my duty during all that time 12 months) I am rewarded with an appointment from which I can save £3000 a year - I will ask you or any impartial man, if that is a very extravagant recompense! – my means are now sadly reduced, as from my present income I cannot lay by £500! One source of uneasiness arises from this alteration in my circumstances, namely, that I can no longer assist my brother [William Macdowall of] Garthland. I have ever beheld my own fortune and prospects in a secondary point of view, & while he is embarrassed and distressed, I never could enjoy affluence anywhere... The Chief Command having been given to an old & meritorious officer, Sir John Craddock, my prospect of succeeding Stuart is marred... shall be very satisfied if Garthland can secure me the reversion of Ceylon, even after the next Governor, and mean time I might be ordered back to Command the troops, & Gen^l. Wemyss replace me here... My respect go Gen^l. Stirling My love to my dear Aunt, to [illeg.] Christian and not even forgetting John Campbell

[addressed: to TG Airth House

Source: Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 155-157 from *Graham Papers* SAA South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge.

War Office Announcement for Retired Lt. Col. James Stewart, 42nd Regt. to be Inspecting Field-Officer of Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps in North Britain, London, Dec. 22, 1804

War-Office, December 22, 1804...

STAFF.

James Stewart, Esq; late Lieutenant-Colonel in the 42d Foot, to be an Inspecting Field-Officer of Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps in North Britain, with the temporary Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army.

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 18-22, 1804, p. 1529.

Excerpt of a Letter from John Rutherford to John Peebles (Former Captains, 42nd Regt.), Discussing Former Capt. William Dickson of Kilbucho, Mossburnford, Dec. 22, 1804

Mossburnford 22 Dec^r 1804

My dear John...I have been playing soldier for three weeks lately with the Roxburgh shire Volunteer as upon permanent duty at Kelso upon which occasion we received much applause...General [William] Dickson is our District Brigadier _ He looked at us at Kelso but could not be so much with us as he wished owing to a fall he got going from the Mess room one night to his quarters _ He speaks of you as if he had not forgot your merits

We have outlived all our contemporaries in the old Corps John _ excepting Stirling...

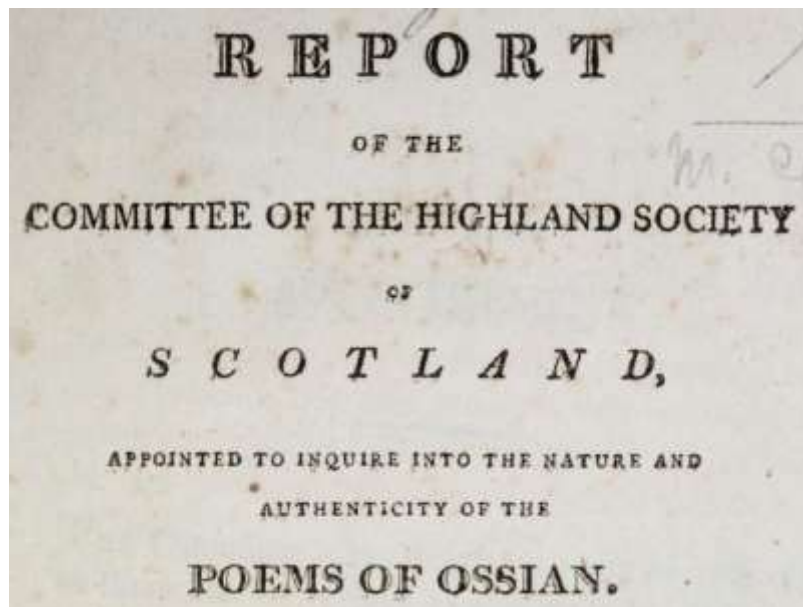
Source and Note: NRS, Cunningham of Thortoun Papers GD21/417, item 9. “*General Dickson*” is former Capt. William Dickson of Kilbucho, who purchased Capt. Peebles’ Grenadier Company in the 42nd Regt. “*Stirling*” is likely Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling of Ardoch and Strowan, who served with Peebles and Rutherford for an extended period.

Philip Barrington Ainslie's Account of Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) Thomas Stirling Spending Christmas Season at Abercairney House, Crieff, Scotland, Dec. 1804

As the merry days – or, as they were termed in Scotland, “the daft days” – of Christmas and the New Year drew on, it was arranged that I was to accompany my cousins and the Laird [Stirling of Keir] to spend that joyous season at Abercairney, the residence of Colonel [Charles] Moray. Thither accordingly we proceeded, and found assembled a houseful of relations, and several of the principal families in the district, amongst whom were... Sir William Erskine [former Lt. Col., 71st Regt.], who commanded the cavalry in the Duke of Wellington's army; Sir Thomas Stirling, an old veteran of the American war, &c...

Source and Note: *Reminiscences of a Scottish Gentleman*, Philo Scotus (Philip Barrington Ainslie), Arthur Hall, Virtuem and Co., London, 1861, Google Books, p. 242. Abercairney House is located about fourteen miles west of Perth.

1805



Detail of Title Page

Picture Source: *Report of the Committee of the Highland Society of Scotland Appointed to Inquire into the Nature and Authenticity of the POEMS OF OSSIAN*, by Henry Mackenzie, Esq., University Press, Edinburgh, 1805, title page

Former 42nd Regt. Chaplain James M^cLagan and Former Surgeon's Mate Dr. Donald Smith Recognized for Support to Highland Society of Scotland Committee to Study the Authenticity of Poems of Ossian, Edinburgh, 1805

Report of the Committee of the Highland Society of Scotland Appointed to Inquire into the Nature and Authenticity of the POEMS OF OSSIAN...

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Committee takes this opportunity of returning its thanks to the various gentlemen who have contributed information, manuscripts, or other documents, with regard to the object of its inquiries.

It hopes it may, without offence to others, particularly mention the names of ... the Reverend Mr M'Laggan of Blair... To Dr Donald Smith, late surgeon to the Breadalbane Fencibles, one of the best Celtic scholars of the present time, the Committee would endeavour to express its obligation, were not its thanks rendered unnecessary by those of the Society itself, voted to that gentleman, in a manner most justly due to the ability and unwearied attention with which he has assisted the Committee in the progress of this business; an assistance, without which, its Report could never have been completed."

Source: *Report of the Committee of the Highland Society of Scotland Appointed to Inquire into the Nature and Authenticity of the POEMS OF OSSIAN*, by Henry Mackenzie, Esq., University Press, Edinburgh, 1805, Google Books, pp. iii-iv.

**Transfer to Active Service Announcement for Capt. William Stewart, 5th Royal Veteran Battalion
(Former Lt. 42nd Regt.), London, Feb. 23, 1805**

War-Office, February 23, 1805...

5th Royal Veteran Battalion, Captain William Stewart, from the Retired List, to be Captain of a Company, vice Bourne, who is placed on the Retired List...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 19-23, 1805, p. 5. Capt. Stewart was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. who was involuntarily transferred to the Invalids after losing the use of his leg when wounded at Piscataway, New Jersey May 10, 1777. Stewart's date of rank was Feb. 21, 1805. The 5th Veteran Battalion was stationed in Guernsey and Alderney, an island that is now considered part of Guernsey and located about nine miles west of the northwest tip of France.

**Promotion Announcement for Half-Pay Col. John Spens, 95th Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Maj. General in the Army, London, Jan. 1, 1805**

War-Office, January 1, 1805.

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint...

COLONELS...

John Spens, on Half-Pay of the late 95th Foot...

To be MAJOR-GENERALS in the Army.

Source: *London Gazette*, Jan. 8, 1805, pp. 2-3.



Butler's Ranger Soldier, 2011, by Garth Dittrick

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Ens. David Sutherland, Late Butler' Rangers (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.),
Commissioned Ensign in 5th West India Regt., London, Mar. 23, 1805**

War-Office, March 23, 1805...

5th West India Regiment, _____ Sutherland, Gent. To be Ensign, without purchase, vice [Hyacinth] Fallon, promoted in the 3d West India Regiment.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 19-23, 1805, p. 4. The annotated War Office copy of the 1805 Annual Army List is marked to show the 5th W. I. Regt. at Honduras (TNA, WO 65/55, p. 300).

Death Notice for Dr. Donald Smith (Former Surgeon's Mate, 42nd Regt.), Edinburgh, May 22, 1805

DEATHS... May... 22. [1805] At Edinburgh, after a short illness, Dr Donald Smith, late surgeon to the Breadalbane fencibles. In him the country has lost a scholar and antiquary, whose extent of knowledge, acuteness, and industry, have seldom been equalled. In Celtic literature he perhaps exceeded all his contemporaries. He possessed many virtues and excellent qualities, accompanied with the most simple and unassuming manners.

Source and Notes: *Scots Magazine, and Edinburgh Literary Miscellany For June 1805*, Edinburgh, 1805, Google Books, p. 486. Dr. Smith was a recognized collector and expert on ancient Gaelic poetry.



Southsea Castle, by John Berney Ladbrooke, c.1850s

Source: Wikimedia Commons from the Portsmouth Museums and Records Service.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Col. Alexander Loraine, 91st Regt. (Former Lt. 42nd Regt.),
to be Deputy-Governor of South-Sea Castle, London, June 15, 1805**

War-Office, June 15, 1805...

GARRISON.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Loraine, of the 91st Foot, to be Deputy-Governor of South-Sea Castle, vice Smelt, appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Mann.”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 11-15, 1805, pp. 1-3. South-Sea Castle had been built by King Henry VIII in 1544 to defend Portsmouth and its harbor.

Transfer Announcement for Half-Pay Capt. John Robertson, Independent Company (Former Ens., 42nd Additional Co.), to the 2nd Battalion, 53rd (or the Shropshire) Regt., London, July 23, 1805

War-Office, July 23, 1805...

53d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Captain John Robertson, from the Half-Pay of Independents, to be Captain of a Company, vice [Richard Henry] Tolson, who exchanges.

Source: *London Gazette*, July 20-23, 1805, pp. 2.



Detail of Portrait of Hay Macdowall, c-1793, by Henry Raeburn

Picture Source: alchetron.com

Promotion Announcement for Maj. Gen. Hay Macdowal (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. General in the Army, London, Nov. 2, 1805

War-Office, Nov. 2, 1805.

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint

MAJOR-GENERALS...

Hay MacDowall...

To be LIEUTENANT-GENERALS in the Army.

Source: *London Gazette*, Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 1805, p. 1.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. John Robertson, 2nd Battalion, 53rd (or the Shropshire) Regt. (Former Ens., 42nd Additional Co.), to be Brevet-Major, London, Nov. 16, 1805

War-Office, November 19, 1805...

BREVET.

Captain John Robertson, of the 53d Foot, to be Major in the Army."

Source: *London Gazette*, Nov. 16, 1805, pp. 4-6.

Excerpts of a Letter from Former Capt. John Rutherford to Former Capt. John Peebles, Regarding 42nd Regt. Officers, Mossburnford, Dec. 2, 1805

Mossburnford 2^d Dec^r 1805

My dear Friend...Your old acquaintance Matty – M^{rs} [Robertson] Robson has a fine family of 3 Boys and [?] Girls...

I have now two Sons in the east Indies Charles a Lieut^t in the Company Service – Bombay establishment _ I hear very seldom from him...Tom [a doctor] ...is gone to Bengal, well recommended to D^r Fleming who is at the head of the medical Department...John is Lieu^t in the 35th at Malta...

Surely John we have much reason to be thankfull, (for we have been singularly favored by providence) when we take a retrospective view of the past – and especially when you and I look for our contemporaries in the outset and progress of life alas! Where are they _ They are no more, few of them have been like us spared to advanced age and blessed with many comforts – and opportunity for redeeming the time that has been unprofitably spent...

General [William] Dickson is sometimes in the county reviewing Volunteers.

He was with us when we were upon perman^t duty last year at Kelso_ I have given up my company in the Roxburghshire

I am no longer fit for dashing John!

It is the same Gen^l Fraser who we knew, that is now in [illegible] I called on him once when in town but [illegible] missed him _

What is become of your friend Major Hay or captain, perhaps, for now a days we rise and sink & rise again...

Source and Note: NRS, *Cunningham of Thortoun Papers*, GD21/417 item 5. “Matty” is former Surgeon’s Mate (later Surgeon) William Robertson. “*The Company*” is the Honorable East India Company. General Dickson is the former Capt. William Dickson of Kilbucho who briefly commanded the 42nd Grenadier Company after Capt. Peebles.

1806

Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Lt. Col. George Stewart, 35th (or the Sussex) Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Major in Maj. Gen. William Ramsay’s Regt. (Later the 2nd Ceylon Regt.), London, Aug. 9, 1806

War-Office, August 9, 1806...

Major-General Ramsay’s Regiment, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel George Stewart, from the 35th Foot, to be Major, vice [Charles] Morrice, appointed to Colonel [Charles] Baillie’s Regiment.”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 5, 1806, pp. 2, 4. As shown below (Nov. 18, 1806), likely Stewart never joined Ramsay’s Regt. before exchanging to Half-pay.

Exchange Announcement for Brevet-Lt. Col. George Stewart, Maj. Gen. William Ramsay’s Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Half-pay of the 9th Garrison Battalion, London, Nov. 18, 1806

War-Office, November 18, 1806...

Major-General Ramsay’s Regiment, Major Alexander Chaplin, from Half-Pay of the late 9th Garrison Battalion, to be Major, vice Stewart, who exchanges.

Source: *London Gazette*, Nov. 15-18, 1806, pp. 1-2.

1807

Staff Assignment for Lt. Gen. Hay Macdowal at Chennai (Formerly Madras), India Approved by King George III, London, Jan. 8, 1807

Most Humbly Submitted to His Majesty

That Lieutenant General Hay MacDowall be appointed to the Staff of the Army
serving at Madras, vice Sir John Craddock who has permission to return home.

approved

GR

Source: Webpage of John Wilson Manuscripts Limited, Cheltenham, UK.

**Death Notice in Boston's *Columbian Centinel* for Capt. Robert Rollo, Nova Scotia Legion
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Digby, Nova Scotia, Mar. 11, 1807**

DIED...

In Digby (N.S.) Capt. ROBERT ROLLO, formerly of his B. M's [Britannic Majesty's] 42^d reg't. "

Source: *Columbian Centinel* (Boston), Apr. 15, 1807, p. 2.

**Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling, Baronet, Col., 41st Regt., to His Sister, Ann
Graham, Describes His Moving to His New Estate, Strowan, Scotland, July 12, 1807**

[addressed:] M^{rs} Graham
Airth House
Falkirk

Strowan 12th July 1807

My dear Sister,

As I know it will be agreeable to you to know something of my motions in the uncertain state I have been in for some time past I address my first Letter to you from this place where I arrived Friday Evening from Abercainey where I had been these days, the last of my furniture &^c being sent off from Pitkillony on Tuesday altho the Carpenters, Mason, Plumbers & Slater were not done at that time and even when I came home found five Carpenters who only left me yesterday that is three of them not to return but two of them comes tomorrow & I suppose have more than a weeks work yet to do the absolute needful but far from compleating it, but my arrangement was made and I would not wait any longer, I know Stirling will plead that for any deficiencys or defects particularly the want of the painters Brush which like Charity covers a Multitude of faults, but I have been much disapointed in him & can assume Tom will be too - however I bear it, with much Philosophy & contented to be where I cannot be turned out, untill I am carried to the narrow House where the weary findeth rest There is to be a Roup [auction] at Balgowan of all the Household furniture soon where I intend going to endeavour to furnish my House with some necessarys, but I hear of many to be there among the rest M^{rs} Moray & I suppose things will go higher, than new from an Upholsterer, & I have no Idea of the price of things - every article for my dining Room & Drawing Room particularly Tables & Chairs, & for 3 Bedrooms Bedsteads Chairs &c is wanting...

Give my kindest Love & best wishes to all yours with you and be assured of the unalterable Love of
your most Affectionate Brother

Tho^s Stirling

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 167-168 from NLS, Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at ACC 12290-1-3 f. 5.



Detail from Fort St. George, in Madras, circa 1754 by Jan Van Ryne

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons.

Promotion Announcement for Lt. Gen. Hay Macdowal (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) to be Commander-in-Chief, Army of the Presidency, Madras (now Chennai), India, Sept. 1807

Military Promotions &c.

Madras...

1807...

September.

Lieut. General Hay Macdowall, to command in chief the army of this presidency...

Source: *Asiatic Annual Register... Vol. X – For the Year 1808*, Printed for T. Cadell, London, 1811, Google Books, pp. 285-287.

Excerpts of a Letter from Former 42nd Regt. Capt. John Rutherford to Former Capt. John Peebles Regarding Surg. William Robertson and Rutherford's Sons, Mossburnford, June 8, 1807

Mossburnford 8 June 1807

My dear friend

At the particular request of your old acquaintance Matty [William Robertson] Robson _ I am induced to write to you...Charles is at Bombay, still a Lieu^t Notwithstanding which _ he contrives to live upon his pay, contidly [contentedly?] as you and I John did in days of other years...

Source and Note: NRS, *Cunningham of Thortoun Papers*, GD21/417, item 4. "Matty Robson" is former Surgeon's Mate (later Surgeon) William Robertson. "Charles" is Rutherford's son.

Appointment Announcement for Lt. Col. Alexander Loraine (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Commissioner, Barrack Department, London, Dec. 19, 1807

Whitehall, December 19, 1807...

The King has been pleased to appoint Osborne Markham, John Fisher, and Alexander Loraine, Esqrs. to be Commissioners for the general Superintendence and Management of the Barrack Department.

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 19-22, 1807, p. 6.

1808

Retirement Announcement for Lt. Col. Alexander Loraine, 2nd Battalion, 91st Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Feb. 2, 1808

War-Office, February 2, 1808...

91st Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Major John Ross, from the 52d Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Loraine, who retires.

Source: *London Gazette*, Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 1808, p. 2.



Cove Harbor, Cork

Picture Source: *Ireland Illustrated from Original Drawings*, G. N. Wright, H. Fisher, Son and Jackson, London, 1831, Google Books, after p. 49.

Retirement and Appointment Announcement for Lt. Col. William Dickson of Kilbucho, 42nd Regt., London, Mar. 8, 1808

War-Office, March 8, 1808...

42d Ditto [Regiment of Foot], Major John Farquharson to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Dickson, who retires...

GARRISON.

Colonel William Dickson, of the 42d Foot, to be Lieutenant-Governor of Cork, vice General [John] Leland, deceased.

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 5-8, 1808, pp. 2-4. Lt. Col. Dickson served in the American war as an ensign, lieutenant and captain.

Promotion Announcement for Maj. John Robertson, 2nd Battalion, 53rd (or the Shropshire) Regt. (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. Colonel in the Army, London, May 7, 1808

War-Office, May 7, 1808.

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint...

MAJORS...

John Robertson, of the 53d Foot...

To be **LIEUTENANT-COLONELS** in the Army.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 3, 1808, pp. 2, 4. The 600-man 2nd Bn. was assigned to Ireland.



Maj. Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling by Benjamin Marshall

Picture Source: *The Black Watch Castle & Museum*.

**Death Notices for Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling, Col., 41st Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.),
and Lt. Col. Alexander Stewart, Late of the 42nd Regt., London, May 9, 1808**

DEATHS...May...9. General Sir T. Stirling of Strowan...23...Lieut. – Colonel Alexander Stuart of the 42d regiment which he commanded at Alexandria.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Annual Register*, 1808, p. 247. Gen. Stirling commanded the 42nd Regt. during the American war. Lt. Col. Stewart served as a lieutenant in the war. Strowan House was described in 1882 as “a mansion in Monzie and Strowan parish, Upper Strathearn, Perthshire, near the right bank of the [River] Earn, 3 miles W of Crieff. Built in the latter half of the 18th century...” (Ref: Frances Groome’s *Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland*.)

**Promotion Announcement for Half-Pay Lt. Gen. Hay Macdowal, 40th or the 2nd Somersetshire Regt.
(Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Colonel of the 41st Regt., London, May 17, 1808**

War-Office, May 17, 1808

Lieutenant-General Hay Macdowall from the Half- Pay of the 40th Foot, to be Colonel of the 41st Regiment of Foot, vice General Sir Thomas Stirling, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 14-17, 1808, p. 2. Lt. Gen. Macdowal was a former Capt. in the 42nd Regt. Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling commanded the 42nd Regt. through most of the American war.

**Promotion Announcement for Maj. John Nesmyth, 7th West India Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lt. Colonel, London, Sept. 20, 1808**

War-Office, September 20, 1808...

7th Ditto [West India Regiment], Major John Nasmyth to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice [Mathew] Jenour, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 17-20, 1808, pp. 5-6. In 1808 five companies of the 7th W. I. Regt. were stationed in the Bahamas and five companies in Antigua.

1809



Death of Sir John Moore at Corunna

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from *The Martial Achievements of Great Britain and her Allies from 1799-1815*, James Jenkins.

Maj. Gen. James Stirling's Account of the 42nd Regt. at the Battle of Corunna, Spain, Jan. 16, 1809

LETTER FROM MAJOR-GENERAL STIRLING.
TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,

A FEW days ago I perused the "Annals of the Peninsular Campaigns," and at page 92, vol. ii., it is stated, that, from some *misapprehension*, the 42d Regiment had retired at the battle of Corunna.

Having had the honour to command the 42d Regiment in that action, I feel it incumbent on me to state to you, that what relates to the 42d (under that paragraph) is very inaccurate: The 42d *never retired*, as therein stated, or evinced occasion for "a brief but animating address from the General."

On the advance of the French to the village, of Elvira, Sir John Moore allowed the enemy [French army] to deploy, and form their line at half musket-shot from us. He then gave me orders (about half-past two o'clock) to advance and charge with the 42d, accompanying that order with the words, "Highlanders! remember Egypt!"—which is the only address they received from *him, or any one else*. As soon as the regiment had given their fire, and drove the enemy with the bayonet to the bottom of the ravine, Sir John directed me to halt the corps, and defend that position; and turning myself round to him when he gave the order, I saw him at the moment struck to the ground off his horse, and I immediately sent a party to carry him from the field. The grenadiers and first company, not hearing my word of command to halt, continued the charge a little in advance, as did the light company also, when I was ordered by Lord William Bentinck, commanding the brigade, to recall them, and form them in line with the regiment; and in that position, as directed by Sir John Moore, the corps continued in close action with the enemy, until night put an end to the contest; when the picquets were posted on the ground occupied by the regiment, who *then retired*, as ordered, with the rest of the army to the bivouacs occupied by the troops at the commencement of the battle, and which we quitted at ten o'clock the same night for embarkation.

I have the honour to lie,

SIR,

Your obedient, humble Servant,

J. STIRLING, Major-Gen.

Musselburgh, 30th March, 1830.

Late Lieut.-Col. 42d Regiment.

Source and Note: *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, May 1830, Google Books, p. 704. Corunna is located on the northwest coast of Spain. Maj. Gen. Stirling began the American war as a sergeant.

Color Sergeant's Account of Lt. Col. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., at Battle of Corunna, Spain, Jan. 16, 1809

Some year's after, I met and conversed with a colour-sergeant of the 42nd (who had been severely wounded at Corunna, respecting the position of the gallant Highlanders when the French advanced. His reply was most characteristic: "*Weel, yer honour, ye see, we were drawn up in line. Some o' us had faan [fallen], for the cannon-shot came thick; but no' a man but stood as firm and dour as Craig Alachy. The Cornel, honest man, just walked about in front o' us wi' a bit switch in his hand, as quietly as if he had been on the parade on the Castle Hill o' Embro'. Naething anger'd him till we cam' to the charge; and then he was aye foremost, and just like a wild boar.*"

Source and Note: *Reminiscences of a Scottish Gentleman, Commencing in 1787*, Philo Scotus (Pseudonym for Phillip Barrington Ainslie), Arthur Hall, Virtue, and Co., London, 1861, pp. 36 - 37. "*Craig Alachy*" is Craigellachie, a hill near Aviemore, and part of the war cry of the Clan Grant, fifteen miles southwest of Grantown-on-Spey.

Final Letters from Lt. Gen. Hay Macdowal (former Capt. 42nd Regt.) on Board East Indiaman *Lady Jane Dundas*, to Sir Edward Pellew, Explaining Command Issues at Madras (now Chennai), India, At Sea, Feb. 15, 1809

Enclosure 1

At Sea - 15th February.

My Dear Sir,

I send you two letters, one from James Balfour, the other from Baker. You will have heard of the proceedings against me at Madras, which have abundantly vexed and distressed me.

I have nothing official on the subject, and merely a copy of a very violent order of Government reflecting on my conduct and removing me from the Command, and after I had in fact sailed from the country.

I am very comfortable on board the *Lady Jane Dundas*.

I hope Captain and Mrs. Pellew and all your party are well.

Believe me with great esteem,

Your very faithful servant,

Hay Macdowal

Enclosure 2

My Dear Sir,

Excuse pencil. Your Letter tells me you wished to see me on board, but I am not very well and have rather laid low since I accidentally heard of the extraordinary conduct of the Madras Government. During the voyage will take an opportunity of stating the circumstances to you.

Your kind offer of accommodation I would with great gratitude accept, but I am quite snug and comfortable here. I beg to offer you my sincere acknowledgments.

Capper and Boles have been suspended the service for obeying my orders. I thought it necessary to reprimand Col. Munro and they issued my orders.

I will not add more at present, but trust that when the circumstances are made known to you, you will allow of the necessity on my part of not compromising the honor of the profession or the situation I held.

General Baillie came on board last night. Colonel and Mrs. Orr are quite well and all beg to present their best regards to you.

Most faithfully yours,
Hay Macdowall

His Excellency Sir Ed. Pellew.

I find by your note that Captain Cochrane is on board the Culloden. Have the kindness to hand him the accompanying.

H. M.

Source and Note: Two enclosures from Lt. Gen. Hay Macdowall to Sir George Barlow as enclosure in letter from Adm. Sir Edward Pellew to Sir George Barlow, Feb. 15, 1809, *The White Mutiny*, Sir Alexander Cardew, Constable, London, 1929, Add. D, pp. 183-195. The escort ship for the voyage was *HMS Culloden*. Sir Edward Pellew wrote to Sir George Barlow on Apr. 14, 1809 explaining that "You will be glad to hear that we have escaped with our Convoy from the effects of a most violent gale of wind (I may indeed call it, rather, a Hurricane) by which we were assailed on the 14th, 15th and 16th of March in Lat. 23.30 S., Long. 61.00. A total separation took place and every body shifted for themselves, looking only to their own preservation, and more or less every ship suffered. ... The four Absentees are, I consider, gone on also to St. Helena, which was the second rendezvous." The 826-ton Indiamen *Lady Jane Dundas* with Lt. Gen. Macdowall onboard was one of the four absentees. All four of the absent ships were lost without a trace.



Auchindown Castle Ruins, 2008

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by Van de Beek

**Death Notice for Former Maj. John Grant of Auchindown, Strathspey Fencibles
(Former Lt., 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), Auchindown, Mar. 7, 1809**

Deaths...March...7. At Auchindown, Major John Grant in the 71st year of his age."

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, March 1809, p. 239. Maj. John Grant of Auchindown was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. during the American war and commanded the 2nd Additional Company in Newfoundland from 1778 to 1781. Auchindown is located about 21 miles southeast of Elgin.

Death Notice for Gavin Drummond (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Kinneddar, June 19, 1809

Deaths...June ...19. At Kinneddar, Gavin Drummond, Esq.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine and Edinburgh Literary Miscellany for July 1809*, p. 559. Kinneddar is in Drainie parish, Elginshire.

**Listing of Issued Hunting Permits Includes Former Lt. Col. James Stewart, 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Aug. 14, 1809.**

**GAME DUTY,
COUNTY OF EDINBURGH.**

LIST I. of Persons who have obtained General Certificates at the rate of Three Guineas each, for the year ending 5th April, 1810...

Colonel James Stewart, late of the 42d regiment, Edinburgh...

Published by direction of his Majesty's Commissioner for the Affairs of taxes.

H. MACKENZIE

Comptroller of Taxes for Scotland

N. B. – Every person using any dog, gun, net, or other engine for the purpose of taking or killing game, without first obtained a certificate in terms of the act, or refusing, upon demand, to exhibit such certificate to any Collector, Inspector, or Surveyor of the district in which such person shall then be, or to the proprietor, or occupier, or gamekeeper of the lands in which such person shall then be, shall forfeit the sum of twenty pounds.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Aug. 14, 1809.

**Excerpts of a Letter from Former 42nd Regt. Capt. John Rutherford to
Former Capt. John Peebles, Regarding Former Lt. Gavin Drummond's Death,
Jedburgh, Oct. 9, 1809**

Jedburgh 9 Oct^r 1809

My dear friend...Some time last year I met with Drummond and we were glad to meet and talk of old acquaintances and the times that are past but when in Edinburgh last July I called on him and was told that he also had taken his departure for that country from whence none return...Thank God I am in as good health as I can reasonably expect at 63 – But at 63 between you & me a Man is the worse of the wear John...

Source and Note: NRS, *Cunningham of Thortoun Papers*, GD21/417 item 3. See above death notice for Lt. Gavin Drummond, June 9, 1809 in *The Scots Magazine and Edinburgh Literary Miscellany for July 1809*.

1810

**Death Announcement for Capt. Dugald Campbell, New Brunswick Fencibles
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Aug. 25, 1810**

War-Office, August 25, 1810...

New Brunswick Fencibles, Lieutenant George Shore to be Captain of a Company, vice Campbell, deceased.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 21-25, 1810, p. 3. Capt. Campbell was a former Lt. in 42nd Regt. who settled in New Brunswick, Canada at the end of the American war. He died in Fredericton on Apr. 12, 1810.



Detail of the Disc of the Army Gold Medal

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Historical record of medals and honorary distinctions conferred on the British navy, army & auxiliary forces: from the earliest period*, George Tancred, 1891.

Award Announcement for Lt. Col. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 9, 1810

Horse Guards, September 9, 1810.

HIS MAJESTY having been graciously pleased to command that, in Commemoration of the brilliant Victories obtained by Divisions of His Army over the Enemy in the Battles of Roleia, Vimiera, also in the several Instances where the Cavalry had an Opportunity of distinguishing themselves against the Enemy in Spain, and in the Battles of Corunna and Talavera de la Reyna, the under-mentioned Officers of the Army, present on those Occasions, should enjoy the Privilege of bearing a Medal...

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...

James Stirling, 42d Foot...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 8-11, 1810, pp. 1-2. Lt. Col. Stirling was a Sergeant, Quartermaster, Ensign and Lt. during the American war.

1811

**Death Notice for Elizabeth Fraser, Widow of the Late Capt. Hugh Fraser,
North Lowland Fencibles (Former Adj. and Lt., 42nd Regt.), Bervie, Jan. 8, 1811**

DEATHS... Jan...

8. At Bervie, Mrs Elizabeth Frazer, widow of Captain Hugh Frazer, of the North Lowland Fencibles.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine and Edinburgh Literary Miscellany*, Feb. 1811, p. 158. Hugh Fraser, who began the American War as a Sgt. Major, had been promoted to Capt. in the Fencibles on Nov. 15, 1794. Fraser was still serving in the Fencibles when he died at Perth on Feb. 8, 1802. Bervie is located on the east coast of Scotland about 27 miles south of Aberdeen.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Col. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., to be a Colonel “in the Army,”
London, June 4, 1811**

War-Office, June 4, 1811.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the Name and on Behalf of His Majesty, to appoint...

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...

James Stirling, of 42d Foot...

To be COLONELS in the Army.”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 1-4, 1811, pp. 1-2. Col. Stirling was a Sergeant, Quartermaster and Lt. during the American war.

Death Notice for Former 42nd Regt. Capt. John Peebles' Wife, Irvine, Dec. 19, 1811

DEATHS...1811 ...December...19. At Irvine, aged 70 years, Anna Hamilton, daughter of the late Charles Hamilton, Esq. of Craigelaw, and wife of John Peebles, Esq.

Source: *Scots Magazine and Edinburgh Literary Miscellany*, April 1812, pp. 316-317.

1812

Account of Brevet-Col. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., at Anniversary Celebration of Alexandria Victory, Lewes, Mar. 23, 1812

LEWES, MARCH 23, 1812...

LAST Saturday being the anniversary of the battle of Alexandria, in which the 42d or Royal Highlanders, so nobly distinguished themselves, the Officers and men decorated their caps with sprigs of laurel, in commemoration of the victory, and in honour of the day. The Officers appeared in their best uniforms, and Colonel Stirling wore an elegant sabre, a present from the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates as a mark of the respect they owe him. The scabbard is highly wrought and richly gilt, and the blade beautifully ornamented with various emblematical devices, and inscriptions. The centre exhibits these words. “A Testimony of Esteem and respect from the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Royal Highlanders, to Lieutenant Colonel James Stirling, their Commanding Officer,” bounded on one side by the Colonel’s arms, motto, *semper fidelis*; and on the other, in a sort of transverse border, by the countries in which he served, viz. America, Germany, Egypt, Spain, and Holland. In short this sabre is a very honourable and flattering testimony of the Colonel’s worth.

Source and Note: *Sussex Advertiser*, Mar. 23, 1812, p. 3. The sword blade is inscribed 'A TESTIMONY OF ESTEEM & RESPECT FROM THE NON-COMD. OFFICERS AND PRIVATES OF THE ROYAL HIGHLANDERS TO LIEUT. CO JAS. STIRLING THEIR COMDG OFFICER.' The Gaelic inscriptions on the blade translate as 'let he who is worthy carry it' and 'children of the Gael, shoulder to shoulder'.

1813

**Retirement Announcement for Lt. Col. John Nesmyth, 7th West India Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, June 8, 1813**

War-Office June 8, 1813...

7th Ditto [West India Regiment], Major the Honourable James Stewart, from the 90th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Nasmyth, who retires; Dated June 3, 1813.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 5-8, 1813, pp. 7. The annotated War Office copy of the 1813 Annual Army List is marked to show the 7th W. I. Regt at “*Honduras & Curacoa*.”

Award Announcement for Brevet-Col. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., London, Oct. 7, 1813

Horse Guards, October 7, 1813...

The Prince Regent is therefore graciously pleased to command, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, that in commemoration of the brilliant victories obtained by His Majestys arms in the battles of Roleia and Vaneria, Corunna, Talavera de la Reyna, Rusaco, Barrosa, Fuentes de Oner, Albuhcra, and Salamanca, and in the assaults and captures of Cuidad Rodrigo and Badajos, the under-mentioned Officers of the Army, present on those occasions, shall enjoy the privilege of bearing badges of distinction...

Officers entitled to wear a Medal and two Clasps...

Colonel James Stirling, 42d Foot...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 5 - 7, 1813, pp. 7-8. Col. Stirling was a Sergeant, Quartermaster and Lt. during the American war.

1814

Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Col. James Stirling, 42nd Regt. to be Maj. General in the Army and Lt. Col. John Robertson, (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), to be Colonel in the Army, London, June 7, 1814

War-Office, June 7, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to appoint the following Officers to take rank by Brevet as undermentioned: the commissions to be dated June 4, 1814...

COLONELS...

James Stirling, of 42d Foot...

To be MAJOR-GENERALS in the Army...

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS...

John Robertson, ditto [Inspecting Field-Officer]...

To be COLONELS in the Army.

Source: *London Gazette*, June 7, 1814, pp. 8-10.

Marriage Announcement Details Portions of Quartermaster Hector Maclean's Subsequent Military Career, Aberdeen, July 21, 1814

MARRIAGES.

July 21 [1814]. At Aberdeen, Lieutenant Alex. Wishart, of the 2d battalion 42d Royal Highland regiment, to Miss Janet M^cLean, daughter of Captain Hector M^cLean, (formerly of the 42d regiment, and the late Reay Highlanders) Adjutant of the 5th regiment A. L.[Aberdeen Local] militia.

Source: *Scots Magazine, and Edinburgh Literary Miscellany*, Edinburgh, Sept. 14, 1814, Google Books, p. 716.

1815



Gold-covered Statue of King George II, South Mall, Cork

Picture Source: *Ireland Illustrated from Original Drawings*, G. N. Wright, H. Fisher, Son and Jackson, London, 1831, Google Books, after p. 50.

Promotion Announcement for Maj. Gen. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., to be Lieutenant-Governor of Cork, Ireland and Death Notice for Col. William Dickson of Kilbucho, Late of the 42nd Regt., London, June 17, 1815

War-Office, June 17, 1815...

GARRISONS.

Major-General James Stirling to be Lieutenant-Governor of Cork, vice Colonel Dickson, deceased. Dated June 8, 1815.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 17, 1815, pp. 7. Maj. Gen. Stirling was a former sergeant, brevet QM and lieutenant and Col. William Dickson was a former captain during the American war.

Death Notice for Former Lt. Col. Alexander Cumine, 75th Regt. of (Highland) Foot (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, July 12, 1815

Deaths. July...12 [1815]... At London, Alexander Cumine, Esq. late Lieutenant –Colonel of the 75th regiment.

Source: *Scots Magazine and Edinburgh Literary Miscellany*, Sept. 1815, p. 719.

Burial Record for Former Lt. Col. Alexander Cumine, 75th Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Holy Innocents Church, Kingsbury, London, July 17, 1815

BURIALS in the Parish of Kingsbury
in the County of Middlesex in the Year 18 15

Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed...
<i>Alexander Cumine</i> No. 22		<i>July 17th</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Evan Jones</i> [Curate]...

1817

Unsuccessful Compassionate List Application Papers for Ann Macgregor, Daughter of the Late Capt. Alexander Macgregor of Balhaldie, 65th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Stirling, June 6, 1817

[Cover]

Macgregor.

Aug^t 22 /6-7

Not a case, as Fathers Commⁿ was sold, & Brother was not killed

Wid. 2.^p. 321

[Memorial]

To the Right Hon^{ble}. Lord [Henry John Temple, 3rd] Viscount Palmerston
His Majesty's Secretary at War
&c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of Ann Macgregor Daughter of the late Captain Alexander Macgregor of the 65th:
Regiment. –

Most humbly Shewith

That your Lordship's Memorialist, in the Year 1794, having lost her Father when upon actual Service with his Regiment in the West Indies, became then dependent upon her Brother [William Oliphant M^cGregor], who rose to the rank of Major in the 77th.. Regiment; that from hard Service, and long residence in the West Indies Major Macgregor fell a victim to the diseases incident to that Climate; that by his Death in [Jan. 16] 1810, his Commission was not Sold, Your Memorialist was again left to struggle with the world with no other support than what the bounty of her Friends chose to bestow; and that the circumstance of her having sprung from an Ancient and respectable Family [Macgregor of Balhaldies] makes her feel more poignantly her dependant Situation. Under such distressing circumstances, and being in a delicate state of health She humbly hopes from Your Lordship's well known liberality and humanity to the Fatherless, that your Lordship will have the goodness to place her name on the Compassionate List. –

And Your Lordship's Memorialist will ever pray.

Ann Macgregor

Stirling 6th. June

1817

We the undersubscribers do certify, that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the above memorial is true and correct; that the memorialist has been known to us from her infancy to have always conducted herself as becomes the family from which she has sprung; and that in our humble opinion she is as deserving of the compassion of Government as any person can be in similar circumstances.

*Geo: Gleig LL:D Primary Bishop of the
Scotch Episcopal Church*

Stirling June the 6th
1817

Will Anderson J. P

Thomas Wright C_ M.

I have great pleasure in certifying that [^]what is stated in the above Memorial is true and correct –

Walter Buchanan D.D. Minister of Canongate Edinburgh June 9th 1817

I hereby Certify the truth of the written Statement and can bear testimony to the respectability of Miss Macgregors Character & family – Strathallan 11th June 1817

James Drummond
Member for the County of Perth

[Enclosure, War Office rank histories]

Alexander M^cGregor

Ens. 42. F. by p. [purchase] 8 May 1777.

L^t. 42. F. by p. 5 June 1778.

Capt: L^t. } 73. F. – 18 April 1786.

& Captⁿ: }

Capt: L^t. } 65 ex [exchange]: 20 June 1787 }

& Capt: }

Captⁿ. 65. F. by p. 31 Oct^r: 1787 }

ie. died ^{on service} & his Commission sold for his Family

Sold out 11 Aug^t. 1794

B 21/6/17

Will^m. Oliphant M^cGregor

f^m. Vol^r.

Ens 65. F. nop [no purchase] _ 24th May 1794.

L^t. 65. F. nop_ 11 Nov^r: 1794

Capt: “ by p_ 25 Ap^l. 1797.

Major “ nop_ 16 Sept: 1806.

“ 77. F. exch: 1 Nov^r: “

Died 16 Jan^y 1810

21/6/17.

[Enclosure, War Office remarks]

Miss M^cGregor states her Father to have died on Service. & he appears by the Army List to have sold out; but upon further inquiry it appears he did die on Service, & his Commission was sold for the benefit of his family.

From this circumstance & that of her Brother having only died, she does not seem in strictness intitled to any thing; but as the case seems in other respects a strong one, it is submitted for consideration_

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not a case as the Fathers Com

[Enclosure, Adj. General's Office.]

Adjutant Generals Office
Edinburgh 28th. Nov^r. 1817

My Lord,

I believe the enclosed Statement respecting Miss MacGregor to be correct, which I submit for your Lordship's favourable consideration

I have the Honor to be My Lord

The Right Honourable

Your Lordships Most Obedient Humble Servant

The Secretary at War

John Hope

War Office

M. Gen^l.

London

[Enclosure]

N^o. 17 Princes Street, Edinburgh

28th. November 1817.

My Lord,

The pleasure which I am aware Your Lordship feels in having an opportunity to ameliorate the condition of the unfortunate offspring of deceased officers of merit, induces me to take the liberty of expressing to Your Lordship the distressed Situation of Miss Ann MacGregor, Daughter of the late Captain Alexander MacGregor late of the 65th. Regiment of Foot, who died of fatigue under the Walls of Martinique, after the Siege of that place in the Year 1794, much and justly regretted, after having Served His Majesty for the space of Eighteen Years, with loyalty and honour. – His gallant conduct and bravery at the taking of Martinique and Guadeloupe was represented after his Death by Sir Charles Grey, who commanded the Expedition then in the West Indies, to the Commander in Chief in London, who was graciously pleased to order all the Commissions which Captain MacGregor purchased to be sold for the relief of his Widow and five helpless children, to enable them to return to Britain – But, although the Commissions were Sold the Money which they produced was also almost all exhausted before the family arrived in Scotland, in Consequence of Debts which had to be defrayed from the amount, and the great expence which necessarily attended the removal of so numerous a Family. – I further beg leave to represent to Your Lordship, that Captain MacGregor had a Son (William Oliphant MacGregor) a Lieutenant in the 65th. Regiment, and his friends being anxious to get him forward in the Service, and with a view that he might be of use to his Mother and Sisters, borrowed in the Year 1797, the Sum of £950 to purchase a Company for him in the Same Corps, on Condition that the said Sum would be repaid by him in instalments, but owing to misfortune and other particular circumstances he never had in his power to discharge this Debt, and it consequently remains a burden on the Family. – Soon after Lieutenant MacGregor was Gazetted to a Company he was ordered to the east Indies to join his Regiment where he remained for several Years, until his health was affected by a Liver Complaint and Dropsy which caused his return to Europe, and was the ultimate occasion of his Death, which happened at Chichester in England in the year 1810 (at which time he was a Major in the 77th. Regiment. –) after having faithfully Served His Majesty during a Space of Fourteen Years, having behind him a Widow, a Mother, two Brothers & two Sisters, all with very little means of Support – The Major was Miss Macgregor's principal dependence, and Since his Death she has been reduced to very great privation & distress, having no resource whatever except upon the bounty of her relatives, none of whom are well able to assist her –

Under Such distressing circumstances I am induced to indulge the hope that Your Lordship will take Miss MacGregor's deplorable case into your humane and favourable consideration, and extend to her the benefits of the Compassionate List, to such an extent as Your Lordship may consider Expedient and necessary for her future Support as a reward for the long and faithful Services of her Father and brother, both of whom died in the Army in consequence of Fatigue and Diseases contracted in the Service of this Country –

I would not have ventured to trouble Your Lordship upon this occasion if I did not consider that the merits of the case were deserving of that liberal and humane consideration which Your Lordship has so repeatedly coined for the relief of the destitute and Fatherless. –

I have the honor to be, My Lord

To/

The Right-Honble

The Secretary at War

&^{ca}. &^{ca}. &^{ca}.

London

Your Lordship's Most Obedient humble Servant

Arch MacLaine

L^t. Colonel

H. P. 7th. West In^d. Reg^t

Miss Ann MacGregor born the 10th. Oct^r. 1786 – Extracted from the Parish Register

[Enclosure, Draft War Office Response]

War Office
December 1817

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th. ultimo [Nov.] inclosing one from Lt. Colonel Maclaine in behalf of the Daughter of the late Captain Macgregor of the 65th. Regiment, and I am sorry it is not in my power to afford her any relief, the sale of her father's Commission for the benefit of his family having precluded them from being placed on the Compassionate list, and her case not coming within the rules by which extraordinary grants are limited, independently of which, as her Brother appears to have left a Widow, ~~anything which it had been practicable to give in consideration of his service~~ the grant made in his account would by the invariable practice of the Service have been assigned to her.

[Enclosure, Parish Register]

"Ann, daughter of Alexander M^cGregor, of Balhaldies, and Mary Drummond, his spouse, was born 12th. Oct^r. 1786. & baptized 23^d. same month, by the Rev^d. George Straton, Minister of the Episcopal Chapel, Stirling. – Witness were M^r. James Wright, and Baillie Thomas Wright."

Extracted from the Register of Births and Baptisms, for the Burgh of Stirling. By
J: Weirless Clk.

Source: TNA, *War Office, Widows' Pensions and Bounty Application Papers* at WO 25/3100/2/4.

**Death Notice for Wife of Half-pay Ens. James Rivington, Late 2nd Battalion, 84th or
Royal Highland Emigrant Regt. (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), Albany, Sept. 21, 1817**

DIED

On Sunday last GERTRUDE RIVINGTON, wife of James Rivington, of this city, aged 37 years.
The friends and acquaintance of JAMES RIVINGTON, are requested to attend her funeral this
day at 3 o'clock, from his dwelling house at the Ferry.

Source: *Albany Gazette*, Sept. 23, 1817, p. 2

1819

**Pension Application for Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, Widow of Capt. Charles Grant, 42nd Regt.,
Buckland (near Plymouth), May 19 – July 25, 1819**

REQUIRD FOR PLACING AN OFFICER'S WIDOW ON THE PENSION LIST

Elizabeth Fox came this Day before me, and made oath, that she was lawfully
married at *New Town Long Island in America* on the *Tenth* day of *December* in y^e year 1779 to
Charles Grant

late a Captain
in the 42 Reg^t of Foot
commanded by *Col^l. Charles Graham*
that the said *Captain Grant*
died on the *fourth of February 1785* that on the

N.B. The *twenty fifth day of July 1786* she was married again
Certificate to Lieutenant John Fox ^ 33rd Foot

of the and that she has no Pension, Allowance, or Provision from
Marriage Government *during the period of her first Widowhood*
is to be
annexed

to this
Affidavit

Elizabeth Fox { The Widow to sign here and
Buckland near Plymouth { state her place of Residence

Sworn before me, at *Buckland*
this 19th Day of *May* 18 19

WSawyer of { Magistrate's name and
Pound in the s^d County { Residence.

NB The Certificate of the second Marriage is annexed, the Certificate of the first marriage being lost as stated in my former letter

Elizabeth Fox

[enclosure]

Halifax July 25th. 1786

This is to Certify whomforever it may concern, that Lieu^t. John Fox, Bachelor of the 33^d. Reg^t. of Foot, & M^{rs}. Elizabeth Grant, Widow of Halifax, were by a license from his Excellency the Governor, married by me according to law, this twenty fifth day of July in the year of our Lord, 1786, in the parish of S^t. Paul's, Halifax in the province of Nova – Scotia.

Joshua Wingate Weeks
Minister of Said Parish

Present

Jno Masters
George Grant

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Officers' Birth Certificates, Wills and Personal Papers* at WO 42/19, G225. This application is documented on a pre-printed form. The text in italics represents the hand written portions. Widow Grant was the former Elizabeth Hunt.

**Pension Application for Mrs. Clementina Drummond, Widow of Capt. Gavin Drummond,
Breadalbane Fencibles (former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Edinburgh, July 29 - 30, 1819**

Required for placing on the Pension
The Widows of an Officer who died on halfpay

M^{rs}. Clementina Drummond of Forth Street Edinburgh Came this day before me, and made oath that She was lawfully married On the twenty sixth day of June One thousand Seven hundred and ninety four to Gavin Drummond late a Lieutenant on the halfpay of the late Seventy seventh or Athole Highland Regiment of Foot and for sometime a Captain in the Breadalbane Fencible & afterwards residing in Edinburgh who died at Kinneddar on the nineteenth day of June One thousand Eight hundred and nine, and was interred in the Canongate Burying Ground, Edinburgh, on the twenty sixth day of the same month; And that She has no pension allowance of provision from Government.

Clementina Drummond

Sworn at Edinburgh before me
One of His Majesty's Justices of the
peace for the City of Edinburgh
this twenty ninth day of July
in the year One thousand Eight
hundred & nineteen 1819.

Rob^t. Smith WS
City of Edinburgh

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Gavin Drummond Esq^r: Captain in the First Battalion of the Breadalbane Fencibles & Miss Clementina Graham of the parish of Arbroath [Angus], having been matrimonially Contracted on

the Twenty first day of June, and thrice proclaimed, were married (no objection being offered) on the twenty sixth Day of said Month in the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety four

Extracted from the Register of Contracts and Marriages belonging to the parish of Arbroath County of Forfar [now Angus], North Britain by

Arbroath 20th May 1819} pro David Kirkland Tab. Par. Custos

Geo Kirkland

That the Above is a true Extract is attested by – *Geo: Gleig Minister of Arbroath*



Arial View of Canongate Kirkyard, 2011

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by Kim Traynor

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Captain Gavin Drummond was Inter'd in the Canongate Burying Ground on the 26 day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and nine

Edinburgh 22^d. July 1819

Extracted from the Record of Burials in the Canongate Burying Ground
by *John Couper Recorder*

That the above is a true Extract certified by

Henry Garnock Minister

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I certify that Lieu^t Gavin Drummond, late a Cap^t in the Breadalbane Fencibles, served Eleven years in the 42^d Reg^t and afterwards exchanged with Lieu^t John Farquharson to the half pay of the late 77th. Athole Highlanders in which Situation he died in the year 1809

Garth 30th July
1819

David Stewart
Colonel late of the 42^d and
of 77th Highland Regiments

Source: TNA, *War Office: Officers' Birth Certificates, Wills and Personal Papers* at WO 42/14, D307, pp. 1- 4.

Death Notice for Former Brevet-Col. James Stewart, 42nd Regt., Moffat, Aug. 9, 1819

DEATHS...AUGUST...9. At Moffat, Colonel James Stewart, late of the 42d regiment.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Annual Register for 1819*, p. 538. Moffat is about 21 miles north-northeast of Dumfries.

**Record of Retirement Pay in Barracks Department for Lt. Col. Alexander Loraine
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Dec. 1, 1819**

FURTHER RETURNS to an Order of the Honourable House of Commons, dated the 1st of December 1819; - *for*,

A RETURN OF THE NAMES of the different Persons who have belonged to the PUBLIC CIVIL DEPARTMENTS connected with the Army in GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, and who receive Allowances, Compensations and Emoluments, in the nature of Superannuation or Retired Allowances; and the Amount of the Allowance received by each; and the length of Service in the department for which such Allowance is paid: - So far as relates to
THE BARRACK DEPARTMENT...

BARRACK DEPARTMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN

DESCRIPTION OF THE GRANT	NAME	Length of Service	AMOUNT per Annum...
Superannuated or Retired Officers of the Barrack Department...	{ Lt Col. Al ^r Loraine	9 “ [years]	[£ . S. d] 800 — — ...

Source: *Estimates, Accounts and Papers, Viz. Army, Ordnance, Civil List: Military Establishments; Revenue, The Bank, The Colonies; Internal State of the Country; &c., Session 23 November 1818, 60 Geo. III.,* {28 February 1820, 1 Geo. IV., 1819 – 1820, Vol. IV, Google Books.

1820

**Death Notice for Capt. and Adj. Hector MacLean, 5th Regt. Aberdeen Local Militia
(Former Quartermaster, 42nd Regt.), Aberdeen, Oct. 22, 1820**

DEATHS...

[Oct. 22, 1820] – At Aberdeen, Captain Hector M^cLean, formerly of the 42d regiment, and late Reay Highlanders.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Magazine and Literary Miscellany*, Edinburgh, Dec. 1820, Google Books, p. 575. MacLean also served as a lieutenant in an independent company and as captain of the Reay Fencible Infantry in the Irish rebellion of 1798.

1821

Death Notice for Lt. General John Spens (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Rutherglen, July 24, 1821

[July] 24. At Rutherglen, Lieut.-General John Spens, of Stonelaw.

Source and Note: *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, Sept. 1821, p. 239. Rutherglen is about four miles southeast of the center of Glasgow.

**Pension Application for Hannah Forster Spens, Widow of Lt. General John Spens
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Rutherglen, Lanark, Nov. 27, 1821**

REQUIRD FOR PLACING AN OFFICER'S WIDOW ON THE PENSION LIST

M^{rs} Hannah Fortser ^{*Nelson* ^ *otherwise*} *Spens* came this Day before me, and made oath, that she was lawfully married on the 29 day of *March 1803* to *John Spens* late a *Lieutenant* General in His Majesty's Service who died in *Rutherglen in the 23^d of July last*; that ever since his decease she has continued a Widow, and is so at this present time; and that she has no Pension, Allowance, or Provision from Government

Hannah Forster Nelson { The Widow to sign here, and to
Rutherglen { state her usual Residence

Sworn before me, at *Rutherglen*
this 27th Day of *November 18 21*

Robert Gray J. P. { Magistrate's name and
Carntyne, County of Lanark { Residence.

I do hereby certify to the best of my Knowledge, and Belief, that the particulars stated above Affidavit are true, and I do therefore humbly recommend her as ^{^ *deserving*} ~~an~~ object of HIS MAJESTY'S Royal Bounty. Given under my hand this *7th*
Day of *December. 1821*

[illegible name] { Adjutant General

[Enclosure]

I the Reverend John Dick minister of the parish of Rutherglen, certify that the late Lieutenant General John Spens of Stonelaw died at Rutherglen on the 23. of July last, and that he was buried in the church yard of that borough on the 28. of the same month

Rutherglen 27th Nov^r 1821

X *John Dick Min^r*

[Enclosure]

St. Martin in the Fields, MIDDLESEX

Fol. 23

MARRIED in *March 1803*

29th. John Spens Esq^r. and Hannah Forster Spens both of this Parish they having been Already Married to each other

were Married in this Church by *Linnse Als*
this *twentyninth* Day of *March 1803*
by me *Reverend Rogers Curate*

This Marriage was then solemnized between us

J: Spens

In the Presence of us
Walter Spens
Mary Knowlys

H. F. Spens

The above is a Copy from the REGISTER BOOK OF MARRIAGE
belonging to this CHURCH

Witness my Hand this 10th Day of *December 1821*
D^d Masan
Curator

[Enclosure]

Glasgow 7th Dec^r 1821

I hereby Certify that I attended the late L^t: General John Spens during his last illness to the periods of his decease, which took place at Rutherglen in the County of Lanark on Monday the twenty third day of July last, & he was interred in the Church Yard of Rutherglen on Saturday the twenty eighth of July.

I can give no particular name to his complaint, the principal Symptom being extreme debility, induced by his advanced age, over fatigue & previous stomach Complaints –

Given on fact & Conscience
by *John Towers C. M.*

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Officers' Birth Certificates, Wills and Personal Papers* at WO 42/43, S372, pp. 207-208. This application is documented on a pre-printed form. The text in italics represents the hand filled in portions.

1822

Death Notice for Capt. James Mitchell, Late Royal Garrison Battalion (Former Surgeon's Mate, 42nd Regt.), Kennoway, Fife, Feb. 11, 1822

DEATHS... At Kennoway, on the 11th ult [Feb.], Captain James Mitchell, of the late Royal Garrison Battalion.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser* of Mar. 1, 1822, p. 13.

Death Notice for Retired Maj. James Graham, 37th or North Hampshire Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, July 13, 1822

DIED – On the 13th instant, at Cheltenham, Major James Graham late of the 37th Regiment of Foot.

Source and Note: *Morning Post*, London, July 23, 1822, p. 4. Cheltenham is in Gloucestershire, about 95 miles northwest of London.



St. Mary's, Cheltenham.

Picture Source: Wikipedia

**Burial Record for Retired Maj. James Graham, 37th or North Hampshire Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, July 13, 1822**

EXTRACTS FROM THE CHELTENHAM PARISH REGISTERS: Burials, 1813-1827...

1822...

– July 18. James Graham, Esq^r, Cheltenham, 66 y^{rs}...

Source: *Gloucestershire Notes and Queries*, Vol. I, ed. Rev. Beaver H. Blacker, W. Kent & Co., London, 1881, Google Books, pp. 308-9.

1824



Grave of Capt. John Peebles, Irvine Old Parish Church

Photograph Source: The Kirk Session of Irvine Old Parish Church, with permission.

Death Notice for Retired Capt. James Peebles, 42nd Regt., Irvine, Jan. 7, 1824

[Jan. 1824] 7. *At Irvine, John Peebles, Esq. late Captain 42d Regiment, in the 85th year of his age.*

Source and Note: *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, Vol. XV, January – June, 1824, William Blackwood, Edinburgh, 1824, p. 132. Capt. Peebles' detailed notebooks represent the best account of the daily life of the officers of the regiment during the American war.



William, Baron Nairne

Picture Source: *The Scottish Songstress, Caroline Baroness Nairne*, by Her Great Grand-Niece, Oliphant Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh, 1894, p. 34.

**Extract of Act of Parliament Restoring the Title of Lord Nairne to Maj. William Nairne
(Former Capt., 42nd Additional Company), June 17, 1824**

AN ACT for the restoration of William Nairne esquire to the dignity and title of lord Nairn.
(17th June 1824.)

Anno 5^o Georgii 4^{ti} No. 252.

Whereas William lord Nairne was impeached of high treason before the house of peers and convicted thereof and adjudged guilty upon the ninth day of February one thousand seven hundred and fifteen whereby his blood and honours became attainted And whereas by an Act passed in the nineteenth year of the reign of his Majesty king George the Second intituled An Act to attain... John Nairn taking upon himself the title or stile of lord Nairn... John Nairn commonly calling himself lord Nairn the eldest son of the said William lord Nairn was also attainted of high treason And whereas William Nairne esquire is the great grandson and lineal representative of the said William lord Nairn and the grandson and lineal representative of the said John Nairn calling himself lord Nairn And whereas the said William Nairne hath upon all occasions conducted himself dutifully and loyally towards your Majesty and your royal father May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal and commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same that the said William Nairn and all other persons who would be entitled after the said William Nairn to succeed to the honors dignities and titles of lord Nairn in case the said judgment had not been pronounced and the said Act had not been made shall be and are hereby restored to the said honours dignities and titles of lord Nairn with all rights privileges and preeminences thereunto belonging as fully amply and honourably as if the said judgment had never been pronounced...

Source: *The Sessional Papers Printed by Order of the House of Lords or Presented by Royal Command in the Session 1873*, Vol. 12, 1873, Google Books, pp. 72-73.

**Maj. William, Lord Nairne (Former Capt., 42nd Additional Company), Received at
Court Following Restoration of His title, London, June 26, 1824**

LONDON – JUNE 26
THE KING'S COURT

On Wednesday at two o'clock, his MAJESTY held a Court at his Palace in Pall-Mall...
Viscount Kenmure, Viscount Strathallan, and Lord Nairn, were introduced to his Majesty, and kissed hands upon restoration of their titles.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, June 29, 1824, p. 413.

1825



Col. Commandant Alexander Lindsay, 6th Earl of Balcarres, 2nd 71st Highland Regt., 1782, Unknown Artist

Portrait Source: Bruce Venter comment dated Mar. 13, 2017 to "Benedict Arnold's Phantom Duel," by John Knight, Mar. 7, 2017, *All Things Liberty* website

**Death Notice for Gen. Alexander Lindsay, Earl of Balcarres (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.),
Haigh Hall, Lancashire, Mar. 27, 1825**

EARL OF BALCARRES

March 27. At his seat, Haigh Hall, Lancashire, aged 73, the Right. Hon. Alexander Lindsay, sixth Earl of Balcarres, co. Fife, seventh Lord Lindsay of Cummernald, one of the sixteen Representative Peers of Scotland, a General, and Colonel of the 63d regiment of foot.

He was born in 1752, the eldest son of James the fifth Earl, by Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Dalrymple of Castleton, knt. He succeeded his father in February, 1767, and being of a military family and disposition, entered the army on the fifth of July in that year as Ensign of 53d foot, which regiment he joined at Gibraltar immediately after. His Lordship obtained two years leave of absence to travel on the continent; was allowed to pass over the rank of Lieutenant, and was appointed to a company in the 42d, Jan. 28, 1771, and to a Majority in the 53d, Dec. 9, 1775. He served three years in Canada and North America, under the late Generals Sir Guy Carleton and Burgoyne; was present at the action at Trois Revieres, June 1, 1776; commanded the Light Infantry of the army at Ticonderoga and Hughbarton, July 7, 1777; also at Freeman's Farm, Sept. 19, on the heights of Saratoga and Freeman's Farm with the command of the advanced corps of the army, Brigadier General Fraser being killed, in the action of the 7th of October. The 8th of October his Lordship was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the 24th foot, which regiment he accompanied to the interior, of the country, it having been included in the convention of Saratoga. On the death of Lieutenant-General [Simon] Fraser, the 71st regiment, consisting of two battalions, was formed into two separate and distinct regiments, viz. the 71st and the 2d 71st, and Lord Balcarres was appointed Lieut.-colonel Commandant of the 2d 71st, Feb. 13, 1782; that regiment was disbanded in 1783, and his Lordship remained on half-pay six years and a half.

He returned to England, and soon after his return was examined before a Committee of the House of Commons relative to the events which led to the unfortunate capitulation of Saratoga. He married June 1, 1780, Elizabeth, only child of his uncle, Charles Dalrymple; of North Berwick, esq. by Elizabeth, only daughter of John Edwin, esq. by Elizabeth, eldest dau. of Sir Roger Bradshaigh, of Haigh, co. Lancaster, bart. (which estate, on the failure of the issue male of the Bradshaighs; devolved on Elizabeth, Countess of Balcarras). By this lady the Earl had four sons and two daughters, James, the eldest son, late M. P. for Wigan, has succeeded to his father's titles; Charles-Robert, the second... Edwin, the fourth son...Elizabeth Keith, his Lordship's eldest daughter... his second daughter, Anne...

Earl Balcarras received the rank of Colonel, and a special commission to command in Jersey, Nov. 20, 1782; and was charged for one year with the correspondence and communications with the armies of la Vendee and les Chouans. He was first elected one of the sixteen Peers for Scotland in 1784, and had been re-chosen for every parliament since that time except that which sat between 1796 and 1802.

His Lordship was promoted Aug. 29, 1789, to the Colonelcy of the 63d foot, which he retained till his death; and received the rank of Major-General, Oct. 12, 1793. He continued on the Staff at Jersey till removed to command the forces in Jamaica in 1794, when he was also placed at the head of the civil administration as Lieutenant Governor. He held also a general military superintendence over the St. Domingo districts nearest to Jamaica. He resided in that island during the whole of the Maroon war, which commenced in 1795; on its conclusion the assembly voted Lord Balcarras 700 guineas for the purchase of a sword. During his residence he purchased some plantation property. The rank of Lieut.-General was conferred on his Lordship Jan. 1, 1798. The period of his continuance on the staff in the West Indies was six years and nine months; and he was advanced to the rank of General Sept. 25, 1803.

Source: *Gentleman's Magazine*, June 1825, p. 561.

1826

Death Notice for Capt. William Stewart, Invalids (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Homerton, Jan. 26, 1826

*Deaths...*Capt...Wm. Stewart, Retired Invalids, Homerton 2 Jan. 1826

Source and Note: *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, June, 1826, p. 762. Capt. Stewart was a former Lt. in 42nd Regt. who was involuntarily transferred to an Invalid Co. after losing the use of his leg from a wound at the Battle of Piscataway, New Jersey on May 10, 1777. Homerton is in northwest London about seven miles from Buckingham Palace.

1828



Lt. Dougal Campbell of Craignish, circa 1775-1777

Picture Source: Family photograph of miniature, courtesy of Mr. Duine Campbell

Death Notice for Dougal Campbell of Craignish (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Feb. 15, 1828

Deaths...Feb...15. At Slateford House, Dougall Campbell, Esq. late of Craignish, and representative of the Campbells of the Argyle family.”

Source and Note: *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, May 1828, p. 665. Slateford House is located about three miles southwest of the Castle, Edinburgh.

Pension Application for Half-pay Purveyor William Robertson, Cape of Good Hope Hospital (Former Surg., 42nd Regt.), Bath, Nov. 29, 1828

N^o. 621 –

Christian and Surname of the Officer	Age at first Appointment to His Majesty's Service	Dates of first Appointment, and of each subsequent Promotion, Removal, or Exchange, whether to Full-Pay or Half-Pay	Regiments in which the several Commissions have been obtained, or upon the Half-Pay
William Robertson	19 –	purchased the Mateship 42 ^d Reg ^t in 1773 X	X for 100 Guineas & likewise the post which was <u>sold</u>
SERVICE on	Years		
Full-Pay	26	Appointed Surgeon in 1777 –	42 ^d Foot
Half-Pay	<u>29</u>	Apothecary to the Forces 1793 –	During the Winter did the duty of Phys ⁿ : at the York Hosp ^l :
TOTAL	<u>55-</u>	Purveyor 1795 – Reduced on half pay 1799 –	

[Table continued]

FULL-PAY	HALF-PAY	
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Each successive Rank held by the Officer while upon Full-Pay, is to be stated underneath	How obtained; whether by purchase or without purchase; and if by restoration, whether by paying the difference, or without	Each successive Rank held by the Officer while upon Half-Pay, is to be stated underneath	Whether placed thereon by reduction; by the purchase of a Half-Pay Commission; by Exchange, receiving the difference; by Exchange without the difference; or at the request of the Officer from private motives, or from ill-health	The Officer is here required to state, whether he is desirous of Service
Assistant Surgeon 42 ^d Surgeon 42 ^d In the Eastern District at the Cape of Good Hope	the Assistant Surgery by purchase The other Steps in course of Service without purchase	None	By reduction	not desirous from Age

[Reverse side of Circular Form]

MARRIED OFFICERS				WOUNDED OFFICERS		
If the Officer is married, he is required to state, underneath, when and where the marriage took place		If the Officer has any Children, their Names and Dates are to be stated underneath		If the Officer is in the Receipt of a Pension for Wounds, the Amount of that Pension; the Station where the Officer was serving when Wounded; and the Date of the Commencement of the Grant is to be stated		
Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Names of Children	Dates of their Birth	Amount of Pension	Where serving when wounded	Date of the commencement of the Grant
April 1801	Bath	Elizabeth William Catherine Anne Sophia Harriot	Jan ^{ry} 1802 Jan ^{ry} 1803 March 1806 July 1807 Apr: 1810 Jan ^{ry} 1817			

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OFFICERS HOLDING CIVIL SITUATIONS		The Officer is required to state where he has been generally resident during the last Five Years
If the Officer is employed in any Civil Office under His Majesty, or in the Service of any other Government, the Title and Nature of that Employment, and the Annual Amount of Emoluments and Salary attached thereto, are to be stated		
Title and Nature of the Employment	Annual Amount of Salary and Emoluments	
None		at Bath
Signature in the Officers own hand writing		} W ^m : Robertson – }

Source and Note: TNA, *Returns of Officers' Services* at WO 25/772, f. 179. The italicized text represents the handwritten text on the printed form. The record is stamped "*Rec^d at W.O. 29 Nov 1828.*"

Return of Officer's Service for Maj. James Rose, Retired List from the Royal Veteran Battalions (Former, Sgt. Major, Ens. and Adj., 42nd Regt.), Approximately 1828

Christian and Surname of the Officer	Age at first Appointment to His Majesty's Service	Dates of first Appointment, and of each subsequent Promotion, Removal, or Exchange, whether to Full-Pay or Half-Pay	Regiments in which the several Commissions have been obtained, or upon the Half-Pay	FULL-PAY		
				Each successive Rank held by the Officer while upon Full-Pay, is to be stated underneath	How obtained; whether by purchase or without purchase; and if by restoration, whether by paying the difference, or without	
James Rose	Comm ^d Officer 34	1 st Janur ^y 1781	42 ^d	Ensign	without Purchase	
		24 Sep ^r 1787	ditto	Lieutenant	ditto	
		✕ 28 Jan ^y 1795	1 st Battalion 78 th	Captain Lieut'	ditto	
		3 ^d July 1795	ditto	Cap ⁿ of a Comp ^y	ditto	
		X 25 th May 1796	39 th Regiment	ditto ditto	ditto	
		25 March 1801	Shetland Royal } Independent Invalids }	ditto ditto & Commissioned Commandant	} } } “	
		25 th December 1802	5 th Royal G ⁿ Batt ⁿ	Major =	=	“
		= 19 Sep ^r 1804 Retired in Ill health on the half pay of next Rank with a view to Return to the Service If his health permitted and applied [illegible] but no Vacancies falling in the Veterans about the time of his Applications General Sir D. [David] Dundas then Commanding the Forces recommended his to the late Sr ^y . at War to be Riplaced on the Retired provision of a Captain of the Chiefs Invalids which he held when Appointed Major Accordingly he received by Special Treasury Warrant the difference between the Majors half pay and the pay and allowance of a Captain of Invalids from the 25 th Sep ^r 1804 to the 24 th Dec ^r . 1810 from that Period [illegible] on the Retired Invalid Establishment in receipt of 9/5 pay per day – £ 80 Annual Allowance and has never desired any other allowance or Emmolument whatsoever under the Crown Since Retired from the Service –				
		Whole Service without Interruption years m ^s				
		42 ^d Private and non Comm ^d 14 3				
		ditto Adjutant 2 Batt ⁿ By Warrant . . . 2 2				
		Commissioned Officer Ensign and Lieutenant 14 1				
to the 78 th Regiment 1 st Batt ⁿ 1 4						
39 th ditto 5						
Shetland Invalids and Garrison M ^r . . 3 5						
Total Service when retired 40 3						
✕ NB promotion in 78 was on Service in Succession of one of their Captains Killed						
X Removal to 39 on the Consolidation of the two B ^{ns} 78 I was one of Junior Captains and was appointed to 39 [illegible phrase – see below]						
SERVICE on						
		Years				
		24				
		..				
Full-Pay						
Half-Pay						
TOTAL		24				

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HALF-PAY		
Each successive Rank held by the Officer while upon Half-Pay, is to be stated underneath	Whether placed thereon by reduction; by the purchase of a Half-Pay Commission; by Exchange, receiving the difference; by Exchange without the difference; or at the request of the Officer from private motives, or from ill-health	
[blank]	[blank]	[blank]

[Reverse side of Circular Form]

MARRIED OFFICERS	
If the Officer is married, he is required to state, underneath, when and where the marriage took place	If the Officer has any Children, their Names and Dates are to be stated underneath

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Names of Children	Dates of their Birth
[blank]	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]

WOUNDED OFFICERS			OFFICERS HOLDING CIVIL SITUATIONS		The Officer is required to state where he has been generally resident during the last Five Years
If the Officer is in the Receipt of a Pension for Wounds, the Amount of that Pension; the Station where the Officer was serving when Wounded; and the Date of the Commencement of the Grant is to be stated			If the Officer is employed in any Civil Office under His Majesty, or in the Service of any other Government, the Title and Nature of that Employment, and the Annual Amount of Emoluments and Salary attached thereto, are to be stated		
Amount of Pension	Where serving when wounded	Date of the commencement of the Grant	Title and Nature of the Employment	Annual Amount of Salary and Emoluments	
[blank]	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
					Signature in the Officer's own handwriting } <i>James Rose</i> } <i>Cap^t Inv^{ds}.</i>

Source and Note: TNA, War Office, *Returns of Officers' Services* at WO 25/772, p.236 (f. 235). The italicized text represents the handwritten text on the printed form.

1829



Poughkeepsie, New York, circa 1865

Picture Source: Detail from "The Boat Race at Poughkeepsie, New York, July 19, 1865" by T. R. Davis in *Harper's Weekly*, Vol. IX, No. 490, New York, Aug. 5, 1865.

Letter from Half-Pay Ens. James Rivington, Late 2nd Battalion, 84th Regt. or Royal Highland Emigrants (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), to Secretary at War, Poughkeepsie, New York, Mar. 20, 1829

Poughkeepsie Dutchess County, State of New York
20th March 1829

Sir,

Circular N^o. 621 Signed D. Sullivan, dated War Office 22nd October 1828, containing a blank form to be filled up by me, came to hand the 1st of the last month. In compliance with the Order therein contained I have the honor now to inclose the said form filled up as far as it is in my power to do so, and take the liberty to avail myself of the provision granted of addressing you, stating the reasons why I am incapable correctly to answer all the questions in said form.

The Commission I have the honor to hold in His Majestys service, I must respectfully beg leave to state was purchased (I think I heard my father say of an Ensign [David] Sutherland, but of which I am by no means certain) in the 42nd Regiment Royal Highlanders, I was very young, consequently my recollection is very imperfect, I however do recollect something as to Order to join my Regiment, but at what time those orders were received I am totally ignorant, neither am I acquainted as to the period of being transferred from the 42nd to the Half Pay of the 84th or as to with or without the difference, but have very reason to believe the last. My youth at the time of the purchase of my Commission placed me intirely under the control of my father, and subsequently my Attention being turned to mercantile concerns, it did not occur to me to press upon him the particulars previous to his death, a reference however to the Book of the Department at War, it is presumed will answer all the Questions of which I am ignorant – I am however perfect in my recollection of seeing my name in the Army List in the 42nd Regiment, and subsequently in the 84th but cannot bring to mind the period. I must respectfully beg leave to state that in Consequence of the Loyalty of my father to his sovereign in the War for Independence and the inveteracy of the Americans towards him for the firm manner in which he supported the cause of his Master being then printer to His Majesty, a large party of the most violent of them surrounded, entered his house, destroyed his presses, type, and all the papers they could lay their hands on, and would have hanged him had he not made a Providential escape. I am therefore of opinion my Commission &^{ca} and all that related thereto, must have shared the same fate with the types and papers; thus arises my inability to fill the date of my Commission in the form, and tis obligation I am under, most respectfully to beg the favour of a reference to the book, in the Department of War, which will doubtless give all the information required _ In another part of the form “The Officer is required to state whether he is disirous of Service” In my subaltern rank and my period of life, it cannot be supposed I could be an acceptable Officer to my Regiment, altho my inclination is favourable, but I most respectfully beg leave to suggest how happy I should be to serve my King and Country in any situation compatible with my period of life. The other parts of the blank form cannot be filled up, having seen no service, and have the honor to subscribe myself, most respectfully

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

James Rivington

The Right Honorable

The Secretary at War

War Office London_

[Enclosure – War Office Circular No. 621 Form]

Christian and Surname of the Officer	Age at first Appointment to His Majesty's Service	Dates of first Appointment, and of each subsequent Promotion, Removal, or Exchange, whether to Full-Pay or Half-Pay	Regiments in which the several Commissions have been obtained, or upon the Half-Pay
<i>James Rivington</i>	<i>I am not able to give my age on first Appointment to His Majesty's service, but I was born on the 29th day of August 1771</i>	<i>For reasons stated in my Accompanying Communication to the Right Honorable the Secretary at War dated the 20th March 1829 I am unable to state the date of my Appointment as also when I retired from full pay to half Pay or whether I drew full pay or not as my father acted for me, when too young to act for myself</i>	<i>Forty Second Regiment, Royal Highlanders, Subsequently on Half-Pay in the Eighty fourth Regiment of Foot – as stated in my Accompanying Communication to which I beg leave to refer –</i>
SERVICE on (None)	Years		
Full-Pay	<i>can't tell</i>		
Half-Pay	<i>can't tell</i>		
TOTAL			

[Table continued]

FULL-PAY		HALF-PAY		The Officer is here required to state , whether he is desirous of Service
Each successive Rank held by the Officer while upon Full-Pay, is to be stated underneath	How obtained; whether by purchase or without purchase; and if by restoration, whether by paying the difference, or without	Each successive Rank held by the Officer while upon Half-Pay, is to be stated underneath	Whether placed thereon by reduction; by the purchase of a Half-Pay Commission; by Exchange, receiving the difference; by Exchange without the difference; or at the request of the Officer from private motives, or from ill-health	
<i>Ensign</i>	<i>By Purchase as far as is within my knowledge, as Stated in the Accompanying Communication to which I beg to refer, but I always understood my Commission was obtained by purchase, and which I verily believe to be the Case –</i>	<i>Ensign</i>	<i>It is unknown to me whether I was reduced or retired on Half Pay, or as to receiving the difference or not, on this point I must beg leave to refer to refer to my Accompanying Communication to the Right Honorable The Secretary at War, but I verily believe I was reduced without the difference</i>	<i>The above question is also answered by my Accompanying Communication to the Right Honorable Secretary at War, dated 20 March 1829 –</i>

[Reverse side of Circular Form]

MARRIED OFFICERS				WOUNDED OFFICERS		
If the Officer is married, he is required to state, underneath, when and where the marriage took place		If the Officer has any Children, their Names and Dates are to be stated underneath		If the Officer is in the Receipt of a Pension for Wounds, the Amount of that Pension; the Station where the Officer was serving when Wounded; and the Date of the Commencement of the Grant is to be stated		
Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Names of Children	Dates of their Birth	Amount of Pension	Where serving when wounded	Date of the commencement of the Grant
<i>Ninth of April 1802</i>	<i>Poughkeepsy, Dutchess County, State of New York</i>	<i>Sarah Mary Ludlow Jane Elisa</i>	<i>28 Aug^t 1806 12 Dec^r 1808 5 March 1813 lost my other child a son born 17 Sept. 1803 died 20 Sept. 1807</i>	<i>As I never joined or saw Service the above Questions require no further answer –</i>		

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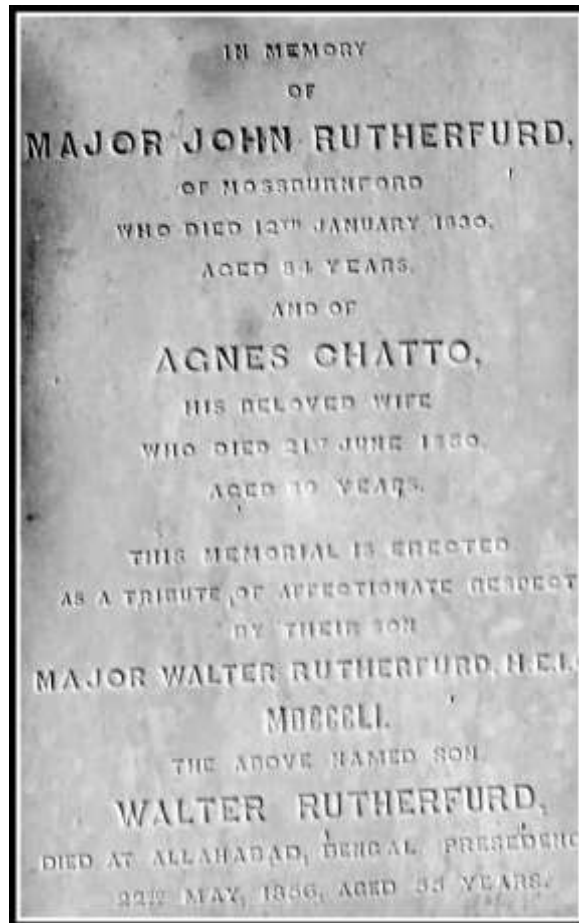
OFFICERS HOLDING CIVIL SITUATIONS		The Officer is required to state where he has been generally resident during the last Five Years
If the Officer is employed in any Civil Office under His Majesty, or in the Service of any other Government, the Title and Nature of that Employment, and the Annual Amount of Emoluments and Salary attached thereto, are to be stated		
Title and Nature of the Employment	Annual Amount of Salary and Emoluments	
<i>I have been in no employment under His Britannic Majesty, or in any other Government, Country either Civil or Military, besides my Half Pay as a reduced Ensign 84th Reg^t foot</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Northeast and in Poughkeepsy, Dutchess County, State of New York</i>
Signature in the officers own handwriting }		

James Rivington
(*Ensign 84th Reg' of foot*)

Note: The italicized text represents the handwritten text on the printed form.

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office, Returns of Officers' Services* at WO 25/772, pp. 139-140. Ens. Rivington was born Aug. 29, 1771 making him about twelve years of age when commissioned in 1783 (effective Feb. 28, 1782). His father was James Rivington (1724 – 1802), the publisher of *Rivington's New York Loyal Gazette*, later titled *The Royal Gazette* in New York City. Prior to serving with the 42nd Regt. Ens. Rivington exchanged to Half-pay Aug. 26, 1785 in the 2nd Bn., 84th Regt. or Royal Highland Emigrants.

1830



Maj. Rutherford's Tomb Marker in Ruins of Jedburgh Abbey

Picture courtesy of Gary Rutherford Harding

Death Notice for Maj. John Rutherford (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), Jedburgh, Jan. 12, 1830

1830 *Deaths*... [Jan] 12. At Jedburgh, Major John Rutherford, late of Mossburnford, in his 84th year.

Source and Note: *Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, March, 1830, p. 551. Jedburgh is located in the Scottish Borders about 48 miles southeast of Edinburgh.

1836

**Death Notice for Maj. James Rose, Late of the Royal Invalids
(Former Sgt. Major, Ens. and Adj., 42nd Regt.), London, Mar. 22, 1836**

DIED...

At his lodgings in Somers-place, on Tuesday, the 22d inst., Major James Rose, of the late Royal Invalids, in the 90th year of his age."

Source and Note: *London Morning Post*, Mar. 24, 1836, p.4. Somers Place is located in Brixton, London about five miles south of Buckingham Palace.

1837

**Agent's Request for Back Pay Based on the Will of the Late Lt. David Sutherland,
Staff Garrison Company (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), London, Mar. 13, 1837**

4 Northumberland Street
Strand. 13th: March 1837.

My Lord.

As Agent for the late Lieu^t. David Sutherland on the retired full Pay of a Garrison Company, I have the Honor to submit the accompanying Letter and authenticated extract of his Will &^c: just received from his Executor and Administrator, and to request that your Lordship will be pleased to instruct the Paymaster General to issue the arrears of Pay due to the deceased at the day of his Death viz from 1st: April to 14th: May 1835 – amounting to £16.10/. –

I have the Honor to be, Your Lordships
most obedient Humble Servant

The Right Honorable His Majesty's
Secretary at War &: &: &:

J: Gould

[Enclosure]

13/3/37
M^r Gould

[illegible word] 17 March 1837
[illegible – Laink?] Hamilton {
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M^r. Hamilton [illegible] to state the Comments of the returned Pay due to the late Lieut: David Sutherland of the Staff Garrison Company at the time of his decease the 14th. May 1835

D 16/3/37

[Enclosure]

At Dornoch the Seventh day of April Eighteen hundred and thirty six years In presence of Hugh Lumsden Esquire Sheriff of the Shire of Sutherland Compeared George S Taylor Writer in Golspie as Pror for Angus Leslie Esq^{ie} after designed who gave in the Last Will & Testament under written Desiring and Requiring that the same might be inserted in the Sheriff Court Book of Sutherland for preservation which desire the Sheriff finding to be reasonable Ordained the same to be done and accordingly of which Last Will and Testament the tenor follows viz^t X [marker for insert] "I hereby constitute Nominate and

Appoint Angus Leslie Tenant of Torboll in the parish of Dornoch and County of Sutherland To be my Sole Executor and universal Legatee and Intromitter with my whole goods Gear and Effects of whatever nature and Denominator and wherever situated, assigning and Transferring Hereby to the said Angus Leslie His heirs and Executors my said whole Goods Gear and Effects and all Debts and sums of Money belonging or resting owing to me at the time of my Death, But with the burden of the payment of all my just and Lawfull Debts of my Funeral Charges and I Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, and revoke and cancel all Former Wills and Deeds of Settlement In Witness whereof I have subscribed these presents (Written by

Rob. S. Taylor

[page] 2 “by Robert Leslie HoCarpenter in Dornochon this and preceeding page / at Dornoch the Fourteenth day of January Eighteen hundred and thirty five years Before Witnesses M^r John Mackay Merchant in Dornoch and the Said Robert Leslie (Signed) David Sutherland John MacKay Witness Robert Leslie Witness.” – *Extracted by me Sheriff Clerk of Sutherland*

Robert S. Taylor S.C.

[Cover]

Extract Reg^d. last Will and Testament of Lieu^t. David Sutherland 1834

[Document]

I Alexander M^c: Ewan, Surgeon, do hereby Certify and Declare that I attended Lieutenant David Sutherland late of a Garrison Company residing in Dornoch in the County of Sutherland, during his last illness, for several Months before his death. – That the said Lieutenant David Sutherland was the [illeg.] of the within Copied Will; that he died at Dornoch, from the effects of Rupture, on the 14th. day of May 1835. – Also that I saw his body after his death, & attended his funeral in the Church Yard of Dornoch where no Register of Burials is Kept; & that it was Supposed he was between Sixty & Seventy years of age when he died. –

Given under my hand at [illegible] in the Parish of Dornoch & County of Sutherland in Scotland this 27th. day of February 1837 years

Alex: M^c: Ewan

To all to whom }
it may Concern }

[cover sheet]

Extract
Reg^d. Last Will and
Testament
of
Lieu^t David Sutherland
1837

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Officers' Birth Certificates, Wills and Personal Papers* at WO 42/44, S554. Dornoch is about 45 miles North of Inverness.

1840

News Account of the Death of Lt. Col. Commandant James Spens of Craigsanquhar, Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery, (Former, Ens., 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt.), Edinburgh, Aug. 17, 1840

DEATHS...

At Edinburgh, on the 17th instant, Lieut.-Col. James Spens, of Craigsanquhar, in the 79th year of his age."

Source: *Perthshire Chronicle*, Aug. 27, 1840, p. 2.
