



Maj. General Sir Thomas Stirling of Ardoch and Strowan, Baronet,
Lieutenant Colonel 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. 1771-1782, by Benjamin Marshall

Picture Source: The Black Watch Castle & Museum

Appendix J:

Correspondence, Orders and Contemporary News Articles Concerning the Officers of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment

Introduction

This Appendix provides contemporary correspondence, army orders, newspaper and magazine articles concerning the lives and careers of the officers of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. who served during the American War for Independence, 1776 – 1783. The letters from the officers of the regiments which focus of the conduct of the war itself are provided in *Kilts & Courage, Vol. III, Documentary History of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment in the American war for Independence, 1776-1783*.

The documents in this Appendix are largely comprised of four types. First, and most important, are the officer journals and the letters of the officers to friends and family back in Scotland which provided the best look into the lives of the officers in the regiment during the war. Second are the letters to and from

the War Office and other government offices. These documents essentially form part of the official correspondence of the regiment. Third, the official orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief in America regarding promotions and assignments are included. These orders are important because the Commander-in-Chief in America had the authority to promote most officers in America, subject to later approval by the King through the Secretary at War. Because of the delays in transit across the Atlantic, the American promotion orders better reflect the changes in the military lives of the officers than the later postings of the orders in the *London Gazette* by the War Office. Last are the newspaper and periodical articles that discuss the officers of the regiment. Many of these are *London Gazette* promotion orders, which are often published about a month later than the orders in America.

For ease of reading the articles are filed based on the date of the event described rather than the publication dates. The original spelling and abbreviations have been retained in this enclosure. Information in brackets is inserted to assist the reader in understanding the documents.

Because several of the other Appendixes of this volume provide documents associated with the unusual experiences of specific officers, those documents are not, for the most part, repeated in this enclosure.

The notebooks of Capt. John Peebles, who served with the 42nd Regt. Grenadier Company for most of the war, would fit the criteria for inclusion in this appendix. However, the notebooks have been published in large part in *John Peebles American War*, by Ira D. Gruber for the Army Records Society (Stackpole, 1998) and accordingly only minor passages of the notebooks are included in this appendix.

Only selected items prior to the 1770's are included in this enclosure. The services of the officers of the 42nd Regt. during the French and Indian War period are covered in considerable detail in the book *Sons of the Mountain, The Highland Regiments in the French & Indian War, 1756-1767*, Volume II, by Lt. Col. Ian Macpherson McCulloch (Purple Mountain Press, 2006).

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Documents:

1727



Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, circa 1759 by Allan Ramsay

Picture Source: *A Military History of Perthshire, 1660-1902*, facing p. 382.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. George Wade to Secretary of State Viscount Charles Townshend Regarding a Commission for Lord John Murray, (Future Col., 42nd Regt.), Scotland, Apr. 10, 1727

April 10th. 1727

My Lord...

I must likewise put your Lordship in mind of two persons I had the honour to mention to you, the one is the Lord John Murray, the eldest son of the Duke of Athol by his second marriage; he has been educated in England, is a youth of good parts, very desirous to serve in the army, and will be very pleased with a Colours in the Foot Guards having very little to depend on...

I have only to acquaint your Lordship that the Highlands continue in perfect quiet. The garrison Companys, as also those raised for the service of the Highlands have been compleat ever since the 24th of February last, since which time the latter have been assembled at proper Stations, and ready to march to any part of the sea coasts, if occasion shall require.

I am – My Lord – your Lordship’s most humble and obedient servant
George Wade

Source and Notes: *The Manuscripts of the Marques Townshend*, Eleventh Report, Appendix, Part IV, Historical Manuscripts Commission, Her Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1887, Google Books, pp. 197-199. At this period Lt. Gen. Wade was responsible for the building of military roads in the Highland of Scotland. Sixteen-year old Lord John Murray was later the Col. of the 42nd Regt. The companies "*raised for the service of the Highlands*" were the independent companies that later were assembled to form the Highland Regt. which became the 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. The phrase "*will be very pleased with a Colours*" indicates Lord Murray would be happy to receive a commission as an Ensign, who was responsible to carry a flag or Ensign of the company.

1734

Lt. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.), Elected to Parliament, Perth, 1734

An exact LIST of the House of COMMONS elected in 1734 as it stood in their last Session, Dec. 31, 1740. With a Blank for the next.

N. B. Those in Italic, not in last Parliament...

SCOTLAND.

Shire of...

Perth Lord John Murray of Pitnacree...

Source: *Supplement to the Gentleman's Magazine for the Year 1740*, pp. 653-658.

1737

Promotion Announcement, Lt. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.), to be Capt. Lieutenant, London, 1737

A LIST OF PROMOTIONS for the Year 1737...

Lord John Murray – Capt. Lieut. in the third Regiment of Foot-Guards, in room of Capt. Ingram - Colonel

Source and Note: *The Gentleman's Magazine*, Apr. 1737, p. 253. The 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards is now known as the Scots Guards.

1738

Promotion Announcement, Capt. Lt. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.), to be Captain and Lt. Colonel, London, Dec. 14, 1738

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1738

LONDON...

Last Thursday [Dec. 14]...

As was the same Day the Lord John Murray, Captain-Lieutenant, of the third regiment of Foot-Guards, to the Lord Cavendish's Company in the said Regiment...

Source and Note: *Exposition on the Common Prayer* [periodical], Laurence Clarke, London, Dec. 20, 1738, p. 2. Lord Murray's date of rank was Dec. 15, 1738. Captains in the Guards also held the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Army.

1743



Detail of *Portrait of James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl*, 1743, by Allan Ramsay.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from National Galleries, London

Extract of Letter from Capt. and Lt. Col. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.), to James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl, Regarding Mutiny of 112 Men of the 43rd (later 42nd) Highland Regt., Tower of London, May 19, 1743

Tower, May 19th, 1743.

Dear Brother, — . . . Last Saturday the Highland Reg^t was reviewed on Finchley Common & did their exercise & Firings extreamly well, & the first Division were to have marched yesterday to Kent in order to imbarck, but in the night about 109 of them went of with their arms, & went thro' S^t Albans yesterday morning. As soon as the Regency heard of it, they sent orders to Gen^l [George] Wade's Reg^t to follow them, & Brigadier [William] Blakney was sent post, in order to get some Troops ready to stop them, & early this morning about 80 more went of, but Capt: [John] Munro of Newmore & an other officer went after them, & persuaded them all to return except seven.

Colonel [William] Douglas marched this morning with a Detachment of about 700 of the Foot Guards to Barnet, to keep the rest in order. This has occasioned a great deal of Discourse here, & many reasons alleged, amongst the rest, that the men made belive they were to be sent to the West Indies, & draughted into other Reg^{ts}, & that they were also Discontented about their cloathing. ... I shall write again soon.

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. II, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, Ballantyne Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 460. The return of deserters dated May 8, 1743 listed 2 Corporals, 1 Piper and 109 Sentinels.

Extract of Letter from Capt. and Lt. Col. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.) to James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl, Regarding Mutiny of a Portion of the Highland Regt., London, May 21, 1743

May 21st, 1743.

Dear Brother, — . . . Nothing here has been talked of but the Highlanders' Desertion since my last, & a thousand false reports spread, & many think the men not so much in the wrong as their Colonel, who they say has not cloathed them as he ought, & they alledge severall things against him. He was so much vexed that he has kept his bed ever since.

Yesterday morning the last Division marched to Greenwich, & the first to Gravesend & thereabouts. The Detachment of 600 of the Footguards came from Barnet, commanded by Colonel [William] Douglas, about two hours after them, & an Express sent to Colonel [Edward] Woolf's Marines to be in readiness in case any of them should Desert at their Imbarkation. There is no account this day of any of those that went first of being taken; they were yesterday morning at seven o'clock within a few miles of Bedford in a wood. In their march the day before thro' Margret Street they asked for Provisions, which they offered to pay for, but on their Refusal they took all the Bread & cheese & Bacon they found in the shops as they marched along, but did no other harm. They have 2 corporals & a Piper with them, and about 100 men. They attempted to get the colours out of the Ensign's Quarters, but he stript them of the Staff & gave them to a woman who took them out of the house.

When Capt. [John] Munro came up with those that Deserted on Thursday, they fixed their Bayonets & desired him to stand or they would shoot him, & taking out his pistol was Disarmed; but at last they were persuaded to return with him, except a corporal & 6 men, who would not unless he promised their Pardon. The Regents have pardoned those that returned.

I saw an officer from Grenwich yesterday, who says they were very cherefull and contented to go, provided they were redressed, which they sent a Serjeant to town with the day before; that Lord Crawford allowed them 2 shirts, & now have but one, which I hear is not to be comply'd with; & it's not the custom of the army, but that they are to have an an^r [another] soon of the complaint of having two pence stoped of their Brogues, L^d Crawford allowing a shilling.

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. II, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, Ballantyne Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 461.



An officer and serjeant of a Highland regiment, c 1704's

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Military Antiquities*, Francis Grose, 1801, p. 164.

Extract of Letter from Capt. and Lt. Col. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.) to James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl, Regarding Mutiny of the Highland Regt., London, May 24, 1743

May 24th [1743].

Dear Brother, — . . . The Highlanders that Deserted were on Sunday last beset by severall Troops of Horse and Dragoons in Sudberry [Sudborough – actually Lady Wood] wood, near Oundle in Northamptonshire, where they were waiting in expectation of the rest of their compagnions. They demanded a free pardon of Lieut: Colonel [Charles] Otway, who commanded the Detachment, & that they might have one of their own officers to march them back, with their arms, otherwise they would fight to the last. He sent an express to the Regency of their Demands, & also to Brigadier Blaikney, who was about eight milles beyond them. He came up with them at night, & on their insisting on the same Demands, told them he could give no pardon, but advised them to surrender at Descretion, otherwise would attack them, & ordred three Troops of Dragoons to Dismount, & the Rest surrounded the wood. The Highlanders drew up as if to fire, but after some little parley, they laid down their arms. Corporal M^cFerson of Major [George] Grant's company, supposed to be the ringleader, went first up to the Brigadier & surrendered himself, then the other Corporal; after that about twenty more, & the rest followed soon after, about ninety in all. They made some Difficulty in giving up their swords, which they said were their own, but at last comply'd. There was thirteen troops of Horse & Dragoons in all, who are to guard them up within a few milles of London, & the Foot Guards to bring them thro' the city to the Tower. They don't own any Ringleaders, but say they are all equally concerned.

They are most of them M^cfersons, Camerons, & Campbells. The other seven who would not return with those of the second Desertion are all come back except their Corporal. The Serjeants also made a complaint the day after that sent up by the men from Greenwich, that their shirts were course & not so good as what L^d Crawford gave; but none makes any complaint of their officers, except Lord Semple, who is something better, & was at the Cockpitt this day attending on the Regency. 'Tis thought by most their complaints frivelous, & that some People are at the bottom of this affair in spiriting them up. . . .

Most of the Highland Reg^t had a notion that you had advised their coming up, which I hear was generally said before their march, & that you wrote to Scotland there was independant companys to be raised, & that M^r M^cDonald of Lochgary, formerly called the Laird of Sandwick, reported this amongst the rest, & that you was to bring down his commission as Capt: to one of them. I think it were worth enquiring about this, & tracing it, for it must have been spoke with no good intent. I remember Glengary wrote to you & me about a cousin of his of that name to be provided in a commission last year.

I long to hear from you, as you promised me from Edinburgh, & please lett me know what is said of this affair. I was relived last Saturday from the Tower. As I suppose L^d George is with you, shan't trouble him with a repetition of this affair of the Desertion; but if not, I wish you would send it him.

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. II, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, Ballantyne Press, Edinburgh, 1908, pp. 462-463.



Highland Regt. Prisoners Marched to Tower of London, 1743

Picture Source: *The Official Records of the Mutiny in the Black Watch*, H. D. MacWilliam, Forster Groom & Co., London, 1910, p. 81.

Extract of Letter from Capt. and Lt. Col. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.) to James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl, Regarding Mutiny of the Highland Regt. and Requesting his Assistance in Gaining the Colonelcy of the Highlanders, London, May 26, 1743

London, May 26th, [1743]

Dear Brother,— I wrote last post of the Highland Deserters having surrendered themselves to Brig: [William, Lord] Blaikney in Sudberry Wood in Northamptonshire, & L^d Semple told me he would be extreamly glad to have an other Reg^t, which he has asked for, and belive he will get, as there is two vacant at present. They have been so much spirited up for some reason or other, tho' their complaints have appeared very frivelous, that he says he can never have any satisfaction in commanding them. I have therefore, by good advice, made application to the Duke of Newcastle & M^r Pelham to succeed his Lop [Lordship]:, as I am an elder Lieutenant Colonel then S^r Robert Munro, & your Interest in the Highlands far superior to his. I must therefore beg the favour of you to write to Gen^l Clayton to Reccomend me for that Reg^t, whoes oppinion will have great weight. . . .

The Reg^t Imbarked Tuesday at four o'clock in the afternoon at Gravesend, & as they had a fair wind, 'tis thought they will be at Ostend this night. They all seemed in good spirits & very quiet. Capt: [John] Munro of Newmore & two other Officers stay to be evidences at the Court Martial. L^d Semple is something better, but don't go over yet. He is very desirous I should succeed him when he gets an other Reg^t. I hear Brig: Blaikney, who is come to town, says Corporal M^cfearson was not amongst those that surrendered, having got off before. Y^{rs} most aff^{ly},

John Murray.

Source and Notes: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. II, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, Ballantyne Press, Edinburgh, 1908, pp. 463-464. The results of the mutiny were explained in the same source as “*The total number of deserters from Lord Sempill’s Regiment was 116 —3 corporals, 1 piper, 112 privates. Of these, 1 corporal and 8 privates were not taken. The remaining 107 were tried by general courts-martial under the presidency of General Folliot, 1st Guards, found guilty of mutiny and desertion and sentenced to death, with the exception of one private found guilty of desertion only, and sentenced to receive 1000 lashes. The capital punishment was subsequently remitted to all but three, Corporals Malcolm and Samuel M^cPherson and Private Farquhar Shaw, who were shot within the Tower of London on July 18. The remainder are understood to have been drafted into different corps in the colonies.*”



King George II at the Battle of Dettingen, with the Duke of Cumberland and Robert, 4th Earl of Holderness, 27 June 1743, by John Wootton

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Extract of Letter from Capt. and Lt. Col. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.) to His Brother, James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl, Regarding His Appointment as Aide de Camp to King George, London, July 7, 1743

London, July 7

Dear Brother,

Yesterday the Duke of Newcastle told me he had just Rec^d an express from L^d Carteret that the King had been pleased to appoint me one of his Aid de Camps, and four others, [John] Earl Loudoun, Colonel [Robert] Douglas, L^d George Sackville & Colonel [Roger] Townsend. I am in a great hurry getting horses, which will be very expensive, as I must have seven, with the addition of 1 or 2 more Servants. Col. Townsend goes with me; we propose setting out this day sevensnight....

Dear B^r, most aff^{ley} yours,

John Murray

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. II, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, Ballantyne Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 465.

Promotion Announcement, Capt. and Lt. Col. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.), to be Aide de Camp to King George II, London, July 9, 1743

Whitehall, July 9 [1743].

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint, John Earl of Loudoun, Lord George Sackville, Lord John Murray, Roger Townshend, Esq; and Robert Douglass, Esq; to be Aids de Camp to his Majesty.

Source and Notes: *London Gazette*, July 5-9, 1743, p. 3. Guards officers were sometimes called by both their regimental and army ranks. The rank of Aide-de-camp to the King was equivalent to a Colonel in the Army.

Extract of Letter from Capt. and Lt. Col. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards (Future Col., 42nd Regt.) to James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl, Regarding Movement to Germany, Worms, Sept. 3, 1743

Worms, Sept. 3, N.S. 1743.

Dear Brother, — I wrote to you the day I left London, on Sunday morning embarked with our horses at Gravesend, & the next morning at ten landed at Rotterdam, & sett out from thence on Wednesday afternoon, & arrived safe at Collogne that day sevensnight, the 7th, on our own horses without any accident. As I was informed there the army was to march very soon, sett out post the next morning for Hannau, where I arrived the day following about five in the afternoon, & immediately went to the King's Quarters, where I kissed his hand, in the same dress I came from Collogne, & met with a gracious reception, His Majesty having asked me severall questions...

Source and Note: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. II, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, Ballantyne Press, Edinburgh, 1908, pp. 465-466. Worms is located about 30 miles north of Heidelberg.

1745

Promotion Announcement for Capt. and Lt. Col. Lord John Murray, 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards, to be Colonel of the Highland Regt., London, Apr. 25, 1745

Whitehall, April 30...

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint...

Colonel Hugh Lord Sempill to be Colonel of His Majesty's Regiment of Foot, late under the Command of the Earl of Rothes.

Lieutenant Colonel Lord John Murray to be Colonel of His Majesty's Highland Regiment of Foot, late under the Command of the Lord Sempill...

Source and Notes: *London Gazette*, Apr. 27-30, 1745, p. 2. Lord John Murray's Commission was dated Apr. 25, 1745.

1747



Colors Carried by the Scots Brigade in Holland Prior to 1782

Picture Source: *Papers Illustrating the History of the Scots Brigade in the Service of the United Netherlands 1572-1782*, Vol. III, Ed. James Ferguson, Scottish Historical Society, 1901, Google Books, frontispiece.

**Thomas Stirling (Future Lt. Col. 42nd Regt.) Commissioned Ensign in 6th Company,
1st Battalion, Gen.-Major Alexander Marjoribank's Regt., the Scots Brigade,
United Netherlands, Sept. 30, 1747**

States of War...1750...

Gen.-Major Marjoribank's Regiment, 1st Battalion...

6th Company

Capⁿ [William] Gun ...

Ensign Sterling, 30 Sept^r 1747...

Source and Note: *Papers Illustrating the History of the Scots Brigade in the Service of the United Netherlands 1572-1782*, Vol. II 1698-1782, James Ferguson, Scottish Historical Soc., Edinburgh, Google Books, pp. 406-407. The Scots Brigade served in the army of the United Netherlands.

1748

**News Accounts of Col. Lord John Murray Assuming Command of the 43rd or Highland Regt.,
Flanders, London, Mar. 15-17, 1748**

We are informed, that the First of May is fixed for the Departure of his Majesty from St. James for Flanders...

To-Morrow Morning Lord Torrington, Lord John Murray, Col. Conway, Col. Paulett, and several other Officers of Distinction, propose to set out for the Army in Flanders.

Tuesday last the Right Hon. the Lord John Murray set out for Flanders, to take upon him the Command of his Highland Regiment there.

Source: *Whitehall Evening-Post Or London Intelligencer*, Mar. 15, 1748, p. 3 and Mar. 17, 1748, p. 2.

Reduction of Gen. James Oglethorpe's 42nd Regt. in Georgia Results in the 43rd or Highland Regt. Being Renumbered the 42nd Regt., Ireland, Nov. 1748

The Quarters of the Army in Ireland 1749...

XLIII FOOT. HIGHLAND REGIMENT ...Col. Right Hon. Lord John Murray... Limerick...

REGIMENTS broke November 1748...

FOOT{ 42. General Oglethorpe's...

The SUCCESSION of COLONELS

To all His MAJESTY's Land-Forces and Marines from their Rise to 1749...

XLIIId. Formed from Highland Companies in the Highlands of Scotland. (Ir. [Ireland]) Red and Buff short Coats and Plaids, Fur Caps to the Grenadiers.

J.E. Crawford

Francis Ld. Sempill

P.F.O. [present field officers]} Ld, J. Murray...

Source and Note: *The Quarters of the Army in Ireland 1749*, Google Books, pp. 12, 16 and 21. Although internally inconsistent this note established Nov. 1748 as the date the Highland Regt. was designated the 42nd Regt. vice its previous designation of the 43rd. The new designation was a result of the disbanding of Oglethorpe's Regt. in Georgia. Oglethorpe's Regt. was actually disbanded at Fort Frederica on Aug. 24, 1749.

1752

Excerpt of Listing of Quarters of the 42nd Regt., Including for Lt. William Grant, Ireland, 1752

The QUARTERS of the ARMY in *Ireland*
1752...

<i>Regiment</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Officers Names</i>	<i>Quarters</i>
XLII FOOT HIGHLAND REGIMENT Capt. GEORGE JOHNSTON, Agent.	1	Col. Right Hon. Lord John Murray C. L. John M ^c Neile...	Belfast
		L. Col. John Campbell...	Carrickfergus
		Major Francis Grant...	Johnston's Fews
	2	Capt. Duncan Campbell...	Johnston's Fews
	3	Capt. Eneas M ^c Intosh...	Johnston's Fews
	5	Capt. Dugald Stuart	Belfast
	4	L. William Grant*...	Belfast
	4	Capt. John M ^c Leod...	Carrickfergus
	5	Capt. Collin Campbell...	Charlemount
	6	Capt. Gordon Graham...	Carrickfergus
	7	Capt. John Reid...	Charlemount
		Chapl. Adam Ferguson	
		Adjut. James Grant	
		Surg. David Hepburn	

	Mate,	
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Source and Note: The Quarter of the Army in Ireland in 1752, Printed by George Faulkner, Dublin, 1752, Google Books, p. 18. Except for Lt. William Grant, who served in the American War, the subalterns have not been listed.

**Rev. Richard Popcoke's Description of Meeting Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Tollymore Forest, Ireland, June 24, 1752**

On the 24th [June] I crossed over to Restrevor, where Alderman Ross late Mayor of Dublin has a small house... I came over the hills to Briansford, on the side of Tullimore park, which belongs to Lord Limerick... here just over the rivlet Lord Limerick has built a thatch'd open place to dine in...above on the North side he has begun to build a pretty lodge, two rooms of which are finished...I met here L^d John Murray brother and Heir apparent to the Duke of Athol, a Colonel of the High-land Regiment in this Kingdom, a most accomplished fine bred Gentleman, and when I went away I found I had been as in his house, and he gave me a letter to the Commanding officer at Carrickfergus, hearing me say that I proposed to stay there on Sunday, that he might show me the civilities of the place.

Source and Notes: *Popcoke's Tour of Ireland in 1752*, Ed. George T. Stokes, D.D., Hodges, Figgis & Co., Dublin, 1891, Google Books, pp. 8-9. Restrevor, Northern Ireland is located about 45 miles southwest of Belfast on the Carlingford Lough. Bryansford is located near Newcastle on the Irish Sea, about 15 miles northeast of Restrevor. Carrickfergus is located about 45 miles to the north, about eleven miles northeast of Belfast.

1754

**Christening Document for David Anstruther, Son of Capt. Philip Anstruther of Inverkeithing and
Future Capt., 42nd Regt., Inverkeithing, Feb. 18, 1754**

Baptisms 1754...	
David Anstruther	Cap ^t . Philip Anstruther of Inverkeithing and M ^{rs} Elizabeth Landale had a Son born 17 Feb ^{ry} : and baptized the 18 Named David.

Source and Note: *Old Parish Registers*, Births 432/00 0010 0347 Inverkeithing, *Scotland's People*. Inverkeithing is located on the Firth of Forth, across from Queensferry.

1755

**Promotion Announcement of Col. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., to be Major General,
London, Mar. 18, 1755**

Whitehall, March 18 [1755].

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint John Murray, Esq; commonly called Lord John Murray ...To be Major Generals of all His Majesty's Forces.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 15, 1755, p. 2. The War Office posted the official public notification of promotions in *The London Gazette*. This practice gives rise to the term regarding promotion of "*being gazetted*."

1756

**News Account of Arrival of Maj. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Bath, England,
Jan. 5, 1756**

COUNTRY NEWS.

BATH, Jan. 5. Arrived here the Earl of Holderness, Lord Weymouth, Lord John Murray, Lord Chief Justice Willes, &c.

Source: *Whitehall Evening-Post; Or, London Intelligencer*, Jan. 6-8, 1756, p. 1.



Painting of 2nd Division of 42nd Highland Regt. Exercising on Glasgow Green, circa 1756.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from the *Museum of the Black Watch*

**News Article of Maj. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Reviewing Part of 42nd Regt.
Leaving for America, Glasgow, Apr. 22-23, 1756**

LONDON...

May 8. On the 22d past Lord John Murray arrived at Glasgow, and the next Day reviewed the Part of his Regiment lying there, consisting of 4 or 500 Men, intended for America.

Source and Note: *New York Mercury*, July 19, 1756, p. 2. The regiment was going to America for the French and Indian War, later called the Seven Years War in Europe.

Excerpt of Letter of Recommendation for Promotion for Sgt. John Macdonald

(Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) from Grenadier Capt. John Masline, 32nd Regt., Sept. 1756

This certificate in favour of Sergeant Macdonald, of Colonel [Francis] Leighton's [32nd] regiment, at his friend's desire and his own, is most cheerfully signed by his present Captain, who has been for over sixteen years an eye witness of his sobriety, courage, and honesty. He has been seventeen years in the regiment, and behaved to the satisfaction of his officers at the four battles during the last war, was twice wounded at that of Fontenoy, and notwithstanding turned out volunteer, when the late [Maj. Gen. John] Lord Crawford called for a platoon to cover the retreat of his [4th] troop of Life Guards. As this is due to his behaviour, it is wished it may prove beneficial to his interest.

A true copy.

John Masline, Captain, 32nd Regiment

Source: "Major John Macdonald, Selections from his Autobiography" Part III, by Emma Rose Mackenzie, writing under the "*nom de plume*" M.A. Rose in *The Celtic Magazine* No. CXII. February 1885. Vol. X, pp. 176-177.



Miniature of Ens. Thomas Stirling in the Uniform of Marjoribanks' Regt. of the Scots Brigade

Picture Source: *A Military History of Perthshire 1660-1902*, Ed. The Marchioness of Tullibardine, R. A. & J. Hay, Perth, 1908, p. 387.

Pensioned Ens. Thomas Stirling (Future Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) Returned to Service in 1st Battalion, General-Major Alexander Marjoribanks' Regt., the Scots Brigade, United Netherlands, Oct. 31, 1756

List of the Pensioned Officers who have been replaced among the following squadron and battalions; also those who have received their discharges, from November 10th, 1754, to December 1st, 1755...

First Battalion of the Scots Regiment of General-Major Marjoribanks...

Pens^d Ens. Lachlan Grand to be ensign by replacement, April 25th, 1756...

“ “ Thomas Sterling “ “ Oct. 31st, 1756...

Source: *Papers Illustrating the History of the Scots Brigade in the Service of the United Netherlands 1572-1782*, Vol. II 1698-1782, James Ferguson, Scottish Historical Soc., Edinburgh, Google Books, pp. 421-422.

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**Apprentice Register for Future 42nd Regt. Surg. Alexander Pott to be Surgeon's Apprentice,
Edinburgh, Mar. 16, 1757**

Warr^t. 21(Inden[#]s 16. Bro^t. 20 October 1757...

[May 1757]

9 3 James Hay Surgeon in Edr. Alex^r. Pott 16 March D^o. [1757]...

Source: TNA, *Board of Stamps, Apprenticeship Books*, at IR1/53, p. 29.



Detail of *Portrait of Archibald Campbell, 3rd Duke of Argyll*, 1758, by Allan Ramsay,

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Letter from the Archibald Campbell, 3rd Duke of Argyll to James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl,
Announcing the Addition of Three Companies to the 42nd Regt., Including a Company for Thomas
Stirling, Future Lt. Colonel, London, July 9, 1757**

London, July 9th 1757.

My Lord,—This is to acquaint y^r Grace that there is to be 3 additional companies raised for L^d John Murray's Regiment, I believe the nomination of the officers will be left to me, & consequently to your Grace; there will be 3 Captains, 6 Leiftenants, and 3 Ensigns, & 100 men each company. The raising the men will be the merit of those who shall desire to be officers, and if any can be found who have served in Holland, so much the better. Your Grace will have your thoughts on this, but don't promise any body till you let me hear from you; I shall speak to L^d John, but I will bid him consult you, & will plainly tell him that the commissions must all be given gratis. The other two Highland Regiments will likewise have the same addition made to them. I am with the greatest Truth and Respect, My Lord,

Y^r Gr/s most faithfull & ob^t h^{ble} Servant,
Argyll.

Source and Notes: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. III, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, pp. 428-430, 435. One of the companies was given to Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, later Lt. Col. of the 42nd Regt. during the American War for Independence. The three companies embarked Nov. 15, 1757 at Greenock for Cork, Ireland. They sailed from Cork to arrive in New York in April 1758 after an eleven week voyage from Ireland.

**Lt. Thomas Stirling, Marjoribank's Dutch Regt. (Future Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Initially Designated
for Lieutenancy in One of Three Additional Companies for the 42nd Regt., London, July 16, 1757**

London July 16th. 1757

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Officers of the Additional Companys of the Forty Second /or Highland/ Regiment
As Appointed to Companys. –

Cap ^t .	William Mercer's Company.	from Marjoribanks [Dutch Regt.] Captain
	Lieu ^t . James Gorry –	from 33 R. Ensign
	Ensign Duncan Stewart –	Son to Dirculich
Cap ^t .	James Murray's Company –	from Son on Foot Guards Lieu ^t .
	Lieu ^t . Thomas Stirling	from Marjoribanks 2 Lieu ^t .
	Ensign Alexander Farquarson	Volunteer 1745
Cap ^t .	James Stewart's Company [Urrard]	was Lieu ^t . on 42 ^d Reg ^t .
	Lieu ^t . James Blair –	from 16 R. Ensign
	Ensign George Rattray	Son to Dalrulzis

NB Three Lieutenants not disposed of...

Source and Note: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of letters and regimental orders concerning the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment (1756-7). Instead of a lieutenancy, Lt. Thomas Stirling was given command of one of these Companies in lieu of William Mercer.

Letter of Recommendation for Sgt. John Macdonald (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) from Maj. William Macdowall, 32nd Regt., to Capt. Hon. George Mackay of Skibo, Member of Parliament, Inverness, Oct. 19, 1757

Inverness, 19th October 1757.

Sir,—I have a letter from Sergeant Macdonald, who writes me that you have applied to Mr Mackay to recommend him for a commission. I had an opportunity to know him all the last war; he always behaved well. As he was long my Sergeant when I had the Grenadiers, made me know him better than the rest of the officers. I wrote Mr Mackay in his favour, and hope he will recommend him, as in my opinion he is a very good man, knows his duty well, and a very proper man to be advanced; and what is done for him will greatly oblige,

Sir, yours, &c.

William Macdowall

Source: "Major John Macdonald, Selections from his Autobiography" Part III, by Emma Rose Mackenzie, writing under the "*nom de plume*" M.A. Rose in *The Celtic Magazine* No. CXII, February 1885. Vol. X, pp. 177-178.

Transport *Annandale* Carrying Capt. Thomas Stirling's Company, 42nd Regt., Forced to Enter Lisbon Harbor to Repair Leak, Cork, Ireland and Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 19, 1757 – Jan. 17, 1758

The *Annandale* transport, George Johnson, Master, which sailed from Corke the 19th of December last, with Highland Troops, under convoy of his majesty's ship Hampshire, parted with the rest of the fleet on the 4th of January, in a very hard gale of wind, in which they were all separated. Having sprung a leak he bore away for Lisbon, with three feet water in his hold, and having beat about the mouth of the harbour from the 7th of January 'till the 15th, he at last got in safe. He proposed to haul the ship on the ways the 18th, and doubted not but before this reached England, he should proceed on his voyage. The Master's letter is dated at Lisbon, Jan. 17, 1758.

Source and Note: London Chronicle, Feb. 9-11, 1758, p. 142. The article was also published in *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Feb. 16, 1758, p. 2 and *Public Advertiser* (London), Feb. 11, 1758, p. 2. Capt. Stirling's connection to the *Annandale* from *Sons of the Mountains*, Vol. I, Ian McCulloch, 2006, Note 14, p. 108. The *Annandale* did not sail until March 1758 and was later forced off course, finally anchoring at the Island of Antigua.

1758

Promotion Announcement of Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Lt. General, London, Jan. 24, 1758

Whitehall, January 24.

The King has been pleased to make the following Military Promotions, viz. Lord John Murray...
Lieutenant Generals.

Source: *London Gazette*, Jan. 21-24, 1758, p. 1.

Summary of Letter from George Johnson, Master of the *Annandale* Transport, Carrying Capt. Thomas Stirling's Company, 42nd Regt., Reporting Storms had Forced His Ship of Course, Island of Antigua, June 1, 1758

Copy letter from George Johnson, Master of the *Annandale* Transport [dated June 1, 1758] to the Board from Antigua. Report of his voyage from Lisbon under convoy of the *Mercury*, Captain Afflick. The ship sprang a leak, there was a sickness on the ship from some distemper the soldiers brought from Lisbon, there were gales of wind and were obliged to lighten her load and made our way here. When nearing Antigua we were chased by a French privateer and managed to hold him off. Praises the Highland recruits. The following day another sloop shot away our topsail yard and six men were blown up by powder. A third privateer chased us and was held off. That night we fell in with two York privateers who assisted us by sending 30 men on board with provisions. The ship has been condemned by survey and have chartered another to carry the Troops to New York.

Source: *National Maritime Museum*, The Caird Library, Manuscripts Section.

Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Older His Half-Brother, James Murray, 2nd Duke of Atholl, Regarding the Royal Designation for the 42nd or Highland Regt., London, June 22, 1758

[London], 22 June 1758.

This morning my L^d Ligonier told me that yesterday His Majesty was pleased to honour the Reg^t under my command with the Title of "Royal Highland Reg^t," & to order it to be augmented with seven companys.

Source and Note: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. III, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 437]. Contrary to some histories of the period, the Royal designation was not awarded for the heroic actions of the regiment at the Battle of Ticonderoga, New York on July 8, 1758.



The Black Watch at Fort Ticonderoga, July 8, 1758

Picture Source: "The Black Watch at Ticonderoga," by Frederick B. Richards, in *Proceedings of the New York Historical Association*, Vol. X, 1911, frontispiece.

Account of the Royal Highlanders' Attack at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, During the French and Indian War by Grenadier Lt. William Grant, Future Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt., Fort Edward, New York, July 8, 1758

Sir,

Though I wrote you some time in May from this place, I cannot but acquaint you of what has happened in July before Ticonderoga... The whole army under Gen. [James] Abercrombie's command, which consisted of about 8000 provincials, 6000 regular troops, with a body of rangers, light infantry, and Indians, about 2000 in number, set out in batteaux from Fort William Henry, end of Lake George, early in the morning of July 5 for Ticonderoga...

The 7th...Upon which a council of war was immediately called, wherein it was unanimously determined to attack the enemy in their lines, covered with the cannon of their fort.

The piquets of the army, with the grenadiers, were ordered to begin the attack; and in the mean time the whole army advanced to sustain the picquets and grenadiers. The attack began a little past one in the afternoon, and about two the fire became general on both sides; which was exceedingly heavy, and without any intermission; in so much that the eldest soldiers present never saw so furious and so incessant a fire. The affair at Fontenoy [Belgium, 1745] was nothing to it; I saw both. We laboured under insurmountable difficulties; the enemy's breastwork was about nine or ten feet high, upon the top of which had plenty of wall-pieces fixed, and which was well lined in the inside with small arms. But the difficult access to their lines was what gave them a fatal advantage over us. They took care to cut down monstrous large oak trees &c which covered all the ground from the foot of their breastwork about the distance of a cannon shot every way in their front. This not only broke our ranks, and made it impossible for us to keep our order, but put it entirely out of our power to advance briskly; which gave the enemy abundance of time to mow us down like a field of corn, with their wall-pieces and small arms, before we fired one single shot, being ordered to receive the enemy's, and march with shouldered arms till we came up close to the breastwork. If you reflect but a little on these many obstacles thrown in our way, you will

easily see, that forcing the enemy's lines was absolutely impracticable. The whole weight of the fire fell upon the regular troops, but our regiment suffered more than any other. I have seen men behave with courage and resolution before now, but so much determined bravery can hardly be equalled in any part of the history of ancient Rome. They did not mind their fellow-soldiers tumbling down about them, but still went on undauntedly. Even those who were mortally wounded cried aloud to their companions not to mind or lose a thought upon them, but to follow their officers, and charge the enemy, and to mind the honour of their king and country. Nay, their ardour was so very extraordinary, that they could not be brought off while they had one single shot remaining. Indeed they paid dearly for their intrepidity. The remains of the regiment had the honour to cover the retreat of the army, and brought off the wounded.

We had seven officers killed on the spot, and poor Major [Duncan] Campbell died since of his wounds. Besides the killed, we had 19 officers wounded, 6 serjeants killed, and 12 wounded, 4 drummers killed, and 2 wounded, 186 rank and file killed, and 263 wounded. Several have died since, and are still dying of their wounds. How can we recruit, and when shall we have so fine a regiment again? The Lieutenant-Colonel [Francis Grant] had a very narrow escape: he was shot through the bonnet, and a little after was knocked down by a spent ball, which hit him on the head; but in a moment he recovered, and charged the enemy at the head of the regiment. He is perfectly well. I had my fusee broke in my hand by a musket-ball, and sometime after I was shot through the middle of the thigh a little below the groin. The ball went out behind through the hip, but luckily for me missed the bone. However, it knocked me down, and I was carried off by two grenadiers of my platoon. Capt. Gordon Graham is Major to the regiment, so in short, all the promotions went regularly in the corps, so that I have at last got a company, and Robert Gray is Captain-Lieutenant.

I am, &c...

Fort Edward, Aug. 17. 1758.

Source and Note: *The Scots Magazine, Appendix 1758*, pp. 698-99. Lt. Grant (as a Brevet-Maj.) commanded the 2nd (Provisional) Battalion, 42nd Regt. during the early part of the American War of Independence. The editors of *The Scots Magazine* added the following note following the letter "This letter was written by an officer of Lord John Murray's regiment, who never had seen the low country till anno 1740."



Detail of Fort Edward Plan from a Visitor Center Display, photo by John Stanton, July 2012

Picture Source: Fort Wiki

Letter from Sir Robert Menzies to Mr. Murray of Strowan Describing Location of

**Capt. Thomas Stirling's Company at Fort Edward During the 42nd Regiment's Battle of
Ticonderoga, Castle Menzies, Aug. 31, 1758**

Castle Menzies, 31 Aug^t 1758.

S^r,

As I know not whether you have had a letter from Captⁿ [James] Murray since the unlucky engagement [Battle of Ticonderoga], and as I recd one on tuesday last from Jammie Stewart, dated from Lake George Camp, 14th July, thought proper to acquaint you of what perhaps you know more than I do. The Captain is in the list of the wounded, but Jammie writes me that it is not dangerous. His own wound was in the left arm, so did not prevent his writing.

The affair has been hard upon their Regiment, having 7 officer killed and 18 wounded. Capt: Murray is Gen^l [James] Abercrombie's principal aid de camp, and Jammie Stewart is with the old Reg^l in place of Capt. [John] Reid, who was not able to undergo the fatigue, which was the reason Capt: Murray and his being took away from their own companies, which with Capt: Stirling's are at Fort Edward...

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. III, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 443.



Banner Cross, Sheffield

Picture Source: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, by
William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886, opp. p. 507.

**Letter from Hon. Henry Drummond to Mr. Murray of Strowan, Describing Preparations for
Wedding of Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Miss Mary Dalton,
Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, England, Sept. 10, 1758**

Banner Cross, near Sheffield, Yorkshire, Sept. 10, 1758.

Dear Murray,

I take the first opportunity that I could find, without breach of trust, to inform you of what I am sure will give you great pleasure, which is that L^d John Murray is upon the point of being married to a very sensible pretty young woman, of about 26, with a very great fortune, which is generally call'd in this country £3000 p: annum, and the very lowest I have heard is £50,000.

I was sent for by L^d John the very day I wrote you from London, and arrived here (along with the Dutchess of Gordon) about two hours ago, and by the little I have seen of her I have no reason but to

think she deserves the above character. The day is fix'd for Wednesday next the 13th ins^t. Lord John has done me the honour to desire me to be his best man upon that day. I forgot to tell you her name, which is Dalton, and her estate lays chiefly in this county and Derbyshire, which, as I am informed, has mines & many other valuable things upon it, and very capable of great improvement, which I beleve will answer as well to his Lordship at Pitnacree...

Y^{rs} ever most sincerely,
Henry Drummond.

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. III, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 445.

News Account of Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray's Wedding, Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, England, Sept. 13, 1758

List of Marriages *for the year 1758*...

Sept...13...

Lord John Murray, Lieut. Gen. and Col. of the Royal Highland Regt. – to Miss [Mary] Dalton of Banner Cross, Yorkshire , 2000 l. *per Ann*.

Source and Note: *The Gentleman's Magazine for September 1758*, London, p. 452. This account indicates that the estate of the general's wife brought in £2000 per year.

Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to the Duke of Atholl, Regarding His Wedding, Banner Cross, England, Sept. 15, 1758

Banner Cross, 15th Sept. 1758.

Dear Brother,

I wrote you of my intended marriage. The ceremony was performed the 13th Ins^t by the Dean of York at Sheffield church. The Dutchess of Gordon, who was present, returned to London this day. We both offer our most aff^d comp^{lts} to the Dutchess, Lady Charlotte, and M^r Murray. I am, Dear Brother, y^r most aff^l humble Servant,

John Murray.

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. III, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 446.

News Account of Arrival of Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., and Lady Murray, Edinburgh, Sept. 30, 1758

EDINBURGH.

On Saturday Night [Sept. 30], the Right Honourable Lord and Lady John Murray arrived here from their seat in Yorkshire.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Oct. 3, 1758, p. 3.

News Account of Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Reviewing 2nd Battalion Prior to Embarkation for America, Glasgow, Nov. 9, 1758

SCOTLAND...

Glasgow, Nov. 13. On Thursday [Nov. 9] Lord John Murray review'd the Second Battalion of his Highland Regiment, who are to be embarked for America.

Source: *Whitehall Evening-Post Or London Intelligencer*, Nov. 21, 1758, p. 2.

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Detail of Portrait of King George II, by John Shackleton, circa 1755-1767

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

News Account of Presentation of Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., and His Wife to King George II and the Royal Family, London, Feb. 17, 1759

Fresh Advices from our Correspondences

Last Week the Right Hon. Lord John Murray and Lady were presented to his Majesty and the Royal Family, and were graciously received.

Source: *Whitehall Evening Post Or London Intelligencer*, Feb. 24, 1759, p. 3.



Figure Court of Royal Hospital Chelsea, by Michael Reeve, June 10, 2004.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

News Account of Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray's Support to Wounded Highlanders From the Battle of Ticonderoga, London, Mar. 23 – 27, 1759

Forty-five private men of the royal highlanders, disabled at Ticonderoga, and lately arrived in England, were conveyed from Portsmouth to Chelsea in waggons, and billeted there, March 17. till they should be admitted on the out pension, Lt-Gen. Lord John Murray, their colonel, went to Chelsea on the Friday after [Mar. 23], sent for them, took a list of their names, and a description of their wounds, which he desired the deputy surgeons of Chelsea hospital to dress, and for which he engaged to pay them; and he gave the men three guineas to drink the King's health. Next Tuesday [Mar. 27] his Excellency attended the general board of the governors of Chelsea hospital at Whitehall, and made such a representation of their case, which was confirmed by the surgeons report, that every one of them was admitted on the outpension, except a few, whose wounds confine them in St Thomas's hospital; after which he gave them all a dinner, and sixpence each to drink. Next day they attended at his house: he gave each a shilling, and has procured them passes to return to their own country. To two widows he gave a guinea each and is to settle them on his own estate. Such kind usage will have the best effect in encouraging others to enlist. Several of the men have passed through Edinburgh in their way home. Twenty men and a captain of this regiment actually got over the French intrenchments, and were all killed except seven, to whom the enemy gave quarter.

Source: *Scots Magazine*, Apr. 1759, p. 213.

**King George II Orders Seven New Companies for the 42nd Regt. and Appoints
Lt. William Murray, 34th Regt. (Future Maj., 42nd Regt.), to be Captain of a Company,
London, May 17, 1759**

Whitehall, May...17...

The King has been pleased to order and direct that seven Companies be forthwith raised, and added to the 42d Regiment of Foot, commanded by Lord John Murray, of which the following Gentlemen are appointed Officers, viz.

Captains.

Francis McLean, Arch. Campbell, Alexander Sinclair, William Murray, Lieutenants, Ensigns, &c.	Robert Abruthnot, John Stewart, And Alexander Reid,
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Source and Note: *Miscellaneous Correspondence, in Prose and Verse. For May, 1759*, Benjamin Martin, Printed and sold by W. Owen, London, Google Books, p. 109. Capt. William Murray's date of rank was July 18, 1758. Capt. Murray served as Major of the 42nd Regt. at the beginning of the American War of Independence in 1776 and as Commander of a four-company provisional battalion in the regiment.

Officers Appointed to Seven New Companies for the 42nd Regt., London, May 25, 1759

Friday May 25 [1759] ...London...

Promotions in the Army.

The King has been pleased to order that seven new companies be forthwith raised, and added to the 42d regiment of foot, commanded by Lord John Murray, of which the following Gentlemen are appointed Officers, viz.

Captains...

William Murray...

Ensigns...

Alexander Donaldson...

Source: *Universal Chronicle*, May 19-26, 1759, p. 166. Capt. Murray and Ens. Donaldson served as Maj. and Capt. respectively in the 42nd Regt. in the American War for Independence.

**News Account of Dinner for Wounded Highlanders of the 42nd Regt.
Given by Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, London, Mar. 28, 1759**

LONDON INTELLIGENCE...

Tuesday Lord John Murray ordered a Dinner at the Cock, in Duke-Street, Westminster, to be made ready for upwards of fourscore Highlanders, who had been wounded and maimed in North America; and his Lordship went up to the Board, where the Whole were passed, and admitted to his Majesty's Royal Bounty of Chelsea.

Source: *Whitehall Evening-Post Or London Intelligencer*, Mar. 27-29, 1759, p. 1.



Detail of Portrait of Col. Henry Bouquet, 60th Regt., 1759

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. James Grant, 77th Regt. or First Highland Battalion, to Col. Henry Bouquet, 60th Regt., Forwarding Col. Archibald Montgomery's Request to Recover Vol. Charles Grant (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.) from Native American Captivity, Camp at Lake George, New York, July 18, 1759

Camp at Lake George July 18th 1759

D^r Sir...

Colonel Montgomery desires his Compliments to you & General [John] Stanwix & begs the favour Youl exert yourselves in recovering the prisoners among the Indians taken in Major [James] Grants affair particularly L^t [Alexander] M^cDonald [77th Regt.] & M^r Charles Grant, a Volunteer who came from home under Major Grants protection, if this opportunity of treating w^t the Indians when you are in their Country, is overlooked; it is hard to Say how long those poor people may remain in Slavery...

D^r Sir

Your most obedient humble ser^t
James Grant...

Colonel Bouquet

Source and Note: *The Papers of Henry Bouquet*, Vol. III, Eds. Donald H. Kent, Louis M. Waddell and Autumn L. Leonard, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, 1976, pp. 423-424. Vol. Charles Grant and

Maj. James Grant of Ballindalloch were distant cousins and were captured during Grant's unsuccessful attack on Fort Duquesne (now Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania in Sept. 1758.

**Excerpt of Orders Appointing Lt. Alexander Donaldson, 42nd Regt.,
to Act as Deputy Judge Advocate, New York Area, Aug. 1759**

August 1759 ... [Lt. Donaldson] to Act as Deputy Judge Advocate to all such Courts Martial as shall be held...

Source: "Orderly Book I of Colonel Henry Bouquet's Expedition Against the Ohio Indians, 1764 (Carlisle to Fort Pitt)," Part Two, Edward G. Williams, in *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*, Vol. 56, No. 4, October 1973, footnote p. 410.

**Lord John Murray's Parliament Constituents Request His Support for Legislation to Discontinue
Prohibition of "...distilling spirits from Barley," Perth, Oct. 30, 1759**

PERTH, October 30th, 1759.

THE Heritors of the County of Perth having met this day, did recommend to [Lt. Gen.] Lord John Murray their Representative in Parliament, to use his utmost endeavour to prevent the continuance of the prohibition of distilling spirits from Barley, because the present low price of barley was a great discouragement to agriculture, and the want of home-made spirits, increased the consumpt of French brandy, which had been imported and smuggled into this kingdom in very great quantities...

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Nov. 3, 1759, p. 4.

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**Commission Announcement for Capt. Duncan M^cPherson and Ens. Harry Gilchrist
(Future 42nd Regt. Officers) in the 89th Regt. (Morris' Highlanders), London, Apr. 12, 1760**

War Office, April 12, 1760.

List of Officers of Lieutenant Colonel Morris's Battalion. *Lieutenant Colonel Commandant.* Staats Long Morris...*Captains...*Duncan Macpherson, Esq... *Ensigns...*Henry Gilchrist, Gent

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 8-12, 1760, p. 1. Duncan Macpherson was a future Brevet-Lt. Col. in 42nd Regt. and Lt. Henry Gilchrist served in the 42nd Grenadier Company and died of wounds from the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. The 89th Regt. saw action in India.

**Excerpt of Letter from Capt. James Murray, 42nd Regt., to Mr. Murray of Strowan,
Discusses Capt. William Murray as Commander of 42nd Lt. Infantry Company,
Albany, New York, June 11, 1760**

Albany, 11 June 1760.

I believe I have told you in some of my letters that at the end of last campaign I came to Albany to take the Grenadire Company in the Second Battallion, which L^d John was so good as put in my offer. It has cost me a good deal of trouble, as I had the forming of it; you may imagine they are but of a small sise, if that you saw any of the second battallion, which were the smallest body of men ever I saw. The Light Infantry Company and mine are compleated to 100 Rank & file each, the former of which Capt: Will: Murray has got.

Source and Note: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. III, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 461. Capt. Murray was the Major of the regiment at the beginning of the American War for Independence.

**Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to his Older Brother,
Sir William Stirling of Ardoch, Describing the Campaign, Montreal, Canada, Sept. 9, 1760**

Camp at Montreall 9th Sep^r 1760

Dear Willie...

I wrote you from Oswego, I hope it came to hand as in it was enclosed a draught on the agent M^r Henry Drummond for 159£ 15sh in case you have not got it you should write immediately to M^r Drummond to stop payment, as I have now got out of the break I have set myself to follow the Soldier trade and at same time I have as much money ready that I may purchase when an opportunity offers w^t out being an burthen to my friends that is my only reason for having saved and as soon as I can command that of my own than I propose to live up to every shilling of my income

I wrote you from Oswego of my just setting out w^t the advanced of the army, I was luckily detained two days after them by being on a Gen^l Court Martiall, for of three boats that my Comp. was in two of them was overwhelmed by [illeg.] the waves and Dashed to pieces against the rocks in crossing the Lake the boat I should have been in was one of them, in it I lost my field stores, wine, biscuit, smoke beef &^c. which we are obliged to carry w^t us, as we sometimes cannot be supplied w^t any kind of necessary otherwise the Army left Oswego the 10th the 17 came before [Oswagatic or] La Gallotte took one of their Vessells, by the 25th we took their fort [Levis, on Isle Royal, St. Lawrence River] after battering four days at it, Christened it Fort William Augustus, the 1st Sept left it and proceeded down the river S^t Lawrence but I believe we are the first that attempted to go down so loaded, for the Current is prodigious & the falls high, I lost one of my boats being dashed again the banks to pieces, then carryed by the Current out to the middle of the stream that was foaming w^t the fall, there was L^t [Alexander] Mackay & 16 men in her, M^cKay & 13 were providentially saved the other 3 were never seen in short to recapitulate the horrors of that voyage would shock you too much, to see your fellow Creatures floating on the wrecks and you passing then w^t out being able to assist would pierce the most obdurate heart, however after all we lost only 86 men drowned in that way & indeed we were more surprised that we had not lost 2 or 300 than at the loss of 86 on the 6th landed on this Island w^tout opposition marched w^tin a Mile of the town & encamped, the 7th had a Cessation till 12 oClock & on the 8 the whole Country surrendered & the remains of 8 French Batt^{ns} and 20 Comp^{ys} of the Troupe de Colonie laid down their Arms w^tout firing a shot thus ends the war in North America and long may Peace reign here for sure god never intended any war should be carried on, by any other beside the natives for the soldiers are wrought like horses and the officers can acquire no honour in a Country where as the New England people says, every Tree is a fort and every man a Gen^l so much do they despise our regular method of acting, I hope to god we will be sent for home & then for Germany for I am heartily tired of this Country as is every officer in it... I am
your most Affect Brother
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. 2-3, from NRS, *Papers of the families of Moray of Abercairny, Drummond of Blair Drummond, Home of Kames, and Stirling of Ardoch*, Letters to Sir William Stirling of Ardoch from his brother Thomas Stirling at GD24/1/458/1.

1761

**Account of Release of Vol. Charles Grant, 77th Regt. or First Highland Battalion
(Future Capt., 42nd Regt.) From Native American Captivity, Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania, Jan. 25, 1761**

Return of the prisoners brought by Lieu^t [Robert] Holmes [Roger's Rangers] from Detroit &ca Fort Pitt the 26th Decem^r 1760

Prisoners Name	to whom belongs	Where and when taken	with whom Prisoners...
Charles Grant	Montgomerys Highlanders	with Major Grant 1758	Wyondot Indians...

Fort Pitt 25th Jany. 1761

Sir,

The bearer M^r. Charles Grant was a Volunteer in Col. [Archibald] Montgomery's [77th] Regiment, and had the misfortune to be taken by the Indians in the Campaign of 1758. Having made his Escape, he came here last month, and hath been sick ever since, as he desired me to inform you of his case I take the liberty to do it.

I have the honour to be wth great Respect Sir

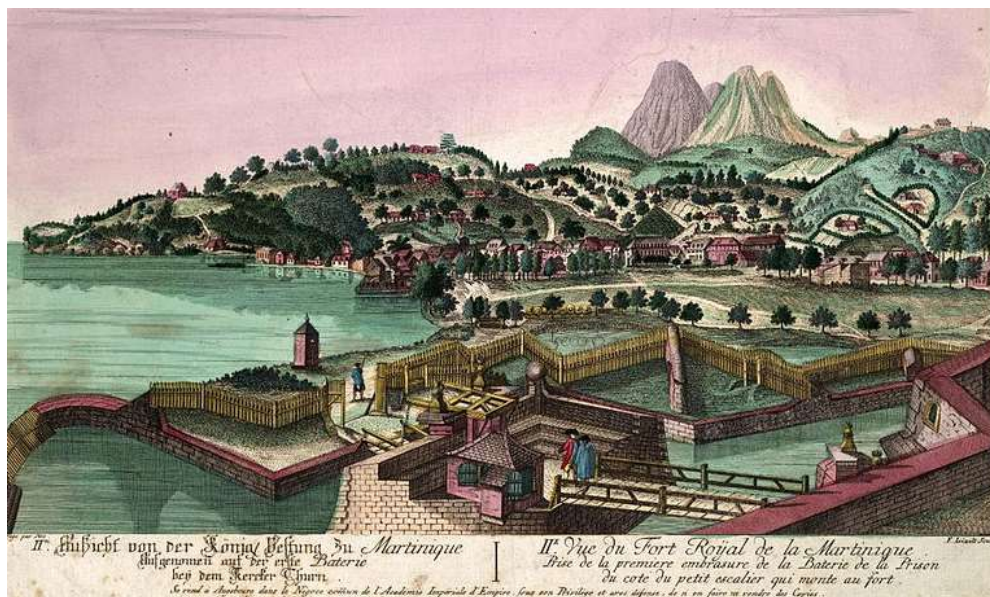
Your most Obed^t and most Humble Servant

Henry Bouquet.

General [Robert] Monckton.

Sources and Note: "Return of the prisoners brought by Lieu^t Holmes from Detroit &ca Fort Pitt the 26th Decem^r 1760," Library and Archives of Canada, Ottawa, *Bouquet Papers*, ref: Q3-61578-B, Vol. 21655, Reel A-1079, pp. 98-99 and Letter from Col. Henry Bouquet, 60th Regt. to Gen. Monckton, The Aspinwall Papers, Part I, *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society*, Vol. IX, Fourth Series, Boston, 1871, Google Books, p. 389. Vol. Charles Grant served for the duration of the American War of Independence as a Capt. in the 42nd Regt.

1762



Detail of View of Fort Royal in Martinique, 1750's by François Denis

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Capt. Thomas Stirling, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., on the Casualty List for British Capture of Martinique, Jan. 24, 1762

Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the Army under the Command of his Excellency Major-General Monckton, at the Attack of the Enemy's Redoubts, Intrenchments, and Breastworks, between

Case navierre, and merne Tartenson, on the 24th Day of January 1762... Wounded... 1st battalion of royal highlanders...Capt. Thomas Stirling...

Source and Note: *London Magazine*, March 1762, p. 157. Capt. Stirling, later commanded the 42nd Highlanders as their Lt. Colonel during most of the American War for Independence. Martinique is an island in the Lesser Antilles in the eastern Caribbean.

**Newspaper Announcement of Promotion of Ens. William Grant
(Future Brevet-Lt. Col.) in the 42nd Regt., London, Nov. 16, 1762.**

LONDON...

Ensign William Grant, to be Lieutenant in the 42^d (or Royal Highland) regiment of foot, commanded by the Right Hon. Lord John Murray, in the rom of Lieut. James Campbell, preferred.

Source: *London Evening Post*, Nov. 18, 1762, p. 2.

1763



Detail of Portrait of Gen. Jeffrey Amherst, 1765

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Mead Art Museum*

**Gen. Jeffrey Amherst's Approval of Exception to Promotion Requirements for
Vol. John Peebles, 77th Regt. or First Highland Battalion, to be Ensign, 42nd Regt., and
Implementing Orders, New York and Fort Pitt Aug. 25 and Sept. 11, 1763**

New York, 25th August, 1763.

... The Behavior of M^r. Peebles, on former Occasions, particularly at Newfoundland [in 1762], and his being wounded now [Battle of Bushy Run, Pennsylvania] makes me Break thro' the Orders I Have Received from His Majesty respecting the Reduced Officers, that I may provide for him. As I Flatter myself the King will be graciously Pleased to approve thereof: And I Enclose you a Commission Appointing Mr. Peebles to be Ensign in the 42^d Regiment, which you will please to Deliver to him: Acquainting both Captain L^t. [Patrick] Balneavis and Ensign Peebles that they have no Fees to pay for those Commissions...Jeff. Amherst

Source and Note: Letter from Gen. Jeffrey Amherst to Col. Henry Bouquet, 60th Regt. dated Aug. 25, 1763 in *Report on Canadian Archives*, 1889, by Douglas Brymner, Brown Chamberlin, Ottawa, 1890, Google Books, p. 63-64. Peebles had recently been wounded at the Battle of Bushy Run, Pennsylvania. Lt. (and later Capt.) Peebles served in the 42nd Grenadier Company for most of the American War of Independence.

Fort Pitt 11th Sep^r. 1763...

His Excelency Sir Geoffry Amherst has been Pleased to apoint L^t. [Patrick] Belneavis of the Royal Hillanders C^t. L^t. and M^r Rob^t. [John] Peples Gentleman to be Ensign in the said who are to be Obeyed as Such...

Source: "The Orderly Book of Captain William Trent at Fort Pitt," Transcribed by Kimberly Burton, *Historical Society of Pennsylvania*.

**Summary of Correspondence of Col. Henry Bouquet, 60th or Royal American Regt.,
with Officers of the 42nd Regt., Pennsylvania, Sept. 4, 1763 – Nov. 30, 1764**

Maj. Allan Campbell, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet.

Fort Bedford, Sept. 4, 1763

Arrived yesterday. Small-pox broke out on the march and the wounded Buffered much. Ensign [Peter] Herring came up with him at the Shawanese cabins and delivered letters from [Lord Jeffrey] Amherst, which will be sent to Ligonier by Cap. [William] Grant* of the 42nd, who goes with a strong escort, to protect 200 pack-horses loaded with flour besides bullocks and sheep. Could not leave men at Ligonier from want of provisions, but this strengthens Grant's escort, as he takes plenty of provisions back. Notes of what was done with waggons, &c. Five regiments arrived at New York from Havana; three sent to Canada, one to Albany and one to Halifax. Waggons sent to Fort Loudoun with a strong escort, but the sick and wounded cannot be sent.

Maj. Allan Campbell, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet.

Bedford, Oct. 11, 1763

Has obeyed orders. The grand convoy is to leave this to-morrow. His health compels him to give up the command of it to [Capt. William] Murray*, to whom he has given the necessary directions, as well as those relating to the reduction and to the posts on the communication, Despairs of receiving reinforcements from the Virginians. Has broken off negotiations with Col. [John] Reid about the purchase of his commission and will be glad to get leave to go to New York after the reduction of the two battalions. The Provinces have sent no militia to assist in garrisoning the post, and as no service can be expected from the invalids, he is at a loss how to form the garrison, so that he is obliged to trust the security of the fort to ten or twelve inhabitants, who come reluctantly at night. Some small scalping parties have been molesting this place for ten days past; they have killed one man, wounded another and carried off a boy.

Lt. John Smith*, 42nd Regt., to Col. Henry Bouquet

Ligonier, Dec. 25, 1763

Sends monthly return of the garrison.

Lt. John Smith*, 42nd Regt., to Col. Henry Bouquet

Ligonier, Dec. 25, 1763

Sends an account of the delay in hearing of Quarter Master Rochard's party.

Capt. William Murray*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Carlisle, Feb. 1, 1764

That he had marched the three companies to Lancaster on the requisition of Governor Penn.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Pittsburgh, Feb. 1, 1764

By impressing horses to bring salt from Ligonier has been able to save the beef. The officers of the 42nd and 60th all sick, except himself and Lieu^{ts}. Carr, Potts and [John] McIntosh* Two horses lost coming from Ligonier, Since writing Carr is also taken ill.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Feb. 24, 1764

That the beef was all salted before the convoy arrived from Bedford. Will take precautions against a flood, though he does not expect one, Sends returns, His success must have a good effect; it has been greatly talked of. A soldier of the 42nd killed and another wounded by the Indians, who managed to get off, and all search has been unavailing; will attack them if he can get an opportunity, but will do nothing rashly, To prevent the communication from being infested, hopes the detachment will be returned.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Mar. 24, 1764

Arrival of an Indian raft down the Alleghany. Continues the reconnoitering; is bringing planks, lime, &c., to finish the redoubt.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Apr. 2, 1764

Had sent returns. His illness made him employ Sergeant Burent to write; recommends strongly that he be made an officer. Sends deposition of a boy [Mathias Warren] escaped from the Indians, who says their disposition is for war, but this post may defy all the Indians in the woods. How the garrison is employed. He is longing for the convoy, and hopes it will bring live cattle, as the men are already touched with scurvy.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Apr. 2, 1764

Had been serenaded by eight death howls by some Indians on the other side of the Monongahela [River]; is afraid they have done mischief down the country. Will act with caution, but will give the rascals a blow if they put it in his power.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Apr. 13, 1764

Thanks for his letter of approbation, with remarks on malevolent reports, Progress of the works at the post. Has sent an escort with Lieut. Carre to Bedford. Work in the garden, sowing corn, &c. Report of survey on pork shows the damage from the villainy and negligence of some people; means taken to save further damage, All quiet and nothing to be feared from the Indians.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, May 15, 1764

Has divided the lower town into small lots for gardens, but the men don't seem to take to them. General orders distributed. Works on the fort, &c. The men recovered from the scurvy. The fort is impregnable, so that the Indians will give no amusement, though shots were heard last week across the Alleghany. The shots might have been a signal to Hicks, who is now in fetters; he says several Delawares died after their return home of wounds received at Edge Hill [Battle of Bushy Run, Aug, 1763], and that he would make a good pilot. Does not believe that many Indians are on the communication, as they must be in terror of other Indians taking up the hatchet against them. Is pleased that he (Bouquet) has taken up Burent's affair; Potts sends his resignation by this express, &c., &c.

Capt. William Murray*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Loudoun, May 24, 1764

Sends monthly returns. Arrived on the 13th and joined by [Capt. John Joseph] Schlosser [60th Regt.] on the 21st. There is no ammunition, except a few rounds left in the men's cartridge boxes since last campaign. Schlosser brought powder but no ball.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, June 1, 1764

Is anxious about the safety of the corporal and four men he sent to Ligonier, as the Indians are discovering themselves pretty freely. Details of their outrages and appearances, each day being noted. Does not, however, believe they are in such numbers as to dare to molest the troops, He has sent word to the posts. All the Indians in creation cannot molest his post.

Lt. John M^cIntosh*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Cumberland, June 24, 1764

Has arrived here with men of the 42nd and 60th Regiments, as a garrison for the post (1 sergeant, 1 corporal and 19 men), Asks for further instructions about the issue of provisions.

Capt. William Murray*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Loudoun, June 24, 1764

Sends returns. Has received [musket] balls, and supplied each man with 18 rounds; the rest in store.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, June 25, 1764

Sends returns. A scout of Pennsylvanians under Ensign [James] Smith had been down the Ohio to Crow's town, but saw only old tracks. The locusts and grasshoppers have defeated all attempts at gardening in the King's garden, but the new garden has done wonderfully well.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, July 24, 1764

Sends returns. No enemy seen since Ensign [James] Smith left. The work of harvesting is over, so that the men will have ease for some time. Mutiny about flour fomented by men from the 77th and 60th; the mutiny settled on promise of forgiveness. Their complaint about not receiving their pay is not without reason. [Brevet-Lt. Col. John] Reid [42nd Regt.] sent up bills on Philadelphia for subsistence, but these are of no use, as money cannot be got for them here; has asked Reid to bring the men's subsistence; if not the consequences will be bad.

Capt. William Murray*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Loudoun, July 25, 1764

On a report of a woman being killed, sent out a party who found that one woman had been killed and scalped and that another was missing. The party found the tracks of six or seven Indians, but was obliged to return to camp.

Lt. John M^cIntosh*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Bedford, Aug. 21, 1764

Had only marched the Royal Americans [60th Regt.] here, but as Col. [Brevet-Lt. Col. John] Reid thought the whole party was to be brought, had sent for the men of the 42nd left at Fort Cumberland. Sends copy of the instructions he had received.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Aug. 23, 1764

Sends returns; no enemy seen. Desertions in spite of every method to prevent the practice. Arrival of five Indians with letter from Bradstreet, dated at Presqu' Isle, the 14th, announcing the peace with the Ohio Indians; has forwarded the letters from [Col. John] Bradstreet addressed to him (Bouquet) and the General. Hopes soon to eat roast beef and drink a little wine: at present there is only water. The benefits derived from the garden. Asks his acceptance of two horses, which he is sending with Mr. [Lt. William] Potts' baggage.

Lt. John M^cIntosh*, 42nd Regt., to Col. Henry Bouquet

Bedford, Aug. 24, 1764

Gives Martin McDonald's report. Capt. Lymes (or Symes) could not get the inhabitants to pursue the Indians. The express will give further intelligence. There will be a deficiency in stores, particularly liquor. The detachment of the 42nd has joined.

Lt. John M^cIntosh*, 42nd Regt., to Col. Henry Bouquet

Bedford, Aug. 26, 1764

Sent express for Commissary Read, and sends on letters, The escort which passed drew 135 pounds of powder, leaving 63 pounds of the last powder in store.

Brevet-Lt. Col. John Reid, 42nd Regt., to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Aug. 30, 1764

The convoy has arrived...

Warrant

Fort Loudoun, Aug. __ 1764

Warrant to [Brevet-Lt.] Col. John Reid, of the 42nd, appointing him president of a general courtmartial to be held here. Warrant to Lieu^t. Alexander Donaldson*, appointing him judge advocate.

Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Sept. 4, 1764

Is grateful for the satisfaction expressed with his conduct. The result of this year's crop; it would have been ten times more but for the destruction by vermin. The trouble caused by infamous women. Has confined a soldier for mutiny.

Capt. William Murray*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Dec. 24, 1764

Has tried to make this post agreeable to the Mohawks, and they seem satisfied. Had kept them, expecting the Shawanese to bring on their prisoners. Arrival of warriors from Detroit to scalp or make prisoners of the Shawanese or Delawares. Has sent off the Mohawks to warn the Shawanese that if they intend to fulfill their engagements, hostilities would cease and the parties be recalled. The Mohawks are anxious to get home. Sends report of his proceedings and a declaration of some Delawares respecting the dealings of the French and their traders with the Shawanese. Has sent message to Col. Campbell. [William] McKee denies receiving a letter from [George] Croghan. Condition of the boats. The King's baker, who had gone hunting without leave, found frozen to death.

Capt. William Murray*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Pitt, Jan. 31, 1765

Mohawks who had gone with a message to the Shawanese had returned, having met the Virginians from the 16th Encampment, with the chiefs, they having gone to look after their relations, prisoners with the Shawanese. They, with the chiefs, returned. Benewiscin, the chief expressed his satisfaction at the peace; he had assisted the Virginians whilst in his country as he promised. The Virginians say that he was of great service and hunted for them or they would have perished in the woods.

Nine prisoners recovered, but frost bitten, so that they could not proceed beyond Big Beaver Creek; assistance sent to bring them in. The whole of them in a bad state of health. The Mohawks have returned home. Owing to the severity of the weather the captives cannot be got till spring, but hostages will be sent. Blankets and rum given to the chief and clothing to the Mohawks. Sends returns, &c.

Col. Henry Bouquet to Lt. Charles Grant*, 42nd Regt.

Fort Bedford, Feb. 5, 1765

Instructions to forward as fast as possible the stores arrived by convoy, for which he has been waiting.

Lt. Charles Grant*, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet

Fort Loudoun, Mar. 9, 1765

The country people are greatly alarmed at the goods going up to [George] Croghan for the Indians; about 100 armed men followed the convoy to Great Cove, killed three horses, wounded three more, and burned 63 loads of goods. A party sent out who took some prisoners, whom the country people tried to rescue; the prisoners are left in the fort as the country people are rising in arms, determined to rescue them if possible and threaten to burn the fort. Had all his men under arms last night.

Ens. John Peebles*, 42nd Regt., to Col. Henry Bouquet

Ligonier, April 11, 1765

Sends returns and copies of instructions left with him.

Col. Henry Bouquet to Capt. William Grant*, 42nd Regt.

Carlisle, May 3, 1764

Has received returns, also the depositions of the boy and of Gershom Hicks, the latter well known to be an atrocious villain; measures to be taken to prevent the possibility of his escape. The Delawares will alter their insolent behaviour when they know the Senecas have submitted. Bradstreet is moving towards Niagara with an army of 3,000 men, 300 Canadians and a large body of Six Nation Indians, to chastise these murderers; expects shortly to move on the Ohio to humble them. His (Grant's) three companies and three of the Royal Americans marching to Fort Loudoun; waits only the decision of the Assembly to proceed on the proposed expedition. All returns to be sent to him (Bouquet); he is pleased with the improvements made on the fortifications and garden. Has taken steps to stop the scandalous impositions in respect to the pork fattened at Bedford; the flour will be closely inspected. Shall send cattle as soon as an escort can be provided, and hopes the men will get rid of scurvy by the use of greens from the woods and gardens. Regulations for the internal economy of the regiments, the care of stores, liquor, &c. 400

Col. Henry Bouquet to Capt. William Murray*, 42nd Regt.

Fort Pitt Nov. 30, 1764

Ordered to garrison Fort Pitt.

Source and Note: "Bouquet Collection" in *Report on Canadian Archives*, Ed. Douglas Brymer, Printed by Brown Chamberlin, Ottawa, 1890, Google Books, pp. 234- 336. Officers marked with an asterisk served in the regiment during the American War for Independence.

Letter from Lt. Normand MacLeod (Cyprus), Late 105th or Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Highlanders to Robert Gardiner, Esq., Regarding Payment of Bills, Dunvegan, Oct. 25, 1763

Sir

On my return from Ireland I did myself the honour of waiting upon you but had not the pleasure of finding you at home, and hurry afterwards prevented my seeing you, so the present Interruption is, purely to acquit: you that a few days before I left Edinburgh the Laird presented me with a Bill of Exch^e: dated 2^d. April 1762 drawn by me on M^r. Alex^r: Gray for £18: 2: 8 Sterling payable to W^m: MacLeod of Ose or order, which Bill I find M^r: Gray would not accept & was afterwards paid by MacLeod, tho' I charged myself with it at Perth in the acco^t. settled there with your good self on the part of Col: [David] Græme [of Gortley, 105th Highland Regt.] as thinking that all my drafts had been rece'd & accepted; I need not tell you the method in which those acco^{ts}. were settled which was every Officer's giving in a Signed account of all what he had drawn or received; In consequence of which I charged myself with all I had drawn, & it was purely accidental that I happened to keep a rough copy of the acco^t. by me for no body you know had a Signed acc^t. given into them from the [105th] Regiment; I therefore hope Col: Græme will not make any difficulties in rectifying this mistake & that he will order it to be paid either to the Laird or to me, as if it is necessary I can depone upon Oath that said Bill was made good to him in the acc^t: settled at Perth & I am fully assur'd that Col: Græme is too Equitable a Gentⁿ: to allow me to be such a Sufferer, I shall be Expecting to hear from you hereon & for the present only assure you of my being with the greatest respect

Sir

Dunvegan 25 Oct^r: 1763

Your most obed^t: & Devoted hum^{ble}. Serv^t:
Normand MacLeod

To Robert Gardiner Esq^r:

Source and Note: NRS, *Papers of the Smythe Family of Methven, Perthshire* at GD190/3/319/33. Family histories identify Lt. MacLeod as "of Cyprus" due to his business activities there before his commission in the army.

1764

Land Grants and Petitions of 42nd Regt. Officers Resulting from Service in the French & Indian War, New York, Mar. 21, 1764 – Mar. 18, 1771

Minutes of the New York Colonial Council

- 1764...Mar. 21. Lands granted and to be surveyed... to ...Surgeon Alex^r Potts* [60th Regt.] ...
- 1764 June 9 ...Lands granted and to be surveyed: for... John M^cIntosh*, Charles Grant* ...
- 1764... January 9. Memorandum of Capt. Small... Lieutenants... [John] Gregor* requesting of Lieu^t Gov^r. Colden a grant of lands on Otter creek, extending from the Great Falls on said creek for twelve miles upwards on both sides which distance is supposed to comprehend the proportions of land they may be entitled to pursuant to his Majesty's proclamation...
- 1764 ... March 5. Certificates of Gen^l. [Thomas] Gage, that...Alex^r Potts* surgeon, served during the war...
- 1764...May 8. Memorial of Captain John Small, Lieutenants...John Gregor*...praying a grant of 2,000 acres of land, lying on Battens kill, bounded on the west by a tract granted Isaac Sawyer and others: on the north partly by lands granted Ryer Schmerhorn and others; on the east by vacant land, and on the south by Wallamscok (White Creek, Washington Co.)
- 1764... August 16. Return of survey for Alex^r. Potts* late surgeon in the 60th regiment, of a tract of land in the county of Albany, south of a tract surveyed for Lieu^t. Ed^{wd}. Barron, (Pawlet, Vermont)...
- 1765... July 11. Return of survey for John Gregor* late lieutenant in the 42^d regiment, of a tract of 2,000 acres of land in the county of Albany, east side of Hudson's river, (White-creek, Washington Co.)
- 1769... Feb. 27. Petition of John Mackintosh*, a reduced Lieu^t. of the 42^d regiment, for a grant of 2,000 acres of land on the west side of Lake Champlain...
- 1771... Feb. 15. Petition of Lieu^{ts}. John Gregor*, Ann Gordon and Adjutant William Gregor, late of the 42^d Highland regiment, praying the governor to sign their certificate of survey for 6,000 acres of

land, in the county of Albany, on the east side of Hudson's river, to the west of the Green mountains...

1771... March 18. Petition of Lieu^t. Alex^r. Donaldson* of the 42^d or royal Highland regiment, for a grant of 2,000 acres of land near the lower falls on Otter Creek ...

Source and Notes: "Calendar of Council Minutes 1668-1783," in *New York State Library Bulletin* 58, Melville Dewey Director, Apr. 1901, Albany, 1902, Google Books, pp. 411-523. The officers marked with an asterisk served in the 42nd Regt. during the American War of Independence. Otter Creek is located about forty miles north of Rome, New York. The Batten Kill is a tributary of the Hudson River that enters at Easton New York.

**Appointment Announcement for Rev. James M^cLagan to be Chaplain of the 42nd Regt.,
London, Aug. 11, 1764**

LONDON...

The Rev. James MacLagan, to be Chaplain to the 42^d, or Royal Highland regiment of foot, commanded by the Right Hon. Lord John Murray, in the room of the Rev. Mr. [Adam] Ferguson, who retires.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Aug. 11, 1764, p. 1.

**Order for Temporary Promotion of Capt. William Murray, 42nd Regt. to Act as Major
for Col. Henry Bouquet's Campaign Against the Ohio Native Americans,
Fort Loudoun, Pennsylvania, Aug. 14, 1764**

Head Quarters Camp at Loudoun

August 14th. Tuesday 9 in the Morning –

The Commander in Chief having been pleased to appoint Cap^t. [James Mark] Marcus Prevost of the 60th. and Captain William Murray of the 42^d. Regiment Majors for the Campaign, they are to be acknowledged and obey'd as such...

Source and Note: *The Orderly Book of Colonel Henry Bouquet's Expedition Against the Ohio Indians, 1764*, (Carlisle to Fort Pitt), part Two, Ed. Edward G. Williams, *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* 56, Oct 1973, pp. 406-407. Maj. Murray served as the commander of a provisional battalion of the 42nd Regt. in the American War for Independence.

**Promotion Announcement in Col. Henry Bouquet's Order Book for Chaplain's Clerk James
McLagan to be Chaplain, 42nd Regt., Forks of the Muskingum River (near Coshocton, Ohio),
Nov. 4, 1764**

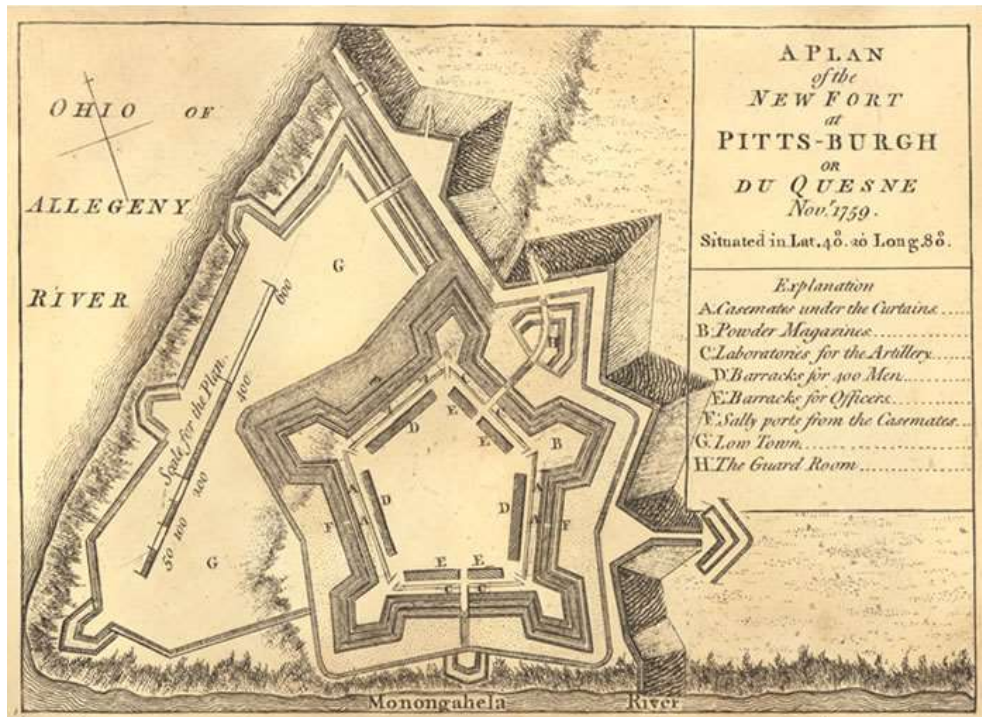
Head Quarters Camp near

Wackatamacky Sunday 4th Nov^r 1764...

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions in the Army in North America Viz^t...
42^d Reg^t

James M^cLaggan (Clark) to be Chaplain in the Room of Doctor [Adam] Ferguson, who retires. –

Source and Note: *The Orderly Book of Colonel Henry Bouquet's Expedition Against the Ohio Indians, 1764*, Ed. by Edward G. Williams, Mayer Press, Pittsburgh, 1960, pp. 43-44. Although this order implies M^cLagan was serving as the Chaplain's clerk when promoted, there is no available information to indicate McLagan was serving with the regiment as a Chaplain's at the time of his appointment.



Map of Fort Pitt, 1759

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Henry Bouquet to Gen. Thomas Gage, Commander in Chief, North America, Reporting Completion of Muskingum Expedition and Assignments of Capt. William Murray and Capt. William Grant, 42nd Regt., Fort Pitt, Nov. 30, 1764

Sir,

Fort Pitt
30th November 1764

The Army returned the 28th Instant [Nov.] to this Post...

Fort Pitt is garrisoned by Five Companies of the 42^d Reg^t. under the command of Cap^t. William Murray. Fort Ligonier, has a company of the same corps, under the command of Captain [John] Stewart, Fort Bedford another Company commanded by Cap^t. William Grant. Fort Cumberland, half a company commanded by Lieut James Eddington...

H.B.

Source and Note: "Bouquet Papers" in *Historical Collections, Collections and Researches*, Vol. XIX, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Lansing, 1892, Google Books, pp. 283-287. Captains Murray and Grant commanded the two provisional battalions formed of the 42nd Regt. in 1776.

1765



Detail of etching of Gov. John Penn by Albert Rosenthal

Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *The Family of William Penn*, Howard Malcolm Jenkins.

Governor of Pennsylvania John Penn Orders Capt. William Murray, 42nd Regt., to March Three Companies from Carlisle to Lancaster to Protect Native Americans from Enraged Residents, Philadelphia, Jan. 29, 1765

At a Council held in Philad^a, on Saturday, the 28th Jan^y., 1764...

The Board are also of Opinion that it would be advisable for the Governor to order the three Companies of Highlanders at Carlisle to march without delay to Lancaster, and wait there in readiness to execute such Orders as the preservation of the Public Peace might render it necessary to be given them by the Governor in support of the civil Authority.

Sunday, 29th January, 1764.

The Governor Sent the following Letter this Morning by Express to Captⁿ. William Murray, Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops at Carlisle, viz^t;

Philad^a, 29th Jan^y 1765.

Sir:

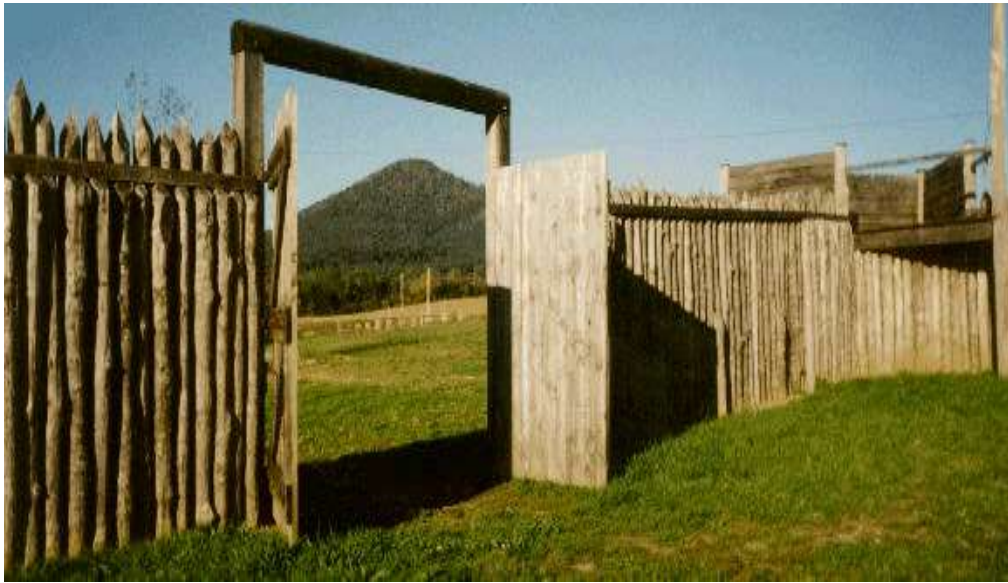
Some time ago several daring Tumults & insurrections in the County of Lancaster obliged me to apply to His Excellency Gen^l [Thomas] Gage, for the aid of His Majesty's regular Troops in this Province, to support the civil Authority in the Execution of the Laws, whereupon he was pleased to favour me with the inclosed Order to the Officer commanding His Majesty's Forces at Carlisle, dated the 6th Instant, directing and requiring him to pay due Obedience to all such Orders as I should judge necessary to transmit to him, to effect the above mentioned Purpose. I was in hopes I should not have had occasion to exert the power the General has put into my hands, but the publick Security & the preservation of His Majesty's Peace now lays me under the disagreeable necessity of doing it, and of desiring that you will, immediately on the receipt hereof, March with all His Majesty's Forces under your Command, with the greatest Expedition, down to the Burrough of Lancaster, where you are to take Quarters in the Barracks, & there remain till you shall receive my further Orders, holding yourself always in readiness to march from thence to such places and on such Services as the preservation of the Publick Peace may make it necessary for me to require of you.

I am, Sir, Your most Obed^t humble Serv^t

John Penn

To Captain William Murray, Command^g of His Majesty's Troops at Carlisle.

Source: *Minutes of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania*, Vol. IX, Published by the State, Harrisburg, 1852, pp. 125, 127-128. The purpose of the Highlanders movement was to protect peaceful Native Americans from enraged residents of the county. Lancaster is about 57 miles east-southeast of Carlisle.



Fort Loudoun, Pennsylvania – reconstructed

Picture Source: Pennsylvania State Historic Site of Fort Loudoun

Letter from Lt. Charles Grant, 42nd Regt. to Col. Henry Bouquet, 60th Regt., Regarding “*Smith’s Rebellion*” (Sideling Hill Affair), Fort Loudoun, Pennsylvania, Mar. 9, 1765

Sir,

The Country People is Very Much Alarmed here, By the Goods that is Going up to George Croghan as presents for the Indians, there was about One Hundred of the Country People that Raised in Arms to stop the Goods five miles from this place, at Justice Smiths. they followed them to the Great Cove; where they Killed three Horses and Wounded three More, and threatened to Kill the Drivers if They did Not go away from the Goods Immediately. they burnt Sixty three Loads of the goods.

Cap^t [Robert] Callander Came to me to give him a Serj^t and Twelve to Send to the place Where the Goods was Destroyed To See if any was Left and Likewise to Take Some of The people Prisoners if they could. They Caught two, And on their Return home fifty of the Country people Meet the Serj^t to Rescue the prisoners from him. Some of them Cocked their guns at the Serj^t one of which he Snatched his gun from and Maid the fellow prisoner Will three More of the Said party Cap^t Callander Thought it proper to leve the prisoners Here as the Country People is Raising in Arms and if he wou’d to take them Down I don’t think it would be Safe, for the Men that is raising in Arms is determned to Rescue them if possible when they are going down to Carlisle and if they were there, it is thought, that they would break the Geoal it is very much Reported here that they would take the prisoners from me by force I heard word Sent to me that there was Two Hundred of them in Arms to Come and Demand the prisoners from me and if I did not Deliver them they would burn the fort about my Ears and take them by force.

all the men was oblegded to be Under arms last night for I expected the [they] would Come by what was Reported to me. Sir I am you most Obedient Servant

Charles Grant Lieu^t 42 Reg^t
Commanding at Loudoun

Fort Loudoun 9th March 1765
To Henry Bouquet

Source and Notes: *The Papers of Henry Bouquet Volume VI Selected Documents November 1761 – July 1765*, Ed. by Louis M. Waddell, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, 1994, pp. 763-764. Fort Loudoun was located about fourteen miles west of the present city of Chambersburg in Southwest Pennsylvania. As part of the end of war reduction, Lt. Grant was reduced to Ensign, but retained the title of Lieutenant.

Note: Additional Correspondence regarding Lt. Grant in Smith's Rebellion (Sideling Hill Affair) can be found in this Volume in App. D. *Lt. Charles Grant, 42nd Regt. (Future Capt.) and Smith's Rebellion, Fort Loudoun, Pennsylvania, Mar. 9 -Nov. 25, 1765.*

Announcement of Departure of Capt. Thomas Stirling's Detachment of the 42nd Regt. to Fort DeChartres, in the Illinois Country, Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania, Aug. 22, 1765

AMERICA.

"*Fort Pitt. Aug. 22.* To-morrow Captain Thomas Stirling, with 100 men of the 42d regiment, leaves this place in battoes, to go and take possession of the Illinois; Col. [George] Croghan, the Indian agent, having settled satisfactory preliminaries with the French Indians, and obtained their consent to our possession of their country...

Source and Note: *The Leeds Intelligencer*, Nov. 12, 1765, p. 1. Stirling served as the Lt. Colonel of the 42nd Regt. for most of the American War of Independence. Fort de Chartres is located near Prairie du Rocher, Illinois. Due to the reduced strength of the regiment after the peace, the 100 soldiers represented about one fourth of the regiment.

Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Gen. Hon. Thomas Gage, Commander in Chief, North America, to Sir William Johnson Announcing Departure of Detachment under Capt. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Take Possession of the Illinois Country, New York, Sept. 8, 1765

New York Sep^t 8th 1765.

Dear Sir...

You will receive inclosed the Copy of a Letter from M^r [George] Croghan to M^r [Alexander] M^cKee at Fort-Pitt, in which he acquaints him, that the [Native American] Nations have agreed, to our taking Possession of the Illinois, we may expect Letters soon from M^r Croghan from Detroit. Lieu^t Col^o [John] Reid [42nd Regt.] on Receipt of the Letter, sent away a Detachment of 100 men under Cap^t Stirling a very good & proper Person for such a Business, to take Possession. A Dozen Indians are gone with the Party but the Traders did not chose to go till they should hear of their arrival. But they are building Boats at Fort-Pitt to follow them. The Detachment may be too hasty, tho' I hope matters will turn out well. The 34th Reg^t left New-Orleans the End of June, since which Time, I have no News of them. The 42^d must get first to the Illinois. When we get Possession the French Influence will decline apace.

I am with great Regard, Dear Sir, Your most obedient, humble servant,

Tho^s Gage

S^r W^m Johnson Bar^t

Source and Note: Thomas Gage to Sir William Johnson, Sept. 8, 1765 in *The New Regime 1765-1767*, Ed. Clarence Walworth Alvord and Clarence Edwin Carter, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, 1916, Google Books, pp. 80-81. Capt. Stirling's detachment departed Fort Pitt around Aug. 23, 1765.

Account of Close Call with a Bear During Trip to the Illinois Country, by Capt. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., 763 Miles Down River from Fort Pitt, Sept. 22, 1765

Sep^t 11th we set out & after rowing 20 miles we came to the Falls of the Ohio [near Clarksville, Indiana] 611 Miles from Fort Pitt...

The 22nd we passed a remarkable rock on the N. W. side...It is 152 miles from the falls...

About one o'clock seeing a large Bear swimming across the river I made the rowers pull hard to come with him before he landed, but he had got ashore before we came up. However, as he stopped on

the shore to draw breath & look at us before he went into the wood, I took a shot at him & hit him but did not kill. Jumping ashore, I pursued him as he ran into the wood with my bayonet fixed & just as he was scrambling up the bank came up with him & ran the bayonet into his posteriors & followed him into the wood. Finding he could not make his Escape, he turned upon me very fiercely & raising himself on his hind feet advanced upon me. I, trusting to my bayonet, stood my ground & drove it up to the Muzzle of the piece in his breast but that, far from killing him, enraged him the more. Laying his fore paws across the gun, he snapped the bayonet in two & ran at me. I had then nothing but my heels to trust, which would not have saved me from his merciless paws, as the Slipperiness of the ground retarded my flight, had not two of the soldiers followed me with setting poles in their hands. Seeing my danger, they ran up to assistance, by labouring at the Bear with the poles till he turned upon them, which gave me the time just to throw cartridge into my fuzee & shoot him thru the head, as he was standing on end to seize one of the men. He was a monstrous Creature. I had him skinned. He measured above 6 feet long.

Source: *Broadswords and Bayonets, The Journals of the expedition under the command of Captain Thomas Stirling of the 42nd regiment of Foot, Royal Highland Regiment (The Black Watch) to occupy Fort Chartres in the Illinois Country, August 1765 to January 1766*, Ed. Robert G. Caroon, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois, Kenilworth (Illinois), 1984, pp. 33, 36-37.



Reconstruction of Fort de Chartres, Illinois

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Extract of Letter from Capt. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Commander-in-Chief North America
Maj. Gen. Hon. Thomas Gage, Reporting Arrival at Fort DeChartres, Illinois Country,
Oct. 18, 1765**

Fort Chartres, Oct. 18th 1765

I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency of my arrival at this Port, with the Detachment under my Command, on the 9th Ins^t., after having been Forty-Seven Days on the Way, the lowness of the Ohio made the Navigation extremely difficult & tedious and tho' I made the utmost Expedition, it was not in my Power to do it sooner... I arrived next day at Fort Chartres with my whole Detachment and took possession of it. M^r. [Louis] St. Ange [de Bellerive] had received Orders from M^r. d'Aubrie so soon as he had delivered up this Country to the British Troops, to go with His Garrison to the other side of the River...

Source: *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society for the Year 1907*, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield (Illinois), 1908, Google Books, pp. 203-206. Capt. Stirling served as Lt. Colonel of the 42nd Highlanders during most of the American War of Independence.

Extract of Letter from Maj. Robert Farmar, 34th Regt., to Maj. Gen. Hon. Thomas Gage, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Reporting the Departure of Capt. Thomas Stirling's Detachment of the 42nd Regt., Fort DeChartres, Illinois Country, Dec. 16-19, 1765

I have the Honor to Inform Your Excellency of my Safe Arrival here, the 2^d Ins^t ...

The Arrival of Captain Stirling, with the Detachment of the 42^d Regiment at this place before me, was of the utmost Service...

I am Sorry to Acquaint Your Excellency that there is likely to be a Scarcity of Provisions in this Country, in Consequence of which, I was obliged to Send Captⁿ Stirling with his Detachment down the Mississippi, it being impracticable for them to Join their Regiment by the Ohio at this Season of the Year, agreeable to Your Excellency's orders & instructions, I Hope You will not find the Route Attended with more Expence to the Government than the Other, as the Batteau's they take with them, will Serve in the Spring, to bring up the Recruits for this Regiment, which are now in West Florida...

Source and Note: *The New Regime 1765-1767*, Ed. Clarence Walworth Alvord and Clarence Edwin Carter, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, 1916, Google Books, pp. 131-132. Capt. Stirling served as Lt. Colonel of the 42nd Regt. during most of the American War of Independence.

1766

Newspaper Announcement of Return of 89th Highland Regt., Including Capt. Duncan M^cPherson and Lt. Harry Gilchrist (Future 42nd Regt. Officers) from India; Crookhaven, Ireland, Jan. 1, 1766

Monthly Chronologer for IRELAND...

Wed. Jan. 1 [1766]. The Bute Indiaman, Capt. Maitland, from Bengal, put into Crookhaven [Ireland], having on board Major [Hector] Monro, with a detachment of the 89th Regiment of Foot, who have been long in that service.

Source: *Gentleman's and London Magazine for January 1766*, Dublin, p. 63.



Detail of Gen. Hon. Thomas Gage, 1788, by John Singleton Copley

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Letter from Maj. Gen. Hon. Thomas Gage to Pennsylvania Gov. John Penn, Reporting Capt. Thomas Stirling's Return from Pensacola, New York, June 15, 1766

New York, June 15, 1766.

Sir:

A Detachment of the Royal Highland Regiment which took Possession of the Illinois Country, is just arrived in this Port from Pensacola, and as they will March on the 17th Ins^t. for Philadelphia, I am to beg the favour of you to give Directions that they may be supplied with Quarters and Carriages when they shall enter the Province of Pennsylvania, according to the Act of Parliament made in that respect; and that they may be also provided with Quarters in Philadelphia, where the Detachment is to remain till further Orders. I have the honour to transmit you herewith a Return of their Numbers.

I am, with great Regard, Sir,

Your most Obedient h^ble Servant,

Tho^s Gage

Hon^{ble} Gov^r Penn.

Return of a Detachment of the 42^d Regiment, order'd to March to Philadelphia:

1 Captain, 3 Subalterns, 1 Mate, 5 Sergeants, 2 Drums, & 102 Rank and File.

Tho^s Gage

New York, June 15, 1766.

Source and Note: "Minutes of the Provincial Council" in *Pennsylvania Archives, Colonial Records*, Vol. IX, p. 318. Lt. John Smith, who served as a company commander during the American War of Independence was also part of this expedition.

Letter from Secretary at War William, Viscount Barrington to Maj. Gen. William Rufane, Col., 6th Regt., and Colonels of Other Regiments, Including Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Pay and Dates of Rank of Supernumerary Officers from Reduced 10th Companies, London, June 18, 1766

[Copy]

War Office
18 June 1766

It having been thought expedient for the Good of the Service, to alter the establishment of all the marching Reg^{ts}. of Foot, so that from the 25th of April 1763 inclusive, each Battⁿ. might consist of nine Comp^{ys} only, whereby several Captains, Lieu^{ts} & Ensigns of Merit & long Service, were reduced to half pay, And Whereas, upon representation made of the hardship incurred by the several Officers so reduced & that upon like reductions in 1757, & afterwards, the Officers of the 10th Companies were paid as Supernumeraries, out of the Contingencies of the Army, & did duty with their respective Corps until they were provided therein on the 1st Vacancies, Provision of full Pay hath been made by Parliament from the 25th Dec^r. 1765, for the aforesaid Officers reduced soon after the late Peace, & still unprovided for; I have the honor to acquaint therewith, & to signify to you, It is H. M. P [His Majesty's Pleasure] that such of the Officers who were reduced, with the 10th Company of the Regt. of Foot under your Command, who remained on half Pay, at the 24th Dec^r last, & who are entitled to the benefit of full Pay provided for them as above mentioned, shall attend, & do duty with any Company of your Reg^t., to which you shall think proper to appoint them, until such time as Vacancies shall happen therein, when they are to be appointed respectively according to their Rank, to the first vacant Company, Lieutenancy, or Ensigny. And I am to acquaint you It is H. M. P. that these Supernumerary Officers do take rank in the Reg^t. from the said 25th day of Dec^r. 1765, as the junior Captain, Lieu^t. & Ensign, in like manner as if they came from half Pay, & that they shall proceed, as to their future rank therein, regimentally.

I am also to inform you, that the Paymaster General will have Orders to issue to you or your Assigns, the Pay of the said Supernumerary Officers, along with the Subsistence of your Reg^t., in Order to it's being paid over to them, or such of them as shall be entitled thereto, until they shall be provided for by Vacancies in the Reg^t. But in Order that all the Officers of your Reg^t. may be in the same State, in regard to their Pay, as they would have been, in case the 10th Company never had been reduced, I am to acquaint you, It is H. M. P., that the money voted for the aforesaid Supernumerary Officers should be part

of the General Fund of the Reg^t., and paid to the Officers serving therein, in such a manner as it would have been paid, in case the 10th Company had never been reduced.

Like letters of the same date to the Colonels of the following Reg^{ts}. of Foot.
7th. 13th. 17th. 27th. 28th. 35th. 42^d. 46th. 53^d. 54th. 57th. 60th. or Royal Americans, 2 Batt^{ns}:

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-letters* at WO 4/80, pp. 44-46 as published in *An Eighteenth-Century Secretary at War, The Papers of William Viscount Barrington*, Ed. Tony Hayter, The Bodley Head for the Army Records Society, London, pp. 155-156. Capt. John Graham (10th Co., retired 1771) and Lt. John Campbell (2nd Bn., retired 1773) were the officers in the 42nd Regt. who were brought back to full pay with Dec. 25, 1765 as their dates of rank.



Photograph of Excavated Bastion of Fort Pitt, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2006, by Kevin Myers

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Matthew Clarkson's Diary, Describing 42nd Regt. Officers at Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania, Aug. 8- Sept. 1, 1766

Monday, Aug. 8th...Got to Fort Pitt after dark... As soon as I arrived, I waited on Capt. William Murray, commander of the garrison, and delivered his letters...

Tuesday, Aug. 19th... Met with [Brevet] Maj. [William] Murray, who had been at the store to wait upon me with an invitation to dine with to-day. Was extremely polite and obliging...Dine with him at the mess-room, in company with Capt. [Lt. Patrick] Belneavis, Lieuts. [Alexander Mackay] M'Coy, [John] M'Intosh, Charles and George Grant, [Ens. Thomas] Hall, Dr. [Surgeon's Mate James] Murdoch, and Mr. [James M^cLagan] M'Cleggan the chaplain – the officers in Garrison at this post...

Friday, Aug. 22^d...Afternoon, rode with Maj. Murray, Mr. M'Coy, Mr. Charles Grant, and Dr. Murdoch, to Mr. Croghan's place about four miles from the fort, up the Allegheny...

Sunday, Aug. 24th...Went and heard Mr. M'Cleggan preach to the soldiers in Erse – but little edified. he preaches alternately one Sunday in that language, and the next in English...

Monday, Sept. 1st – Rode with Major Murray, Mr. M'Coy, and Mr. Hall, to view Braddocks's Field; could discover nothing of the ruins of that campaign, on account of the thickness of the weeds. Met with Mr. McIntosh there who went up the Monongahela in a boat. Dined in the field – rather in the wood – on provisions sent up by the boat. Major Murray, Mr. McIntosh, and I came down the river in the boat...

Source and Notes: “Clarkson’s Dairy, August 6, 1776 – April 16, 1767” in *The New Regime 1675-1767*, Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library Volume XI, British Series Volume II, Eds. Clarence Walworth Alvord and Clarence Edwin Carter, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, 1916, Google Books, pp. 349-352, 353, and 357. Matthew Clarkson was a fleet superintendent with the trading firm of Bayton, Wharton, and Morgan and later a U.S. Congressman. Maj./Capt. William Murray served as a Brevet-Lt. Col. and battalion commander in the 42nd Regt. during the American War of Independence. Lt. Charles Grant served as a Capt. and company commander during the entire American war. Chap. James M^cLagan served as the regimental chaplain for the American war.



Print of the Sun Inn

Picture Source: *The Old Sun Inn, at Bethlehem, Pa., 1758*, W. W. H. Davis, Printer, Doylestown (Pa.), 1873.

**Capt. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. Listed in Transaction Log for Sun Inn,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Sept. 5, 1766**

Waste Book...

1766, September 5. – Sir Thomas Sterling, Captain Royal Highlanders...

Source and Note: “Excerpts from the Waste Books of the Sun Inn, at Bethlehem, Penna., 1760-1799” in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 4, 1915, Google Books, pp. 469-475. A waste book was one of the books traditionally used in bookkeeping. It comprised a daily diary of all transactions in chronological order (Wikipedia). Capt. Stirling’s purpose for being in Bethlehem is not known as his detachment was stationed at Philadelphia.

**Capt. Thomas Stirling’s Illinois Expedition Recognized in Regimental Orders,
Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1766**

Captain Thomas Stirling having presented a memorial to the Commander in Chief [Maj. Gen. Hon. Thomas Gage], of the officers and men of the Detachment under his command, for an allowance to be made them, for their extraordinary trouble and fatigue in taking possession of the Illinois; which memorial His Excellency has transmitted to His Majesty but not yet received any answer, however Captain Stirling has this day received a Letter from the Commander in Chief desiring him to return his thanks to the Officers and men of that Detachment for their Services on that Expedition and mentions that he is in hopes from the reasonableness of the request that some allowances be made them; the men of the detachment to be made acquainted with this order this evening at retreat beating.

Source: *Broadswords and Bayonets, The Journals of the expedition under the command of Captain Thomas Stirling of the 42nd regiment of Foot, Royal Highland Regiment (The Black Watch) to occupy Fort Chartres in the Illinois*

1767

Letter from Maj. Gen. Hon. Thomas Gage, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Sir William Johnson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Regarding the Expedition of Capt. William Murray, 42nd Regt., to Remove Unlawful Settlements, New York, June 28, 1767

New York June 28th 1767

Dear Sir...

M^r. Croghan will inform you, as he has me of the discontent of the Indians at Fort Pitt: which Intelligence I have likewise received from Captain Murray They are greatly incensed against the People of Virginia who have killed some Indians returning from war by the Frontiers of that Province...

Cap^t. Murray is gone to Cheat River, and Redstone Creek to remove those Lawless Settlers, and has taken Some Indian Chiefs with him. In which I am to hope he will succeed, and shew the Indians that it is at least the Inclination of the King and his servants to be at Peace with them and do them all the Justice in our Power. And if they do at length retaliate upon the Virginians, I shall endeavor to keep their Resentment confined there only and prevent a general war with all the Provinces as much as possible.

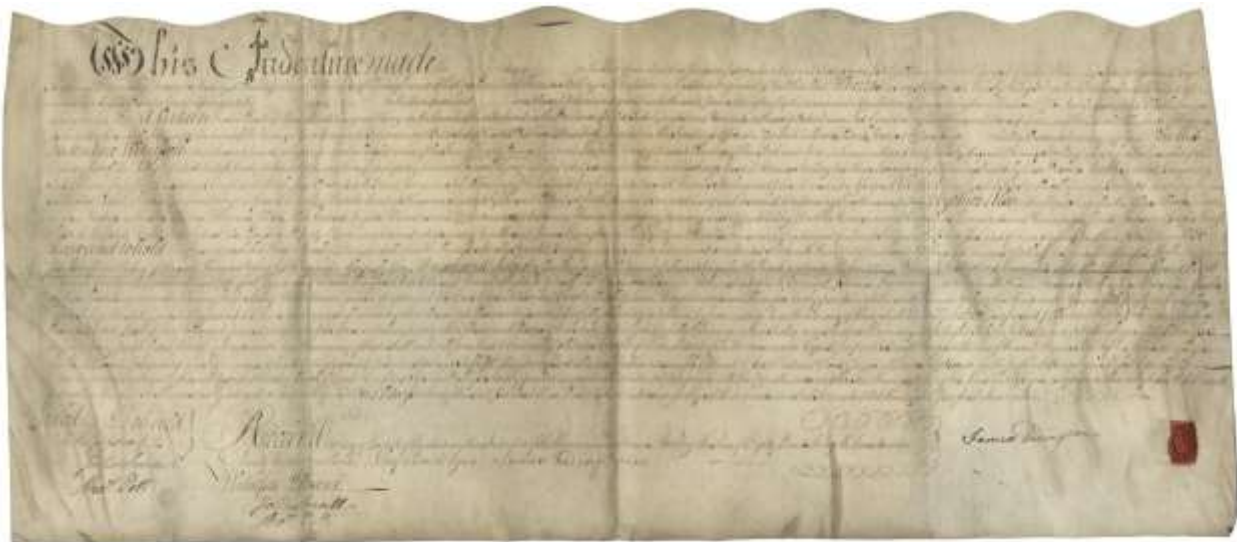
I am with great Regards Dear Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

Tho^s Gage

Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t.

Source and Note: *The Papers of Sir William Johnson*, Vol. V, Ed. Alexander C. Flick, University of the State of New York, Albany, 1927, pp. 573-574. The settlements, which were burnt by Murray's troops, were located near the current city of Morgantown West Virginia, about 75 miles south of Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania).



Photograph of the Original Copy of the Eddington Indenture

Indenture Recording Capt. Thomas Stirling's Purchase of 2,000 Acres in Cumberland County, New York (Later Split between Vermont and New Hampshire) from Lt. James Eddington, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Prior to Aug. 29, 1767

This Indenture made the day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty Seven Between Lieutenant James Edington of his Majesty's Forty second Royal Highland Regiment, at present in the City of Philadelphia, in the Province of Philadelphia of the One Part, And Thomas Sterling, Esq^r, Captain in the same Regiment of the Other Part. **Whereas** his most Gracious Majesty King George the Third over Great Britain &c in and by a certain Patent or Grant bearing date the of in the Year of our Lord was pleased to Give and grant unto the said James Edington / by the name and Appellation of James Edington a Reduced Officer having serv'd in North America during the late War / **a Certain** Tract or Parcell of Land, Situate lying and being in the County of Cumberland in the Province of New York by metes and Bounds in the said Patent described Containing Two thousand Acres of Land, and the Usual Allowance of [illegible] in and by the said Patent and the hand of Sir Henry Moore Baronet Governor, and Great Seal of the said Province of New York, Recorded in the Secretary's Office at New York in Books Patents Reduced Officers page relation thereunto had may Appear. **Now this Indenture Witnesseth** that the said James Edington for and in Consideration of the Sum of Eighty Pounds, Current Lawfull Money of the said Province of New York unto him in hand well and truly paid by the said Thomas Sterling at or before the Ensealing and Delivery hereof the Receipt of which he doth hereby Acknowledge, and thereof, and of every part and Parcell thereof doth for Exonerate Acquit and discharge the said Thomas Sterling his Heirs Executors and Administrators by these Presents, doth Grant, Bargain, Sold, Alien, EnfiEFF, Release and Confirm unto the said Thomas Sterling and to his Heir and Assigns. **All that** the aforesaid Tract or Parcell of Land, Granted in and by the said recited Patent, Situate lying and being in the said County of Cumberland as the same is in and by the said Patent set forth, Bulled, Bounded, being and described, Containing Two thousand Acres. **Together Also** with all and Singular the Ways, Woods, Under woodage, Meadow, Marshes, Mines, Minerals, [illegible] Courses, Rights, Members and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in anywise Appertaining, And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Houses and Profits thereof. Also all the Estate Rights Title Entered, Use, Possession, Property, Claim and demand whatsoever of him the said James Edington in Law Equity or Otherwise however, of in,[illegible] of all and Singular the Premises, and in and to every part and Parcell thereof **To have and to hold** the aforesaid described Tract or Parcell of Land and all other the Premises hereby Granted, Bargained and Sold, or mentioned or intended to be with the Appurtenances unto the said Thomas Sterling his Heirs and Assigns, So that Only Use Benefit and Behoof of the said Thomas Sterling his Heirs and Assigns for Ever. **Under and Subject** [illegible] to the Payment of all and Singular the Rents, and under the Conditions, Provises, Restrictions, Covenants, and Limitations in the said Patent Reserved, mentioned, Contained and Expressed, Containing the same Premises. **And** the said James Edington for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators doth Covenant , Promise, Grant and Agree to and with the said Thomas Sterling his Heirs and Assigns by these Presents, on manner following, that is to Say, that the said James Edington and his Heirs the said described Tract Parcell of Land, Hereditaments [heritable property] and Premises hereby granted unto the said Thomas Sterling his Heirs and Assigns with the Appurtancey, against him the said James Edington and his Heirs and against all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, Lawfully claiming or to Claim, by and from or under him, them or any of them, shall and will Subject as a foresaid Warrant and for ever defend by these Presents. **And Lastly** That he the said James Edington and his Heirs and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, having or lawfully Claiming, or that shall or may so have of Claim any Estate, Right, Title or Interest, of, on or to the hereby granted Premises or of [illegible] part of Parcell thereof, by from or under him, them or any of them shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter for Ever, at and upon the reasonable Request, proper Cash and Charges in the Law of the said Thomas Sterling his Heirs or Assigns, – make, do Execute, Acknowledge and Suffer, or cause to be and to done, Executed, Acknowledged, and Suffered, all and every such other and for the reasonable Acland, Sale, Deed and Deeds Device or Devices whatsoever, for the further better and more Perfect Conveying – Assuring, and Confirming the said described Tract or Parcell of Land Hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended to be granted with the Appurtenances unto the said Thomas Sterling his Heirs and Assigns, as by him or them or by his or their Council Learned on the Law

shall be reasonably advised, devised or Required. **In Witness** whereof the said Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their hands and Seals hereunto the day and Year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered }
In the Presence of Us }
John Small
Alex^r Pott

Received the day of the date of the above written Indenture of the therein named Thomas Sterling the Sum of Eighty Pounds, being Consideration Money Therein mentioned, I Say Receiv'd by me *James Eidingtoun* [red seal]

Witnesses Present –
John Small
Alex^r Pott

Source and Note: Website of *viaLibri* (Bookseller: *Seth Kaller Inc.*) at *vialibri.net*. Lt. Eddington was part of Capt. Stirling's detachment to take possession of Fort DeChartres in the Illinois Country in 1765 and found himself in a poor financial situation as a result of the lengthy expedition. The last detachment of the 42nd Regt. sailed from Philadelphia for Britain in Oct. 1767.

**Advertisement for Auction of the Estate of Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Aug. 11, 1767**

To be Sold, by public voluntary roup, within John's coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 7th day of July next, between the hours of four and five afternoon,

That LARGE HOUSE and GARDEN, with offices, stable, and farm adjoining, called the Blackfriars, situated on the north side of the town of Perth, separately and distinctly by themselves, the property of Lord John Murray...

Source and Note: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Aug. 11, 1767, p. 1. A roup sale was an auction. This property was likely sold due to Lord John Murray taking up residence at his wife's estate of Banner Cross in Yorkshire.

Report from Brevet-Lt. Col. John Reid to Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., that Capt. William Murray's Detachment has been Relieved of Garrison Duty at Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania; New York, Oct. 17, 1767

Copy Letter [Brevet] L'Col^o. [John] Reid

My Lord

This will be delivered to your Lordship if at London, by Captain William Murray, who has lately been relieved from his Command at Fort Pitt, and with Lieu^t. [Alexander] Makay and Ensign [Thomas] Hall, goes home to join their Regiment.

I have the honour to Send you herewith Copies of Returns of the Accutremments given by order of the Commanders in America, and at the Havannah to other Regiments which never have been returned. These Returns I have thought Necessary to have made out Separately to avoid any Mistake or objection that might have been made otherways, and to prevent any delay in the payments, as your Lordship is equally Intitled to be reimbursed for both.

The form of these Returns together with the Estimate made of the Accutremments is agreeable to those formerly Sent, on which your Lordship recovered payment. The Losses Sustain'd by the 2nd. Battⁿ: were returned when that Battⁿ. went home, which I Suppose your Lordship will recollect; The Returns therefore now Sent regard the first Battⁿ. as well as the 2nd. After it was Incorporated with the first, This I mention least it should require an Explanation

I shall be happy to Execute any Commands from your Lop: while I remain in this Country; And I have the honour to be with great respect & Regard

My Lord

New York 17th Oct^r. }

Your Lop's: most Obed^t. & most humble Serv^t

1767 }

/Signed/

John Reid

Source and Notes: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 37. On Aug. 24, 1767 the Main body of the 42nd Regt. arrived at Cork, Ireland after departing Philadelphia following service in the French & Indian War and garrisoning of frontier posts after the war. The remainder of the Regt. arrived at Cork on Oct. 5, 1767. Capt. Murray, as Major of the 42nd Highlanders, commanded the 1st (Provisional) Battalion, 42nd Regt. during the 1776 and 1777 campaigns of the American War for Independence.

**Excerpts of Several Letters from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Regarding the Payment of Back Pay due to Chap. James M^cLagan to the
Widow and Children of the Late Chap. Lauchlan Johnston, Nov. 5, 1767**

Copy Letter to [Regimental Agent] M^r. [James] Meyrick 5th. Nov^r. 1767
 ...I wrote you Some time ago desiring you not pay Any Arrears of M^r. [James] M^cLagans Chaplain to the Royal H. Regiment, and Send an acc^t. of what arrear is due to M^r. M^cLagan, and also what is due of M^r. [Chap. Lauchlan] Johnson and M^r. [Chap. Adam] Ferguson's and their Subsistance, on a [in binding] of Paper. If M^r. Meyrick is come London M^r. Willes will answer this and the former letter, and lett know when M^r. Meyrick is Expected in London and if he is well

Copy Letter to the Revrd M^r [James] M^cLagan 5th. Nov^r. 1767
 Revrd S^r.

I rec^d. yours of the 24th June last giving an account of the Manner of the Inhabitants, trees, Seeds, &c, I saw in the newspapers, that the last detachment of the R.H.R. [Royal Highland Regt.] had arrived at Cove in Ireland 3^d Oct^r, Hopes they have joining the rest of the Corps before now, I Endeavoured to have got the R.H.R. to Scotland, but could not prevail – Hope Sometime hence, you will write an Edition to the Earsh [Erse or Gaelic] poem you made before you had any Connection with them, with an English Translation to it, that their Actions may be recorded to the latest posterity. And write if you have bought a Geneva Gown Such as the clergy wear at Edinburgh & other places, as it becomes your order, you remember I told you, you was to pay for it yourself – lett me know in your next what Military books, there remains of those I made a Present of to the Officers of the Regiment which you or the Quarter Master Should take care of.

Copy Letter to the Revrd M^r [James] M^cLagan
 Revrd S^r.

Pitnacrie Lodge
 dated 5th. Nov^r. 1767

You may remember that when I told you I intended to recommend you to be Chaplain in the place of M^r. Adam Ferguson, who was recommended by the Officers to the [Lt. Gen. George Keppel, 3rd] Earl of Albemarle to give him a Commission for it [Aug. 10, 1762], only to be held by him, till [in binding] had been repaid the Money they had engaged for [in binding] became bound, on Acc^t. of M^r. [Lauchlan] Johnston's Purchase [in binding] till Such time, as that money would be paid out of the vacant pay, and I then told you to the best of my Memory, when that was done you should pay nothing for it; Excepting in cease [in binding] Should think it necessary, that two or three years of your Arrears, should be employ'd for putting [in binding] to Apprentice any of the Daughters of the late M^r. Johnston, provided they deserved it; otherwise you shou'd have the Arrears, to which you willingly agreed; and I also told M^r. Ferguson that I proposed keeping it vacant till the Subsistance should [in binding] the officers, and also, that the Arrears shou'd be Applied in the Same Manner during that time, And accordingly M^{rs}. Johnston told me she had p... [in binding] out her Second Daughter Apprentice to a Milner that her Eldest daughter who growan a woman did not chuse it, and was living with her Sister [in binding] Glenelbert, who was Married to M^r. Thomas Bissett [Factor to the Duke of Atholl] formerly Commissary of Dunkeld as his Second w... [in binding] and that her two youngest Girls were too young not fit to be

put out Apprentices as yet for Some time; and I told here at Edinburgh of what I had mentioned to you, in case you should be made Chaplain, and afterwards wrote her from London to the same purpose; But being informed some time ago, that M^{rs}. Johnston had gone to Newcastle with her eldest Daughter, has Misapplied that Money, and laid it out about her Eldest Daughter lying inn, where they had been for Some Months; – I thought it proper to write to [Regimental Agent] M^r. [James] Meyrick not to pay any more of these Arrears till he should hear further from me, And in that case thought it would be injustice in me to deprive you of them, if my charitable intentions in proposing it, and yours in granting it should be Frustrated, when I was sensible you cou'd not very well afford it; And that Captain Charles Bisset the old Commissary's Son, ought in Justice to pay all these expence, for it was him that Advis'd the Mother & Daughter to go to Newcastle, as he had some private reasons for not owning his marriage till they should return, from England, and he made a purchase of an Estate he was about, having sold his company, and went on Lieu^{ts}. half pay, And he certainly acted in a bad Manner to her, who was also his near relation, for it is Said he first Debauched her in his Fathers house, sometime after went to Edinburgh and Married her privatly, and after their return from New castle, the old Commissary went to Edinburgh, desired to see the Marriage [in binding] took them away with him, and then the Son denied the marriage; but their being some other prooff of it She cited them before Commissary Court, and then [in binding] Commissary was obliged to give up the Marriage [in binding] and the Son to own the Marriage; lived with him some time after till She was with child, again, [in binding] Sold his Estate in Scotland, and gave her a bond [in binding] Said for £30 a year.

When M^{rs}. Johnston had heard that I had desired M^r. Meyrick not to pay the Arrears till I should acquaint her further, she wrote a very abusive letter, Threatning [in binding] go to London, and get a Member of Parliament to Speak of it to the King, to which I returned no Answer but last July, having occasion to go to Edinburgh [in binding] Sent for her to my Lodgings when there, told her q... [in binding] unbecoming letter she had wrote me, when I had [in binding] So much trouble to put her children in a way of Liv... [in binding] And told her I was Informed of her Misapplying the Money, which was the reason I had wrote to M^r. Meyrick not to pay it till I should enquire into it, and [in binding] She know it was never intended for her, as She had [in binding] widdows pension, but that if She would lett me know what way She intended, to put her two Younger Daughters out to prentice, if to Creditable people, should order Apprentice fee to be paid out of the Arrears, and the rest if any remained if the two years to be Accounted for to you

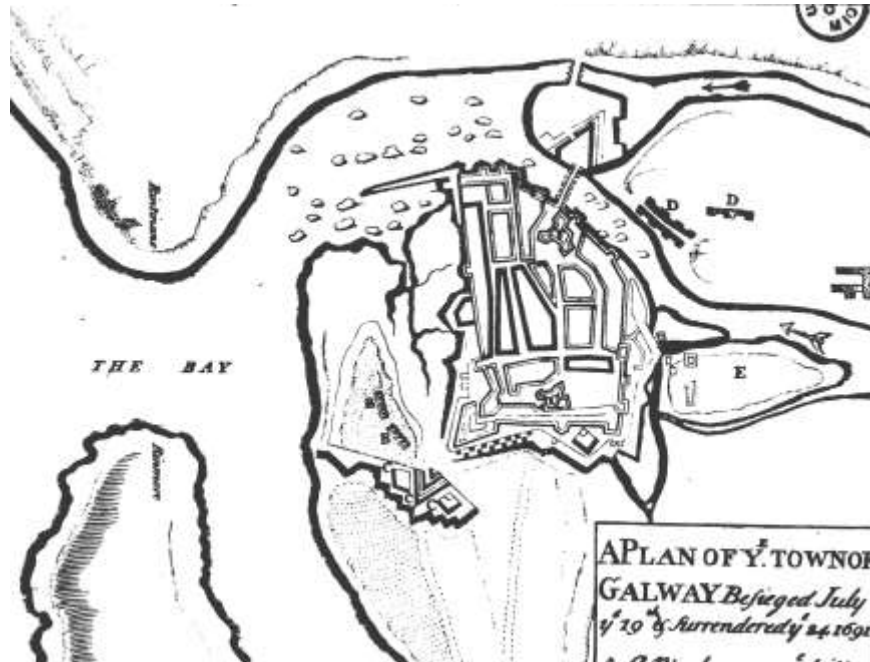
I heard nothing more till the old Commissary came to me above two Months ago, and spoke about this affair in a very unbecoming Manner, I desired he would lett me know, wither the report was true; that he had taken away the Marriage lines from his Sons wife, in order to prevent her from proving it, which he owned he had; but that he returned it as he found it would not do; I then told him he was a very improper Solicitor for the Mother, and this bad action of his, made me ~~believe~~ suspect many things to be true that was said in the Cuntry, which I was Formerly in hopes were not so; but as he was growing old he had better repent in time; And only desired that I should not see him here again.

I heard no more of it till yesterday Morning that there came a Mair officer with a Summons to give reasons to the Lords of Session betwixt the 26th Ins^t. [Nov.] and the 5th. Dec^r. for Stoping Arrears due to her, and also Mentioning Your name in it; However I suppose that is only common form, and I shall ^{take} the whole on me, as you had nothing to do with it; therefore thought proper to write you the Matter fully, wither what I have above wrote about the Arrears is not what I mentioned to you, or if you recollect anything more or less you will write me of it, and you receive any letters about this affair, you need not mind them, would not have you make any Answer but Inclose them to me, and I shall take care of the matter, and dont imagine the Lords will even oblige you to pay the Youngest Daughters Apprentice fee, out of the two years arrears

In which case it will be Something more [in binding] to you, as I shall then, write to the Agent to Acc^t. to you for any Arrears since you commenced Chaplain and have not yet an Exact Acc^t. from him what she has received.

I think it would be proper that you write to me [in binding] as full as you can recolect, in case it should be Neces...[in binding] for me to Show your Letter.

Source and Notes: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 18-24. "Arrears" was the money allotted to an un-filled position in the regiment which was normally credited to the next officer or warrant to fill the position. The *Annual Army List for 1763* (TNA, WO 65/12) shows the 42nd Regt. Chaplain to be Lauchlan Johnston, with a date of warrant of Aug. 20, 1759 and the Nov. 1763 *Annual Army List* (WO 65/14) shows Adam Ferguson with a warrant date of Aug. 10, 1762. The next published *Annual Army List*, dated March 1765 (WO 65/15), shows James Mac Lagan, with a warrant date of June 15, 1764.



Plan of the City of Galway 1691

Picture Source: *History of the Town and County of Galway*, James Hardiman, 1820, after p. 160.

Chap. James M^cLagan's Responses to Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., and the Widow of the Late Chap. Lauchlan Johnston, Regarding Assignment of Back Pay, Galway, Ireland, Nov. 24, 1767

Copy Letter [Chaplain] The Revnd. M^r. [James] MacLagan in Answer to my Letter dated Galway Nov^r 24th. 1767

My Lord.

Yesterday I was Honoured with your Lordships letter of the 5th. Current for which I heartily thank your L... [in binding] I have sent home a parcell of Seeds by Donald MacCra one of [in binding] Men who went home on the Recruiting Service with Cap^t Stewart

I bought a gown at Glasgow which not being hardy enough to my mind, I have bought Cloth for another, but [in binding] not how to get it properly made here. The greatest part if not the whole of the Military Books your Lordship gave officers were lost, with the Baggage of Lieu^t. George Farquarson who was killed at Ticonderoga, the Generality of the officers have Some Indian Trinkets and part of that Dress, but [in binding] Else that I know of.

With regard to that part of your Lordships letter which Seems [in binding] concern me, I perfectly remember everything wherein I my self acted any part. When your Lop: was first pleas'd [in binding] Pitnacrie Lodge to talk to me about the Chaplaincy of your Regim^t., you told me you meant to give Two

or three years of Arrears toward Educating [Former Chap.] M^r. [Lauchlan] Johnstons Children, to be Laid out in the Manner you should See most proper [in binding] Your letter from London of Nov^r. 2nd. 1764 after Mentioning the paying of M^r. Johnston's Debt, and [Former Chap.] M^r. [Adam] Fergusons Subsistence [in binding] Six Months, your Lordship as a further part of the Conditions on which I was to have the Chaplaincy has these words. "and three years of the Arrears from the time you entered into [in binding] should be appropriated towards the Maintenance, & Education of the late M^r. Johnston's Children in the manner I shall approve [in binding] In my Answer to your Lordship's letter I used these words " I [in binding] of the Chaplaincy on the Terms contain'd in your Lop's: letter of the 2nd. Current

In consequence of this agreement, I (on order to be free of further Trouble & in Kindness to M^{rs}. Johnston) wrote to M^r. Meyrick in the Following terms, "M^{rs}. Johnston Relict to M^r. Johnston lately chaplain of the 42nd. Regim^t. is to have as much of the Arrears as shall remain, after the widows. scheme and other ordinary dues are paid out of them, for the space of three years from the time I entered into pay, which arrears I empower you to pay to said M^{rs}. Johnston, and for Said time when Issued, where ever I may be" I wrote nearly in the Same Terms to M^r. [Henry] Drummond before when I thought he was [Regimental] agent. Before all this, even before I got Either commission or Subsistence In Answer to a letter from M^{rs}. Johnston, (Demanding I think £23 Sterling) promis'd in cease I got the Chaplaincy that she should have Two or three years of my Arrears, and that I should leave such a power with the Agent, as I have Since done in the words just now Mentioned, in a letter dated March 8th. 1765. But in all these letters I don't know that I have once promis'd to draw these Arrears and pay them to M^{rs}. Johnstone, much less would I pretend to dispose of them contrary to your Lop's: Indination or appointment. For my business was not with M^{rs}. Johnston but with your Lordship, and it was in Consequence of an agreement with, and in Obedience to your Lop: only that I did what I have done, Now. why M^{rs}. Johnston should make so free with my Name when I was at the distance of upwards of 3300 Miles [in America] and utterly unable to defend my Innocence I cannot Say; if she pretend that She did not know me to be Innocent, Tis nothing to the purpose, she ought to have shown I was guilty before she expos'd me and Remembered, that there Characters are no Triffles to Ladies as wee as Clergymen; Regard to my Character has Induced me to write her the Inclos'd, which I intreat your Lop: to Seal and Send to her that her persecution of me may be at an end, my good Name is my only Estate, and I would not lose it for more Thousands then she can claim unites,. The danger it's in is the greater, that many will hear if the Plea that wont hear of my Innocence, or mind it if they should, as the world has not the Thousandth part of [in binding] in Hearing a good Tale that they have in hearing a bad one.

I am much obliged to your Lordship for shewing so much care for my Intrest, as to with me part of these Arrears, But as [in binding] Devested myself of all Title to them, so as not to be able to accep... [in binding] with Honour, I cannot think of accepting of them at all, And hav... [in binding] accordingly Refused that part of them which the Paymaster [in binding] creidet for, and put in my offer. they are therefore Intirely in your Lordships power to Dispose of them to M^{rs}. Johnston [in binding] she deserves them, if not in any way your Lordship [in binding] best. I have resigned all my Right to your Lordship and M^{rs}. Johnston in absolute Terms, your Lop: ^{I suppose} has only done it conditionally, which makes all the odds Imagine Experience in former Affairs shall make me more carefull, I have to keep copy's of all letters of Consequence then ever I was [in binding] unless the reasons mentioned in your letter & Such others [in binding] your Lordship to contest the matter w^t. M^{rs}. Johnston without regard to any Intrest of mine, I beg your Lordship would reenter onto a plea with her for Such an affair in my behalf for I never was concerned in any Law Suit in my life, [in binding] once got the Promise I have no objection to give it but presume not to direct your Lop: it will be always in your Lop's: power by a Single word to do me a greater kindness this could be, If I but have the good luck to behave honestly and to your Lordships mind which shall ever be the [in binding]

My Lord

Your Lordships &c
/Signd/ James Maclagan

To the R^t Hon^{ble} Lord John Murray
at Pitnacrie Lodge near Dunkeld by Edin^r.

Copy Letter [Chap.] the Revnd. M^r. [James] Maclagan [42nd Regt.] to M^{rs}. Johnston [Widow of the late Chap. Lauchlan Johnston] dated Galway [Ireland] 24th. Nov^r. 1767
Madam

I rec^d. your letter of May 1st. Some days before I sail'd for Ireland, and was not a little Surprized at the Contents, as I never had any letter from [Lt. Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] ^{^at all} when in America, and as there could be no reason for writing me about these Arrears, after I had given up to Lord John Murray in your favours all the Title I could have to them, and impowered the Agent to Issue them when due, I was also Surprized to find that our Paymaster (Captain [Lt. Patrick] Balneavis) had Creidet for part of them. These were the causes why I did not ~~not~~ write you an answer Some weeks Sooner, For indeed ^{^I did} not know what to Answer; but in the Mean time Refused these Arrears and desired the paymaster ^{^write the Agent to} put Him in mind ^{^that} I had no Title to them, which he has accordingly done Sometime ago, and this will Sufficently prove my Integrity in the Matter, whatever my Enemies may think say or do, of this Truth the Agent can Easily Satisfy you if he pleases, and the letter is not Miscarried; which if it should happen, the gentlemen who wrote it can do me Justice. Notwithstanding all this, I hear that you have mentioned my Name in a Law Suit, by which you intend to contort what was promised, as a voluntary Gift, without any other Title on your Side, the propriety of this Conduct tis not of my Business to Decide, his Lordship is at home & can plead his own cause; But for my own part I was till of very late at above Three Thousand three Hundred Miles Distance, so that you might with Impunity use my Character as you pleased without my hearing so much as known anything of the Matter. A Lady ^{^then} whose Character there is none more Easily hurt unless it be that of a Clergyman, ought to be Sure that She had some grounds before She Attacked that Cloth; but this could not have been, as it is demonstrable there is none, for what would you have me do what I can do? I never had the Disposal of that money as is Evidient from his Lordships express words in the Conditions upon which he Granted me the Chaplaincy, in a letter dated London Nov^r. 2nd. 1764 wherein he puts me in mind that his Lordship had formerly at Pitnacrie [in binding] to recommend me to be Chaplain of his Regim^t; provided that three years of the Arrears, Says his Lordship, from the time you entered [in binding] should be Appropriated towards the Mantinance & Education of the late [Chap.] M^r. [Lauchlan] Johnstons Children, In the manner I shall appoint [in binding] I draw that Money make a present of it to you contrary to [in binding] Appointment and be liable to pay it to his Lop: a Second time [in binding] my letter ~~my letter~~ to you or the Agent promise any Such Thing in the other hand, have I drawn that money or come one title [in binding] of my Promise, of not why make my Name a Song in my [in binding] To Conclude I thereby give over to his Lordship, to you, and your Children all the Title I could have to it but his Lordship I [in binding] give you, and as I am not Knave enough to break my [in binding] So neither am I fool enough to pay that money to you [in binding] and then to Lord John Murray. I have got the Shai... [in binding] the Scorn about it already, which is too much, as you have Injured me Publicly, you can do no less than own to the p... [in binding] that it was an injury. If you do not ^{^this} and cease to injure my Character any further, Remember that you put me [in binding] a necessity of vindicating myself, by laying your Conduct before the Public in it's proper Colour. I am

Madam your most humble Servant
/Signd/ James Maclagan

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 30-34.

1768

**Letter from New York Royal Gov. Sir Henry Moore to Sir William Johnson, Regarding
3000 Acres of Land for Capt. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., New York, Nov. 13, 1768**

New York Nov^r. 13^h. 1768

S^r.

I have lately receiv'd a letter from [Henry Fox] L^d. Holland [Paymaster of the Forces] desiring that I would pay for his part of the purchase, as likewise the fees of Office & send his Patent home to him.

... M^r [Peter] Hasenclever is satisfy'd with the 18,000 Acres allotted to him, as is likewise General [Hon. Thomas] Gage with his share... The remainder I apprehend was to be divided among the Gentlemen for whom you were concern'd together with L^d. Ilchester, L^d. Holland, after a location was granted to Cap^t. Sterling of An Officer's right for 3000 Acres...

Sir Your Most Obedient & humble Ser^t

H: Moore

The Location of 3000 Acres for Cap^t. Stirling, was to be out of the surplusage of the General's share who paid for one 5th.

Source and Note: *The Papers of Sir William Johnson*, Vol. XII, Ed. Milton W. Hamilton, Univ. of State of New York, Albany, 1957, pp. 637-638. With the 2000 Acres purchased from Lt. Eidington, see above, Stirling owned 5000 acres of land in America before the American War for Independence. The disposition of the land has not been determined.

1769

Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth Discusses his Poor Health, Ballyshannon, County Donegal, Ireland, Apr. 9, 1769

Ballyshannon April 9th 1769

Dear Airth

I received yours of 22^d Jan^{ry} which gave me great pleasure as I learned by it of Annies being quite well and the Bairns which I hope will always be the Case, as for my own health it is far from being reestablished & I am afraid will never be as my Complaint has stuck to long to me, I intend to try what native air & a Strict regimen will do, but I have great doubts of my getting leave we are to be quartered in Dublin, and expect to march for that about Middle of next Month If I come over I have got a most excellent bitch, & a number of fine dressed Flies, did you receive some hooks from [Brother-on-law John] Jock Hamilton [of Bellfield] last year I sent him a parcell & bid him share them wt you ... My kind Love to Annie & all the Infantry & believe me ever to be yours & their most affect welwisher and Serv^t.

Thos Stirling ...

Source and Notes: *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. 4, from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 26-27. Ballyshannon is located on the West coast of Ireland about 125 miles northwest of Dublin. Stirling's health issues may have resulted from falling seriously ill with fever in Cuba in 1762 and returning to Scotland to recover. He did not rejoin the regiment at Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania until 1765.



Courtyard buildings, Gunthwaite Hall

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Excerpt of Letter from Godfrey Bosville to James Boswell, Edinburgh, Regarding Visit by Chap. James McLagan and Lt. John Rutherford, 42nd Regt., Gunthwait, England, July 16, 1769

Gunthwait, 16th July 1769

Dear Sir...

I like that M^r. MacLagan, he seems to me a very Honest man and a very sensible one. I assure you he was very much lik^d by every body that met with him in our Country and I shall be very glad to see him when ever he comes this way again: there was an Officer who came along with him in that Regiment whose Mother is an Acquaintance of M^{rs}. Bosville is now here, M^r. Rutherford that was a Prisoner among the Savages who seemed to be a very good natur^d young man...I am

Dear Sir, Your most Affectionate Kinsman
Godfrey Bosville

Source and Notes: *The General Correspondence of James Boswell, 1766 – 1769*, Volume 2: 1768 – 1769, The Yale Editions of the Private Papers of James Boswell, Research Edition, Correspondence: Volume 7, Ed. Richard C. Cole, Peter S. Baker and Rachel McClellan, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1997, pp. 203-204. Gunthwaite is located about 18 miles northwest of Sheffield, England. See Lt. Rutherford's account of his capture by a Native American tribe in App. C of this volume.

Extract of Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to John Twigg Regarding Share Payment for Ownership of Hubbodale Lead Mine, Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, England, Oct. 17, 1769

Bannercross Sheffield
Oct^r. 17th. 1769

Copy

Sir.

I desire you'l please lett me now when you paid the last money on Acc^t. of my Share of Hubbodale [Lead] Mines [Chelmerton, Derbyshire]...

/Signed/ John Murray

To John Twigg Esq^r. & C^o. at Holme Hall near Bakwell

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 49.



Detail from *George Townshend, 1st Marquess Townshend*, 1792, by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from California Palace of the Legion of Honor

Letters Between Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., and the Lord Lt. of Ireland, George, Viscount Townshend, Responding to Rumors of an Augmentation to the Irish Establishment by Offering to Raise a 2nd Battalion and Future Nominations of Officers, Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, England, Oct. 25 and Dec. 5, 1769 and Dublin Castle, Ireland, Nov. 13, 1769

To the L^d. Viscount Townshend Lord Lieut: 25th. oct^r. 1769. But did not go till 28th.

My Lord, as its reported An Augmentation is intended to the Corps in your Excellencys Government of Ireland I humbly Submit it to your Consideration, if it might not be for His Majestys Service ~~to propose at this time~~ that the Second Battalion of the Forty Second or Royal Highland Reg^t. under my Command reduced at the late Peace Should again be proposed to be Raised. If this is agreeable to your Excellency it could be done in a very Economical Manner by the appointment if Some of those Officers from the halfpay who were disbanded with the Highland Corps.

I Presume also to beg the favour of the Nomination of my Quarter Master if any are to be ~~Soon~~ appointed on this occasion, I have not had the Reccomindation of one Officer for many years, & was unsuccessfull in my late Application for the vacancy by the preferment of Ensign [Daniel] Astle.

I have the honour to be with the Greatest Respect and Most Sincere Esteem

My Lord your Ex: &c

Letter from L^d. Lieu^t. of Ireland dated Dublin Castle 13th. Nov^r 1769

I have rec^d. the favour of your Lo:ps letter of the 25th. oct^r.

Whenever the Augmentation of the Army in this Kingdom shall be proposed it will be upon His Majestys plan / calculated for the general benefit of his Service here, and consequently not directed to the particular Advantage of any particular Corps – The Equalizing the Troops in the most Oeconomical manner I apprehend to be the Object – If your Lordship will be pleas'd to inform yourself of the Plan laid before the Parliament of Ireland – It will I believe Justify me in the Description of it – to Recommend therefore an Additional Battalion to His Majesty as your Lordship desires would I am Affraid be directly in the face of the Kings [George III] Intentions.

Your Lo:p will allow me to Observe that the not having the Reccomendation of an Officer for many Years is no fault of mine – When My Reg^t. was under the

Command of Lord [Gen. George Keppel, 3rd Earl of] Albemarle & [Maj.] General [Hon. Thomas] Gage, did not Reccomend to the Vacant Commissions – it is true My Lord that I Reccomended to the Vacant Ensigny in your Reg^t. at the [in binding] of my first Secretary Lord Frederick Campbell (a Nobleman to Whom I had great obligation) – and with Regard to [Ens.] M^r. [Daniel] Astle your Lo:p may recollect how much that Gentleman Appeared to you to be an Intrusion upon your Reg^t., – for that Reason, I thought it best to Remove him the first Opportunity having first directed him to pay his duty to the Colours of the Regiment/ Altho I have a pleasure in Acknowledging My Lord. the Kind Reception & Treatment he met with from [in binding] Officers of that Corps, during the Short time he Remained among them – I am with great Respect My Lord Your Lordships most obedient humble Servant
Signed Townshend.

To His Excellency L^d. Lieu^t. of Ireland Dec^r. 5, 1769
My Lord

I am ~~answer'd~~ honored with your Excellencys letter in answer to mine, as I then Submitted what I humbly propos'd, to your Excellencys Consideration if proper or not for his Majesty's Service, and did not know of the plan intended to be laid before the Parliament of Ireland, ~~and~~ hope your Excellency to pardon me if I have made an Improper Application ~~at this time~~.

I presume your Excellency will recollect that after M^r. [Daniel] Astle was appointed Ensign in the Royal Highland Reg^t. under my Command in December 1765 you [as Lt. Gen. of the Ordnance] was pleas'd to tell me, it was not by your desire he was put into it, as you knew the impropriety of an English Gentlemen being in that Corps, and ~~would~~ ^{intended} to remove him as Soon as you could, ~~which was the reason~~ ^{therefore} I did not order him to join the Reg^t. whilst they were in America, [scratched out line of text] Sometime after your Excellency went to Ireland in the High Station you are in, which gave me the utmost Satisfaction to be informed of. I wrote my Agent M^r. [William] Montgomery to make out a Memorial for your Excellency, and present it to your Secretary, and that if you were pleas'd to prefer him into another Corps, to beg the favour to accept of my Reccomendation for an Ensign in his place, had I Known of Lord Frederick Campbells application, should not have done it.

I presume again to beg the favour of your Excellency if any Quarter Masters are to be appointed to the Regiments in Ireland you'l please to permit me to Reccomend one for mine, As your Excellency did not Signifi your Pleasure to me ~~in your last~~ [in binding] ...ming this Request in your last, for which I Shall be extreamly obliged. I have the honor to be with the Greatest Respect and esteem.

Your Excellencys most obedient and most faithfull hum^{ble} Servant

Source and Note: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 8, 28-29. Ens. Astle was promoted to Lt. in the 46th Regt., Mar. 25, 1769 and replaced by Ens. Alexander Campbell. (Ref: *Sons of the Mountains*, Vol. II, Ian Macpherson McCulloch, 2006, p. 49.)

who had Regiments only, And imagine that [Lt. Gen.] S^r. Jeffrey Amhersts being Superceded in that of Virginia was only from Refusing to Reside there.

My Chief Motive in making an offer of my wish to Succeed to the Government of New York was from my Earnest Zeal of being Usefull for His Majestys Service

Your Lordship is the best judge who is proper to Recommend to the King for it. I have the honour to be with the Greatest Respect & Esteem My Lord

Your Lo:ps Most obedient & Most faithfull Servant

The Earl of Hillsborough's ans^r. to my Letter of the 8th. Nov^r.

Dated Hanover Square 21 Nov^r. 1769

My Lord

I think it right to Explain to your Lordship as well as I can the Rule his Majesty has laid down with Regard to His Civil Governments in America So far as it Relates to the Army And understand it to be that Officers in Actual Commission Shall not have those Governments ~~in America~~ The Reason that I have heard assigned is that the King [George III] thinks His Military Service would Suffer by it. This Rule has been laid down since [Lt. Gen.] S^r. Jeffrey Amherst resigned. for if your Lordship [in binding] recollect what I had the honour to Relate to You it [in binding] Appear that there never was an Intention to Superceed that Gentleman.

[in binding] beg leave to Assure your Lordship that as far as the Recomendation depends upon me, I should have been very glad to have Seen the Government of New York in your hands, as I have the honour to be with Great Esteem as well as Respect

My Lord

Your Most obedient and most faithfull Servant
signed Hillsborough

Copy To the [Wills Hill] Earl of Hillsborough,

Banner cross 27th. Nov^r. 1769

My Lord

I am honoured with your Lordships of the 21st. Ins^t. [Nov.] and Greatly obliged for giving me an Opportunity to Rectify the Mistakes I made in my last, for I remember perfectly well, When I had last the honour of paying my Respects to Your Lordship, you mention'd [Lt. Gen.] S^r. Jeffrey Amherst [3rd Regt.] was Acquainted with the King's [George III] Intentions, of Going to His Government if Virginia, as it was for His Majestys Service he should Reside there, when he Declined it, was told His Majesty would be pleas'd to Order whatever he Rec^d. from it Annually, Should be made up to him, which he also Refused, and Resigned both it & his Regiment, This I conceive to be the Substance of it, and reply'd was Surprized S^r. Jeffrey did not do the one, or accept of the other, and that he thought himself Injured by it, I am Still of the Same opinion, as well as ~~from~~ Several I have had occasion to Speak of it in Conversation, and Really think it great goodness in the King to Restore him again So Soon to his Regiment. and as I am well Acquainted with the Aimable Character of the present Governour am certain it will be their own fault if they are not happy under his Administration.

As your Lordship has now honoured me with the Rule His Majesty has laid down with Regard to his Civil Governments in America, So far as Relates to the Army, by which I find I am precluded by having a Reg^t and that if it had been otherwise, might have Expected the honour of your Lordships Reccomendation to His Majesty for the Government of New York, for which I beg leave to Return to your Lordship my most humble thanks, and to Convince you how Desirous I am of being [illeg.]...fully Employed for His Majestys Service,

I shall most thankfully Accept of it, if He is Graciously pleas'd to give me leave to Dispose of my Regiment tho I did not purchase have had it near Twenty five Years and above Forty in His Majestys service, I flatter myself if your pleas'd to Reccomend me in a favourable Manner, His Majesty will be pleas'd to Grant it, and the Duke of Grafton writes me this is in your Lordships Department, Understand by that His Lordship won't Interfeere.



Detail from Engraving of *Portrait of William Barrington, 2nd Viscount Barrington*, 1791, by Charles Knight after Thomas Lawrence

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**Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Sec. at War
William Barrington, 2nd Viscount Barrington, Requesting a Recommendation
for the Governorship of New York and the Viscount's Reply,
Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, Oct. 31, 1769 and Cavendish Square, London, Nov. 4, 1769**

To Lord Viscount Barrington 31st oct^r 1769

My Lord

I had the honour of writing this day the [Sec. of State for the Colonies Wills Hill] Earl of Hillsborough to desire the favour of recommending me to the King [George III] for the vacant Government of New York

As your Lordship is well acquainted with my Services in the Army, and always given me your Countenance for the many Years I have had the honour of being known to you, I flatter my Self you'll be so kind as to mention me in a favourable Manner to Lord Hillsborough as Soon as you Receive this which I am persuaded will [in binding] due weight. I have the honour to be &c

Copy of Lord Viscount Barringtons letter in Answer to mine

My Lord

Cavendish Square Nov^r. 4th. 1769

I am honoured by Your Lordships letter of the 31st. Ult^l: [Oct.] Your Quality & merit gives you very Strong Claims to the favours of the Crown, and the good offices of Men infinitely my Superiors can give no additional weight to them.

I have Seldom in my Life Recommended any body for any thing, but for the last Seven Years, have Recommended no body, Your Lordship will truly believe this, when you Recollect that my Brother was made a Bishop the other day, however it is very true. I have the honour to be with the greatest truth & Regard

My Lord Your Lordships most humble & most obed^t. Servant

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 11, 15.

Letters from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Prime Minister Augustus

**Henry FitzRoy, 3rd Duke of Grafton, Requesting Appointment to the Governorship of New York;
Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, Oct. 31 and Nov. 24 and 29, 1769**

To the Duke of Grafton 31st oct^r. 1769

My Lord I had the honour of writing to your Grace the 25th. Ins^t: ~~Since which I have heard the Government of New York is Vacant~~ and having formerly Presented your Grace with a Memo^l. [memorial] of my Military Services, I hope your Grace will please think me Worthy of Some further Mark of His Majestys Service favour I hear the Government of New York is vacant and should wish to Succeed of it and hope it will be agreable to your Grace & that I may have your Concurrence & Reccommendation

[Duke of Grafton's response not recorded in Lord John Murray's notebook.]

Wednesday 22^d. Nov^r. 1769 /ought to be at London

wrote to the [Prime Minister Augustus Henry FitzRoy, 3rd] Duke of Grafton, friday 24th.

I am ~~honored~~ honored with your Graces in answer to mine, had I ^{then} known the Kings [George III] pleasure concerning his Governments in America, should not have given your Grace that trouble. As I know the application for the Military is thro the Marquis of Granby To His Majesty, I intend Soon to Send his Lo:p a Memorial of my Services to be laid before the King, as many younger General Officers, have Regiments of Dragoons are upon the Staff of Great Britain or Ireland, or have Civil Employments But I think it my Duty to acquaint your Grace of any Application I make to the King, in hopes of your Countenance & Reccommendation ~~which~~ without which I have no prospect of Success.

I hope your Grace will pardon the Memo^l [Memorial] – I have inclosed, as My greatest Ambition is to be of Service to His Majestys Measures under Your Graces Administration

I Dont Know if the Government of Fort William [in the western Scottish Highlands] is Vacant if not even that I should take receive with the greatest acknowledgement most grateful Acknowledgement,

I have the honor to be with the Utmost Respect & Sincere Regard.

To the Duke of Grafton Wed: 29th. Nov^r. 1769.

My Lord Duke.

I would not have offered to have troubled your Grace before [John Murray] Lord Dunmore had a promise of it.

I think it my Duty to Acquaint your Grace I have this day inclosed to [John Manners] The Marquis of Granby [Commander in Chief of the Forces] a memorial to the [in binding] of my Services, and have presumed to Send with this a Memo^l of them to Your Grace, which I beg the favour to peruse at your Leisure. and Should humbly hope if your Grace is pleas'd to Mention me in a favourable Manner; His Majesty will be Graciously pleas'd to Signify his Pleasure I may have the promise of the first Reg^t. of Dragoons, or Government that falls, or Some Such mark of His Royal Favour... I beg leave to Assure your Grace it would give one the Greatest Satisfaction to have it in my power to Convince your Grace with how much Sincere Attachment. I have the honour to be

My Lord. Your Graces most faithfull and most obedient & most hum^{ble} Servant

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**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Lt. Col. Gordon Graham
Regarding Commissions for his Sons Charles and William Graham, Banner Cross, Near Sheffield,
England, Oct. 31, 1769**

Copy Letter to Lieu^t. Col^o. [Gordon] Graham dated

Bannercross 31st. Oct^r. 1769

D^r. S^r...

I am Extreemly glad to hear the Lord Lieu^t. [of Ireland; George, Viscount Townshend] has promised your Younger Son [William Graham] a Commission, and am perswaded he won't disappoint you, But if there should happen any time a vacancy of an Ensign in my Regiment [in binding] hopes you won't ask for it, as you have one Son [Lt. Charles Graham] in it [in binding] and you know I never had the recommending of one Ensign for many years, which both you and [Lt.] Colonel [Francis] Grant had [in binding] they were abroad, which was very reasonable, but now as [in binding] are at home you must be Sensible, I have friends who I [in binding] willingly oblige if it were in my power, and it would be [in binding] equally as well for your Youngest son to be in another Reg^t. and probably vacancys will be much sooner in others.

If the Augmentation takes place and the Quarter Master to be appointed, I am persuaded My Lord Lieutenant will give me the Nomination especcially as he has given the Ensign Vacent by Ensign [Daniel] Astle's preferment [to Lt., 46th Regt.] to Lord Fredrick Campbell's application. * and in that case you may depend on my promises for Lieu^t. Charles Graham... my best Comp^{ts}. to the Officers and am Sincerely

D^r. S^r.

I rec^d. no Ans^r. to a former letter

Your most Obed^t. Ser^t.

I wrote about the Chaplain [James] MLAGan

/Signed/ John Murray

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 52-53.

**Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth
Discusses Financial Matters, Lochlane, Scotland, Nov. 8, 1769**

Lochlane- Nov^r 8th 1769

Dear Airth

I have by this post wrote M^r [John] Wordie [Edinburgh banker] to honor your draught or bill for £200 Sterg, & that you are to do it on the 11th Ins^t, I wish you had wrote a post or two sooner as he may think the warning rather short, you may write M^r Wordie when you draw that it is of the Cash he has of mine, in case my Letter to him should miscarry
the Old Lady [his Mother, Anna Gordon] & the Widow [his sister Mary Campbell] joins me in best wishes for the welfare of you, Annie, & the bairns
my fattie has been Complaining a little but they are all three pretty well now I am

Dear Airth Yours most Sincerly

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), p. 5 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, f.28*. Lochlane was the house of Capt. Stirling's elder widowed Sister, Mary Campbell, in the parish of Monzievaird and Strowan near Creiff. Capt. Stirling's presence indicates he was on leave from the regiment stationed in Ireland.



Detail of *Portrait of Commander-in-Chief of the Forces John Manners, Marquess of Granby*, circa 1763-65, by Sir Joshua Reynolds

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Ringling Museum of Art*, Sarasota

Request from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Commander-in-Chief of the Forces John Manner, Marquis of Granby to Represent his Long and Faithful Service to King George III, Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, England, Nov. 28, 1769

To the Most Hon^{ble}. The Marquis of Granby.

Commander on Chief, Bannercross 28th. Nov^r. 1769.

My Lord

I had the honour ^{of writing} ^{to write} your Lordship begining of last June with a Memorial to the King, but not having ^{had} ^{Received} an answer, I have inclosed an other which I beg your Lordship ~~your~~ Lordship will please ^{lay before} ~~present~~ to His Majesty the first proper opportunity, and if you'r pleas'd at the Same time to Represent my long and faithfull Service, in a favourable Manner, it Shall ever be most gratefully acknowledged by

My Lord your Lordships most obedient & most hum^{ble} Ser^t.

Source and Note: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 22. The memorial is not in the notebook.



Detail of *Portrait of Sir Andrew Mitchell*, 1766, by Allan Ramsay

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Portrait Gallery*, London

Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray's Correspondence with Prime Minister Augustus Henry FitzRoy, 3rd Duke of Grafton, Regarding Temporarily Replacing Sir Andrew Mitchell, MP and Ambassador to Berlin, in Parliament; Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, Nov. 29, Dec. 2 and 21, 1769, Jan. 2 and 7, 1770 and Arlington Street, London, Nov. 27, 1769

[Undated] Memo^l – to His Grace the Duke of Grafton

S^r. Andrew Mitchell Envoy Extraordinary at to the Court of Berlin is Member of Parliament to the boroughs of Cullen, Banf, Elgin, Inverness, and Kintore, [James Ogilvy, 7th] The Earl of Findlater Brother in Law to Lord John Murray has the Interest of the three district, S^r. Andrew with Lord Marshall, the two last. If its intended he Should continue at Berlin this [in binding]...iter, Its humbly proposed (by Lord John Murray) that S^r. Andrew should disqualifie himself at the meeting of Parl^t. by Accepting of one of the usual places, in order that L^d. J. M. Should be chosen in place till his Return to England, who would then engage to give it up in the Same manner to S^r. Andrew –

If His Grace aproves of this its not Doubted S^r. Andrew will readily unseat upon being wrote to it agreable to His Grace, as well as the Earl Findlater, which would be the addition of a vote in the house of Commons for carrying on the Kings [George III] Measures, under his Graces Administration.

N.B. This Letter to the Duke of Grafton, nor the Memo^l – inclosed is not an Exact Copy, as I had not the time to take it. – for fear of loosing the Post.

The Duke of Graftons Note in answer dated Arlington Street 27th. Nov^r. 1769. Rec^d. Wednesday 29th

The Duke of Grafton presents his Compliments to Lord John Murray and is much obliged to him for the favour of his Letter. He has wrote to S^r. Andrew Mitchell, and made the proposition to him contained in his Lordships Letter.



Detail from *Portrait of John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore*, 1765, by Sir Joshua Reynolds

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Scottish National Gallery

[Excerpt] To the Duke of Grafton Wed: 29th. Nov^r. 1769.

My Lord Duke.

I would not have offered to have troubled your Grace before [John Murray] Lord Dunmore had a promise of it.

I think it my Duty to Acquaint your Grace I have this day inclosed to [John Manners] The Marquis of Granby [Commander in Chief of the Forces] a memorial to the [in binding] of my Services, and have presumed to Send with this a Memo^l of them to Your Grace, which I beg the favour to peruse at your Leisure. and Should humbly hope if your Grace is pleas'd to Mention me in a favourable Manner;

His Majesty will be Graciously pleas'd to Signify his Pleasure I may have the promise of the first Reg^t. of Dragoons, or Government that falls, or Some Such mark of His Royal Favour, I beg to Know if what I mentioned of S^r. Andrew Mitchell [MP and Ambassador to Berlin] if he continues this Year abroad, [on binding] Agreeable to Your Grace, which in that case don't doubt [in binding] ...ould be to him, otherwise would not desire it, as both the earl of Findlater My Brother in Law and I have the greatest Regard for him.

I beg leave to Assure your Grace it would give one the Greatest Satisfaction to have it in my power to Convince your Grace with how much Sincere Attachment, I have the honour to be

My Lord. Your Graces most faithfull ~~and~~ most obedient & most hum^{ble} Servant

To the Duke of Grafton Bannercross Sat: 2^d Dec^r. 1769

My Lord

I had the honor to write your Grace the 29th. Nov^r. and last night Received a Note from your Grace, for which I beg leave to Return my most humble thanks, and am persuaded S^r. Andrew Mitchell will readily assate your Graces desire, as well as Lord Findlater, when you are pleas'd to write to him. to give their Interest in my favours. I had lately a letter from My Sister, they were then at Cullen, & si in the Neighbourhood of the other places, and about 150 Miles beyond Edinburgh if your Grace pleases to order your letter to be Sent from hence by Express. I beg your Grace will please to order Your Secretary to Signifi to me your Commands. I have the honour to be with the utmost Respect & Regard

Your Graces most Divoted and most faithfull Servant

To the Duke of Grafton Thursday 21st. Dec^r. 1769 Sent to [in binding]

My Lord I beg your Grace will pardon my desire of Knowing when theres an answer from S^r. And: Mitchell. and hope to Receive your Graces commands from your Secretary I have the homour to be with the most Sincere Attachment & Respect. My L^d. Duke your Graces most

faithfull & most obliged humble Servant

Copy/ to the [Prime Minister Augustus Henry FitzRoy, 3rd] Duke of Grafton Tuesday 2^d. January 1770

My Lord

I thought it might be proper to Acquaint Your Grace, Some of the most active Gentlemen of this County have their petition Signed, are Sett out for London in order to Present it on Friday next, and they are to have a Meeting the day before at the S^t. Albans Tavern; M^r. [Illeg.] of W____ & his Nephew M^r. S____ of N – Sett out for thence [line out words] last Sunday to be present, but not to But not of those who are to present it, it being confined to Nine, they are Disenters, & have influence many of their principles to Sign it. The no [in binding] shall your Grace has fuller information already yet I thought it my Duty to mention it.

I beg leave to Know if S^r. Andrew Mitchel [MP and Ambassador to Berlin] has agreed to the proposal: Lord Findlater is Still at Cullen, but have not wrote him or any, till I Receive your Graces Commands, Signified to me by your Secretary or any other [in binding] Your Graces Pleasure

To Richard Stonhewer Esq^r. at the Duke of Graftons in

Arlington Street [London] Sund: 7th. Jan: 1770

S^r.

I desire the favour you'l please ~~appoint~~ present my Most Respectfull Compliments to the Duke of Grafton and beg to know if the Proposition I had the honour to write to His Grace the 24th. of November is Agreed to.

I Shall be nuch obliged to receive an answer by the Return of the post, and with great Regard

S^r.

Your most obed^t. hum^{ble} Serv^t.

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 16-17, 23, 27 and 39.



Detail Of *Portrait of John Murray, Afterwards 3rd Duke of Atholl*

Picture Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. III, Ed. John, 7th Duke of Atholl, 1908, after p. 412.

Letters from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to his Nephew, John Murray, 3rd Duke of Atholl, Regarding the Sale of Lord Murray's Estate of Pitnacree and the Duke's Response, Banner Cross, Dec. 7, 1769 and Dunkeld Dec. 14, 1769

Copy to the Duke of Atholl, Dec. 7. 1769

My Lord I had lately the pleasure of hearing both your Grace and family were well at Atholl house & I imagine you'l have left it before this for the Warmer Situation at Dunkeld.

The Sale of Pitnacree &c is fixed to be the 22^d. of Feb: next [in binding] ...oved the Superiority with intent to give it after my ~~Death~~^{Decease} to your Graces Second Son Lord James, but having lately Some [in binding] believe I shall dispose of it, and am informed its [in binding] worth three hundred pounds, but I would not do any thing in it till I knew if it was agreeable to Your Grace [in binding] pay that for it, Which if you chuse to do, as Soon as You send me a proper obligation Shall return it Signed. & as I have a present demand for some Mony, if your Grace will please give me one credit for two hundred pounds on your Banker at London or Edinburgh, and send me [on binding] hundred to M^r. [Robert] Stewart of Clochfoldich Shall be much obliged. I think it may not be improper to Acquaint your Grace that as I have a power to dispose of my Estate here & in Derbyshire, if my Daughter shewd have no Issue, I have by a Deed in May 1766 made it Wholy over to Your Graces family Should that event happen, Which I think is what I ought to do, in case of no Issue from me, to bestow it on Yours. I cant help mentioning that Your Grace ought to have it, and if You are of that opinion, you shall have it for little more then what I gave for it. I shall be glad to know When your Grace Setts out for London I beg to offer my Most affec^t. Compliments to the Dutchess & your family. I have the honor to be with great truth

Your Graces most obedient and most humble Servant

Copy Letter from the Duke of Atholl, Dunkeld 14 Dec^r. 1769

My Lord I Rec^d. yours of the 7th. ~~last~~ ^{of this} Month, and am obliged to you for the Offer of purchasing the Superiority of Pitnacree, but have no Desire of being possessed of any more lands of those trifles, having already enough in my possession to cast the Ballance in any future Election if I thought it worth my while to make Votes of them, which I assure you do not, as I dont chuse to put it in the power of pretended friends to desert me in the Hour of Tryal; My Brothers have now Rose, to that Rank in the Army and Navy, I wished for them, by their Merit, in their Professions, which is more honourable both for them ~~My Lord~~ them and me then if it had been by a Vote in Parliament.

I have as little desire of purchasing land, as What I have already, if properly improved, would be as much as any British Subject ought to have, We came here from Blair [Castle] a fortnight ago, and this house being new Finished, have a very comfortable Winter Quarters. I am

Your Lordships humble Serv^t.

Signed Atholl

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 24-25.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Regimental Agent William Montgomery Regarding Officer Assignments, Banner Cross, Undated, Likely Around Dec. 7-19, 1769

Copy Letter to W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. Agent at Dublin

S^r.

I wrote you the 5th. of this Ins^t. (Dec^r.) inclosing Extract of my letter to you of the 31st. ~~Nov^r~~ ^{Oct^r}. last and to L^t. Col^o. [Gordon] Graham [42nd Regt.] lest it might have been in that mail was Robb'd, and not come to your hand. but I must desire you'll please not mention anything of a Second Battⁿ. as I had the honour of a letter from [George, Viscount Townshend] my L^d. Lieu^t. [of Ireland] to the letter I wrote to his Excell^y. concerning it, That it was not proper to be proposed.

My Lieu^t. Col^o. wrote me when at Londonderry concerning his Son's being made Q^r.Master if any should be appointed this I imagined was for his Eldest son L^t. Charles on my Reg^t., he afterward wrote me he had a promise from my L^d. Lieu^t. of an Ensigncy for his younger Son (whose Christian Name I don't know [William], nor his age [16]) and afterwards that he had in direct hints given him by some of his Friends about the [Dublin] Castle, as if his Excellency [the Lord Lieutenant] meant to give the Q^r.M^r. Commission to his son. I wrote some time ago to my L^d. Lieu^t. desiring the favour he would give me the Recommendation of my Q^r.M^r. which I hope his Excellency will please grant me, especially if any other Colonels of Regiments have leave to Recommend theirs, but of its his pleasure not to accept of mine but appoint my L^t. Col^oss. youngest son to it, whatever Col^o. Graham wrote me on that Subject will of course go for Nothing as if he had never wrote to me about it, but I hope he will rather wait for his Excellencys promise ~~for~~ ^{of} an Ensigncy for his Son and decline accepting of the Q^r.M^r. Ship of my Regim^t., otherwise I believe you'll readily imagine I can't take it well of him since its only waiting a little longer for an Ensigncy, and he knows I have done all in my power for him, on every occasion for his preferment which he has always hither to merited from me, and ever had the greatest Friendship for him, please acquaint him of this w^t. my Comp^{lts}. which will Save Repititions.

If my Lord L^t. is pleased to give me the Recommendation of y^e. Q^r.M^r. and that its understood I may dispose of it and that any oy^r. [other] Col^ol. does it youle be please Speak to the gentleman whose letter I inclose, and lett him know did not think it proper to write an Ans^r. at that time as none was then Intended. or if any other Gentleman of a Highland Connection or North Brittain [Scotland] properly Qualified shall leave it to you to make the best agreement you can for me,.

But if its understood the Q^r.M^r.Ship is not to be disposed of, but given [in binding] without any Considerationm in that case desires you'll please Recommend Alex^r Stewart in my name for it. When my Second Batt: was raised [1758] the Secretary informed me the King [George II] was pleased to give

me leave to recommend my Staff and desired me to give him their Names, but I never sold any tho'. I believe many other Colonels have, and when my late Chaplain M^r. [Lauchlan] Johnson died at [the siege of] Havannah [Cuba, in 1762], and in Debt to some of the Officers of the Reg^t. for having purchased [on binding] the other to whome I had appointed him Assistant, I kept it vacant till their mony was repaid out of the Subsistence, and gave his Widdow the Arrears, and then gave it M^r. [James] M^clagan for the god Character I h^ard of him without any Consideration, I only [in binding] him if he pleased he might give two or three years of his Arrears to go to the benefit of the late Chaplains Children as I should direct, and desired M^r. Adam Ferguson Proffessor of Natural Philosiphy at Edin^r. to receive it, and pay it to [in binding] of them as deserved it most, which I hope you have sent him Accordingly [in binding] Widow wanted it in her own hands to dispose of that also as she pleased, but thought the greatest Charity was to the Two Youngest Daughters unprovided for...

I Rec^d. a Letter from M^r. Hall in your Absence dated the 25th. Oct^r. inclosing an Rec^t. but ~~it was~~ [^]he directed [^]it for me at Pitnacrie where I have not been of a long time, it was long in Traveling here. The day is fixed for that sale the 22nd. February next.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you in Answer as soon as you can I am afraid have tyred you with this long letter as it has ne, but I thought it best fully explain myself, I should be glad to know how my old Agent Cap^t. [George] Johnston keeps his health, and where he is and if his Memory is Good. ✕

When I had the honour to write my L^d. Lieu^t. did not mention any person for Quarter Master, only that I desired the favour he would give me leave to recommend. you may if time permitts first write me before you give in ~~any~~ Memorial as I expect his Excellencys Answer. I am Sincerely

S^r.

Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.

But if Absolutely Necessary to give in a name you know my mind

Source and Note: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 32-34. As this letter is not in Lord Murray's handwriting, his Secretary makes use of the letter "thorn" which looks like a lower case y and has the sound of "th." It is used in the word "ye" for the, and "oy" for other.

1770



Detail from *Queen's Square*, by Edward Dayes, 1786

Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray. Col., 42nd Regt., to Mrs. Denis Regarding Boarding School for His Daughter, Mary Murray, and Mrs. Stevenson's Response, Banner Cross, Near Sheffield, England, Jan. 6, 1770 and Queen Square, Ormond St., London, Jan. 11, 1770

40/ Madam To M^{rs}. Denis Queen Square Ormind Street.

I intend going Soon to Scotland on Business but first propose taking my Daughter [Mary, age 10] to London, & planing her again under your care & M^{rs}. [J.] Stivenson, where I know her Education, Morals & health will be taken care of. She joins me in compliments to you both, is very well pleas'd to be with you again, and desires me to ask What Young Ladys of her Acquaintance are Still with You, and her compliments to them, She has been perfectly well ever Since She left You, and I hope you'l find her improved.

I am Madam

Banner cross

Your most obed^t. Serv^t.

Sat: Jan: 6th. 1770.

NB. Wrote to M^{rs}. Denis by [his Secretary and Future 2nd Bn. Qr. Mr. Donald] Plowman dated 10th. Jan^y.
Copy from M^{rs}. J. Stevenson Queen Square Jan^y: 11th.

We had the favour of your Lo:ps letter, and Shall be Extreamly glad to have the pleasure of Seeing Miss Murray in Queen Square as Soon as it is Agreeable. Our School commences the 20th. Ins^t; [Jan.] and She will find most of her little friends here at her return. Miss Fane is grown a very fine Young Lady. My Love to My Dear Miss Murray, and tell her none of her intimates have left us except Miss Drummond. We are much obliged to Your Lordship for the favourable opinion you are pleas'd to entertain of our Care. it will be our future endeavour to preserve it, And Shall be glad to Receive a line when we may Expect the Young Lady. M^{rs}. Denis is at Bath [England], which prevents her joining in Respects with

My Lord

Your Lo:ps most obliged humble Serv^t.

NB. Miss Murray went to Queen Square Tuesday forenoon 16 Jan: 1770.

Source and Notes: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 40. Mrs. Denis (the former Miss Pappet and wife of Capt. Peter Denis) owned a house on the northwest corner of Queen Square, Ormond St., London. (Ref.: *The Genuine Works of William Hogarth*, John Nichols and George Stevens, 1810, p. 326. Lord John's only daughter, Mary, was born on Oct. 7, 1759).

1770 Annual Army List Includes Additions Page showing New Quartermaster Position for Twenty- Six Regiments, Including William Graham for the 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 18, 1770

ADDITIONS...

QUARTER MASTERS appointed 18 Jan. 1770...

42 [Foot] William Graham...

Source and Note: TNA, *Annual Army List for 1770* at WO 65/20, f. 113. The 26 regiments include 23 in Ireland, 2 at Gibraltar and 1 at Minorca, and indicate a change to the Establishments (or strength authorization) for those locations. William Graham was the son of Lt. Col. Gordon Graham, 42nd Regt., and served as a lieutenant in the Grenadier Company during the American War of Independence. Later correspondence indicates William Graham did not actually perform the duties of a quartermaster.



Dublin Castle, Ireland, 2009

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by Donaldytong

**News Account of Two Officers of the 42nd Regt. Attending a “Grand Fancied Ball,”
Dressed as Native Americans, Dublin Castle, Mar. 20, 1770**

IRELAND.

Dublin, Mar. 20. On Friday the Grand Fancied Ball, to which the Nobility and Gentry of this kingdom were invited, was given at the castle by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and Lady Townshend, in the principal apartments of the Castle. There were eleven hundred persons present. Nothing could exceed the elegance of the dresses or of the entertainment...

The following are the principal characters in which the Nobility appeared at the Fancied Ball... two Officers of the 42d regiment as American Savages...

Source: *London Lloyd Evening Post*, Mar. 26, 1770, p7.

**Promotion Order for Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col. 42nd Regt. to be a General,
London, Apr. 30, 1770**

War-office, April 30,

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the following Lords and Gentlemen to be General Officers as undermentioned, viz.

To be GENERALS...

Lord John Murray...

Source: *London Gazette*, May 1-5, 1770, p. 1.



Inverness Post Office

Picture Source: "Inverness Post-Office. Curious Case. – Warrand v. Falconer" Ed. John Noble in *Miscellanea Invernessiana*, Inverness, 1902, pp. 55, 64, 75-77.

**Excerpt of Deposition by Half-pay Lt. John Gregor, 42nd Regt.,
in Case Regarding the Postmaster of Inverness, June 5, 1770**

Lieut. John Gregor depones—That he was Master Mason of Old St Andrew's Kilwinning Lodge at Inverness upon 5th June 1770. He remembers there was a deputation sent from the sister Lodge to them on the said day. He also remembers that there was a motion made respecting an application to General [James Adolphus] Oughton, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, for obtaining the removal of the Pursuer from his employment of Postmaster of Inverness, and that there was also a paper from the sister Lodge for the same purpose, and to be presented by him to the Lodge of which he was Master. He does not remember who the members of the other Lodge were who sent the said paper, nor by whom it was sent to the deponent. He remembers that the message wrote him with the paper was desiring him to lay it before his Lodge, and requesting their concurrence therein if they thought proper. Depones, That in consequence of the resolution or in consequence of the message from the sister Lodge, a writing was produced to the members present containing complaints against Pursuer with regard to his management of the Post-Office, addressed to the Grand Master, to have him removed from that employ. In consequence of the way the complaint from the sister Lodge was worded, they desired that another paper should be made out, which was accordingly done to their own liking and of which they approved, and it was signed by the deponent and several other members, excepting two or three of those then present, and that one of those came next day in order to sign it. That William Welsh tanner, and John Gilzean were the two that he remembers did not sign, and John Gilzean spoke to him next day in order to sign it. He depones that he had a conference with Captain Duff (the Defender's brother-in-law) respecting the application to General Oughton, the import of which was, that it was told to the Defender that if the Lodges applied to the General there would be no doubt that Mr Warrand would be turned out of office

Source and Notes: "Inverness Post-Office. Curious Case. – Warrand v. Falconer" Ed. John Noble in *Miscellanea Invernessiana*, E. Mackay, Stirling, 1902, pp. 55, 64, 75-77. Gregor's testimony was taken for a case by the Postmaster General to examine the conduct of Robert Warrand, Postmaster of Inverness in 1770. In 1764 Gregor was elected Right Worshipful Master of St Andrew's Kilwinning Lodge in Inverness and held the position for about ten years

**Excerpt of Letter Discussing Chap. James M'Lagan's Study of Scots and Irish Gaelic,
Ireland, June 16-19, 1770**

TO JEOFFRY WAGSTAFF, Esq:

SIR,

MUCH light having been thrown on the antiquities of Europe through the study of the Celtic, its primæval language; it is a reproach to us in the island of Britain and Ireland, that hitherto we have made but little progress in such research...

It is, however, with some pleasure we are informed, that the gentry of Scotland, are establishing a society in Edinburgh, for the study of our Gaedlic Celtic. This society is to be composed of several gentlemen learned in the language of the Highlands and Western isles, particularly Mr. Ramsay of Aughtertire near Stirling, Mr. Stewart of Killin, and the rev. Mr. M^cNichol, minister of Lismore. The rev. Mr. M^cLagan, now chaplain to the Highland regiment quartered in Dublin, is to be of that society, and has made considerable progress in the knowledge of the Gaedlic spoke in Ireland, as well as in that of his own country...

And am Sir. &c.

C.

Source: *Dublin Mercury*, June 16-19, 1770, p. 4.



Margaret Macpherson, Sister of Duncan Macpherson of Cluny

Photo courtesy of the Clan Macpherson Museum, Newtonmore, Scotland

Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser (Future Col., 71st Highland Regt.) Discussing Request from Half-Pay Capt. Duncan M^cPherson, Late 89th Highland Regt. (Future Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to Marry Fraser's Niece, Margaret Macpherson, Porto, Portugal, Aug. 16, 1770

Oporto, 16th August, 1770.

... from my leaving England in 1766 I never wrote a syllable to my nephew or any of the name of Macpherson except an answer to a letter from Breackachy's son informing me of his intention of marrying my niece and my letter to him was simply upon that matter of his marriage, without a syllable on any other business whatever....

Source: *Antiquarian Notes, Historical, Genealogical, and Social*, Second Series, Charles Fraser-Mackintosh, A. & W. Mackenzie, Inverness, 1897, pp. 355-356.

Letter from Half-Pay Capt. Duncan M^cPherson, 89th Highland Regt. (Future Brevet-Lt. Col.,

**42nd Regt.), to Mr. Duncan Grant Concerning a Conflict over his Father's Estate, Breakachy,
Oct. 22, 1770**

D^r Sir

I received your favours inclosing your Acc^{ts}. As Cluny by his last Letter to his friends has attempted /by whose influence you may guess, & I shall soon make it appear to be publick/ to hurt my Character, I am now left to build upon my own bottom, support that Character which has most innocently been injured, and defend my interest, I am therefore obliged to muster up all his Letters to me in order to parry any undue use that can be made of his last Letter, which when properly argued will convince the world that I have in the first place acted with that propriety of conduct in my friend's Affair that was consistent with a man of honour. That he has been imposed upon, and that I am justly intitled to my outlays before that Subject can be disposed of – You'll please find me in course of Post Cluny's Letters to Major Macpherson & me from Edin^r referred to in the petition, and M^r Marshall's Acc^t. Youll likewise send one of the Discharge of Rent by the late John Gordon the Duke's Factor to my father, as his Grace's present Factor will not grant a Discharge untill he sees it, as there is a reference in it to an Arrear due by Malcolm, which the Duke was to allow by a Charge that Malcolm has against him Compliments to M^{rs} Grant, and let me know the Idea of your Corner in regard to this plotting Affair I am

D^r Sir Your most hum^{le} Serv^t

DunM^cPherson

Breakachy

22nd October 1770

Source and Note: NRS, *Warrant of Bught Correspondence* at GD23/6/226 ff. 1-2. Half pay officers were those whose regiments had been reduced or disbanded. They received half their pay and were available to be recalled to active service. Capt. Duncan McPherson (formerly "*Younger of Breakachy*") was brought out of half pay to command a company in the 42nd Regt. for the American war. Cluny is Duncan Macpherson of Cluny, known as "*Duncan of the Kiln*", and was chief of Clan Macpherson and Capt. M^cPherson's brother in law. The Duke of Gordon was the owner of Capt. M^cPherson's estate at Breakachy and after a vigorous court battle M^cPherson, his wife and father were evicted from the estate in 1773.



Argyll House, King's Road, London

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**Letter from John, 4th Duke of Argyle to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Regarding
Promotion for Lt. Hon. George Mackenzie, 2nd Battalion, The Royals, to a Company in the
42nd Regt., London, Nov. 3, 1770**

Argyll House Nov^r 30th 1770

My Lord

I find by letter from the Commanding Officer of the 42^d Regiment, that the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has Consented that L^t: M^cKenzie of the 2^d Battalion Royal should purchase a Company in the 42^d, I therefore beg leave to Renew my Request that Ensign Alexander Campbell of the 42^d should have leave to purchase L^t M^cKenzie's Commission

The person I recommended is eldest son to the Member of Parliament for Argyllshire who has been supporting the Administration both in this & the last Parliament without any Emolument whatever from Government

The Promotion has gone on so rapidly in this Battalion that the hardship on the Ensigns is not great. The oldest Ens. [Christopher] Forster will not purchase the three Youngest are all appointed only this year & the three remaining are very young officers, As I have this affair much at heart I beg the favour of Your Lordships support in it, & I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient humble Servant

Argyll

Source and Note: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xv, 1765-1779 at MS 73560, pp. 140-140v. John, fourth Duke of Argyll lived at Argyll House at No. 211, King's Road, London 1769 to 1770. The house is located about two miles southwest of Buckingham Palace.

**Promotion Announcement for Capt. Thomas Stirling to be Major, 42nd Regt.,
London, Dec. 12, 1770**

From other papers, &c.

Capt. Thomas Stirling, of the 42d regiment of foot, (the Royal Highlanders), is promoted to be Major of that regiment, by purchase. — This gentleman was pitched upon by Gen. [Hon. Thomas] Gage, commander in chief in America to take possession of the Illinois country in 1765, having a hundred men under his command. They went from Fort Pitt, by the Ohio, to the Illinois country, and remained there ten weeks, till relieved by the 34th regiment; thence they went down the Mississippi, embarked at New Orleans for West Florida, and went thence to New York, where they arrived in June 1766. Capt. Stirling was on this expedition ten months; during which time he made an inland voyage of about 3000 miles, upon two rivers only, where no British troops had ever been before, and a circuit, in the whole, of about 5000 miles, without the loss of a man, or any expense to government. The detachment landed at New York without a sick man, and marched to their quarters at Philadelphia, seventy miles.

Source: *Scots Magazine*, Feb. 1771, pp. 211-212.

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**News Account of Promotion of Capt. Thomas Stirling to be Major, 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Jan. 26, 1771**

EDINBURGH...

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Capt. Thomas Stirling of the 42d regiment, to be Major in the said, or Royal Highland regiment.

John Murray, Esq; of Lintrose, died at his house of Lintrose, in the county of Forfar, on Saturday the 19th current.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Jan. 26, 1771, p. 2. Maj. Stirling served as Lt. Col. of the regt. during most of the American War of Independence. Maj. Stirling's date of rank was Dec. 12, 1770.

**Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth
Discussing his Promotion and Continued Poor Health, Douglas, Isle of Man, Feb. 6, 1771**

Douglas Feb^y 6th 1771

I received yours, Dear Airth, of 27th Jan^y and thank you for your congratulation on my preferment [to Major, Dec. 12, 1770] it has had no violent effects upon me hitherto, either as to joy, or changing my disposition in playing the command:^g Officer, nor I hope will not the next step when I get it, in short I took it, as Yorick says, every fine Lady takes a Compliment, as a matter of right... as for my health I want not restoratives but Purifiers... I should be much obliged to you if you would send for my young Mare at Lochlane, this spring, and let [Lt.] Archie [Erskine, 13th Regt., future Capt., 42nd Regt.] give her some Education, & as there is a man at S^t Ninian that nicks, I would have her tail set up which might be done when she is at Airth...

PS. Pray did you pay the Doctor my Medicine bill
my kind love to all at Airth I ever am

Dear Graham yours most Sincerely
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. 5-6 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, ff.32-33*. Four Companies of the 42nd Regt. were assigned to the Isle of Man from Sept. 26, 1770 until Dec. 25, 1772 when one company returned to Ireland. As the regiment's Major, Stirling commanded the troops at that station until his promotion in Sept. 1771.



Detail of Castle of Carrickfergus, circa 1830-1869 by Alphonse Dousseau

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Nat. Lib. of Wales

**Excerpt of Letter from Ens. William Leslie, 42nd Regt., to his Older Brother, Alexander,
Lord Balgonie, Discussing the Heart of Steel Insurgents and Officers of the Regiment,
Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 16, 1771**

To the Right Honble
The Lord Balgonie
Edin^r [via] Port Patrick

Belfast Feb^{ry} 16th
1771

My Dearest Bal,

Now I am in a settled Habitation I intend to write punctually...Nothing extraordinary going on here. The Hearts of Steel are all come back to the Country, it is thought they will kick up a Dust again, but don't speak of that as it will make mama uneasy; they fired 4 days ago at a sergeant of ours & a constable

walking together & wounded the constable. I go to one Mr Knox's house the beginning of the week to stay two or three days along with C^t [Capt. William] Murray our commanding Officer... Was at Carrick Fergus on Monday saw Scotland from the tip of the tower & my heart leapt for joy, I daresay papa [5th Earl of Leven] has been there... Was at Church last Sunday, heard [Chaplain] Mr. [James] M'laggan our Parson he is a good honest Man, not the best Preacher in the world, him & I mess together – at Breakfast, he is to learn me Erse [Gaelic]...

Your most affect^{ely} W^m Leslie

Source: "Part II, Captain Hon. William Leslie (1751-77) His Life, Letters and Commemoration," Ed. Marianne M. Gilchrist in *Military Miscellany II, Manuscripts from Marlborough's Wars, the American War of Independence and the Boer War*, Ed. David G. Chandler in collaboration with Christopher L. Scott, Marianne M. Gilchrist and Robin Jenkins, Sutton Publishing Ltd., for the Army Records Society, Stroud, UK, 2005, pp. 141-143 from NRS, *Papers of the Leslie family, Earls of Leven and Melville* at GD26/9/513/24.

Excerpt of a Letter from Chap. James M'Lagan, 42nd Regt., to John M'Naughton, President, Gaelic Society, Regarding production of a Gaelic – English Dictionary, Belfast, Feb. 27, 1771

Belfast, Feb. 27th, 1771

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 25th ultimo [Jan.] I was lately honoured with. I am sorry that my knowledge of the Galic language does not by any means come up to the notions you seem to entertain of it, any more than to my own wishes; and one reason for my rejoicing at your laudable and useful undertaking, of compiling a dictionary and grammar of our mother tongue, was, that it would help my knowledge of it...

But you have not writ for an encomium upon the language, but for materials; and I am sorry that my absence from the country where it is spoke puts it out of my power to be of much service of you in that way. Did I indeed reside in it, my zeal would probably prompt me to catch as much as I could; but in my present situation, I am as like to lose of what I have, as to add any thing to my knowledge of it... With my whole soul I wish you life and health to see your design executed, and to enjoy the satisfaction and advantages of it. And am in sincerity, D^f. Sir,

your most obedient servant
James M'Lagan

To John M'Naughton, Esq.
Preses of the Galic Society, Edin.

Source: *Edinburgh Monthly Magazine*, Vol. I, No. III, June 1817, pp. 256-259.



Miniature of Ens. Hon. William Leslie

Picture Source: Southeby's "Two Great Scottish Collections: Property from the Forbeses of Pitsligo and the Marquesses of Lothian," Mar. 28, 2017

Excerpt of Letter from Ens. Hon. William Leslie, 42nd Regt., to his Older Brother, Alexander, Lord Balgonie, Regarding Pending Movement to New Quarters, Belfast, Ireland, Mar. 1, 1771

To the Right Honble
The Lord Balgonie
Edinburgh
[via] Port Patrick

Belfast March 1st
1771

My Dear Bal,

...There was a riot in Dublin, pulled the members out of their Chairs broke noses, gave blue eyes & tossed their wigs in the air...I wrote my Father that our quarters were to be at Killough, but they are altered since to Carrick Fergus. C^t. [William] Murray who brought two Companies from Drogheda, will be obliged to pay for the mens quarters here, out of his own pocket as the Government have refused it. It seems the G^t. never allows quarters when troops are sent to quell riots. will be very hard on Murray about 40 £ ...

Believe me how much I am My Dear Bal's most faithful and affe^{ct} Brother
W^m Leslie 42^d R.

Source: "Part II, Captain Hon. William Leslie (1751-77) His Life, Letters and Commemoration," Ed. Marianne M. Gilchrist in *Military Miscellany II, Manuscripts from Marlborough's Wars, the American War of Independence and the Boer War*, Ed. David G. Chandler in collaboration with Christopher L. Scott, Marianne M. Gilchrist and Robin Jenkins, Sutton Publishing Ltd., for the Army Records Society, Stroud, UK, 2005, pp. 143-144 from NRS, *Papers of the Leslie family, Earls of Leven and Melville* at GD26/9/513/23.

**Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth
Discussing his Continued Poor Health, Douglas, Isle of Man, Mar. 22, 1771**

Dear Airth

Dowglas March 22^d 1771

... I am much obliged to you for the care you promise to take of the young mare She is very gentle and will not require much breaking however I would have her fit to carry me in case I should come home this summer tho' there is no great probability of it as I am afraid we shall not be able to bring about the next

affair so soon as we expected or I wish, and unless my health oblidges me, you will not see me untill that is settled My health is far from being well & tho perhaps imagination may make me think it worse, as some of my friends think me fanciful, I have too good cause to complain, and two hard & large reasons for it at present, I am to be bled tomorrow &^e Make my kind Love to Annie & all at Airth most Sincerely yours and Theirs

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. 6-7 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, ff.34-35*. One major and four Companies of the 42nd Regt. were assigned to the Isle of Man from Sept. 26, 1770 until Dec. 25, 1772 when one company returned to Ireland.

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agent William Montgomery Regarding Unreported Officer Changes, London, Mar. 30, 1771

Copy to M^r. W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. Agent Dublin
dated London 30th. March 1771 –
S^r

...was Surprized to hear [former Ens. Alexander] Lord Belcarras [53rd Regt.] name was inserted in the last Return from Belfast as Cap^t. in my Reg^t wither it's in Cap^t. John Graham's place or not I know not but I can't help Saying that I think it's Extraordinary you never Acquaint me with Any Changes in my Reg^t. and many have happened of late, nor did you of my Lieu^t. Col^o's. Disposal [Gordon Graham in favour of Maj. Thomas Græme of Duchray, Dec. 12, 1770], till After the Commission was Signed, and I acquainted of it here with the Succession.

I don't doubt you have ^a great deal of business to Transach & letters to write but lett me know if you don't acquaint other Colonels by whom you are Agent with these things and the prices they Agree for, if it's usual in Ireland to have those Changes made, without the Conscent and knowledge of the Col^o. of the Reg^t., and if none of them had the Recommending of their Quarter Master which I have often wrote to you to inform me of but hitherto in vain I hope to hear fully from you by the Return of the post. [in binding] order the box with the book & the other things I desired y^e [the] 24th. July last to be sent to my house in Upper Brook Street near Grosv^r. [Grosvenor] Square. I shall Expect for the future to hear all particuliars from you relating to my Reg^t. & I am

S^r. &c.

W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. Agent Dublin

[John Murray]

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 80. As a nobleman, Ens. Alexander, Earl of Balcarras was allowed to skip the rank of lieutenant and enter the 42nd Regt. as a Captain. Date of Lt. Col. Graham's retirement from *Sons of the Mountains*, Vol. II, Ian Macpherson McCulloch, Purple Mountain Press, 2006, pp. 4, 17. *Upper Brook St.* touches the northwest corner of Grosvenor Square, Mayfair, London.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Maj. Thomas Stirling
Regarding Four Company Detachment of the 42nd Regt. Assigned to the Isle of Man;
London, Mar. 30, 1771**

Copy Letter to Major [Thomas] Stirling dated London 30th. March 1771
S^r.

I had the favour and would have wrote you again Sooner, but delay'd it till I got franks, having nothing Particulair to Mention, and know you' take care the 4 Companys under your Command are kept in proper Discipline, and if any thing Extraordinary happens, hopes youl always & regularly Acquaint me, I saw a Paragraph from Cap^t. [Alexander] Donaldson's letter to M^r. Mayrick by your desire about the Ensewing years Cloathing. I have for some time Always given the Highland part in Charge to Cap^t. John

Graham, and to Correspond with [Agent] M^r. [William] Montgomery & me about it, I have wrote him Twice but have not heard lately, I desired he would send that for the 4 Companys, by a Ship, to the isle of Man, when ready, As there has been many Changes of late, desire you'le lett me know if any of the Officers mades to purchase at the ^{Regulated} price, or if any are Still willing shall Endeavour to have them preferred to Strangers out of other Corps. and so many new ones having come in desire youl please send me a Return of the Captains & Subalterns as placed to Companys with the Names of the Places where & when born.

As my Reg^t. has always been Esteem'd for their good behaviour in whatever Quarters they have been, don't doubt they will be so in the Isle of Man where I was the first time the late Duke of Atholl was there, if any of my acquaintances there are living pray lett me know it, and make my Comp^{ts}. to them, and write me the prices of the Different provisions & Liquours.

Please make my Comp^{ts}. to Governour [John] Wood, & the Officers of the Corps and I am Sincerely

S^r.

Your Most &c

[John Murray]

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 81.



Detail of Wax Sculpture Portrait of Maj. William Murray, circa 1773-1774, by Samuel Percy, Dublin

Picture Source: *National Gallery of Scotland* at

<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/3362/william-murray-1737-1778-soldier>

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Capt. William Murray
Regarding Behavior of the Regiment and Officer Promotions, London, Mar. 30, 1771**

Copy To Cap^t. W^m. Murray dated 30th. March 1771
S^r.

I have only rec^d. yours with the return very lately owing I Imagine to your having Omitted putting it in a Cover To [Agent] W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. at Dublin, it came from thence to my Seat in [Banner Cross] Yorkshire being Marked on the back Banner + and afterwards here, please remember this for the future when you have no franks for me. It's a mark of Esteem which my Reg^t. has always had from their good behaviour whenever the wishes of the Inhabitants to be Quartered amongst them and hope they will continue to Merit it. –

As there has been many Changes of late desire youl lett me know if any of the Officers made offer to purchase at the Regulated price or if any are Still willing shall Endeavour to have them prefered before

Strangers, out of other Corps, and as so many newones are com in desire youl please Send me a Return of the Cap^{ts}. & Subalterns, as placed to Company's with the place where and when born

I am persuaded youl take particulair Care the Men are properly Disciplined when the weather permitts, I desire youl make my Comp^{ts}. to the Officers, and wishing you all good Quarters I am Sincerely

S^r.

your most &c

[John Murray]

write me the prices of Provisions of different kinds with y... [in binding]

If there should be any Gentleman of my Acquaintance now in the Country where you are lett me know it ^{and any Extraordinary} and make them my Comp^{ts}.

To Cap^t. W^m. Murray.

Source and Note: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 82. Maj. Murray served as the commander of the 1st (Provisional) Bn., 42nd Regt. during the 1776 and 1777 campaigns of the American War for Independence.



Reproduction 7th or Royal Fuzileer Regt. Uniform Button

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. Walter Home, 7th or Royal Fuzileers Regt.
(Future Maj., 42nd Regt.), to be Capt. Lieutenant, London, Apr. 1, 1771**

War-Office, April 1...

7th Foot... Walter Home to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice [Peter] Dundee; by Purchase."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 6, 1771, p. 1. Capt. Lt. Home became Major of the 42nd Regt. in 1782. The use of the spelling "Fuzileers" in the subject line is consistent with the Army List of 1771.

**Excerpt of Letter from Sir William Stirling of Ardoch (Brother of Maj. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt.)
to William Graham at Airth, Discussing Maj. Stirling's Health, Ardoch, Apr. 13, 1771**

Dear Sir

Ardoch 13th April 1771

...I heard of poor little Toms distress but I hope his had now got quite the better of it.I always am

My Dear Sir Very Affectionately yours

W 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), p. 7 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, ff.1-2*. The nickname "little Tom" may have been applied due to Thomas' stature or to differentiate from the brothers' grandfather Adm. Thomas Gordon.

**Excerpt of Letter from Sir William Stirling of Ardoch (Brother of Maj. Thomas Stirling,
42nd Regt.) to William Graham at Airth, Noting Maj. Stirling was at Belfast, Ireland;
Ardoch, July 13, 1771**

Dear Sir

... I had a letter from Tom thursday he is at Belfast... I ever am
 My Dear Sir Your Affect humble Servt
 W Stirling

Ardoch 13th July 1771

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. 7-8 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943*, ff. 3-4. Until his promotion to Lt. Col. in Sept. 1771, Stirling was the commander of a four company detachment of the 42nd Regt. in garrison on the Isle of Man which makes his location in Belfast notable and likely temporary.

Succession Book Listing of Officers Added to 10th Company, 42nd Regt., Dublin, Sept. 1, 1771

42 ^d F.				
[1771]	James M ^c Pherson /of late 105 th F./ 18 th Oct. 61/	Capt.	}	}
	John M ^c Intosh	Lieut.	} 10 th Co:	} 1 st Sept.
	/John Campbell, en Second/	Lieut.	}	}
	John Grant /of late 105 th F./ 17 th Oct. 1761/	Ens:	[John] M ^c Intosh	do:

Source and Note: TNA, *Succession books (series 1) - general*. 1771-1780 at WO 25/211 (No folio numbers shown). Although the above officers were promoted as a result of adding a light infantry company, they were not necessarily assigned to that company.



Detail of Portrait of Lt. Gen. George Townshend, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Order issued for Forming a Light infantry Company in the Regiments on the Irish Establishment, Including the Royal Highlanders, in the Name of Lt. Gen. George Townshend, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Dublin, Sept. 18, 1771

Order for forming a co. of Light Infantry in each of the Regts. of Foot in Ireland.

Townshend.

Whereas since the late Establishment of His Majesty's Infantry in Ireland hath taken place, His Majesty finding that it would be for the good of His Service, hath added a Light Company to the several Battalions of His Infantry on the British Establishment; and His Majesty likewise finding, that it will not only be of equal advantage to His Service, that a Light Company be added to each Battalion of his Infantry on the Establishment of Ireland, But that it is also of real consequence that all the Battalions in His Service should be similar, and consist of equal Numbers, hath judged it necessary that each of His

Twenty-Seven Battalions of Infantry upon the Military Establishment of Ireland should consist of Ten Companies, including a Company of Light Infantry...

[Each regiment was in future to consist of:]

One Colonel and Captain, One Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain, One Major and Captain, Seven Captains, Twelve Lieutenants, Eight Ensigns, One Chaplain, One Quarter-Master, One Adjutant, One Surgeon, One Surgeon's Mate, Twenty Sergeants, Thirty Corporals, Ten Drummers, Two Fifers, and Three Hundred and Eighty Private Men...

We do therefore In pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure as aforesaid hereby direct and require you, forthwith to issue the necessary Orders, that upon the 1st Day of October next ensuing the said companies of Light Infantry be formed accordingly and that for that Purpose a Reduction be made in each of His Majesty's, 5th, 9th, 24th, 27th, 28th, 34th, 38th, 40th, 42nd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 57th, 62nd, and 63rd Regiments of Foot of Seven Sergeants and Eight Drummers" and that upon the same day each of the said several Regiments be Augmented with Three Corporals and Two private men, which, with One Captain and Two Lieutenants added by His Majesty to each of the said Regiments, will compleat them respectively to the aforesaid Establishment...

Given &c. the 18th Day of Sept. 1771

Thos. Waite

[Under-Secretary for Ireland]

To the Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces under the Government of this Kingdom for the time being.

Source: *Historical Records of the 40th (2nd Somersetshire) Regiment, now 1st Battalion The Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment) From its Formation, in 1717, to 1893*, Capt. R. H. Raymond Smythies, A. H. Swiss, Devonport (U. K.) 1894, Google Books, Appendix IV, pp. 547-548. The documents were originally maintained in a file entitled *Martial Affairs*, Record Office, Dublin.

1772

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth, Discussing His Promotion, Illness and Upcoming Social Activities, Edinburgh, Mar. 24, 1772

Edin^r Tuesday night

Dear Airth

I have the pleasure of yours, and tho have very little to say, yet cannot deny myself the satisfaction of acknowledging it [promotion to Lt. Col., Dec. 12, 1771] I have got a very bad Cold & could I find time for eating and drinking, would certainly take a little blood & keep my room for a few days, but life is too short to waste any of it in the Capital w^t being sick, I propose leaving it end of the week & go to Bo-ness for a few days after which I intend saluting at my Friends under your roof for eight days Sir William [Stirling of Ardoch] & Lady Stirling are in town, you will have our Cousin with you who will communicate all the news of the Town I will therefore conclude by offering my kindest Love to you, Annie & the Babes I ever am

yours most Sincerely 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. 8-9 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, f.36*. Lt. Col. Stirling's presence in Edinburgh indicates he is on extended leave from the regiment serving in Ireland. He was appointed Lt. Colonel effective Sept. 7, 1771.

Order for Determining Date of Rank for Capt. Lieutenants, London, May 26, 1772

War-Office, May 26, 1772.

The King has been pleased to direct that, for the future, the Captain-Lieutenants of the Calvary and Marching Regiments shall have Rank, as well in the Army as in their respective Regiments, as Captains; that the present Captain-Lieutenants take the said Rank from this Day; and all future Captain-Lieutenants from the Date of their respective Commissions.

BARRINGTON

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 23-26, 1772, p. 1. Capt. Lieutenants normally commanded the Colonel's Company of the regiment because the Colonels, who were also company commanders, were usually General Officers in the Army and did not serve with their regiments. This order recognizes the Capt. Lieutenants' command experience, and gives them seniority over captains appointed after their Capt. Lieutenancies.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lt. Walter Home, 7th or Royal Fuzileers Regt. (Future Maj., 42nd Regt.), to be Captain, London, June 6, 1772

War-Office, June 6...

7th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant Walter Home to be Captain, vice Edward Brice Dobbs; by Purchase."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 2, 1772, p. 2. Capt. Home became Major of the 42nd Regt. in 1782. The use of the spelling "Fuzileers" in the subject line is consistent with the Army List of 1772.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth, Regarding Financial Matters, Including Bill with Tartan Manufacturer, London, July 1, 1772

London July 1st 1772

Dear Airth

I find there is bad accounts of the bankers in [the Land of] Cakes [*i.e.* Scotland] owing to the breaks & stops [banking crash of 1772] happened here, I hope therefore you have little ballance in their hands, that you may not be a sufferer in the General desolation, and I likewise hope our Friend J [John] Wordie [Edinburgh banker] has escaped but as he may be in some shape concerned, I think it proper to write about my affairs wt him; I gave a bill when in Scotland to Stevenson Manufacturer in Stirling upon M^r Wordie for £97-6 payable 1st or 2^d July to pay which I sent M W a bill for £60 1st of May & had a ballance in his hands of £18 odds so that I shall owe him about £19 if he honors my bill for £97-6 to Stevenson, and as perhaps he may wish to have all his ballances paid him in these hard times I should be glad you could pay him for me that ballance or settle it wt him, but always provided he has paid Stevenson my draught for £97-6 be so good therefore as write him to know if he wants that ballance & should Charles [Stirling, younger brother] Bill come to honor it & I shall take care it be paid when due I have been here these 12 Days but what my motions hereafter we cannot say, if there is anything You & Annie wants that I can get for you let me know, but write soon as perhaps I may leave this in ten or twelve days

Kind Love to Her & the young folks I am

Dear Airth Yours Sincerely

Tho^s: Stirling

Direct British Coffee house

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. 9 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943*, ff.38-39. John Stevenson was a Highland tartan supplier in Stirling.

**Promotion Announcement for Capt. William Grant, 42nd Regt., to be Major in the Army,
London, July 23, 1772**

War-Office, July 23, 1772.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the following Captains to be Majors in the Army, viz.
Captains...

William Grant, of the 42d Regiment of Foot...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 21-25, 1772, p. 1. During this period officers were often promoted to higher rank "in the Army" than their regimental rank. In this case Capt. William Grant maintained his command of a company in the regiment. He would have been addressed by his Army rank as Major Grant. Army rank was used to resolve seniority issues among officers on separate detachments or assignments outside the regiment. They are also sometime referenced to have "brevet" rank.

**Excerpt of Letter from Ens. William Leslie, 42nd Regt., to his Older Brother, Alexander,
Lord Balgonie, Discussing Officers of the Regiment, Galway, Ireland, Nov. 24, 1772**

To the Right Honble
The Lord Balgonie
Cupar Fife
Scotland
[via] Donaghadee

Galway Nov^r 24th
1772

My Dearest Bal...

It may be said that Officers feed on one anothers bodies. You may tell my father that L^t [John] Robertson of whom I wrote him lately will probably get the Cap^t. Lieut^{cy}, the oldest Ensign, ([James] Graham) his Lieut^{cy}, in which case the next Ensign [Colon Campbell] & myself will have purchases immediately, there are already two Ensigns in view –

I have got my mare in pretty good order & ride every good day –

Believe me your, My D^r Brother,

with sincerest Affection W^m Leslie 42nd R^t.

Source: "Part II, Captain Hon. William Leslie (1751-77) His Life, Letters and Commemoration," Ed. Marianne M. Gilchrist in *Military Miscellany II, Manuscripts from Marlborough's Wars, the American War of Independence and the Boer War*, Ed. David G. Chandler in collaboration with Christopher L. Scott, Marianne M. Gilchrist and Robin Jenkins, Sutton Publishing Ltd., for the Army Records Society, Stroud, UK, 2005, pp. 144-145 from NRS, *Papers of the Leslie family, Earls of Leven and Melville* at GD26/9/513/22.

Newspaper Announcement of Promotions, 42nd Regt., Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 22-24, 1772

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions in the Army on this Establishment, and the Commissions are come over accordingly, viz.

9th Reg. of Foot, Walter Jones, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Littleton. – 42d, or Royal Highland Reg. Foot, Lieut. John Robertson, to be Capt. Lieut. vice Mackay, deceased. – Ditto, Ensign William Graham, to be Lieut. – Ditto, Ensign Thomas Lyttleton, from 9th Foot, to be Ensign.

Source: *Dublin Journal*, Dec. 22-24, 1772, p. 1.

1773

**Newspaper Report That Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., was Dangerously Ill,
Dublin, Feb. 23, 1773**

LONDON, Feb. 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25...

[Feb.] 23...

[Gen.] Lord John Murray, Colonel of the 42d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot, in Ireland, is, we hear, dangerously ill.

Source: *Hibernian Journal*; or, *Chronicle of Liberty* [Dublin], Mar. 1, 1773.

Newspaper Advertisement of Appointment of Ordinary Lord of Session, Francis Garden, Lord Gardenstone, to Rank and Settle Debts Against Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Mar. 6, 1773

[Advertisement]

IN the Process of Ranking and Sale, George Ross of Pitkerie, against [Gen.] Lord John Murray of Pitnacree, and his creditors, the Lord Pitfour, by his interlocutor, 10th February 1773, named the Lord Gardenston, of course, to be Ordinary to rank the said creditors, and assigned the 12th of June next for the first term, to the said creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences competent to them respectively, against the bankrupt or [sic] his estate, in the hands of John Calendar, depute [sic] clerk of session, clerk to the said process, 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.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* [Edinburgh], Mar. 6, 1773, p. 1.

42nd Regt. Officer Promotion Announcement, Dublin, Ireland, Apr. 14-16, 1773

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions in the Army on this Establishment, and the Commissions are come over accordingly, viz.

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign James Graham, to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Hall, resigned – Ditto, Alexander Grant, Gent. to be Ensign.

Source and Note: *Hibernian Journal: Or Chronicle of Liberty*, Apr. 14-16, 1773, p. 3. During the period the 42nd Regt. was in Ireland, promotions were decided by the Lord Lt. of Ireland, with no input from the colonel of the regiment, Lord John Murray.

Irish Parliament Document Shows Additional Pay for Maj. William Murray, Formerly Commanding the Three Company Isle of Man Detachment of the 42nd Highlanders on Their Return, Dublin, Ireland, May 28, 1773

CHARGE of the MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT of *Ireland*, for Two Years, from the 1st of *April*, 1773, to the 31st of *March*, 1775; with the Savings and Additions within that Time...

INCREASE...

Increase of a Shilling *per diem* on the Major's Pay of 42d Regiment of Foot, from the Isle of Man from 28th *May* 1773, to 31st *March*, 1775, both inclusive 673 Days...

33 [£] 13 [Sh.] - ...

Addition of a Shilling a Day to the Surgeon's mate of 27 Battalions, from 1st *October*, 1774, to 31st *March*, 1775, 182 Days at 1l. 7s *per diem*

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R^d. Robinson, Dep^y. Muster-Master-Gen^l.

Source: *The Journals of the House of Commons of the Kingdom of Ireland From the Second Day of June, 1774, inclusive to the 4th Day of April, 1776, inclusive*, Vol. 17, Published by Order of the Honourable House of Commons, Dublin, 1776, pp. 53-55, 57. Muray was promoted to Major of the 42nd Regt. on Sept. 7, 1771.

**Excerpt of Letter from Ens. William Leslie, 42nd Regt., to his Father, the Earl of Leven,
Discussing His Lieutenancy in the 17th Regt., Dublin, Ireland, June 8, 1773**

To the Right Honble
The Earl of Leven
Melvill House
by Edinburgh
[via] Donagahee

Dublin June 8th
1773

I hope my Dear Father will not be displeased at my accepting a Lieutenancy in the 17th Reg^t., without first consulting him... I am very sorry to leave the Highlanders, don't expect to be ever in so good a Corps of Officers again; I fear it won't be long a national Corps unless a war happens, for now they put in English [Ens. Thomas Lyttelton] & Irish [Ens. Robert Franklin] without Distinction; Our Colonel [Gen. Lord John Murray] has not the smallest Interest & is disliked by the whole... The purchases in the Reg^t. go on as before, [Capt. Alexander,] Lord Balcarres's Ensign gets the first, the other is not yet fixed but Major [William] Murray say's he will give a final Answer in ten days at farthest...

Kindest Love where due. In haste my D^r Father
Your most affec^{te} Son
W^m. Leslie 42^d R^t.

Source: "Part II, Captain Hon. William Leslie (1751-77) His Life, Letters and Commemoration," Ed. Marianne M. Gilchrist in *Military Miscellany II, Manuscripts from Marlborough's Wars, the American War of Independence and the Boer War*, Ed. David G. Chandler in collaboration with Christopher L. Scott, Marianne M. Gilchrist and Robin Jenkins, Sutton Publishing Ltd., for the Army Records Society, Stroud, UK, 2005, pp. 146-147 from NRS, *Papers of the Leslie family, Earls of Leven and Melville* at GD26/9/513/21.

**Irish Newspaper Announces Arrival of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., at Dublin,
Ireland, June 28, 1773**

DUBLIN

...The Right Hon. General Lord John Murray, Colonel of the Royal Highland Regiment, arrived from England, by way of Donaghadee.

Source: *Hibernian Journal: Or, Chronicle of Liberty* (Dublin), June 28, 1773, p. 3. Lord Murray's arrival was also published in *Saunders's News-Letter* (Dublin), June 25-28, 1773, p. 1.

42nd Regt. Officer Promotion Announcement, Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 23, 1773

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions in the Army on this Establishment, and the Commissions are come over accordingly, viz... 42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Robert Potts to be Lieutenant, vice [John] Campbell, resigned. Ditto, George Dalrymple, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Potts, promoted. – Ditto, [Ens.] Alexander M^cKenzie [54th Regt.], Gent. to be Ensign, vice [William] Leslie, promoted.

Source and Note: *Hibernian Journal; or, Chronicle of Liberty* (Dublin), Aug. 23, 1773, p. 3. During the period the 42nd Regt. was in Ireland, promotions were decided by the Lord Lt. of Ireland, with no input from the colonel of the regiment, Lord John Murray.

**Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth, Describing
Riots due to Imports of Indian and Chinese Cotton Products, Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 24, 1773**

Dear Airth

Dublin Augst 24th 1773

I wrote you last month w^t a bill inclosed to M^r [John] Wordie [Edinburgh banker] for £36-10 on M^r Duncan writer [of the Signet] in Perth which I suppose came safe to your hand as I have heard from M^{rs} Campbell in answer to me I then wrote and inclosed, I bid you up that money if you had occasion for it, and I then mentioned I should give an order to [John] Stevenson [Tartan supplier, Stirling] which you would pay on first Nov^r: for £137-11 I am now to inform you I have this day sent Stevenson bills to the amount of what I owe him, so that I shall have no occasion for any of the Cash in your hands... I have directed Stevenson to enclose my note to him for £137-11 to you & likewise a discharged acc^t of Ens: [John] Stewart [42nd Regt.] for £1-14-4 having this day sent him Bills to the amount of £139-5-4 being all that is due to him by me You will please enquire of M^r Wordie if he ever recovered the bill of John M^cLean late Soldier in 42^d Reg^t to Rod^k: M Crimmen for £2.6.3, which I inclosed to him & wrote him of sometime in may or june 1772 now business being over, how does my Dear Annie and the Babes? M^{rs} Campbell wrote me you were to be there soon and I suppose this will still find you in Perthshire shooting or fishing, better diversion than ours here, tho it be shooting, for it is killing people, God knows they do not deserve to be regreted, but still they are our own Species; you must know the manufacturers will allow no Muslins or Nankeens [Imported Indian and Chinese Cotton cloth] to be wore, & have hired a mob to attack every one wearing them, & no woman dares appear in the pretty painted Muslin gowns nor the men in Nankeen, a young man & Lady in a Coach were met by the mob, unfortunately he had Nankeen britches, there was no help for it, they must be sacrificed, & all the favor he could obtain was to get out & retire behind the Coach while he was throwing them off, they then put him sans Coulot [“without breeches”] w^t the Lady & ordered the Coachman to drive away, wherever they meet w^t any one with these on them, should they fortunately get into a house still they insists on having them thrown out of the Window to be cut in 11 pieces, Yesterday they dressed up two images, called Sir John Nankeen & Lady Betty Muslin, Hanging on a Gallows carried on a Cart, & paraded throw the streets to the number of Thousands, attacking every one they met that had the obnoxious Manufactures on, & even threatened the Woolen drapers because the Cloth was not Made in Ireland, The Magistrates called for a party of the troops, & after being pelted for some time w^t brick bats [broken brick] &^c in a struggle for the Images They grew frightened, lost temper, & ordered the men to fire, four people were killed & several wounded, some too that were there only through curiosity, this only serves to exasperate them against the troops & will occasion, Houghing [cutting the hamstring] maiming &^c for the winter, in short they are a villainous set, more barbarous than the untutored Savage in the Wilds of America, The Lord relieve me from among such a Crew --- We have had a most uncommon track of fair Weather, more than has been known here, I am afraid the Widows parks look very Brown, and it will break you Country Gents, as no price will be given for the Bear & Meal you will had such a great Crop remember me kindly to all Friends, particularly to Marg[torn] & the young folks I am

Dear Airth most Sincerely yours
TS

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. 11-12 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, ff.42-43*.



James Boswell of Auchinleck by Sir Joshua Reynolds

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

James Boswell's Account of Visit to Half-pay Lt. Norman MacLeod of Fernilea, 69th Regt. (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.), Isle of Skye, Scotland Sept. 25, 1773

[Sept. 25, 1773] We had good weather, and a fine sail this day. The shore [of Loch Harport] was varied with hills, and rocks, and corn-fields, and bushes, which are here dignified with the name of natural *wood*. We landed near the house of Fernilea, a farm possessed by another gentleman of the name of Macleod, who, expecting our arrival, was waiting on the shore, with a horse for Dr. Johnson. The rest of us walked. At dinner I expressed to Macleod the joy which I had in seeing him on such cordial terms with his clan. "Government," said he, "has deprived us of our ancient power; but it cannot deprive us of our domestic affections. I would rather drink punch in one of their houses (meaning the houses of his people), than be enabled by their hardships, to have claret in my own." – This should be the sentiment of every chieftain. All that he can get by raising his rents, is more luxury in his own house. Is it not better to share the profits of his estate, to a certain degree, with his kinsmen, and thus have both social intercourse and patriarchal influence?

Source Note: *The Life of Samuel Johnson, LL.D. and the Journal of His Tour to the Hebrides*, Vol. V, James Boswell and Ed. Henry Morley, George Routledge and Sons, New York, 1885, Google Books, pp. 184-185. Due to medical reasons Lt. Norman MacLeod of Fernilea had to reject his commission in the 42nd Regt. soon after his appointment in 1775.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth, Describing Social Activities, Dublin, Ireland, Oct. 8, 1773

Dear Airth

Dublin Oct 8 1773

... I was at Levee to day, & at night to be at the Drawing room, Sunday a Levee and Tuesday a Ball at this Castle, besides Plays routs drums &c – Adieu till tomorrow

Well I was at the Drawing room last night which was not crowded, the Fair Barb was then with her Mother & Sister & looked charmingly but I think the Mother almost as good a piece as either of the Daughters I sported a little at Pharoh, lost my heavy Guineas... Adieu make my kind Love to Annie and the Bairns & I am

faithfully yours

T.S.

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. 12 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, ff.30-31*.

1774



A Prospect of the City of Dublin, from the Magazine Hill, in his Majesty's Phoenix Park, engraving by James Mason

Picture Source: Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth,
Describing Capt. Archibald Erskine's Illness and a Pending Movement, Dublin, Ireland,
Apr. 7, 1774**

Dublin 7th April 1774

Dear Airth

...We march for Waterford about the middle or end of May which I am told is an agreeable quarter Poor [Capt.] Archie Erskine [42nd Regt.] has been ill these five weeks w^t the Rheumatism & still complains, I hope the warm weather will remove his complaints as for myself I am in tolerable health but my Leg is very weak & some of the Surgeons tells me there is a chance of the Sinews not knitting by w^h means I shall never recover the former use of it, I believe I used it too soon...My Kindest Love to Annie and the Infantry & believe me to be yours & theirs most Sincerely T.S.

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. 12 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943*, ff.46-47.

**Letter from Capt. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt. to his Brother-in-Law Duncan Campbell of
Glenure, Regarding his Son, Ens. James Campbell, Brenchyle, Scotland, May 4, 1774**

Brenchyle 4th May 1774

D^r B^r

I am this day favoured w^t yours from which I find that you are at liberty to make James a Royall Highlander I expect his Commission will be over in a few weeks and I am glad to find that your Money will be equally ready in Glasgow or Edn^r the demand for the money will be made whenever the Commission comes over – There will be no mistake as to the name Major Mungo gave in Ja^s as I wrote to the Col^l that it was your son the writer that I meant for the Ens^y – I have given him the 20 Sh note you sent inclosed – I dont despair of Jamie doing well I expect he will turn out a cliver fellow and that youll have credit of him – as to getting leave of absence for Ja^s I can tell you nothing of it I shall write to the Col^l about it Its my own opinion that the Col^l will want him to join immediately as the Reg^t will be to gather this year in Waterford which will be an advantage to him in the way of his duty which he can have very little opportunity in knowing any thing of his duty next year as we are to be scattered up & down in cantoonments in the North of Ireland however, I shall use my endeavours to procure him leave and if I don't Succeed I shall make the best of it by recommending him in the Strongest manner to the Col^l [Thomas Stirling], Major [William Murray] & two other proper hands to look over his conduct untill such time as I join –

I send you inclose your B^{ts} letter All here are well & joins in best wishes to you & family
I am –

D^r B^r

Yours Sincerely
James M^cPherson

Source and Notes: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine*, GD170/1354/27, f. 157. Brenchyle was the name of an estate near Callander on the northern edge of the Trossachs. During the American war Maj. M^cPherson commanded the 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt. in Scotland charged with recruiting for the regiment. Col^l is an abbreviation for Colonel.



Great Courtyard, Dublin Castle

Picture Source: *Ireland Illustrated from Original Drawings*, G. N. Wright, H. Fisher, Son and Jackson, London, 1831, Google Books, after p. 22

Officer Excerpts from Review of the Dublin Garrison, Including the 42nd Regt.,

**by Lt. Gen. William Gansell (Col., 55th Regt.) and Maj. Gen James Gisborne (Col., 16th Regt.),
Dublin, Ireland, May 14, 1774**

Major General [James] Gisbornes Report of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Reviewed by him at Dublin on the 14th day of May 1774.

Officers- { Made a good Appearance – Well Armed – Saluted Well – Uniforms
{ Conformable to the Kings Regulation...

Ja: Gisborne MGen^l

General Return of the NAMES, COUNTRY, AGE & Service, of the Officers, of *His Majestys 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot* Commanded by *General Lord John Murray* With the Dates of their Several Commissions

Reviewed at *Dublin* on the 14th Day of May 1774 By *Major General Gisborne*

OFFICERS Ranks, and Names	Country				Years of	
	English	Scotch	Irish	Foreigners	Age	Service
Colonel <i>Lord John Murray</i>		1			66	37
Lieuten ^t Col ^l <i>Thomas Stirling</i>		1			39	28
Major <i>William Murray</i>		1			36	20
{ <i>William Grant</i>		1			40	30
{ <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>		1			36	16
{ <i>George M^cKenzie</i>		1			30	14
Captains { <i>Earl Balcarres</i>		1			22	7
{ <i>James Macpherson</i>		1			49	17
{ <i>Charles Graham</i>		1			24	15
{ <i>Archibald Erskine</i>		1			25	8
Cap ^t Lieu ^t <i>Thomas Robinson</i>	1					
{ <i>John Smith</i>		1			42	17
{ <i>John M^cIntosh</i>		1			31	17
{ <i>Charles Grant</i>		1			31	15
{ <i>John Graham</i>		1			34	16
{ <i>Valentine Chisholme</i>		1			43	14
Lieutenants { <i>John Peebles</i>		1			33	11
{ <i>John Rutherford</i>		1			27	10
{ <i>Robert Reid</i>		1			23	7
{ <i>William Graham</i>		1			21	5
{ <i>James Graham</i>		1			20	5
{ <i>Robert Potts</i>		1			25	3
{ <i>John Grant</i>		1			35	13
{ <i>Robert Franklin</i>			1		22	3
{ <i>John Stewart</i>		1			23	2
Ensigns { <i>Thomas Lyttleton</i>	1				17	4
{ <i>Patrick Graham</i>		1			19	2
{ <i>Alexander Grant</i>		1			23	2
{ <i>Alexander M^cKenzie</i>		1			28	1
{ <i>George Dalrymple</i>		1			16	1
Total	2	27	1			
Chapl ⁿ <i>James M^cLaggan</i>		1			45	12

Adjut ^t	<i>John McIntosh</i>		1			31	17
Qu ^r Ma ^r	<i>William Graham</i>		1			21	5
Surg ⁿ	<i>Alex^r Potts</i>		1			33	11
Mate	<i>James Murdoch</i>		1			33	16
			5				

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OFFICERS Ranks, and Names	Dates of their several Commissions in the Army						
	Cornet or Ensign...	Lieuten ^t	Cap ^t Lieu ^t	Captain	Major	Lieu ^t Col ^l	Colonel
Colonel <i>Lord John Murray</i>						23 ^d July 1738	25 th April 1745
Lieut ^t Col ^l <i>Thomas Stirling</i>	30 th Sep ^r 1747	9 th Oct ^r 1754		24 th July 1757	12 th Dec ^r 1770	7 th Sep ^r 1771	
Major <i>William Murray</i>	30 th Dec ^r 1755	26 th Dec ^r 1757		18 th July 1758	7 th Sep ^r 1772*		
{ <i>William Grant</i>	20 th May 1745	22 ^d Nov ^r 1746		23 ^d July 1758			
{ <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>	18 th July 1758	18 th Mar: 1760		31 st Mar: 1770			
{ <i>George M^cKenzie</i>	25 th Mar: 1760	25 th Apr ^r 1766		12 th Dec ^r 1770			
Captains { <i>Earl Balcarres</i>	15 th July 1767			28 th Jan ^y 1771			
{ <i>James Macpherson</i>				1 st Sep ^r 1771			
{ <i>Charles Graham</i>	17 th Sep ^r 1760	10 th Sep ^r 1762		7 th Sep ^r 1771			
{ <i>Archibald Erskine</i>		10 th Sep ^r 1768		7 th Sep ^r 1771			
Cap ^t Lieu ^t <i>Thomas Robinson</i>		25 th Dec ^r 1770	1 st May 1773	1 st May 1773			
{ <i>John Smith</i>	15 th May 1757	26 th July 1758					
{ <i>John M^cIntosh</i>	4 th Decem ^r 1759	15 th May 1762					
{ <i>Charles Grant</i>	28 th July 1760	9 Aug ^t 1762					
{ <i>John Graham</i>	25 th July 1758	31 st July 1760					
{ <i>Valentine Chisholme</i>	17 th Oct ^r 1761	23 ^d July 1762					
Lieutenant { <i>John Peebles</i>	23 ^d Aug ^t 1763	31 st Mar: 1770					
{ <i>John Rutherford</i>	31 st May 1764	31 st Mar: 1770					
{ <i>Robert Reid</i>	28 th Mar: 1768	7 th Sep ^r 1771					
{ <i>William Graham</i>	10 th Feb ^y 1770	23 ^d Nov ^r 1772					
{ <i>James Graham</i>	31 st Mar: 1770	1 st Mar: 1773					
{ <i>Robert Potts</i>	7 th Sep ^r 1771	12 th July 1773					
{ <i>John Grant</i>	17 th Oct ^r 1761						
{ <i>Robert Franklin</i>	16 th Oct ^r 1771						
{ <i>John Stewart</i>	15 th May 1772						
{ <i>Thomas Lyttleton</i>	23 ^d Nov ^r 1772						

Ensigns	{ <i>Patrick Graham</i>	31 Dec ^r 1772						
	{ <i>Alexander Grant</i>	1 st Mar: 1773						
	{ <i>Alexander M^cKenzie</i>	12 th July 1773						
	{ <i>George Dalrymple</i>	12 th July 1773						
Chapl ⁿ	<i>James M^cLaggan</i>	15 th June 1764	Description of the Officers Uniforms Scarlet Frocks with Gold Laced Button holes, and Epaullets, Lappell'd to the Waist with dark blue, small round Sleeves with blue Cuffs, Buttons Numbered 42 ^d Regiment with White Linings, Waistcoats White Belted Plaids & Hose, Blue Bonnets in Place of Hatts, with Black Ostrich Feathers.					
Adjut ^t	<i>John M^cIntosh</i>	2 ^d Nov ^r 1768						
Qu ^r Ma ^r	<i>William Graham</i>	18 th Jan ^y 1770						
Surg ⁿ	<i>Alex^r Potts</i>	10 th April 1764						
Mate	James Murdoch	10 th Nov ^r 1758						

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ABSENT OFFICERS.				VACANT OFFICERS.		
Ranks & Names	Since What Time	By whose Leave	For What Time	Rank	Since What time	By what Means
<i>General Lord John Murray</i>	10 th April 1774	<i>Generals</i>	10 th July 1774			<i>Serjeants Recruiting...2</i>
<i>Captain James Macpherson</i>		<i>Recruiting in Scotland</i>				
<i>Captⁿ Lieu^t Thom^s Robinson</i>	10 th April 1774	<i>Lord Lieutenants</i>	10 th July 1774			
<i>Ensign John Grant</i>		<i>Recruiting in Scotland</i>				
<i>Ensign John Stewart</i>		<i>Lord Lieutenants</i>				

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office, Inspection Returns, Irish*, 1774 at WO 27/32, May 14 1774. The combined field review of the six regiments is filed with the review of the first regiment listed; the 22nd Regt. Maj. Murray's commission date should be 1771. Note that Capt. Charles Graham was nine years old when initially commissioned. He later served as Lt. Colonel of the regiment at the end of the American War of Independence.

Letter from Capt. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to His Brother-in-Law Duncan Campbell of Glenure, Regarding Ens. James Campbell, Brenchyle, Scotland, May 26, 1774

Brenchyle 26th May 1774

Dear Brother

I have a letter this day from Co^l [Thomas] Stirling informing me that your Sons Commission is come to the Lord Lieu^t Office in Dublin and the Col^l has wrote me to get your Security Alongst w^t your son for four hundred pounds Sterling payable on demand & bearing interest from the date of your sons commission untill the money is demanded the security must be in Lieu^t Col^l Stirlings name the Col^l has not advised me of the date of your sons Commission but that can make no adds in the Security youl grant as you need only mention the interest from the date of the Commission –

The Col^l desires that Jamie will join immediately and should not equip himself untill he join the Reg^t. I shall write to the Col^l & Major [William Murray] to equip him in what is necessary they are both frugal men & will not put you to any expense that can be avoided he may be asured of the Col^l & Majors friendship if he behaves himself properly if he does not the loss will be his own

This goes under cover to the Post master at Inverary as I suppose youl be against the 1st of June at Inverary as the sale of Aucharans Estate is to be on that Day I go for Glasgow tomorrow & if you chuse to send me an Express to Glasgow I shall meet you at the head of Lochfine any day that you appoint as we can settle matters more cliver by being together than by letters I shall remain in Glasgow untill Saturday morning the 4th June in case you do not send me any message before that time to meet you at the head of Lochfine youl please send me your Security for the four hundred pounds St^r payable on demand and bearing interest from the date of Jamies Commission and youl send Jamie immediately to Brenchyle

so that I may send him off to the Reg^t. I shall recommend him in the strongest manner to the Col^l & Major & others of my particular friends who I am certain will countenance him if merits it I need not mention to you your cautioning him calmly as to his behavior in life & be asured I shall not be deficient on my part I write this w^t company in my house Its possible I may have omitted somethings I ought to have mentioned but nothing further occurs to me at present but that I am – Dear Brother

Your Sincere friend

James M^cPherson

P.S. there is no possibility of getting leave of absence to James there is so many of the Subaltern Officers that has got leave to come home that there is an absolute necessity for Jamies joining I must think it for his advantage that it is so as the Reg^t is to be all together at Waterford this year where he will have an opportunity of learning his duty & next year he cannot have that opportunity as we are to be scatered in Cantonments & the sooner a young Officer learns his duty the better – excuse uncertness in this letter as I am half [Leas?] over which is seldom my case but what will not company do & in a mans own house

Source and Notes: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine* at GD170/1354/29, f. 160-161. Duncan Campbell was M^cPherson's brother and law, making Ens. Campbell his nephew. Brenchyle was the name of an estate near Calendar on the northern edge of the Trossachs. Waterford is in Ireland, about 100 miles south of Dublin, and was the home station for the 42nd Regt. at the time. The amount of £400 was the regulated price of an Ensingcy.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth, Showing his Return from Ireland on Leave, Lochlane, Scotland, June 27, 1774

Lochlane 27th june 1774

Dear Airth

... We have heard nothing from S^r Will^m [Stirling of Ardoch, his brother] but heard of him that he was arrived at London, expected end of last Week in Edin^r., & a report this mornng that he is to be at Keir this night. I suppose M^r Bruce will be soon down

kind Compliments to all at Airth I am yours Sincerely

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. 15-16 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff.48-49. This note is only significant to show Lt. Col. Stirling is again in Scotland on leave from his regiment in Ireland. Based on his letters he remained in Scotland at least until Aug. 15, 1774.

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Dear Brot^r

Yesterday I received yours of the 19th & this morning I had yours of yesterdays date and I am sorry that it is not in my power to go to meet you the reasons that prevent me are many – I have this week appointments w^t severals in particular w^t M^r Small who I expect here this day or tomorrow in order to look at my farm before he goes to Edn^r to apply for our Tacks and tho I have no business to detain me from meeting you my State of health is such that it would distress me at present to go your length I believe the first jaunt I shall take from home will be to Edn^r in order to consult w^t Doctor [William] Cullen for I find my stomach very uneasy to me I wish it was convenient for you to come this length you could easily come in a day to my house from Clachlan I wish you could come let me asure you that I would not ask you was it in my power to go & meet you – Col^l [Thomas] Stirling is just now come home

I sent him your letter to me informing me of your having your money ready in M^r Campbell in the Banks hands to be paid when demanded I suppose the Col^l has made a demand by this time it will be just as well for you as granting your security as the money could lay but a short time in your hands – I am really anxious about seeing you so that we may sett James fairly afloat as its not in my power to go your length it will be requisite that you come here I cannot write you what I have got to say therefore I expect to see you to morrow night – in case you cannot come (which I hope will not be the case) you must immediately order James out to my house so that I may give him his orders to the Reg^t. The Reg^t is now at Waterford about a hundred miles beyond Dublin as you must know the expence of traveling as well as I do you can be a judge what will be requisite for you to give Jamie to bear his expences as for his riging out that you must leave to me or give a piece of money which indeed I would propose to you had I a chat w^t you A chat really will be requisite so as we may Sett James fairly under sail & if he over sets let him fall when you have done your Duty you will be free from reflection from the world and your own conscience

till meeting I am Dear B^r

Yours sincerely
James M^cPherson

Source and Notes: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine* at GD170/1354/30, f. 162-162B. A Clachlan is a general term for a traditional Gaelic village. Campbell's joining the regiment appears to have matured him as he wrote in a letter to his father in 1775 saying "...I am exceedingly happy and hope yet in spite of what is past to be a credit to you and all my friends I might have had follies but never vices..." and signed the letter "Your reclaimed Son." Dr. William Cullen was president of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1773.

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth
Describing Salmon Fishing While on Leave, Lochlane, Scotland, July 18, 1774**

Loch[lane] july 18th 1774

Dear Airth

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Brenchyle 15th August 1774

Dear B^r

I received your by your son Jamie & this day I set him off w^t a rout for Waterford – I have wrote to the Major [William Murray] to rig him out in every thing necessary w^t out going to extravagance and at the same time beged of him to have an eye over his conduct and to give him his best advice as occasion offered I likewise wrote to [Capt. Alexander] Lord Balcarras & begged a little of his Lordships countenance which must be encouraging to any young man at his first entry into a Corps as others will pay attention seeing the countenance of a man of rank I at the same time wrote to the adju^t [Adjutant and Lt. John M^cIntosh] and a Lieu^t of the Reg^t due sober judicious men capable of giving a good advice and dare say will do it upon every occasion I have in the strongest manner recommended to them all to have a particular Eye over his conduct I flatter myself w^t the thoughts that Jamie will yet do well he goes to a Corps that are well behaved and will always show a good example which is a great affair for a young man to get into a Corp of that kind –

As Jamies rout is by Dublin I have recommended him to M^r Fraser S^r W^m Montgomerys first Clark

I had a letter lately from your Wife I am sorry to find that your difference still continues She has wrote me to go to Glenure in order to take her away as I passed my word of honour to her at your last difference that I should come to her when sent for I shall be obliged to do it however disagreeable it may be to me but I hope you will do something to make up your difference before I arrive you ought not to grudge as I am certain she will not put anything you give her to a bad use and sure am I that she never was an extravagant Wife to you and if you are to part let me assure you that bad as you think your present Situation that a separation will be of no advantage I have often told you of a plan that would answer & if you do not think it your interest to follow you may take your mind of things I should be sorry to differ w^t a man for whom I have the highest value but the ties of honour & nature will force me to take my sister by the hand but I hope you will prevent anything of that kind by making up all differences before I see you till then I am & wish to be Dear B^r

Yours in friendship
James M^cPherson

Source and Notes: NAS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine*, GD170/1354/31, ff. 164-165, Letters from and later Brevet Maj. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to Duncan Campbell of Glenure (later of Barcaldine), his brother-in-law. “*Brenchyle*” was the name of an estate near Calendar on the northern edge of the Trossachs. “*Jamie*” is Glenure’s son James Campbell, an officer of the 42nd Regt. “*S^r W^m Montgomery*” was the regimental agent in Dublin.

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**Kenneth Callander (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) Listed as Apprentice to John Welsh,
Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, Nov. 8, 1774**

1774...

Warrant N^o 1 Inds 26 Brought 8th Nov: 1774...

28 d^o [June 1774] 10 Jn^o Welsh Writer to the Signet Kenneth Callander...

Source and Note: TNA, *Inland Revenue, Board of Stamps, Apprentice Books*, Apr. 1, 1774 – Nov. 30, 1776 at IR 1/59, p. 49. According to Black’s Law Dictionary in Scottish law, a “*Writer to the Signet*” was an officer nearly corresponding to an attorney at law, in English and American practice.

1775

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount
Barrington, Offering to Raise a Second Battalion, Chesterfield, England, Feb. 18, 1775**

My Lord

I am inform'd an Augmentation of the Troops are soon intended, If your Lordship should judge proper to propose to His Majesty the adding a Second Battalion to the Forty Second or Royal Highland Regiment, which was reduced after the peace; I think it my Duty to acquaint your Lordship believe they can be Sooner raised than other Corps, The Attachment the Highlanders have for that Regiment, the Severe winter and the high price of Oat meal there, would probably occasion their being Leveyd as soon as the Battalion of a thousand men was last time, and there are a Sufficient Number of half pay officers connected with that country, to be put on whole pay. Should this be His Majestys pleasure beg to receive your Lordships commands, that the officers of the Reg^t. under my command now in Scotland, should continue there till further orders, Otherwise they must join the Regiment at Waterford [Ireland] the beginning of April. My Eldest Captain William Grant a brevet Major, is now there, he was an Officer in it before it was conferr'd on me, near Thirty Years ago, and always with them during the Various Services they have been upon, I would therefore humbly recommend him to His Majesty to be the Major, if its His Royal pleasure this Second Battalion should again be raised.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect My Lord

Chesterfield

Your Lordships most faithful and most obedient Serv^t.

Feb: 18th. 1775

John Murray

Lord Viscount Barrington

Source and Note: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, "Letters from Lord John Murray relating to patronage, regimental appointments, etc., 1760-1775" in the *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xii, 1760-1778 at MS 73557, pp. 22-22v. Chesterfield is located in Derbyshire about 150 miles north-northwest of London and about twelve miles south of Lord Murray's home Banner Cross.

**Letter from Ens. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., to his Father, Duncan Campbell of Glenure,
Regarding His Joining the Regiment, Waterford, Ireland, Feb. 25, 1775**

D^r Father

Waterford Feb^y 25th 1775

I would have wrote you some time ago but had nothing worth communicating concerning myself – The expence of my journey to Scotland and back to Ireland I got from Coll. Murray without a grudge – The only necessities that I have got as yet are two Suits of Regimentalls 14 Shirts and a Bed So shall delay sending you any acc^t till I have got the whole The operation of guard mountin (I've recknt) a long time ago and a serious affair It seems to be a snap till [illeg.] The very first day that I mounted was very near being obliged to turn out the guard and fire upon a mob of Coupers who assembled in order to prevent the exportation of pork without Casks as it hurt their trade and was obliged to send a body to protect the merchants and the pork – We were all very much alarmed lately upon receiving instructions that were meant for the 44 Reg^t but in mistake Directed for us they are under sailing orders with other 3 Reg^{ts} for Boston besides the 4 that are at Cork ready to Embark Colin Corries's reg^t goes we are amongst the first to go now but we can not be spared out of this Kingdom till we are relieved by other regiment we have been obliged to send [illeg.] men as Drafts to the army at Boston and we are told 6 or 8 men a Company more must be sent so that we shall want about 120 men to Compleat and all hands must go recruit it will bring about one thing that I am very happy at Captⁿ [James] M^cPherson will stay at home another year

There has been a Step in the reg^t lately and I hope there will be some more soon as this is an order lately come out that no officer shall sell when the Reg^t is under Sailing orders for abroad and it is our Turn so soon all that wish to go out must sell soon or run the risk of going first abroad – As I believe we shall be but a very short time in this Kingdom would be glad you would apply to Coll. [Thomas] Stirling for leave of absence to me this year we once thought he would not come over this year but he has changed his mind I had the Worthie major's promise of leave but his coming over may alter the matter every body will be applying to see their friends before we go the major would indulge me full as soon as any officer in the Reg^t but I am not so well acquainted with the Coll there is no time to Loose – We were in the general relief of 78 put down for Gibraltar at least we are sure of not going to the West

Indies for there is no relief there till 79 a year later then our turn of going abroad I believe we shall go sooner than our time therefore would wish to go home this year – Major Mungo [Cambell] is upon the purchase of a Lieutenant Coll. I wish from my heart he may succeed but I fear not – This is a very genteel place and in this Country in general the people are exceedingly civil to officers – I have met with a great deal of Kindness in the Regiment from my Uncle Allans old friends all of whom have a great regard for him Capⁿ [James] M^cPherson writes me that Colin [Campbell] is ordered to join immediately I am sure hell make an excellent officer – I hope my mother will be so good as to make a plaid and some kilts as highland plaids are in great respect with the Reg^t I wish my Dirk could be sent over by the first recruits that Capⁿ M^cPherson sends as a man can not (wilt) wear any other arms with the kilt – The duty is pretty severe here just now we are obliged to visit the Sentries every night about 12 o'clock to see that all are alert whether the night be good or bad and it generally rains in this Climate more than in Argylshire this order was (quation sot) by a Sentries being found off his post at the Custom house a very dangerous thing – D^r Father I have long been very foolish and negligent of my self but I really begin to think I shall do some good yet This is the sphere of life that my disposition was out for I wrather I never could make Thought have had jenious enough for it but could not give the requisite application tho application as very necessary in my present profession but it is a pleasure in this for who is he that would not be delighted at setting a whole battalion of fine fellows in motion by his single word even suppose it but Een more It is the custome in this Reg^t to make the Ensigns exercise the regiment in order to Learn the duty few regiments take that trouble with their young officers I am exceedingly happy and hope yet in spite of what is past to be a credit to you and all my friends I might have had follies but never vices I shall always return a gratefull sence of the friendship and good office of Ardchattan. I hope he and all his family are well I would have wrote him but as I had not frank did not chose to put him top the expense of postage for any thing I could have to say. There are two Regiments of Invalids to be embodied from the pensioners list but the officers from the order on half pay list This I fancy you have heard in Britain It would be a good way for [Edership?] to realize the price of his Commission if he could get in I think his Chances are good as they are to be disposed off awarding to length of service I would esteem it a particular favour would you return me an answer (encosersed) I wrote Capⁿ M^cPherson by the nights Post Please let me know who has bought the Estate of Barcaldine – I am D^r Father with best duty to my Mother Brothers &^c

Your reclaimed Son

James Campbell

Source and Notes: NAS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine*, GD170/1127 p. 6. Capt. M^cPherson is James Campbell's uncle, Capt. James M^cPherson of the 42nd Regt. "Maj. Mungo" is Mungo Campbell, the Major of the 55th Regt. He was promoted to Lt. Col. of the 52nd Regt. in 1776. "Colin" is likely James Campbell's younger brother Colin Campbell, later a Captain in the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. "Ardchattan" is James Campbell's uncle, Charles Campbell of Ardchattan, the husband of Anne Campbell, his father's older sister.

42nd Regt. Officer Promotion Announcement, Dublin, Ireland, Mar. 1, 1775

DUBLIN, March 1...

His majesty has been pleased to make the following promotions in the army on this establishment, and the commissions are come over accordingly, viz.

42d regiment of foot, lieut. John Smith to be capt. lieut. vice [Thomas] Robinson, promoted.

Ditto, ensign John Grant to be lieut. vice Grant.

Ditto, James Lees, gent. to be ensign, vice Grant.

Source and Note: *Saunders's News-Letter* (Dublin), Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 1775, p. 1. During the period the 42nd Regt. was in Ireland, promotions were decided by the Lord Lt. of Ireland, with no input from the colonel of the regiment, Lord John Murray.

**Newspaper Account of the Freedom of the City Presented to Maj. William Murray, 42nd Regt.,
Waterford, Ireland, Apr. 7, 1775**

COUNTRY NEWS...

Waterford, April 7 [1775]. On Monday last Theodore Cooke, Esq; town clerk, presented the freedom of the city to major [William] Murray, of the royal Highland regiment, and to capt. [Richard Rodney] Bligh, of his majesty's sloop of war Wasp. At the same time Mr. John Courtney, on behalf of the merchants of this city, presented each of those gentlemen with a silver box, for their conduct in defending the trade of this port.

Source: *Saunders's News-Letter* (Dublin), Apr. 12, 1775, p. 1. The article was also published in *The Dublin Journal*, Apr. 11-13, 1775, p. 1.



Detail from Illustration of Officer, 11th Regt. of Dragoons, 1782

Picture Source: *The Historical Records of the Eleventh Hussars Prince Albert's Own*, Capt. Godfrey Trevelyan Williams, George Newes Ltd., London, 1908, Google Books, p. 74.

Unsuccessful Request from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington for the Colonelcy of the 11th Regt. of Dragoons, Banner Cross, Apr. 18, 1775

My Lord

I took the liberty of writing to your Lordship above a year ago, when the [Gen. William Kerr] Marquis of Lothians death was reported, as its now again mention'd in the Papers, Should it prove true, I beg leave to Renew my Application, that your Lordship will be so kind, as to take the first opportunity of laying my Services in the most humble manner before His Majesty, and if Graciously Pleas'd to conferr on me the Eleventh Regiment of Dragoons, would make me very happy with this mark of Royal Favour.

I intend having the honor of paying my personal Respects to your Lordship next Saturday morning in Cavendish Square [West London], and beg leave to assure you, I am with the Utmost Regard & Attachment ,

My Lord, Your Lordships most faithfull and most obedient Serv^t

Banner cross near Sheffield
April 18th. 1775

John Murray

Source and Notes: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, "Letters from Lord John Murray relating to patronage, regimental appointments, etc., 1760-1775" in the *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xii, 1760-1778 at MS 73557, pp. 24. Gen. William Kerr, 4th Marquess of Lothian was Colonel of the 11th Dragoons when he died on Apr. 12, 1775. Maj. Gen James Johnston was appointed Colonel of the 11th Dragoons on Apr. 27, 1775. This regiment was later titled the 11th Hussars and was part of the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava in 1854.

**Newspaper Advertisement for Rent of Gen. Lord John Murray's Pitnacree Estate, Edinburgh,
May 9-12, 1775**

To be LET this season for GOAT-WHEY Quarters

THE Mansion House of PITNACREE, consisting of a neat parlour, eight bed-rooms, a kitchen, with several other apartments for servants, all completely furnished.

Pitnacree lies on the north side of the Tay, eight miles above Dunkeld, and 8 below Taymouth, and will be let together, or in separate rooms. For further particulars inquire at Mr. Robert Stewart, at the Cess-office, Perth, or John Robertson, gardner, at Pitnacree.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, May 9-12, 1775, p. 21. George W. T. Omond explains "Goat-Whey Quarters" in his book *The Arniston House*, [Pub. David Douglas, Edinburgh, 1887, p.93] writing "*In the early part of the eighteenth century, goat whey was in high repute as a corrective for the ills induced by a too liberal indulgence in punch and claret; and there were various places in Scotland where families used to go in summer, which were familiarly spoken of as goat-whey quarters.*"

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington
Regarding an Audience with King George III to Present a Memorial of His Service and a Request
for a Troop of Horse Guards, Queen Square, London, May 26, 1775**

My Lord

I am honour'd by your Lordships letter of the 17th. Ins^t: and as your pleas'd to Approve of presenting to the King my Memorial my self, Shall most readily obey your Lordships Commands in all things. I did not go to S^t. James's [Palace] last friday as I had not then received your Lordships letter, and did not think it so proper last Wednesday to ask for an Audience, the first day of the Mourning, the Levee was extreamly Numerous and believe there was none this day as the King went to the house to Prorogue the Parliament; but intend it Wednesday next, and to beg leave to Send your Lordship a duplicate when Presented, to your house in Town, if your then in the Country, where I sincerely Wish your Lordship much pleasure after your Winter fatigues. And as I am very diffident in Speaking of my Services my Self, if your Lordship would be so kind as to do it in a favourable manner to His Majesty, as you have Such frequent opportunities, I shall not doubt of Success, when a Troop of Horse Guards becomes Vacant, Which I shall ever acknowledge with the Utmost Gratitude, and have the honor to be with the Greatest Respect and Attachment,

My Lord

Queen's Square Bloomsberry
May 26th. 1775 –

Your Lordships most faithfull and most obedient Servant
John Murray

Source and Note: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, "Letters from Lord John Murray relating to patronage, regimental appointments, etc., 1760-1775" in the *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xii, 1760-1778 at MS 73557, pp. 26-26v. To "*prorogue*" is to discontinue a session of Parliament without dissolving it. Queen Square, Bloomsberry, is about two miles north-northeast of Buckingham Palace, London.

**Officer Excerpts of the Review of the 42nd Regt., by Maj. Gen Robert Cuninghame, Col., 58th Regt.,
Waterford, Ireland, May 30, 1775**

Major General Cuninghames Observations on the Fortysecond Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot reviewed By Him at Waterford on the 30th Day of May 1775.

Officers- Their Uniforms according to Regulation. And their general Appearance much in their favour. They were Steady and Saluted tolerably well. The Major appeared on Foot...

Robert Cuninghame
Maj^r Gen^l

General Return of the NAMES, COUNTRY, AGE & Service, of the Officers, of *His Majestys 42^d / Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot* Commanded by *The Right Honorable General Lord John Murray* With the dates of their Several Commissions

Reviewed at *Waterford* on the 30th Day of May 1775 By *Major General Robert Cuninghame*

OFFICERS Ranks, and Names	Country				Years of	
	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Foreigners.	Age.	Service.
Colonel <i>Lord John Murray</i>		1			67	37
Lieuten ^t Col ^l <i>Thomas Stirling</i>		1			40	28
Major <i>William Murray</i>		1			37	20
{ <i>William Grant</i>		1			41	30
{ <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>		1			37	17
{ <i>George M^cKenzie</i>		1			31	15
Captains { <i>Earl Balcarres</i>		1			23	8
{ <i>James M^cPherson</i>		1			50	18
{ <i>Charles Graham</i>		1			25	16
{ <i>Archibald Erskine</i>		1			26	9
Cap ^t Lieu ^t <i>John Smith</i>		1			43	18
{ <i>John M^cIntosh</i>		1			32	18
{ <i>Charles Grant</i>		1			32	16
{ <i>John Graham</i>		1			35	17
{ <i>Valentine Chisholme</i>		1			44	15
{ <i>John Peebles</i>		1			34	12
Lieutenants { <i>John Rutherford</i>		1			28	11
{ <i>Robert Reid</i>		1			24	8
{ <i>William Graham</i>		1			22	6
{ <i>James Graham</i>		1			21	6
{ <i>Robert Potts</i>		1			26	4
{ <i>John Grant</i>		1			36	14
{ <i>Robert Franklin</i>			1		23	4
{ <i>Thomas Lyttleton</i>	1				18	5
{ <i>Patrick Graham</i>		1			20	3
Ensigns { <i>Alexander Grant</i>		1			24	3
{ <i>Alexand^r M^cKenzie</i>		1			29	15
{ <i>George Dalrymple</i>		1			17	2
{ <i>James Campbell</i>		1			22	2
{ <i>James Lees</i>		1			17	1
Total	1	28	1			

Chap ⁿ	<i>James M^cLaggan</i>		1			46	13
Adjut ^t	<i>John M^cIntosh</i>		1			32	18
Qu ^t Ma ^r	<i>William Graham</i>		1			22	6
Surg ⁿ	<i>Alexander Potts</i>		1			34	12
Mate	<i>William Robertson</i>		1			22	2
			5				

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OFFICERS Ranks, and Names						
	Cornet or Ensign	Lieuten ^t	Captain [and Capt. Lt.]	Major	Lieu ^t Col ^l	Colonel
Colonel <i>Lord John Murray</i>					23 ^d July 1738	25 th April 1745
Lieuten ^t Col ^l <i>Thomas Stirling</i>	30 th Septem ^r 1747	9 th October 1754	24 th July 1757	12 th Decem ^r 1770	7 th Septem ^r 1771	
Major <i>William Murray</i>	30 th Decem ^r 1755	26 th Decem ^r 1757	18 th July 1758	7 th Septem ^r 1771		
{ <i>William Grant</i>	20 th May 1745	22 ^d Novem ^r 1746	23 ^d July 1758			
{ <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>	18 th July 1758	18 th March 1760	31 st March 1770			
{ <i>George M^cKenzie</i>	25 th March 1762	25 th April 1766	12 th Decem ^r 1770			
Captains { <i>Earl Balcarres</i>	15 th July 1767		28 th January 1771			
{ <i>James M^cPherson</i>		18 th October 1761	1 st Septem ^r 1771			
{ <i>Charles Graham</i>	17 th Septem ^r 1760	10 th Septem ^r 1762	7 th Septem ^r 1771			
{ <i>Archibald Erskine</i>	2 ^d Decem ^r 1766	10 th Septem ^r 1768	7 th Septem ^r 1771			
Cap ^t Lieu ^t <i>John Smith</i>	15 th May 1757	26 th July 1758	[Capt. Lt.] 14 th January 1775			
{ <i>John M^cIntosh</i>	4 th Decem ^r 1759	15 th May 1762				
{ <i>Charles Grant</i>	28 th July 1760	9 th August 1762				
{ <i>John Graham</i>	25 th July 1758	31 st July 1760				
{ <i>Valentine Chisholme</i>	17 th October 1761	23 ^d July 1762				
{ <i>John Peebles</i>	23 ^d August 1763	31 st March 1770				
Lieutenants { <i>John Rutherford</i>	31 st May 1764	31 st March 1770				
{ <i>Robert Reid</i>	28 th March 1768	7 th Septem ^r 1770				
{ <i>William Graham</i>	10 th Febry 1770	23 ^d Novem ^r 1772				
{ <i>James Graham</i>	31 st March 1770	1 st March 1773				
{ <i>Robert Potts</i>	7 th Septem ^r 1771	12 th Febry 1773				
{ <i>John Grant</i>	1 st October 1761	14 th January 1775				
{ <i>Robert Franklin</i>	16 th October 1771					
{ <i>Thomas Lyttleton</i>	23 rd Novem ^r 1772					
{ <i>Patrick Graham</i>	31 st Decem ^r 1772					

Ensigns	{ <i>Alexander Grant</i>	1 st March 1773					
	{ <i>Alexand^r M^cKenzie</i>	19 th October 1761					
	{ <i>George Dalrymple</i>	12 th July 1773					
	{ <i>James Campbell</i>	28 th April 1774					
	{ <i>James Lees</i>	14 th January 1775					
Chap ⁿ	<i>James M^cLaggan</i>	15 th June 1761					
Adjut ^t	<i>John M^cIntosh</i>	2 ^d November 1768					
Qu ^r Ma ^r	<i>William Graham</i>	18 th January 1770					
Surg ⁿ	<i>Alexander Potts</i>	10 th April 1761					
Mate	<i>William Robertson</i>	1 st May 1774					

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ABSENT OFFICERS				VACANT OFFICERS		
Ranks & Names	Since What Time	By whose Leave	For What Time	Rank	Since What time	By what Means
C ^t Lord John Murray Gen ^l	September 1773	His Majestys	-----			
Captain James M ^c Pherson	-----	Recruiting	-----			
Lieut John Grant	-----	Recruiting	-----			
Ensign Thomas Lyttleton	10 th April 1775	His Majestys	10 th October 1775			
Ensign James Lees	15 th May 1775	Commander in Chiefs	15 th November 1775...			

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Source: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns*, Irish, 1775-1776 at WO 27/35.

**Letter from Mr. John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) to his Aunt, Elizabeth Ferguson,
Describing the Coming of War, Philadelphia, July 1, 1775**

Philad^a July 1st 1775

Dear Madam,

I beg you will return my Compliments to M^r Fergusson, and tell him I am extreamply obliged to him for his Present of the Book, which I accept with Pleasure, although I had purchased one of them just before I reciev'd your agreeable Note, and (not having Occason for two) would have declined accepting it had I not been afraid of offending him by a Refusal; but whether I accepted it or not I would be equally sensible of his Kindness in offering it. [torn] universally read &; admired by [tom] here, for it seems particularly adap [torn] which I suppose will be almost wholly [torn] though by the by, the late Action at Cha^s Town [torn]. I cannot help saying I am sorry we are come to an open War, and that there are no Prospect of Peace: it might have been prophetically said of the first late Battle (at Lexinton) "O curst Essay of Arms, disastrous Doom, Prelude of bloody Fields & Fight to come." But you say "the present Gloom is only of the April Kind" if so, I sincerely wish the Autumn was arriv'd, that we may gather in the Fruits of our glorious Toils: but as the *Laurel* is an Evergreen we may obtain it at all Seasons; & I dare engage our noble General will soon nod under a whole Grove of it. I think it is happy for America that the Person promoted to that high Dignity has allways borne the Character of a Man of Honour, & is remaricable for his Honesty & Integrity; for he certainly has it as much in his Power to raise himself on the Ruins of his Country as old *Oliver* had. Has G.[Gen. Hon. Thomas] Gages Proclamation made any Proselytes in your Part of the Country, or do the People still remain Americans? So far from its having any Effect here, [torn] fuller than since it was published [torn] Young-Fellows of my Acquaintance [torn]

(as Volunteer) to the Camp at Cambridge, [torn] Departer: happy they! had Heaven bless'd me [torn] sufficient to maintain the Character of a Gentleman Volunteer, I would follow them immediately. I allways had a Desire for a Military Life, but never more Than now, since I have had a small Specimen of it. I am just now going to the Parade & have not Time to say any more, but must take another Opportunity to tell you affectionately

I am Yours &c.
John Young.

Source and Note: "Some Material for a Biography of Mrs. Elisabeth Fergusson, *nee* Graeme," Simon Gratz, in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 3, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1915, Google Books, pp. 390-391. John Young was an American Loyalist who served as an officer in the 42nd Regt. during the war. His father was an officer of the rebel Continental Army.



View of St. James's Palace, Time of Queen Anne (From an Old Engraving)

Picture Source: *Old and New London*, Vol. IV, Edward Walford, Cassell & Co., London, Google Books, p. 103

Newspaper Account of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., at Court of St. James, London, July 6, 1775

LONDON.

Yesterday a little before One o'Clock their Majesties arrived from Kew at St. James's, where there was a Drawing-room, which was very thin; there were present... Lord John Murray... Their Majesties dined at the Queen's House, and returned to Kew in the Evening...

We hear that Lord John Murray's Regiment having been so drained of disciplined Men, that instead of consisting of 2000 Men, Orders are given to recruit for 2000 more, which will make 4000 under his Command, and when completed are to go to Aica to be stationed there.

Source: *Public Advertiser* (London), July 7, 1775, p. 2.

Memorial and Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Supporting 42nd Regt. Ensigns' Request for Reconsideration on Returning of Half-Pay Lieutenants, With the Secretary's Response, Belfast, July 8 and 13, 1775 and London, July 27, 1775

[Memorial]

The Memorial of L^t. Colonel Stirling of the 42^d or Royal H^d. Regiment, In Behalf of the Ensigns
Sheweth

That your Memorialist understands it is proposed in the intended Augmentation of the Reg^t, to appoint ten additional Lieutenants from half Pay, Thereby shoving the Ensigns ten Steps in the Reg^t –

That there are few or none of the half Pay Lieutenants in the Highlands (Excepting the most Idle), but have taken to farming or some other Occupation; In Consequence of these Engagements they will feel but little Zeal for the Service, nor can each have the Good of the Regiment much at Heart; The Recruiting Service which requires the greatest Alacrity will of Course go on but slowly, and the disappointed Ensigns will find in themselves little Inclination to promote a Plan, which renders their Situations infinitely worse –

Your Memorialist therefore begs your Lordship would be pleased to Lay before his Majesty how much the good of the Regiment, and particularly the Recruiting Service would be benefited, by the advancement of the Ensigns to these additional Lieutenancys, and give the vacant Ensigncys to young Gentlemen of the Highlands who on that Condition should oblige themselves to raise 15 or 20 Men.

Lord Visc^t
Barrington

Belfast
8th. July 1775

[Letter]

Belfast 13th July 1775

My Lord,

I beg leave to trouble your Lordship in behalf of the Ensigns of the 42^d, or Royal Highland [^] Regt who I understand are to get not promotion upon the augmentation, tho an additional L^t is to be put to each Comp^y, who I have learned are to be named from the half Pay, this I confess, My Lord, I think a great hardship upon the Ensigns, as tis putting them ten removes farther back, and will be a very great detriment to the recruiting, the Gentlemen who come from half pay are probably settled in some way so that they will scarce look upon it as a favour, and will of course not exert themselves upon this occasion, the Ensigns, who feel this disappointment most sensible, cannot be expected to exert themselves in the manner they would have done had the promotion gone in the Reg^t.

I therefore to request of your Lordship to lay their case before his Majesty that He may take it into his Gracious consideration. I am sure it will be conducive of fulfilling His Majesty s intentions in having the Levy s soon completed, as they [^] wont go about it with the greatest alacrity, and Young Gentlemen might be found in the Highlands who would [^] bring fifteen or twenty men each upon being appointed Ensigns.

Your Lordship will forgive the Liberty I have taken as it is in behalf of young Gentlemen who I find have no Friends upon this occasion, and therefore as I have the honour of being immediately over them, I thought it my duty, to represent their unhappy case, and likewise to mention what I think is so essential for the compleating the Regiment soon to the augmented establishment. I have the honour to be with great Respect,

My Lord, your Lordships most obedient and most humble Serv^t

Tho^s: Stirling
L^t Coll: 42^d or Roy^l High^d Reg^t

[Secretary's Response]

Cav. Sq. [Cavendish Square, London] 27 July 75

Sir

I rec^d you L^r of the 12th ins^t & your Memorial of the 8th which last I laid before the King yesterday, being the first opportunity I had of shewing these Papers to H. M. after I rec^d them. There are in the 42^d Reg^t on Ensⁿ or perhaps two whose length of Service deserves consideration, & will have it; the rest are very young men & Officers who have no sort of pretensions: Inquiry is now making concerning the Lieut^s of Highland Corps reduced at the Peace, if they turn out Such as you represent them, they will be improper for Service, & in that case measures must be taken to supply the places intended for them; but I trust there will be found among those Lieut^s a Sufficient number able & willing to Serve on the present occasion, and if there are they ought not to be put by

Source: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xl, July 1775 – 15 Aug. 1775 at MS 73585, pp. 21-22.

News Account of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col. 42nd Regt., in Court at St. James's Palace and his Departure for Scotland, London, Aug. 4, 1775

Friday, August 4...

LONDON.

Yesterday there was a Court and Drawing Room at St. James's, at which the Marquis of Caernarvon, Lord John Murray, the Solicitor General, Lord Cantalupe, the Prince of Waldeck, the Imperial, French, Spanish, and Prussian Ambassadors, the Countesses of Egremont, Delawar, Holderness, &c. attended...

Yesterday Lord John Murray took leave of their Majesties at St. James's, previous to his setting out for Scotland to recruit his regiment.

Source: *Lloyd's Evening Post*, London, Aug. 2-4, 1775, p. 117.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., with Appointment of Officers, London, Aug. 15, 1775

War Office 15th Aug^t 1775

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint you that His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Officers mentioned in the annexed List to be Lieutenants and Ensigns in the 42^d/or Royal Highland/ Regiment of Foot under your Command in consequence of the intended augmentation. – The notification will not be issued 'till the additional Lieutenants are named when the Dates of the several Commissions respectively will be arranged; In the mean time these Officers may be employed on the recruiting Duty.

I have the Hon^{or} to be

Right Honorable Lord John Murray

My Lord &c

Barrington

42^d Regiment of Foot

Lieut^t Dougal Campbell, from Half Pay, to be Lieutenant

Lieut^t William Stewart of the Marines, to be Lieutenant

Lieut^t John Robertson, from Half Pay, to be Lieutenant

Ensign Alexander Mackenzie, to be Lieutenant

John Campbell, Gentⁿ. to be Ensign, vice Mackenzie

Source and Notes: TNA, War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, July 1775-Nov. 1775 at WO 4/94, p. 136. As part of the augmentation of the regiment for the American war, an additional lieutenant was authorized for each of the 12

companies. By this time the regiment was in Scotland recruiting to meet the higher establishment for the American war. The regiment left Ireland on July 24, 1775. Ens. Mackenzie's commission was later withdrawn by the War Office in favor another officer. Contrary to the above letter, when Mackenzie protested the cancellation, the War Office claimed he had never actually been promoted to lieutenant.



Reproduction Uniform Buttons of the 5th and 26th Regiments

War Office Copy of the Annual Army List for 1775 Annotated to Show Ens. James Stewart, Additional Company, 5th Regt. (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) and Ens. David Anstruther, Additional Company, 26th Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), London, Aug. 15, 1775

Fifth Regiment of Foot, America...

[Handwritten annotation at bottom of page]

<i>11: Co.</i>	<i>Capt. Ant: [Anthony] Haslam</i>	<i>15: Aug^t. 75</i>
	<i>L^t: James Innes</i>	<i>do</i>
	<i>Ens. James Stewart</i>	<i>do...</i>

Twenty-sixth Regiment of Foot, America...

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<i>11th Co</i>	<i>Capt: Rd: [Richard] Drakeford</i>	<i>15 Aug. 75</i>
	<i>L^t. Brind: [Brinsley] Hewetson</i>	<i>do</i>
	<i>Ens. Dav^d Anstruther</i>	<i>do.</i>

Source: *A List of the General and Field Officers, as They Rank in the Army; of the Officers in the several Regiments of Horse, Dragoons, and Foot on the British and Irish Establishments...For the Year 1775*, War Office, London, 1775, pp. 59, 80, at TNA, *War Office: Printed Annual Army Lists, 1775* at WO 65/25, ff. 51, 72.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Half-Pay Capt. Duncan M^cPherson, Younger of Breakachy, 89th Highland Regt., Regarding Appointment to an Additional Company in the 42nd Regt., London, Aug. 17, 1775

Sir,

The King has been pleased to appoint you Captain of a Company to be forthwith raised and added to the 42^d. Reg^t at present in N^o. Britain.

I ought to apprise you that the King's Intention in bringing You again into one of His Regiments is that You should serve in it; and therefore You must not consider this Appointment as a Means of selling out of the Army

I am Sir &c

Barrington

Captain Duncan M^cPherson
of the late 84th Reg^t –

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, July 1775-Nov. 1775 at WO 4/94, p. 151. As shown in the War Office letter dated Aug. 29, 1775, M^cPherson was intended to command one of the new additional or

recruiting companies. M^cPherson later complained when he was assigned to the line battalion. The War Office misidentified M^cPherson's former regiment.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Anderson & Richardson, Agents, 42nd Regt.
Approving Pay for Officers Brought from Half-pay, London, Aug. 25, 1775**

W.O. 25th Aug^t 1775

Gentlemen

H.M. [His Majesty] having been pleased to appoint Captains & Lieutenants from the half Pay to the additional Companies which are to be raised for the 6th. 10th. 14th. 16th. 22^d. 40th. 43^d. 44th. 52^d. 63^d. & 65th. Reg^{ts} to which you are Agent, & their Commissions to bear date the 15th instant, & as the Establishment of those Companies does not commence until this day; I am to Signify to you H: M: P: that you do make good to Such Captains & Lieu^{ts} the differences betwixt their half & full Pay from the 15th. to the 24th. instant inclusive, the Expense where of will be allowed in the Contingent Acc^t. of the Said Corps.

I am Gentlemen &c

Mess^{rs} Cox & Muir

Barrington

Like Letters of Same date to the Agents of the following Corps...

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson – 42^d.

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, July 1775-Nov. 1775 at WO 4/94, p. 201 (f. 103).

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Augmentation, London, Aug. 29, 1775**

W: O: 29th Augst 1775

My Lord

H:M: [His Majesty] having been pleased to direct that the 42^d /or Royal Highland/ Reg^t of Foot under your Command, shall be further augmented with two additional Companies to be raised in Great Britain, each consisting of One Captain, One ² Lieutenant^s, One Ensign, five Serjeants, five Corporals, two Drummers, & 100 private Men...

I have the honor to send your Lordship a list of Officers appointed from half Pay to One of the additional Companies. The Officers for the other Company will be appointed by regular Regimental Promotion, your Lordship will therefore be pleased to send me the recommendation of this Succession, & to appoint the proper Non commissioned Officers & Drummers, that the two additional Companies may be forthwith formed.

I have the honor to be

R^t Honble, General Lord John Murray
Col^o of the 42^d /or Royal Highland/ Reg^t
of Foot

My Lord &c
Barrington

42^d Regiment

Captain Duncan M^cPherson
Lieutenant
Ensign Alex^r M^cLeod –

of the late 89th Foot
not yet appointed

Source and Notes: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters* at WO 4/94, pp. 217-218 (1st page stamped 111). Lord Barrington is William Wildman Shute Barrington, 2nd Viscount Barrington. Ens. M^cLeod was killed in an explosion of a weapons storehouse in Charleston. S.C. on May 15, 1780.

**Letter from Deputy Secretary at War Anthony Chamier, to Half-Pay Capt. Duncan M^cPherson,
89th Highland Regt., Appointing Him to a Company in the 42nd Regt., London, Aug. 29, 1775**

W: O: 29th Augst. 1775.

Sir

In the Absence of the Secretary at War, I am to acquaint you, in Answer to your letter of the 21st instant, that you are appointed to a Company in the Royal Highland Reg^t of Foot & that you are immediately to join your Reg^t in N^o. Britain.

I am Sir &c

Ant. Chamier

Cap^t Dun: M^cPherson
at Bleaton, near Coupar Angus
N^o. Britain

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, July 1775-Nov. 1775 at WO 4/94, p. 225 (f. 115).
Coupar Angus is a small town located about 13 miles NE of Perth. This letter seems to be a duplicate notification of the letter to M^cPherson dated Aug. 17.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col. 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington
Regarding Appointment of Officers and Pipers in the Two Additional Companies Added to the 42nd
Regt., Dated Between Aug. 29 and Sept. 7, 1775**

My Lord

I have the honour of your Lordships Commands in two letters of the 29th. August from the War office, and His Majesty Warrant for the two Additional Companys, and have transmitted Copys to the Commanding Officer of the Reg^t. under my Command at Glasgow.

I have inclosed as your Lordship ordered the List of Officers for the 2^d. Additional Company, and the Succession to the Cap^t. Lieutenancy, I have taken the Liberty to Recommend Lord William Murray, & wrote the Duke of Atholl, inclosing the Extract of that part of the Letter your Lordships honoured me with, with the reasons for [^] his not being appointed a Lieutenant.

I wish the Six Lieutenants not yet Nominated as Additional ones, were appointed Soon, either from the Remaining Ensigns if your Lordship thinks it proper, or from the half pay List, I have not heard of any more, then I had the honour of giving your Lo:p [Lordship] but as I presume all the half pay Lieu^{ts}. desirous of being in full pay, have acquainted your Lordship according to your orders in the Gazette, I could wish if your pleased to Send me the Names of those of Highland Connections, & their directions, to make Enquiry which of them may be more Suitable for the Reg^t. under my command.

I have wrote my Commanding Officer to appoint only one Drummer a Company [^] to the Additional^s till I receive your commands, wither one of them may be a Piper and hope they will be named so to the Establishment which I conceive will greatly forward the Recruiting.

This is the worst time of the Year in getting Men, as the Highlanders or many of them go to the Low Country for Harvest Work, & return to their own afterwards, but I hope the orders I have given that those willing to Inlist may have Six weeks leave for that purpose & receive their pay, will have a good effect, & be of use in that Country, not to prevent those who have engaged at Work to perform it, Which I had the honour to mention to your Lo:p I intended to do. But I hope when that is over, now [^] some Recruiting Officers are Stationed in the different places, the Recruiting will go on Briskly, & that we Shall Soon be compleat. but by the Return I rec^d from Major [William] Murray the 29th. last month there was only Eleven Officers Recruiting Lieu^t. Colonel [Thomas] Stirling was gone from Glasgow to visit his friends in the Shire of Perth, by whose leave I don't know. I should think the Town of Perth the best Station for head Quarters as near the Highlands, which I shall write to the Duke of Argyll to desire by this Post. M^r. Alex^r. Stewart whom I have Recommended as Ensign, I had the honor to Recommend to your Lo:p when you thought proper to grant it, I have not ~~recommended~~ ^{obtained} any for many years, and your Lo:p may be certain, I shall not dispose of any, for any pecuniary considerations. Several from North Britain

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List of the Ensigns at present in the 42^d. or R. H. Reg^t.

- 1 Ensign Robert Franklin
- 2 Ensign Thomas Lyttleton
- 3 Ensign Patrick Graham
- 4 Ensign Alexander Grant
- 5 Ensign George Dalrymple
- 6 Ensign James Campbell
- 7 Ensign James Lees.
- 8 Ensign John Campbell vice [Alexander] Mackenzie

NB. If Ensign Franklin an Irish Gen^l. & Ensign Lyttleton of Staffordshire, near Lord Lyttletons, are appointed Lieutenants in any other Additional Companys, which they are desirous of, & can be of much more Service in Recruiting then in an Highland Corps,

It is proposed the Six Additional Lieutenants not yet appointed for the 42^d. Reg^t. be appointed out of the Ensigns, or from the half pay List, as shall be thought proper. The Officers are the Eldest of Each Rank, excepting the two first Ensigns.

(please turn)

John Murray General

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Ensign Thomas Lyttleton is at present at the Academy at Woolwich, and its believed Ensign Robert Franklin is at Cork in Ireland.

S^r. William Montgomery agent at Dublin, can give information, as he had leave to continue in Ireland, not being of the least use for the Recruiting Service, in the Highlands of Scotland.

Source: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, "Letters from Lord John Murray relating to patronage, regimental appointments, etc., 1760-1775" in the *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xii, 1760-1778 at MS 73557, pp. 29-32. Lord Murray sent a letter to the War Office from Derby on Sept. 14, 1775.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Regarding Appointments of Officers and Pipers, London, Sept. 9, 1775**

Cavendish Square 9th Sep^r. 1775

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that the Officers for the Second Additional Company and Succession to the Captain Lieutenancies in the 42^d. Regiment have been appointed in the manner recommended by you: Lord William Murray & M^r Alex^r. Stewart are the two Ensigns: Enclosed herewith you will receive, as you desire, a List of Such Highlanders Lieutenants on the half pay as have applied to me for employment, & have not yet been appointed; One of them M^r [Alexander] M^cLeod thro' whose name I have drawn a line has been already notified for the 42^d. [Maj.] General [Simon] Fraser recommended him very strongly. I propose that none of the Commissions for the augmentation to that Regiment shall be dated until they are all filled up. Has your Lordship found any Highland Lieutenants who will exchange with Ensigns [Robert] Frankland & [Thomas] Lyttelton? The King does not approve of any Pipers being nominally on the Establishment; but does not object to one Drummer in each company being employed as a Piper. I know nothing of [Lt.] Colonel [Thomas] Stirling's Leave

I have the honour to be

&c

Source: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xli, 16 Aug. 1775-Sept 1775 at MS 73586 pp. 100-100v.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Col Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt.,
Approving Six Months Leave for Lt. James Lees, London, Sept. 12, 1775**

War Office 12th Sept^r 1775

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that H.M. [His Majesty] has been pleased to permit Lieu^t. Lees of the 42^d /or Royal Highland/ Regiment of Foot under your Command to be absent from the Regiment for Six Months.

I have the honor &c
Barrington

L^t. Col^o: Stirling, or Officer Commanding the
R^l. Highland Reg^t of Foot at Glasgow.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, July 1775-Nov. 1775 at WO 4/94, p. 309. It was unusual to grant leave as the regiment was trying to augment its numbers while preparing for overseas service. Lees resigned prior to the regiment's departure.

Request from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Recommend Him for the Governorship of Londonderry, Ireland, Derby, Sept. 14, 1775

My Lord

I had the honour to write to your Lordship this day directed to the War Office. as I am informed Lieu^t. General [John] Irwine is to have the Royal Hospital near Dublin vacant by General [Michael O'Brien] Dilkes, I hope your Lordship wont think it too presuming in me to apply for the Government of Londonderry which in that case will be vacant. I am not certain of the proper Channell to make my humble application for it to His Majesty, if it is His Pleasure to conferr it on me, as its an Irish Government. The Earl of Harcourt transmitted a Memorial to the King, to the Earl of Rochford three Years ago, of my Services, when I was at Dublin, but hope your Lordship will please mention me for this if you judge it proper. I have the honour to be
[sic] Serv^t

My Lord Your most faithfull

please direct for me at Leicester Derby 14th. Sept^r. 1775 John Murray

Source and Note: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, "Letters from Lord John Murray relating to patronage, regimental appointments, etc., 1760-1775" in the *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xii, 1760-1778 at MS 73557, p. 33. Derby is located about 130 miles north-northwest of London.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to John Murray, 4th Duke of Atholl, Regarding a Proposed Lieutenantcy for His Younger Brother, Lord William Murray, in the 42nd Regt., London, Oct. 1, 1775

/Copy/

Cavendish Square October 1st. 1775

My Lord,

When [Gen] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] proposed Lord William for a Lieutenantcy in the 42^d Regiment, I reminded him that no body of any rank had been allow'd to come into establish'd Regiments otherwise than as Ensigns; that he had formerly done so himself; that [Lt. Gen. Charles Lennox] the present Duke of Richmond had been four years an Ensign; that [Capt. and Lt. Col.] Lord Thomas Clinton [1st Regt. of Foot Guards] had served as such in the 12th. Regiment, and that great inconvenience would arise to the Service if a Rule so well founded and invariably practised, should be dispensed with on any occasion. Lord John quoted [Alexander] the Duke of Gordon, Lord William his brother and others; to which I reply'd that the one got a Company the other a Lieutenantcy in a new Corps [89th Regt.], raised without Expense to the Publick by Colonel [Staates Long] Morise supported by the Gordon family, the condition of whose Compact /like other new Corps/ was that he should name all the Officers; whereas the 42^d was an old Corps now augmenting at the Charge of the State. Lord John not satisfied by my reasonings appealed to the King and received from His Majesty thro' me much the same answer which I had given; accompanied by the strongest expression of regard for the Athol Family, and

declaration of willingness to do for any branch of it, what could be done for Men of the first Quality and Importance in the Island. Some time after this Lord John recommended his Nephew for an Ensigncy, and obtained'd it immediately.

When your Grace has been pleased to consider the above faithful Narrative, I trust you will see the distinction between the present case and those you have quoted. I hope you will be so good as to communicate this Letter to the Dowager Dutchess of Gordon, who I flatter myself will be convinced that no slight was or could be shown to her noble Family, by treating her Son as his equals: Superiors he has none in the King's Dominions, out of the Royal Family. If after taking these steps you still think proper that your Letter of the 29th. of last Month should be laid before the King, I will not fail to obey your Commands. I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

My Lords &c^a.

Source and Note: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xlii, Oct. 1775 – Nov. 1775 at MS 73587, pp. 1-2. Lord William Murray's mother was Lady Charlotte Murray, Baroness Strange. The Dowager Dutchess of Gordon, the Lady Catherine Gordon, was the wife of Cosmo George Gordon, 3rd Duke of Gordon and had three sons with him. They were Alexander, 4th Duke, Lord William Gordon, and Lord George Gordon. After the Duke's death in 1752 she married Maj. Staates Long Morris in 1756. It is not known why Viscount Barrington would reference the Dowager Duchess in this letter regarding Lord William Murray.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Regarding Resignations of Lt. William Graham and Lt. Robert Reid, and Lt. Reid's Absence Without Leave, Banner Cross, Oct. 3, 1775

Bannercross, 3^d October 1775

My Lord

I have the honour to send your Lordship Major [William] Murrays letter to me, Lieu^t. Robert Reid, and Lieu^t. W^m Graham wrote me the 25th. August from Glasgow, desiring leave to dispose as they had purchased, I wrote in answer that as Soon as they Sent me the Names of those they proposed Should Succeed them, Should make the Application to your Lordship, but that I could ^ not give Lieu^t. Reid leave of absence in the mean time. I Rec^d. a letter lately from Major Murray that Lieu^t. Reid has left Glasgow without leave, and that he has reported it to your Lordship and the Commander in chief in North Britain [Scotland], therefore imagined it not in my Power to permit his being out of Arrest without your Lordships directions, which I beg to Receive.

Source and Note: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, "Letters from Lord John Murray relating to patronage, regimental appointments, etc., 1760-1775" in the *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xii, 1760-1778 at MS 73557, p. 35. Lt. William Graham withdrew his request to resign and served with the regiment in America. Lt. Reid was allowed to resign.

Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Lt. Robert Reid's Arrest and Problems Recruiting in "Gen^l. Frasers country", Glasgow, Oct. 9. 1775

Glasgow 9th Oct^r 1775

My Lord,

I inclose your Lord^p the State of the Reg^t, by last Letters from L^t Alex^r M^cKenzie he informs me that the Gentⁿ. in [Maj.] Gen^l. [Simon] Frasers country advertised at the different Parishes that none of the young men should enlist untill the arrival of their chief, which has hurt our recruiting there very much Major [William] Murray wrote your Lord^p twice lately of L^t [Robert] Reid being in arrest for absenting himself without leave, and wanted to know your determination about him, if you have not yet answered his Letters I must beg your Lord^p: will immediately, as He is at present in a disagreeable Situation. I am

My Lord,

your Lord^{ps} most obed^t & most humble Serv^t
Tho^s Stirling

L^d John Murray

Source and Note: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xlii, Oct. 1775 – Nov. 1775 at MS 73587, p. 22. Lt. Reid resigned from the 42nd Regt. on Feb. 23, 1776. Maj. Gen. Fraser was the Colonel of the new raising 71st Highland Regt. it also of note that Stirling refers to Alexander Mackenzie as “*Lieutenant*” as the War Office later claimed they had never officially granted him a lieutenantancy when they removed that lieutenantancy in favor of another officer.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Half Pay Officers and Height of Recruits, Chesterfield, Oct. 10, 1775**

My Lord

I am honour'd by your Lordships last Saturday of the 4th Ins^t and have given out Lieu^t Norman Macleod¹ in Regimental orders, and have wrote him to Dunvegan in the Isle of Skye, that he may begin to Recruit directly.

I have not Rec^d the letter your Lordship mentions to have wrote me before this, of your having wrote me fully about Ensigns [Thomas] Lyttleton & [Robert] Franklin, I therefore beg the favour youl repeat to me your Commands concerning them; as also of the other officers when Notified, and if M^r [James] Crammond is one of them.

By the Regimental Recruiting Instructions of my Regiment that no men are to be inlisted under five feet Six Inches high without Shoes, except under Eighteen if likely to grow, I am inform'd other Corps takes them much lower, will it be agreeable to your Lordship, I give orders to lower the Size one inch, the Highlanders in general are not tall but Strong, and well made, and in my humble opinion, every way as fitt for Service & fatigue as those of a higher Size.

Lieu^t John M'Donald was not amongst the Names I had the honour to Recommend to your Lordship, but whomever you think most proper, shall always be acceptable to me.

I am sensible the Irish Governments are not in your Lordships department, but if any should happen to be vacant hereafter or the British, may I hope for your Recommending me to His Majesty, at the same time so many Young General Officers have Governments there is the less chance of Vacancies. It is above Thirty Years Since I was Colonel of the Reg^t now under my Command, few that have Government any served abroad, can say so much!

I have the honour to be with the Greatest Regard

My Lord

Your Lordships most faithful
and most obedient Servant

John Murray

Chesterfield 10th Oct^r 1775

L^d Viscount Barrington

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993. There may be some confusion to the reader regarding Lt. Norman M^cLeod's association with Dunvegan. At the time of this letter, the Chief of Clan MacLeod was Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, whose seat was at Dunvegan Castle. This subject of this letter, however, is a different Norman M^cLeod who was the illegitimate brother of the father of Norman MacLeod of Macleod. The Clan Chief was first commissioned as a Captain in the 71st Regt. (Fraser's Highlanders) in Dec. 1775, and would not have been referred to as Lt. M^cLeod. The confusion between these officers continued through the American War as MacLeod of MacLeod eventually left the 71st Regt. and became the Lt. Colonel of the 2nd Battalion of the 42nd Regt. and Lt. Norman M^cLeod left the 42nd Regt. to become a Captain in the 71st Regt. See the biography of Lt. M^cLeod in Enclosure A. Excerpts of Lt. John Macdonald's Autobiography are shown in App. F.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.
Regarding Officer Appointments in Two Additional Companies, London, Oct. 11, 1775**

War Office 11th Oct^r. 1775

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 2^d. Instant, with an annexed List of Officers of the Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, under your Command.

I herewith to answer to your Lordships a List of Notifications for your Regiment which have been issued from this Office, and beg leave to add the following Observations on your Papers.

Cap^t Lieutenant J. M^cLachlin being a Captain is entitled to an Additional Company, and I have one for him, which I should think he would prefer to a Lieutenancy in the 42^d Regiment.

Ensign Drummond's preferment must be postponed For, if there are good Lieutenants now on Half Pay who are, Highlanders, they have the best right to be appointed. Robert Rollo's Appointment is also delayed, as a Gentleman of Name is lately notified for the Royal American Regiment.

M^r John Dalgleith cannot have an Ensigncy 'till M^r [Robert] Franklin is actually removed to another Corps; and M^r Alexander Fraser must wait 'till Ensign [Thomas] Lyttleton is also removed.

There are to be Two Lieutenants appointed to each of the additional Companys. There is at present only one. Of these Lieutenants, one is to be taken from Half pay.

Lieutenant George Mackenzie from Half Pay in the late 87th John Grant of the late 111th. and John M^cDonald of the late 101st Regiments are this day notified for your Lordship's Regiment.

I am further to observe to your Lordship, that there are Two Norman M^cLeods appointed Lieutenants, both from Half pay; One of the late 105th and one from the reduced Lieutenants of the 69th Reg^t you will be pleased to inform me who Lieutenant Alexander Robertson is, no such Officer appearing on the Half Pay.

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your Lordship will be pleased
to acquaint me if Lord Rollo's Son,
the Gentleman you recommend is not
Appointed an Ensign in the Royal Americans

Barrington

Right Honble Lord John Murray

[Enclosure]

42^d Regiment

1st Additional Company

Captain	Duncan M ^c Pherson of late 89 th Foot
Lieutenant	Alexander Munro
Ensign	Alexander M ^c Leod

2^d. Additional Company

Captain	John Smith, was Cap ^t Lieu ^t in 42 ^d Reg ^t
Lieutenant	Patrick Graham, was Ens ⁿ in D ^o
Ensign	Lord William Murray

Lieutenant John M^cIntosh, to be Cap^t Lieu^t vice Smith preferred in the 2^d Additional Company
Ensign Alexander Grant to be Lieutenant vice M^cIntosh
Alexander Stewart Gent. to be Ensign vice Grant

To be Lieutenants

Dougal Campbell from Half Pay 105th Foot
William Stewart from the Marines
John Robertson, from half Pay in Cap^t Robertson's Indep^t Compy

Alexander Mackenzie, was Ensign in 42^d Reg^t
 Norman M^cLeod [Cyprus] from half Pay 105th Foot
 James Cramond, Gent.
 Norman M^cLeod [of Fernilea] from half Pay 69th Foot
 Lieutenant George Mackenzie from half Pay 87th Foot
 Lieuten^t John Grant from half Pay 111th Foot
 Lieut^t John M^cDonald from half pay 101st Foot
 John Campbell, Gent. to be Ensign vice Mackenzie pref^d

NB. There are now wanting two Lieutenants and One Ensign to compleat the 42^d Reg^t.

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, July 1775-Nov. 1775 at WO 4/94, pp. 384-6 (ff. 195-196). "Cap^t Lieutenant J. M^cLachlin" is likely Capt. Lt. John MacLachlan, late of the 77th and 110th Regts. commissioned Capt. in the 55th Regt. in 1775. Alexander Mackenzie's promotion to Lieutenant was later withdrawn by the War Office in favor of another officer. When Mackenzie protested the cancellation of his Lieutenantcy, the War Office claimed he had never been promoted. Ens. Mackenzie subsequently died of wounds received in the Battle of Harlem Heights, N. Y. in Sept. 1776. There was an Ens. Gavin Drummond commissioned in Jan. 1776, but based on the recommendation for a Lieutenantcy in Oct. 1775, it is not likely the same officer mentioned in this letter. Ens. Lord William Murray was 13-years old when commissioned.



Photograph of Edinburgh Castle from West Port by Kim Traynor

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**Author James Boswell's Account of Capt. Duncan M^cPherson's Company
 of the 42nd Regt. Taking Duty in the Castle, Edinburgh, Oct. 14. – Nov. 14, 1775**

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER. Having heard that the Royal Highland Regiment was to march in today to the Castle, I was eager to meet them. Grange went with me, and Mr. Lawrie also went. We overtook Dr. Boswell [a relative] near the West Port, who harangued what fine fellows the Highlanders were in 1745... I had wrought myself into a kind of enthusiasm about *The Highland Watch*, recollected their not having been in Scotland since the year 1744, and never in Edinburgh Castle, and I said to Grange that he and I would talk of their entry into *Auld Reekie* [Edinburgh] many years hence... We were disappointed, for there were no more of the Regiment came in than fifty-five men, which were all they had for four companies. There were three officers: Captain [Duncan] Macpherson of _____, who

commanded them, Lieutenant [William] Graham, son to my cousin the late Colonel Gordon Graham, and Ensign [George] Dalrymple. I spoke with young Graham as a relation, and it seems he had seen me before. There was a great number of people meeting them. The windows in Portsburgh and Edinburgh were crowded. I liked to see them enter the West Port. We saw them fairly enter the Castle.

...I dined at Sir George Preston's, and was in such lively spirits and cordial frame that I drank about a bottle of port quickly, which intoxicated me somewhat. And away I went to the Castle, and viewed it in possession of the Highlanders; and as I saw the tartan in the sentry-boxes and the square swarming with filibegs, I felt as if in the days of one of the ancient kings of Scotland. The officers were engaged in different parties.

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER. ..I walked out to the Abbey Hill and met the first division of the 31 Regiment, and walked along and was cheered by their drums and fifes and martial air. Got before them into the Castle, and saw them enter the square. They were to relieve the Highlanders, who were to go to the Forts and other parts of Scotland...

Source and Note: *Boswell: The Ominous Years, 1774-1776*. James Boswell (ed. by Charles Ryskamp and Frederick A. Pottle), McGraw-Hill, 1963, pp. 165-167, 177, 180-181. "Auld Reekie" (Old Smoky) is an old nickname of Edinburgh due the numerous chimneys. There were two "Capt. Macphersons" in the 42nd Regt. at this time, Duncan and James, but the letter from Capt. James M^cPherson below, dated Oct. 29, was sent from Glasgow and not Edinburgh Castle. Boswell's use of the name "*The Highland Watch*," refers to the original founding of the companies of the regiment whose purpose was to keep a watch on the Highlands of Scotland.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Regarding Lieutenants James Cramond and Alexander Mackenzie and Ensigns Robert Franklin and Thomas Lyttelton, Banner Cross, Oct. 19, 1775

My Lord

I am honoured by your Lordships of the 8th. Ins^t; & had L^t. [James] Cramond given out in Regimental orders, as soon as I re^{cd}. it, I think it my Duty to inclose Lieu^t. Colonel [Thomas] Stirling's letter to me, I have wrote him to acquaint me if he hears any further of Lieu^t. Alex^r. Mackenzies Report to him. and to make particular enquiry, which I shall transmit to your Lordship.

I had the honour to write yesterday to your Lordship directed at the War office, in answer to your Observations and beg to Receive your Commands, concerning the Recommendations I have taken the liberty to propose, and assure your Lordship I have no other view in desiring them, but as they are the best I know of for His Majestys Service. I never rec^d. your Lordships letter concerning Ensigns [Robert] Franklin & [Thomas] Lyttelton.

I beg pardon for taking up so much of your time, in troubling you with my letters.

I have the honor to be with the most Sincere Regard & Esteem

My Lord

Bannercross

Oct^r: 19th. 1775

L^d Viscount Barrington.

Your Lo:ps most faithfull and most obedient Servant

John Murray

Source: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, "Letters from Lord John Murray relating to patronage, regimental appointments, etc., 1760-1775" in the *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xii, 1760-1778 at MS 73557, pp. 37-37v.

Advertisement for Recently Assigned Officers of the 42nd Regt. to Report, Edinburgh, Oct. 24, 1775

ROYAL HIGHLAND REGIMENT. WHEREAS the KING has been pleased to appoint an additional LIEUTENANT to each company of the 42d, or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, under my command, and their notifications having accordingly been issued from the war office, amongst others, for Lieutenant Normand M^cLeod [of Fernilea] from half pay, 69 foot; Lieutenant George Mackenzie from half pay, 87

foot; Lieutenant John Macdonald from half pay, 101 foot; and Lieutenant John Grant from half pay, 111 foot. These gentlemen are desired forthwith to write to me, and to the Commanding Officer of the said regiment at Glasgow, a proper direction where they now are, and where they wish to be stationed, in order that recruiting instructions, and levy-money may be sent them, and what other orders are necessary for recruiting. *Bannercross near Sheffield, Yorkshire, 18 Oct. 1775*} JOHN MURRAY, General.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Oct. 24, 1775, p. 262.

**Account by Col. David Stewart (Garth) of Officers Brought in from
Half-Pay for the Augmentation of the 42nd Regt., Glasgow, late 1775-early 1776**

...The officers brought in from half-pay were Captain Duncan Macpherson [late 89th], Lieutenants Henry Munro [late 78th], Alexander Munro [late 77th], John Macdonald [late 101st], John Robertson [late Capt. Robertson's Ind. Company], John Macgregor [also Gregor, 42nd], Norman Macleod [late 105th], John Grant [late 111st], George Mackenzie [late 87th], William Stewart [Marines]...

Source: *Sketches of the Character, manners and Present State of the Highlanders of Scotland*, Vol. I, by Col. David Stewart, Archibald Constable and Co., Edinburgh, 1822, Google Books, p. 367. Although written well after the American war, Stewart used accounts from officers who served during the war as input to his narrative.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.
Denying Promotion of Ens. George Dalrymple, London, Oct. 25, 1776**

W: O: 25th Oct^r. 1775.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the rec^t. of your Lordship's letter of the 18th. instant. [Oct.]

Your recommendation of Ensign Dalrymple cannot be taken into consideration until Ensigs [Robert] Franklin & [Thomas] Lyttleton are appointed to another Corps.

With respect to the Gentlemen whom you have mentioned for Ensingencies, I am to desire you will be pleased to acquaint me what Number of Men they will engage to raise for their Appointments.

I have the honor to be

P. S.

I herewith return Sir Ja^s Grant's letter, & the list of Lieutenants enclosed in mine of the 9th Sept^r.

My Lord &c

Barrington

R^t Honble Gen^l. Lord John Murray
Chesterfield

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, July 1775-Nov. 1775 at WO 4/94, p. 441. Ens. Franklin was an Irish officer and Ens. Lyttleton was an English officer and they were the only non-Scots officers in the regiment. Lord Murray made several attempts to remove them in favor of Scots officers. This letter describes the practice that prospective officers had to bring in a number of recruits as a condition of their commission.

**Letter from Capt. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to Alexander Campbell, Younger of Glenure,
Regarding Lieutenancy for his Brother, Ens. James Campbell, Glasgow, Oct. 29, 1775**

Glasgow 29th Oct^r 1775

Dear Sandie,

I am favord w^t. yours and you may believe I would not ask you to pay your Bill could I conveniently do w^t. out it – I am just now pushing to get a Commission for Jamie which if acquire that w^t. a hundred pounds I have to pay to your father and one hundred a fifty pounds to lay out for winter, I think

will show you the necessity of the application made to you – I propose to be at Glenure about Mar^{ts}
 [Martinmas – Nov. 11] if I find you before then that I can do w^t. out you I shall let you know – if your
 father [Duncan Campbell of Glenure] could [illegible] his mony it would make me easy but that I shall
 not ask as I promised to pay him at the term and know he will have occasion for it – I am Dear Sandie
 Yours &C:

James M^cPherson

Source and Note: NAS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine* at GD170/1969/5. M^cPherson is writing about a
 Lieutenancy for Ens. “*Jamie*” Campbell, son of Glenure. Campbell’s commission as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. was dated
 Mar. 20, 1776.



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

**Letter from Capt. Alexander, Earl Balcarres, 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington
 Requesting a Majority in the 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser’s), Balcarres, Fifeshire, Oct. 31, 1775**

My Lord

When I had the Honour of waiting upon your Lordship in London offering my Services to raise
 some Highlanders for the American Service, your Lordship gave me some Hopes if that Plan was adopted
 by Government, that I might expect your Lordships good Offices and Wishes –

As I now understand [Maj.] Gen^l. [Simon] Fraser is to raise a Regiment to serve in America, I
 take the Liberty again to solicit your Lordship upon the same Subject, & beg your good Offices in
 recommending me to his Majesty to be appointed Major to that Regiment

As I am five years a captain I flatter myself your Lordship will think I am intitled to his
 Majesties Favour in preferment

I have a thorough Confidence in your Lordships good Wishes in advencing me in a Service which
 no Disapointment, or Situation in Life can ever induce me to Quit

I have the Honour to be with great Respect

Your Lordships most obed^t and obliged Serv^t

Balcarres }
 Fife Shire }

Balcarres

31st. Oct^r. 1775

Source: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xlii, Oct. 1775-Nov. 1775 at MS 73587, pp. 62-62v.



Detail of Portrait of James Boswell of Auchinleck, by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1785

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Edinburgh Lawyer James Boswell's Account of Lt. William Graham's
Attempt to Undo His Late Father's Will, Edinburgh, Nov. 1- 10, 1775**

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER... Lieutenant Graham of the Royal Highlanders, Dr. Cairnie, and Balbarton dined with me...

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER ... Had the forenoon taken up by a number of visits of Dr. Cairnie, George Webster, Bob Wellwood, Sir Walter, and Lieutenant Graham, who showed me his father's settlement, which he wished to set aside in part. ..

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER. (I am now writing on Saturday the 11.) Lieutenant Graham and Robert Boswell breakfasted with me. I had engaged Robert to be here, that we might consider if any relief could be obtained at law from the hard terms of Colonel [Gordon] Graham's will. Robert spoke with knowledge and accuracy. I was sensible of a sad want of promptness of memory or attention in business. I am better for being a barrister than a counsellor...

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER... About nine Graham and I drank tea with Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie...

Source and Notes: *Boswell: the Ominous Years, 1774-1776*. James Boswell (ed. by Charles Ryskamp and Frederick A. Pottle), McGraw-Hill, 1963, pp. 173-178. Boswell was a relative of Lt. Graham whose late father was Lt. Col. Gordon Graham, 42nd Regt.



Original Section of Lochend House, Edinburgh, by Kim Traynor

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Letter from George Gunn Munro, Chief of Clan Gunn, to Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser, Col., 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot, Requesting a Company for His Brother-in-Law, Lt. George MacKenzie, 42nd Additional Company, London, Nov. 16, 1775

Sir,

Altho I have hardly a Doubt but you have appointed your Captains before now – yet whilst a Probability or Chance remains that that is not the Case – it would be wrong in me to neglect making the present application –

The Merit & Circumstances of the person in whose behalf I apply, is the only Interest upon which I build any Hopes of Success – for I have no other – through the Influence of which I could hope to Succeed –

Lieu^t. George Mackenzie Brother to Lochind was, at the Reduction of the 87th. Regiment, oldest Lieutenant in that Corps – he served in Germany where he was wounded – he has lately been appointed Lieu^t. in the 42^d. Regiment – tis now on full Pay – he is a very likely active young Officer, Some years ago he married a Sister of mine & has Since then resided chiefly in Caithness & now in Sutherland Shire – I have not a Doubt but that ^{from} his numerous Connections in the West Highlands (Lochbroom particularly) he could raise a Company as soon as any Man – but I can undertake that from his own long Residence in our Part of the Country & the Family Connections & Influence which I can myself boast of & firmly rely upon in both Sutherland & Caithness – his Comp-any (were he fortunate enough to be appointed) would be as quickly raised & comprised of as fine Fellows as any in the Army – upon Enquiry the Probability of this will appear – Tho’ the Clan Gun whom I at present consider myself as Chief are not very numerous, yet I know that they can spare a few for me that would do me some Credit as well as Honour to any Corps that they may join – Were it not too much Presumption without my Brother in Law’s desire – I would refer to the Earl of Seaforth for a Character of my Brother in Law – His Lordship I believe is a good Friend to M^r M^cKenzie – & I trust would excuse the Liberty, could I with any Propriety give you Sir the Trouble of waiting on his Lordship – if your Companys are all appointed, – he would gladly be your own Cap^m. Lieu^t. & Contribute his Proportion of Men – at any Rate Sir any Aid or Assistance that either he or I can give in Compleating your Highland Regiment shall be most chearfully afforded – for my own part I long to see a few more Belted Plaids in the British Army – I have the Honour to remain

Sir Your most obedient and most humble Servant
Geo, Gun Munro

London, 16th Novem^r 1775

At M^r. Frasers Baringhull Street

Perhaps you may have heard of Gun of Breamore –

To Major General Fraser

Source and Note: *The Laing Collection*, LA.II.506, Edinburgh University, Special Collections. pp. 56-57. Lt. MacKenzie was married to Christina Munro, daughter of Captain John Gunn Munro of Braemore and Elizabeth Sutherland.

Letter from Capt. James McPherson, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser of Lovat, Col., 71st Highland Regt., Regarding an Ensigncy for his Son, James, Glasgow, Nov. 19, 1775

Sir

Having the honour of being a little known to you and hearing of your getting a Double Battalion of Highlanders makes me presume to Sollicite your Interest at present in favour of one of my Sons (called James) who inclines for the Army – I have a throng [crowded] family of Children five of them Sons and nothing to Support them with but my Company in the Royall High^{drs} – in such a Situation I hope Gen^{rl} Fraser will have goodness enough to pardon the freedom I have here taken – I have sometime ago made application to [Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] in favours of my Son but as yet uncertain of Success When you are pleased to favour me with an Answer direct for me here – I have the honour to be w^t. great respect

Sir –

Glasgow 19th Novr
1775

Your most obed^d. & most humble Serv^t.
James M^cPherson

Source and Note: *Laing Papers*, LA.11.506, Edinburgh University, Special Collections, Item 66.

Letter from Dutchess Strange to John Murray, 4th of Atholl, Regarding her Son Lord William Murray's Commission and Disparaging Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Highfield, Nov. 27, 1775

Highfield, Nov. 27, 1775.

... It seems odd to me to hear he (L^d Will^m) has got a comission and it can't be got out, nor has never been in the newspapers, but had you wrote me you had desired it and should send it me as soon as you could I should have been satisfied. With regard to a comission being bought for him, I am totally against it at present, as I think anything of that kind would be much more proper when he is of fit age to attend the regiment, besides in my opinion it looks like flying in the face of the King and saying my son shall have a Lieutenancy whether you will or not.

I warn'd you once before of Lord John—belive me, if not as your mother at least as your friend, he is one of the worst of men, and will draw you into scrapes if he can. Your Dear Dear father and I had reason to know him, as under the pretext of friendship he was allways doing us all the ill he could. Amongst many other things, when your father claimed the peerage it was necessary to prove your Grandfather's (Ld Georges) death; this was difficult to do as he died in Holland without it being known where to any in Brittain but Lady George. She could be no evidence. Lord John protested he was not dead, and he told every body, as he was not, the title was forfeited to all but himself. However luckily a M^r Charles, Chaplin to the English Church at Amsterdam or Rotterdam, I've forgot which, was luckily proved to be in London, and swore that he knew he was dead, and (that he had) assisted Lady George in her distress. Upon all coming out quite clear Lord John was the first to come up and compliment your Father and say how glad he was he had succeeded. But perhaps you want to be convinced by your own experience of L^d John's goodness, and take my word for it you will very soon be, if you goe on any transaction with him. I only desire you'll keep off bringing me or your brothers or sisters into any scrape with him. . . . Your most aff^{ate} mother,

C. Atholl & Strange.

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. 63-64. Highfield was a house near Liverpool.

**News Account of Election of Capt. Alexander, Earl Balcarras, 42nd Regt.,
As Grand Master Elect of Free Masons, Edinburgh, Dec. 1, 1775**

Yesterday being St. ANDREW'S day, the tutelary Saint of Scotland, the grand officers of the ancient and honourable fraternity of FREE MASONS, attended by the different lodges in this city and neighbourhood, and by representatives from the lodges situated in distant parts, assembled in the parliament house, where they elected the following gentlemen:

DAVID DALRYMPLE, Esq; GRAND MASTER of Scotland.

The Right Hon: the EARL OF BALCARRAS, Grand Master elect...

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Dec. 1, 1775, p. 349.

**Letter from Capt. Alexander, Earl Balcarres, 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington
Thanking the Secretary for Considering Him for Promotion in the 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's),
Dublin, Dec. 5, 1775**

Dublin 5th. Dec^r. 1775

My Lord

I Return your Lordship my sincere Thanks for Your most obliging answer to my application of being a Major in the new Reg^t. of Highlanders tho' unsuccessful in that Quarter I have been more fortunate here, & am recommended by My Lord Lieut [of Ireland] to [Lt.] Gen^l. [Sir John] Irwine [Col. 57th Regt.] to succeed by Purchase to the Majority of the 53^d. Reg^t.

My zeal to get out upon the American Service, has induced me to break thro' the Forms of getting my Succession as Cap^t. in the 42^d. properly regulated, I hope your Lordship will look upon this in the most favourable Light and allow the vacancy of an Ensigny in the Reg^t. untill such time as one can be found to purchase, I have the Honour to be, My Lord, your most faithful

humble Serv^t Balcarres

Source and Note: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xliii, Dec. 1775 – Feb. 1776 at MS 73588, p. 32. The Earl of Balcarres was promoted to Major of the 53rd Regt. Dec. 9, 1775.

**Letter from Capt. James McPherson, 42nd Regt., to Duncan Campbell of Glenure, Regarding
Family Commissions in the 71st Highland Regt., Glasgow, Dec. 5, 1775**

Glasgow 5th Dec^r 1775

D^r B^r

I am this day favoured with yours Acknowledging the receipt of the Drafts sent you.

I am glad to hear that Peter has got at last what he has long wished for – I am afraid he will find some difficulty in making the compliment of men that are incumbent of the Cap^s to raise – however I am in hopes he will do as well as many of them he has wrote me to apply to Col^l [Thomas] Stirling for a party to assist him which will be in vain for me to do as the whole Reg^t is employed in the same way and as anxious to get men as if our Commissions depended on it – I wish how soon you could get here w^t Hugh [Campbell, son of Duncan Campbell] as there are just now severall Vessels for Dublin and a Cap^t of the 33^d a particular acquaintance of mine is just now here and will sett off in a few days to join his Reg^t Quartered at Dublin – if Hugh could get here in time I could recommend him to this Gentⁿ who would take particular charge of him untill he delivered him over to M^r Fraser this would be a lucky circumstance for the Boy therefore you ought to make all the dispatch possible – pray have you heard of [Maj.] Gen^l [Simon] Fraser's Officers could you provide me w^t a List of them – I am D^r B^r

Yours Aff^{bly}
James M^cPherson

Source and Note: NAS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine*, GD170/1354/38, ff. 177 and 177B. "Gen^r Fraser's Officers" refers to the officers being selected for the 71st Regt. or Fraser's Highlanders.

**Letter from Capt. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to Duncan Campbell of Glenure,
Regarding Lieutenancy for his Son, Ens. James Campbell, Glasgow, Dec. 5, 1775**

Glasgow 7th Dec^r 1775

D^r B^r

I am this day favoured with yours of 6th and I am glad to understand that you & Hugh are to be here upon Sunday night. I had the Officer in my house at the time I was reading your letter. I read to him what of your letter related to Hugh he was good enough to say that he was happy at having an opportunity of showing any kind of civility to any connection of mine and that he would take particular charge of Hugh untill he delivered him over to M^r Fraser he could not fix upon a day for setting off but believed it would be Munday, Tuesday, or Wednesday next any of the days will answer as you are to be here upon Sunday –

I was wrong informed as to our Reg^t being near compleat we still want near four hundred and this very day I had that information from the Agent

There is now an opportunity (for your son James) of purchasing a Lieut^{cy} – [Capt. Alexander] Lord Balcarres is to purchase the majority of the 53^d Jamie is the oldest Ensgⁿ. I believe [Lt.] Col^l [Thomas] Stirling wrote to him yesterday to see if he would purchase I dare say you will not allow any to get over his head and that you will at once agree to the purchase D^r B^r.

Yours Aff^{ly} *James M^cPherson*

Source and Note: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine* at GD170/1354/39 f. 179. Campbell's commission as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. was dated Mar. 20, 1776. Lord Balcarres was a Captain in the 42nd Regt. His promotion to Major in the 53rd Regt. opened up a string of promotions as officers moved up to fill his vacancy.

**Comments by Alexander Gordon, 4th Duke of Gordon's Factor on Recruiting
Success of Brevet-Maj. Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., Ruthven, Dec. 11, 1775**

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 4th and 7th I shall use my utmost endeavours to procure Recruits for Cap^t [Hamilton] Maxwell [71st Regt.] and I shall be happy if am successfully but I'm much afraid Her Grace's orders have come too late - Major Macpherson (Breakachy) of the 42^d has been employed on the Recruiting Service in this Country for several Months past, and as he made use of all legal means to engage the Men here, there are but few remaining - he takes them of all ages & sizes, and I'm told, does not scruple five Guineas of Levy Money...

Her Grace may depend upon my using the Means for serving her Brother, although I cannot promise upon being successful

I am D^r Sir
Your most Ob^t Serv
William Tod

Ruthven
11th Dec^r 1775

Source and Notes: NAS, *Papers of the Gordon Family, Dukes of Gordon (Gordon Castle Muniments)* at GD44/43/153. A "Factor" was a business manager for an estate. M^cPherson's father held the estate of Breakachy prior to being evicted by the Duke of Gordon before the American war.

**Letter from Ens. James Campbell, 42nd Regt, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Regarding
Concerns with Seniority and a Request for the Quartermastership, Inveraray, Dec. 12, 1775**

My Lord

As compassion for the friendless has marked your Lordship's character in this Country, I am thereby emboldened to lay the following particulars before your Lordship – near two years ago I laid out my little all in the purchase of an Ensigncy in the 42^d Reg^t, upon the faith of having no more than the ordinary number of Ensigns and Lieutenants before me; Whereas now, altho, I am Eldest Ensign, and have in appearance been in very good luck, yet in reality I have the mortification to find that I have been going backwards all the time; for, at this moment, there are more officers above me then there was the first day I joined the Reg^t. which is not the case of a single officer in the army besides myself. For of all our former Ensigns not one but has got a Lieut^y. except myself, and of all our present Ensigns not one, except my self, has other purchased or even seen the Reg^t – If your Lordship thinks my case hard, which from your well known generosity of Disposition I flatter myself you will; May I begg that you will not think it too presumptuous in me to put your Lordship in mind that the quartermastership of Our Regt. is at this moment vacant, owing to Lieu^t William Graham's resigning it, upon getting leave to dispose of his Lieut^y I am sensible that I have no particular merit to plead, unless your Lordship is pleased to consider the singular hardship of my case as such. For as to my having raised between twenty and thirty men upon the Estates of my relations, I look upon it as no more than my duty, altho it is more than all the other Ensigns of the Regiment have done. – And should your Lordship condescend so far as to think of me for the quartermastership it would likewise enable me to purchase M^r Grahams Lieut^y and Confer the highest obligation possible upon one who shall ever retain the most gratefull sence of it. –

Inveraray Decm^r 12th
1775

I have the honour to be, With all possible respect, My Lord
Your Lordship's most obed^t. & Most devoted Hum^{ble}. Serv^t.

*James Campbell Ensign
42^d Reg^t*

Source and Notes: British Library Archives and Manuscripts, *Barrington Papers*, Vol. xliii, Dec. 1775 – Feb. 1776 at MS 73588, pp. 46-47. Ens. James Campbell was promoted to Lt. on Mar. 20, 1776. On Dec. 12, 1775 the Ensigns of the 42nd Regt. were: Alexander Grant (DOR 3/1/73), Alexander Mackenzie (7/12/73), George Dalrymple (7/12/73), James Campbell (4/24/74), James Lees (1/14/75), Alexander McLeod (8/25/75), Robert Rollo (8/26/75), Lord William Murray (8/27/75), Alexander Stewart (8/28/75), and John Campbell (8/29/75). Inveraray, in Argyll, is the seat of Clan Campbell.

**Letter from Secretary at War Lord Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd
Regt., Stopping Promotions for Ens. Alexander Grant and Ens. Alexander Mackenzie,
London, Dec. 12, 1775**

War Office 12th. Decem^r. 1775

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 7th. inst., enclosing One from Ensign Campbell (which I herewith return), and to acquaint you that Beating Orders for General [Simon] Fraser's Corps [71st Highland Regt.] have been issued some time.

With respect to Ensigns [Robert] Franklin & [Thomas] Lyttleton I am to observe to your Lordship, that it never was His Majesty's Intention to pass by or supersede them. – Ensigns Patrick Graham, Alex^r. Grant & Alex^r. McKenzie had been named for Lieutenancys, upon the Supposition that the two elder Ensigns might be provided for in other Corps; but as there is no prospect of this at present, if your Lordship cannot find Highland Officers willing to exchange with M^r. Franklin & M^r. Lyttleton they must certainly be promoted in the 42^d Reg^t. and preserve the Rank they are entitled to. His Majesty had accordingly directed that the former Notification should be stopped and that Ensigns Franklin & Lyttleton should be appointed Lieutenants in their proper places.

I beg leave to add that whenever your Lordship finds two Highland Lieutenants willing to exchange from other Corps into the Royal Highlanders, I shall be very ready to facilitate the Arrangement with the consent of Lieut^s. Franklin & Lyttleton.

R ^t . Honble Lord John Murray Banner-cross near Sheffield	I have the honor to be My Lord &ca. Barrington
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Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Sec. at War Out-letters* at WO 4/95, p. 201 (f. 101). Non-Scot Ensigns Franklin and Lyttleton were more senior than the Scots officers, Lord John Murray tried to promote over them.

**Death Notice for the Mother of Capt. Charles Graham and Lt. William Graham, 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Dec. 12, 1775.**

On Tuesday died here, Mrs Elisabeth Mackenzie widow of Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Graham of the Royal Highland regiment.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Dec. 15, 1775.

**James Boswell's Account of Capt. Alexander Donaldson, 42nd Regt., at the Funeral of His
Mother in Law, Wife of the late Lt. Col. Gordon Graham, 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Dec. 15, 1775**

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER... Between one and two I went to the burial of Colonel Gordon Graham's widow. It was a dismal misty day. Her son-in-law, Captain Donaldson of the Royal Highlanders, was chief mourner. I went principally out of compliment to him. I did not know him. But I could not think of being in any degree neglectful towards a brave Highland officer...

Source and Note: *Boswell: the Ominous Years, 1774-1776*. James Boswell (ed. by Charles Ryskamp and Frederick A. Pottle), McGraw-Hill, 1963, pp. 197-198. Col. Graham and his wife Elisabeth were the parents of Capt. Charles Graham and Lt. William Graham of the 42nd Highlanders.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Appointing Lt. James Cameron, London, Dec. 16, 1775**

War Office 16th Dec^r 1775

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 12th instant, and to acquaint you that Lieu^t James Cameron of the late 101st Reg^t is appointed a Lieutenant in the 42^d. (or Royal Highland) Reg^t. of Foot under your Lordship's Command, in the room of Lieu^t. Norman M^cLeod [of Ferinlea].

I have already written to y^r Lordship respecting Lieu^{ts} [Robert] Franklin & [Thomas] Lyttleton & Ensign [Robert] Rollo.

R ^t Honble Lord John Murray Bannercross, near Sheffield.	I have the honor &ca Barrington
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Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters*, WO 4/95, p. 221 (f. 111). Lt. Norman M^cLeod of Ferinlea, should not be confused with Lt. Normand MacLeod (Cyprus), illegitimate son of Norman MacLeod of Dunvegan, who served most of the war in the 42nd Regt. before transferring to the 71st Regt. in 1780. Lt. Cameron was later removed from the regiment on his request. At this period the War Office was only returning Half-pay officers to active service on their request and Cameron had not made such a request. Lord Murray wanted him because he thought it would help recruiting from Clan Cameron.



Reproduction 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, 71st Highland Regt. to Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser, Col., 71st Regt. Recommending Ens. Alexander MacLeod, 42nd Regt., Inverness, Dec. 17, 1775

Inverness Dec^r. 17th. 1775 –

My Dear Sir

...Geanies lately begged a lieutenancy for a relation of his, Ensign Alex^r. MacLeod of the 42^d. who is next heir to MacLeod of Cadbol. I beg leave to join my wishes to his that you may find it convenient to grant it. – Cadbol is a delicate boy of 12 years old: if he dies, this young gentleman immediately becomes a man of very considerable consequence in the highlands: but if he lives, a favour done to so near a connection will infinitely oblige the whole tribe. – Another circumstance you may depend on; that few people is more likely to succeed in recruiting.

It would be foolish in me to do anything more than suggest those matters to you. Your own judgement & goodness being so very capable of granting a proper favour; & I being unwilling to ask an improper one.

I ever am My Dear Sir

Your affec^t. & faithfull serv^t.

Norman MacLeod

Source: *The Laing Collection*, Edinburgh University, Special Collections at LA.II.506, item 77. “Geanies” was Hugh MacLeod of Geanies. “Cadbol” was Robert Bruce Æneas MacLeod of Cadboll (1764-1844), MP for Cromartyshire 1807-1812. Capt. MacLeod was unsuccessful in getting a lieutenancy for Alexander MacLeod in the 71st Regt. Lt. Alexander MacLeod, 42nd Regt. was later killed in a magazine explosion in Charleston, S. C. in 1780.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col. 42nd Regt., Regarding Lieutenant Assignments, London, Dec. 20, 1775

W: O: [War Office] 20th Dec^r 1775

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the rec^t of your Lordship's letter of the 1st instant, relative to Lieu^t Read's [Robert Reid] selling out.

As by the appointment of Lieutenants [Robert] Franklin & [Thomas] Lyttleton, there are two Ensigns senior to M^r. [Ens. George] Dalrymple; Your Lordship will be pleased to acquaint me, for H: M: [His Majesty] information whether they both decline purchasing.

I have the honor to be My Lord &c

R^t Honble Lord John Murray
Bannercross, near Sheffield.

Barrington

Source and Notes: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters*, WO 4/95, p. 240. “Selling out” refers to the standard practice of having another officer purchase one's commission. Selling out after the regiment received orders to proceed to a war zone would normally prevent future commissions.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to
Discharge Volunteer Alexander Fraser, London, Dec. 28, 1775**

War Office 28th Dec^r 1775

Sir,

Major Gen^l [Simon] Fraser having named for an Ensigncy in His Regiment, Alexander Fraser /Son of Simon Fraser Erchit/ who now carries Arms in the Grenadier Company of the 42^d /or R.H./ Reg^t of Foot, under your command, I am to signify to you H.M.P. [His Majesty's Pleasure] that you give the said Alexander Fraser his Discharge.

Lieut. Colo Stirling, or
Officer commanding the 42^d
/or R.H./ Reg^t of Foot,
at Glasgow –

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
Barrington

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters*, WO 4/95, p. 287. Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser was Colonel of the 71st Regt., known as Fraser's Highlanders. Volunteers served in the ranks at their own expense in hopes of showing their merit to be commissioned.

**Letter from Capt. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser, Col., 71st Highland
Regt., Regarding an Ensigncy for his Son James, Glasgow, Dec. 28, 1775**

Glasgow 28th. Dec^r. 1775

Sir

I presumed some time ago to write you a letter recommending my Son James to you for an Ens^{cy}. in one of your Battalions – As I have not had an Answer I am ready to believe that my letter has miss carried

Therefore permit me again to write you a few lines and to sollicite your good Offices in behalf of my Son had he got a Commission when your Officers began first to recruit here he would have been near compleat by this time he has been assisting one of your Officers (a son of Glenure [?]) and has made eight men for him – I must own this application presumptive but the honour of being one known to you make ^{me} use so much freedom which I hope Gen^l. Fraser will have goodness enough to forgive –

I have the honour to be w^t. great respect

P: S: If you are pleased to write me
Address Cap^t. of the 42^d. here

Sir –
Your most obed^t.
most humble serv^t.
James M^cPherson

[Addressed]

To

The Hon^{ble}
General Fraser
M: P: London

Source and Note: *Laing Collection*, LA.II.506, Edinburgh University, Special Collections, page marked 179. The reference to an officer as the son of Campbell of Glenure may be incorrect due to difficulty in reading the original handwriting. Glenure is the best guess available.

1776



Detail of *The 4th Duke of Atholl*, 1811, Engraving by Charles Knight, after John Hoppner

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Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to His Nephew, John Murray, 4th Duke of Atholl, Regarding Officers Recruiting for the 42nd Regt. in Atholl, Banner Cross, Jan. 4, 1776

My Dear Lord

Not having had the honor of an answer to my letter, sometime ago inclosed to Lord Cathcart I beg your Grace will please lett me know if you have or intend writing to some in Atholl of your desire of having some recruits for Lord William [Murray], & to assist Lieu^t W^m Stewart Recruiting there & M^r [Robert] Stewart of Clockfoldick for his Son [Alexander] who is an Ensign. I am persuaded Cap^t [James] Stewart of Urrard, who was formerly in the Royal Highland Reg^t and others, of your Friends & Vassalls would Excert themselves at your Request; Which almost every one is doing for their friends, I hear the Duchess of Gordon, attends the Markets in the Shire of Inverness, to get recruits for her Brother who is to be in major Gen^l [Simon] Frasers new Corps [71st Regt.], and has had a good deal of Success; and as will I am persuaded be very acceptable to the King & his Administration, your Grace Interest your self for the Royal Highland Reg^t and I had the honor of informing his Majesty I Expected a considerable Number of Recruits from Atholl, as well as Inverness shire & Argyleshire, I am Sorry to say very few have hitherto been got there, tho I expect at any rate, this Augmentation will now be very soon compleat. S^r Robert Menzie Invercald, Moness, Balackin, Lude, Edradour &c, I am sure will do what they could, if your Grace thought proper to write to them.

As its probable, some further Augmentation, may be made to the 42^d or Royal Highland Reg^t, after this is fully completed, I should be glad to know if its agreeable to your Grace & the Duchess Dowager, I should again apply to Lord Barrington, to Recommend to His Majesty Lord William for a Lieutenancy, his Lordship in answer to mine some time ago wrote me he believed he had Satisfied your Grace about it if you think proper to inform me of it, I shall be better able to judge if a Second application would be proper.

My Daughter joins me in our best Compliments to both your Graces, & wishing you many happy years, & the Young Lady, & beg your Grace will please make offer of the same to Lord Cathcart and the rest of his family, to Whom I have taken the liberty to inclose this. and am My Dear Lord

Your Graces Most Affectionate and Most Obed^t Serv^t *John Murray*

Bannercross
Jan^{ry} 4th 1776

Source and Notes: Ld. John Murray to 4th Duke, Item No. 65(2) 3 in Letter from Mrs. Jane Anderson, Blair Castle to Mr. Ed. Brumby, Elgin, Scotland enclosing documents related to Highland recruiting (undated – about 2000). “*The Duke of Atholl*” at this period was John Murray, 4th Duke of Atholl (1755-1830). The “*Augmentation*” mentioned was

to raise the 42nd Regt. from 440 to 1052 men. Lord William is the Duke younger brother Ens. Lord William Murray, commissioned Aug. 27, 1775.

**Promotion Order for Capt. Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to be a Major “*in the Army*,”
London, Jan. 16, 1776**

War-Office, January 16, 1776...

Captain Duncan M^cPherson, of 42d, Foot, to be Major in the Army.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 13-16, 1776, p. 1. Although a Major “*in the Army*” M^cPherson, was one of the junior captains in the regiment because his date of rank in the regiment corresponded with his return to active service in the 42nd Regt. from half-pay as a captain in the 89th Regt. His rank as major in the army gave him seniority outside the regiment when on detached commands or as part of a court martial or a review board. This promotion may be in error as the annotated War Office copy of the annual Army List of 1776 shows M^cPherson as a Major “*in the Army*” with a date of rank of July 23, 1772.

**Letter from Adj. General Edward Harvey to Capt. Alexander Donaldson,
42nd Regt., Rejecting his Request for Promotion, London, Jan. 17, 1776**

Sir

I have rec^d the fav^r of your Letter of the 9th of January. I am always glad, when I have an opp^y of Showing Attention to Old & deserving Officers of Service, but am to observe to you, that the Recom^dns for proferm^t, in general, are transmitted to the S. at W.[Secretary at War], in order to be laid before the King.

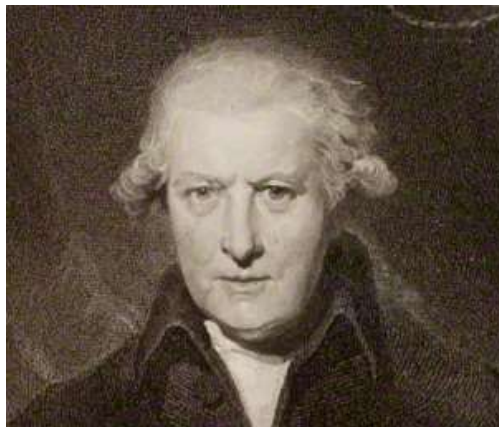
I don’t in the least doubt, but that L^d J. Murray will take care to do you all Justice, & I shall be Extremely glad to hear of your Success. If I cou’d have contributed to it; it wou’d have givan me pleasure –

Capt. A.
Donaldson 42^d
Foot.

C.C. 17th Jan^{ry} 1776

I am Sir &c^a
E. H.

Source and Note: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Out Letters*, WO 3/5 and duplicate at WO 3/6 f. 10. Capt. Donaldson commanded the 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt., on the Recruiting Service in Scotland during the war. He was later instrumental in the raising and training of the 76th Regt. (MacDonald Highlanders) as its Major.



Detail of Portrait of Viscount Barrington by Charles Knight

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**Letter from Ens. Alexander Mackenzie, 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Protesting Cancellation of His Lieutenancy, Gerloch, Jan. 18, 1776**

Gerloch 18th January 1776

My Lord

I make bold to represent my hardships to your Lordship, as an unluckie Officer, tho' always willing to Serve my King and country; I had a letter from Major [William] Murray: informing me, that my Commission, at L^t: in the Royal Highlander's, (which was Issued some time ago) has been Recalled, as Ensign [Robert] Franklin, & [Thomas] Lyttleton, have been appointed L^t in the Reg^t: – However My Lord, it would grieve me less never to have been appointed; than after my Commission, being out for some months past, to have the mortification, to be Reduced again, to my former Rank – I have Accompted now, for three Commissions, as Ensign. – my first Commiss^{on} was dated the 19th: Day of October 1761. in the Late 105th., or Grames Highlanders and I had the honour to be Reponed in full pay, the 1st:

(Please turn over 2^d page)

the 1st: Septem^r. 1771. in the 54th. Foot, where I was very happy, but my inclination to my National Corp's made me exchange upon the twelfth day of July 1773. with another Gentleman, was to be put in upon them, (on the contrary, to their inclination. – The answer they got at the castle of Dublin, was it they cou'd get, an other Ens. from any other Reg^t: _to make an Exchange; that wou'd leave a vacancy for the Gentleman, that intended, to be put in upon them, that his Excellency the Lord Lieut^t had no objections. –

Upon which time I was applied to, and readily Consented. – but at the same time, was promised, that my former Rank, would be considered upon, in the 42^d: Reg^t. – Therefore I hope your Lordship will at least; see to continue, the Lieutenancy, that come out; as Rank, and date of Commission wou'd be greatly in my favors; tho' I shou'd be unluckie enough, to be Reduced to Ensigns pay again __ I own my misfortunes – despirits me greatly to the Service. – My Charracter might be enquired for, from the Different Corps I served in, if I have not behaved like my Neighbors. ____ In hopes that my hardships may be considered upon: I have the Honour to Remain

{ Right Honourable }
{ Viscount Barrington }
{ War: Office London }

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient and
most humble Servant

Alex^r Mackenzie

Recalled L^t. f^m. the 42^d. Reg^t.__

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1776 at WO 1/992. Ens. Mackenzie later died of wounds received at the Battle of Harlem Heights, New York on Sept. 16, 1776. The War Office responded to Mackenzie denying his request and claiming he had never been officially promoted to lieutenant; a statement which is contradicted by the War Office letter to Lord John Murray above dated Oct. 11, 1775.

Unsuccessful Offer by Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Raise a 2nd Battalion and Promote Several Officers, Banner Cross, Jan. 20, 1776

My Lord

I had the honour to write to your Lordship the 17th Ins^t, have Since Received your Commands dated the 9th to provide Camp necessities for the Reg^t under my Command, which I ordered accordingly.

As the Storm of Snow continues still to following day, If it should be His Majestys pleasure to Order a Second Battalion to the 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment, that no time be lost at this Juncture. I would humbly propose to Sett out from this to Scotland directly on receiving His Majestys Command from your Lordship, and to transmit to your Lordship at the Same time, the Names of Half pay Officers and Others, that offers to raise Men with the present levy money, and in that case am in great hopes it might be completed by the month of April next, and in readiness to Embark, especially if the present Recruiting Officers, were permitted to continue at their Stations a month or two longer, in conjunction with the Officers Named for a new Battalion.

The present ardor of the Highland Gentlemen is so great to be Employed for His Majestys Service, that many of them have made me offers to raise their proportion of Men, as its generally believed

there I am to have the honor of raising a Second Battalion, as I wrote in my last, Since which I have had Several letters, of which I have taken the liberty to inclose two.

I therefore think it my Duty to lay these things before your Lordship, if you think proper for His Majestys Consideration, and if thought Expedient, I would humbly propose if it is the King's Pleasure that the three Eldest Officers next to the Lieutenant colonel of the Regiment under my Command might be preferred. Major William Murray to be Lieu^t Colonel, who went a Captain to America, and since his Return purchased the Majority, and above Twenty years in the Service, Major [William] Grant by Brevet, who has constantly been with the Regiment above Thirty Years and still very Active to be Major, and Cap^t Alexander Donaldson, who was all the War in America, sometimes at Lieu^t and Adjutant, and a very distinguished officer and next to Major William Grant, to be Major in place of Murray.

I beg your Lordships will pardon my presuming to Recommend Field Officers, but as I know them to be good Men, and would be of great Service in that Event in raising and Disciplining them. I could not help on this occasion giving my opinion of their Merit to Your Lordship, I therefore humbly Submit all this to be laid before his Majesty, if your Lordship thinks proper.

I have the honor to be with Great Respect

My Lord
Your Lordships most humble
and most Obedient Serv^t
John Murray

Bannercross
January 20th 1776

Source and Notes: TNA, *Secretary at War In-letters*, WO 1/993. The war Office did not accept Lord Murray's offer to raise a second battalion at this time. On arrival in America, Majors Murray and Grant were designated to command provisional battalions and Capt. Donaldson was the commander of one of the Additional (or recruiting) Cos. in Scotland. "Viscount Barrington" was William Wildman Shute Barrington, 2nd Viscount Barrington, Secretary at War, 1765-1778.

**Letter from Deputy Secretary at War Matthew Lewis, to Mr. John Ogilvie,
Regarding Half-Pay Officers, 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 23, 1776**

War Office 23^d. January 1776

Sir,

I have laid before the Secretary at War your Letter of the 18th instant, and am directed to acquaint you that Lieut^s James Cameron & John Grant [of Rippachie] will be replaced on the Half Pay as soon as Officers can be found to succeed them in the 42^d. Reg^t. to which they at present belong.

Lieut. Normand MacLeod [of Ferinlea] remains on his former Half Pay.

I am Sir &c

M^r. John Ogilvie

M. Lewis

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters* at WO 4/95 p. 444 (f. 222). Matthew Lewis was Deputy Secretary and First Clerk of the British War Office. One of the subjects of this letter is Lt. John Grant of Rippachie, who decided his was not healthy enough to return to active service. "*Lieut. Normand MacLeod*" did not accept his commission to return to active service. He is not the officer with the same name (Lt. Norman M^cLeod – Cyprus) who served with the 42nd Regt. for most of the American war before joining the 71st Regt. in 1780.



Detail of *HMS Phoenix*, from *The Phoenix and the Rose engaged by the enemy's fire ships and galleys on Aug. 16, 1776* by D. Serres from a sketch by Sir James Wallace; Published, 1778.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Journal of Vol. John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) Describing His Trip From Philadelphia to See the Royal Governor of New York, Jan. 24 -26, 1776

A journal of the most important occurrences of my life; beginning in my nineteenth year, when I first commenced a citizen of the world.

Having long abhorred the new form of government erecting in America on the ruins of the Constitution of my country, and disdaining to submit to it on the 24th January, 1776, I set off, in company with my friend Mr. [Benjamin Baynton] Boynton, from Philadelphia, the place of our birth, for New-York, where two British men of war then lay. Having previously procured a few clothes and other necessaries, and hired horses, we mounted about 7 in the morning, with our portmanteaus behind us, and about £20 in our pockets; with all which we arrived safe the following evening at Powle's [Paulus] Hook ferry, on the North river, opposite New York, where we were obliged to leave our horses, the horseboats having been all pressed to transport the Jersey troops, who were then returning from disarming the royalists on Long island. We got to Hull's tavern in New-York, about eight o'clock in the evening, where we passed the night. The next morning, after breakfast, we went to the Fly Market ferry, and desired one of the watermen to put us on board the *Asia*, but he refused taking us unless we obtained a permit from the committee; We accordingly went to the house of the chairman, who was not at home. After this disappointment, we sauntered down upon one of the wharves, rather with a view to pass away the time till the chairman should return, than anything else. While we were in this situation, a well-dressed man came down to us, and asked us if we wanted to go on board the Governor's ship, (which lay opposite, moored astern of the *Phoenix*.) We told him that we had a little business with the Governor and would be very glad to go, had we but an opportunity. He then informed us, that he was himself going on board, and that we might go with him. He immediately hailed the ship, and a boat being sent to us, we stepped in with joyful hearts, and were in a few minutes on board. This gentleman, to whom we were so much indebted, was Major [Robert] Rogers, who was then a prisoner in New-York on parol; he was so obliging as to present us to the Governor, who treated us with the greatest hospitality and politeness. We dined with him that day, and in the evening went on board the *Phoenix*.

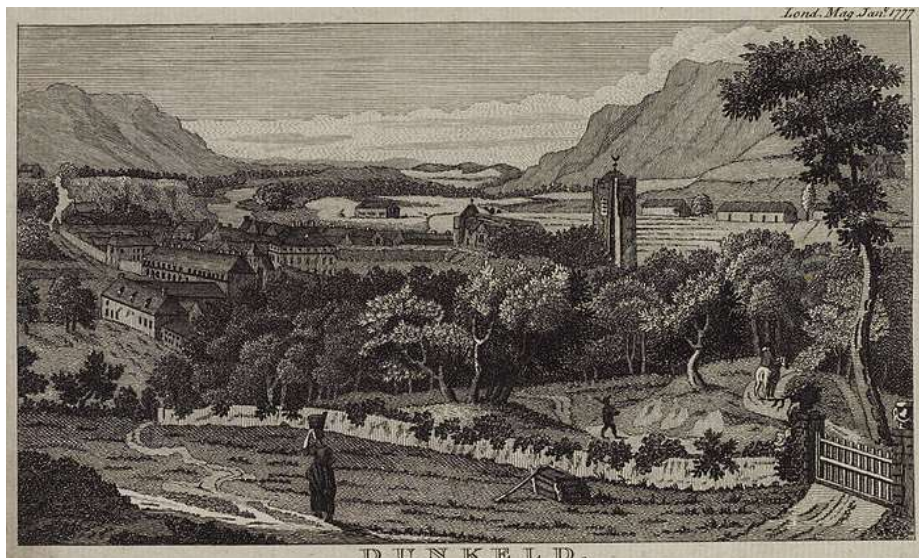
Source: "New York Provincial Congress, Vol. II, pp. 156-57 and in *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*, Vol. 4, Part 2 of 7, Electronically published by American Naval Records Society Bolton Landing, New York 2012, Note pp. 396-7.

John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) and His Friend Benjamin Baynton Listed on Muster Report, HMS Phoenix While Waiting to Volunteer in British Army in Boston; New York Harbor, Jan. 25, 1776

A List of Men Borne as Supernumeraries for Victuals Only for Protection P^r. Order of Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves &^c. &^c. &^c.

N ^o	Entry.	Year...	Appearance	MENS NAMES	D. D.D. or R.	Time of Discharge...
1	22 ^d Dec ^r	1775...	New York			
10...	25 th	25 th ...		Benj ⁿ Baynton John Young...		D 9 th Febry 1776 N: York

Source: TNA, *Admiralty: Royal Navy Ship's Musters (Series I). Ship: Phoenix*, July 1, 1775 – Aug. 31, 1776 at ADM 36/8406. Provided by Todd Braisted. "D." indicates Discharged for Baynton.



DUNKELD.
London Magazine Engraving of Dunkeld, Scotland, January 1777

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Extract of Letter from Commissary Bissett to John Murray, 4th Duke of Atholl, Regarding the Raising of Recruits for His Brother, Lord William Murray's Quota, Dunkeld, Mar. 3, 1776

Dunkeld, 3rd March 1776.

Frederick [Crerar] marched for Glasgow on Fryday with Lord William's recruits, thirteen in number, of which I made six in my low country Department. Till Frederick returns we shall not know if there will be time for raising any more. I hear [Gen.] L^d John [Murray] has come to Glasgow.

Source and Note: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. IV, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 65. Ens. Lord W. Murray's quota for his ensigncy was 25 men. The Duke of Atholl issued instructions to his factors to raise the men. Frederick Crerar was a gamekeeper at Dunkeld and a successful recruiter.



Detail from *HMS Asia in Halifax Harbour*, 1797 by George Gustavus Lennox

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Journal of Capt. George Vandeput, *HMS Asia*, Describing News of Wreck of Merchant Ship *Sally*, Carrying Vol. John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.), Montauk Point, Long Island, Mar. 6, 1776

March 1776 Moor'd off Bedlows Island
 Monday 18 A M Long Boat & Cutter Watering came on board W^m Phillips; Seaman & gave an Account of the Ship *Sally* being cast away on the East end of Long Island

Source: TNA, *Captain's Logs, HMS Asia* (64-guns) at ADM 51/67 in *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*, Vol. 4, Part 3 of 7, Electronically published by American Naval Records Society, Bolton Landing, New York 2012, p. 397 .

News Account of Wreck of Merchant Ship *Sally* carrying Vol. John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.), Montauk Point, Long Island, Mar. 6, 1776

New-York, March 14...

From undoubted authority we can assure the Public, that a ship belonging to Messrs. Franklins, loaded with salt and wine, sometime ago taken by the men of war here, and sent for Boston, was, on Wednesday last cast away on the rocks on Montock point, at the east end of Long Island; the vessel is entirely bilged, and the salt all run out; the people had great difficulty to save their lives, some of them being much bruised when taken out of the water. There were 14 men and an officer belonging to the *Asia*, on board, who were all made prisoners, and on Monday they set off with a strong guard for this city, and may be expected in a day or two. -The officer is named [Charles] Smith, and said to have been very active the night the *Asia* fired on the town; he behaved with great insolence, and ordered Colonel Mulford to provide a coach to carry him on board his ship.

Source and Notes: *New-York Journal*, Mar.14, 1776 in *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*, Vol. 4, Part 2 of 7, Electronically published by American Naval Records Society Bolton Landing, New York 2012, p. 335. The shipwreck was also covered by *New-York Gazette*, Mar. 18, 1776. The *Sally* had been owned Samuel Franklin, a New York merchant and had been seized Feb. 3 by *HMS Phoenix*.



Montauk Point, Long Island, 1993

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Rebel New York Committee of Safety Review of the Wreck of the Captured Merchant Ship *Sally* Carrying Vol. John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.), New York, Mar. 6-18, 1776

Minutes of the New York Committee of Safety

[New York] Die Lunae, 10 HO. A.M.

March 18th, 1776...

A letter from John Chatfield, Esq^r. chairman of the committee of East Hampton, was read in the words following, to wit:

Easthampton, March 11th 1776.

Gen^t.

On Wednesday, the 6th instant, the ship *Sally* (that belonged to M^r. Samuel Franklin, of New-York, and taken by the men of war at New-York and sent for Boston) was driven on shore in a gale of wind at Montauk. The committee of Easthampton ordered the commander, viz^t. Charles Smith, mate of the *Asia* man of war, and M^r. Young, of Philadelphia, M^r. Elder, and M^r. M^cDermott, who say they were passengers on board the ship, and that they were bound to Boston to procure a passage home to England; also M^r. Woolcomb, who was mate of a transport lately taken at Amboy, and served as mate of this ship, and ten seamen that belong to the *Asia*; all which persons we sent to New-York under a guard commanded by Lieu^t. John Foster, in the minute service. We also send you by Lieu^t. Foster, all the letters and papers that we could procure from on board her. We have employed a number of men to endeavour to save as much of the sails, rigging, &c. as possible; her cargo, being salt, is all lost, and expect to save very little of the ship, as she lies upon rocks, with the surf continually breaking upon her. We are [&c.]

Signed by order and in behalf of
the committee of East Hampton.

The examinations of the prisoners, taken before the committee of East Hampton, were read, and are in the words following, to wit:

The examination of M^r. John Young, who saith that he was born in Philadelphia, has been in New-York about a week, took a passage in the ship *Sally* for Boston, in order to get a passage to London,

and there were only ten muskets put on board the ship Sally; and that Cap^t. [Charles] Smith hove a number of guns overboard after the ship got on shore, but don't know how many.

The examination of M^r. W^m. Elder, who saith, he was born in Scotland, and came into this country about the first of May last, and that he had no recommendations to Rhode Island or Boston, and that he was on board the Asia about three weeks.

The examination of M^r. W^m. M^cDermott, who saith, he was born in Ireland, has been in America about five years; has been a lieutenant in the 47th regiment; had sold his commission about eighteen months ago; and that he was bound to Rhode Island or Boston to get a passage home.

The examination of Joseph Wolcomb, who saith, he was born in England; has been in this country about four years; came last mate of a transport taken at Amboy and had been on board the Asia about a fortnight.

Thomas Lambo, Will^m Hatch, Robert Crow, W^m. Philips, Rowland Walter, Hugh Hall and Patrick Pendergrass all say that they belong to the ship Asia, Cap^t. Vandeput.

The above examinations were taken before the committee of Easthampton

Attest.

John Chatfield, Chairman.

A number of letters taken from on board of the ship Sally, some from Governor Tryon, Captain Parker and others, to Gen^l. How and other persons at Boston, were transmitted by the said committee with the prisoners taken from on board of the said ship, were filed.

Source: *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*, Vol. 4, Part 3 of 7, electronically published by American Naval Records Society, Bolton Landing, New York 2012, pp. 392-393.

Rebel New York Committee of Safety Consideration of the Case of Vol. John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) Captured Following Shipwreck of Merchant Ship *Sally*, New York, Mar. 17, 1776

Minutes of the New York Committee of Safety

Die Lunae, 4 HO. P. M. March 17, 1776...

The committee took into consideration the case of John Young, brought from East Hampton, now a prisoner at the barracks, and the letters and examinations relating to him, and thereupon made the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That John Young, a native, and the son of a gentleman of Philadelphia, who, contrary to the will of his father, has entered as a volunteer into the ministerial service, and is now in custody in the barracks of this city, be safely conveyed to Philadelphia, together with certified copies of the several letters of recommendation found upon him in his passage to Boston; and the Right Honourable [William Alexander] the Earl of Stirling is hereby requested to supply such guard and furnish such other necessary means for the safe conveyance of the said John Young to Philadelphia so as his Lordship shall think proper.

A draft of a letter to the committee at Philadelphia was read and approved, and is in the words following, to wit:

In Committee of Safety, New-York, March 18th, 1776.

Gentⁿ. - The unhappy excursions of the son of any gentleman friendly to the general interests of America give us great pain. Upon the subject of M^r. Young, we thought the best thing we could do, would be, to secure his conveyance to your committee, not doubting that the good sense of the parent, cooperating with filial piety, will bring the young gentleman to a proper sense of his duty. We enclose the papers necessary to elucidate his case, and are [&c.]

By order of the Committee of Safety.
To the Gen^l. Committee of Assⁿ.

Ordered, That a copy thereof be engrossed, and signed by the Chairman, and transmitted; and the Secretaries prepare and enclose therein copies of the sundry letters and papers brought from East Hampton, which relate to the said John Young

Source and Note: *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*, Vol. 4, Part 3 of 7, Electronically published by American Naval Records Society, Bolton Landing, New York 2012, pp. 394-396. At the beginning of the American war of independence the British army was referred to in terms like "*the ministerial service*" to indicate it was the King's ministers who were responsible for any acts of repression and not King George himself.

Letters Associated with Vol. John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) Taken from the Shipwrecked Merchant Ship *Sally* and Forwarded by the Easthampton Committee for Review by Committee of Safety, New York, Jan. 29 – Mar. 2, 1776

Letter to Vol. John Young from his Father, James Young, Jan. 29, 1776

New-York, 8 o'clock P. M. 29th Jan. 1776.

Dear John—With very great regret and astonishment, I have learnt your hasty and abrupt behaviour, in leaving me and going on board the Phoenix ship of war, without giving me the least notice of such intention. I came here in great haste with Mr. Morgan, in hopes to have found you here before you went on board, but am disappointed; however, I now become supplicant to you my dear son, and to request you will come on shore and give me an opportunity of a conversation, and I hereby pledge my honour, that if after what arguments I may use to you, cannot prevail with you to return to Philadelphia, to your country and good friends, you shall be at liberty to go where you please. But, dear John, consider what you are about. You do not want understanding, if it was set a little to rights. If you will now return, all things may yet be well; I promise you my forgiveness, and never more to upbraid you with this rash step. As we have taken great pains that your proceedings may not be known in Philadelphia, all matters may be accommodated there. I therefore request, as you value a father's blessing, and your own happiness and reputation, that you give me an interview at the house you lodged in on Thursday last, to-morrow afternoon. I know you will be permitted to come on shore. Pray don't bring my grey hairs with sorrow to the grave.

I am, your aff^{ct}. father,
Jas. Young.

To M^r. John Young,
on board his Majesty's ship Phoenix.

Letter to Vol. John Young from his Father, James Young, Jan. 30, 1776

New-York, 30th Jan^y. 1776, 8 o'clock, P. M.

My DEAR Son—I can not express my grief and surprise that you should refuse me an interview on shore, after my soliciting letter and pledge of my honour that, if I did not convince your judgment that you was wrong in your present proceedings, (also a promise of my pardon,) that you should be at liberty to go where you please. In place of complying, you assure me that Capt. Parker will give me a safe conduct if I will come on board there, which I make not the least doubt of, and would trust his word for more than my own safety. But what can I expect by such an interview but tears and sorrow? when you positively declare that though my letter of last night had so melted you that you could scarcely read it, yet it had not power even to stagger your resolution; that you could never think of setting foot on American shores. I can not help pitying your delusion, and that you are wrong persuaded by Mr. Boynton, who acknowledged in his letter to Mr. Morgan, that he would have taken this step three months sooner, could he have persuaded you to have accompanied him. Oh John, I am sorry for you and for myself, who looked upon you as my future staff in the decline of life. I shall still pray the Supreme Being to bless you, but at the same time, that you may never prosper as an enemy to your native country. You mention a letter

you had just finished, explaining your whole conduct, which I have not received. I left your very affectionate sister in deep sorrow and tears, as is your disconsolate and affectionate father.

Jas. Young

P. S. I set off for Philadelphia to-morrow at eleven o'clock. Adieu.

All persons that I have conversed with on the subject of your elopement, think with myself, that it is quite a Quixotic frolic of youth, and as such, I would overlook it if you immediately return.

Mr. John Young.

**Letter to Vol. John Young from his Philadelphia Friend Benjamin Baynton, New York,
Feb. 5, 1776**

New-York, Feby. 5th, 1776.

Dear Friend—Smother your surprise, when I inform you that I shall not set foot aboard the Phoenix more, at least not at present, as fortune has rendered it out of my power; I say out of my power, because it undoubtedly is so, if you look upon me to have the least humanity; for on my arrival at New-York, I found to my inexpressible grief and surprise my brother had left it, on information that my mother's life was despaired of, and not only that, but M^{rs}. Morgan it was feared would miscarry, she being far gone with child before I left Philadelphia.

You have often heard me say I was the favourite of the family; this indeed is but too true, for I find, a day or two after my departure, the whole family was thrown into the utmost confusion; diligent inquiry was immediately made for me, and it was not long before our design was discovered; then it was my family's affection for me was so conspicuous; sorrow and surprise sat heavily on all their countenances. The innocent amusements that were wont to divert them took their flight, and nothing was seen but melancholy and discontent. It would be vain for me to endeavor to paint their grief in its true colours, as I am well convinced I cannot figure it to myself.

What I have urged in consequence of leaving his Majesty's ship, will, I flatter myself, be of sufficient reason to convince you that my respect for my family has been the occasion of it, and not the change of sentiments as some may urge; but it is almost impossible for you to coincide with them in opinion. Look back into my past conduct, and tell me if ever you remember my deviating in the least from what I always expressed on the present struggle; indeed it would be impertinent for me even to suppose you harbour such an idea.

It gives me the greatest pain to find your father has behaved in such an extraordinary manner towards you; as he has refused to pay any thing of your contracting whatsoever. I therefore beg of you to examine what things are in your possession, which I have taken upon my own account, as it would be inconsistent with your generosity to imagine the whole charge must be put on me. Don't forget to send all my things that are out of the portmanteau and in it, as soon as possible, (if there should be any.) I believe the garters and stock are the only things which are not in.

Dear John, don't imagine that what I have said concerning your father &c. springs from a desire of having those things; no, God forbid I should be so servile a being. I only mention it that you may either pay for them or persuade your father so to do. Do be so kind as to let me have a pair of those plain dark spotted stockings, and you will oblige,

Your most affectionate friend,

Benj. Baynton

To M^r. John Young,
on board his Majesty's ship Phoenix.

P. S. If you have any regard for me at all, do read, or give a copy of my apology to the Governor, likewise to all the officers. I have sent the things you desired me, but have not paid for them, as your guinea is too light.

**Recommendation Letter for Vol. John Young from Royal Gov. William Tryon
to Gen. Sir William Howe, Feb. 26, 1776**

Ship Dutchess of Gordon, }
26th Feb^y, 1776. }

Dear Sir—The bearer, M^r. John Young, a gentleman of property and character in the Colony of Pennsylvania, puts himself under your protection. His loyalty to his sovereign induced him to fly from persecution and enter himself a volunteer under your banner, in the expectation that so laudable a conduct will meet with your approbation and entitle him to a commission in His Majesty's army, when opportunity offers to distinguish himself. I have seen him several times and verily believe he will do honour to my introduction of him to you.

I am, dear sir, yours sincerely,
W^m. Tryon.

Maj. Gen^l. Howe.



Detail of Portrait of Adm. Sir Hyde Parker

Picture Source: Wikipedia from *The Life of Nelson*, Vol. I, Alfred Thayer Mahan

**Sailing Orders from Capt. Hyde Parker, Jr., *HMS Phoenix* to Mate Charles Smith, *HMS Asia*,
Feb. 29, 1776**

You are hereby required and directed to proceed to Boston with the ship Sally, under your command, calling at Rhode-Island, where you are to apply to the commanding officer of His Majesty's ships for convoy and a pilot. Should you be so unfortunate as to meet with any of the rebel cruisers and find no possibility of escaping, it is my positive directions that you do throw overboard all arms and ammunition, to prevent their falling into the hands of the rebels. Should there be any ships in sight that you suppose to be a man of war, you are to do your utmost to disable the ship by cutting her gears and lowering her lower yards down, in order to prevent the rebels from carrying her off.

Upon your arrival at Boston you are to report yourself to Admiral Shulldham, or the Commander-in-Chief for the time being.

You are also, during your passage, to use your utmost endeavours to keep company with the Harriott transport and the Francis sloop.

Given under my hand, on board His Majesty's ship Phoenix, off of the Narrows of Gravesend bay, this 29th February, 1776.

H. Parker

Mr. —— [Charles] Smith, commander of the ship Sally.

**Recommendation Letter for Vol. John Young from William Ross to Capt. Mosely, *HMS Chatham*,
Mar. 2, 1776**

Dear Sir—I wrote to you by Clark a letter that should have been sent by Mr. Young, the gentleman who I hope will arrive safe with this.

Do him every service in your power, and introduce him to the army officers of your acquaintance. He is so excellent a young man, that it is not in my power to find words to do him justice in a character. If you have seen Clark, he has informed you of him. He is of one of the best families and fortunes in Philadelphia. Is going to Gen^l. [Sir William] Howe, a volunteer, a stranger to navy and army.

If I can render you any service in this part of the damned country, command me.

I am, dear sir,

Your most obed^t. humb. serv^t.

W^m. Ross.

P. S. I am sure you will do any thing in your power for so valuable a stranger.

Phoenix, New-York, 2^d March, 1776.

To M^r. Mosely, master of H. M. ship Chatham,
Boston.

Recommendation Letter for Vol. John Young from William Ross to Unknown

Phoenix, New-York, 2^d March, 1776.

Sir— The little acquaintance I had the pleasure of having with you at Milford, when I was in the Weazle with my friend Baynes and Phelps, induces me to think I do not offend when I take the liberty of recommending the bearer (M^r. Young) to your acquaintance; a gentleman of one of the best families and fortunes in Philadelphia. He has recommendations from Gov. Tryon to Gen. [Sir William] Howe. He goes a volunteer; has no knowledge of any person in the navy or army. I beg therefore, sir, you'll render him what services you can, as we are all convinced he is a man of excellent sentiments, and have every reason to think he will be an honour to any regiment he may belong to. If I can serve you or your friends, here in any manner, be assured I will with the utmost pleasure.

I am, sir, your most obed^t. humb. serv^t.

W^m. Ross.

Recommendation Letter for Vol. John Young from William Rosser to Lt. George A. Pultney, *HMS Glasgow*, Mar. 2, 1776

Phoenix, New-York, 2nd March, 1776.

D^r. Pultney—Paper is too dear at New-York for my pocket, so that if I thought you was in the least altered, unless for the better, since I last saw you, damn me if I would waste a sheet on you; but my friend and old shipmate I have too good an opinion of you ever to suppose so; therefore let me assure you no man of your acquaintance can be happier at the certainty of your promotion than I am.

I am glad to have the opportunity of sending by the bearer, Mr. Young, a gentleman of one of the best families and fortunes in Philadelphia. He is going a volunteer to Gen^l. [Sir William] Howe. Beg you will show him every civility in your power during the time of his stay at Rhode-Island. I am sure you will be pleased with his acquaintance. Let us hear from you when you can. Letters from Portsmouth last month, all well. Geo. Bayne's little lass well at Havant. Chloe then in town. Jack M _____h as usual. The Weazle sailed to Africa. Warren behaved worse than ever. Young commands the Alderny sloop at New-Yarmouth.

I am, dear Pultney,

Your most obt. hum. serv^t.

W. Ross.

To Geo. Ann. Pultney, Esq^r.

Lieu^t, of H. M. ship Glasgow, Rhode-Island.

**Recommendation Letter to Rear Adm. Molineux Shuldham for Vol. John Young
from Capt. Hyde Parker, *HMS Phoenix*, New York, Mar. 2, 1776**

Phoenix, New-York, March 2nd, 1776.

Dear Sir

This will be delivered to you by M^r. Young, a young gentleman of fortune, from Philadelphia, as I am informed. His errand to Boston is to offer himself a volunteer to General [Sir William] Howe. During six weeks' residence on board the Phoenix, his behaviour was such as to entitle him to every civility I could shew him, and from his request take the liberty of presenting him to you...

I am, sir, with great esteem,
Your most obedient humble servant,

H. Parker.

To Molineux Shuldham, Esq^r.

Rear Admiral of the White, &c. at Boston.

Source and Note: *Provincial Congress, Provincial Convention, Committee of Safety and Council of Safety of the State of New York. 1775-1776-1777*. Vol. II, Printed by Thurlow Weed, Printer to the State, Albany, 1842, pp. 155-157. The Sally had been owned Samuel Franklin, a New York merchant and was seized Feb. 3 by *HMS Phoenix*.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Lt. Robert Reid's Commission and Ens. Alexander Mackenzie's Recruiting,
Banner Cross, Jan. 27, 1776**

My Lord

I have the honor to inclose to your Lordship Lieu^t Robert Reids memorial to dispose with one of Lieu^t. Colonel [Thomas] Stirlings letters, and Extract of Major [William] Murray's. I believe there is no doubt of his having purchased both Commissions.

Ensign Alexander M^cKenzie is recruiting at Garloch, and in the Western Isles; I have wrote once or twice Since to Major Murray, to desire he would write to My Lieu^t. Colonel and to me, when he Re^{ed} his letter but have had no Other answer.

The Roads and passages by Water, must make the Correspondences of the Recruiting Officers very uncertain at this Season in the Highlands, The Storm of snow and frost Still continues here, which occasions the posts to come in very irregularly.

I have the honor to be with the Utmost Regard & Esteem

My Lord

Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Servant

John Murray

Bannercross

January 27, 1776 –

[Enclosures]

To The Right Honourable Lord Viscount Barrington Secretary at War &c &c &c –

The Memorial of Lieutenant Robert Reid, of His Majestys 42^d or Royal Highland
Reg^t of Foot –

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist having private affairs to settle of the greatest consequence to himself, and, which required his immediate attendance in London, gave in his Resignation, tho with the greatest Regret at Quitting the Service to the commanding Officer at Headquarters, on the fourth day of June last, but finding it has never yet been carried on: your Memorialist humbly prays your Lordship would Move his Majesty for leave for him, to dispose of his Lieutenancy, to any Person his Majesty shall be most

graciously pleased to appoint, for the Regulation price, he having purchased both his Ensigny and Lieutenancy.

Which is most humbly Submit^d
Robert Reid
L^t 42^d Reg^t

Extract of Major William Murrays Letter of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Regiment to Lord John Murray

Dated at Fort George 3^d Jan^y 1776

I shall immediately acquaint Ensign Alexander Mackenzie of His Majestys Pleasure, and shall assure him at the same time of your Lordships inclinations for him, I am certain the poor lad cannot purchase So Lieutenant [Robert] Reids commission must go to the next eldest Ensign, I am pretty certain Ensign Alexander Grant can purchase

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. The senior officers of the regiment were trying to assist Ens. Mackenzie whose commission as Lieutenant had recently been withdrawn by the War Office in favor of another officer.

**Request from Capt. Alexander Donaldson, 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War
William, Viscount Barrington for Promotion in Rumored 2nd Battalion, Glasgow, Jan. 30, 1776**

My Lord

I hope your Lordship as the Protector of the Officers of Service, tho unsupported by great interest will forgive the liberty of this letter.

A report prevails that a 2nd Battⁿ. is to be added to the 42nd. or Royal Highland Reg^t.

The Eldest Captⁿ from long & faithfull Service has reason to expect his Majestys favor; I have the honor of being the Second, & have Served above 19 Years, ten of which as Lieutenant & One Adjutant & purchased the Company in 1770 – Had the honor to of Serving at the Reduction of Guadeloupe, Canada, Martinique, & the Havanah, and against the Western Indians of America with Col^o. Bouquet. – On the Augmentation in Ireland in 1770, and the present One, I inlisted above One Hundred good Men and am now as ready to raise my proportion as any Officer, should I have the good fortune of his Majestys favor.

I have great reason to expect Lord John Murray's Recommendation in the strongest terms should a Battⁿ. be added; and I humbly Request your Lordships protection as the Guardian of the Service, that I may not have the Mortification of being past over after having devoted myself to the Service & spent the best of my Life in it. –

Give me leave again to entreat your Lordship's forgiveness, and have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient & most hum Serv^t

Glasgow 30th. Jan^{ry}
1776

Alex: Donaldson
Captⁿ 42nd. or Royal High^d Reg^t.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: A-G, 1776 at WO 1/991, f. 109. Although Lord Murray offered several times to raise a second battalion, it was not approved at this time and Donaldson remained Captain of the 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt., on the Recruiting Service.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Mr. John Lees, Esq., Regarding the
Resignation of Ens. James Lees, 42nd Regt. London, Jan. 30, 1776**

War Office 30th Janry 1776

Sir

I am acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Yesterday's date and to acquaint you that His Majesty is pleased to allow Ensign Lees to resign his Commission in the 42^d (or Royal Highland) Reg^t of Foot

John Lees Esq^r
Portman Square [London]

I am Sir &c
Barrington

Source and Notes: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief*: Papers, WO 34/95, p. 485 (f. 243). Although the War Office would not normally consider a commission for an officer who sold out after his regiment was ordered to a war zone, Lees was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers two months later. Mr. John Lees is thought to be Ens. Lees' brother.



Reproduction 57th Regt. Uniform Button

**Initial Commission Announcement for James Graham (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.).
to be Ensign in the 57th Regt., London, Feb. 3, 1776**

Commissions signed by His Majesty, for the Army in Ireland...

57th, Foot, Mr. James Graham to be Ensign, vice Edward Thornhill, who retires. Dated January 9, 1776...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 3-6, 1776, p. 2. This announcement is partially incorrect as the annotated War Office copy of the annual Army List for 1776 shows Edward Thornhill replaced by a Henry Williamson on Nov. 26, 1775. When the 1777 Army List was published Graham was listed as Ensign with a date of rank of Jan. 9, 1776.

**Excerpt of Letter from Capt. James Stewart to John Murray, 4th Duke of Atholl, Concerning
Problems Recruiting for the Duke's Brother, Ens. Lord William Murray, 42nd Regt.,
Scotland, Feb. 4, 1776**

...I am sorry to inform Your Grace that we have not been at all Successfull in recruiting for Lord Will^m – All we have yet got amongst us are 8 Men & not one of these above the pass they will not list except they are compelled & that we can not do...

...4th Febr^y 1776

My Lord Duke...

James Stewart

Source and Notes: Letter from Mrs. Jane Anderson, Blair Castle to Mr. Ed. Brumby, Elgin, Scotland enclosing documents related to Highland recruiting (undated – about 2000); Item: 65 (2) 21. "Lord Will^m" refers to Ens. Lord William Murray, 42nd Regt., younger brother of the Duke of Atholl. The additional officers added to the regiment by the augmentation were expected to recruit a number of recruits as a condition of their commissions. Murray was commissioned Ens. on Aug. 27, 1775.

**Diploma Presented to Lt. John Gregor, 42nd Regt., by Brethren of the
Old Kilwinning Masonic Lodge, No. 8, Inverness, Feb. 6, 1776**

The Right Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren presented our late Right Worshipful Master John Gregor with a diploma, and best thanks and wishes of the Lodge, of which diploma the tenour follows thus: –

“And the darkness comprehended it not.”

“In the East, a place full of light, where reign silence and peace, we, the Master, Wardens, and

Brethren of the Old Kilwinning Lodge, No.8 in the Register of Scotland, do declare, certify, and attest to all men enlightened, spread over the face of the earth, that this our worthy and well beloved Brother the bearer hereof, Lieut^t John Grigor of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, did return from the service of his King and country to this his native place, in the year 1764, and joined our Lodge: and from our knowledge of his great ability and strength in Masonry, was unanimously elected Master, which important chair he filled for ten years with the utmost approbation, during which time he instructed us in Masonry, tending much to our mutual advantage, increase, and cement in friendship and brotherly love: and in return for his many eminent services we have, in token of our gratitude, presented him with a golden medal bearing the thanks of the Lodge. And now being recalled to the service of his King and country, we do most affectionately recommend him to all warranted Lodges, and regular worthy Brethren where Providence may order his lot.

“Given under our hand, and seal, at Inverness, this Sixth day of February 1776, and year of Masonry 5776 A.M.”

Source: “Macgregor Family” in *Scottish Notes and Queries*, Vol. IV, No. 4, Sept. 1890, p. 78.



Banner Cross, Sheffield

Picture Source: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, by William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886, opp. p. 507.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Regarding the Quartermaster for the 42nd Regt.,
Banner Cross, Feb. 7, 1776**

My Lord

Since I had the honor to write your Lordship have been honor'd by yours of the 29th with two letters return'd to Dispose, also Lieu^t W^m Graham who is Quarter Master, but it seems has never acted as Such, his father the late Lieu^t. Colonel [Gordon Graham] attained it from the Lord Lieutenant [of Ireland] five years ago: I have taken the liberty of inclosing in another Cover two of his Letters, with a Copy of mine to Lieu^t Colonel [Thomas] Stirling and his answer that your Lordship may be fully inform'd of what he writes of both these Officers.

As it is of the Greatest consequence to the Regiment especially at present for me to have a careful Quarter M^r. and a greater charge in the Royal Highland Regiment than any other to take care of the Plaids & hose, and see them properly made by the Manufacturers and delivered out, to the amount of Eighteen or nineteen thousand yards contracted for this year. Shall transmit his Memorial (when I receive it from head Quarters) to your Lordship.

If Lieu^t. John Grant [of Fernilea] has leave to Return on half pay which I hear he has applied for I should be extremely glad if your Lordship thinks proper to Recommend it to His Majesty that Ensign Alexander Mackenzie that has served above fourteen Years and lately Reduced may Succeed him as Lieutenant, and that Serjeant Major Hugh Fraser be the Ensign in his room, both which would be most acceptable at this Juncture. But if a half pay Lieutenant is again to be Appointed, would wish to Recommend one has desired it, when I am honored with your Lordships Commands.

I presume I have the same permission to Change Officers to and from the Additional Companys for the good of the Service, as I had when the regiment was ordered last Abroad.

I have just Rec^d. a letter from my Lieu^t Colonel that he wished Sincerely that I had a Quarter Master that would fully do the duty as there is great occasion for it. Which I flatter my self will plead my Excuse for giving your Lordship so much trouble of perusing at your leisure the letters sent with this.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

your Lordships most obedient

and most obliged humble Serv^t

John Murray

Bannercross
Feb: 7th. 1776

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993. Although Lt. William Graham was the Quartermaster, he held the position without performing the function. Unlike English regiments whose uniforms were almost entirely procured by the regimental agents, the colonels of the Highland regiments had to make arrangements for the Highland portion of the annual uniforms themselves. This included the belted plaids, hose material and bonnets. In the 42nd Regt. correspondence these articles are called "*the Scotch Cloathing*." The majority of the 18-19,000 yards of tartan would be to supply 12 yards of single width material to each man for a belted plaid. Ens. Mackenzie's lieutenantcy was taken away by the War Office in favor of another officer. His appeal to restore his lieutenantcy is provided above dated Jan. 18, 1776.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Appointment of Half-pay Lt. William Rose,
Late 87th Regt. or Highland Volunteers, London, Feb. 8, 1776**

W. O. 8th. Feby 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of y^r Letter of the 30th. last Month, and to acquaint your Lordship that Lieu^t Rose was appointed to the 42^d. Regiment in consequence of his own application to me.

I have the honor &c

Barrington

R^t. Honble Lord John Murray
Bannercross near Sheffield.

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96, p. 49. Lt. Rose was too ill to travel with the regiment to America. He was transferred to one of the additional or recruiting companies in Scotland and died Sept. 16, 1777. The 87th Regt. was also known as Keith's Highlanders.

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Capt. and Lt. Col. James Murray,
3rd Regt. of Foot Guards, Regarding Ens. Lord William Murray and the Poor Selection of Officers
for the Augmentation of the 42nd Regt., Glasgow, Feb. 8, 1776**

Glasgow Feb^{ry} 8th 1776

My Dear Murray,

I have long wished to enquire after your Welfare and to have it under your hand, but I was afraid to disturb you in the weighty affairs of the state which you are occupied in, my chief reason for troubling you is to know what you propose – or wish to be done with your Nephew Lord Will^m, I believe he is too young to go out with us, and as it happens, by our order for camp Equipage, that only ten Comp^{ys} are to

go out he can easily be left behind with the Additional Companys untill you can get him removed to something better... Lord John [Murray] I find is very keen for a 2^d Battⁿ, but they and we must be gone before that can happen, and if he arranges his Officers as ill for it as he did for the Augmentation, it will go but poorly on, I have nothing but a paper War with him since I came here, which with a neglect & want of Countenance from above has made me Sick of my profession, and I do think will give it up when the service we are going on is over ... Yr faithfull & Affec^{te} Servant,

Tho^s Stirling.

Sources: Letter from Mrs. Jane Anderson, Blair Castle to Mr. Ed. Brumby, Elgin, Scotland enclosing documents related to Highland recruiting (undated – about 2000), item: 65(2) 26 and *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. IV, Ed. John, 7th Duke of Atholl, Ballantyne Press, Edinburgh, 1908, pp. 64-65. Stirling and James Murray served together as captains during the French and Indian War in America. Ens. Lord William Murray was only 14 years old at the time of the departure of the regiment. Although Lt. Col. Stirling complains about Lord John Murray's selection of officers for the augmentation, the War Office filled some of the positions by taking officers from the half-pay list of other regiments without prior discussion with Lord John Murray.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Ens. Alexander Mackenzie,
42nd Regt., Regarding Cancellation of His Lieutenancy, London, Feb. 9, 1776**

9th. Feby 1776

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 18th. last month, and enclose an Extract
See L^t. B 1775 from my Letter to Lord John Murray, which will explain to You the reasons why your
N^o. 10_P.201 Appointment to a Lieutenancy in the 42^d. Reg^t. did not take place.

I am to add that your Notification as Lieu^t. was never issued from this Office;
At the same time I shall be ready to Recommend you for promotion when a proper
Opportunity offers.

I am Sir &c
Barrington

Ensign M^cKenzie of the
Royal Highland Reg^t
at Glasgow

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96. "L^t. B" refers to Letter Book. It may be letter book 18 vice 10. This letter is in reply to Ens. Mackenzie's appeal to the War Office over the withdrawal of his Lieutenancy. His appeal is shown above dated Jan. 18, 1776. The War Office appears to be disingenuous when they claim no lieutenancy was ever issued for Mackenzie as shown in the following excerpt, also shown above: "*War Office 11th Oct^r. 1775...I herewith to answer to your Lordships a List of Notifications for your Regiment which have been issued from this Office....To be Lieutenants... Alexander Mackenzie, was Ensign in 42^d Reg^t...*"

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Lt. William Graham's Resignation as Quartermaster, Banner Cross, Feb. 10, 1776**

My Lord

I had the honor to write to your Lordship the 7th. Inst^t. and have Since Rec^d Lieut. W^m Graham demision of Quarter Master, which I have the honor to inclose, and beg leave to be informed if I may recommend a Quarter Master in his room.

I have the honor to be with great Regard

My Lord

Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

John Murray

Bannercross
10 Feb: 1776.

[Enclosure]

Fort George 24 J^y 1776

My Lord

I do hereby authorize your Lordship to dispose of My Quarter masters commission in the 42^d Reg^t; as to the disposal of my Lieutenancy I beg your Lordship would do no more in that, as I have chang'd my Sentiments with regard to quitting the service.

I have the Honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed^t Humble Serv^t

W. Graham

To

Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R*, 1776 at WO 1/993.

Lord Murray had claimed Graham was appointed to the position of Quartermaster, but was not actually performing the function. He considered the position critical due to the requirement for the Quartermaster to obtain a large volume of Highland clothing for the regiment.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Lts. William Rose and James Cameron, Banner Cross, Feb. 13, 1776

My Lord

I had the honor of your Lordships letter last night of the 8th. Ins^t: the first time the post has come in Regular for Several Weeks. and return the inclosed from Lieu^t W^m Rose, and am much obliged for appointing him, as I hear he is a good Officer, but am afraid it has been thro' my innaccuracy, Your Lordship has been at that trouble, I meant that Lieu^t. James Cameron, having wrote me desiring I would apply for his returning on half pay, I wrote him in answer to inform me, on what ground he desired it if from Age, bad health, or other Reasons, & should then make application to your Lordship, but as I rec^d no answer Supposed he had none. Several Officers have wrote they would rather continue on half pay, but if they were obliged again to be on full pay, would rather prefer being in the Royal Highland Reg^t than any Other, from their Highland Connections. I could therefore wish to know if your Lordship pleases, Whether the half pay officers able to Serve have it in their choice, to continue, or to be put on full pay, when theres occasion, without their Application.

I have the honor to be with the Greatest Regard

My Lord

Your Lordships most humble
and most obedient Serv^t

John Murray

Bannercross

13th Feb: 1776.

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R*, 1776 at WO 1/993. Lt. Cameron had not requested to return to active service from half-pay and Lord Murray did not realize the War Office was only appointing Half-pay officers who requested to return. Lord Murray wanted a Cameron officer in order to recruit from that clan.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Lts. Robert Reid and John Grant of Rippachie And Selection of Officers to the Additional Companies, London, Feb. 14, 1776

War Office 14th Feby 1776.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Letter of the 7th ins^t and the inclosed Papers which I herewith return.

H. M. has consented to Lieu^t Reid's selling of his Lieutenancy at the regulated price, and your Lordship will be pleased to recommend the Succession.

As there is no Provision on the Half pay for Lieu^t John Grant [of Fernilea], he cannot quit the 42^d. Reg^t but by Exchange, and I am to desire you will acquaint me of the Name of the Half Pay Lieutenant /being a Highlander/ whom you wish to recommend.

It is intirely in your Lordship's breast to fix upon the officers who are to remain at home with the Additional Companies of your Regim^t, and to change them from time to time as you may find expedient – You will be pleased to send me a List of them as soon as convenient.

I have the honor &c

Barrington

R^t Honble Lord John Murray
Bannercross near Sheffield

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96, p. 161 (may be p. 101). Lt. Grant's 1794 memorial indicated his reason for leaving the regiment was "... owing to bad health had to retire ..."

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. John Robertson, 42nd Regt.,
Regarding a Financial Transaction, London, Feb. 15, 1776**

W.O. 15th Feby 1776.

Sir,

In answer to Your Letter of the 31st. last Month I inclose to you Copy of the Account between You & M^r. [Chiyiah?] as transmitted to me by him, the Balance of which he is ready to pay [illegible word] you will draw upon him for it.

I am Sir &c

Barrington

L^t. Robertson of the
42^d. Reg^t of Foot

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96, p. 106 (f. 53).

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt, Regarding Appointment of Quartermaster, London, Feb. 16, 1776**

War Office 16th Feby 1776.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of you Letter of the 10th instant, and to acquaint your Lordship that the King allows the Colonels of Foot Regiments to recommend their Quarter Masters, but expects that it be done without any pecuniary Consideration, it being H. M's. [His Majesty's] Intention that the Quarter Master Commission should always be bestowed as a reward to some Non-Commissioned Officer.

I have the honor &c

Barrington

R^t. Honble Lord John Murray
&c &c &c
Bannercross near Sheffield

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96, p. 112 (f. 56). In accordance with the King's intention, Lord Murray selected Quartermaster Sergeant Colin Smith as the new Quartermaster.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Half-Pay Officers, London, Feb. 17, 1776**

W. O. 17th. Febry 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the rec^t of your Lordships letter dated the 13th instant:
No Officer has been taken by me from the half Pay, but upon their own application, or that of their Friends, possible some of those recommended by your Lordship may rather have chosen to remain on the half Pay: And I am to acquaint your Lordship, It is not at present H: M: intention to appoint Officers to full Pay, who do not desire it themselves.

	I have the honor to be
R ^t Honble Lord John Murray	My Lord &c
Bannercross near Sheffield	Barrington

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96, p. 134 (f. 67).

Gen. Lord John Murray's Officer Recommendations for the 42nd Regt. to the Secretary at War, Banner Cross, Feb. 17, 1776

Forty Second or Royal Highland Reg^t of Foot

Ensign George Dalrymple to be Lieutenant vice Robert Reid by purchase
John Spence [Spens] Gen^t. to be Ensign vice Dalrymple by D^o –
Lieu^t. Charles Grant to be Captain vice [Alexander] Earl of Balcarres by purchase.
_____ To be Lieu^t. vice Charles Grant
_____ Gen^t. to be Ensign vice.
Lieu^t. Alex^r. Macleod from half pay 87 R. to be Lieutenant vice Lieu^t John Grant [of Fernilea].

NB. L^d John Murray begs to be inform'd where Ensign Gavin Drummond is, when he is inform'd by his Agents is Notified vice James Lees.

Bannercross 17 th . Feb: 1776	<i>John Murray</i>
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Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Officer Appointments, Banner Cross, Feb. 18, 1776

My Lord

I have the honor of your Lordships of the 14th. Ins^t: & in obedience to your Commands have sent the Succession for Lieu^t [Robert] Reid, and for the purchase of [Alexander] Earl of Balcarres Company, as far as I know. & the Exchange for Lieu^t John Grant [of Fernilea].
Cap^t. Lieu^t. [John] Mackintosh, desires leave to dispose of his Adjutancy, which he writes he purchased, but as the Board of General Officers, who were appointed to Regulate the Sale of Commissions, of whom I was one, we did not mention any price for those of the Staff, as we were of opinion they might not be Sold, or at least they must run the risqué if Colonels did it without leave, I beg to be honor'd with Your Lordships commands in Relation to it. He has been for Several Years besides these two Commissions, Pay Master, and Quarter Master by Lieu^t. Colonel [Thomas] Stirlings orders. but as I thought four was too much for one Officer, After he was made Cap^t. Lieutenant, I appointed Captain [Alexander] Donaldson pay Master, who was very fit for it, as well as a good Officer and had Recruited 45 Men, but it Seems this displeased my Lieutenant Colonel.

I wrote to the Earl of Balcarres to Kinsail with a Copy of the mode of making Application for leave to dispose of Commissions, I have just rec^d his Lordships answer from thence of the 6th. Feb; and that he had Sent a Memorial to the Commanding Officer at Glasgow, in conformity to it, which I have not

yet Received and adds that he has not yet heard of an Ensign, but is told on the British Establishment the Seller draws the Vacant pay Until the Succession is filled up.

I beg to Review your orders about it, I hear his Commission as Major to the 53^d is dated the 9th. of Dec^r. 1775, he has had the Company of Grenadiers.

Lieu^t. Alex^r Macleod is in hopes of having his Commission dated, from that of Lieu^t. John Grants or according to his Seniority of the other additional Lieutenants, Major [William] Murray wrote me sometime ago, of his being desirous to be on full pay, I presume Lieu^t John Grant Made the application to your Lo:p [Lordship] to return from half pay, as I have not heard from him of it. I take the liberty to inclose Ensign Alex^r. Mackenzies letter, he is a very old Ensign as I formerly mentioned, and am hopeful your Lordship will obtain a brevet of Lieu^t dated as far back as you judge as Equitable, as he cannot Succeed to Lieu^t Grant.

I beg the honour of your Lordship's Commands directed for me at Glasgow, for which place I shall Sett out in a day or two, to Review the Regiment under my Command, and to See that every thing is properly done before their Embarkation.

I intended it much Sooner, had not the Extremely bad weather prevented it. The Duke of Gordon writes me of the 7th. Ins^t: he was prevented Setting out from Gordon Castle by the Snow which made the Roads impassable.

I shall have the honor of writing to your Lordship if any thing matterial arrises concerning the Reg^t. before I leave this, and propose to be at Glasgow, next week, Where I hope to have the pleasure of Receiving your Lordships orders, and pardon for giving so frequent troubles. I ever am

My Lord

Banner cross
Feb: 18th. 1776 –

Your Lordships most faithfull
and most obliged Servant
John Murray

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. Lord Murray's estate of Banner Cross near Sheffield was about 250 miles south-southeast of Glasgow, Scotland. The regiment was scheduled to sail in April and Lord Murray wanted to be present to make sure everything went smoothly.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Officer and Staff Appointments and His Planned Travel to Edinburgh and Glasgow,
Banner Cross, Feb. 19, 1776**

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Commands of the 15 & 16th. Ins^t. both by last nights post. and have given directions for Ten bell tents to be provided. and your Lordship may depend on my not accepting any pecuniary consideration for any of the Staff I have, or Shall have the honor to Recommend to Your Lordship not even a Chaplainship that ever has or shall become vacant. and Shall when I go to Glasgow transmit to Your Lordship, the Name of the Quarter Master, I think will be the most proper, after being properly inform'd when with the Regiment under my Command, and a List of the Names of the Officers intended to be continued in the Additional Companys and What Other Returns, your Lordship may be desires of being inform'd of to inclose a duplicate of them. Since I had the honor to inclose to Your Lordship yesterday the Succession of Officers Rec^d Lieu^t. Alex^r. Macleods letter of the 5th Ins and have [word illegible] his former one, I am persuaded he misunderstood Major Murray, which was only I should Recommend him to Your Lordship, at his Earnest desire of being on full pay, in the Reg^t. under my Command, the first opportunity. and have also transmitted to Your Lordship his former letter the only two I Rec^d. from him, to Which I did not give any answer. I beg to receive your Lordship Commands, if he is to be appointed in room of Lieu^t. John Grant or if the Last Named is to be continued.

I shall wait on [Lt. Gen.] S^r. Ja^s. Ado^l. Oughton on my arrival at Edinburgh, and afterwards to Glasgow.

I have the honor to be with the Greatest truth and Sincere Regard
My Lord
Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Servant
John Murray
Bannercross
Feb: 19th. 1776

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. Bell tents were conical in shape and were set up at the head of a company street to hold the soldiers' muskets.

Initial Commission Announcement for Ens. Gavin Drummond, 42nd Regt., London, Feb. 20, 1776

War-Office, February 20, 1776...
42d Regiment of Foot, Gavin Drummond, Gent. to be Ensign, vice James Lees, who resigns.

Source: *London Gazette*, Feb. 20-24, 1776, pp. 1-2.

Initial Commission Announcement for Ens. James Graham, 57th Regt. (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Feb. 20, 1776

Commissions signed by his Majesty for the army in Ireland...One dated Jan. 9. viz. 57th foot: Mr James Graham to be Ensign, vice Edward Thornhill, who retires."

Source: *The Scots Magazine*, Mar. 1776, p. 167.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Lt. James Cameron and a Proposed 2nd Battalion, Banner Cross, Feb. 21, 1776

My Lord

I am honor'd by your Lordship's letter of the 17th Ins^t and am much obliged for communicating to me, that it is not at present His Majestys Intention to Appoint Officers to full pay, who do not desire it themselves, My not being certain of it, occasioned the Mistake of proposing Lieut. James Cameron, without his desire, but as I had no Officer of that Name, imagined he would be of Service in getting Recruits, having had a great many formerly in the Regiment of his name, very brave fellows, and at present two Serjeants. I had proposed to Assist him, and I believe he is the only Officer I took the liberty of Recommending to your Lordship, without being informed by themselves or their friends they desired it, which I hope Your Lordship will pardon, as I shall not for the future, or in any thing else your Lordship does not Approve [torn] I know it, as it is my Great Ambition to Merit continuance of your Lordships Countenance & Approbation in all things.

I have of late had many letters with proposals from officers and others to Raise their Compliment of Men with Levy Mony, if a Second Battalion should be added to the Royal Highland Regiment. I think it my duty to inclose three of them in case your Lordship should think it advisable at this juncture to Recommend it to His Majesty, I have no doubt it may be soon compleat, and as I Sett out tomorrow morning for Glasgow, if I am honor'd with your Lordships Commands, Shall transmit a list of those who I can depend on Raising their Number in a Limited time, under any penalty Your Lordship thinks proper. The Battalion & part of the Additionals are quite Compleat, and I am also inform'd Major Gen^l [Simon] Frasers Corps are the Same, and your Lordship Knows, that Officers, or others who gets a Step by their Commissions, will give mony besides what is allow'd to Secure it; Which can't be Expected from Officers from half pay returned to the same Rank, or officers of a Regiment who have no Advantage by it.

I beg leave to Aprise your Lordship my Zeal for His Majestys Service, prompts me by the repeated applications I have had, to lay this before your Lordship, and if it meets with your approbation to Receive your Commands of the Mode of doing it.

I have the honor to be with the Greatest respect and Sincere Attachment
My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient and most faithfull humble Serv^t

Bannercross 21st Feb: 1776

John Murray

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. Lord Murray made several offers to raise a second battalion for the regiment and his offer was finally accepted in 1779. Maj. Gen Fraser's Corps was the 71st Regt. (Fraser's Highlanders).

Letter from Lt. George MacKenzie, 42nd Regt. Additional Co., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Raising a Company, Nairdule, Scotland, Mar. 1, 1776

My Lord

I had the Honour of your Lordships Letter, acknowledging Receipt of my Memorial, presented to Your Lordship By my Late Collonel Sir Robert Murray Keith; proposing to Raise a Company; And as my Friend informed me that Your Lordship was pleased to give it a favourable Reception I have upon the Faith of it, already Secured twenty good Men; I have delivered to my Regiment Since the 20th of November but thirty as good Men as have been Inlisted in Scotland; And with this twenty that I have engaged without Any Orders, I'm Certain my Lord that I can Compleat a Company within any Reasonable time your Lordship will appoint; But I am now under orders For America only that I get leave from my Commanding officer to Remain here till further orders; This is the Reason of my Troubling Your Lordship at this time; to Beg the favour of a Line in Course In Case Your Lordship may think proper To bestow a Company upon me For Raising of them That I may not be out of the way; If not that I may go to the Field that will probably procure me preferment some one way or other; At present I am to be full of favourable hopes from Your Lordship That I will Remain here Securing all the Men I can until I have the Honour of your Lordships Answer

I have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most humble & most obedient Servant

Nairdule near Dornoch }
1 March 1776 }

Geo: MacKenzie

L^t: 42 Reg^t

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1776 at WO 1/992. Dornoch is located on the northeast coast of Scotland, 200 miles north of Edinburgh. MacKenzie had previously served under Col. Keith during the Seven Years War in the 87th Regt. (Keith's Highlanders). MacKenzie later served as Maj. of the 73rd Regt. (MacLeod's Highlanders) in India.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Officer Assignments, London, Mar. 2, 1776

War Office 2^d March 1776.

My Lord,

I have been honored w^t. your Lordship's Letters dated the 18th., 19th., & 22^d last Month w^t Several Enclosures which I herewith return.

The Succession to Lieu^t. [Robert] Reid has been notified – That to [Alexander] Lord Balcarres cannot take place till I receive his Memorial conformable to the late Regulation.

As Captain [Lt. John] Mackintosh purchased the Adjutancy, he will be allowed to sell it – the price must not exceed £400 –

Lieu^t [John] Grant is to remain in the Regiment until a Highland Lieu^t from Half Pay can be found for the Exchange.

With respect to the Questions stated in Your Lordship's last Letter, there is no doubt but every Colonel may take the Command of his own Regiment; But how far his interfering in the detail may be

expedient for H. M's. Service, is a Matter of which I am not the proper Judge; Your Lordship has referred it to the Duke of Argyll, and you could not have put it in better hands.

R^t. Honble Lord John Murray
Glasgow N^o. Bⁿ.

I have the honor &c
Barrington

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776 at WO 4/96, p. 226. Lt. John Grant of Rippachie, who decided his health was insufficient to serve, exchanged with Lt. Harry Gilchrist, on half-pay of the 89th Regt. who took his lieutenancy in the 42nd Regt.

**Letter from Commissary Thomas Bissett to John Murray, 4th Duke of Atholl, Regarding
Obtaining Recruits for Ens. William Murray's Quota, Dunkeld, Mar. 3, 1776**

Dunkeld, 3rd March 1776.

Frederick [Crerar, gamekeeper at Dunkeld] marched for Glasgow on Fryday with Lord William's recruits, thirteen in number, of which I made six in my low country Department. Till Frederick returns we shall not know if there will be time for raising any more. I hear L^d John has come to Glasgow.

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. IV, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 65. Ens. Murray was required to raise 25 recruits for his commission.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. George Dalrymple and Ens. John Spens, 42nd Regt.,
London, Mar. 5, 1776**

War-Office, March 5, 1776...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign George Dalrymple to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Reid; by Purchase.
Ditto, John Spence, Gent. to be Ensign, vice George Dalrymple; by Purchase.

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 2, 1776, p. 2.

**Notification from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. John Graham,
42nd Regt., of the Receipt of His Memorial, London, Mar. 7, 1776**

War Office 7th March 1776.

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the rec^t of your Memorial which shall be properly considered.

I am Sir &c
Barrington

L^t. John Graham,
of the 42^d. Reg^t.
Glasgow

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776 at WO 4/96, p. 251 (f. 126). Lt. Graham was promoted to Capt. in the 71st Regt. (Fraser's Highlander) soon after arriving in America.

**Notification from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt. of Appointment of Half-pay Lt. Harry Gilchrist, Late 89th Regt.,
London, Mar. 8, 1776**

W. O. 8th. March 1776.

Lord Barrington presents his Compliments to Lord John Murray, and has the honor to inform his Lordship that Lieu^t. Harry Gilchrist from the Half Pay of the late 89th. Reg^t is appointed Lieu^t. in the

Royal Highland Regim^t of Foot, in the room of Lieu^t. John Grant [of Rippachie] who is to be placed on L^t. Gilchrist's Half Pay.

Lord John Murray
Glasgow N^o. Bⁿ.

Source and Note: TNA, War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776 at WO 4/96, p. 260. Lt. Gilchrist later died of wounds received in the Battle of Monmouth, N.J. in 1778.

**Provincial Congress Account of Shipwreck of the ship *Sally*, Carrying
Loyalist Vol. John Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.), New York, Mar. 11, 1776**

John Chatfield, chairman of the committee of Easthampton, informs the committee of safety, March 11, 1776, that the ship “Sally,” belonging to Samuel Franklin of New York, taken by the British and sent for Boston, drove on shore at Montauk in a gale of wind; and that Charles Smith, mate of the “Asia,” man-of-war, three passengers, and ten seamen of the “Asia,” were sent under guard to New York, conducted by Lieutenant John Foster, with all letters and papers that were found on board.

Source and Note: *History of Long Island from its Discovery and Settlement to the Present Time*, Vol. I, Benjamin F. Thompson, Robert H. Dodd, New York, 1918, Google Books, pp. 320 and 336. John Young, whose father was in the American army, was travelling to Boston to join the British army when his ship was wrecked. He was held for 18-months before being released and commissioned in the Pennsylvania Loyalists before joining the 42nd Regt.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Lt. Harry Gilchrist and the Additional Companies, Glasgow, Mar. 14, 1776**

My Lord

I was yesterday honor'd with your Lordships Commands of the 8th. Ins^t; Lieu^t. Harry Gilchrist from half pay of the 89 is given out in Regimental orders, But I don't know where to write to him to join the Regiment.

I have the honor to inclose the list of Officers for the two additional Companys, as they are now placed, in obedience to your Lordships orders.

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord

Glasgow 14th. March
1776 –

Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Serv^t
John Murray

[Enclosure]

Names of the officers of the two additional Companies of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Reg^t. of Foot

First Company
Cap^t. Alexander Donaldson
Lieu^t. George Mackenzie
Lieu^t. John Gregor
Ensign Lord William Murray

2 Company
Cap^t. James M^cPherson
Lieu^t. John Grant
Lieu^t. Norman M^cLeod
Ensign Alexander Stewart.

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. The Additional Companies consisted initially only of officers, NCOs and drummers and were used to recruit soldiers to be used as replacements for the battalion overseas.



Detail of Wax Sculpture Portrait of Maj. William Murray, circa 1773-1774, by Samuel Percy, Dublin

Picture Source: *National Gallery of Scotland* at
<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/3362/william-murray-1737-1778-soldier>

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Forwarding Memorial by Maj. William Murray, Glasgow, Mar. 19, 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to inclose a Memorial from Major W^m Murray to your Lordship, if your Lordship is pleas'd to recommend him to His Majesty for the rank of Lieu^t. Colonel in the Army, I can assure your Lordship he is a very deserving officer, Served all the last War in America with Approbation, and wish a Lieutenants Brevet could be obtained for Ensign Alex^r. Mackenzie, who I have so often troubled your Lordship about, from the date of his Lieutenancy, before he was Reduced in case he gets no other preferment at present.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Regard

My Lord

Glasgow 19th. March
1776.

Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Servant
John Murray

[Enclosure]

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Viscount Barrington His Majestys Secretary at War –

Memorial of Major William Murray of the 42^d or
Royal Highland Regiment of Foot –

Humbly Showeth –

That your Memorialist was appointed an Ensign in the 34th Regiment of Foot in the Year 1755. That he joined his Regiment at Gibraltar soon after. In the year 1757 he was appointed a Lieutenant in the 34th Regiment of Foot, & in the Year 1758 went upon an Expedition to the East of France under the

Command of His Grace the Duke of Marlborough. When he returned from that Expedition he was appointed Captain to a Company in the second Battalion of the 42^d, or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot.

That your Memorialist went immediately to North Britain & raised fifty Men, being his proportion as Captain, & in the Month of October embarked at Greenock & landed in the face of the Enemy at Guadalope in the latter end of the Year 1758. – In the Year 1759 he went to North America & was in the Field until Novem^r – In the Year 1760 he was under the Command of Jeffry Amherst at the Reduction of all Canada_ In the years 1761 & 1762 Your Memorialist was at the reduction of Martansee [Martinique] & the Havanna, at the last of which place, he was taken ill of a Malignant Fever which Confined him to his Bed above Eight Months – In 1763 Your Memorialist served a very Fatiguing Campaign under the Command of Colonel Bouquet, against the Savages & in 1764 Served a Second Campaign against the Savages & penetrated into their Country which obliged them to beg for Peace – During that campaign had a brevet from General Gage to act as Major – Your Memorialist returned with the Army to Fort Pitt where he remained Commanding Officer until the Year 1767 when he was relieved & returned to Britain –

In the Year 1771 he purchased the Majority in the 42^d or Royal Highland Reg^t. of Foot. – Your Memorialist is now under Orders to serve again in America. & as there are younger Majors, who have obtained the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel by purchase or otherwise –

He humbly Prays Your Lordship will please recommend him to His Majesty for the Rank of Lieu^t Colonel in the Army –
All which is most humbly Submitted

By My Lord

Your Lordships Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant

Will^m Murray Major
in the 42^d or Roy^l Hig^d Reg^t

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. The “*Campaign under the Command of Colonel Bouquet*” was Pontiac’s Rebellion in 1763 including the Battle of Bushy Run, Pennsylvania. The second campaign was Bouquet’s campaign against Native American tribes in the Muskingum River Valley of Ohio.

**Denial from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt, to Recommendation for Brevet Commissions, London, Mar. 26, 1776.**

War Office 26th March 1776.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordship’s Letter, enclosing the Memorial of Major W^m Murray of the 42^d Regiment, in answer to which, and also to your recommendation of Ensign Alexander Mackenzie for a Lieutenant’s Brevet, I am to acquaint your Lordship that it is not the King’s intention at present to grant any Brevet Commissions.

Right Honble
General Lord John Murray
Glasgow

I have the Hon^r to be
My Lord &c
Barrington

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776 at WO 4/96, p. 392 (f. 197). See letter dated Mar. 19, 1776 and memorial above.

**Former 42nd Regt. Ens. James Lees Commissioned as Practitioner Engineer in Corps of Engineers,
London, Mar. 27, 1776**

The Corps of Engineers

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>Army...</u>
Practitioner Engin. and Second Lieut...	James Lees	27 do. [Mar. 76]	14 Jan. 75

Source and Note: *A List of all the Officers of the Army: viz. the General and Field Officers; the Officers of the Several Troops, Regiments, Independent Companies, Also Garrisons...Also A List of the Officers of ...the Corps of Engineers...*, War-Office, June 4, 1779, p. 239. Lees had recently sold out of the 42nd Regt. It is unusual that an officer selling out of a deploying regiment would be granted another commission.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Regarding Officer Assignments, Glasgow, Apr. 2, 1776**

My Lord

I had the honor to write your Lordship this morning which I sent by Express to Edinburgh, to be in time to be Sent from thence by this nights post.

Ensign Lord William Murray, & Alex^r. Stewart, have by their Friends interest got 15 men, or more for their Appointments. the last is not yet come from Abroad, but expected very Soon by his Father, But I beg leave that application be made to His Majesty, if your Lordship thinks proper, for Six months leave to each, M^r. Stewart is 19 years of age, & a very likely Young Man.

As Lieu^t. Dougal Campbell of the Battalion, is Extremely ill at Edinburgh, and not fit to Serve abroad at present, have moved him to the Additional in place of Lieu^t. Norman Macleod [Cyprus].

The Surgeon M^r. [Alexander] Potts informs me he has not got any order for a Medicine Chest, or allowance to buy one, I therefore desire the favour your Lordship will give orders for his having one, or the Allowance Other Regiments gets, that Serves Abroad.

I am honored with Your Lordship's in answer to Major W^m Murrays Memorial; When it may be His Majestys Pleasure to order Brevet Commissions hope he may have one, as he is a very deserving Officer. & [Alexander] M^cKenzie also if your Lordship thinks proper. I have the honor to be with great Regard

My Lord

Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Serv^t

Glasgow 2^d. April 1776

John Murray

Lord Viscount Barrington &c &c &c

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. There were three Dougal Campbells who served as officers in the 42nd Regt. during the American war. The officer discussed in this letter was the son of James Campbell of Craignish and had previously served in the 105th Regt. before joining the 42nd Regt. from Half-Pay.

**Promotion Orders for Officers and Staff of the 42nd Regt.,
London, Apr. 2, 1776**

War-Office, April 2, 1776...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Charles Grant to be Captain, vice Alexander Earl of Balcarras.

Ditto, Ensign James Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Charles Grant.

Ditto, David Crawford, Gent. to be Ensign, vice James Campbell.

Ditto, Serjeant Major Hugh Fraser to be Adjutant, vice John M^cIntosh.

Ditto, Quarter-Master Serjeant Colin Smith to be Quarter-Master, vice William Graham."

Source and Notes: *London Gazette*, Mar. 30 –Apr. 2, 1776, p. 2. It was the War Office policy to reward deserving non-commissioned officers with Quartermaster appointments. Quartermaster Smith died on Dec. 20, 1779. An officer of the regiment noted it was likely suicide due to mismanagement of funds received for the successful raid on Norfolk in

May 1779. Sgt. Maj. Fraser served the entire war as adjutant and was commissioned during the war achieving the rank of lieutenant by the end of the war.



Greenock and Scotts' Yard in the Eighteenth Century (from an Old Engraving)

Picture Source: *Two Centuries of Shipbuilding by the Scotts at Greenock*, Partially reprinted from "Engineering", Offices of Engineering, London, 1906, Google Books, p.4.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding the Regiment's March to Greenock, and Officer Appointments, Glasgow, Apr. 15, 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to Acquaint your Lordship that in consequence of L^t Gen^l S^r. Ja^s. Ad Oughton orders the battalion of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Reg^t. of Foot marched this Morning to Greenock about 24. miles where they were ordered to embark on their arrival this day. I have the Satisfaction to inform your Lordship they marched from this in great Spirits, amongst a great concourse of people; the battalion compleat of Officers & Soldiers, Except Lieu^t W^m Rose of the Battalion, who has not joined Since his Appointment from half pay. I have the honor to inclose his Letter to Cap^t. Lieu^t. [John] Mackintosh. None appeared to be the least in Liquor, nor any desertions for some days, & only a few since His Majestys most Gracious Pardon was read to them, their Names sent to S^r. Ja^s. Adolph Oughton I reviewed the Battalion Yesterday, and it gave me great pleasure to See them so much improved in their Exercise firings & Evolutions, in Marching the Highlanders are remarkable. There is not one English, or Irish amongst the Men, only one Officer of each, as your Lordship knows, and few Lowlanders in proportion to the rest, & mostly picked up here, but they are Learning Ersh [Erse or Gaelic], as the Others don't chuse to converse with them except in their own Language; I believe my being here so long, has been of Service & occasioned the recruits to be more eager in learning their Exercise, they have often fired at a mark with Ball, extreamly well, and am hopefull they will distinguish themselves, as well as their predecessors of the Royal Highland Reg^t. have formerly done in His Majestys Service. As I had the honor to Acquaint your Lordship that I had Appointed Lieu^t. Dougal Campbell, to the Additional as he is Extreamly ill in bed at Edinburgh, Lieu^t George Mackenzie, tho ordered not Yet come from the North, Lieu^{ts}. John Grant, & John Gregor have got their Recruiting

Instructions the first raised 80 Recruits, & the Other an old Man, but as he was Lieu^t. and Adjutant in America, will be of Great use in Disciplining the recruits. I therefore could not well Supply Lieu^t. Rose's place in the Battalion, But as he is Absent without leave, & if your Lordship should not think his Letter a Sufficient Excuse, and if your Lordship Should think proper, to Recommend to His Majesty, on the occasion that Lieu^t. [William] Rose should be Superceded, I humbly beg leave that the Succession may go in the Battalion, and that Ensign Alex^r. M^cKenzie be appointed Lieu^t. in his place, who has been above fourteen years an Ensign in the Army, was Lieu^t. for two or three Months, be again appointed Lieu^t. vice [William] Rose and Neill Stewart Gen^l. a Volunteer who is gone with the battalion this morning, an Atholl Gentleman & a handsome Man, be appointed if it is His Majestys Pleasure to be Ensign vice M^cKenzie. Ensign Alex^r. Grant is the Eldest, but only thru Years, Standing, & Co^l. Hugh Grant would not purchase a Lieutenantcy for him, tho he is so rich, & Mackenzie So poor, has no Mony to purchase, but a great deal of Service, I humbly Submit it, which of the two Should be Recommended to be Lieutenant. & beg to Receive your Lordships Commands, as I intend to be here until the Reg^t. Sails, which I am in hopes will by Wednesday next, as I hear the 71 is to be inspected and Reviewed, by S^r. Ad. Oughton next Monday & to March for Embarkation on the next day. I have the honor to be

My Lord

Glasgow 15th April
1776.

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

John Murray

[Enclosure]

Kilphader 20th March 1776

Sir

Your favours of the 12th Curr^t. I only received late last Night – Its impossible for me to join the Regim^t. before the 12th or 14 Apl. as I have my affairs in great disorder. & really did not look for Such a Sudden order to join. considering how lately I have been appointed to the Reg^t. – But not withstanding of all my Disadvantages; will (disbarring Accidents) in obedience to Lord John Murrays orders, be with the Reg^t. either of the days formerly Mention'd – which I hope will Satisfie his Lordship –

I am

Sir

Your most Ob^t. hu^l Serv^t.

Will: Rose

Cap^t. [Lt.] John M^cIntosh 42^d Reg^t.

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. "Neill Stewart Gen^l. a Volunteer" was not promoted by the War Office at this time, but accepted a commission on Feb. 23, 1777 in Brig. Gen. Oliver DeLancey's Provincial Corps. The English officer mentioned was Lt. Thomas Lyttelton and the Irish officer was Lt. Robert Franklin.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Deferment of Sailing and Unsuccessful Offer to Raise 2nd Battalion, Glasgow, Apr. 15, 1776

My Lord

I Rec^d. a letter by Express from [Lt. Gen.] S^r. [James] Adolph. Oughton at half an hour after Eight this morning, dated 14th Ins^t: half past Seven in the Evening, that he had just rec^d. orders from your Lordship with His Majestys Commands to defer the Embarkation of the 42^d. & 71 Regiment to the 25th. Currant, and that it was rather unlucky the Royal Highland Regiment was on Board before this order arrived. But as they must now remain on Board, I desired Co^l. [Robert] Skeen would give an order for Billiting three hundred men at Greenock, if it should be necessary, and desired Lieu^t Co^l. [Thomas] Stirling, would give orders that Number might be brought on Shore to be better Disciplined, as they were the last Recruits, I had the honor to write your Lordship before that I had the Satisfaction of Seeing the

Battalion, which consisted of about 700 Men, perform better than I could have Expected, and I think entirely fit in every Respect for immediate Service, I am in hope in a few days these 300 will be Equally well disciplined, which they are Extreamly anxious to do,

I have just now rec^d. a letter from Major [William] Murray on Board the Thomas Transport, that yesterday in the Evening The Flora came to an Anchor there.

I have proposed to Co^l. [Robert] Skeen to endeavor to get a Hospital Transport for the 42^d. & 71 Reg^{ts}. & a Surgeon & Mates from them.

Severall of my Recruits have got the Measels, & others Distemper, but I intend to have those not able to go abroad, to be replaced by the Additional, that the battalion may be quite Compleat.

as Lieu^t, Colonel [Archibald] Campbell assured me some days ago the 71 R. was five hundred above Compleat. I have taken the Liberty of inclosing to Your Lordship the names of Field officers & Cap^{ts}.

Should your Lordship think it for His Majestys Service to Recommend it to the King to add a Second Battalion at this time to the Reg^t. under my Command, and what Officers your Lordship judges to be left out or Others in their places, I humbly Submit to Your Consideration, But could wish to Know if possible by the 25th. Ins^t. your Commands as I propose to be here till then, and to make a Tour in the Highlands, if a Second Battalion is intended, in order to Expedite it to the Extremity of my power. I have the honor to be with the Greatest Regard

My Lord

Glasgow 15th. April 1776

Your Lordships most humble and most Obed^t Serv^t

Lord Viscount Barrington &c:

John Murray

[Enclosure]

Field Officers and Captains humbly proposed for a Second Battalion to the 42^d. or Royal Highland Reg^t. of Foot

Lieu ^t . Colonel William Murray –	Major in 42 ^d . or Royal Highland R.
Major William Grant	Eldest Cap ^t . in 42 ^d . Major in the Army
Captains John Graham –	Lieu ^t . in 42 ^d . the Eldest of that Rank
George Mackenzie –	Lieu ^t . in 42 ^d . from half pay 87. R.
Alexander Donald	Lieu ^t . on half pay & Adjutant from 89
Neil McLean –	Lieu ^t . in 21 Reg ^t .
William Sinclair	was Cornet in N.B. Drag: Eldest son to Freswick Sherriff of Caithness
John Grant	Lieu ^t . in 42 ^d . has got Eighty good recruits.
Peter Gordon	Lieu ^t . in 13 th . /Abergeldie/ Recc ^d . by Duke of Gordon
Theodore Morrison	Lieu ^t . in 40 R.
John Grant	on half pay from 42 ^d . Reg ^t . was taken prisoner at Crown Point by the American Rebels he is now in the Highlands & anxious for preferment, & promises his Quota.
{ William Finlayson	Lieu ^t . on half pay from 89 R.
or { James Cramond	Lieu ^t . in 42 ^d . From Foreign Service.

NB. Each of these Officers will give any Security Required, to raise by themselves or Friends, during their Absence, Fifty good Men for their Appointment of Captain in four Months after receiving their Beating orders, with the levy money of Five Guineas.

Each of the Field Officers, offers to raise Twenty Men more than the Fifty Men for their Appointment. and M^r. Sinclair of Freswick offers to raise Seventy men for his appointment of Captain, as he is not now in the Army.

The Subaltern Officers to make up the remainder when named.

If it Should be His Majestys Pleasure to appoint Major Murray to be Lieu^t Colonel of the 2^d. Batt. if it should be ordered. Then Major [William] Grant the Eldest Cap^t. & with the Battalion is prepped to Succeed him as Major & Cap^t. [Alexander] Donaldson the next Eldest and with the Additional to be Major to 2^d. Batt. & Cap^t. Lieu^t [John] Mackintosh to have the Company in the Batt: vice Major Murray & the Subs changes [illegible] to Succeed by Seniority

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993. Lord Murray made multiple offers to raise a second battalion to the 42nd Regt. His offer was finally accepted in 1779.

Letter from Col. Robert Skene, Adj. General, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Reporting on the Arrival of Lt. William Rose, 42nd Regt., Apr. 20, 1776

Glasgow April 20th 1776

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that Lieu^t Rose of the 42^d Regiment, joined his Corps this day.

The 1st Battalion of the 71st Regiment are to embark the 21st instant, the 2^d the 25th & if the wind favors them, shall sail the 26th.

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect,

My Lord, Your Lordships Most obedient & most Humble Servant

Rob^t Skene

R^t Hon^{ble} Lord Viscount Barrington

His Majestys Secretary at War

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters* at WO 1/865, pp. 463-464. As shown in Skene's letter of Apr. 28, below, Rose was too ill to travel with the regiment to America.

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Lt. William Rose and Ens. Alexander Stewart, Glasgow, Apr. 22, 1776

My Lord

I am honored by your Lordships letter of the 15th. Ins^t: I shall write your Lordship Commands to Ensign [Alexander] Stewarts father, & Acquaint him to recruit for his Son till his Arrival Lieu^t. William Rose came to Glasgow Friday last the 19th. Ins^t. Says he was two or three days ill at Inverness & one day at Forres. he looks very thin, & has an Impediment in his Speech, I am Suprized he should make application to your Lordship to be on full pay...

I have the honor to be with the most Sincere Regard

My Lord

Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Serv^t

John Murray

Glasgow 22^d April 1776

Lord Viscount Barrington &c &c.

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993.



Detail from *Sir James Adolphus Oughton*, 1778, by John Downman

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Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Lt. William Rose, 42nd Regt., and Supernumerary Recruits of the 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt., Glasgow, Apr. 23, 1776

My Lord

I am this Day honoured with Your Lordship's of the 17th April, relative to the Supernumeraries of General [Simon] Fraser's Regiment. As they must necessarily be the worst of the Great Numbers raised for that Regiment, and the generality of the Highlanders, though strong and square built, are of a much lower Size than are accepted of in other Corps, the Regiments to which they may be turned over will probably be very ill pleased with them, though I may judge them capable of going through the Duty and Fatigue of a Campaign. I shall see them to Morrow and shall endeavor to be as impartial as possible in my Judgement. I have order'd the Commanding Officer [Capt. Alexander Donaldson] of Lord John Murray's Additional Companies to take Charge of them for the present; and have acquainted Major General Fraser that he is to subsist them 'till they are otherways disposed of. I found here Lieu^t Rose of the 42^d Regiment who was reported absent without leave in the Embarkation Return of that Regiment; he proved to me that he set out to join his Reg^t the Day after he received his orders, but had fallen dangerously ill on the Road, and his Looks proved his Assertion: I ordered him on Board to join his Company. I have the Honour to be

My Lord, Your Lordship's

Glasgow April 23^d, 1776

most humble and most obedient Ser^t:

Ja^s: Adol^f: Oughton

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters*: 2. *Government Departments*: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776 at WO 1/865, p. 419. Lt. Rose was determined to be too ill to sail and was transferred to an additional company in Scotland where he died in 1777. The normal height requirement for recruits was five feet, seven inches. Lord Murray obtained the War Office's permission to lower the standard to five foot, six inches.

Letter from Brevet-Maj. Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Complaining of Assignment to a Battalion Company Instead of an Additional Company, On Board the *Minerva* Transport, Greenock, Apr. 26, 1776

My Lord

His Majesty was lately pleased to appoint me to the command of a Company to be raised, and added to his 42^d. or Royal Highland Reg^t., & in consequence thereof, I was ordered upon the Recruiting Service, to which I gave such attention that I have been one night in my own house from that period to this day –

When it was known that the additional Companies were to remain in the Country, Lord John Murray wrote me a Letter of the 25th Jan^{ry} last, in which he desires to be acquainted with many different things – The Success of the 71st Regiment, The Officers on Half pay fittest to Serve & ^c. & ^c. and said “that he wrote me confidence and desired I would be particular” – In that Letter His Lops [Lordship] desires to know whither I chose to continue Additional, or be appointed in the Battalion, as he had power in the 1758 to change Officers from the One to the Other – I wrote His Lordship in course of post that my attention to the Service I was on put it out of my power to settle my Affairs before the Regiment would be ordered Abroad, therefore that I preferred remaining in the Additional until I shou^d settle my Affairs; From this friendly correspondence, I continued basic on the recruiting duty, satisfied at the same time that I was to continue in the Country – On the 17th. March 1776 last I received the following order – Glasgow 7th March 1776 “It is Lord John Murray’s orders that all the Officers of the Royal Highland Reg^t on the “recruiting Service be ordered to Glasgow, on or before the [hidden in binding] Instant, leaving the “Noncomissioned Officers, & what men are absolutely for that duty at their respective recruiting “Quarters, & to continue to the outmost of their power to get Recruits till they get contrary Orders, the “rest of the Men to join the Reg^t. forthwith, And those Officers intended to continue with the Additional “Companies will be then appointed, & ordered to return, & the other Officers to join the Battalion.” – I had no reason to suspect from this Order but that I was to return, & in obedience thereto, I got to Glasgow on the 25th. and to my very great surprise I was told that Captain [Alexander] Donaldson on several days before then, & before any of the Officers on the recruiting Service arrived at Glasgow was appointed in my place –

Redress for the injustice done me I submit to your Lordship’s Candour & Consideration, & shall only beg leave to request, that on the Service, or in the Event of there being a second Battalion added to the 42^d. Reg^t. or new levies Your Lordship will be pleased to remember me in point of preferment –

My friend Colonel [Staats] Morris will put your Lordship in mind of it – I have the honour to be with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient and most humble Servant

DunM^cPherson Major

in the Army

On Board the Minerva Transport
near Greenock 26th April 1776 –

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1776 at WO 1/992. Col. Staats Morris was M^cPherson’s former commander in the 89th Regt. (Morris’ Highlanders). M^cPherson’s request to obtain the command of one of the regiment’s additional companies was not approved and he sailed to America with the regiment.

Excerpt of Report by Col. Robert Skene, Adj. General, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, that Lt. William Rose, 42nd Regt., is too Sick to Sail, Apr. 28, 1776

Greenock April 28th 1776
6 o’clock in the morning of

My Lord...

Lieu^t. [William] Rose of the 42^d Regiment who lately joined that corps has been obliged to come on shore sick & the Surgeon informs me he can that he can not possibly go with the Regiment he is so bad ...

I have the honour to be with the utmost respect

My Lord, Your Lordships Most obedient & most humble Servant

Rob’ Skene

To the R^t Hon^{ble} Lord Viscount Barrington

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters* at WO 1/865, pp. 479-480.



Reproduction 71st Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Viscount Weymouth with Notification of Ens. William Nairne, of the late 89th Regt, (Future Capt., 42nd Additional Company), to be Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion, 71st Highland Regt., London, May 1, 1776

War Office 1st: May 1776

Gentlemen

His Majesty having signified his pleasure to me that Commissions be presented to him for the following Gentlemen to be Officers as undem^d. Viz^t –

In the 1st Battalion of the 71st Reg^t. of Foot, Commanded by Major Gen^l: Simon Fraser...

Ensign William Nairne of the late 89th Foot, to be Lieu^t 28th ..d^o [Nov^r: 75]...

I desire &c
Barrington

Lord Visc^l: Weymouth

Source: TNA, *War Office Notification Books to the Secretary of State* at WO 25/147, pp. 156-157.



Rendering of *Andrew Doria* © 2006

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News Accounts of Capture of Transports *Oxford* and *Crawford* and Arrival of Captured 42nd Regt. Officers, Lt. Harry Munro and Ens. John Campbell,

Providence, Rhode Island, June 14 – 19, 1776

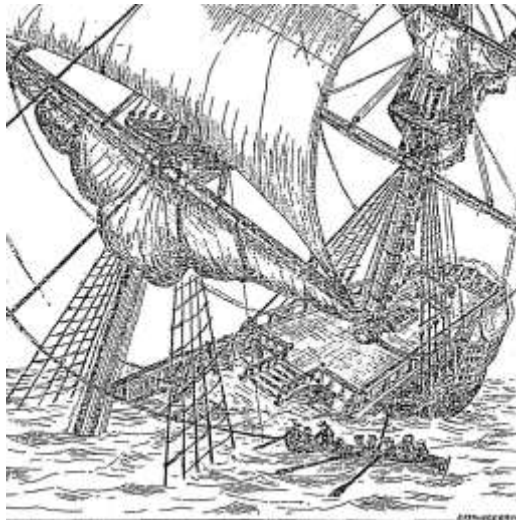
NEWPORT, June 17.

Last Friday [June 14] arrived here from a cruise the brig Andrew Doria, Capt. [Nicholas] Biddle, who about 14 days before took two transport ships from Greenock, in Scotland, having on board each 100 Scotch troops; Capt. Biddle took out the officers, navigators and sailors, to the number of 40, with all the small arms and baggage of value, manned the ships with his own men, and kept company with them 13 days; when being a little without Nantucket shoals, they were chased by five vessels, one a pretty large man of war, upon which he ordered the prizes to steer different courses, and although the man of war chased him, night coming on he soon lost sight of them. We hope soon to hear of the prizes being arrived at some safe port. The prisoners brought in were landed here on Friday evening, who report they were part of 33 sail of transports which left Greenock in company, having 3000 troops on board, bound to Boston...

PROVIDENCE, [Sat.] June 22...

Wednesday last [June 19] the Officers taken by Captain. Biddle out of the two Transport Ships from Scotland, as mentioned under the Newport Head, arrived here, and have been conducted to a Place of Safety in the Country, as were also a Number of Officers, belonging to the British Navy, who have been confined here for some Time past.

Source: *Providence Gazette*, June 22, 1776, p. 3



Wreck of "Defence" March 10, 1779

Picture Source: *Exploits of the Connecticut Ship "Defence,"* Louis F. Middlebrook, Hartford, 1922, p. 28.

Excerpt of Letter from Rebel Naval Capt. Seth Harding, *Connecticut Brig. Defence*, to Connecticut Gov. Jonathan Trumbell Listing Vol. Alexander Home, 71st Highland Regt. (Future Ens., 42nd Regt.), Prisoner, Boston, June 19, 1776

...The following is a list of the officers taken in the transports bound to Boston from Scotland, with Highlanders on Board.

Lieut. Col. [Archibald] Campbell; Captains ...Maxwell...

Volunteers, with the rank of officers (who are impatiently waiting at the Pool for the death and old shoes of commissioned officers) Messers. ... [Alexander] Hume and [David] Dewar...

Source and Note: *The Connecticut Currant*, June 24, 1776, p. 3. Home was a Volunteer serving in Capt. Hamilton Maxwell's Light Infantry Company of the 1st Battalion, 71st Regt. (Fraser's Highlanders) when three Continental ships took their transport ship *Anne*. He was commissioned Ens. in the 42nd Regt on Nov. 3, 1778, effective Aug. 26.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Lt. John Gregor's Memorial of Officer Commissions and Recruiting Fraud,
Dunkeld, June 20, 1776**

My Lord

As soon as the Reg^t. under my Command, & Major Gen^l. [Simon] Frasers Sailed from Greenock, I Set out to make a Tour through Some part of the Highlands, by Aberdeenshire, and Rec^d the inclosed Memo^m. from Lieu^t John Gregor when I was at Fort George, where one of my Additional Companys is, the other still at Glasgow, I am just Returned by way of Blair of Atholl, which prevented my acknowledging the honor of your Lordships letters before in an answer to mine [hidden in binding] and of the 19th. of April that Ensign John Campbell had another Commission dated the 10th. of August.

Lieu^t. W^m Rose who was a few days on board, was put on Shore when the Reg^t. Sailed, as he was not in a condition to proceed, which I did not know till after I left Glasgow, or would have reported it to your Lordship.

I have the Satisfaction of Acquainting your Lordship there is no want of men in the Highlands fit for His Majestys Service, Should it be His Majestys Royal Pleasure to order any further Augmentation to the Royal Highland Reg^t. there was only two invalid Companys at Fort George Except one of mine.

At Inverness as well as at Perth, and Other places as I am inform'd the officers & non Commissioned officers who beat up for Recruits wear bonnets and Philabegs, without britches, & hose with their own Regimental Short coats, in order to make the Highlanders believe they belong to the Royal Highland Regiment, as this fraud may be of prejudice to the Recruiting in General, and particularly to the regiment under my Command, as Highlanders have such an Attachment to the Royal Highland Regiment, wish your Lordship if you think proper would know his Majestys Pleasure, if this practice should be permitted.

If I am honor'd with your Lordships Commands please direct for me at Dunkeld.

I have the honor to be with Great Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Servant

John Murray

Dunkeld
June 20th. 1776.

[Enclosure]

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Viscount Barrington His Majestys Secretary at War

The Memorial of Lieu^t: John Gregor of His Majestys 42^d Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist had the honor of Serving in this Regim^t: in Germany, Flanders, the West Indies and America, And was present in every Action in which the Regim^t. was Engaged Since it was Regimented – That he has been a Lieutenant Sixteen Years, And has Sent upwards of five hundred men to the Regiment at different times.

Your Memorialist therefore Humbly Prays that in the Event of an Addition to the Regiment Your Lordship would be pleased to lay his case before His Majesty – And Your Memorialist Shall ever pray –

John Gregor Lieu^t in
the 42^d or Royal Highland Regim^t

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. A former Sergeant Major, Gregor's actual name was MacGregor, but at the time of his first commission, the name of MacGregor was proscribed. When Gregor transferred to the 2nd Bn. in 1779, Lord Murray had his commission corrected to show his name as MacGregor.



Detail from "A map containing part of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey," by Andrew Skinner

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

Letter from Messrs. John Broome and Robert Van Rensselaer, Rebel Committee to Superintend Prisoners, to the Rebel Committee of Safety, Kingston, New York, Regarding Rations for Captured 42nd and 71st Regt. Officers, New York, June 29, 1776

New York, 29th June 1776.

Sir:

The Provincial Congress having appointed us "a Committee to superintend the Prisoners of the Continental Congress in this Colony, and of the Congress of this Colony, and that we be authorized to Employ proper persons to furnish the said Prisoners with Rations agreeable to certain Resolves of the Continental Congress of the 21st of May last and generally to take care that the said Prisoners be properly secured and disposed of, and treated with Justice and Humanity." We beg leave to inform you that by this conveyance, we send to your care the following Officers taken on board a transport from Scotland bound to Boston, who are prisoners on parole a Copy of which we enclose you, viz:

Capt. John Smith, Lieut. Rob^t Franklin of the 42^d Regiment or Royal Highlanders, L^d John Murray, Col.

Capt. Norman M^c Leod, his Lady and Maid; Lieut. Roderick M^c Leod; Ensign Colin Campbel, and his Lady; Rob^t Boyse, Surgeon's Mate of the 71st Regiment, Simon Frazier, Col.

John M^c Alister, Master of the Crauford Transport.

By the Resolutions of the Continental Congress of the 21st May last, all Officers as Prisoners are to supply themselves, and are allowed to draw bills to pay for their subsistence and clothing, and if Officers cannot draw or sell their bills, the Congress (Continental) will allow for each of them two Dollars

a week for Board and Lodging, to be repaid by said Officers before they are released from their Captivity. No Tavern Keepers are to supply any Officers, who are Prisoners on the credit of the Continent.

Having informed you of the Resolutions of the Continental Congress relative to Officers, we doubt not these who are sent to your care will conduct themselves strictly agreeable to the engagements they have entered into on Parole. Notwithstanding this confidence we request that you will be particularly careful they do not in the least violate them, you will be pleased to procure for them at their own expence, good and sufficient Board and Lodgings, and see that they be treated with humanity. By the parole, the Officers are not at liberty to correspond directly or indirectly, or give any intelligence whatsoever to the enemies of the United Colonies, therefore all letters which they may be disposed to write must be delivered to you open, and forwarded to us.

We are Sir, Your most Humble Serv^{ts}

J. Broome,
Rob^t Van Ranselar
A. B.

Johannes Slegt, Esq., Chrm. of the Com^e, Kingston.

P. S. There are with the Officers the following Persons their servants. Dan^l M^cCollum, James M^cDonald, Donald Martin and Norman Shaw, Serv^{ts} of Capt. M^cLeod and Eliz^t Tullow.

Source and Note "Miscellaneous. Pap. 35: G29" in the *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts Relating to the War of the Revolution, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Albany, N. Y.*, Vol. I, Weed, Parsons and Co., Printers, Albany, 1868, Google Books, p. 337. Kingston is located on the Hudson River, about 100 miles north of New York City.

Letter from Prisoner of War Capt. John Smith, 42nd Regt., to Robert Van Rensselaer, Rebel Committee to Superintend Prisoners, Requesting Exchange for Rebel Officers held in Canada, New York, June 30, 1776

New-York, June 30th, 1776.

Sir—

I mentioned to you yesterday evening that as I heard there was to be some British officers who are now prisoners in this or the neighbouring governments, to be sent to Canada in exchange for some officers of the Continental army who are now prisoners there, I should be extremely obliged to you if you will be so kind as mention to the Congress, that the officers of the 42^d, or Royal Highland regiment, who are prisoners in this government and Rhode-Island government, would be much obliged to the Congress if they could be amongst the numbers that may be exchanged. Lieutenant Robert Franklin and I are the two officers of that regiment that are prisoners in this government, and Lieutenant Henry Monroe and Ensign John Campbell, are the two officers that were carried prisoners of that regiment into Rhode-Island by Cap^t. [Nicolas] Biddle of the brigantine armed vessel Andrea [Andrew] Doria. I hope you will be good enough to excuse this, and if you will be kind enough to let me know the result or answer of the Congress, I will be much obliged to you.

I am, with great respect, sir.

Your most obed^t. humble serv^t.

John Smith

Captain 42^d R. Highland Regiment.

To Robert Van Rensselaer, Esq.

Source: *Provincial Convention, Committee of Safety and Council of Safety of the State of New-York, 1775-1776-1777*, Vol. II, Printed by Thurlow Weed, Albany, 1842, pp. 297-298.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Former Lt. Robert Reid, 42nd Regt., Refusing Commission, London, July 2, 1776

W: O: 2^d July 1776

Sir

I am to acknowledge the rec^t of your letter of the 25th June, & to acquaint you that I cannot recommend for any Commission an Officer, who in February last Sold out of a Reg^t going on Service.

I am Sir &c
Barrington

Lieu^t Robert Reid
late of the 42^d Reg^t
Spring Gardens

Source: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters* at WO 4/97, p. 403.



View of the Narrows between Long Island & Staaten Island with our fleet at anchor & Lord Howe coming in--taken from the height above the Waterg. Place Staaten Island. 12th July 1776, by Archibald Robertson

Picture Source: *New York Public Library*

**Excerpt of a Letter from Officer Reporting Arrival of Officers of the 42nd Regt.,
Staten Island, July 8, 1776**

Extract of a letter from an officer at Staten Island, to his friend in Edinburgh, dated July 8.

“We arrived here safe, and very agreeably situated. The number we have is about 8000 men, all in good health and high spirits. The only officers of the 42d. that are arrived Col. [Thomas] Stirling, Major [William] Murray, and Capt. [Archibald] Erskine. Three transports of Fraser’s [71st Regt.] are arrived here. Some transports of Fraser’s have been unluckily been taken by the rebels; and we are sorry to learn, the men are ill used, being sent through towns as a show, amidst the insults of the populace.”

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, August 16, 1776, p. 108. The eleven transports of the 42nd Regt. under convoy of *HMS Flora* were scattered in a storm soon after leaving Greenock. The transports carrying the officers listed above made it to Halifax, Nova Scotia in time to join Gen. Sir William Howe’s voyage to New York.



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.

**Copy of Letter from Sgt. James Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Mr. Fagan,
Staten Island, New York, July 30, 1776**

Copy

Staten Island 30 July
1776

M^r Fagan

This comes to acquaint you that I am well at present blessed be God for it, I hope this will you and family in the same, we were five days sailing from Greenwich till by a great storm of wind our Fleet was parsed [to break something down into its parts] from one another and our ship [Transport *Brilliant*] and other six & joined [Adm. Richard] Lord Howes fleet at Halifax [Nova Scotia] six weeks after we left Greenoch, but we got an onset by a privateer before we joined Lord Howe and would fought her altho' we had nothing but small arms but she was more afraid than us for she would fain attacked us but when she came near and seeing us all under arms she sheered off again, and we saw her no more till we saw her a prize by one of our own Frigates in the harbour, when we came within sight of this Island, as soon as the Yankies saw the fleet knowing it was the Royal Highlanders that was in it they would not shag upon our landing but got off to the Jerseys that very night we landed for they would see the Devil as see us, there is two of our Frigates [*HMS Rose* and *HMS Phoenix*] gone up the [North] river and has taken thereby prizes loaded with provisions and ammunition for the Yankies but I think it answers us as well as them, there was other ten taken and brought into the Harbour the other day and I believe they in a little will hardly leave then a fishing Canoe, when we landed we took so many of them prisoners & they are deserting the Yankies every day & coming in to us for they think nothing to swim the rivers with their arms on their back. They are very clever men of person but very naked of Cloaths so again winter comes on they will

be starving both for cloathes and Victuals, our Army left Boston not thinking it worth while to stay any longer in it, and had we not by chance met with one of our own men of war that told us our fleet was gone for Halifax we would have been taken as one of our transports [*Oxford*] and two [actually five] of Frazers was which we are very sorry for, Captain [John] Smith belonging to us and his company was taken, they are taking our prisoners & drumming them through New York every day because they will not join them and learn their exercise [drill] but they will not do it they would have Cap^t: Smith to drink confusion to the King and his Armies but he drank success to and prosperity to the King and his Armies both by sea and land, 300 that was taken offered to fight 600 for their liberty and they would not, the Hessians is arrived here and is very clever men and a great many of them can catch balls as they are fired from the gun and put the balls into their pocket for they are brought up at the school of black art now when they [the rebels] see such armies coming against them they are losing heart, they have sent a flag of truce but I believe there is no regard paid to it, for I believe burning and slaying will be their fortune if they come not into our measures, it is prodigious warm here for we are not able to wear our cloaths for the heat, and the thunder & lightning is awful that if the like was to be heard in Scotland you would imagine it was the last day for there hardly a day passes without it and seldom rains with it but when is along with it you never saw any thing equal to it and it is so heavy does not last long the fruits of all kinds is very plenty however we think no on one of the apples than to make stone fights with one another for our diversion so I hope again matters be settled that I shall have a plantation of my own and be equal with some of your Glasgow Merchants

Signed James Stirling

NB this is not Collonel [Thomas] Stirling but Serjeant Stirling of the 42^d

Source: *Microfilm copies of original eighteenth century manuscripts belonging to Sir Mark Dalrymple, Bart., No. 506, reel M-552 (Originals in possession of National Library of Scotland.), Univ. of Virginia Alderman Library.*



Detail of Wax Sculpture Portrait of Maj. William Murray, circa 1773-1774, by Samuel Percy, Dublin

Picture Source: *National Gallery of Scotland* at

<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/3362/william-murray-1737-1778-soldier>

General Orders to Split the 42nd Regt. into Two Provisional Battalions to be Commanded by Maj. William Murray and Brevet-Maj. William Grant, Staten Island, New York, Aug. 6, 1776

[General Sir William Howe's Orders] Dyker's ferry [Staten Island, N. Y.], 6th Aug^t 1776...

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

Source and Notes: NRS, "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*" in "13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun*, 1776-1782 at GD21/492/2, Edinburgh. (Hereafter "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*"). Maj. William Murray was the commander of the 1st

Battalion and Grant the commander of the 2nd Battalion in America. This provisional 2nd Battalion in America can easily be confused with the “official” 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. authorized to be raised in Scotland in 1779 by Lord Murray and Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod for service in South Africa and India.

**Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling’s Regimental Orders Changing Officer Assignments, 42nd Regt.,
Staten Island, New York, Aug. 8, 1776**

Staten Island 8th Aug^t 1776

Morn^g Regimental Orders.

[Brevet] Major [William] Grant is appointed to Captⁿ [Charles] Grahams Company & Captⁿ Graham is appointed to the Grenadiers –

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

Source and Notes: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers.*” Brevet-Maj. Grant came to America as commander of the 42nd Grenadier Company and had to give his command to Capt. Graham in order to command the 2nd (Provisional) Battalion.

**General Orders Appointing Capt. Archibald Erskine, 42nd Regt., as Major of Brigade
to Brig. Gen. Sir William Erskine, Staten Island, New York, Aug. 8, 1776**

[Gen. Sir William Howe’s Orders] Gen^l Orders 8th Aug^t 1776...

Cap^t Erskine of the 42^d Reg^t is appointed Major of Brigade –

Source and Notes: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers.*” The major of brigade was the primary staff officer of the brigade commander. Initially Erskine was major of brigade to Brig. Gen. Sir William Erskine who commanded a brigade made up of three provisional battalions formed from the two official battalions of the 71st Highland Regt.

**Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to his Sister, Mrs. Anne Graham,
Describing Battalion Organization, Staten Island, Aug. 9, 1776**

M^{rs} Graham of Airth
College Wynd Edin^r ...

Sir Will^m Erskine has appointed Archie [Erskine] Brigade Major which is ten Shil^{gs} a day to him, our Battⁿ is formed into two of which I am chief Major [William] Murray commands the first and Major [William] Grant the 2^d we are joined to the Grenadiers of the whole army and the 33rd Reg^t which forms the Corps de Reserve under command of L^t Gen^l Earl Cornwallis this is passing us as honorably as Gen^l Howe could do, and the same for myself...

Let me hear from you often Packets will always be sailing Adieu My Dear Annie
and believe me most affectionately yours

Staten Island Aug 9th 1776

TS

Rollo & Jack Greame Parliament Cross are well

Source: 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. The Reserve of an army was considered a position of honor.

**General Orders Seconding Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt. to the Adjutant General’s Office,
Staten Island, New York, Aug. 10, 1776**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Dykers ferry Staten Island, 10th Aug^t 1776...
Lieu^t [James] Cramond 42^d Reg^t is appointed an Assistant to the Adj^t Gen^{ls} Department.

Source: "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers."

**Letter from Prisoner of War Capt. John Smith, 42nd Regt. to John Broome, Committee to
Superintend Prisoners, Requesting Exchange, Esopus, New York, Aug. 13, 1776**

Esopus, August 13th, 1776.

Gentlemen

When Captain [Nicolas] Biddle, of the Congress armed vessel the Andrea [Andrew] Doria, on the 29th May last took the Oxford transport, on board of which was a company of His Britannic Majesty's 42^d regiment of foot, Cap^t. Biddle upon taking the officers out of the Oxford, only allowed them to take their bedding and a few shirts with them, and told them that by orders of the Continental Congress, all that was the private property of the prisoners that were taken would be allowed them, and that he would return the officers their swords upon coming on shore.

My reason for troubling you with this, gentlemen, is, as you mentioned, that when any prisoners had any business of any kind they were to apply to you. Now I and the rest of the officers of my company, who were taken on board the Oxford, will be glad to be informed whether or not we will be allowed our baggage, and what was our private property that was on board when we were taken. All my clothes and other baggage, and about 60 guineas in cash were on board; as likewise Lieut. [Robert] Franklin, who is prisoner with me here, and Lieut. [Harry Munro] Morrow and Ensign [John] Campbell, whom Captain Biddle carried to Rhode-Island with him. Captain Biddle gave command of the Oxford to one of his lieutenants, a Mr. McDougal and a Mr. Tribbet. I should be very much obliged to you, gentlemen, if you will be so kind as let me have an answer to this as soon as it is convenient.

I am, with respect, gentlemen.

Your most obedient humble servant,

John Smith,

Captain in His Britannic Majesty's 42^d Regt.

To John Broome, Esq.

Source: *Provincial Convention, Committee of Safety and Council of Safety of the State of New-York, 1775-1776-1777*, Vol. II, Printed by Thurlow Weed, Albany, 1842, p. 283. Esopus is located about 93 miles north of New York City.

**General Orders Appointing Staff Officers to the 4th British Grenadier Battalion,
Staten Island, New York, Aug. 16, 1776**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] GO. Head Q^{rs} Staten Island, 16th Aug. 1776...
L^t [John] Peebles of the 42^d Gren^{rs} is appointed Adju^t & Serj^t [Alan] Stewart of d^o is appointed Q^r M^r to the 4th Battⁿ of Grenad^{rs}.

Source and Note: "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers." The 4th Grenadier Bn. was made up of the 42nd Grenadier Company and the two Grenadier Companies of the 71st Highlanders and needed staff officers to assist the commander in managing the battalion.

**Staff Officers Appointed to Provisional 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Staten Island, New York, Aug. 19,
1776**

[General Sir William Howe's Orders] G: O: Dykers Ferry
Head Quarters Staten Island 19th Aug^t 1776...

L^t John Rutherford is appointed adjutant and Serj^t Ja^s Stirling to do the duty of Q^r M^r to the 2^d Battⁿ of the 42^d Reg^t...

Source and Note: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers.*” As a new provisional battalion, staff officers were needed to assist Maj. William Grant in managing the battalion. Prior to his initial commission Lt. Rutherford had been captured by Native Americans near Detroit, Michigan and adopted into their tribe. His captivity is the subject of Appendix F of this Volume. Sgt. Stirling was commissioned later in the war and became a national hero as Major, 42nd Regt. at the Battle of Alexandria, Egypt in 1801



View from Battle Hill, a steel engraving by James Smillie.

Picture Source and Note: Wikimedia Commons from NYPL. Located in what is now Greenwood Cemetery, Battle Hill was named for the fighting that occurred on its slopes between American and British troops during the Battle of Brooklyn on Aug. 27, 1776.

News Account of Letter from 42nd Regt. Officer to his Friend, Describing Battle of Brooklyn, New York, Aug. 27, 1776

An Officer of the 42^d regiment, in a letter to a friend, dated Long-island, Sept. 2, says, “I was upon a party who took above 100 prisoners, who upon their knees begged their lives, and many of them declared that they had been forced into the service. We could see the rebels preparing to evacuate New-York, and hear that they are in a great consternation lest a junction should be effected with General [John] Burgoyne’s army. It is reported also, that many of the Loyalists in New-York have dared to lay down the arms which they had been compelled to carry against his Majesty’s army; so that I have no doubt of our being soon in possession of that city.”

Source: *General Evening Post* (London), Oct. 22-24, 1776, p. 1.

Excerpts of the Journal of Mary Murray, Daughter of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Describing Her Father’s Activities, Taymouth, Inveraray and Pitnacree, Aug. 30 –Oct. 19, 1776

[August] 30. After breakfast left Taymouth, and set off for Inverary. Dined at Killin, sixteen miles on our way. My father and I then rode on horseback to Tyndrum... Arrived at Tyndrum about nine o’clock; a fine moonlight night.

31. After breakfast, went in the chariot to Dalmally (twelve miles). A very bad inn; dined there, and continued our journey. Arrived at Inverary about eight. No visitors there, except Sir James and Lady Campbell, and her brother...

September 1. Sunday. It rained in the morning. Went to church in the Duke of Argyle's coach, with the Duchess, and Lady Augusta, and Lady Campbell. My father walked there with the Duke. After church, took a drive in the coach about the park, came home and dressed for dinner. After tea they played at cards – *shocking*...

3. Breakfasted at ten. Then went to see the people at work at the canal. Then Sir James Campbell, and his lady, and her brother, went away. After they were gone, Lady Augusta, my father, and I went out riding a little way...

6... After dinner my father and I came away. We arrived at Pitnacree about eight...

10. The Duke of Athole came here from Blair, and dined with us. In the evening my father went on horseback with him to Castle Menzies, and Taymouth, and staid there all night. I sat up very late, expecting him home...

12. My father came home about eleven or twelve, from Taymouth...

24. The soldiers began the cascade at Pitnacree...

28. After dinner my father took a walk to see the cascades at Dellepouri. I rode there...

29. After tea saw the woman from the Miltown that was brought to bed of two children. Her husband is in America, in my father's regiment...

October...

7. My birthday. Entered into my eighteenth year at Pitnacree Lodge. The cascade was played off for the occasion...

16. Rode to Grandtully to dinner. The grey horse stumbled, and my father fell off. Got a sad fright. He told Lady Stewart the good news of our troops having beaten the rebels on Long Island. There was not a man in the 42nd killed. Lieu^t. [James] Cramond and nine private men were wounded. After tea came away...

19. In the evening my father and I planted a little clump of trees just by the house...

20. Busy the whole day packing up. [to return to Banner Cross]

Source and Note: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, by William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886. p. 535-538. Pitnacree was Lord John Murray's Scottish estate which was described in the same source (footnote p. 514) as "... prettily situated on the South side of a range of hills overlooking the Tay, between Logierait and Aberfeldy..."

Death Notice for Dame Anne Gordon, Mother of Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Sept. 23, 1776

...Dame Anne Gordon, relict [widow] of Sir Henry Stirling of Ardoch, Bart. died at Lochlane on Monday the 23d instant. Her relations and friends will, it is hoped, accept of this notification of her death.

Source and Note: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Sept. 28, 1776, p. 2. Lochlane is about 20 miles west of Perth.

General Orders with 42nd Regt. Promotions, New York, Sept. 30, 1776

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] G:O: Head Q^{rs} New York Island 30th Sept^r 1776..

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

Ensⁿ Alex^r Grant 42^d Reg^t to be Lieu^t vice [John] Graham promoted d^o – Volun^r [Allan] M^cLean from the 2^d Light Infantry to be Ensign vice Grant d^o – Alex^r Innes Gentleⁿ to be Ensⁿ Vice [Alexander] M^cKenzie, dead of his Wounds, 21st Sept^r 1776...

71st Reg^t Cap^t L^t Sir Ja^s Baird to be Cap^t Vice [Charles] Cameron deceased. L^t John Graham from 42^d foot to be Cap^t L^t vice Sir Ja^s Baird promoted...

Source and Notes: "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadier.*" Ens. Mackenzie was mortally wounded at the battle of Harlem Heights on Sept. 16, 1776. Vol. M^cLean was serving in the 43rd Lt. Inf. Company in the 2nd Lt. Inf. Battalion when appointed Ensign

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Additional Company Officers and an Offer for a Second Battalion,
Edinburgh, Oct. 31, 1776**

My Lord

I was honored by your Lordships that Lord Robert Berkie had got the Troop and Colonel [William] Faucett the Government late [Gen. Charles] Lord Cadogans.

I beg leave to apprise your Lordship I am under the Same Obligation to your Lordship for reminding His Majesty of my poor Services, as if the Application had been Successful.

As soon as your Lordship orders of the 11th. Ins^t. was transmitted to me by my Agents, Sent what related to Cap^t. [Alexander] Donaldson at Fort Augustus, and Cap^t. [James] M^cPherson at Glasgow. I had given directions to them Sometime ago, to have their Respective Companies disciplined and to Exchange the recruiting parties in their turns to be Exercised. All the Additional Officers have been Sometime at their Stations, except Lieutenants [George] M^cKenzie and [John] Grant Recruiting, & Ensign Lord W^m Murray at Woolwich, Lieu^t. W^m Rose, who embarked with the Battalion at Greenock, was obliged to be put on Shore, as it was not thought he could undertake the Voyage, and Returned back to the Highlands, I have wrote to Cap^t. [Alexander] Donaldson that he joins him as soon as he is Able, and the only officer absent from the Battalion, and all compleat to a Man, and have the Satisfaction to Observe by the Royal Gazette of the 10th. Ins^t there was none killed of the Reg^t. under my Command, and very few others, which makes this Success the more Valuable, and hope Soon to hear of Gen^l [Sir William] Howes further Success. If your Lordship thinks a Second Battalion as was last War necessary at this time shall relay on your Lordships further Countenance and friendship. I have the honor to be with the Utmost Respect

My Lord

Edinburgh 31st. October 1776

Your Lordships most faithful and most obed^t Servant

John Murray

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. The "Troop" mentioned was the Second Troop of Horse Guards," a prestigious command where the Cornets ranked as Majors in the Army. The "Government" was the Governorship of the Garrison of Gravesend and Tilbury. The Royal Military Academy at Woolwich was established in 1741 to educate the military branch of the Board of Ordnance to produce officers for the Artillery and Engineers. Ens. Lord William Murray was one of 48 cadets in 1776.

**Letter from Lt. George MacKenzie, 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Regarding His Service, Nairdale, Nov. 1, 1776**

My Lord

Sir Robert Murray Keith did me the Honor last Season; To present your Lordship a Memorial in my behalf; proposing to Raise a Company; And now I find there is Some mention made of Further Levies; I Beg leave to remind Your Lordship of this [word hidden in binding] to acquaint that I am still in the Nation; Lord John Murray having found me usefull in Compleating his Regiment returned me from Greenock upon the Recruiting Service again

Your Lordship's great attention to your department and the justice you seem inclined to do, To Officers of all ranks who have Served their King & Country with reputation, Makes me Rely on Your Lordships promise of not being forgot, when an Opportunity offer'd; This I hope your Lordship will Forgive, and I have the Honor to be with the Greatest Respect

My Lord

Nairdale Near }

Dornoch 1st Nov^r 1776 }

Your Lordships most obedient and most humble Servant

Geo: MacKenzie Lieu^t

in the 42^d or Royal Highland Reg^t

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1776 at WO 1/992. Sir Robert Murray Keith had been the Col. Commandant of the 87th Regt. (Keith's Highlanders) during the Seven Years War. Lt. MacKenzie served as a lieutenant in that regiment from Oct. 1759 to the end of the war in 1763. Dornoch is on the east coast of Scotland on the Dornoch Firth, about 40 miles north of Inverness.

Excerpt of Letter from Capt. James M^cPherson, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt. to His Brother-in-Law, Duncan Campbell of Glenure, Reporting on American Campaign, Brenchyle, Nov. 8, 1776

Brenchyle 8th Nov^r. 1776

Dear Brother

... I am happy to hear that our friends in America are safe – I hope we shall soon hear of New York being in our hands and a total defeat of the Rebels which will put an end to the war – I hope soon to have the pleasure of seeing you – once my Winter Quarters are fixed I expect to have a little time to my self – I am Dear B^r.

Yours Sincerely
James M^cPherson

Source: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine* at GD170/1354/188.

Release from Lt. William Graham, 42nd Regt., to Capt. Graham of the Invalids, on Claim of Purchasing Vacant Company, New York, Nov. 12, 1776

Dated N. York 12th Nov^r 1776

My D^r Sir

Having ...acc^{ts} that my Trustees will not purchase a company for me, I think I am in Friendship bound to Acquaint you, that I will not stop Cap^t Macpherson at the regulated price and am therefore to Inform you that I quit all pretensions for that purchase and to advise you to get the company as soon as you can for James. I have given you the earliest intelligence of my resolutions, knowing that Loosing a few Months rank may hurt his future promotions.

I imagine it will be necessary to Transmitt this letter to Lord John [Murray] for his Perusal before anything can be done, I have been ill for some time with a fever & ague, but am now much better, James & my Brother are both very well, and are with the Grand Army 30 Miles from here towards N. England, as to News, I refer you to the news papers, but hope soon to give you all by word of Mouth, I need say no more as I believe you know my Intentions; my kindest comp^{ts} to M^s Graham must conclude and am My D^r Sir

Your ever Affectionate Nephew
/Signed William Graham

NB. The above letter sent to me [Gen. Murray] by Cap^t Alex. Donaldson, the original sent back to him.

Source and Notes: Lord John Murray Papers; *Bagshawe Family Muniments*, GB 0133 BAG; John Rylands University Library of Manchester; Manchester; UK (hereafter the Lord John Murray Papers). The recipient of this note is likely his uncle as he discusses "*James*" who is likely his cousin, Lt. James Graham. "*My Brother*" is Capt. Charles Graham of the 42nd Grenadier Co.

Excerpt of Report of Captured Men of the 71st Highland Regt., held in Massachusetts Including Vol. Alexander Home (Future Ens., 42nd Regt.), Dunstable, Nov. 14, 1776

Return of the commissioned officers, non commissioned officers & Privates Belonging to the Land army of Great Britain Nov 14 1776...
Captain Hamilton Maxwell

Dunstable...
Privates
Alex^r Home Volunteer
David Dewar Volunteer...
The above officers and privates belong to the 71st Highland Reg^t.

Source and Note: *Revolutionary Rolls*, Massachusetts Archives, Roll 8, f. 241a. Transcribed by Mr. Ed Brumby. Home was held as a prisoner of war until 1778.



Fort Augustus

Picture Source: *Sylvanus's Pictorial Handbook to the Scenery of the Caledonian Canal*, Thomas and Edward Gilks, John Johnstone, London, 1848, Google Books, p. 62.

**Request for Promotion from Lt. John Gregor, 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt.,
to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Fort Augustus, Dec. 2, 1776**

Fort Augustus 2^d Decem^r: 1776

My Lord

As Your Lordship has ever been the protector and patron of the old Soldier of fortune, hope your forgiveness in laying my case before you, and to request Your Lordships protection.

I have had the Honour of Serving in the Royal Highland Regiment in Germany and Flanders from the year 1743 to the Peace, and last War in the West Indies and America, And was present in every Action in which the Regiment was engaged Since it was Regimanted – I have been a Lieutenant above sixteen Years; and Adjutant for some years in America. Have sent to the regiment upwards of five Hundred men at different times –

I am now Lieutenant to Cap^t: [Alexander] Donaldsons first Additional Comp^y: of the Royal Highland Regiment. And hope my situation and case may merit Your Lordships Attention, As there are few older Soldiers of my Rank in the Service__

I have the Honor to be with the utmost respect

My Lord

Your Lordships Most Obedient And Most Humble Servant

John Gregor, Lieu^t

42^d OR Royal Highland Reg^t:

Viscount Barrington

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1776 at WO 1/992. Fort Augustus is located on the southwest end of Loch Ness, 33 miles southwest of Inverness. Gregor was formerly Sgt. Major of the regiment. His real name was MacGregor, but used Gregor because at the time of his initial commissioning, because the name MacGregor was proscribed.



Reproduction 7th or Royal Fuzileers Regt. Uniform Button

**Summary of Narrative of Prisoner of War Capt. Walter Home, 7th or Royal Fuzileers Regt.,
(Future Maj., 42nd Regt.), Lebanon, Pennsylvania, Approx. Dec. 4, 1776**

... On condition of being allowed to make choice of Reading in Pennsylvania for their residence he and others gave their parole. After remaining ten months at Reading, where they were frequently insulted, they were removed contrary to agreement to Lebanon, although it was previously known there was no accommodation for them in that place. The committee of that place wrote to Congress asking that they might be removed. On complaining of the insults and threats they received, the person who had charge of them answered that he was sorry for it, but durst not interfere lest he himself should be treated in the same manner. At last they were told they might be allowed choice of another place so long as it was not Reading or Lancaster. They replied to the effect that they had already been moved from the place of their choice and were determined neither to say nor sign anything until they were set down in a place where they could be accommodated and live like gentlemen. The person to whom this was addressed acknowledged that they were in the right. Being thus freed from the former parole their desire of taking active part in the service of their country made them attempt to make their escape. Their enemies, since that time, to vindicate themselves from the imputation of neglect, have thrown many illiberal and unjust reflections on them.

Source and Note: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. I, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1904, Google Books, p. 75. Document begins with introductory sentence: "*Narrative of Captain W. Home, Royal Fusiliers, of his treatment when prisoner.*" Capt. Home was likely captured in Canada, while serving with the 7th Regt. (Royal Fusiliers). The use of the spelling "*Fuzileers*" in the subject line is consistent with the Army List of 1776. Lebanon is about 90 miles northwest of Philadelphia.



Continental Brig *Andrew Doria* receiving a salute from the Dutch fort at St. Eustatius, West Indies, 16 November 1776, by Phillips Melville

Lady Mary MacLeod's Narrative of the Captivity of 42nd and 71st Regt. Officers, Wives and Servants from the Transports *Oxford* and *Crawford*, New York, May 29 – Dec. 18, 1776

Excerpts of a letter from New York, dated Dec. 18, 1776, from the Lady of Capt. _____ [Norman MacLeod of MacLeod] of the 71st regiment, to a friend in Scotland.

– We were unhappy enough, on 29th May, to fall in with a rebel-brigantine called the *Andrew* and *Doria*, [*Andrew Doria*] commanded by one Capt. Ruddle [Nicholas Biddle] of Rhode island. We had no manner of defense besides small arms, and this ship had sixteen carriage-guns, with five or six swivels, and about 180 marines and sailors. To make any resistance was thought madness: accordingly we [transport *Crawford* – 71st Regt.], and another transport [the *Oxford*] of the 42d, which was in the same defenceless situation, struck, and we were all taken prisoners in the midst of a very high rolling sea and boisterous weather. All the privates were put into one transport [*Oxford*] and all the officers into another [*Crawford*]. The waves were mountain-high that day. I looked every moment for some of the boats that conveyed the soldiers to the other to be swallowed up by the jaws; in the mean time, they brought both ships so close, that the one dashed against the other with such violence, that I imagined a few minutes would send us to the bottom of the deep. Thank Almighty God, we all escaped without any damage to either of the ships. My situation during this scene, you may readily conceive; for I cannot describe it, now that it is over; may Heaven protect me from such another, for it was *Horror! Horror!* such as I hope never more to experience. – We were at last, after being in the mercy of those fellows for a fortnight, relieved by the appearance of the Cerberus man of war, who again restored us to liberty. But it was momentary. The commander Capt. L_____s [John Symons] of the navy, absolutely refused to convoy us out of reach of the privateers that were hovering round the coast, and exposed us once more to the rebels. According to our fears, we were again picked up by a rebel-sloop [*Schylar*], who carried us ashore, and a few hours after we were carried to Long island. – Long island is very properly named: it is supposed to be 150 miles in length; I cannot know how wide; and is a most beautiful country. – We remained there for some days under a strong guard, till the rebels ordered us to New York, which is divided from Long island by an exceeding pretty river. The same river separates New York from the Jerseys; I forget its name. – We were transported in waggons, (most wretched machines indeed) to York ferry, to the house of a rebel-general, one [Nathaniel] Green, who had formerly been an ironmonger. Promotions in the rebel-army are sudden: nothing more common, than to see the man who makes shoes one day, marching at the head of a regiment the next: but indeed such a regiment as you ever saw, of wretched ragamuffians, destitute of food and raiment. But to return to our history: We passed the day at the general's. His lady, a most complete vixen, awkward, rude, and unpolished, had not the humanity to offer us any refreshment, or a bed to lie on, which we needed much. Some of the rebel-officers were so kind and compassionate as to conduct us to other lodgings, where we were more civilly treated. – We arrived next morning at this city, where a man that calls himself [Maj. Gen. William Alexander] *Lord Stirling* came and waited on us, to give us orders not to dare to set foot on the street without a guard: The ladies were here confined as well as gentlemen. Here Capt. _____ wrote you, &c. &c. and give them open to the congress. They could not be sent on any other terms; who promised to send them on board the *Asia* man of war with a flag, in order to be sent to Britain. – From New York we were sent up North river, about 100 miles, in a small sloop, subject to all the insolence of a rude guard of common soldiers, exulting over our distress. – We arrived at Sopas [Esopus] two days after we left York. This was the place of our destination; a most infernal hole! inhabited by Dutch people, who are the meanest, rudest, dirtiest hogs you ever saw. – We passed the summer in this hell, where we never saw a creature that we could speak to. – The gentlemen were upon parole, and had the liberty of six miles round the country; this was all the little recreation we had for tedious ten weeks. – When that expired, we were again transported, like felons further into the

country, to Morristown in New Jersey. We travelled 190 miles through the worst road I ever saw, in board jolting waggons, exposed to the sun, (which was then intolerably hot), without any cover, except a little shade from our umbrellas, which we had not strength to hold, we were so feeble with the heat. We found ourselves much more miserable at this last place, as the inhabitants were all English. But they were the most deluded people I ever saw: they imagined, that all the force of Europe would never conquer America. I believe by this time their dream of liberty is passed, and they are a little awakened. – The declaration of independence was read over the continent, with many demonstrations of joy: this the newspapers would inform you more particularly than I can. – In Morristown we remained about seven weeks, and then were ordered to go to Brunswick, to be exchanged; which was indeed a relief to us poor prisoners; but, alas we were disappointed. – After passing a fortnight at Brunswick, we were advised that the exchange would not take place. For that reason, and our *friend* [Rebel Brig. Gen. Alexander] Lord Stirling coming there with his rebel-brigade, with his usual politeness he ordered us away to a scattered village where there was no lodging tolerable even for a highland soldier. – We remained in this banishment for ten days, and then were ordered to Ridington [Pennington] in Pennsylvania, about 200 miles from this place where we were. This last order exasperated the gentlemen very much; I for my part, was not able to undertake such a journey in the carriages that were provided for us and the other lady, who had been taken with us, Mrs C____l [Campbell], was fully more unfit for such an expedition, Capt. _____ undertook to ask leave of General [George] Washington for Mrs C____l and me to come here ourselves, not expecting leave for any of the gentlemen: but this polite rebel had the discretion to allow the whole of us to come here together with a flag of truce, and trusted to General [Sir William] Howe's sending officers in their stead; which indeed he could easily do, having three prisoners to one that the rebels have. – The extravagance of this town is intolerable. – You can have no idea of it. At market a turkey or a good goose is sold at 14s. York, which is 7s. 6d. Sterling. Mutton is 8d. per lb.; beef 10d. and butter 5s. 6d. Cloathing is still higher in proportion. The profits that merchants exact at present on their goods is beyond measure. Taverns and ordinaries are still higher. Capt. _____ and I only dined and supped at one since we came here, and it cost us three guineas. Lodging and furniture are amazingly dear. Indeed, if the prices of things are not regulated, there will be no living at all in this country. The situation of this country is desperate. If something is not done for the relief of the poor sufferers, (such as have been friends to government), families that have lived in the greatest affluence, will be reduced to absolute poverty. – This instant five or six officers came running into the room to tell me, that infernal rebel [Maj.Gen. Charles] Lee is taken for certain, which gives us all joy that such a villain is in custody.

December 18. I will now finish this letter with telling you, that we have spent a most disagreeable half-year among the most deluded wretches that ever existed. They are not sensible of any favour or indulgence that is shewn them. I am still afraid of their contriving to set this town on fire again, for I believe them capable of any thing. Poor miserable wretches, they have ruined themselves, and ruined the country. I am confirmed in my bad opinion of them every day.

Source and Note: *The Scots Magazine*, April 1777, pp. 189-191. Capt. John Smith and Lt. Robert Franklin of the 42nd Regt. were two of the officers addressed in this article. Esopus is located about 95 miles north of New York City.

Excerpt of a Letter No. 36 from Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Reporting the Exchange of 42nd Regt. Officers, New York Dec. 18, 1776

N^o 36

New York 18th Decem^r 1776

My Lord...

The Exchange of Prisoners by Agreement with M^r Washington, has not been so generally complied with, as I had reason to expect, But the Officers and Men of the 7th & 26th Reg^{ts} are mostly returned, and several of those of the 42^d & 71st, Lieutenant Colonel [Archibald] Campbell with most of the Officers and Men taken with him are still detained, which may make it necessary for me to send an Officer purposely to remonstrate upon the Injustice of this Delay.

Right Hon^{ble} Lord George Germain
&^c &^c &^c

I have the Honor to be Your Lordship's
most faithful, and most Obedient Servant
W. Howe

Source Note: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. by Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, pp. 14-15 from TNA, CO5/94. The exchanged officers of the 42nd Regt. were Capt. John Smith and Lt. Robert Franklin, captured on the transport *Oxford*.



Reproduction 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

Promotion Orders for Ens. Hay Macdowal, 25th Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lieutenant in an Additional Company, 2nd Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland) Regt., New York, Dec. 21, 1776

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters New York Dec. 21st 1776...
Promotions received from the War Office...

71st Regiment, Additional Companies.

Ensign Hay M^cDowall, of 25th Regiment, to be Lieutenant } 1st Sept [1776]....

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers," Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books. Lt. Hay Macdowal was a future Capt. of 42nd Regt. and although assigned to the battalion in America, did not serve there. He transferred to the 2nd Bn. and served in India.

Secretary of State Notification of Ens. Hay Macdowal, 25th Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lieutenant in an Additional Company, 2nd Battalion, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot, London, Dec. 23, 1776

War Office 23rd Dec 1776

Gentlemen

His Majesty having signified his pleasure to me that Commissions be presented to him for the follow^g Gentⁿ. to be Officers as undem^d. Viz^t –

In the 1st Battalion of the 71st Reg^t. of Foot, Commanded by Major General Simon Fraser...

In the Second Battalion of the said Regiment...

Ensign Hay M^cDowall of 25th Foot to be Lieu^t 1st Sep^t 76...

I desire &c
Barrington

Secretaries to the R^t Honble
Lord George Germain

Source: TNA, *War Office Notification Books to the Secretary of State* at WO 25/147, p. 252.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War

Viscount Barrington, Forwarding a Return from the 42nd Regt., Banner Cross, Dec. 28, 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship have received a letter from Lieu^t. Colonel [Thomas] Stirling inclosing a Return, the first I have had Since the Royal Highland Reg^t. Sailed from Greenock, dated Camp at White Plains 31st. Oct^r: I case your Lordship has not yet got one, have inclosed an Extract. Beg permission of Sending my letters to America inclosed in your Lordships Pacquet, and under cover of Your Lordship at the War Office.

I beg leave most Sincerely to Wish Your Lordship the Compliments of the Season.
I have the honor to be with the Greatest Regard

My Lord

Banner cross
28th. Dec^r. 1776.

Your Lordships most faithfull and most obedient Serv^t.
John Murray

[Enclosure]

Extract Return 42^d. or Royal Highland Reg^t.
Dated Camp at White Plains 31st. October 1776.

All the Officers present Except Gen^l. L^d. J. M.
Cap^{ts}. {Duncan M^cPherson Major Wounded, at New York
{John M^cIntosh D^o D^o –

Ensign Alex^r. M^cKenzie died of his wounds 21st Sept^r. and Lieu^t. W^m Rose back sick after the Reg^t. Embarked, is in N. B. [North Britain or Scotland]

Promotions

Ensign Alex^r. Grant Lieu^t. vice Lieu^t John Graham promoted 27th. August 76 in 71 Reg^t.
Volunteer [Allan] M^cLean from 43. Ensign vice Grant D^o. date
D^o. Neill Stewart appointed Lieu^t. in Gen Delancys Corps.
D^o. Alex^r. Brodie appointed Ensign by purchase in 10th. foot.

N.B. One Cap^t. 2 Lieut^s. 1 Ensign & 2 Drums or Pipers 87 privates Prisoners with the Rebels.
Killed 1 Piper 5 Rank & file
Wounded 3 Serjeants 2 Pipers or Drums 63 Rank & file
Present fit for Duty 725 Rank & file
Sick in Camp 18. Sick in Hospitals 158. 3 Volunt: promoted
N.B. Many of the Sick have fluxes.

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. The prisoners mentioned were from Capt. Smith's Company on the transport *Oxford* captured initially by the Continental Brig *Andrew Doria* on May 29, 1776. The soldiers overcame the prize crew and sailed for Virginia, but were again captured by two Virginia gunboats off Jamestown. Capt. John Smith, Lt. Robert Franklin, Lt. Harry Munro and Ens. John Campbell were the officers from the *Oxford* held by the rebels at the time of this return. Maj. M^cPherson, Capt. M^cIntosh and Ens. Mackenzie were all wounded in the heavy fighting at the Battle of Harlem Heights on Sept. 16, 1776. Unlike British regiments which were authorized two fifers in the grenadier company, the 42nd Regt. was authorized two pipers. The report may be in error regarding the Provincial unit for Vol. Neill Stewart. A Lt. of that name was commissioned in the King's Orange Rangers on Dec. 31, 1776.

**Promotion Order for Lt. Hay Macdowal, 2nd Battalion, 71st Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.),
London, Dec. 31, 1776**

War-Office, December 31, 1776...

71st Regiment of Foot, 2d Battalion...

Ditto, Ensign Hay M^cDowall, of 25th Regiment, to be Lieutenant.

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 28-31, 1776, p. 1.

**Excerpt of Listing of British Prisoners Held by the Rebels, Including Officers from
Capt. John Smith's Company, 42nd Regt., New York, 1776**

Return of Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, Drummers, Rank & File, of the Following Corps
Prisoners with the Rebels ...

Total

1 L^t. Col., 2 Majors, 13 captains, 22 Lieutenants, 5 Ensigns, 49 Serjeants, 19 Drummers, 780 rank
& File...

Regiments
42^d

Officers Rank & Names...
Captain [John] Smith
Lieu^t [Harry] Munro
Lieu^t [Robert] Franklin
Ensign [John] Campbell...

Source and Note: *Frederick Mackenzie Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan, transcribed by Todd Braisted. The 42nd Regt. officers listed had been captured on the transport *Oxford* on May 29, 1776 by the *Continental Brig Andrew Doria*.

**Exchange of 7th or Royal Fusileers Regt. Prisoners of War (Likely Including Capt. Walter Home,
(Future Maj., 42nd Regt.), New York, Dec. 29, 1776**

New York, Dec. 30

On Sunday last [Dec. 29], the 7th regiment of foot, which was taken at St. John's...marched into town, having been exchanged for rebel-prisoners."

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, February 1777, p. 81. Capt. Walter Home, a prisoner of war and future Major of the 42nd Regt., was likely exchanged here. The use of the spelling "*Fusileers*" in the subject line is consistent with the Army List of 1776.

1777

Incorrect News Announcement of Brevet Promotion for Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling,

LONDON, Jan. 2...

Lieut. Colonel Sterling, who commanded the highland regiment at the taking of Fort Washington, is advanced to the rank of Colonel.

Source and Note: *Newcastle Courant*, Jan. 11, 1777, p. 2. Contrary to this report, the annual Army Lists of the period report Stirling's date of rank of Col. "*in the army*" as Aug. 19, 1779.



A Plan of the Town of Newport in Rhode Island. London: Faden, 1777

Picture Source: Lib. of Congress, Geography and Maps Div., Wash. D. C.

**Orders for Exchanged British Prisoners to Serve Under Released Officers,
Including Lt. Harry Munro, 42nd Regt., Rhode Island, Feb. 8, 1777**

Given by Earl Percy...
8th February [1777]

The men who arrived in the Cartel yesterday are during their stay to be under the Command of the Officers, who came with them. Lieu^t Munro 42^d regiment will apply to Major [John] Innes [Royal Artillery], for Arms, cartridge boxes and Ammunition...

Source and Note: *General Orders Rhode Island December 1776 – January 1778*, Ed. Don Hagist, Heritage Books, Westminister (MD) 2007, pp. 1, 3-4, 12, 21-23, 25-26, and 29-30. Lt. Munro was captured on the transport *Oxford* with Capt. Smith's Co. in May 1776. He was exchanged at Rhode Island for a captured American Officer.



Reproduction 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

Promotion Order for Capt. Lt. John Graham, 71st Highland Regt., (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),

to be Captain of 2nd Additional Company, 1st Battalion, New York, Mar. 16, 1777

Head Quarters New-York March 16th 1777...

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

71st Reg^t

Cap^t Lieut: John Graham to be Cap^t of an add^l Company } d^o [10th Mar 77]...

Source: "Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble"

Promotion Orders for Ens. Hay Macdowal, 25th Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Lieutenant of Additional Company of the 2nd Battalion, 71st Highland Regt., New York, Mar. 17, 1777

Head Quarters New York March 17th 1777...

Promotions rec^d from ye. War Office...

Additional Companies 71st Reg^t...

2nd Battⁿ...

Lieut^s... Hay McDowall 25th f^t

1st Sept^r...

Source and Notes: "Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble." This order was a duplicate to an order issued Dec. 31, 1776. The word "ye" is a short hand spelling for "the" using the old character "y" or "thorn" in lieu of the letters "th".

Excerpt of Letter from Brig. Gen. Hon. Alexander Leslie to David Leslie, 6th Earl of Leven, Regarding Major of Brigade Archibald Erskine (Capt., 42nd Regt.), Staten Island, Mar. 18, 1777

Brunswick 18th March 1777

My D^r Brother

... Sir W Erskine you must know is Q M^r General, and in high station, he is an exceedingly good Officer, and his employment if he attends properly ought to emprove his Finances, Captⁿ Erskine is his Brigade Major....

Source: NRS, *Papers of the Leslie family, Earls of Leven and Melville* at GD26/9/513/9. Transcribed by Mr. Ed Brumby.

Letter from Ens. Lord William Murray, 42nd Regt., to William Robertson, Younger of Lude, Discussing Plans for American Voyage, Westcombe, England, Apr. 4, 1777

Westcomb April 4th 1777

My Dear Robertson

I received your obliging letter yesterday morning. I was a little surprised to find you was not sailed. I hope we shall meet in America and tho I have hitherto been I must own very thoughtless to lay no worse yet I intend for the future my behaviour shall be such as to make my acquaintance [illeg.] Anybody, you must take this letter as a double compliment this morning as I have got up a whole half hour before my usual time to write it. I am this moment setting out for Plymouth I go with [Lt.] General [Henry] Clinton, as yet I don't know the name of the ship [*HMS Liverpool*]. I thought you would find Chatham a very agreeable place by what I have heard of it. Your letter has been universally admired it has been read over and over by the whole family. I am very sorry you was disappointed in going last embarkation. I suppose you heard I had a disappointment of much the same sort at Portsmouth. Lady Amelia Jane & Mary desire to be remembered to you also George Harry & Charles. My sister & Mum send their Comp^{ts} I would write more but have no time as the [illeg.] Is ready.

Farewell & believe me your ever affectionate etc

W^m Murray

Source and Note: NRS, *Papers of Robertson Family of Lude, Perthshire* at GD132/790. Transcribed by Mr. Ed Brumby. Ens. Lord William Murray was the younger brother of the 4th Duke of Atholl. Westcombe is about half way between London (118 miles WSW) and Plymouth (105 miles, WNW).

**Muster of Lt. Infantry Company, 2nd Battalion, 71st Highland Regt. Lists Vol. Kenneth Callander
(Later Lt., 42nd Regt.), Brunswick, New Jersey, Apr. 23, 1777**

His Majestys 71 st Regiment of foot Commanded by Maj General Simon Fraser			
Trans ^d to the Batt. 1 April 1777		George Munro Captain...	
abs ^t . by leave		Ken ^h Calender	} Vol ^r ...
D ^o .		David Arnot	
Brunswick 23 April 1777 –			
... Ja ^s . G: Baird Cap ^m ...			

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Gen. Muster Books and Pay Lists*, 71st Regt. at WO 12/7487. Capt. Sir James Baird assumed command of the Lt. Infantry Company Apr. 1, 1777. Callander was commissioned Ens., 42nd Regt. effective Aug. 3, 1778. David Arnott was commissioned Ens., 57th Regt., in 1778.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Apr. 24, 1777

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters New York 24th April 1777...

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

42^d Reg^t

Ensign Alex^r M^cLeod to be Lieu^t vice [William] Graham who retires for the } 22^d April 1777

Value of his Ensigncy

[Serjeant] James Sterling Gent; to be Ensign by Purchase vice M^cLeod } D^o
promoted

Source and Notes: "Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble." See also TNA, *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, f. 188. Lt. William Graham, the son of the late Lt. Col. Gordon Graham, retired when the trustees of his father's estate refused to forward him the money to purchase a company in the regiment because they thought he was too young. Graham indicated he would refuse to remain in the regiment if a junior lieutenant was promoted over his head. He had not purchased his lieutenantcy and accordingly could only sell his Ensigncy, which had been purchased. Ens. M^cLeod died on May 15, 1780 when an arms storage vault exploded in Charleston S. C. Sgt. Stirling was serving as Quartermaster to the provisional 2nd Battalion.

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments by Company and Changes for the Period Dec. 25, 1775 to
Dec, 24, 1776, from Musters at Piscataway, New Jersey, Apr. 30, 1777**

[Gen. Lord Murray's Company]

...Kings Leave Lord Cornwallis's Leave Promoted in 71 st 23 ^d August 1776 Commission dated 23 ^d ditto 76 Dead 21 st Sep ^r 76 Commission dated 21 st Sep ^r 76	General Lord John Murray Colonel & Captain Capt ⁿ Lieu ^t John M ^c Intosh Lieu ^t John Graham Lieu ^t Alex ^r Grant on Duty En ⁿ Alex ^r M ^c Kenzie En ⁿ Alex ^r Innes
Resigned 19 th March 1776 Commission dated 20 March 76 Lord Cornwallis's Leave Resigned 19 th March 76 Commission dated 20 th March 76	Chaplain James M ^c Laggan Adjutant John M ^c Intosh Hugh Fraser Adjutant Q ^r Master William Graham Colin Smith Q ^r Master Surgeon Alex ^r Potts Mates } Will ^m Robertson } Alex ^r Stewart ...

[Lt. Col. Stirling's Company]

	Sick	Thomas Stirling	Lieutenant Colonel
		Valentine Chisholm	} Lieutenants
		Patrick Graham	}
Commission Dated 31 st Jan ^y 1776		Gavin Drummond	Ensign ...

[Maj. Murray's Company]

		William Murray	Major
		John M ^c Donald	} Lieutenants
		John Rutherford	}
		Robert Rollo	Ensign...

[Brevet-Maj. Grant's Company]

		William Grant	Capt ⁿ / Major/
		Norman M ^c Leod	} Lieutenants
		Robert Reid	}
Resigned 23 ^d February 1776		George Dalrymple	}
Commission dated 23 ^d D ^o D ^o		George Dalrymple	} Ensigns
Promoted 23 ^d D ^o D ^o		John Spens	}
Commission dated 23 ^d D ^o D ^o			}

[Capt. Erskine's Company]

The Com ^r in Chiefs leave		Arch ^d Erskine	Captain
		Alex ^r Munro	} Lieutenants
		Will ^m Stewart	}
Promoted 24 th March 77	Transferred to Grenadiers	Alex ^r M ^c Leod	} Ensigns
Com ⁿ dated 24 th April 77		James Stirling	}

[Capt. Smith's Company]

		John Smith	Captain
		Robert Franklin	Lieutenant
		Hary Munro	Lieutenant
		John Campbell	Ensign

[Brevet-Maj. M^cPherson's Company]

		Duncan M ^c Pherson	Captain / Major
		John Robertson	} Lieutenants
		James Crammond	}
The Commander in Chiefs Leave		Alexander Grant	} Ensigns
Promoted 23 ^d Aug ^t 1776	transferred to Generals Company	Allan M ^c Lean	}
Commission Dated 23 ^d August 1776			}

[Capt. Grant's Company]

Promoted 20 th March 1776	in 53 ^d Foot	Earl Balcarris	} Captains
Commission Dated 20 th D ^o D ^o		Charles Grant	}
Promoted 20 th D ^o D ^o		Charles Grant	} Lieutenants
Commission Dated 20 th D ^o D ^o		James Campbell	}
Resign ^d 22 ^d Jan ^y D ^o		James Cameron	}
Commission dated 23 rd Ditto	D ^o Sick in Brittan	Will ^m Rose	}
Promoted 20 th March D ^o		James Campbell	} Ensigns
Commission Dated 20 th D ^o D ^o		David Crawford	} ...

[Grenadier Company – mustered at “*Brunswick 30th April 1777*”]

		Charles Graham	Captain
		John Peebles	} Lieutenant
Resigned 25 th April 1777		William Graham	}
Resigned 5 th March 1776		John Grant	}
Commission dated 6 th March 1776	Sick	Hary Gilchrist	}...

[Light Infantry Company]

		George M ^c Kenzie	Cap ^t
		James Graham	}
		Robert Potts	} Lieu ^{ts}

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry*, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776 at WO 12/5478. The Lt. John Grant who resigned from the Grenadiers is John Grant of Rippachie.



Reproduction 57th Regt. Uniform Button

**Promotion Order for Lt. James Graham, 42nd Regt. to a Company in the 57th Regt.,
New York, May 9, 1777**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters New York 9th May 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions
57th Reg^t...

Lieut. James Graham of the 42^d Reg^t to be Captⁿ vice [Robert] Rollo by Purchase } ditto [May 8, 1777]

Source and Note: "Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble." This Capt. Rollo, who retired, should not be confused with Lt. Robert Rollo of the 42nd Regt. however, they may be related as Ens. Rollo of the 42nd took Graham's Lieutenancy in the 42nd as part of this transaction (see May 22nd order below).

**Promotion Announcement for Capt. Lt. John Graham, 1st Battalion, 71st Highland Regt.
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Captain of Additional Company, London, May 13, 1777**

War-Office, May 13, 1777...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant John Graham to be Captain of an Additional Company."

Source: *London Gazette*, May 13-17, 1777, pp. 2-3.

Promotion Order for Ens. Robert Rollo, 42nd Regt., to be Lieutenant, New York, May 22, 1777

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters New York 22^d May 1777

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions
42^d Regiment

Ensⁿ Rob^t Rollo to be Lieut: by purchase vice [James] Graham Preferred } 8th May 1777...

Source and Note: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble Deputy Adjutant General 29 January 1777 – 20 June 1777*, New York State Library, Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agents
Anderson & Richardson, Regarding Commissions, Piscataway, New Jersey, May 28, 1777**

Piscataway 28th May 1777

Gentlemen

Inclose you a Blank Commission of an Ensigny vice [Robert] Rollo Preferred by purchase from Lieu^t James Graham who has Bo^t a Company in the 57th Reg^t As purchasers are difficult to be found in this Country, the Commander in Chief takes this Method to indulge Such as have Transactions of that

kind, you will therefore be so good as look out for a purchaser (being a North Britain) as I make no doubt Capt. Graham's father will likewise, and when found Lord John Murray will be acquainted of it, and approved of by him, or in his absence by the Secretary of War, for the time being, and incase one cannot be found, who will give the regulated price down you may make an agreement in writing with the purchaser to Stop the pay from date of Commission, until the value is Lodged in your hands, or some endemnification to Captain Graham, who is accountable for that Amount, and incase you find a approved of purchaser as above who will pay the Money down you will deduct the Interest for the Same at the Rate of 5 P^rC^t from date Commission to the time the money is received.

I am &c Signed *Thomas Stirling*

P.S. you will inform me so soon as }
a purchaser is found, his name &c }

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers* in the Bagshawe Muniments Part V, John Rylands Library, Manchester Univ. (hereafter the *Lord John Murray Papers*.)

Promotion Order for Ens. John Campbell, 42nd Regt., to be Lieutenant, New York, May 31, 1777

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters New York 31st May 1777...

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

42^d Regim^t

Ens ⁿ John Campbell to be L ^t by purchase vice	} 31 st May 1777
[Valentine] Chisolm who retires	} ...

Source and Notes: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble Deputy Adjutant General 29 January 1777 – 20 June 1777*, New York State Library, Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. Lt. Chisholm retired for medical reasons. John Campbell was one of the officers exchanged a few months earlier after being taken by the rebels on the transport *Oxford* in May 1776. Based on a statement in Lt. John Peebles' notebook, a number of secondary accounts incorrectly indicate Lt. Chisholm was a Capt. Lt. at the time of his retirement for medical reasons. As clearly shown in this order, Chisholm was still a lieutenant when he left the regiment.

Letter from Capt. Robert Mackenzie, Secretary to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander in Chief, North America, to Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., Correcting Commission Dates, New York, June 1, 1777

Sir

New York 1 June 1777

I have the honor to send you the inclosed Commission of an Ensigncy vice [John] Campbell preferred 31 May 1777 which you will be pleased to forward the Agent that he may find purchaser approved by the Colonel or in his absence by Secretary at war for the time being, Directing the Agent / provided the Regulated price is not given / to detain the pay by a signed Agreement on the part of the purchaser from date of Commission untill the Value is Lodged in his hands, as some indemnification to the person who is accountable for that amount and in case the full Sum should be deposited to deduct Interest for the Same at the rate of 5 P^rC^t per annum to the time of the Money being received.

I am with respect &c
Rob^t Mackenzie

Lieu^t Colonel Stirling Commanding the 42^d Reg^t

(Sent to me [Gen. Murray] by [Regt. Agent] Mess^r [Alexander] Anderson)

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.

Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agents Alexander Anderson & George Richardson, Regarding a Blank Commission, New York, June 1, 1777

Copy L^t. Co^l Stirling to Mess^{rs}. Anderson & Richardson dated New York 1st June 1777
Gent^m

I send you inclosed a Blank Commission for an Ensigny in the room of John Campbell who has purchased from L^t Val: Chisolm. you will therefore please look out for a purchaser being a North Britain, I inclose you the Secretarys letter for your conduct in that affair only you will Observe that as Ensign Campbell when he purchased took the whole upon himself, by giving bill upon his father, John Campbell Esq^t of Aslignish by Inverary for the full price; you will in Some Measure attend to his consent, in filling up the blank with regard to the money ...I wrote you likewise two days ago, relative to the Reg^{tall} Bussiness which I hope you will receive. I am &c

Thomas Stirling

Anderson & Richardson

Source and Note: *Lord John Murray Papers*. At this time, Scotland was often called North Britain.



Reproduction 57th Regt. Uniform Button

Promotion Order for James Graham (Future Lt. in 42nd Regt.) to be Ensign in the 57th Regt., New York, June 6, 1777

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters New York 6th June 1777...

57th Regim^t...

James Graham Gent to be Ensⁿ by Purchase vice [Edward] Thornhill by Purchase } 9th Jan^y 76

Source and Note: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble Deputy Adjutant General 29 January 1777 – 20 June 1777*, New York State Library, Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. Because Graham is referred to as a Gentleman, he was likely in Scotland at the time of the commission and not a Volunteer with the Army.

Court Martial Record Showing Illness of Capt. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., Brunswick, June 13, 1777

Brunswick, 11th June 1777

The Court having met according to Adjournment, Adjourned till tomorrow at 9 o'Clock. 12th June 1777.
The Court having met according to Adjournment, proceeded to the trial of Samuel Smith private Soldier in his Majesty's 55th Regiment Accused of Desertion....

13th June 1777.

The Court met according Adjournment, and Capt: Graham of the 42nd Reg^t. having been taken ill Capt: [John] Nixon of the 49th Regt. was Sworn as a Member in his room, after which the court proceeded in the Trial of the Prisoner Samuel Smith...

Source and Note: TNA, *Judge Advocate General's Office: Courts Martial Proceedings, 55th Regt.* at WO 71/84. This record likely shows the beginning of the illness that prevented Capt. Graham from sailing with the 42nd Grenadier Co. in mid-July for the Philadelphia Campaign. He rejoined the Grenadiers about Oct. 18, 1777.

**Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., Designated as a Brigade Commander for
New Jersey Campaign, Brunswick Camp, June 13, 1777**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Brunswick Camp 13th June 1777

Order of March for the Division to be under the Command of Lieu^t Gen^l [Charles] Earl Cornwallis & Major Gen^l [James] Grant...

Brig^{de} under L^t Col^l Sterling with 2 Howtize^s & 2. 6 p^{rs} 33^d & 2 Batt^{ns} 42^d Regim^t –

Source and Notes: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble Deputy Adjutant General 29 January 1777 – 20 June 1777*, New York State Library, Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. This order represents the first brigade command assignment for Lt. Col. Stirling, 42nd Regt. The abbreviation "p^{rs}" is short for "pounders" the unit of measure for cannon projectiles based on the weight of the cannonball.

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments and Changes by Company from Musters at Philadelphia,
Dec. 25, 1776 to June 24, 1777**

[General Lord Murray's Company]

...Kings Leave Promoted 5 th October	General Lord John Murray John M ^c Intosh Alex ^r Munro Alex ^r Innes	Colonel & Captain Captain Lieutenant Lieutenant Ensign
Promoted to General Hospital 13 th Septem ^r 77	James M ^c Laggan Hugh Fraser Colin Smith Alex ^r Potts William Robertson } Alex ^r Stewart } ...	Chaplain Adjutant Q ^r Master Surgeon Mates

[Lt. Col. Stirling's Company]

Retired 31 st May 1777 Rec ^d from Cap ^t Smiths Comp ^y 31 st May 1777 Promoted 5 th Oct ^r 1777	Thomas Stirling Valentine Chisolm } Robert Franklin } George Dalrymple } Gavin Drummond }	Lieutenant Colonel Lieutenants Ensign...
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[Maj. Murray's Company]

Promoted in 27 th Regiment 5 th October 1777 Promoted in Provincial Corps 11 th Novem ^r 77 Promoted 22 ^d May 77 Transferred to Capt ⁿ M ^c Phersons Company From Additional 22 ^d May & Transferred to Capt ⁿ Grants 27 th Sept ^r 1777	William Murray John M ^c Donald } John Rutherford } Robert Rollo } Lord W ^m Murray }	Major & Captain Lieutenant Ensigns
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[Maj. Grant's Company]

Removed to the Invalids 18 th March 1778 Promoted 22 ^d April 1777 and Transfer ^d to Capt ⁿ Cha ^s Grants Company Commission dated 22 ^d April 1777	William Grant Norman McLeod } William Stewart } Alex ^r M ^c Leod } James Stirling }	Captain (Major) Lieutenant Ensigns ...
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[Capt. Erskine's Company]

duty as Brigade Major Transferred to Grenad ^{rs} 5 Oct ^r 77 Transf ^d to Cap ^t Smith 25 June 77	Archibald Erskine Patrick Graham } Hary Gilchrist } David Crawford	Captain Lieutenants Ensign
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[Capt. Smith's Company]

Transf ^d to C ^t Grants	22 ^d May 77	John Smith	Captain
Rec ^d f ^m C ^t Dun M ^c Phersons	22 nd May	Harry Munro	} Lieut ^s
Transf ^d to L ^t Col ^s	31 st d ^o 77	James Crammond	}
Commission dated	31 st d ^o 77	Rob ^t Franklin	}
Promoted	31 st d ^o 77	John Campbell	}
		John Campbell	Ens ⁿ ...

[Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson's Company]

		Dun ⁿ M ^c Pherson	Captain / Major
		John Robertson	} Lieutenant
Transferred to Captain Smiths	22 nd May 77	James Crammond	}
Received from Majors	22 nd May 77	Robert Rollo	}
Transferred to Captain Grahams	22 nd May 77	Allan M ^c Lean	} Ensign
Commission Dated 22 nd May in Brittain	Not Joined	Alex ^r M ^c Gregor	} ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

		Charles Grant	Captain
Received from Capt ⁿ Smiths Co ^y	22 ^d May 1777	Harry Munro	}
Transf ^d to Additional Comp ^y	25 th D ^o	William Rose	}
Received from Ditto	22 th May 1777 Retired 27 th Sep ^r	Dougal Campbell	} Lieutenants
Transf ^d to the Grenadiers	22 ^d April	James Campbell	}
Rec ^d from Capt ⁿ W ^m Grants	22 ^d April and Transf ^d to L ^t Infantry	Alex ^r M ^c Leod	}
Promoted	11 th Nov ^r 1777	John Spens	Ensign ...

[Grenadier Company – mustered Feb. 9, 1778]

		Charles Graham	Captain
Promoted 5 th October 1777		John Peebles	}
Retir ^d 22 ^d Ap ^l 1777		William Graham	} Lieu ^{ts}
Duty		Alex ^r Grant	}
From Cap ^t Grants 22 ^d Ap ^l 1777	Sick	James Campbell	} ...

[Light Infantry Company – mustered Feb. 23, 1778]

		George M ^c Kenzie	Captain
Promoted in 57 th Reg ^t	22 ^d May 77	James Graham	}
		Robert Potts	} Lieu ^{ts}
Exchanged to 5 th Foot	7 Oct ^r	Thomas Lyttleton	}
From Maj McPherson's	22 nd May	Alex ^r M ^c Leod	}...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists*, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776 at WO 12/5479. The musters were taken at Philadelphia on Mar. 28, 1778.

News Account Showing Absence of Regimental Chaplains and Surgeons' Mates, New York, July 1, 1777

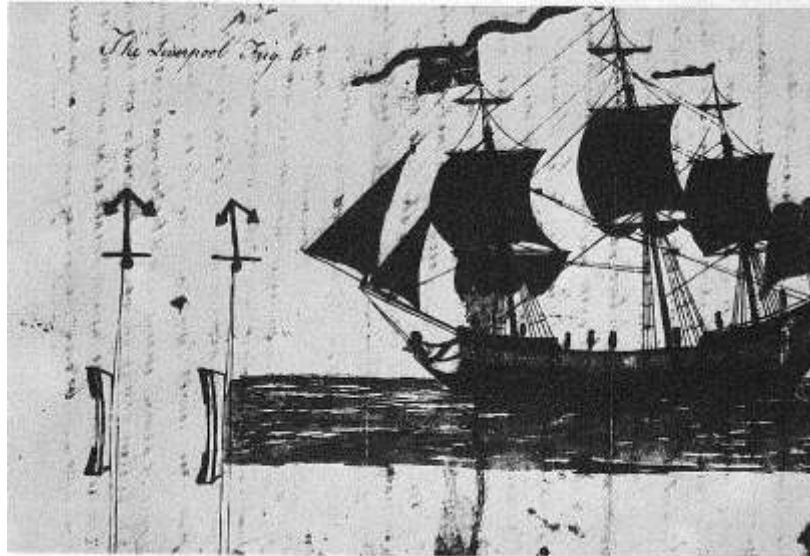
DUBLIN, DECEMBER 10...

It is remarkable, that by the return of the British forces in America, July 1, 1777, out of *forty* chaplains, that ought to have been with the 40 several corps, there were but *eight* then present; and those belonged to the foot guards, the 7th, 10th, 15th, 26th, 33d, 42d regiments [Chap. James M^cLagan], and 1st battalion of marines: but on the return of the 13th of October following, the chaplains of the 10th and 15th were withdrawn also, and there were but three chaplains present in the camp of General [Sir William] Howe, at Philadelphia. Surely the duty must be very heavy on the remaining chaplains - - - if they did their duty.

Although our administration took so little care of the souls of our soldiers, as to permit *thirty-two* chaplains to be absent, out of *forty*, one might expect some more regard should have been paid to the sick and wounded bodies of our troops; and yet, by the return on the 1st of July, 1777, we find, that the surgeons of the 2d battalion of the 60th, of the 4th battalion of the same, and of the 2d brigade of the

marines, were absent. The 15th, 17th, 26th, 46th 55th regiments, and the 2d battallion of the Royal Highland Emigrants, had no surgeon's mates.

Source and Note: *Dublin Evening Post*, Dec. 10, 1778, p. 3. Although the 42nd Regt. is mentioned as having a chaplain present, Rev. James McLagan returned to Scotland by 1780 to work on a Gaelic –English Dictionary.



Sketch of Frigate *Liverpool*, 1776, by Jerimiah Riley

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from *Naval Documents of The American Revolution, American Theatre: Dec. 8, 1775 – Feb. 18, 1776*, Vol. 3, Ed. Clark, William Bell, Clark, Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC, 1968, p. 1339.

News Account of Arrival of Ens. Lord William Murray, 42nd Regt., on *HMS Liverpool*, New York, July 5, 1777

NEW-YORK, July 7...

Saturday last the Liverpool Frigate, Capt. Balow, arrived here from England in 8 Weeks, and brought over Sir Henry Clinton, Lord Thomas P. Clinton, Lord Rawdon, Lord Wm. Murray, Capt. Drummond, and Capt. Emmerick.

Source and Note: *The New-York Gazette and the Weekly Mercury*, July 7, 1777. The article was also carried in *The Royal American Gazette* (New York), July 10, 1777. Lord William Murray was the younger brother of the Duke of Atholl and had been at the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich. The "*HMS*" (or His Majesty's Ship) convention is used in this volume to designate warships in the title of articles. The abbreviation came into use about 1790.

Letter from Maj. William Murray, 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agents Anderson and Richardson, to Forward his Pay to his Brother, New York July 11, 1777

New York 11 July 1777

Gentlemen

Twenty days after [illegible] Please pay to Mungo Murray Esq or order the sum of One Hundred and Four Pounds Thirteen shillings Ster^s being my Substance as Major from the 25th Dec^r 1776 to the 24th June 1777 both days inclusive and you will oblige

Your Humble Servant

Will^m Murray

Major 42nd Reg^t

To Messrs Anderson and Richardson
Lothbugh London

Source and Note: National Archives of Scotland, *Murray of Lintrose Papers* at GD68/2/73 104-13-0. Mungo Murray of Lintrose was Maj. Murray's older brother. Lintrose was an estate about twelve miles northeast of Perth.

**Excerpt of Letter from Brig. Gen. Hon. Alexander Leslie to David Leslie, 6th Earl of Leven,
Regarding Major of Brigade Archibald Erskine (Capt., 42nd Regt.), Staten Island, July 17, 1777**

Staten Island 17th July

My Dr Brother...

I am next to the command of a Brigade of the Grenadiers Being I suppose a N:B: [North Britain] Arch^d Erskine is my Maj^r of Brigade...

Remember me to my Lady and all friends, I intended giving you something more back I'm sent for to York

Yours sincerely
A L

Source and Notes: NRS, *Papers of the Leslie family, Earls of Leven and Melville* at GD26/9/513/7. Transcribed by Ed Brumby. "North Britain" was a common term for Scotland during this period. Maj. of Brigade Erskine had previously been in a brigade under the command of Brig. Gen. Sir William Erskine.

**Promotion Announcement for Ens. Robert Rollo and Ens. John Campbell, 42nd Regt.,
London, July 22, 1777**

War-Office, July 22, 1777...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Robert Rollo to be Lieutenant, vice James Graham.

Ditto, Ensign John Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Valentine Chisholme.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 19-22, 1777, pp. 1-2. Chisholm retired for medical reasons. He is often incorrectly referred to as a Capt. Lieutenant.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. James Graham, 42nd Regt., to a 57th Regt. Company,
London, July 29, 1777**

War-Office, July 29 [1777]...

57th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant James Graham, of the 42d Regiment, to be Captain, vice Robert Rollo."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 26-29, 1777, p. 1. This Capt. Rollo should not be confused with Lt. Robert Rollo of the 42nd Regt.

War Office Brevet Promotion List for 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Aug. 29, 1777

List of Officers serving in America, who were Promoted by Brevet the 29th August 1777...

To be Lieut. Generals in the Army

Major Generals	Sir Henry Clinton
	John Burgoyne
	Earl Cornwallis...

To be Lieut. Colonels

Majors...	William Murray	of 42 ^d Foot...
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John M ^c Donnell	71 st d ^o
William Grant	42 ^d d ^o ...
Normand Lamont	71 st d ^o
Duncan M ^c Pherson	42 ^d d ^o ...

<u>To be Majors</u>	
Captains...	James M ^c Pherson 42 ^d ...
	Alexander Ross 71 st ...

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, pp. 12-13 (ff. 6-6V). Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson was commanding the 2nd Additional Company, recruiting in Scotland. Although a Brevet-Lt. Colonel, Duncan M^cPherson still ranked as a junior Captain in the 42nd Regt. The document is also filed in the *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers* at PRO 30/55/6/653(1) p. 227.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, Approving Expenses of Lt. John Grant, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 2, 1777

W.O. 2^d Septem^r 1777

Gentlemen,

See p. 389 Lieut. John Grant of the 42^d (or Royal Highland) Reg^t of Foot having been employ'd to conduct the Recruit Drafts from the Additional Companies of the said Corps to N^o America, I am to signify to you The King's Pleasure that you do pay to him for his Passage to and return from N^o. America, on the Recruiting Service, the Sum of Twenty five Pounds, & charge the same to the Non Effective Account of the 42^d Regiment. You are likewise to pay to him the further Sum of Nine Guineas for extraordinary Expenses incurred by him on the above Service, agreeable to the Account hereunto annexed, which Sum of Nine Guineas you are in the next Contingent Bill of the Regiment where it will be admitted.

I am

Mess^{rs} Anderson and
Richardson

Gentlemen &c
Barrington

Source and Notes: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters* at WO 4/101, pp. 377-378. Lt. Grant is John Grant, later "*of Auchendown*." He escorted about 170 recruits to join the regiment in America before the Philadelphia campaign.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. Approving Expenses of Lt. John Grant, London, Sept. 9, 1777

War Office 9th Sept^r 1777

My Lord,

See p. 377. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 3^d instant, and in answer thereto am to acquaint you, that L^t John Grant on his coming to Town, applied to me for some allowance in consideration of the Expence of his passage to and from America.

I accordingly gave direction to the Agent to pay him the Sum of twenty five pounds, for his Passage, and the further Sum of Nine Guineas, being the actual expence incurred previous to his Embarkation, and informed L^t Grant of these directions previous to the receipt of your Lordship's Letter.

With respect to Ensign [Alexander] Stewart, if he has been put to any extraordinary Expences in going to and returning from Corke [Ireland], I apprehend the Duke of Argyle, who ordered him on that Service, will be properest person to take them into consideration.

Any arrangement your Lordship may think proper to make in consequence of Ensign Stewart's application for leave to join the Battalion in America, I shall have no objection to.

Right Honble
General Lord John Murray
Bannercross
Near Sheffield

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c
Barrington

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters* at WO 4/100, p. 389. Lt. Grant is John Grant, later "*of Auchendown*." He travelled to America escorting recruits for the regiment there. "*The Agent [s]*" are Regimental agents Anderson & Richardson. Ensign Stewart joined the regiment in America in 1778. The Duke of Argyll was the Commander of British Forces in Scotland.



Birmingham Meetinghouse used as Hospital after Battle of Brandywine

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from National Park Service

**Orders Transferring Surg. Alexander Potts, 42nd Regt., to the General Hospital,
Heights of Brandywine, Pennsylvania, Sept. 12, 1777**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Camp on the Field of Battle, On the Heights of Brandywine, 12th Sept. 1777.

Evening, Gun firing...

Surgeon Alexander Potts, of the 42^d Regiment, [is removed to the General Hospital.]

Source and Notes: "The Kemble Papers", Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books (*The Kemble Papers*). This assignment occurred the day after the Battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania and likely reflected the need for surgeons to treat the wounded from the battle. The bracketed words at the end of the order are as shown in the source.

**Promotion Order for Surgeon's Mate Dr. William Robertson, 42nd Regt., to Surgeon,
Heights of Brandywine, Pennsylvania, Sept. 13, 1777**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Camp on the Heights of Brandywine 13th Sept. 1777...

M^r William Robinson, Mate of the 42^d Regiment, is appointed Surgeon to said Regiment, vice [Alexander] Potts removed to the General Hospital....

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers." See also TNA, *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, f. 227. Dr. Robertson is frequently misnamed as Dr. Robinson in documents of the period.

Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. Appointed President of General Court Martial, Trydeffryn, Pennsylvania, Sept. 18, 1777

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Trydeffryn 18th Sept. 1777....

Morning Orders, 19th Sept. 1777...

A General Court Martial consisting of 3 Field Officers, Six Captains, and Four Lieutenants from the 3^d and 4th. Brigades British, to assemble immediately in front of the 3^d Brigade, to try all such Prisoners as shall be brought before them.

Lieut.-Col. Sterling, President...

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers." Lt. Col. Stirling's name is frequently misspelled as Sterling.

Excerpt of Officer Section of Strength Report for Additional Companies in Scotland Including for the 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Oct. 1, 1777

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st Oct ^r 1777 ...			
Absent Officers			Vacant Officers & by what means
Regiments	Rank & Names	by whose Leave	
...42 ^d	{ Lt. [John] Grant { Ens L ^d W ^m . Murray	On Command w ^t Drafts to America His Majesty	N.B. Lieu ^t [Wm.] Rose Dead 2 Serj ^{ts} . & 2 Corp ^{ls} . on Command with Drafts to America 2 Serj ^{ts} . & 2 Corp ^{ls} . on Command with Drafts to America
71 st	2 Lieutenants	On Command w ^t Drafts to America	
			<i>Robert Skene Adj^t Gen^l</i>

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Office of the Commander in Chief: Monthly Returns to the Adjutant General, Districts and Depots, North Britain, 1759-1777* at WO 17/854. As shown above, Ens. Lord William Murray had joined the regiment in New York on July 5, 1777.



Reproduction of 5th Regt. Uniform Button

Ens. James Stewart, 5th Regt. (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) Included in Casualty Report, Germantown, Pennsylvania, Oct. 4, 1777

Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the army under the command of Gen. Howe, in the engagement with the rebel-army at German-town in Pennsylvania, Oct. 4, 1777... Names and rank of the officers killed, &c. in the last-mentioned engagement... 5th reg... Ens^s Thomas and Stewart, wounded...

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, November 1777, p. 604. Soon after the battle, Ens. James Stewart was promoted to Lt. in the 42nd Regt.



Badge of the 27th or Inniskilling Regt.

Picture Source: *The Historical Record of the 27th Inniskilling Regiment*, W. Copeland Tremble, Wm Clowes and Son, London, Google Books, 1876, frontispiece.

**Promotion Orders for Brevet-Lt. Col. William Murray and Brevet-Lt. Col. William Grant,
42nd Regt., Germantown, Oct. 8, 1777**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Camp at German Town 8th Oct. 1777...

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

27th [or Inniskilling] Regiment –

Major William Murray, from 42^d Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel } 5th Oct. 1777.
vice [John] Maxwell removed }

42^d Regiment. –

Brevet-Major William Grant, to be Major vice Murray Promoted } 5th Oct. 1777...

Source and Notes: "The Kemble Papers." The promotion of Maj. William Murray to the 27th Regt. set off a string of promotions in the 42nd Regt. Besides Maj. Grant's promotion, Capt. Lt. John McIntosh was promoted to Captain and Lt. John Peebles became the Capt. Lt. in the General's Co. Although the word of their promotions had not yet reached America, both Maj. Murray and Brevet-Maj. Grant had both been promoted to Lt. Colonel "in the army" on Sept. 6th.



Reproduction of Royal Provincials Uniform Button

**Summary of Letter from Capt. Roderick Mackenzie to Lt. Col. William Allen Appointing John
Young (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) to be Lieutenant in 1st Battalion, Pennsylvania Loyalists,
Germantown, Oct. 12, 1777**

Head Quarters, German Town, October 12, 1777

The Commander-in-Chief approves his recommendation of the following officers...Lieutenants
John Young...to serve under his command in the 1st Battalion...

Source and Note: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. I, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1904, Google Books, p. 139.

**Orders Appointing Lt. Munro, 42nd Regt., to the Engineer's Department,
Philadelphia, Oct. 26, 1777**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 26th Oct. 1777...

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

Lieut. [George] Hart of the 46th Regiment is appointed assistant Engineer, and Lieut. Munro, 42^d Regiment, an Overseer of the King's Works in the Engineer's Department...

Source and Notes: "The Kemble Papers." At this time there were two Lt. Munros in the 42nd Regt. It cannot be confirmed to which Lt. Munro (Alexander or Harry) this appointment applies.

**Letter from Lt. Col. William Murray, 42nd Regt., to his Brother, Mungo Murray of Lintrose,
Announcing his Promotion to Lt. Col., 27th Regt., Philadelphia, Oct. 26, 1777**

Dear Brother

I take this opportunity by the assistance of a friend to acquaint you that I have been very bad of a fever but am now perfectly recovered.

By the friendship of my good friend [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis I am now appointed L^t Colo to the 27th Reg^t I must now request you will send me out my Namesake Will^m as early as possible in the Spring, as I am certain of getting him provided for & as it is the properest place for him to learn his business.

I am
D^r Brother
Yours Most affectionately
Will^m Murray

Philadelphia 26th Oct^r 1777}

Source and Notes: NRS, *Murray of Lintrose Papers* at GD68/2/117/007. "Namesake Will^m" is Maj. Murray's nephew, William Murray (1765-1809), second son of his older brother, Mungo Murray of Lintrose. Lt. Col. Murray did not recover from the fever he mentioned and died a few days after this letter on Nov. 2, 1777.

Promotion and Transfer Orders, 42nd Regt. Officers, Philadelphia, Oct 31, 1777

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 31st Oct. 1777...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions:
5th Regiment...

Lieut. William Cox to be Captain Lieutenant vice [Thomas] Baker promoted	} 7 th Oct. 1777.
Lieut. Thomas Littleton, from 42 ^d , to be Lieutenant vice Cox promoted	} 7 th Oct. 1777...

42^d Regiment. –

Capt. Lieut. John M ^c Intosh to be Captain vice [William] Grant promoted	} 5 th Oct. 1777
Lieut. John Peebles to be Captain Lieutenant vice M ^c Intosh promoted	} 5 th Oct. 1777
Ensign Gavin Drummond to be Lieutenant vice Peebles promoted	} 5 th Oct. 1777
William M ^c Donald, Volunteer, to be Ensign vice Drummond promoted	} 5 th Oct. 1777
Ensign James Stuart, from 5 th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Littleton removed	} 7 th Oct. 1777
Ensign Lord William Murray to be Lieutenant by purchase vice Dougal Campbell retired	} 27 th Oct. 1777
George Campbell to be Ensign by purchase vice Lord William Murray promoted	} 27 th Oct. 1777...

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers." Lt. Lyttelton was the only English officer in the 42nd Regt. and Lord Murray had long wanted to remove him. Sixteen year old William M^cDonald was the son of Lt. John Macdonald who retired at the same time to take a Majority in the Maryland Loyalists.



Detail of Portrait of Lt. James Stewart, 42nd Lt. Infantry Co., c. 1781

Picture Source: Alex Good

**Col. James Stewart's Account of his Service in the 42nd Regt. During the American War to
Col. David Stewart (Garth), Oct. 7, 1777 – Oct. 1781**

To Colonel D Stewart jun of Garth, Le Contes Lodging, 26 Frederick Street, Edinburgh. Balmanno

My Dear Colonel.

The task you have assigned me is a light one – Indisposition prevented me discharging it by return post. About the close of the American campaign 1777 I was appointed a L^t in the 42nd Reg^t and a little before the Army went into Winter quarter at Philadelphia I joined the Light Company serving with the first Batt under Sir Rob^t Abercromby Summer and Winter I shared with them the severest duty I was ever engaged in till taken with Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. During all this period I have no sight to speak of the reg^t I came home & went to France a prisoner till the peace absolved me - In 1785 I joined at Nova Scotia & was detached once more till 1789 when I came home with the Reg^t. At Tinemeouth barracks that year we were joined by the future historian of the Royal Highlanders [Stewart] with whom I had the honour to serve during the most brilliant period of the French wars previous to my retiring to the pacific duty of [C.O. of ? Volunteers] – I do trust you will find the period of my absence from the Reg well supplied with the interesting information you must receive from Capt Peebles who for a long period can give you the very best. Except the peaceful years on detachment in Nova Scotia I have no personal right to narrate the duties of the regt till you joined – The aspirations of Peebles, Rutherford, Maclean & above all Rose must be all you can require – Perhaps [John] Farquharson can furnish an old Orderly Book that might be useful – I am glad that all contested points are to be passed over, as it would only add to the obloqoy which Public Notice has already drawn upon the Regt. With every hearty wish for your success, Yours faithfully, my dear Colonel.”

Source and Note: NRS, *Stewart of Garth Correspondence*, GD1/53. Col. David Stewart had asked for information to assist his preparation of the history of the 42nd Regt. in American War. Former Capt. John Peebles, Capt. John Rutherford, QM Hector M^cLean and Lt. James Rose are mentioned as possible sources.

**Excerpt of Officer Portion of Strength Report for Additional Companies in Scotland
Including for the 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Nov. 1, 1777**

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st Novem ^r 1777	
Absent Officers	Vacant Officers & by what means

Regiments	Rank & Names	by whose Leave	
...42 ^d	{ Lt. [John] Grant { Ens L ^d W ^m . Murray	On Command w ^t Drafts to America His Majesty	}N.B. Lieu ^t [Wm.] Rose Dead }2 Serjeants & 2 Corporals w ^t Drafts to America N.B. 2 Serjeants & 2 Corporals w ^t Drafts to America <i>Robert Skene</i> <i>Adj^t Gen^l</i>
71 st	2 Lieutenants	On Command with Drafts to America	

Source: TNA, War Office, Office of the Commander in Chief: Monthly Returns to the Adjutant General, Districts and Depots, North Britain, 1759-1777 at WO 17/854.



Reproduction of 27th Regt. Uniform Button

**Orders for Replacing Deceased Lt. Col. William Murray, 27th or Inniskilling Regt.
(Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Philadelphia, Nov. 2, 1777**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 3^d Nov. 1777...

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

...27th Regiment

Lieut.-Col. Edward Mitchell, from 52^d Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel vice } 3^d Nov. 1777...
Murray deceased }...

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers." Lt. Col. William Murray, former Major of the 42nd Regt., died of fever on Nov. 2, 1777. He had been promoted to Lt. Col. in the 27th Regt. a few weeks earlier on Oct. 5, 1777. He was buried next to Anne Grant, wife of Brevet-Lt. Col. William Grant in the Christ Church Burial Ground, Philadelphia

**Inaccurate News Account of the Death of Lt. Col. William Murray, 27th Regt.
(Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), London, Nov. 2, 1777**

LONDON, TUESDAY, *January* 13...

Lieut. Colonel [William] Murray, of the 27th regiment, with Sir William Howe, is dead of his wounds; as is also Lieut. Colonel Walcott, of the 5th regiment of foot.

Source and Note: *Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette*, Jan. 15, 1778, p. 3. Lt. Col. Murray died of fever, not of any wound.



Christ Church Burial Grounds, 2013

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by Smallbones

Christ Church Burial Records List Lt. Col. William Murray, 27th Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt. and Anne Grant, Wife of Brevet-Lt. Col. William Grant, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Nov. 3, 1777 to May 14, 1778

Excerpts from the Parish Burial Registers, Christ Church, Philadelphia...

Nov. 3, 1777. – Colonel William Murray...

May 14, 1778. – Ann, wife of Colonel Grant...

Source: "British Soldiers Buried in Philadelphia in 1777-1778," William John Potts in *Notes and Queries*, No. 206, Dec. 8, 1877, Google Books, p. 444.

Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Concerning Two Vacant Lieutenancies in the 42nd Regt., London, Nov. 4, 1777

War Office 4th November 1777

Sir,

...I beg leave to acquaint you that there are two Lieutenancys vacant in the 42^d, the one by removal of Lieut. [William] Stewart to the Invalids on the recommendation of his Colonel and Commanding Officer, and the other by the death of Lieut. [William] Rose of the Additional. Enclosed is a list of Ensigns appointed by purchase in the Regiments under your command.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Honble General Sir William Howe
&c &c &c

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant
Barrington

[Enclosure]

...64th. Reg^t.

Henry David Fraser Gent. to be Ensign, vice Lord Visc^t Deerhurst (promoted) B: Comⁿ. } 20th Sep^r. 77.

...42^d Reg^t

Lieu^t William Rose deceased

Lieu^t William Stewart, removed to the Invalids

Source and Note: TNA, *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester*, PRO 30/55/7, f. 106926, and *War Office, Out-letters, America*, 1777-1780, WO 4/274, pp. 25-27 (f. 13V -14V). Lt. Stewart was badly wounded in the thigh at the Battle of Piscataway, New Jersey on May 10, 1777 and was involuntarily transferred to an Invalids Company. Lt. Rose died of natural causes after being too sick to travel with the regiment in April 1776. Ens. Fraser, 64th Regt., later served as a lieutenant in the 42nd Regt.

**Promotion Order for Ens. John Spens to be Lieutenant on the Retirement
of Lt. John Macdonald, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1777**

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 11th Nov. 1777...

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

42^d Regiment. –

Ensign John Spence to be Lieutenant by purchase vice John M ^c Donald	}	11 th Nov. 1777
who retires	}	

Source and Notes: "The Kemble Papers." Lt. Macdonald, who had served in the Army since 1739, retired from the regiment, but was immediately appointed Major of the Maryland Loyalist Bn. and served for the remainder of the war in that capacity. Excerpts from his autobiography are provided in this volume in App. F: Excerpts from the Autobiography of Lt. John Macdonald, 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. See text of his commission dated Nov. 10, 1777, below.

**Excerpt of Commission of John Macdonald (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to be
Major of 1st Battalion, Maryland Loyalists, Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 1777**

[Seal]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WILLIAM HOWE, Knight of the Most Honourable 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.,

To John M^cDonald Esq.

BY VIRTUE of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby constitute and appoint you to be Major to the First Battalion of Maryland Loyalists, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Commandant James Chalmers, and likewise to be captain of a Company in said Battalion: you are therefore to take the said Battalion as Major and the said Company as captain into your care and charge and duty to exercise as well the officers as soldiers thereof in arms, and to your best endeavours to keep them in good order and discipline...GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Head Quarters, Philadelphia, the tenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventyseven, in the eighteenth 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.

By His Excellency's command

[Signed] Robert Mackensie [signed] W. Howe.

Source: Transcript in Author's collection.

**Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Robert Mackenzie, Secretary to Gen. Sir William Howe, to
Lt. Col. James Chalmers, 1st Battalion, Maryland Loyalists Announcing Appointment of Lt. John
Macdonald, 42nd Regt., as Major, Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1777**

Philadelphia Nov. 11, 1777,

...I am directed to Signify to you the Commander in Chiefs consent to your request that John M^cDonald Esq^r. late Lieu^t. in the 42^d or Royal. Reg^t. of Highlanders is appointed Major to the Corps under your Command of this Date.

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers*, Nov. 1, 1777 - Jan. 10, 1778 at PRO 30/55/7, f. 742.

Letters from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. John Campbell of Ardslnish, Father of Lt. John Campbell, 42nd Regt., and to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Regarding Change of Commission Date, London, Nov. 18 - 19, 1777

War Office 18th. Nov^r 1777.

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st. instant.

I will take the first opportunity of recommending the Consideration of M^r. [John] Campbell's Rank to Sir W^m Howe; for the [42nd] Reg^t. being entirely under his disposal, I cannot propose to the King any Alteration in it, without the General's Permission

I am Sir &c
Barrington

Lieut John Campbell
Ardilignach [Ardslnish], near Inverary
N^o. Bⁿ.

[Letter to Gen. Howe]

War Office 19th Nov^r 1777

Sir,

Duplicate sent 7th Janry 1778

I have the honor to enclose the Extract of a letter I received from the father of L^t John Campbell of the 42^d Reg^t, and beg leave to recommend to your consideration the Matter therein stated – I am to acquaint you that M^r Campbell's Appointment to an Ensigncy having taken place a considerable time before those of the other Ensigns notified on the Augmentation, altho' by some Mistake his Commission was dated later than those of Ensigns [Alexander] M^cLeod, [Robert] Rollo, Lord W^m Murray, and [Alexander] Stewart, the King was pleased to direct that he should have his proper Rank given him: which was accordingly done by a New Commission bearing date the 10th of August 1775.

I have the honor to be Sir &c

Hon^{ble} Gen^l Sir W^m Howe
&c &c &c
N^o America

Barrington

Extract of a Letter from L^t John Campbell to the Secretary at War dated Arditignach 1st Nov^r 1777

“The Date of my Son's Commission as Ensign was altered by your Lordship from the 29th August 1775, to the 10th Aug^t, yet by Lord John Murray & Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson /Agents for the Reg^t / their neglecting to inform Sir William Howe or L^t Colo: [Thomas] Stirling who Commands the 42^d Reg^t. of the date of my Son's Commission, Ensign Alex^r. M^cLeod who was a younger Ensign by 15 days got a Lieutenancy in the Reg^t., without purchase, also Ensign Rob^t. Rollo who was still a younger Ensign than M^cLeod got a Lieutenancy in the Reg^t., both over the head of my Son, and now I am obliged to pay £550. Sterling for a Lieutenancy for my Son, to Lieut: [Valentine] Chisholm who has sold out of the Reg^t. which is a great hardship upon me, and now altho' I do not in the least expect to procure for my Son the Lieutenancy which M^cLeod got without purchase, yet I flatter myself that your Lordship will be graciously pleased to procure Rank for my Son of Lieut. M^cLeod, it being his right as an older Ensign in the Reg^t. than M^cLeod.”

Sources and Note: TNA, *War Office General Letters*, WO 4/101, p. 41 (f. 21). Lt. John Campbell's letter is attached to Lord Barrington's letter dated Nov. 19, 1777 and *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274, p. 36 (f. 19). The letter in the enclosure is also filed at PRO 30/55/7, 727 (1), p. 239.



Landguard Fort circa 1716

Picture Source: *The History of Landguard Fort, in Suffolk*, Maj. John Henry Leslie, Eyre and Spottiswoode, London, 1898, Google Books, facing p. 68.

Letter from Secretary at War William, Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Transfer of Lt. William Stewart to an Invalid Company, London, Nov. 17, 1777

War Office 17th. Nov^r. 1777

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 6th. inst. [Nov.] and to acquaint you that M^r Stewart of the 42^d. Reg^t. is appointed a Lieutenant in Capt. Geo. Coote's Indep^t. Compy of Invalids doing Duty at Landguard Fort.

I am also to acquaint your Lordship that there is no promotion in the Invalids.

R^t. Honble Lord John Murray
Bannercross near Sheffield

I have the honor to be My Lord &c
Barrington

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Out-letters* at WO 4/100, p. 32. Lt. Stewart lost the use of his leg as a result of a wound he received in the Battle of Piscataway, New Jersey on May 10, 1777.

Excerpt of Letter from Rebel Maj. John Clark to Gen. George Washington, Noting Meeting with Maj. of Brigade Archibald Erskine, 42nd Regt., Middle Ferry West of Philadelphia, Nov. 22, 1777

M^r Rees's, 22^d Nov., 10 o'clock

Sir –

...A few Hessians, and one battalion of the seventy-first lie at the middle ferry...

Yesterday afternoon I did myself the honour to wait on the enemy with a flag, at the middle ferry. I was politely received by Captain Baum, a Hessian officer, at their advanced sentry, who insisted on my going down to the ferry, where he was quartered, which I accepted. Major Brigade Erskine, met me at the ferry, and I gave him the letter to M^{rs} Badden, and some money, which he assured me he would immediately forward her...

J^{no} Clark, Jun.

Source and Note: “Letters from Major John Clark, Jr., to Gen. Washington” in *Proceedings of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania*, Vol. I., No. 10, March 1847, Google Books, pp. 15-17. Erskine was serving outside the regiment as a “Major of Brigade,” the principal staff officer of a brigade commander.



Landguard Fort circa 1716

Picture Source: *The History of Landguard Fort, in Suffolk*, Maj. John Henry Leslie, Eyre and Spottiswoode, London, 1898, Google Books, facing p. 68.

Announcement of Transfer of Lt. William Stewart, 42nd Regt, to an Invalids Company, London, Nov. 25, 1777

War-Office, November 25, 1777...

Lieutenant William Stewart, of the 42d Regiment to be Lieutenant in Captain [George] Coote’s Independent Company of Invalids at Land Guard Fort, vice Samuel Hadley.”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 22, 1777, p. 1. Lt. Stewart was badly wounded in the thigh while commanding the picket during the rebel attack on the 42nd Regt. quarters at Piscataway, New Jersey on May 10, 1777. Although he had lost the use of his leg, Stewart protested his assignment to the Invalids. Landguard Fort guarded the entrance to Harwich Harbor about 90 miles northeast of London.

Excerpt of Strength Report for Additional Companies in Scotland Including for the 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Dec. 1, 1777

Return of the Additional Companies, Quartered in North Britain 1 December 1777 ...			
Absent Officers			Vacant Officers & by what means
Regiments	Rank & Names	by whose Leave	
...42 ^d	{ Lieut. [John] Grant { Ens. L ^d W ^m . Murray	On Command with Drafts to America His Majesty	}N.B. Lieu ^t [Wm.] Rose Dead }2 Serjeants & 2 Corporals on Command w ^t Drafts to America N.B. 2 Serjeants & 2 Corporals on Command w ^t drafts to America
71 st	2 Lieutenants	On Command with Drafts to America	
			<i>Robert Skene</i> Supernumeraries <i>Adj^t Gen^l</i>

Source: TNA, War Office, Office of the Commander in Chief: *Monthly Returns to the Adjutant General, Districts and Depots, North Britain, 1759-1777* at WO 17/854. Lord William Murray had joined the regiment in New York in July 1777.



Reproduction of 26th Regt. Uniform Button

Promotion of Ens. David Anstruther, to Lieutenant, 26th Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), Philadelphia, Dec. 4, 1777

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec^r 4th 1777...
The Commander in Chief is pleasd to Make the Following Promotions...
26th Reg^t.

En^s Alex^r Walker & Not En^s. David Anstruther is to Succeed L^t Thompson, as give by Mistake in the orders of Yesterday

En^s David Anstruther to be Lieu^t, by Purchase Vice [Patrick] Moncrieffe Who Retires 2nd Dec^r. 1777 –

Source and Notes: *William Howe orderly book, Great Britain. Army, 1776-1778*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. The *Royal Gazette* of Jan. 17, 1778 incorrectly dated Anstruther's promotion as Nov. 22, 1777.

Promotion Orders for Ens. Alexander Stewart and Adj. Hugh Fraser, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Dec. 17, 1777

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia Dec^r 17th. 1777
... the Comm^d In Chief is Pleasd to make the Following Promotions
42nd Reg^t.

En^s. Alex^r. Steuart to be Lieutenant Vice [William] Rose Deceas'd 17th Dec^r 77

Adj^t Hugh Fraser to be En^s. Vice Stuart promoted d^o

Queens American Rangers...

Source and Notes: *William Howe orderly book, Great Britain. Army, 1776-1778*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Adj. Fraser was Sergeant Major of the regiment and was appointed Adjutant at the beginning of the war. Fraser retained his Adjutancy with this promotion. William Rose died in Scotland after being too ill to board the transports for the initial voyage of the regiment to America in 1776.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Sir James Grant of Grant Giving Status of Clan Grant Officers in the Regiment, Banner Cross, Dec. 24, 1777,

D^r S^r James,

I have the pleasure to inform you that [Brevet] Lieu^t Co^l W^m Grant, who was oldest Captain is made Major in the Royal Highland Reg^t in place of Lieu^t Co^l W^m Murray promoted the Lieu^t Colonel of the 37th [actually 27th] Reg^t. All my officers in good health as well as the Reg^t only Seven Men wanting to compleat to the Establishment. As Lieu^t John Grant is recruiting for the Additional at Nairne, Shall be much obliged if you would write to your Factor or any other to be Assisting to him, & informed him I should write you of it.

There is a report of my having a 2^d Batt: but I don't as Yet know the certainty, in that case intend to Recommend him for a Company, And Shall be glad to oblige any of your friends with Commissions if I have the Nomination & know their Names & ages & What men they could raise, as soon as you receive this. but hope you'l not mention this as from me, till I know the certainty, which I shall acquaint you off.

My daughter joins me in Comp^{ts} to your Lady and beg you^l believe me Sincerely S^r your most obed^t Serv^t
John Murray

Banner Cross near Sheffield
 Yorkshire 24th Dec^r 1777 please turn

I shall be much obliged to you to Send the inclosed to Lord Caithness if at Edinburgh, if not to forward it by the post. hope to be favour'd with your answer by return of the post. –

As your well acquainted with the Highlands, wish you would give me your Advice, in case this should take place, the proper Highland Gentlemen to apply to for their Interest.

Source: NRS, *Papers of the Ogilvy family, Earls of Seafield (Seafield Papers)* at GD248/189/1/55.

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments and Changes by Company from Muster Report,
 Philadelphia, June 25 – Dec. 24, 1777**

[Gen. Lord Murray's Company]

Kings Leave General	Lord John Murray	Colonel & Captain
Promoted 5 th October 1777	John M ^c Intosh	Captain
Commission dated d ^o	John Peebles	Captain Lieutenant
	Alex ^r Munro	Lieutenant
	Alex ^r Innes	Ensign
	James M ^c Laggan	Chaplain
	Hugh Fraser	Adjutant
	Colin Smith	Q ^r Master
Promoted to General Hospital 13 th Sep ^r 77	Alex ^r Potts	} Surgeon
Commission dated d ^o	William Robertson	}
Promoted d ^o	William Robertson	} Mate
	Alex ^r Stewart	}
Appointed 13 Sep ^r 77 Promoted in 37 th Reg ^t	James Mitchell	}
23 ^d Feb ^y 1777 ...		

[Lt. Col. Stirling's Company]

	Thomas Stirling	Lieutenant Colonel
	Robert Franklin	} Lieutenants
	George Dalrymple	}
Promoted to C ^t Grants 5 th Oct ^r 1777	Gavin Drummond	} Ensign
Rec ^d from C ^t M ^c Intoshs 5 th November 1777	George Campbell	} ...

[Maj. Grant's Company]

Promoted 5 th October 1777	William Grant	Captain (Major)
Commission dated 5 th d ^o	William Grant	Major (L ^t Col ^o)
	Normand McLeod	} Lieutenant
Removed to the Invalids 18 th of March 1778	William Stewart	}
	James Stirling	Ensign...

[Capt. Erskine's Company]

Duty as Brigade Major	Archibald Erskine	Captain
	Patrick Graham	} Lieutenants
Transferred to Grenadiers 5 Oct ^r 77	Hary Gilchrist	}
Receiv ^d f ^m Cap ^t Grants 5 Oct ^r 77	Lord W ^m Murray	}
Transf ^d to Cap ^t Smiths 25 June 77	David Crawford	} Ensigns
Rec ^d from Cap ^t Dun M ^c Phersons Co ^y 25 June 1777	Allan M ^c Lean	}...

[Capt. Smith's Company]

Duty	John Smith	[Captain]
	James Crammond	[Lieutenant]
	John Campbell	
Rec ^d f ^m C ^t Erskines Co ^y 25 th June 77 promoted 28 th March 78	David Crawford ...	

[Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson's Company]

	Duncan M ^c Pherson	Captain / Lieut. Colonel
	John Robertson	} Lieut ^s
	Robert Rollo	}
Appointed in Brittain and on his way to join	Alex ^r M ^c Gregor	Ensign ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Captain
	Harry Munro	} Lieutenants
	Dougal Campbell	}
Retired 27 th Sept ^r 1777	Lord Will ^m Murray	}
Commission Dated 27 th Sept ^r . Transf ^d to C ^t Erskines 5 th Oct ^r	Gavin Drummond	}
Commission dated 5 th Oct ^r . Rec ^d from L ^t Colonels 5 th D ^o	John Spens	} Ensign
Promoted 11 th Nov ^r	Hugh Fraser	}...
Commission Dated 17 th Dec ^r		

[Capt. M^cIntosh's Company]

Promoted in 27 th Regiment 5 th October 1777	William Murray	Major & Captain
Commission dated 5 th Ditto	John M ^c Intosh	Captain
	John Rutherford	} Lieutenants
Promoted in Provincial Corps 11 th Novem ^r 77	John M ^c Donald	}
Commission dated 11 th ditto	John Spens	} Ensigns
Promoted 27 th September 77 Transferred to Capt ⁿ Grants Company	Lord William Murray	}
Commission dated 27 th Septem ^r . Transferred to Lieut Colonel Stirlings	Geo Campbell	}
Comp ^y 5 th Oct ^r 77		
Ditto Ditto 5 th October 1777	William M ^c Donald	} ...

[Grenadier Company]

	Charles Graham	Captain
Promoted 5 th Oct ^r 1777	John Peebles	} Lieutenants
From Cap ^t Erskines 5 th Oct ^r	Harry Gilchrist	}
Sick	James Campbell	}
Duty	Alex ^r Grant	} ...

[Light Infantry Company – mustered Feb. 23, 1778]

	George M ^c Kenzie	Captain
	Robert Potts	} Lieu ^{ts}
	Alex ^r M ^c Leod	}
Exchange to 5 th Foot 7 Oct ^r 77	Thomas Lyttleton	}
From d ^o d ^o	James Stewart	}...

Source: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists*, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776 at WO 12/5479. The musters were conducted on Mar. 28, 1778 at Philadelphia.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. George MacKenzie,
1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt., Denying Request for Promotion, London, Dec. 30, 1777**

W: O: 30th Decem^r 1777

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of y^r Letter of the 15th ins^t, and to acquaint you that the Noble Persons who are raising Corps in N^o Britain, will be indulged in recommending their Officers; but I presume any of them will be glad of your Assistance.

I am &c

Lt. George M^cKenzie of the
42^d Reg^t, Navidale near

Barrington

Dornoch, N. B^r

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out-letters*, WO 4/101, p. 188 (f. 94). Lt. George MacKenzie was serving in one of the two “*Additional*” or recruiting companies in Scotland. He was later promoted to Captain in the newly raised 1st Bn., 73rd Regt. (MacLeod’s Highlanders) and served with that regiment in India.



Sir James Grant of Grant (1738-1811) circa 1760

Picture Source: Detail from *James Grant of Grant, John Mytton, the Hon. Thomas Robinson, and Thomas Wynne* by Nathaniel Dance-Holland, circa 1760, Wikimedia Commons.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col. 42nd Regt., to Sir James Grant of Grant
Requesting Assistance in Recruiting for 2nd Battalion, London, Dec. 31, 1777**

Sir

London 31 Dec^r 1777

I had the honour to write you lately that L^t Co^l W^m Grant was appointed Major in the Reg^t under my Command

I came here yesterday in consequence of a letter I rec^d from Lord Barrington, and have reason to expect I shall have the appointment of officers for a Second battalion, In that case I shall recommend MY old friend L^t Co^l W^m Grant to be Lieu^t Colonel, which I hope will be agreeable to you, as well as getting a Company for L^t John Grant, as I wrote before. and hope you & Gen^l Francis Grant & the other Friends will use your Utmost ends [illegible word] for them in getting good recruits with bounty money, Which I have promis'd they can do with your Assistance & those of your friends, and hope it will be no loss to L^t Co^l Grant in this case As he is still in America with the Reg^t and I shall be very glad to be usefull to any you recommend to me on this occasion., and that you shall have the Nomination of two Lieutenants and one Ensign, to compleat his Company of Officers & Men, and partys shall be sent for that purpose, as soon as I hear from you, the Quota of Men I propose for a Captain to Raise is 50, Twenty five for each Lieu^t & Sixteen for an Ensign, of good able bodied highland Men. fitt for present Service, but it will be expected that any Lieu^t Co^l is to give Twenty Men more for his preferement, and a Major ten more than a Captain. You'l have heard that Several Highland Corps are expected to be raised, but I imagine the Royal Highland Reg^t will have a preference, & a great Advantage to have two Additional Companies, & to furnish good men for Serjants & Corporals & parties, but if you'l please to lett me know how many Serjeants you are desirous to appoint for that Company, shall order it.

I hope to have the pleasure of an answer by return of post, & am Sincerely D^r S^r

Your most obed'd humble Serv^t

John Murray

Please direct for me under cover to Adam Drummond Esq^r
Member of Parl^t in the Strand London

I shall depend on your Not mentioning
the particulars of this unless to forward the Success
of your friends.

Source and Note: NRS, *Papers of the Ogilvy family, Earls of Seafield (Seafield Papers)* at GD248/189/1/60. Lt. John Grant who later held the estate of Auchindown was serving in the 2nd Additional Company of the 1st Bn. in Scotland and later joined the 2nd Battalion raised under Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod. Lord Murray was premature in asking for recruiting assistance for the 2nd Bn. which was not actually authorized until 1779.