



"View of Upper end of the Harbour from a Little Below Fort William (St. John's)," dated late 18th century.

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Appendix H:

The 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment Additional Company at Newfoundland, Canada, 1778 – 1782

Introduction

"Additional Companies" were assigned to British regiments during the period of the American War for Independence to recruit additional soldiers for the regiments to make up for losses in the campaigns. The companies included the normal assignment of officers and non-commissioned officers who would be split up into recruiting parties, who would enlist recruits in the country. After a recruit was enlisted, he would join the company at a central location and begin to receive minimal training in the duties of a soldier. Periodically the War Office would direct the colonels of the regiments to send their companies to America. At that time, one or more of the officers would escort the company to America, turn the recruits over to the regiment and then return to the additional company for more recruiting.

On Mar. 4, 1778 the War Office notified the Colonel of the 42nd Regt., Gen. Lord John Murray, to send an additional company to America to reinforce the regiment. However, soon after that notification, and following the signing of the treaty of alliance between France and the rebellious American Colonies on Feb. 6, 1778, the British Government had to shift its strategy for the American war. The government immediately set out to challenge France in the West Indies by going after their sugar colonies. They also had to determine where France would enter the war and concluded the likely locations were the West Indies, Nova Scotia or the St. Lawrence River. Accordingly, arrangements were made to strengthen these locations.

Part of this reinforcement included sending three Additional Companies from Scotland to Canada. One company of the 42nd Regt. under the command of Lt. John Grant (later “*of Auchindown*”), and two companies of the 71st (Fraser’s) Highland Regt. were sent to Newfoundland. Capt. John M^cDonnell of the 71st Regt. was the overall commander of the three companies “...*consisting in the whole of Eight Commiss^d Officers & three Hund^d & Twenty four NonCommissioned Officers & private Men.*” Capt. M^cDonnell’s three companies embarked for Newfoundland on Apr. 4, 1778 and after a lengthy stay at Cork, Ireland waiting for a convoy, arrived on July 27.

Lt. Grant’s Royal Highlanders had received little or no training as described by Brevet-Lt. Col. Hay of the Royal Artillery in his letter dated at St. Johns on May 25, 1779 (see below). He wrote “*I beg leave to inform Your Lordship that when the detachments from the 42^d & 71st Regiments arrived here, they were all recruits & totally unacquainted with the use of arms, nor knew the loading motions, I was there obliged for the sake of discipline to appoint a Fort Major at three shillings a day which is a Lieut. [Alexander] Macbean of the [2nd Bn.] 71st formerly of the Artillery & son to Col: Macbean, who has had a great deal of trouble & has taken a great deal of pains...*” Besides drilling with Lt. Macbean, the soldiers of the 42nd Regt. likely performed sentry duty, policing and normal military fatigue during the period they were stationed at Newfoundland.

Lt. Grant’s men remained together at Newfoundland until 1781. In September of that year, Lt. Grant was ordered to take half the company to New York by way of Halifax. In Nov. 1782, Lt. Dugald Campbell took the remaining troops of the 42nd Regt. from Newfoundland to New York, again by way of Halifax.

When the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., under Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, was established in Scotland in 1779, the two Additional companies of the 1st Battalion along with the company officers were assigned to the authorized strength of the 2nd Battalion. This quickly provided a base strength to 2nd Battalion, but left the 1st Battalion in America without a recruiting effort in Scotland.

With the 2nd Battalion having sailed for South Africa and India, when the sergeants and rank & file from Newfoundland at arrived at New York they were assigned to the 1st Battalion, while the officers were instructed to return to Scotland to join the 2nd Battalion.

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Documents



Gen. Lord John Murray, Colonel, 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot

Picture Source: "The Black Watch at Ticonderoga," Frederick B. Richards, in *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association*, Vol. X, New York Historical Association, 1911, Google Books, opposite p. 429.

**Order from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col.,
42nd Regt., to Provide Clothing for an Additional Company Scheduled for Embarkation,
London, Mar. 4, 1778**

War Office 4th March 1778

Sir,

It being intended that the Recruits raised in N^o Britain by the Add^l Compy of your Reg^t shall forthwith embark in the [River] Clyde to reinforce the Regiments in America.

I am to desire that the recruits may all be provided with Clothing previous to their Embarkation.

I have the honor to be &c

L^t Gen^l Sandford

Barrington

Colo: of the 10th Reg^t of Foot

Like Letters of same date to the underm^d Colonels

22^d Reg^t Gages – 38th Reg^t Pigot's – 55th Reg^t J. Grant's

26th – Gordon's, Co^s – 42^d L. J. Murray's Co^s – 63^d F. Grant's

35th Campbells – 52^d Clavering's – 71st Fraser's Co^s.

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. – May 1778* at WO 4/102, f.56.

**Order from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to the Duke of Argyll,
Commander of His Majesty's Forces in North Britain, to Embark Three
Highland Additional Companies for Service in Newfoundland;
London Mar. 25, 1778**

W. O. 25th March 1778

My Lord

The King having been pleased to direct that three hundred Men with proper Officers shall be selected from the add^l Companies in N^o Britain, and sent to Newfoundland, on board some of the

Transports which were destined to carry the body of recruits to N^o America; (as mentioned in my letter to your Grace of the 5th of this Month) I have the honor to signify His Majesty's Commands that One Company of the 42^d Reg^t and Two Companies of the 71st Reg^t compleat in Non Commiss^d Officers and private Men with 1 Lieut: and 2 Ensigns of the 42^d & 1 Capt: 2 Lieut^s. & 2 Ensigns of the 71st be ordered for this Service. The Recruits of those Regiments who were to have made part of the 800 ordered to embark from the Clyde for Sir William Howe's Army, are to be taken from that Service in order to compleat the Companies destin'd for Newfoundland.

I have the honor to be My Lord &c
Barrington

His Grace The Duke of Argyll
or Officer commanding His Majesty's
Forces in N^o Bⁿ.
Edinburgh

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. – May 1778* at WO 4/102, p. 136. During this period Scotland was often called North Britain. This letter represents the new threat to British possessions posed by the French alliance with the American Colonies. Instead of reinforcing the Army in New York and Philadelphia, these troops are being diverted to protect the potential French target of Newfoundland.

Letter from Deputy Secretary at War Matthew Lewis, to William Knox, Under Secretary of State, American Department, Requesting Diversion of Transport Ships for the Highland Additional Companies, London, Mar. 25, 1778

W. O. 25th March 1778

Sir.

See p.186
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Orders having been given for One Company of the 42^d Reg^t & two Companies of the 71st Regiment to embark from North Britain for Newfoundland, I am directed by the Secretary at War to desire you will move Lord G. Germain that his Lordship may be pleased to receive and transmit His Majesty's Commands to the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty that, of the Transports ordered to the Clyde for the purpose of taking 800 Recruits to Sir William Howe's Army, a sufficient number may be first appropriated to the reception of the said Companies which on the whole will consist of Eight Commiss^d Officers and 324 Non Comm^d Officers and private Men. These Companies are a part of the above mentioned 800 Recruits.

I am Sir &c

William Knox Esq^f

M Lewis

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. – May 1778* at WO 4/102, p. 179 (f. 90) and *Colonial Office Papers*, CO 5/170, p.77 with copy at CO 5/256, pp. 212-214.

Request from Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, to the Lords of the Admiralty Requesting Transports for the Highlanders Assigned to the Newfoundland Detachment, London, Mar. 26, 1778

Whitehall 26th March 1778.

Lords of the Admiralty

My Lord

One Company of the 42^d & two Companies of the 71st, consisting in the whole of Eight Commiss^d Officers & three Hund^d & Twenty four NonCommissioned Officers & private Men, being part of the 800 Recruits intended to have been sent from North Britain to Sir William Howe's Army, & for the Conveyance of which Transports were directed to be sent to the [River] Clyde, in my letter to your Lordships of the 31st of Janry, having received Orders to proceed to Newfoundland; I am to signify to

Your Lordships His Majesty's pleasure, that such parts of the said Transports as shall be first ready & shall be sufficient for the Accomodation be appropriated for that Service.

I am &c^a

Geo Germain

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Correspondence, Original – Secretary of State. Admiralty* at CO 5/128, f. 217.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. John, Duke of Argyll, Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, Regarding Arrangements for the Three Highland Additional Companies Ordered to Newfoundland: London, Mar. 26, 1778

W. O. 26th March 1778

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint your Grace, that the Officer who may be appointed to superintend the Embarkation of the three highland Companies for Newfoundland, is to apply to M^r. Binmer or Lieu^t Shortland Agent at Greenock, who are directed by the Navy Board to appropriate Transports for this Service – It is anxiously wish'd that the utmost dispatch may be used in getting these Troops on board.

I have the honor &c

His Grace

Barrington

The Duke of Argyll
or Officer commanding the forces in N^o. Britain
Edinburgh

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. – May 1778* at WO 4/102, p. 202.

Letter from Col. Robert Skene, Adjutant Gen., Scotland, to Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis, Announcing Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., as the Proposed Commander of the Newfoundland Detachment, Edinburgh, Mar. 30, 1778

Edin^h March 30th 1778.

My Dear Sir,

In consequence of your very obliging letter of the 23rd the 400 men for Newfoundland will be ready to embark as soon as the Official order for that purpose arrives under the Command of Brevet-Major M^cPherson a Captain in the 42^d Regiment.

By the inclosed letter from M^r Colquhoun Agent at Glasgow / which I beg you will show to Lord Barrington / you will perceive that every thing at Greenock must be at a Stand as every men [illegible word] belonging to the transports, excepted a few that have deserted themselves.

When you favor me with a letter do inform me how poor Gen^l [Edward] Harvey is & believe me always with Sincere esteem.

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient & faithfull humble Servant

Mathew Lewis Esq^r

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: R-Z, 1778* at WO 1/999. Capt. M^cDonnell, 71st Regt. was the eventually selected as commander of the joint detachment. The Highlanders embarked at Greenock Apr. 5, 1778.

News Account of Sailing of 42nd Regt. Additional Company, Dumbarton, Apr. 5, 1778

On Saturday [Apr. 5], the additional companies of the 71st regiment were embarked at Greenock.

The same day, the additional companies of the 42d regiment sailed from Dumbarton for Greenock.

Source and Note: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Apr. 11, 1778, p. 2. Dumbarton is a city on the North side of the Firth of Clyde about fourteen miles northwest of Glasgow.

Letter from the Principal Officers and Commissioners, Naval Board, to Philip Stevens, First Secretary of the Navy, Reporting the Embarkation of the 42nd and 71st Additional Companies, Greenock, Apr. 5, 1778

Navy Office 13th April 1778

Sir

Mr. Binmer our Officer at Greenock having acquainted us that the additionals of the 71st and 42^d Regiments with Baggage were embarked at Glasgow on the 5th Ins^t in the afternoon on board the Resolution and Preston Transports in number 330 to proceed to Cork and from thence to Newfoundland. We signify the same for the information of the Right Honble Lords Commiss^{rs} of the Admiralty. And are

Sir Your very Humble Servants

J [John] Williams Geo: Marsh
T. [Timothy] Brett W. [William] Palmer R. [Sir Richard] Temple
E. Lecras

Philip Stephens, Esq^r

Source: National Maritime Museum, *Admiralty: Navy Board Out-letters* at ADM/B/196.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Richard Rigby, Paymaster General, Requesting an Advance of Subsistence Pay for the Highland Additional Companies, London, Apr. 8, 1778

War Office 8th April 1778

Sir

One Company of the 42^d (or Royal Highland) Regiment, and two Companies of the 71st Regiment being ordered to embark for Newfoundland I have the honour to acquaint you therewith, and to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that you do issue to the Agents to the said Regiments, three Months Subsistence in advance from the 24th instant for the said Companies.

I have the hon to be Sir &c

R^t Honble Rich^d Rigby
Paymaster General &c &c &c

Barrington

Source: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, General Letters, Dec. 1782-Mar. 1783* at WO 4/120, p. 284.

News Account of Preparations for the 42nd and 71st Additional Companies to Embark, Greenock, Scotland, Apr. 9, 1778

Extract of a Letter from Greenock, dated April 9th, 1778.

“The only thing worth mentioning to you is, our Port is full of transport Ships, & numbers of Troops are coming here to be shipped out to America, viz, Part of the 42d, the whole of the 70th, Part of the 71st, the Glasgow Volunteers, Duke of Hamilton's, Lord McLeod's, and Duke of Argyle's new raised Troops, of 1000 Men each, their Destinations are part to New-York, Philadelphia, St. Augustine, Halifax, St Johns, Newfoundland, in order to Passify and Protect all the said Places...”

Source: *Continental Journal* (Mass.), June 18, 1778, p. 3. A similar article was published in the *Norwich Packet*, June 22, 1778, p. 3.

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Robert Skene, Adjutant Gen., North Britain, to Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis, Indicating the Newfoundland Detachment of the Highland Additional Companies will not be Impacted by Other Demands for Recruits, Edinburgh, Apr. 20, 1778

Edinburgh April 20th. 1778.

Dear Sir,

I am honoured with your letter of the 14th. in consequence of which I shall embark all the Remains of the Recruits of the 42^d. & 71st Companies; the Newfoundland Detachment will remain entire as embark'd.

I have presented your letter to [Lt. Gen.] Sir [James] Adolphus Oughton in relation to Cap^t Parker remaining home, but the change proposed can not take place, as Cap^t [John] M^cdonnell of the 71st Regim^t commands the Detachment for Newfoundland, Cap^t [John] Graham the eldest Captain of that corps sick in a bad state of health and not able to go...

I am with much Sincerity, Dear Sir,

Pray how do my Reports
of the New Gentlemen please
you great people

Your faithfull Ser^t
Rob^t Skene

Mathew Lewis Esq^r

Source and Note: TNA, War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: R-Z, 1778 at WO1/999. Capt. John Graham began the war as a lieutenant in the 42nd Regt. before joining the 71st Highland Regt.

Extract of Letter from Thomas Foxworthy, Muster Master and Storekeeper, to the Navy Board Reporting Arrival of Transports with Additional Companies of the 42nd and 71st Regiment, Kinsale, Ireland, Apr. 26, 1778

Kinsale 26th April 1778
R^d. 5 May

Hon.^{ble} Sirs

Last Thursday the 23^d Inst: arrived at Cork [Ireland] His Majesty Armed Ship the Satisfaction Captⁿ. Foulkes with the Preston Transport with one Company of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot and the Resolution Transport with two Companys of the 71st Reg^t: from Greenock, and Britania Tender Lieut Henderson. from Greenock.

Underneath are the Musters. of the Aurora Tender

R^d 5 May

I am Hon.^{ble} Sirs
Your most Obed^t: hum^{ble} Serv^t
Tho: Foxworthy

Hon.^{ble} Navy Board ...

Source and Notes: TNA, *Navy Board: Records. In-letters. Miscellaneous. F-O* at ADM 106/1243/133. Foxworthy's title of "Muster Master and Storekeeper" is taken from the *Parliamentary Register*. Kinsale is a port on the southeast coast of Ireland, about 16 miles south of Cork.



St. Johns, Newfoundland, 1798, Showing Fort Townsend

Picture Source: *A History of Newfoundland*, D.W. Prowse, Macmillan and Co., London, 1895, Google Books, p. 374.

**Letter from Capt. John MacDonnell, 71st Regt., to Commander in Chief Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst
Reporting Safe Arrival of the 42nd and 71st Regt. Additional Companies,
St. Johns, Newfoundland, July 27, 1778**

St. Johns Newfoundland
18th August 1778

My Lord,

I have the Honour to inform your Lordship, that the Detachment of the 42^d and 71st Regiments, under my Command, who Embarked at Greenock 4th April, Arrived safely of the Harbour of St. Johns 27th July: Without any other accident, Other than the tedious delays at the Harbours of Greenock, and Cove of Cork, waiting for a Convoy. –

We Landed 4th August, & Encamped upon the Heights, between the Old, and new Garrison, the Barracks not being ready to receive us where we are to remain till the latterend of October.

Inclosed I send Your Lordships a Return of the Detachment; The men were all well, and healthy while Aboard, But since we landed, a few of them have been taken sick, and one died, But I hope they will soon Recover, and do their Duty –

The Right Hon^{ble}
Lord Amherst
Commander in Chief
&^{ca}, &^{ca}

I have the Honour to be
My Lord
your Lordships most obedient
much Obliged very Hum^{ble} Serv^t
John M^cDonnell
Capt. 71st Reg^t.

Return of the Detachments of the Add^l Companies of the 42^d & 71st Regiments of Foot Under the Comm^d of Capt. John M^cDonnell 71st Reg^t S^t John Newfoundland Aug^t 18th 1778

Regiments	Detachments	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates			Wanting to Complete	Alterations Since Embarkation					
								Fit for Duty	Sick	Total		Enlisted	Dead	Discharg ^d	Deserted		

42	Lieu ^t [John] Grant		1	2	5	5		92	4	96					
71	Capt M. Donnell	1	2	2	8	8	3	183	8	191	1	1	1		1
	Total	1	3	4	13	13	3	275	12	287					

N.B. Geo Ried Surgeons mate not Included in the above Return

John M^cDonnell
Capⁿ 71st Regt.

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Letters, July – Sept. 1778* at WO 34/145, pp. 231-232.

Letter from 42nd Regt. Agents Anderson & Richardson to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Forwarding Extract of a Letter from Lt. John Grant, Additional Company, 42nd Regt., Announcing Arrival and Requesting Normal Allowance for Forage and Bat Money, St. Johns, Newfoundland, July 27, 1778 and Lothbury, London, Oct. 7, 1778

Lothbury 7th. October 1778

My Lord

We beg leave to inclose to your Lordship an Extract of a letter from Lieut: John Grant of the 42^d. Regiment to us, and request the favor of your Lordship to acquaint us what answer we should give him in Return –

We have the honor to be My Lord Your Lordships
most Obedient and most humble Servants
Alex^d Anderson & Geo Richardson

Lord Barrington

[Enclosure]

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant John Grant Commanding a detachment of the 42^d. /or Royal Highland/ Reg^t. of Foot to Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson

S^t Johns Newfoundland 18th August 1778

“We arrived here the 27th July, after a passage of five weeks from Cove of Cork, we disembarked “the 7th Aug^t, And as the Barracks fitting out for us are not ready we were obliged to encamp, where I “suppose we will remain till about the end of September: I beg the favor you will take the trouble of “applying for an allowance of Forage & Bat Money for us. and if allowed please to write me first “opportunity.”

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: A-C, 1778* at WO 1/995, pp. 159 and 163.

Strength Report of 42nd and 71st Regt. Additional Companies, St. John’s, Newfoundland, Oct. 28, 1778

Return of the Strength of The Troops Under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel

David Hay Fort William St. Johns Newfoundland 29th October 1778.

Royal Artillery

Present at St. Johns- 1 Captain, 1 First Lieutenant, 3 Second Lieutenants, 3 Serjeants, 4 Corporals, 4 Bombardiers, 12 Gunners, 32 Matrosses, 1 Fifer, 2 Drummers; 63 Total.

On Command South Side- 1 Sergeant, 1 Bombardier, 1 Gunner, 17 Matrosses; 20 Total.

On Command Placentia- 1 Captain Lieutenant, 3 Bombardiers, 1 Gunner, 9 Matrosses; 14 Total.

On Command Bay of Bulls- 1 Gunner, 1 Matross; 2 Total.

Prisners- 1 Gunner, 1 Mattross; 2 Total.

Total- 1 Captain, 1 Captain Lieutenant, 1 First Lieutenant, 3 Second Lieutenants, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 8 Bombardiers, 16 Gunners, 60 Mattrosses, 1 Fifer, 2 Drummers; 101 Total.

42^d Regiment

Present at St. Johns- 1 First Lieutenant, 2 Ensigns, 5 Sergeants, 5 Corporals, 96 Privates, 1 Drummer; 110 Total.

71st Regiment

Present at St. Johns- 1 Captain, 1 First Lieutenant, 2 Ensigns, 1 Surgeon, 7 Sergeants, 7 Corporals, 160 Privates, 2 Drummers; 181 Total.

On Command South Side- 1 First Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 30 Privates, 1 Drummer; 34 Total.

Total- 1 Captain, 2 First Lieutenants, 2 Ensigns, 1 Surgeon, 8 Sergeants, 8 Corporals, 190 Privates, 3 Drummers; 215 Total.

The Royal Emigrants

At Placentia- 1 Ensign, 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 30 Privates; 33 Total.

Corps of Engineers

1 Captain, 1 First Lieutenant; 2 Total.

Total Strength

3 Captains, 1 Captain Lieutenant, 5 First Lieutenants, 3 Second Lieutenants, 5 Ensigns, 1 Surgeon, 18 Sergeants, 18 Corporals, 8 Bombardiers, 16 Gunners, 376 Privates & Mattrosses, 1 Fifer, 6 Drummers; 461 Total.

David Hay
Capt. and Lieut. Colonel

Source and Note: TNA, *Colonial Office Papers, Newfoundland Original Correspondence, Secretary of State at CO 194/34*, p.52. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. The strength report information was originally shown in table format.

News Account of Disposition of Land Forces, Newfoundland, Jan. 1779

Stations of our LAND-FORCES,
January 1779...

At *Newfoundland*:

Two additional companies of the 71st, and one ditto of the 42^d regiments.

Source: *Scots Magazine*, Jan. 1779, pp. 52-53.

Note from 42nd Regt. Agents Alexander Anderson & Capt. George Richardson to Under Secretary of State William Knox Regarding Clothing for Additional Company in Newfoundland; London, Mar. 30, 1779

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson present their Compliments to M^r Knox having called this day at Lord Geo: Germain's Office ...beg leave to acquaint him that there is a Company of the 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment to which they are Agent at Newfoundland, who are very much in want of Cloathing, and as a very good opportunity now offers of sending it by the Britannia Ordnance Store Ship...The Cloathing is pack^d in 5 bales, and is only about 2 Tons measurement.

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1779* at CO 5/156. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Letter from Under Secretary of State William Knox to John Boddington, Ordnance Office,
Requesting Transport of Clothing to 42nd Additional Company at Newfoundland;
London, Mar. 31, 1779**

Whitehall 31st March 1779

Sir

Mess^{rs}. [Capt. George] Richardson & [Alexander] Anderson Agents to the 42^d. Regiment, One Company of which is at Newfoundland have applied for a Conveyance for the Clothing of that Company which they state to amount to about 2 Tons Measurement. I have therefore Received Lord George Germain's directions to desire the Board of Ordnance will give orders for its being Received on board the Britannia Ordnance Storeship.

I am &c.
W^m. Knox

M^r. Boddington

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State, Letters to War Office and Ordnance Office, 1779* at CO5/261, p. 199 (f. 99A). Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Note from Capt. Baily to Mr. Leonard Morse, War Office, Reporting Readiness
of Clothing of 42nd Regt. Additional Company for Shipping to Newfoundland;
London, Apr. 4, 1779**

Cap^t Baily presents his Compliments to M^r Morse, encloses a Return of Camp Necessaries &c, and begs leave to acquaint Him that Clothing for one company of the 42^d is now ready, and that for Two Companys of the 71st. (all Stationed at Newfoundland) will be in a few Days for Shipping on board the Ordnance Transport loading for that Part, if leave can be obtained for its being so conveyed

The Packer where the whole of the Clothing is collected, has Directions to enquire at the Tower if such Leave is given

Crown Street
4th April 1779

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Letters to Commander-in-Chief at Home* at WO 34/150, f. 92.

**Request from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis,
To Forward Letters to America and Newfoundland; Bannercross, England, May 8, 1779**

Banner cross 8th. May 1779

S^r

As I have had frequent Miscarriage of letters, beg the favour you'l please forward the three enclosed by first Pacquet for America, and one for Lieu^t. John Grant at Newfoundland; under cover of the Secretary at war, for the greater Safety and Shall be much obliged to be informed when they are Sent,

I have the honor to write this day to the Secretary at war acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 5th Ins^t: in answer to mine and Enclose the Arrangement I propose for the Officers of the two Additional Companies, which I am persuaded will further the Recruiting duty.

I have the honor to be

S^r

Matth. Lewis Esq^r.
Deputy Secretary at War

your most obedient humble Servant
John Murray

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1779* at WO 1/1005, p. 221.

**Letter from Lt. John Grant, 42nd Regt. Additional Company, to Gen. Lord
John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. St. John's, Newfoundland, May 21, 1779**

Dated S^t Johns Newfoundland 21st May 1779

My Lord

I Embrace the opportunity of a ship which sails from Trinity for England / a copy of this letter was Sent you by a Ship was to Sail from Placentia / when I am Sorry to acquaint your Lordship of a dreadfull accident happened here on the 15th of this Month, a fire broke out much about the Centre of the Town in one of the Principal Merchants Stores, the wind being from the North East, & the houses being made of wood, in a few hours burnt down the best half of the Town in Spite of all the assistance could be given by the Navy Army & Inhabitants Many of the Principal Merchants are ruined & unable to carry on the Fishery it will be hurtfull to the island in General as many hundred Barrels of Floor & Pork &c &c was burned the loss computed to be betwixt Sixty & Seventy Thousand Pounds.

I hope your Lordship rec^d my letter sent last fall, Likewise the fish, Cods – sounds & Spruce Seeds, Sent to the care of the Agents, I hope the cloathing is ordered out which we Stand much in need of, this was one of the Severest winters ever known in Newfoundland, yet have not lost a Man of the Detachment, I hope your Lordship has procured B.[Bat] & forage Money for us for last year, I do think we shall be ordered to camp this year likewise, as the new Fort is not ready to receive us, I have now past one winter here, & know all the Inconveniences, that Soldiers labour under in this disagreeable cline, therefore give me leave to Recommend to your Lordships consideration, the hardship I labour under in Supplying money for the payment of the Detachment, there is no money to be had here without a premium to the Merch^{ts} of 5 per Cent & very often Merchants here get 10 P^r Cent I therefore beg your Lordship will apply thro the proper Channel for to allow me 5 P^r Cent for what Bills I draw it would take the best half of my pay to give a premium for the money I shall have occasion for I have wrote to the Agents to this purpose, There was always a company of Artillery here, & they have 5 P^r C^t allowed, This place differs from every other part of America, when there is a premium allowed for Bills, I wrote your Lop: last fall to Send 2 or 3 Blank discharges, as I have Some men in Hospital ever Since I landed here that never will be fit for duty I wanted likewise to know if your Lordship meant I should keep the detachment compleat, in that case your Instructions and a Beating order will be Necessary.

I had a letter from L^t Co^l [Thomas] Stirling [42nd Regt.] dated the 8th Feb^{ry} wherein he tells me that Ensign [Alexander] M^cGregor & [Dugald] Campbell as appointed Lieu^{ts} and that it will be Necessary to Send one of them to the Reg^t therefore desired me to Send Lieu^t M^cGregor with the first Opportunity but the Commanding Officer refuses to Allow an officer to leave the Island untill there is one Sent to relieve him, but as I suppose your Lordship will order out an Ensign to join the Detachment, there could be no objection for Lieu^t M^cGregor to join the Reg^t as it may be of Service to himself – By Some News papers I saw from Halifax it gave me pleasure to hear of the Success of our Fleets and Armies in America and the West Indies, I hope the Rebellious Spirit of the Americans is pretty much crushed and that they may find it prudent as well as convenient to accept of the Terms offered by Great Britain, and put themselves once more under the protection of the Mother Country, then I flatter myself we will be able to chastise the French for their Insolence – As we are Invested with Privateers on this Coast and no Ship of War yet arrived to disperse them it is ten to one if you ever see this letter, I shall write your Lordship at first Opportunity I have the honor to be My Lord &c

John Grant
Lieu^t 42^d or R.H. Regiment

P.S. I wrote your Lordship last fall to Send me out Some blank Discharges you will find by the Inclosed return that there is five men unfit for Service In case your Lop: thinks proper to keep this detachment compleat it will be Necessary to Send me a Beating order [Authorization to recruit] with your Lordships Instructions.

To Lord John Murray at Banner Cross rec^d at London 19th Aug^t

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.



St. John's, Newfoundland as seen from the Grand Battery Wall of Fort Townsend, 1795, Sir George Bulteel Fisher,

Picture Source: *Anne S. K. Brown Military Collection, Brown University*

Letter from Brevet-Lt. Col. (and Capt.) David Hay, Royal Artillery, Regarding Fire in the Town, St. Johns, Newfoundland, May 25, 1779

S^t. Johns May 25th 1779

My Lord,

I am exceedingly concerned to inform Your Lordship that on the 15th instant about nine in the morning, a fire broke out in a very principal Store, about the centre of this town, and tho' the troops and Sailors together with three engines were immediately sent to extinguish the flames the fire raged with such fury, the wind strong at East and the buildings old & all of them of wood, made it impossible to put a stop to it, as it baffled all our endeavours, there are thirty five houses and Stores consumed, which contained great quantities of fish, bread, flour, beef, pork, peas & butter & this place already feels that loss sensibly, as the prices of those articles are doubled; Most of the injured Merchants are leaving the Island, and I fear that the out harbours will suffer greatly, as they all depend on this place for their supplies, the loss is computed by the Merchants to exceed £ 60,000.

Our winter has been so exceedingly severe that the Engineer could not begin works till yesterday, so that we are still in a very defenceless situation, tho' I have done all in my power by building small batteries in the out harbours to protect the inhabitants from the insults of small privateers, with which this coast swarms.

I beg leave to inform Your Lordship that when the detachments from the 42^d & 71st Regiments arrived here, they were all recruits & totally unacquainted with the use of arms, nor knew the loading motions, I was there obliged for the sake of discipline to appoint a Fort Major at three shillings a day which is a Lieut. [Alexander] Macbean of the 71st formerly of the Artillery & son to Col: Macbean, who has had a great deal of trouble & has taken a great deal of pains, I hope your Lordship will approve the appointment as it was absolutely necessary. I am with the greatest respect-

Your Lordships
 Most obedient and most humble servt.
 David Hay Capt. & Lieu^t. Colonel

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office Papers, Newfoundland Original Correspondence, Secretary of State* at CO 194/34, pp.69-70. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Newfoundland Strength Report Showing Additional Company, 42nd Regt
 Assigned to Fort Townshend, St. John's, Newfoundland, Nov. 5, 1779**

General Return of His Majesty's Troops in Garrison in the Island of Newfoundland.
 Richard Edwards Esq^r: Governor and Commander in Chief. 5 November 1779

	Captains...	1 st Lieut ^s	2 nd Lieut ^s ..	Surgeons	Sejeants	Corporals..	Privates	Total
Saint Johns {... Fort Townshend Capt: John M ^c Donnell (71 st Reg ^t Commandant	1	4	2	1	13	13	268	302...

Source and Note: Copy of original return as attachment to letter from Archivist Anthony P. Murphy to Mr. Ed Brumby, dated June 5, 2000, Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Govt. of Newfoundland and Labrador. Based on the strength report, it is very likely tall three Highland companies were serving at Fort Townshend, under Capt. M^cDonnell.

Strength Report of 42nd Regt. Additional Company, St. John's, Newfoundland, Dec. 8. 1779

General Return of His Majesty's Forces in the Island of Newfoundland, Commanded
 by [Brevet] Lieut^t. Colonel David Hay of the Roy^{al} Regiment of Artillery – S^t: Johns Dec^r: 8th: 1779

	Officers Present		Sejeants pres ^t .	Corporals Pres ^t ...	Fifers & Pipers Pres ^t .	Drummers pres ^t .	Effective Private		
	Captains...	1 st . Lieut ^s ..					Fit for Duty	Sick in Quarters...	Total
... 42 ^d : or Roy ^l . High ^d Reg ^t .		2	5	5	1	1	86	5	91
71 st : Reg ^t . of Foot	1	4	8	8	2	2	169	7	176...

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Correspondence* at WO 34/121, f. 51.

**Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Paymaster General Richard Rigby Regarding
 Subsistence Pay in Coin for the 42nd Regt. and 71st Regt. Companies at Newfoundland;
 London, May 17, 1780**

War Office 17th May 1780

Sir

The R^t Honble the Lords Comm^{rs} of the Treasury having taken into consideration the inconveniency to which the Troops stationed at Newfoundland are subjected, by receiving their Pay in Bills drawn on you, which cannot be negotiated there, but at a large discount, have desired, that in order to remedy the inconviencies complained of, an Advance of Subsistence may from

time to time be made to the Agents for the said Corps, to be by them sent out in Specie [coined money] on board the King's Ships destined for that Station.

I am therefore to signify to you H. M's P. [His Majesty's Pleasure], that for the purpose above mentioned, you do issue to the Agents of the 42^d. & 71st. Regiments respectively, Subsistence in advance up to the 24th. December, for one Compy of the 42^d. Regiment, consisting of One Capt. 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 5 Serjeants, 5 Corporals, 2 Drummers & 100 private Men, and for two Compys of the 71st. Regiment, consisting of 2 Capts. 4 Lieutenants, 2 Ensigns, 8 Serjeants, 8 Corporals, 4 Drummers, and 200 private Men.

I have the honor to be Sir &c

C. Jenkinson

R^t. Honble Richard Rigsby
&c &c &c

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Apr. 1780-July 1780* at WO 4/110, p. 171 (f. 86).

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Regimental Agent Alexander Anderson Regarding Subsistence for the 42nd Regt. Additional Company at Newfoundland; London, May 17, 1780

War Office 17th May 1780

Sir,

It having been represented that the detachment of the 42^d Regiment of Foot stationed at Newfoundland, and to which You are Agent has been subjected to inconveniences by receiving their Pay in Bills drawn upon the Paymaster General, which cannot be negotiated there, but at a large discount, in order to remedy the said inconveniences, I have given directions at the request of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that Subsistence in Advance for the said Detachment up to the 24th December next should be issued to You, and I am to desire You will take the necessary Steps for investing the same in Specie, and sending it out for the use of the Troops abovementioned by Rear Admiral [Richard] Edwards, on board One of His Majesty's Ships bound for that Station.

You will be pleased to remind Me of the next proper Opportunity during the course of the Summer for sending out the like Sums provided the Detachment continues on that Station.

I am Sir &c

C. Jenkinson

_____ Anderson Esq^r

Like Letter of same Date to Mess^{rs} Ross & Gray for a Detachment of the 71st Regiment.

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Apr. 1780-July 1780* at WO 4/110, p. 172.

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to John Robinson, Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, Regarding Subsistence for the 42nd and 71st Regt. Additional Companies at Newfoundland; London, May 18, 1780

War Office 18th May 1780

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th Instant, and to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that I have given directions for the issue of Subsistence of the Detachments of the 42^d. and 71st. Regiments stationed at Newfoundland, and for the same being sent out with Rear Admiral [Richard] Edwards conformable to their Lordships Opinion signified to me by you, But I think it proper to observe to their Lordships, that with respect to the Artillery attending these Detachments, it will be necessary that Directions be given to the Board of Ordnance, the Artillery not being within the Department of this Office.

I am Sir &c

John Robinson Esq^r.

C. Jenkinson

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Apr. 1780-July 1780* at WO 4/110, p 176.

Proposal from Commander on Chief Lord Jeffrey Amherst to King George III to the Draft the Men of the 42nd Additional Company at Newfoundland into a Highland Regt. in America, London, Aug. 24, 1780

The Additional Company of the 42^d. Regiment of Foot at present doing Duty at Newfoundland, being incorporated into the 2^d. Battalion of that regiment now in N^o. Britain [Scotland] it is proposed that the private men of that Company should be Drafted into some Highland, or other Scotch Regiment, in America, and the Officers sent home to Join the 2^d. Battalion, and raise Men to replace the Drafted Company.

24th Aug^t: 1780

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief: Papers, Observations to the King* at WO 34/189, f. 99. When Lord John Murray received approval to form a second battalion to the 42nd Regt. in 1779 part of the arrangement was for the existing two additional or recruiting companies of the regiment (including the company at Newfoundland) would be assigned to the new second battalion.



View of St. John's about 1770.
From a Water-Colour Belonging to Governor Edwards

Source: *A History of Newfoundland*, by D.W. Prowse, Macmillan and Co., London, 1895, Google Books, p. 350.

Strength Report, Including Highland Additional Companies, Newfoundland, Oct, 28, 1780

General Return of His Majesty's Troops in the Island of Newfoundland 28th of October 1780.

Fort Townshend

Staff- 1 Acting Fort Adjutant, 1 Chaplain, 1 Surgeon; Total- 3.

Engineers- 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Draftsman; Total- 4.

Royal Artillery- 1 Captain, 2 First Lieutenants, 1 Second Lieutenant, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 7 Bombardiers, 3 Drummers & Fifers, 48 Privates; Total- 66.

42d Regiment- 2 Lieutenants, 4 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 76 Rank & File.

71st Regiment- 1 Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 7 Serjeants, 3 Drummers, 127 Rank & File; Total- 141.

84th Regiment- 1 Rank &File; Total- 1.
Newfoundland Regiment- 1 Lieut. Colonel, 3 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, 3 Ensigns, 1 Adjutant, 1 Surgeon's Mate, 12 Serjeants, 2 Drummers, 122 Rank &File; Total- 140.
Total Strength- 447.

Batteries defending the Harbours Mouth
Royal Artillery- 1 Second Lieutenant, 1 Corporal, 1 Bombardier, 16 Privates; Total- 19.
42d Regiment- 1 Serjeant, 8 Rank &File.
71st Regiment- 1 Serjeant, 35 Rank &File; Total- 36.
Total Strength- 64.

Quiddy Viddy
Royal Artillery- 2 Privates; Total- 2.
42d Regiment- 3 Rank &File.
71st Regiment- 7 Rank &File; Total- 7.
Total Strength - 12.

Torbay
Royal Artillery- 2 Privates; Total- 2.
Total Strength- 2.

Hays Battery
Royal Artillery- 2 Privates; Total- 2.
71st Regiment- 7 Rank &File; Total- 7.
Total Strength- 9.

Bay of Bulls
Royal Artillery- 3 Privates; Total- 3.
42d Regiment- 7 Rank &File.
Total Strength- 10.

Trepassey
Royal Artillery- 1 Private; Total- 1.
Total Strength- 1.

Placentia
Royal Artillery- 1 Bombardier, 8 Privates; Total- 9.
84th Regiment- 1 Lieutenant, 2 Serjeants, 2 Drummers, 28 Rank &File; Total- 33.
Total Strength- 42.

Absent with Leave
71st Regiment- 1 Ensign, 1 Rank &File; Total- 2.
Total Strength- 2.

Total Strength
Staff- 1 Acting Assistant Engineer, 1 Chaplain, 1 Surgeon; Total- 3.
Engineers- 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Draftsman; Total- 4.
Royal Artillery- 1 Captain, 2 First Lieutenants, 2 Second Lieutenants, 2 Serjeants, 3 Corporals, 9 Bombardiers, 3 Drummers &Fifers, 82 Privates; Total- 104.
42d Regiment- 2 Lieutenants, 5 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 94 Privates.
71st Regiment- 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants, 8 Serjeants, 3 Drummers, 177 Rank &File; Total- 193.

84th Regiment- 1 Lieutenant, 2 Serjeants, 2 Drummers, 29 Rank &File; Total- 34.
Newfoundland Regiment- 1 Lieut. Colonel, 3 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, 3 Ensigns, 1 Adjutant, 1 Surgeon's Mate, 12 Serjeants, 2 Drummers, 122 Rank &File; Total- 149.
Total- 589.

Wanting to Compleat

42d Regiment- 1 Captain, 1 Ensign, 1 Drummer, 7 Rank &File.

71st Regiment- 1 Captain, 2 Ensigns, 1 Drummer, 24 Rank &File; Total 28.

Newfoundland Regiment- 1 Major, 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 1 Quarter Master, 1 Chaplain, 1 Surgeon, 6 Serjeants, 14 Drummers, 186 Rank &File; Total- 254...

[signed] R^d. Edwards

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Newfoundland Original Correspondence, Secretary of State* at CO 194/35, f. 75.
Transcribed by Todd Braisted. The information shown was originally presented in table format.



Detail of "Rear Admiral Richard Edwards Esq", 1780, by Nathaniel Dance

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Maritime Museum, UK*

Excerpt of Letter from Newfoundland Governor Adm. Richard Edwards to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Requesting Replacement for the 42nd Regt. Additional Company Thought to be Leaving to Join the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., St. John's, Newfoundland, Sept. 12, 1780

St John's Newfoundland, 12 September 1780

My Lord...

The company, too, of the 42^d that is here I understand is to join the 2^d Battalion at Fort George [Scotland] in whose strength they are returned. In that case, my Lord, a Corps to replace them will be absolutely necessary...

Signed

Source: *Documents of the American Revolution, Vol. XVIII, Transcripts 1780*, Ed. K. G. Davies, Irish University Press, Dublin, 1978, pp. 164-166 from TNA, *Colonial Office: Newfoundland Original Correspondence, 1780-1784* at CO 194/35, f. 64.

Request for Promotion from Lt. John Grant, 42nd Regt., Additional Company to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson, St. John's, Newfoundland, Oct. 24, 1780

Sir

Altho' I have not the honour to be personally known to you, Yet I hope the Situation you are in, and the respectable Office you hold, Will Justify my Application to you for an equal Share of Justice and Attention, which have distinguished your Administration in the late promotions to the Claims of old Officers. –

In the year 1761 I had the honour to be Appointed an Ensign to the 105th Regiment for which I raised 18 men – & was reduced in 63 with that Rank – In 71 I was Called into Service in the 42nd. /or R. Highland/ Regiment, and in 75 was promoted to a Lieutenant, when the Companys was Augmented to 100 Men. – I had the good fortune to be particularly successful in the Recruiting Service, so much that I had a promise of a Company from [Gen.] Lord John Murray if he should get an Additional Battalion to his Regiment –

In 77 I was sent to America with 200 Men to Reinforce the Regiment – Lord John Murray expecting a Second Battalion had me Ordered home for that purpose – In 78 His Lordship gave his proposals for raising a Second Battalion, which was so far Approved of that he named many of his Officers, and gave in my name to the War Office for a Company. His Lordship was at that time disappointed, and in March 78 a detachment of 100 Men from the Additional Companys was ordered for Newfoundland. There being at that time no Captain at home, the Eldest Lieutenant was Ordered to take the Command, which fell upon me / tho' arrived only a few months before from America.

In 79 the Additional Battalion took place, And Lord John Murray wrote me a Letter dated the 8th May 79 Ordering me home; which I did not receive till this Year it came out in the [50-gun *HMS*] *Portland*, by which mistake I lost a Company in the Second Battalion. As I have no prospect of returning to Europe this Season, I am Apprehensive / unless you are pleased to consider my Situation and represent it favourably to his Majesty/ I shall Continue to be Overlooked even if Additional Companys should take place.

As we are given to understand the Vacancys in America, will not be filled up in Great Britain Nor those in Great Britain by Officers in America. –

If that is true, In what an Unfortunate Situation are we who Serve in Newfoundland. And in the Confidence that it only wanted to be represented to be remedied I have taken the liberty to trouble you on the Subject

Admiral [Richard] Edwards Governor & Commander in Chief of this Island, has undertaken to represent the particular hardship of my Situation; And to him, and to Lord John Murray, my Colonel, I beg leave to Refer you for particulars of my Conduct; flattering myself, that it will always Justify any favour You may be pleased to Conferr on him Who has the Honour to be Sir,

Your Most Obedient and

Most humble Servant

John Grant Lieu^t

42^d or R. H. Reg^t

Saint Johns Newfoundland }

24th. October 1780 }

To

The Right Honourable Charles Jenkinson Esq^r
Secretary at War

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander on Chief Papers, Miscellaneous Letters, Dec. 1780* at WO 34/170, ff. 83-84.

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Forwarding Recommendation Letter from Rear Adm. Richard Edwards, Governor of Newfoundland, Regarding Lt. John Grant, 42nd Regt., London, Dec. 6, 1780

W. O. 6th Dec^r 1780

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose to Your Lordship a Letter, which I received from Admiral Edwards, in favour of L^t Grant of the Royal Highland Rg^t: who is now on Service at S^t. Johns Newfoundland; together with a Letter from the Lieutenant.

I have informed Adm^l Edwards and L^t: Grant that I should transmit their Letters to Your Lordship, to whom the consideration of them properly belongs.

I am &c

R^t. Hon^{ble} L^d Amherst
&c &c &c

C: Jenkinson

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Nov. 1780-Mar. 1781* at WO 4/112, p. 68.

Excerpt of Order from Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, to Governor of Newfoundland Rear Adm. Richard Edwards, to Send the Men of the 42nd Regt. Additional Company to Join the 1st Battalion at New York and the Officers to Britain; London, Mar. 16, 1781

Whitehall 16th March 1781

Sir...

The Accoutrements and camp Equipage you demanded for this Corps [Lt. Col. Pringle's Corps] have been ordered to be sent with the Clothing; and a proportion of the Camp Equipage & Clothing of the 71st Reg^t is also ordered to be sent for the Detachment stationed at Newfoundland: and with respect to the Company of the 42^d, it is the King's Orders that you should take the first Opportunity of a Convoy to new York, to send it thither, the Men to be incorporated into the other Companies of the First Battalion of that Regiment, and the Officers to come to England, to join the Second Battalion, to which they belong...

I am &c^a

Geo: Germain

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office Papers, Newfoundland Entry Books, Secretary of State, 1780-1784* at CO 194/35, ff. 100-103.

Order from Governor of Newfoundland Rear Adm. Richard Edwards to Lt. John Grant Directing Him to Take Half of the 42nd Regt. Additional Company to New York to Join the 1st Battalion; St. John's, Newfoundland, Sept. 4, 1781

S^t Johns 4th September 1781.

Sir,

Lord [George] Germain one of His Majestys Principal Secretaries of State having signified to me by Letter of the 16th March last that it is the Kings pleasure, the Men of the detachment of the 42^d Regiment doing duty here should be sent the First Opportunity to New York, in order to incorporate into the other Companies of the first Battalion of that Regiment, and the Officers sent to England to join the Second Battalion to which they belong.

And as the only convenient Method I have of Executing the said Order is to send them as Opportunity shall offer [faded] And you having represented to me that their stay there (which must necessarily be some days) without an Order would be attended with disagreeable Consequences and Voluntarily Offered to go with the Party of Fifty Men which I now have an Opportunity of sending in one of His Majestys Sloops belonging to my Squadron I very much approve of your Offer, And hereby direct you to embark with the said party of Fifty Man including Non Commissioned Officers onboard his Majestys [16-gun] Sloop Fairy (whose Captain has my Orders to receive you) and on your Arrival at Halifax, deliver the Letter you will receive herewith for the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops there who will forward you and your party from thence by the first Opportunity to New York, on your Arrival there you are to wait upon the Commander of His Majestys Forces in America, with the Enclosed

letter and having procured his leave take the Earliest Opportunity of returning to England agreeable to His Majestys Orders. I am

Sir Your Humble Servant
R Edwards

Lieut^t Grant – 42nd Reg^t

Source: The Rooms Provincial Archives (Newfoundland), *Letter from Richard Edwards, commander-in-chief and governor, to Lieut. Grant, 42nd Regiment, dated 4 Sept. 1781, St. John's*, GN 2.1A, v. 9, p. 53-4, Office of the Colonial Secretary fonds.

Excerpts of Letter from Governor of Newfoundland Rear Adm. Richard Edwards to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department Reporting Departure of Lt. John Grant with Half of the 42nd Regt. Additional Company, St. John's, Newfoundland, Sept. 28, 1781

S^t. Johns Nfld 28th Sept^r 1781

My Lord

I have the Honor to inform your Lordship of my arrival here the 14th of July with the Newfoundland Vessels...

Everything was quiet when I arrived and continues so still. The Forts for the Defence of this Harbour and the Batteries at the out Posts are in good Order. The Newfoundland regiment is completed, in good Order...

The Amazing Number of Privateers that were upon the Coast when I arrived (which your Lordship will judge of by the enclosed List of captures) obliged me to send the Portland to Sea for the protection of the Trade...

Agreeable to His Majesty's pleasure signified to me by your Lordship's Letter of the 16th of March last I sent fifty of the Detachment of the 42^d Regiment to Halifax (in their way to New York) in one of the Sloops belonging to my Squadron, and if any other opportunity should offer before I sail for England the remainder shall be dispatched in the same manner. Lieut Grant Commandant of the Detachment, apprehending (as the men could not be sent directly to New York) that their going alone might be attended with ill consequences Voluntarily offered to go with them, which I permitted him to do, and instructed him to apply to the Commander in Chief on his arrival, for Leave to return to England by the first opportunity according to the King's Order.

Enclosed I have sent a return of His majesty's Troops doing Duty in this Island, and Have the Honor to be

with very great respect My Lord

Right Honble Lord George Germain

Your Lordship's Most humble Servant
R Edwards...

[Enclosure]

General Return of His Majesty's Troops in the Island of Newfoundland

	42 ^d Regiment						
Where Stationed...	Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & File	Total
Fort Townshend...	..	1	..	2	..	20	23
Batteries defending the ... of the Harbour	15	15
Battery	7	7
	3	3
Strength Garrison	..	1	..	2	..	45	48

S^t Johns Newfoundland 28th September 1781
R Edwards

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office Papers, Newfoundland Entry Books* at CO 194/35, pp. 243-247 (ff. 123-125).

**General Order issued for Lt. John Grant's Detachment of the 42nd Regt.
Additional Company from Newfoundland to Disembark and Do Duty Under
Maj. William Darby in the Absence of the 42nd Regt., New York, Oct. 31, 1781**

Head Qrs New York 31st Octo^r 1781

The Detachment of the 42^d Regiment arrived under the Command of Lieut [John] Grant will be landed this day at Brooklyn; where they will be quartered and to do duty with the Corps under the Command of Major [William John] Darby [7th Regt.] 'till further orders.

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. The 42nd Regt. had sailed as part of the Yorktown relief expedition on Oct. 19 and did not return to New York until Nov. 3.

Account of Absent Officers, 2nd Battalions, 42nd Regt., Oct. 31, 1781

List of the Officers of the 2^d. Battalions of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot absent from Duty
31 Oct^r. 1781

Cap^t John MacGregor, now at Inverness.

Left Sick when the Regiment Embarked at Portsmouth on a Secret Expedition

Lieut^t Alex^r MacGregor, now at Stirling

Came home from the first Battalions since the 2^d. Embarked at Portsmouth

Ensign Rob^t Robertson, now at Lude Athol Perthshire

Ensign Will^m. White at Mr^s. Whites Inverness

Both too young to Join when the Regiment Embarked

NB. Lieutenants John Grant & Dugald Campbell who were with the Detachment at Newfoundland are expected home as soon as they have disposed of the Privates in the first Battalions at New York

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Miscellaneous Returns, 1780-1782* at WO 34/189, f. 218. Capt. MacGregor was known in the 1st Battalions as Lt. Gregor. His correct name was used when his Captain's commission was issued in the 2nd Bn.

Diary Entry by Capt. Frederick Mackenzie Noting the Arrival of Lt. John Grant's Detachment of the 42nd Regt. Additional Company from Newfoundland; New York, Oct. 30, 1781

30th Oct^r...The Detachment of an Officer and 50 Men of the 42^{ed} Regiment, which arrived from Newfoundland, but last from Halifax, in the [44-gun *HMS*] Assurance, came up and landed this morning.

Source: *Diary of Frederick Mackenzie*, Vol. II, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 1930 and reprinted in *Eyewitness Accounts of the American Revolution Series*, New York Times & Arno Press, New York, 1968, p. 681.

**Letter from Secretary at War Thomas Townshend to Capt. John Grant, 2nd Battalions, 42nd Regt.,
Regarding Expenses Claimed While Commanding Detachment at Newfoundland;
London, June 24, 1782**

WO 24 June 1782

Sir,

I have taken your Acc^t into Consideration & have transmitted the same to M^r.
[Alexander] Anderson Agent to the 42^d (Or Royal Highland) Reg^t of Foot with particular
See Folio 21. directions what is to be done thereupon, & I herewith enclose to you a Copy of my Letter to
him for your information. –

I am Sir &^c

Captⁿ Grant
42^d Foot

T. Townshend

[Enclosure]

War Office 24th June 1782

Sir,

I enclose you herewith an account of Money paid by Lieu^t (now Captain) John Grant for the
Detachment of the 42^d (or Royal Highland) Regiment under his command at Newfoundland, from 4th
April 1778 to 24th December 1781, amounting to four hundred & seventeen pounds, ten shillings & seven
pence, half penny, & having taken the same into Consideration, an now to acq^t you with the determination
I have made on the several Articles.

Article 1st Repairs of Arms & money lost by Men who died or deserted in Debt, being
proper charges against the allowance of Contingent Men, so much or may appear to be
due on these accounts to Captain Grant, it is to be remembered to him & charged to the
respective Captains.

Article 2^d Extraordinary expences in drawing for Subs^{ce} cannot be allowed, a distinct
charge for the premium of Bills being made in the sixth Article; but the actual expence
for Stationary may be admitted in the Contingent Bill, as may likewise the 4th & 5th
Articles for Rent of a Regimental Hospital & or the Pay of a Nurse.

Article 3^d Being the Customary allowance to Surgeons of Regiments, Captⁿ Grant had a
right to making a Stoppage from the pay of the Men for it, & if he neglected to do so, he
can have no reimbursement from the Public; but if the Regimental Surgeon received that
Stoppage, the charge for Medicines should be defrayed by him.

Article 6th The Charge for premium is admitted upon the particular circumstances of the case & the
absolute necessity of it being certified by [Gov. and Rear] Admiral [Richard] Edwards's
letter, I am therefore to signify to you the King's pleasure that you do pay to Captain
Grant, the Sum of One hundred & thirty six pounds one shilling & place the same against
the Non Effective account of the Reg^t.

I shall transmit a Copy of this letter to Captain Grant, to inform him of the directions given to you,
respecting the reimbursement of the Sundry articles of this account.

I am Sir &c

Alex^r Anderson Esq^r:

Tho Townshend

Account of Cash paid by L^t John Grant for the detachment of the 42^d /Or Royal Highland Reg^t under his
Command at Newfoundland from the 4th April 1778 to the 24th Dec^r 1781

1	To paid repair of Arms & Money lost by Men who died & deserted in debt during the above time	} 136..15 - }
2	To paid Extraord ^y Expences in drawing for the Subsistence of the detachment & Stationary & d ^o	} 54. 8. 5 }

3	To paid the Surgeon at the rate of one half penny per Man same time	} 47.. 9. 2 ½
4	To p ^d Rent for a Regimental Hospital for the Years 1780 & 1781 at £10 p Annum there being no place in Newfoundland appropriate for that purpose	} 20. 0. 0
5	To p ^d a Nurse for taking care of the Sick in Hospital from 25 June 1778 to 24 Dec ^r 1781 at 6 ^d p Day	} 22. 17. –
6	To p ^d a premium of 5 PC ^r for Bills drawn to Subsist the to the Amount of £2721. 15. 6 as p Account already given in	} <u>136. 1. –</u>
		} £417. 10. 7 ½

I hereby Certify that the above is a Just & true Acc^t of my Disbursements

John Grant

London 21 Mar 1782

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, June- Sept. 1782* at WO 4/118, pp. 21-24.

**Letter from Lt. Col. Robert Pringle, Newfoundland Regt., to Matthew Lewis, War Office,
Regarding the Capture of the Brig *St. George* Carrying camp Equipment for the Highland
Additional Companies at Newfoundland; 50-gun *HMS Portland*, June 24, 1782**

Portland at Sea June 24th 1782

Sir

You will please Inform the Right Hon^{able}. M^r Townshend Secretary at War that this forenoon we had the misffortune to fall in with the Combined fleet, & were Obligated to make the signal to the convoy to disperse & make the Best of our way with the [illegible] Ships to escape from the Enemy- who with 22 Sail of the Line are still in pursuit of us. We had the Mortification to see the greatest part of our Convoy [illegible] to the frigates. Amongst which I am afraid is the *St George* Brig - on board of which - was the Camp Equipage for the troops at Newf^{land} & part of the Cloathing for my Regiment.

As it will be absolutely necessary to replace the provisions & Materials for the fishery that was of the fleet taken, I have no doubt but a second Convoy will be ordered, In that case I beg you will be pleased to remind Mr Townsh^d. To give orders to replace the Tents Equipage for the Detachments of the 71&42 - Newf^{land} Regt. Consisting of 300 men with officers &c in proportion According to our Establishment - the Drums & Halbards were on Board the *St George* - which should also be replaced - & I will take it a particular favor if Ensign Haynes of the Newf^{land} Corps - who was unfortunately a passenger on Board the *St George* could be exchanged in time Join this fall by the Second Convoy –

I have the honor to be Most respectfully Sir

Your Most Ob^t Hum^e Sv^t

Robert Pringle

L: Col: Comd^t Newf^d Reg^t –

To Mat: Lewis Esq^r

Source: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, In-letters, Commanders-in-Chief, North America* at WO 1/12, pp. 433-435 (ff.. 217-218).

**List of Tents and Camp Equipment for the 42nd and 71st Regiment Detachments
Lost in Brig. *St. George*, *St. John's*, Newfoundland, July 17, 1782**

17th July 1782

List of Tents and Camp Necessaries to be provided for a Detachment of 200 Men belonging to the 42^d and 71st Regiments, stationed at Newfoundland to replace the like Articles Taken by the Enemy in the *St. George* Brig.

Private Tents compleat	48
Hand Hatchets	48
Tin Kettles with Covers & Bags	48
Bell Tents	4
Camp Colours	4
Drum Cases	6
Powder Bags	3
Tin Canteens	218
Haversacks	218
Blankets	96

Source: TNA, Secretary-at-War, In-letters, WO 1/890, f. 190.

Order from Dep. Secretary at War Matthew Lewis to Army Contractor John Trotter to Replace Captured Camp Equipment for the Highland Additional Companies in Newfoundland; London, July 17, 1782

War Office 17th July 1782

Sir

In the absence of the S[ecretary] at W[ar], I am to desire you will forthwith provide the Camp Necessaries specified in the annexed for a detachment of 200 men belonging to the 42^d & 71st Reg^{ts} of Foot stationed in Newfoundland to replace like Articles taken by the Enemy in the S^t. George Brig & care will be taken for your reimbursement.

I am &c

M. Lewis

John Trotter Esq^r

48 Hand Hatchets
 48 Tin Kettles with Canvas Bags
 4 Bell tents
 4 Camp Colours
 6 Drum Cases
 2 Powder Bags
 218 Tin Canteens
 218 Haversacks
 96 Blankets

Source: TNA, Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, General Letters June-Sept. 1782 at WO 4/118, p. 133 (f. 67).

Request from Secretary at War George Yonge to Home Secretary Thomas Townshend to Give Orders to Ordnance Department to Issue Tents for the 42nd and 71st Regts. Additional Companies in Newfoundland; London, July 18, 1782

War Office 18th July 1782

Sir,

The Tents undermentioned being wanted for a Detachment of the 42^d. & 71st Regiments of Foot stationed in Newfound Land, to replace a like number taken by the Enemy in the S^t. George Brigg; I have the Honor to acquaint you therewith, and to desire you will be pleased to receive his Majestys Commands thereupon and signify the same to the Master General of the Ordnance that the said Tents may be issued out of his Majestys Stores and the Expencc thereof charged in the estimate of Ordnance for Parliament.

48 Private Tents }

I have the honor to be &^{ca}

Compleat }

Geo: Yonge

R^t. Honb^{le}. Tho^s Townshend
& & & –

Source: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, General Letters June-Sept. 1782* at WO4/118, p. 142.

Letter from Secretary at War George Yonge with Invoice of Replaced Camp Equipment for the 42nd and 71st Regiments' Additional Companies at Newfoundland; London, Oct. 3, 1782

W.O. 3^d Oct^r 1782

Sir,

I have the honor to send you the enclosed Invoice of Tents & Camp Necessaries which have been shipped on board the Chance Transport for the 42^d & 71st Reg^{ts} of Foot under Y.C. [Your Command] to replace those lately captured by the Enemy, including a Chest of Medicines for Colonel Pringle's Corps; the whole of which are consigned to you.

I have &c^a

Officer Comm^g H. M.'s
Forces at Newfoundland

Geo: Yonge

Invoice of Tents & Camp Necessaries shipped on board the Chance, Capt: Elson for Newfoundland consigned to the Officer Comman^g H.M.'s Forces there, Viz^t

	Tents	Haversacks	Mallets	Pins	Bell Tents	Drum Cases	Powder bags	Hatchets	Kettle bags	Canteens	Camp Colours	Bell Tent Poles	Blankets	Ridge Poles	Stand Poles
No. 1	28														
2	20	218													
3			24	504											
4			24	504											
5			4	96	4	6	3	48							
6									24	109					
7									24	109					
8											4				
9												4			
10													96		
8 Bundles Containing														48	96
	48	218	52	1104	4	6	3	48	48	218	4	4	96	48	96

London

Sept^r 6th 1782

A Chest of Medicines for Col. Pringle's Corps
A d^o d^o Garrison

[Margin Note: Duplicate sent 4th Oct^r.]

Source: TNA, *War Office: Out-letters, America, 1780 -1784* at WO 4/275, p. 212 (f. 108).

Strength Report Lists Departure of 42nd Regt. Additional Company Detachment Under Lt. Dugald Campbell, St. John's, Newfoundland, Oct. 26, 1782

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

71st of Foot

Captain John M^cDonald...

Robert Pringle L^t. Col.

Newfoundland Foot, Commandant

N. B. Lieu^t. Dougald Campbell, 2 Serj^{ts}, 2 Corp^{ls}, & 20 privates of the 42^d Reg^t. Embarked for Halifax on the 26th Instant, by order of the Governor.

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

Source and Note: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers, Folios 10300-10363, June 30, 1782 – Mar. 22, 1783* at PRO 30/55/97, Item 10327. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. Gen. Paterson's report dated Nov. 13, below, lists 40 privates versus this report.



Detail of Portrait of Rear Adm. John Campbell, Gov. of Newfoundland

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Heritage Newfoundland & Labrador*

**Letter from Rear Adm. John Campbell, Gov. of Newfoundland, to the Earl of Shelburne,
Secretary of State for the Home Department, Describing the Sending of Lt. Dugald Campbell,
2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to New York; St. John's, Newfoundland, Approx. Nov. 10, 1782**

[50-gun *HMS*] Portland at Spithead 23^d Novem^r 1782

My Lord

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

In Obedience to His Majesty's Order to Governor Edwards by Lord George Germain in a Letter dated the 16th of March 1781, I sent the remainder of the Detachment of the 42^d Regiment of Foot from Newfoundland to Halifax in the [14-gun *HMS*] Thorn Sloop of War, to be conveyed from thence to New York in order to join the first Battalion of that Regiment, and directed Lieutenant Dougal Campbell who attended them thither to make the best of his way to England and join the Second Battalion to which he belongs.

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

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

With very great respect My Lord

The Rt Honble the Earl of Shelbourne

Your Lordship's Most Obedient humble Servant

Jn^o: Campbell

Source and Notes: TNA, *Colonial Office Papers, Newfoundland Entry Books* at CO 195/35, p. 295 (f. 149). The orders forming the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. in Scotland in 1779, directed that the existing two additional companies of the regiment, be assigned to the 2nd Bn. About half of one the companies was still in Newfoundland under the command of Lt. Campbell. Although the additional company recruits with Campbell were initially to be part of the strength of the 2nd Bn., they were turned over to the 1st Bn. in America and only the officers returned to join the 2nd Bn. Spithead is located on the English Channel coast.

Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Gen. James Paterson to Commander-in-Chief, North America, Gen. Sir Guy Carleton, Reporting Lt. Dugald Campbell's Detachment of the 42nd Regt. Additional Company had Embarked for New York; Halifax, Nova Scotia, Nov. 10, 1782

No. 4 Halifax. – November 13, 1782

...The transport Holderness...I have ordered to proceed together with the ordnance ship Lady Amherst with this convoy to New York...A detachment of the 42^d of one Subaltern, one Serjeant and forty privates arrived here a few days ago from S^t. John's Newfoundland in order to join their regiment. I have ordered them on board the Berwick navy store ship and the ordnance ship Lady Amherst...

Source: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institutions of Great Britain, Great Britain*, Vol. III, Historical Manuscripts Commission, 1907, Hereford, Google Books, pp. 217-218. TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester; Papers*, Nov. 8-19, 1782 at PRO 30/55/54.



Detail of "The Right Honorable Sr George Yonge Bt / Secretary at War, Knight of the Bath," 1790, by Mather Brown

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Toronto Public Lib.

Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Sir George Yonge to Commander-in-Chief, North America, Gen. Sir Guy Carleton Explaining Disposition of 42nd Regt. Additional Company Recently Arrived at New York from Newfoundland; London, Dec. 3, 1782

War Office 3^d Decem^r: 1782

Sir...

As you mention that you have not had any account of the Troops at Newfoundland I enclose for your information a Copy of the last Return from thence; to which I am to add, that the Detachment of the 2^d Battalion of the 42^d Regiment is from Christmas next to be turned over and considered as a part of the 1st Battalion.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient most humble Servant

General Sir Guy Carleton
&c. &c. &c.
New York, North America

Geo: Yonge

Source: TNA, *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester* at PRO 30/55/56, item 6328 and *War Office, Out-letters*, WO4/275, p. 224 (f. 114). At this time there was about half of one of the 42nd Additional Companies still stationed at Newfoundland. The officers were assigned on paper to the 2nd Battalion which had sailed from Scotland for service in India, but the Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers and Private Men are being directed to counted as part of the 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt. in America.

Letter from Robert Adair, Inspector General of Hospitals, Accounting for Surgeons Assigned Duty with the Newfoundland Detachment of 42nd and 71st Regiments, London, Feb. 26, 1784

Argyle Street 26th. February 1784.

Sir

I have the Honour to represent to you that in the Year 1778 M^r. George Reid was appointed to act as Surgeon to the Detachments of the 42^d. & 71st. Regiments doing Duty at St. John's Newfoundland; that upon his Death, which happened on the 17th of February 1780, the Commanding Officers of these Detachments recommended M^r. Thomas Dodd who acted in the same Capacity 'till the 17th. July 1781, during which Time he received the same Allowance as had been paid to M^r. Reid, viz: 5S- a day. He was succeeded by M^r. William Miller, who was sent out with the Approbation of the secretary at War & continued there until the 9th. of October 1782.

I have herewith inclosed Letters from Captain [John] M^cDonell [71st Regt.], & Lt. [John] Grant [42nd Regt.], Mess^{rs}. Dodd & Miller, & have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient & most humble Servant

Robt: Adair

The Right Honourable
Sir George Yonge, Baronet, &c: &c.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: In-letters, General Correspondence A-H* at WO 1/1021. *The Medical Register for Year 1783* lists Adair as "Robert Adair, Esq., Surgeon to Chelsea Hospital and Inspector General of Hospitals. Argyle -Street."