

Excerpt from *Kilts & Courage, Vol. III, The Documentary History of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment in the American War for Independence, 1776-1783*

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Detail from "Recruiting Serjeant," 1780, Published by H. Humphrey

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Appendix D: Organization of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. 1776-1783

Enclosure D-4: Additional or Recruiting Companies

Introduction

The "Additional Company" was the common name for the recruiting organization for British regiments. Officers, Non-commissioned officers and drummers were assigned to man these companies and to form recruiting parties, who would travel to villages and cities around the country to recruit soldiers to take the place of those serving in the war in America who were no longer able to serve due to battle casualties and other infirmities. Private soldier billets were allows to account for the administrative costs of subsisting the soldiers once recruited.

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 Aug. 29, 1775 Secretary at War Viscount Barrington wrote Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. regarding a further augmentation to the regiment due to the American war. Lord Barrington indicated “...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 acquaint your Lordship therewith...”¹

During the early part of the American war the 42nd Regt. had two Additional Companies commanded by Capt. Alexander Donaldson and Capt. James McPherson.² On May 12, 1777, the War Office ordered Lord John Murray to complete his two additional companies as soon as possible and to send them to America to reinforce the regiment. Lt. John Grant escorted the companies to New York, landing on July 8, 1777, before returning to Scotland to recruit additional men.

On Mar. 4, 1778 the War Office notified the Colonel of the 42nd Regt., Gen. Lord John Murray that “...It being intended that the Recruits raised in N^o Britain [Scotland] 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...”³

However, soon after the above notification, and following the signing of the treaty of alliance between France and the rebellious American Colonies 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. The 800 recruits then assembled in the Additional Companies in Scotland for service in America were identified as an available source that could be diverted to meet the need to reinforce Newfoundland.

Accordingly on Mar. 25th, Secretary at War Viscount Barrington wrote to Lt. Gen. John Campbell, Duke of Argyll and Commander of His Majesty’s Forces, Scotland that “...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.”⁴

To avoid duplication, further correspondence regarding the 42nd Regt. Additional Company sent to Newfoundland is provided in this Volume and not repeated in this Enclosure. See Appendix H: *The 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment Additional Company at Newfoundland, Canada, 1778 – 1782*

Once the Newfoundland detachments were withdrawn about 500 recruits from thirteen regiments remained. However, instead of sending the recruits to the regiments they had volunteered to join, the War Office sent all 500 to Spithead. Included in the 500 recruits drafted were 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, and 28 Soldiers of the 42nd Regt. (with 1 woman and 2 children), who sailed on the transport *Juno* for Spithead on Apr. 29, 1778.

About a year later, on July 29, 1779, Lord John Murray was notified of King George III's approval to raise a 2nd Battalion to the 42nd Regt. The terms of the approval effected the additional companies. Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces included in the notification that "...*The two additional Companies of this Regiment, consisting of two Captains, Four Lieut^s two Ensigns, 8 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 2 Drummers, and two Hundred Private Men, are intended to be taken from the first Battalion, to be transferred to, and to make a part of, this Second Battalion.*"⁵ The activities of the two original additional companies are addressed in detail in *Appendix J: Raising of the 2nd Battalion, 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, 1779-1786*, and therefore not repeated in this enclosure.

The loss of the two additional companies to Newfoundland and the 2nd Battalion severely impacted the ability of the 42nd Highlanders in America to replace its losses with good Highland recruits. Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (also Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) reported to Lord John Murray on Oct. 27, 1779 regarding the drafted English and Irish recruits received for the Regiment writing "... *I wrote your Lop: [Lordship] lately with a return of the Reg^t as it then Stood we have Since that received 152 draughts from Different Corps Sent from England of all Nations, as the 26th Reg^t in which there were many Scotchmen was ordered to be draughted, I applied to the Commander in Chief, to be allowed to Exchange them, which was granted, and we got 95 from that Corps all N. Briton's the remainder which are about 40 I shall endeavor to get Exchanged for our Country men from other Corps— The Reg^t Still wants 70 or 80 men, Several of our draughts having died Since they came here, a General & Severe Sickness having prevailed throughout the whole Army...*"

As mentioned above, when the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. was formed in 1779 both Additional Companies of the 1st Battalion, were transferred to the 2nd Battalion. As a result, the battalion in America did not have a source for new recruits to make up for losses in the battalion. On Jan. 21, 1783, the Secretary at War notified Gen. Lord John Murray that "*I have the honor to acq^t. Your Lop:[Lordship] that H. M. [His Majesty] has been pleased to direct that the 1st Battalion of the 42^d: Reg^t. of Foot, under your Command, should be augmented with one Company for the purpose of recruiting, which Company is to consist of 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 10 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 4 Drummers, & 30 Private men; & that directions have been given to the (2^d:-) – 71st: Reg^t: of Foot, to turn over accordingly, 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, & 1 Ensign, of one of the additional Companys to the 1st: Battalion of Your Regiment...*" The "2^d 71st" Regt., was commanded by Lt. Col. Commandant Earl Balcarres, who began the war as a Captain in the 42nd Regt. The transfer was made effective as of Dec. 25, 1782.

The Apr. 5, 1783 muster at Perth of Capt. William Nairne's Company in the "2^d 71st" Regt. indicated Nairne and Ens. Cornelius Wallace were "*Transferred to 1st. B: 42^d. Reg^t. 25th. Dec^r*" along with two "*Vacant*" Lieutenancies formerly held by Lieutenant James Abercrombie and John Story. However, the annotated War Office copy of the annual *Army List* for 1783 showing officers of "2^d 71st" Regt. transferred to the 42nd Regt. included Nairne, Lt. John Herring, Lt. John Sinclair and Ens. Alexander Innes. Lt. Sinclair had been appointed to the vacant Lieutenancy of Lt. John Abercrombie on Feb. 17, but the other two officers were not associated with Lt. Story or Ens. Wallace, respectively.

Ens. John Herring, from Major Elford's Corps, was commissioned Lieutenant in the "2^d 71st" Regt. on 12 Feb. 1783, and Lt. Alexander Innes, of the Northern Fencibles, was commissioned Ensign in the "2^d 71st" Regt. on Mar. 7. Ens. Innes had not yet reported to the "2^d 71st" Regt. at the time of the Perth muster on Apr. 5, 1783. Neither Lt. Herring nor Lt. Sinclair are mentioned in the Perth muster. All three subalterns were commissioned in the "2^d 71st" Regt. after the date the regiment was ordered to turn a company over to the 42nd Regt. and accordingly their actual date of service in the 42nd Regt. cannot be precisely determined. All three subalterns were very junior in their respective ranks which likely is the reason for their selection for transfer.

Besides the officers, other soldiers of the “12th Company” of the “2^d 71st” Regt. were transferred to the 42nd Regt. The muster of Capt. John Elphinston’s Company, 71st Regt., at Perth, Scotland, on Apr. 5 has a note that “*the Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Serjeants, four Corporals, two Drummers from the 12th Company transferred to the 1st Battn 42nd Regt 25th Dec, and twenty seven Effective private men.*” The officers mentioned in this note did not come from Elphinston’s company but rather as discussed above.

Once formed, however, Capt. Nairne’s company did not serve very long in the 42nd Highlanders. Due to the reduction of the army at the end of the American war, on June 23, 1783 the Secretary at War notified Gen. Lord Murray that “... *I have the honour to acq^t: You, that the men to be Discharged in Consequence of the Reduction of the Additional Companies, are to have the usual Bounty of fourteen days Subsistence beyond the time of their Discharge, to carry them to their respective Homes; those excepted who were enlisted in Scotland or Ireland who are to receive twenty one or twenty eight Days Subst according to the Distance...*” Accordingly, Capt. Nairne’s Additional Company was disbanded and the officers went out on Half-pay.⁷

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Notes to Introduction:

1. TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, July 1775-Nov. 1775* at WO 4/94, p. 217 (f. 111). The number of Lieutenants is modified from “one” by the numeral 2 written above. Due to the large size of the companies, one captain, two lieutenants and one ensign were allowed.
2. TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, July 1775-Nov. 1775* at WO 4/94, pp. 384-6 (ff. 195-196)
3. Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. 1778 – May 1778* at WO 4/102, f. 56.
4. TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. 1778 – May 1778* at WO 4/102, p. 186.
5. TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Miscellaneous Letters from Lord Amherst, July 9- Oct. 15, 1779* at WO 34/231, pp.76 – 77.
6. Thomas Stirling to Lord John Murray, Oct. 27, 1779, *Lord John Murray Papers, Bagshawe Muniments*, John Rylands Library, Univ. of Manchester.
7. TNA, *War Office: Out letters*, WO 4/120, p. 208; TNA, *War Office, Musters of Capt. Wm. Nairne’s and Capt. John Elphinston’s Companies, 2nd 71st Regt. dated at Perth, Scotland, Apr. 5, 1783* at WO 12/7847; *Annual Army List for 1783* at WO65/33 (Copy of missing page 146 for “2^d 71st” Regt. provided by Mr. Ed Brumby); Richard Fitz Patrick to Lord Murray, June 23, 1783, at TNA, WO 4/122, pp. 142-143 (f. 73).

General Recruiting Documents

Sample Recruiting (or Beating) Order from the *Military Medley* by Capt. Thomas Simes, 2nd (or Queen’s Royal) Regt., 1768

Form of a Beating Order

G. R.

THESE are to authorize you, by beat of drum or otherwise, to raise so many volunteers in any county or part of our kingdom of Great Britain, as are or shall be wanting to recruit and fill up the respective companies of our regiment of foot, under your command, to the number allowed upon the establishment; and you are to cause the said volunteers, to be raised and levied as aforesaid to march under the command of such Commission or Non-commissioned Officer, in such numbers and at such times, to any place or port you shall think proper: and all Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, Constables, and all other of Our civil Officers whom it may concern, are hereby required to be assisting

unto you in providing quarters, impressing carriages, and otherwise as there shall be occasion; and for so doing, this Order shall remain in force for twelve months from the date thereof, and no longer.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this day of 17 in the year of Our reign.
By his Majesty's command,

Source: *The Military Medley*, Capt. Thomas Simes, London, 1768, pp.283- 284.

**Sample Recruiting Speech from the *Military Medley* by
Capt. Thomas Simes, 2nd (or Queen's Royal) Regt., 1768**

The SPEECH

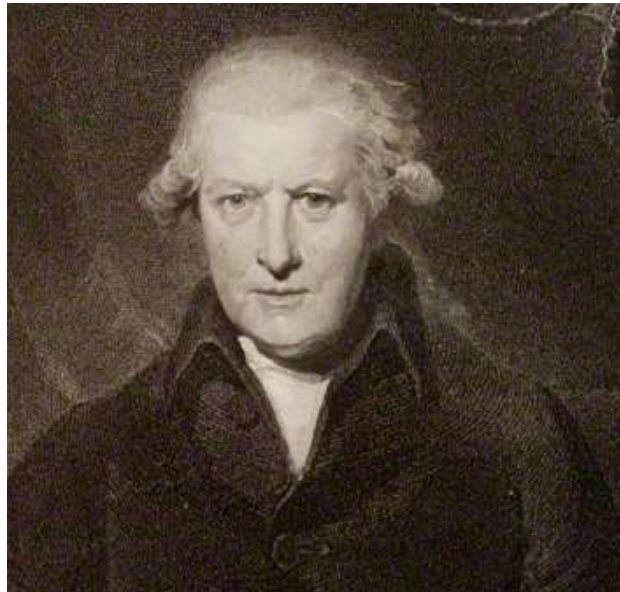
To all aspiring heroes bold, who have spirits above slavery and trade, and inclinations to become gentlemen, by bearing arms in his Majesty's _____ regiment, commanded by the magnanimous _____ let them repair to the drum-head (*Tow row dow*) where each gentleman volunteer shall be kindly and honourably entertained, and enter into present pay and good quarters: besides which, gentlemen, for your further and better encouragement you shall receive one guinea advance; a crown to drink His majesty King GEORGE's health; and when you come to join your respective regiment, shall have new hats, caps, arms, cloaths, and accoutrements, and every thing that is necessary and fitting to compleat a gentleman soldier.

God save their majesties, and success to their arms.

Huzza! Huzza! Huzza!

Source: *The Military Medley*, Capt. Thomas Simes, London, 1768, p. 284.

Documents



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

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

Orders from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Augment the Regiment with Two Additional or Recruiting Companies, 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 acquaint your Lordship therewith, and to Signify to you H: M: P: [His Majesty's Pleasure] that in the execution of this Service, the following particulars be duly observed, Viz^t.

The Sum of Five Guineas [5 £, 5 S] will be allowed to the Recruiting Officer for each Recruit that shall be approved, of which the Recruit is to have three Guineas, notwithstanding any former Regulation, and to compensate the loss that the Recruiting Officers may Sustain by the additional Bounty to the Recruit, in Case of Desertion, It is H: M: P: that the Commanding Officer, or person authorized to pass the Recruits, should certify the Number of Men who may desert, previous to their being approved of as proper Recruits, that one Guinea & a half may be allowed to be charged for each Deserter in the Contingent Bill of the Reg^t.

H: M: has been pleased to direct that the Establishment of the said additional Companies shall take place from the 25th instant [Aug.] inclusive.

Levy Money at five Guineas per Man for 216 Men, will be issued immediately, to enable you to carry on this Service, in which it is expected the utmost diligence will be used.

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 a 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
My Lord &c
Barrington

R^t Honble, General Lord John Murray
Col^o of the 42^d. /or Royal Highland/ Reg^t
of Foot

42^d. Regiment

Captain Duncan M ^c Pherson –	of the late 89 th Foot
Lieutenant _ _ _	not yet appointed
Ensign Alex ^r M ^c Leod_	

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, July 1775-Nov. 1775* at WO 4/94, p. 217 (f. 111). The number of Lieutenants is modified from “one” by the numeral 2 written above. Due to the large size of the companies, one captain, two lieutenants and one ensign were allowed.



Detail from Portrait of Lord John Murray, 1759, by Allan Ramsay

Picture Source: Tate Gallery, London

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., 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 [Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling] 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 those 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^t. & 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 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. 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 M^cLeod thro' whose name I have drawn a line has been already notified for the 42^d. [Maj.] General [Simon] Fraser [71st Highland Regt.] 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 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...

There are to be Two Lieutenants appointed to each of the additional Companies. There is at present only one. Of these Lieutenants, one is to be taken from Half pay...

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c...

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...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, July 1775-Nov. 1775 at WO 4/94, pp. 384-6 (ff. 195-196). Ens. Lord William Murray was 13-years old when commissioned. Both captains were exchanged before the regiment sailed for America. Capt. Alexander Donaldson commanded the 1st Company and Capt. James Macpherson the 2nd.

Estimate from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Paymaster General Hon. Richard Rigby, for the Cost of Two Additional Companies for the 42nd Regt., London, Nov. 3, 1775

War Office 3^d. Novem^r 1775 –

Sir

His Majesty having been pleased to direct that two Companies each consisting one Captain, two Lieutenants, One Ensign, 5 Serjeants, 5 Corporals, 2 Drummers & 100 private Men shall be added to the 42^d. /or Royal Highland/ Regiment of Foot, I have the honor to acquaint you therewith.

Enclosed I send you of an estimate of the said two additional Companies from the 25th. of August last inclusive, from which period it is His Majesty's Pleasure that the same shall take place on the Establishment, that you may be pleased to lay a Memorial before the R^t. Honble the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Money wanted for this Service

I have the honor to be

R^t. Honble Richard Rigby
Paymaster General

Sir &c
Barrington

[Enclosure]

Estimate of the Charge of two Additional Companies to the 42^d /or Royal Highland/ Regiment of Foot, from 25th August 1775, inclusive.

			<u>Pay p diem</u>		
1	Captain		£0..	10..	
2	Lieutenants	each 4/8	0..	9..	4
1	Ensign		0..	3..	8
5	Serjeants	ea 1/6	0..	7..	6
5	Corporals	ea 1..	0..	5..	
2	Drum ^{rs}	ea 1..	0..	2..	
100	private Men	each .. 8 ^d	3..	6..	8
116.			5..	4..	2
Allowance to the Widows			0..	1..	4
to the Colonel			0..	1..	2
to the Captain			0..	1..	0
to the Agent			0..	0..	6
			5..	8..	2
{ One Company more of the like Number }					
116	{ and Rates as the Company above }		5..	8..	2
	{ mentioned from the same time – }				
<u>232</u>	Total p diem		<u>£. 10..</u>	<u>16..</u>	<u>4</u>

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, July 1775-Nov. 1775* at WO 4/94, pp. 498-499 (f. 252).

**Estimate of Cost of Two Additional Companies for the 42nd Regt. from
Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to John Robinson Esq., Secretary to
the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, Nov. 3, 1775**

War Office 3^d November 1775

Sir.

His Majesty having been pleased to direct that two Companies, each consisting of One Captain, two Lieutenants, One Ensign, five Serjeants, five Corporals, two Drummers and One hundred Private Men, shall be added to the 42^d /or Royal Highland/ Regiment of Foot, I am to acquaint you therewith for the Information of the Right Honorable Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

Enclosed I send you for their Lordship's Information, an Estimate of the said additional Companies from the 25th August last inclusive, from which period it is His Majesty's pleasure that the same shall take place on the Establishment.

I am Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant

John Robinson Esq^r.

Barrington

Estimate of the Charge of two additional Companies to the 42^d /or Royal Highland/ Regiment of Foot, from 25th August 1775, inclusive.

			<u>Pay per diem</u>		
			<u>£.</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>d.</u>
1. Captain			0..	10..	0
2. Lieutenants	each 4 ^s ..8 ^d		0..	9..	4
1. Ensign			0..	3..	8
5. Serjeants	each 1 ^s ..6 ^d		0..	7..	6
5 Corporals	each 1..		0..	5..	
2. Drummers	each 1..		0..	2..	
<u>100.</u> Private Men	each8		<u>3..</u>	<u>6..</u>	<u>8</u>
116.			5..	4..	2
	Allowance to the Widows		0..	1..	4
	Allowance to the Colonel &c ^a		0..	1..	2
	Allowance to the Captain &c ^a		0..	1..	0
	Allowance to the Agent		<u>0..</u>	<u>0..</u>	<u>6</u>
			5..	8..	2
{ One Company more of the like Number }					
116	{ and rates as the Company above }		5..	8..	2
	{ mentioned from the same time – }				
<u>232</u>	Total per diem		<u>£. 10..</u>	<u>16..</u>	<u>4</u>

Source: TNA, *Treasury Papers, England and Wales: Correspondence from the Secretary at War, Lord Barrington: Estimated cost of augmentations to the 42nd Regiment of Foot from 25 Aug.* at T 1/518./45-48. A copy of the letter is also at *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, July 1775-Nov. 1775* at WO 4/94, p. 500 (f. 253).



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 Location of the Two 42nd Regt. Additional Companies,
Bannercross, Sheffield, Feb. 22, 1776**

My Lord

As I am at all times desirous of having the honor of your Lordship's approbation of my Conduct, beg you'll pardon inclosing the rough Copy of my letter to the [Lt. Gen. John Campbell] Duke of Argyll this morning in ans^r. to his Grace's Which I have taken the liberty to send with it, and also [Lt. Gen.] S^r. Adolp. Oughtons to me, that he never interfered in the Domestick Economy of the Reg^{ts}. under his Command. least your Lordship might have been inform'd of the Contents

I therefore beg the favour if your Lordship thinks proper to let me know His Majestys Pleasure, how I am to act When I get to Glasgow. and if I must not change the Stations of the Recruiting Officers of the Additional Companys if necessary. and if the Returns are to be signed by the Commanding Officer next to me at head Quarters, or by my Self. My port chaise is at the door. I have the honor to be with the most Sincere Regard

Bannercross 22^d Feb 1776

My Lord

your Lordships most humble
and most obed^t Serv^t John Murray

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO1/993.

**Letter from Ludovick Grant of Knockando to James Ross Regarding Hugh
Fraser, Deserter from the 42nd Regt., Elgin, Scotland, Mar. 9, 1776**

Elgin March 9th 1776

Dear Sir,

I am this moment favour of yours, and expected to have heard from you before now, The man Inlisted for Carron turns out to be a deserter from the 42nd Regt, his name is Hugh Fraser but listed with [Capt. Hamilton] Maxwells Serj^t under the name of Gordon, and was deliver^d up by one of his Serj^{ts}. to the 42nd for which Provost Duff gave the Serj^t Twenty Shillings, he afterwards deserted from the 42nd upon their march south & came and Inlisted with me under the name of Grant, he this day came before me & surrendered himself as a Deserter from the 42nd at same time taking the benefite of the Kings Proclamation pardoning all Deserters who shall join their Respectives Corps before the first of April, I therefore propose sending him to Nairn tomorrow to an officer of the 42nd who is left behind upon the Recruiting service. This Family has been in great distress most of the winter, we are all now pretty well we never doubted of our loosing our youngest child but thank God she is now out of danger - All here join in best wishes, and am in haste

D^r. Sir

Yours Sincerely
Ludivick Grant

Source: NRS, *Papers of the Gordon Family, Dukes of Gordon (Gordon Castle Muniments), Correspondence, Mar. 1-15, 1776* at GD44/43/157, item 20. Transcribed by Ed Brumby.



Detail from "View of the City of Glasgow, in the County of Clydesale," 1784

Picture Source: *The New British Traveller*, George Augustus Walpoole, Printed for Alexander Hogg, London, 1784, Google Books, after p. 491

**Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Regarding the Additional Companies, Glasgow, Mar. 14, 1776**

My Lord...

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: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO1/993.



Detail from *Sir James Adolphus Oughton*, 1778, by John Downman

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Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Scotland, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Inspection of Recruits and the Status of Transports, Caroline Park, Edinburgh, Mar. 19, 1776

My Lord,

I am honoured with Your Lordship's several Letters of the 13th and 14th ... I shall obey Your Lordship's Commands for inspecting the Recruits of the Additional Companys by a Field Officer: But must beg leave to observe that, after the Embarkation of the Highlanders, and the Dragoon Reviews there will be but two Field Officers in Scotland. Perhaps Your Lordship may think it expedient to appoint some particular Officer for that Duty...

I have the Honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

Caroline Park, March 19, 1776 –

Ja^s: Adol^f: Oughton

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO1/865, p. 387.

Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Scotland, Regarding Additional Companies of the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments, London, Mar. 29, 1776

War Office 29th March 1776

Sir,...

As soon as the Recruits for N^o. America are sent away and the arrangement of the Companies can be made Lieutenant Colonel [Samuel] Townsend will acquaint you which of the additional Companies are to be stationed in N^o. Britain.

I have the hon^{or} to be

Sir &c

Barrington

Sir Adolphus Oughton
&c &c &c
Edinburgh

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96, p. 421.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Scotland, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Regarding Stations for the 42nd Regt. Additional Companies, Caroline Park, Edinburgh, Apr. 4, 1776

My Lord

...One Additional Company of the 42^d Regiment will be stationed at Fort George the other at Perth or Glasgow, as the service may require...

I have the Honour to be, My Lord Your Lordships
Most humble and most obedient Servant
Ja^s. Adol^s Oughton

Caroline Park April 4.1776

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 - 1776* at WO 1/865, pp. 423-424.

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Discusses Training of Recruits by Lt. John Gregor, 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... As I had the honor to Acquaint your Lordship that I had Appointed Lieu^t. Dougal Campbell, to the Additional as he is Extremely 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 have the honor to be

Glasgow 15th April
1776.

My Lord
Your Lordships most humble & most obed^t Serv^t.
John Murray

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Supernumerary Recruits from the 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's), London, Apr. 20, 1776

War Office 20th April 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letters of the 12th and 14th instant, and to acquaint you that nothing will be done respecting the Supernumeraries of [Maj.] General [Simon] Frazer's [71st Highland] Regiment, untill I have received the Report of the Corps, when inspected by Sir Adolphus Oughton.

R^t. Honble Lord J. Murray
Glasgow

I have the Hon^r. to be My Lord &c
Barrington

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, General Letters, Apr. 1776 – July 1776* at WO 4/97, p. 69 (f. 35).



Lt. Col. Simon Fraser, 78th Highland Regt. from "The Death of Wolfe," 1770, by Benjamin West

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Gallery of Canada*

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Locations for Additional Companies, Glasgow, Apr. 22, 1776

My Lord

... S^r. Adolp. Oughton came here last night but does not begin to Inspect the 71 till tomorrow at noon, he Acquainted Major Gen^l [Simon] Fraser, & me that he was to make over his Supernumerary Men to my Additional Officers, in the mean time, & would order them to be Subsisted... my Two Additional Companys are to be Sent to Fort George...

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 WO1/993.

Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Scotland, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding 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 [Maj.] General [Simon] Fraser's [71st] 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...

My Lord, Your Lordship's

most humble and most obedient Ser^t:

Ja^s: Adol^s: Oughton

Glasgow April 23^d, 1776

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, p. 419.



Reproduction 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

Picture Source: Courtesy of Roy and Debra Najecki's American Revolutionary War Reproductions.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Scotland, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding the Assignment of the 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's) Supernumeraries to the 42nd Regt. Additional Companies, Edinburgh, Apr. 25, 1776

My Lord,

I am just returned from inspecting the 71st Regiment, who are to embark this Day...

The Supernumeraries, being the Refuse of so large a Body cannot be supposed to be good: I passed above a hundred as capable of Service: but 'till the Embarkation is over, no judgement can be formed how many of them may be wanted to compleat the Regiment. Such of them as are Highlanders it is to be feared will desert when they find they are not to go with their Countrymen: but the best way to prevent it will be to turn them over to [Gen.] Lord John Murray's [42nd Regt.] Additional Companies, to which they are now consigned, the English [recruits], if your Lordship approves, may be taken into mine [31st Regt.].

[Maj.] General [Simon] Fraser told me some of his Recruits were left sick at Perth and Stirling, and some of his Recruits not yet joined. I have directed Captain [Alexander] Donaldson of the 42^d / a very distinct good Officer to take the same Charge of them when they come up as of the other Supernumeraries; dismissing such of them as he shall judge unfit for Service.

I have the Honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

Edinburgh April 25th, 1776

Ja^s: Adol^f: Oughton

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, pp. 467-468.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Scotland, and Col., 31st Regt., to Transfer Supernumerary Highland Recruits from the 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's) to the 42nd Regt. Additional Companies, London, May 6, 1776

W. O. 6th May 1776

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the rec^t. of your letter of the 25th of April last, & to acquaint you it is thought proper, that of the Supernumeraries raised for the 71st Reg^t., and found fit for Service, the Highlanders should be turned over to the additional Companies of the 42^d. Reg^t., & the Lowlanders, & others should be incorporated into the additional Companies of your Reg^t. You will be pleased to direct that proper receipts be given by the Officers who receive the Said Men. – I am also to desire you will inform me of the exact day when the Supernumeraries were approved by you, as well as of the Numbers turned over to each Corps that the necessary directions may be given for repaying to the 71st Reg^t £5 .. for

each Man together with the Amount of the Subsistence delivered to the Said Recruits, from the respective time of their being approved.

Lieu^t. Gen^l. Sir Adolphus Oughton
&c &c &c
Edinburgh

I have the honor to be Sir &c
Barrington

Source: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, General Letters, Apr. 1776-July 1776* at WO 4/94, p. 145.

**Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Col., 31st Regt., to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Enumerating 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. Recruits
Transferred to the 42nd Regt. Additional Company, Edinburgh, May 16, 1776**

My Lord

In Obedience to Your Lordship's Commands of the 6th I sent Captain Ross to Glasgow to receive from Captain [Alexander] Donaldson of the 42^d the Lowland and English Supernumeraries of the 71st Regiment, which he had been consigned to his care. He returned Yesterday with 96 Men and the following Particulars from Captain Donaldson.

April 21 passed by JAO [James Adolphus Oughton] 118
May 4 passed by Capt Donaldson 20
138

Turned over to the 31st Reg^t 96
D^o to the 42^d 26
Deserted 16
138

These with what I had before more than completes the two Additional Companies of my Regiment. Proper receipts have been given by Captains Donaldson and Ross: but I must ascertain some Facts which I have to lay before Your Lordship: for they are literally speaking etc [naked?] some of them I am told have concealed Disorders which make them unfit for Service; and many of them deny their having received any Bounty Money. Three Gaol Birds have been sent here from [Laddsugs?] Deserters from the 71st Regiment; I wish for your Lordships orders what to do with them. I have the Honour to be My Lord, Your Lordships most obedient, humble Servant
Caroline Park, May 16th 1776

Ja^s Adol^s Oughton

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, p. 503. Capt. Donaldson commanded the 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt. and had previously been assigned to take command of the supernumerary recruits pending their disposition.

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Recruiting Fraud, Dunkeld, June 20, 1776

My Lord

As soon as the Reg^t. under my Command, & Major Gen^l. [Simon] Frasers [71st Highland Regt.] Sailed from Greenock, I Sett out to make a Tour thro Some part of the Highlands...

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.

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993.



Detail from Picture of Fort Augustus, 1746, by Thomas Sandby

Picture Source: Royal Collection Trust

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Location of Additional Companies and Recruiting Fraud, Near Dunkeld, Aug. 28, 1776**

My Lord

I have the honor to Acquaint your Lordship the Additional Company, was at Fort George, of the Regiment under my command, and lately ordered to Fort Augustus, was compleat last month, and the other at Glasgow I hope will be so by this time. I beg leave to know, if the Recruiting is to be Stopt, or to be continued notwithstanding the Companies are compleat.

The Duke of Argyle wrote me in answer to mine of the dress of Recruiting Officers, & parties that he was afraid considering the present Scarcity of Men and the great demand for them, it would not be proper to lay any restraint upon recruiting at present. Its now of no consequence to me as the Additionals are compleat, but I wish it may not have a contrary Effect from what his Grace imagines.

I have the honor to be with the Greatest Regard

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient and most humble Servant

John Murray

Pitnaine Lodge near Dunkeld
August 28th. 1776.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993. The Duke of Argyll was the Commander-in-Chief, Scotland.



Detail from "A General View of the City & Castle of Edinburgh, the Capital of Scotland," 1784

Picture Source: *The New British Traveller*, George Augustus Walpoole, Printed for Alex. Hogg, London, 1784, Google Books, after p. 492.

**Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Regarding Additional Company Officers, Edinburgh, Oct. 31, 1776**

My Lord...

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 [1st Additional Company] at Fort Augustus, and Cap^t. [James] M^cPherson [2nd Additional Company] 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... 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 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.

**Account of 42nd Regt. Additional Company Arriving for Embarking for America;
Glasgow, Feb. 18, 1777**

Tuesday last [Feb. 18] arrived at Glasgow, one of the Independent Companies of the 42^d Regiment, or Royal Highlanders, from Fort George, in order to embark for America; four Companies of the 71st are also ordered for the same Place...

Source and Notes: *Oxford Journal*, Feb. 22, 1777, p. 2. One hundred seventy recruits from the two 42nd Regt. Additional Cos. were escorted to New York by Lt. John Grant. See Lt. John Grant's description of the Additional's arrival in America in his letter below dated Aug. 27, 1777 and Lt. John Peebles' account of their arrival below dated July 6.



Detail of "The Hon^{ble}. S^r. W^m. Howe," 1777

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Letter from Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Regarding Additional Company Officers, London, Feb. 24, 1777

War Office 24th February 1777

Sir,

There being already several Deficiencies of Officers for the Additional Companies; and it being necessary to send out some more of the said Officers in order to conduct the Recruits who are to embark next week for the Army under your Command; I have the honour to enclose for your Information a List of the Officers who will remain in Great-Britain with these Companies after Embarkation.

As these Companies were formed for the purpose of Recruiting for the Body of their respective Corps, you will agree with me in the necessity of keeping them as fully officered as possible — I am therefore to desire you will be pleased to supply the deficiencies by the earliest opportunity, by sending home the youngest officer of each Rank, or such others as you may think proper: And as several Non Commissioned Officers of the Additional Companies have likewise been sent out with the several Embarkations, it would be expedient to replace them likewise in the way you shall judge best for the Service.

As soon as the Embarkation is compleated I shall send you an exact Account of the Number of Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers wanting to compleat the Companies of each Regiment under your Command.

In justice to the Officers belonging to these Companies, I cannot avoid taking this Opportunity to submit their Case to your Consideration. — Those of them who were reduced in 1763, and have remained ever since on the Half Pay against their inclination; have embraced the first occasion that offered for their return to the Service, flattering themselves that, from their Zeal & Activity in the present War, as well as their past Services, and long standing in the Army, they might stand a Chance of sharing in the promotions that would of course be going on in North America_ Nor are the other Officers attached to the additional Companies less anxious to be relieved in their turn from the recruiting Duty, and be allowed to partake of

those Advantages both as to Rank and professional knowledge which an active Campaign is likely to afford them.

Upon these Considerations, I am induced to express my wishes that, as far as the Service will permit, and as often as opportunities may offer, you would establish a kind of Rotine of the Officers to the end that every one may have his turn of Duty abroad & at home,

In the mean time I have no doubt but that the pretensions of Officers continuing on the recruiting Duty, will be duly considered in case of promotion either by purchase or otherwise.

The printed List of the Army herewith transmitted with the latest Corrections, as far as the same could be made here, will shew the Rank they at present hold in their respective Regiments.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your most obedient and Most Humble Servant

Signed Barrington

Honble

General Sir William Howe

&c. &c. &c.

Source and Note: TNA, 411. Barrington to Howe. War Office. London. Arrangements concerning the officers of the Additional companies and the deficiencies of officers at PRO 30/55/4/67, item 411, p. 103. The mentioned list of Additional Co. officers is not included in the file. The Highland recruits under the command of Lt. John Grant did not actually sail for America until June.



Detail from Portrait of Lord George Germaine, 1766, by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpts of a Letter No. 5 from Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Describing Highland Reinforcements for the 1777 Campaign, London, Mar. 3, 1777

Whitehall 3 March 1777

Sir, in my dispatch of 14th January transmitted to you by the packet you were informed that His Majesty thought proper to defer sending you his sentiments on your plan for the next campaign until he was enabled to take the whole into his royal consideration. I am now commanded to acquaint you that the King entirely approves of your proposed deviation from the plan which you formerly suggested, being of opinion that the reasons which have induced you to recommend this change in your operations are solid and decisive...

Here I cannot help expressing the very great concern I feel for the loss you have had in the Hessians [at Trenton] and for the disappointment you will have in the 3000 Germans Mentioned in my letter of 14th January, for I begin to fear it will not be possible to send you more new forces than about 820 Hessian Chasseurs, ditto Hanau about 400, two Regiments of Anspach infantry consisting of about 1280, and four companies of Highlanders amounting to about 400...

Source: "Transcripts 1777," *Documents of the American Revolution*, Vol. XIV, Ed. K. G. Davies, Irish University Press, Dublin, 1976, pp. 47-48 from TNA, CO 5/94, f. 105.



Detail of Portrait of John Campbell, 5th Duke of Argyll, by Thomas Gainsborough

Portrait Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Sotheby's*

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. John Campbell, Duke of Argyll, Commander of His Majesty's Forces, Scotland, Regarding Sending Additional Companies of the 42nd and 71st Regts. to America; London, Mar. 7, 1777

W: O: 7th March 1777

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint your Grace that I have this day signified H: M: P: [His Majesty's Pleasure] to the Colonels of the 42^d & 71st Reg^{ts} of Foot that they hold one of the additional Companies of each Battⁿ of the 71st & One of the 42^d Reg^t in readiness for immediate Embarkation for N^o America, & have acquainted them that Camp Equipage is not to be provided.

I have the honor to be My Lord &c
Barrington

His Grace the Duke of Argyle &c &c &c
Edinburgh

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary at War, Out-letters, General letters, Jan. 1777-May 1777* at WO 4/99, p. 228.

Orders from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. and Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser, Col., 71st Highland Regt. to Send Additional Companies to America; London Mar. 7, 1777

W: O: 7th March 1777.

Sir

I have the honor to Signify to you H: M: P: [His Majesty's Pleasure] that you cause One of the additional Companies of each of the Battalions of the 71st. Reg^t. of Foot under your Command to be held in readiness for immediate embarkation for N^o. America. No Camp Equipage is to be provided.

I have the honor to be

Major Gen^l. Fraser

Sir &c

Col^o. of the 71st Reg^t. of Foot

Barrington

Like Letter of same date to [Gen] Lord John Murray to hold the additional Companies of the 42^d. Reg^t in readiness to embark for N^o. America

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary at War, Out-letters, General letters, Jan. 1777-May 1777* at WO 4/99, p. 231 (f. 115).

Instructions from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. John Campbell, Duke of Argyll, Commander of His Majesty's Forces, Scotland, to Send Both 42nd Regt. Additional Companies to America, London, Mar. 17, 1777

War Office 17th March 1777

My Lord,

His Majesty having been pleased to direct, that the Men raised for the two add^l Comp^{ys} of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot, shall forthwith be sent to Corke & from thence to N^o America as recruits to compleat the Body of the Reg^t; I have the honor to acquaint your Grace therewith, that you may be pleased to give the necessary Orders for the immediate Execution of this Service.

The Recruits are to be embarked under the Command of two Lieutenants, two Serj^{ls} & two Corp^{ls}, who will be ordered to return to Great Britain after delivering them to the Reg^t: the remaining Officers are to proceed in raising Men to compleat their respective Companies.

A few recruits may be kept back, should it be thought expedient for the better carrying on the Recruiting Service.

Your Grace will be pleased to give directions for providing the Necessary Vessels and Accommodations for conveying the said party from Greenock to Corke where they are to disembark and follow the Orders of L^t Col^o Maunsell.

I am also to apprise your Grace that in the course of next month Orders will give for sending to Corke in the like manner the Recruits which shall then have been raised by the Companies of the 71st Regiment.

I have the honor to be My Lord &c
Barrington

His Grace
The Duke of Argyle
&c &c &c

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary at War, Out-letters, General letters, Jan. 1777-May 1777* at WO 4/99, pp. 282-283 (f. 138). See Lt. John Grant's description of the Additional's' arrival in America in his letter below dated Aug. 27, 1777 and Lt. John Peebles' account of their arrival below dated July 6.

Strength Report for 42nd Regt. Additional Companies, Glasgow, Apr. 1, 1777

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st April 1777					
Rank			Officers &c at head Quarters	Officers &c Recruiting	Tot ^l rank

	Companies	Head Quarters	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	
42 nd	2	Glasgow	2	3	1	10	10	4	192	1	2	1	1	3	202
71 st	4	Glasgow	2	2	2	6	8	4	144	1	4	2	3	3	1	40	195
...Tot ^l	13	Tot ^s	6	8	6	26	30	17	528	6	7	3	11	8	6	65	632

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st April 1777 [continued]											
Rank	Companies	Head Quarters	Tot ^l rank & file	Wanted to Compleat to the allowance			Altera ⁿ since last Return				
				Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & file	Inlisted	Dead	Discharged	Deserted	
42 nd	2	Glasgow	202	1	1	
71 st	4	Glasgow	195	11	3	205	53	
...Tot ^l	13	Tot ^s	632	11	3	362	70	..	3	2	

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st April 1777 [continued]			
Absent Officers			Vacant Officers & by what means
Regiments	Rank & Names	by whose Leave	None <i>Robert Skene</i> <i>Adj^t Gen^l</i>
...42 ^d ...71 st	Lt. [William] Rose Cap ^t S ^r James Baird Lieu ^t Dunlop Lieu ^t Agnew	Sick in Sutherland shire Not Joined from America }No account off [sic] }	

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.

Excerpts of Letter No. 47 from Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Requesting Additional Highland Companies for the 1777 Campaign, New York, Apr. 2, 1777

New York 2 April 1777

My Lord, observing by your lordship's dispatches the small reinforcement intended for this Army for the ensuing campaign, compared with my requisitions for executing the plan I had the honour of submitting to your Lordship in my letters upon that subject, I beg leave to press the additional strength of the Corps of dismounted dragoons I solicited by Lieutenant-Colonel White, of the Corps of chasseurs proposed to be raised by Captain [Andreas] Emmerick, and of the six additional companies of the 42^d and 71st Regiments...

Signed.

Source: *Documents of the American Revolution, Vol. XIV, Transcripts 1777*, Ed. K. G. Davies, Irish University Press, Dublin, 1976, pp. 64-65 from TNA, CO 5/94, f. 143. There were only a total of six additional companies in the 42nd and 71st Regts. so it appears Gen. Howe is asking for all the Highland recruits.

**News Account of 42nd Regt. Additional Companies Marching through Glasgow to Greenock,
Scotland, Apr. 3, 1777**

Extract of a letter from Glasgow, April 3

“This morning two companies of the 42d, or royal Highlanders, marched from this place for Greenock. They are to embark in transports for Corke, to join the fleet which is to sail from thence to America. We hear that some companies of the 71st [Highland] regiment [Fraser’s] are soon to follow them – It is said, that the vessels which carry the companies of the 42d regiment are to return for those of the 71st.”

Source: *North British Intelligencer; or Constitutional Miscellany* (Edinburgh, Churnside and Wilson), Apr. 2, 1777, Google Books, p. 62. This story was also printed in the *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Apr. 5, 1777, p. 3 and the *London Chronicle*, Apr. 8-10, 1777.

**Instructions from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen.
John Campbell, Duke of Argyll, Commander of His Majesty’s Forces, Scotland,
Regarding Embarking 42nd Regt. Additional Companies, London, Apr. 7, 1777**

War Office 7th April 1777

My Lord

His Majesty having been pleased to direct that as soon as the Vessels which carried the Recruits of the 42^d. Reg^t. to Ireland, return to the [River] Clyde, 200 of the Recruits raised for the Additional Comp^s. of the 71st Reg^t. (Fraser’s) shall be embarked and be carried over to Corke [Ireland], and from thence to N^o. America as Recruits to compleat the Body of the Regiment, I have the honor to acquaint Your Grace therewith that you may be pleased to give the necessary Orders for the Execution of this Service.

The Recruits are to be embarked under the Command of two Lieutenants, two Serjeants and two Corporals, who will be ordered to return to Great Britain, after delivering them to the Reg^t., the Recruiting Officers are to proceed in raising Men to compleat their respective Companies.

Your Grace will also be pleased to direct that the Recruits raised in North Britain for Sir William Howe’s Army should be forthwith collected for Embarkation.

I have the honor to be My Lord &c.

His Grace The Duke of Argyle
&c &c &c

Barrington

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary at War, Out-letters, General letters, Jan. 1777-May 1777* at WO 4/99, p. 471 (f. 182). Transcribed by Todd Braisted.



Detail from Portrait of Edward Harvey, 1747, by Allan Ramsay

Picture Source: ArtUK from *Dundee Art Galleries and Museums*

**Excerpt of Letter from Adj. General of His Majesty's Forces Edward Harvey
to Brevet-Colo: Robert Skene, Adj. General, Scotland, Indicating the 42nd Regt.
Additional Companies have Insufficient Recruits, London, Apr. 12, 1777**

D. S. [Dear Sir]

Thank you for y^e L^{rs} of 3^d & 5th of this Month. I see y^t we fall Short in the N^{os} of the 42^d Reg^t. They will of Course Compleat, by y^e Opp^{ty} of y^e Ships w^{ch} Convoy the 71st.

It is necess^y to furnish y^e Recruits w^{ch} may be sent from y^e Add^l Comp^y with Arms. The C^y [Commanding] Off^r must have orders, on his Arrival in Am^a., to report to y^e Com^{dr} of y^e Reg^t or Adj^t Gen^l, that he has rec^d these Arms, extra to y^e Estab^{mt} of y^e regiment.

If the Reg^t has suff^t Arms in Store to give to these Men, those w^{ch} they take from Britⁿ, are to be deliv^d to y^e gen^l Magazine.

I y^e Reg^t has not suff^t in Store of Course, those w^{ch} they take with them will be kept, & y^e p^r orders will be given in America as y^e Circum^{cs} may make necessary.

I shall be glad to hear of y^e of 200 good men of the 71st. Spur up y^e Off^{rs} w^{ch} remain in Scotland, to expedite y^e Compleat^e y^e 4 Comps of y^t Reg^t as well as the 2 of y^e 42^d. – As soon as possible...

Col^o Skene C.C. 12th April 1777.

I am &c^a E. H.

Source: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief: Out-letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776-Mar. 1778* at WO 3/6

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd
Regt., to Quickly Complete Both 42nd Regt. Additional Companies, London, May 12, 1777**

W.O. 12th May 1777.

My Lord,

It being judged highly necessary for the Service that the two additional Companies belonging to the 42^d /or Royal Highland/ Reg^t of Foot under your Command should embark in the Course of the ensuing Summer for Service in N^o America, I am commanded to acquaint you H: M: [His Majesty] expects that the utmost diligence should be used & every endeavour exerted that may tend to the compleating the said Companies to the Establishm^t with proper Men as soon as possible.

Your Lordship will be pleased to direct that returns from each of the Officers employed on the recruiting Service be made Weekly to the Commander of H: M: Troops N^o Britain.

I have the honor to be

R^t Honble

My Lord &c

Lord John Murray

Barrington

Banner Cross, near

Sheffield

Yorkshire

Like letter of same date, to Major Gen^l Fraser relative to the four additional Companies of the 71st Reg^t.

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, General Letters, May 1777-Nov. 1777* at WO 4/100, p. 41.



Detail from "West View of the City of Waterford," 1795, by John W. Edy

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

News Account of Arrival of 42nd Regt. Additional Company, Waterford, Ireland, May 20, 1777

Yesterday upwards of seventy robust young men (volunteers) arrived in town from Scotland, who, at their own request, are going to serve in the Royal Highland regiment in America.

Source: *Waterford Chronicle* (Ireland), May 20, 1777, p. 1.



Detail from "City of Cork," 1799, by Samuel Alkin

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

News Account of Arrival of Two Highland Additional Companies, Cork, Ireland, May 20, 1777

Saturday [May 24] two companies of Highlanders arrived at Cork from Scotland, to embark for America.

Source: *Waterford Chronicle* (Ireland), May 23-27, 1777, p. 1.

**Excerpts of Letter No. 56 from Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief,
North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American
Department, Reporting the Arrival of British Recruits, New York, May 24, 1777**

Nº 56

New York 3^d June 1777

My Lord...

The Officers of the Guards and British Recruits also arrived on the 24th May... These Troops appear to be in very good Health and have disembarked upon Staten Island to refresh for a short Time.

With the most Respect I have the Honor to be,

Your Lordship's most faithful
and most Obedient Servant
W. Howe

Right Hon^{ble} Lord George Germain
&^c &^c &^c

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, pp. 348-350, from TNA, CO 5/94.

**Lt. John Peebles' Account of the Arrival of the 42nd Regt. Additional Companies,
New York, July 6, 1777**

6th July our additional Comp^{ys} arrived 2 lt^s & 170 ...

Source: NRS, "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 GD 21/492/2,



Detail from "A South West View of the City of New York, In North America," 1768, by Capt. Thomas Howdell, Royal Artillery

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

News Account of Arrival of 42nd Regt. Recruits, New York, July 7, 1777

NEW-YORK, July 10...

On Monday last [July 7] eleven transports with provisions for the army, and two Lieutenants, two Serjeants, two Corporals and two hundred privates, as a reinforcement to the 42d regiment, arrived here from Corke [Ireland]...

Source: *Royal American Gazette* (New York), July 10, 1777.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. John Grant, 42nd Additional Company, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Describing Journey of Additional Companies to America; London, July 8-Aug. 27, 1777

[London, August 27, 1777]

My Lord

I arrived here last night with the non Commissioned Officers and arrived at Portsmouth the 24th Ins^t: I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that when I left the Reg^t they were all well / except the poor Sufferars / in good health and in high Spirit & behaves with that Spirit and Bravery, they ever were remarkable for, I landed at New York the 8th July, the Reg^t was Embarked for the Expedition, I was ordered to Staten Island with my Detachment where they lay encamped for three days to refresh themselves after being so long at Sea, then Draughted into the Different Companies, three of them were discharged, being thought old & unfit to undergo the Severities of that Service, I brought them to Portsmouth, there giving them their discharges, with 14 days pay, Agreeable to [Lt.] Colonel [Thomas] Stirlings orders. Your Lop [Lordship]: will no doubt expect Some news. I have little or none, but what has been Already Published...

I have made Application to Lord Barrington for my Extraordinary Expences, upon this Tedious and long Command, I am Much Afraid I will not Succeed, if not I will be £50 out of Pocket over my pay which is more than I can Afford, I shall Expect to hear from your Lordship in Course of Post & in case I do not Succeed, I hope your Lordship will write to Lord Barrington in my favor it is hard to be sent upon command where I could not Subsist upon my pay, and be allowed Nothing, there is a Sloop here bound to Inverness next week it will be convenient for me and my Party as I cannot afford to go by Land, as I suppose your Lordship will order me a Recruiting, I beg your Lop: will give me my former Station, Nairn head Quarters & Forrest Strathspey my District. Colonel Stirling has kept Serj^{ts} M^cIntosh and Wilson, and Sent in their places Serj^{ts} Grant & Fraser, being worn out on Service, Grant is from Strathspey, he will be very usefull to me in Recruiting. I had no letters for your Lordship, as when the Reg^t Sailed I did not know, I should have a passage for England, but Co^l Stirling and Major [William] Murray said they would write by the first pacquet after their Destination was known, [Ens.] Lord W^m Murray joined before I left the Reg^t, he was in good health then he is gone with the Reg^t, Cap^t [Charles] Graham & Lieu^t [George] Dalrymple is left Sick at New York. You will be pleased to direct my letter to be left at the Agents Office

I have the honor to remain

My Lord your Lordships most Obe^d and most humble Servant

John Grant

London on 27th Aug^t 1777

Lieu^t 42^d or R. H. Reg^t

N.B. the Mens names that was discharged

Norman M^cLeod

Duncan Menzies

Archibald M^cLean

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers, Bagshawe Muniments*, John Rylands Library, Univ. of Manchester.

Excerpt of Strength Report for Additional Companies in Scotland Including for the 42nd Regt., Glasgow and Inverness, Oct. 1, 1777

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st Oct ^r 1777																	
Rank	Companies	Head Quarters	Officers & ^c at head Quarters							Officers & ^c Recruiting							Tot ^d rank & file
			Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	
...42 nd	2	Glasgow & Inverness	1	2	2	1	36	1	2	1	6	6	3	66	110
...71 st	4	Ditto [Stirling Castle]	1	1	..	3	5	6	[?]	3	5	4	15	13	2	73	167
Tot ^s			4	3	1	12	15	11	[?]	10	12	6	39	33	19	227	576

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st Oct ^r 1777 [continued]										
Rank	Companies	Head Quarters	Tot ^d rank & file	Wanted to Compleat to the allowance			Altera ⁿ since last Return			
				Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & file	Inlisted	Dead	Discharged	Deserted
42 nd	2	Glasgow & Inverness	110	92	18	1
71 st	4	Stirling Castle	167	233	28
Tot ^s			576	2	1	549	83	..	1	1

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st Oct ^r 1777 [continued]			
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 Serg ^{ts} . & 2 Corp ^{ls} . on Command with Drafts to America 2 Serg ^{ts} . & 2 Corp ^{ls} . on Command with Drafts to America
71 st	2 Lieutenants	On Command w ^t Drafts to America	
			<i>Robert Skene</i> <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.



Detail from "Inverness," 1771

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *A Tour in Scotland MDCCLXIX* [1769], John Monk, 1771

**Excerpt of Strength Report for Additional Companies in Scotland
Including for the 42nd Regt., Glasgow and Inverness, Nov. 1, 1777**

Return of the Additional Companies, Quartered in North Britain 1 st Novem ^r 1777																	
Rank	N ^o . Companies	Head Quarters	Officers & ^c at h. Quarters							Officers & ^c Recruiting							Tot ^l rank & file
			Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Corporals	Drumm ^{rs}	Privates	Captains	Lieutenan ^s	Ensigns	Serjeants	Corporals	Drum ^{rs}	Privates	
...42 nd	2	Glasgow & Inverness	1	2	3	1	35	1	2	1	6	6	3	87	131
...71 st	4	Ditto [Stirling Castle]	1	3	5	5	97	3	6	4	15	13	2	3	86
		Tot ^s	4	3	1	15	18	12	357	10	13	6	38	33	20	273	681

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st Novem ^r 1777 [continued]										
Rank	Companies	Head Quarters	Tot ^l rank & file	Wanted to Compleat to the allowance			Altera ⁿ since last Return			
				Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & file	Inlisted	Dead	Discharged	Deserted

42 nd	2	Glasgow & Inverness	131	71	22	1	..	1
71 st	4	Ditto [Stirling Castle]	27	29	4
Tot ^s			681	3	2	549	104	1	..	2

Return of the Additional Companies Quartered in North Britain 1 st Novem ^r 1777 [continued]			
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.

Letter from Lt. George Mackenzie, Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Justifying his Recruitment of Rejected Men, Dec. 1777

Answers by Lt. George Mackenzie to Extract of Lt. Col. [Thomas] Stirling's Letter Dated Camp near Philadelphia 20 Oct^r 1777 as far as it Concerns Lt. Mackenzie

With regard to Donald Sutherland; who was Discharged at Glasgow by Colonel Stirling; M^r Mackenzie has to Observe; that the said Donald Sutherland, with John Sutherland, & Alex^r Sutherland; were all three discharged at the same time by Co^l Stirling, Notwithstanding these men were past to L^t Mackenzie by Major Murray, and Rec^d by him of M^r M^cKenzies hands at Fort George six weeks before they were Discharged; Yet Co^l Stirling Struck them out of L^t Mackenzies Acc^t in his Absence, and he neither rec^d levy Money or Subsistance for them as can be Seen by his Acct^s with the Reg^t; Upon Lieu^t Mackenzies returning to the North upon the Recruiting Service; he was informed by Don^d Sutherlands other companions; that Don^d Sutherland had no Gravel or any other complaint to render him unfitt for Service, but that as he had left a wife behind him, that he could not think of parting with he betook him to the Device of placing a String Tight about his yard which made it swell, and consequently brought on a pissing of blood that past for the Gravel [kidney stones] and procured his Discharge; Immediately after being discharged, he march^d in three days from Glasgow to Inverness which to be sure was no Sign of his being an infirm Man; And when he came to his own Country he boasted in all publick places how he had Nickt the Colonel & Surgeon; M^r Mackenzie was rather Gauled at this & the Loss of his Money too, and I did use my Influence with him to Inlist a Second time, but it was so far the contrary of his being compelled to it; that he took four days to consider of my first proposal to him, & then came Seven Miles of his own accord, and carried his wife along with him and upon my coming bound in writing to her that I would get her passage in the Transport with him, he immediately inlisted a Second time, I had him Examined and Inspected by a Surgeon in this country who will give at any time an affidavit that he has no Gravel nor any Symptom of it, nor any other Complaint whatever, And Ile Venture to Say, there is not a Battalion Man in the Reg^t fitter for any Military Service, and a Remarkable good marksman and I think I am Safe to appeal to Co^l Stirling, now that he has Tryal of [illeg.] whither I was right or wrong, The other Man the Co^l aludes to is by Name Archibald M^cLean, and the only Man of all Inlisted for your Lordships Reg^t that I could say was past thirty years of age, Co^l Stirling must have Misunderstood Lieu^t Grants report of him, that Man was at least eight weeks at Glasgow before the Embarkation of the Draughts, Lieu^t Grant sent him there being Draughted out of my Recruits for Major [James] Macphersons Company, and both L^t

[John] Grant & L¹ [John] Gregor were present with me in the Town of Hamilton, when he was approven of as a man very fit for Service and past, by L¹ Co¹ Hugonin of the Dragoons, the Passing Return I delivered the same day to Cap^t [Alexander] Donaldson who, I'm persuaded can Still account for it. There being all unquestionable Facts; I cannot help observing that Co¹ Stirling appears exactly Anxious to find fault with my Conduct, in particular, when he overlooks the other four men found unfitt for Service, without ever Mentioning the other Gentlemen who inlisted them.

Geo: Mackenzie Lieu^t 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment

The above inclosed in his Letter of the 28th Dec^r 1777
which I rec^d at London 14th Jan^r 1778

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers.*

**Excerpt of Strength Report for Additional Companies in Scotland
Including the 42nd Regt., Glasgow and Inverness, Dec. 1, 1777**

Return of the Additional Companies, Quartered in North Britain 1 December 1777																	
Rank	N ^o . Companies	Head Quarters	Officers & ^c at head Quarters							Officers & ^{ca} Recruiting							Tot ^l rank & file
			Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Corporals	Drumms	Privates	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Corporals	Drumers	Privates	
...42 nd	2	Glasgow, & on the March to Glasgow	1	2	3	1	34	1	2	1	6	6	3	103	146
...71 st	4	Ditto [Stirling Castle]	1	3	5	5	107	3	6	4	15	13	3	162	86
Total			4	3	1	14	17	11	372	10	13	6	38	35	20	398	822

Return of the Additional Companies, Quartered in North Britain 1 December 1777 [continued]										
Rank	Companies	Head Quarters	Tot ^l rank & file	Wanted to Compleat to the allowance			Altera ⁿ since last Return			
				Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & file	Inlisted	Dead	Discharged	Deserted
42 nd	2	Glasgow & Inverness	146	56	15
71 st	4	Ditto [Stirling Castle]	27	29	4
Tot ^s			681	3	2	549	104	1	..	2

Return of the Additional Companies, Quartered in North Britain 1 December 1777 [continued]	
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
71 st	2 Lieutenants	On Command with Drafts to America	N.B. 2 Serjeants & 2 Corporals on Command w ^t 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 WO17/854.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lord George Germain,
Secretary of State for the American Department, on Sending 800 Recruits
Assembled in Scotland, to Regiments in America; London, Jan. 30, 1778**

War Office
30th Jan^y 1778
Lord Visc^t Barrington
Ry 31st

My Lord

There being assembled in North Britain a body of 800 Recruits for the Regiments on the American Service under [Gen.] Sir William Howe and 500 more being expected to be in readiness at Chatham by the 14th of next Month, I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship therewith, that you may take His Majesty's Command on the expediency of sending the said Recruits to their respective Regiments & signify the same to the Lords Commiss^{rs} of the Admiralty.

The Scotch Recruits may embark in the [River] Clyde and the English at Gravesend

I am &c

Barrington

Source and Note: TNA, *Colonial Office: Letters from War Office and Ordnance* at CO 5/256, p. 193 (f. 98). The outgoing letter is also filed at WO4/101. p. 373. This letter shows that in Jan. 1778 the War Office had intended to send all 800 recruits to America.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding Appointment for Promoted Additional Co. Officers, Bannercross, Feb. 25, 1778**

My Lord

I had the honor to Acquaint your Lordship, when at London, that I had wrote for Lieu^t. Harry Munro from America to join the Additionals, in place of Lieu^t [William] Rose deceased.

I was lately inform'd by Cap^t. Alex^t Donaldson that he is Appointed Major to Lord Macdonald's Corps [76th Highland Regt.], and from Lieu^t. George Mackenzie that he is appointed Captain in Lord Macleods Corps [73rd Highland Regt.], I have wrote for two officers from America to join the Additionals in their places.

I am hopeful His Majesty will be Graciously pleased to Order the Vacancies by the preferements of the Officers of the Regiment in the New Corps, now raising in Scotland to go in Succession in the Royal Highland Regiment which I beg Your Lordship will be pleased to Recommend to the King and write to S^r William Howe His Majestys Pleasure concerning it, and shall be glad to know it meets with your Lordships Approbation.

I have the honor to be with the Greatest Regard,
My Lord
Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Serv^t
John Murray

Banner cross
near Sheffield
25th. Feb: 1778 –

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: G-M, 1778* at WO 1/997 (page not marked).

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Ten Colonels of Regiments Including
Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Prepare Recruits for America; 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 undern^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: Secretary-at-War, Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. 1778 – May 1778* at WO 4/102, f. 56.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount
Barrington, Regarding Problems with Drafting Highlanders and War Office Response,
Bannercross, England, Mar. 11 and London, Mar. 14, 1778**

My Lord

I have the honor of your Lordships letter dated the 4th inst^t: that the Recruits of my Additional Companys shall forthwith embark in the [River] Clyde to reinforce the Regiments in America.

I beg leave to Observe to your Lordship, that by reason of the difference in their dress & Language it has not been usual to draught them into other Regiments which if now done might be of detriment in recruiting the 42^d. or Royal Highland Regiment, hereafter as well as the Six new Highland Corps now raising.

By the last return I rec^d from the Camp near Philadelphia the 20th of October there was only Seven men wanting to compleat.

I wrote the 30th of January that the recruiting parties which Cap^t [Alexander] Donaldson & Lieu^t Geo: Mackenzie had should march to Nairn to join Lieu^t John Grant to be in readiness, but am informed as they were in the furthest parts of the Highlands they could not be there for Some time, on account of the great fall of Snow.

I Submit all this to Your Lordship's consideration and beg to receive your further Commands, and if any Subaltern Officers are to embark with them.

The Duke of Atholl having wrote to me desiring to have one Cameron who sometime ago inlisted for his Brother [Lt] Lord William [Murray, 42nd Regt.] intend to be given to be in his Corps, if your Lordship has no Objection.

Bannercross

11th March 1778

I have the honor to be with the Greatest Regard My Lord
Your Lordship's most hum^{ble} and most obedient Serv^t
John Murray

[War Office Annotation]

acknowledge. I do not apprehend there is any intention of Drafting the recruits raised by the Highland Reg^{ts} into any other Corps –

the arrangement of the Subalterns who are to embark with the body of Recruits is left to the Off^r Comm^g His Majestys Forces in N^o. Bⁿ

It is my wish that your Lordship should comply with the D. of Atholl's desire of taking a man from the Royal Highlanders into His Grace's Regiment

[War Office Response]

W. O. 14th March 1778

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of y^r Lordship's Letter of the 11th ins^t. I do not apprehend there is any Intention of drafting the recruits raised by the Highland Regiments into any other Corps.

The Arrangements of Subalterns who are to embark with the Body of Recruits, is left to the Officer Commanding H: Ms: Forces in N^o. Britain.

it is my wish that Your Lordship should comply with the Duke of Athol's desire of taking a Man from the Royal Highlanders into his Grace's Regiment.

I have the honor &c

R^t. Honble Lord John Murray

Barrington

Sources and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: G-M, 1778* at WO 1/997 and *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. 1778 – May 1778* at WO 4/102, p. 136. Drafting at this period referred to the practice of reassigning a soldier to fill up another regiment. Lord Murray is concerned about his Highlanders being drafted because about 170 recruits had joined the 42nd Regt. just prior to the Fall 1777 campaign to capture the American Capitol at Philadelphia and the 42nd Regt. took very few casualties during the campaign. This letter was somewhat prophetic as Highlanders drafted from the 42nd and 71st mutinied at Leith after being drafted to join the 83rd Regt. See *Appendix I. Mutiny of Drafted Highlanders, Leith, Scotland, April 1779*.

American News Account of Five Hundred Recruits Being Sent to Gen. Sir William Howe's Army, Edinburgh, Mar. 14, 1778

Extract of a letter from Edinburgh, March 14.

“We hear orders are come down for a draught of five hundred men to be made from each of the regiments now raising in Scotland, to be shipped for America by the 25th of March: as two armed vessels are arrived at Greenock, some transports engaged there, and many more expected from England, it is imagined they will embark at that port.”

Source: *Royal Pennsylvania Gazette* (Philadelphia), May 12, 1778, p. 3.



Detail from "The Narrows (St. Johns, Newfoundland)," 1798, by Edward Pelham Brenton

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. John Campbell,
Duke of Argyll, Commander of His Majesty's Forces, Scotland, Regarding
Officers for the Newfoundland Detachment, 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^d 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. [North Britain]
Edinburgh

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. 1778 – May 1778* at WO 4/102, p. 186. 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. The loss of this company as replacements for the regt. in America, likely contributed to the problem of using English and Irish recruits for the 42nd Regt. See the issue discussed below dated Aug. 31 – Sept. 5, 1779. To avoid duplication, further correspondence regarding the 42nd Regt. Additional Company sent to Newfoundland is provided in this Volume and not repeated in this Appendix. See *Appendix H: The 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment Additional Company at Newfoundland, Canada, 1778 – 1782*

**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 Assigned to Newfoundland;
London, Mar. 25, 1778**

W. O. 25th March 1778

Sir.

See p.186
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Orders having been given for One [Additional] 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
M Lewis

William Knox Esq^r

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. 1778 – 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.



Detail showing Dumbarton from "Confluence of the Rivers Clyde & Leven," 1797, by Francis Jukes

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Colonels of Regiments on the British Establishment Including Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Pardons for Deserters, With 42nd Regt. Response,
London, Mar. 28 and Dumbarton, May 12, 1778**

War Office 28th March 1778

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to send you some printed Copies of His Majesty's most gracious pardon to Deserters from the Land Forces; and am to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that all such who shall surrender themselves before the 11th day of May next, to any party of your Regiment, be received and regularly attested for the same, provided it appears that they were actually Deserters before the publication of His Majesty's Pardon, and that they are able bodied men and fit for Service.

His Majesty's further Pleasure, that for every such Deserter so entertained for your Regiment, the Sum of twenty shillings be paid to the regiment from which he deserted.

If such Deserters shall be totally unfit for Service, you are forthwith to give them a certificate of their having surrendered agreeable to His Majesty's Directions, which Certificate shall entitle them to the full benefit of their pardon,

But if shall appear that the Desertion was committed since the publication of His Majesty's pardon, then such Deserters, tho' he may have surrendered himself to your Regiment, shall nevertheless be confined as a Deserter, and notice thereof given to this Office, that the necessary Orders may be sent for conveying him to the Corps to which he belongs.

I am to desire that for His Majesty's Information a Return may be made to me on the 12th day of May next of the Number of Deserters who shall have surrendered to your Regiment, or any party thereof, specifying also the Corps to which they formerly belonged.

You will be pleased to cause the several particulars of this Letter to be communicated to every Officer of your Regiment on the Recruiting Duty.

I have the honor to be

Honble General [Henry S.] Conway,
Colonel of the Royal
Reg^t of Horse Guards

Sir &c
Barrington

Like Letters of the same date sent to the Colonels of the regiments of cavalry and Infantry on the British Establishment as undermentioned viz^t...

42^d do [Regiment] – Murray's ...

71st do – Fraser's

[Required 42nd Regt. Response]

Dumbarton 12th May 1778

My Lord

I have the honor to Acquaint your Lordship that no Deserters have surrendered to the Additional Companies of the 42^d. Reg^t. –

I have the honor to be wth the utmost Respect, My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed^t & most humble Serv^t

James M^cpherson Major

42^d. or R: H: Reg^t. –

Sources and Note: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. 1778 – May 1778* at WO 4/102, pp. 229-231 (ff. 115-116) and *In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-P, 1778* at WO 1/998. Dumbarton is a city on the north side of the Firth of Clyde about fourteen miles northwest of Glasgow.

News Account of Thirty Transports Ordered for the Scottish Recruits, Greenock, Scotland, Apr. 2, 1778

Morning Post.

LONDON...

Thirty sail of transports are ordered to Greenock [River Clyde, Scotland], to take on board the Scotch recruits; allowing them at 300 tons each, which is a low calculation, five thousand men will embark on them. The merchants thought to take advantage of government in a contract that was going to be made for some transports to carry the Scotch troops, but luckily in the interim a fleet of victuallers arrived at Cork [Ireland], from America, which broke off the agreement they being ordered to Glasgow, when they had stowed their holds with provisions, to take the troops on board.

Source: *Morning Post and Daily Advertiser* (London), Apr. 2, 1778.

**Letter from Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis, to Lord George Germain,
Secretary of State for America, Regarding Transports for 500 Recruits to Spithead,
London, Apr. 6, 1778**

War Office 6th. April 1778

M^r. Lewis
W. K. Ry d^o

Sir,

It being intended that the remaining 500 of the original 800 Recruits destined to be sent from North Britain for Sir William Howe's Army shall embark in the [River] Clyde and be brought to Spithead, I have the Secretary at War's directions to desire you will be pleased to move Lord George Germain that His Majesty's Commands may be signified to the Lords Commiss^{rs}. of the Admiralty for the appropriating for this Service the necessary Vessels from among those now lying in the Clyde.

Lord Barrington desires also Lord George Germain may also be acquainted that it is proposed that the Transports first ordered by Lord George to carry out Colonel [James] Murray's [77th Atholl Highland] Regiment to America shall take that Corps and Col. [Hon. William] Gordon's [81st Highland Regt.] to Ireland.

I am &c
M. Lewis

Source and Note TNA, Colonial Office, Secretary of State, America and West Indies, Letters from War Office and Ordnance Office, 1775-1780 at CO 5/256, pp. 244-245 (f. 109). There were originally 800 recruits, but 300 were sent to Newfoundland in one company of the 42nd and two companies of the 71st Highlanders. As discussed below in the Apr. 11, 1778 letter below from Col. Robert Skene to Viscount Barrington, part of the remaining 500 Recruits were to come from a 42nd Regt. Additional Company. Spithead is the body of water between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, about 75 miles southwest of London.

**Letter from Col. Robert Skene, Adjutant Gen., Scotland, to Dep.
Secretary at War Matthew Lewis, Regarding Drafting Soldiers of the 42nd Regt. to
Make up 500 Recruits Ordered by the War Office, Glasgow, Apr. 10, 1778**

Glasgow April 10th 1778

Dear Sir,

I am just now honored with your letter of the 6th by Express from [Lt. Gen.] Sir [James] Adolphus Oughton, & beg's leave to inform you that there are not in [River] Clyde a Sufficient quantity of transports to embark the troops destined for Nova Scotia, if there have, they should have been embarked Before this time, be assured no delay shall ever happen on my part. the Recruits of the Additional Companies shall be put on board with all dispatch as soon as transports arrive, but to make up the 500 men from them, must be obliged to take a Company from the 42^d & 71st Reg^{ts}. and of course some of their Officers, I wish this may be approved of, but does every thing for the best, that Ministry may not be disappointed of numbers, there [illegible words] made the half almost of the Recruits of the Additional Companies...

Mathew Lewis Esq^r

I am with much esteem My Dear Sir
Your most obedient & faithfull [sic] Servant
Rob^t Skene

Source: TNA, War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: R-Z, 1778 at WO 1/999 (no page number shown).

**Excerpt of Letter from Brevet-Col. Robert Skene, Adjutant Gen., Scotland, to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Regarding Drafting Recruits of the 42nd Regt. Additional Company,
Glasgow, Apr. 11, 1778**

Glasgow April 11th 1778 –

My Lord...

It is inconceivable what has detained the two Convoy's & transport from arriving in the [River] Clyde as we have had the finest winds imaginable for them for ten days past, but now the wind has gone to the East which may delay them some time. the troops for Nova Scotia have been ready to embark for some time, and the Recruits of the Additional Companies remaining shall be in readiness immediately to embark likewise; but except one hundred men are taken from the 42^d & 71st. Regim^{ts} it will be impossible to find five hundred men from the other companies and I should be glad to know if that is to be done: if any of those Regiments go, some of their Officers must likewise embark with them. Many Recruiting parties belonging to these Additional Companies are still in the highlands tho' often ordered to join at Stirling.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

R^t Hon^{ble} Lord Viscount Barrington

Your Lordships Most obedient humble Servant

Rob^t Skene

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: R-Z, 1778* at WO 1/999 (no page marked).



Detail showing transports from "26th June 1776," by Archibald Robertson

Picture Source: *Archibald Robertson: his diaries and sketches in America, 1762-1780*, New York Public Lib., Digital Collection.

Note from Brevet-Col. Robert Skene, Adjutant Gen., Scotland, Regarding the Status of Transports, Glasgow, Apr. 12, 1778

April 12th 1778.

The wind has changed & am in hopes any moment of hearing of the Arrival of the Convoy & Transports –

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: R-Z, 1778* at WO 1/999.

Excerpt of a Letter from Brevet-Col. Robert Skene, Adjutant Gen., Scotland, to Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis, Regarding Readiness of Drafts from the 42nd Regt. Additional Companies to Embark, Glasgow, Apr. 13, 1778

Glasgow April 13th 1778

Dear Sir,

Altho' the wind has been exceedingly fair for bringing Ships from the South no Convoy or transports arrived since my last –

Part of the Recruits of the Additional companies will be on board the 15th, and all we have except the Highlanders, in a few days as they are ready in a few hours notice at Dumbarton if intended ...

My Dear Sir,

Your faithful & much obliged humble Servant

Rob' Skene

Mathew Lewis Esq^r

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: R-Z, 1778* at WO 1/999.

Order from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, to Appoint Capt. John M^cDonnell, Additional Company, 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's), to Command the 500 Recruits Ordered to Spithead, London, Apr. 15, 1778

War Office 15th April 1778

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Ins^t.

You will be pleased to appoint Cap^t M^cDonnell of the 71st Regiment to embark with the 500 Recruits of the additional Companies in the [River] Clyde instead of Cap^t [Edward] Parker [31st Regt.] whom you desire to keep at home.

I have the honor &c^a

Lieu^t General Sir J^s Adolphus Oughton
Edinburgh

Barrington

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-Letters, General Letters, Feb. 1778 – May 1778* at WO 4/102, p. 322. Contrary to this order, Capt. M^cDonnell was instead selected to command the three Highland additional companies ordered to Newfoundland.

Embarkation Report of the 500 Recruits from Thirteen Regiments Sailing to Spithead, Including a Sergeant, a Corporal, 28 Privates, one Woman and Two Children of the 42nd Regt. Additional Company, Greenock, Scotland, Apr. 16-29, 1778

Return of Officers, Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers & Private Men, Women and Children, of the Additional Companies, as Embarked at Greenock from the 16th to 29th April 1778.

Regiments	Ship's Names	Commissioned Officers					Staff Officers [Staff officers]	Non Comm ^d Officers &			Private men	Women	Children
		[Col., Lt. Col]	Major	Captains	Lieutenant	Ensigns		Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers			
22 ^d	William & Mary	-	1			1	[1 Adj., 1 Surg.]	3	3	2	63	10	6
52 ^d						1		3	1	2	63	7	4
55 th				1		1			2	1	31	8	4
10 th	Thomas & Richard			1				1	1	2	12	3	4
21 st								1	1	-	11	2	1
26 th						1		1	1	-	30	2	-
38 th				1	1			3	3	3	32	9	6
44 th											14	1	
53 ^d						1		2	2		46	9	2
63 ^d						1		1	1	1	30	6	7

31 st	Juno			1		1		2	2	1	70	8	2
42 ^d								1	1		28	1	2
71 st					1				1	1	1	32	1
Tot ^l			1	4	2	7	[1 Adj., 1 Surg.]	21	19	13	470	67	41
Names & Ranks of ab ^t Officers				By whose Leave									
Lieu ^t [Henry] Ravenhill [31 st Regt.]				Ordered to Join at Portsmouth									

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers. Misc. letters to Commander-on-Chief at Home, Jan. 1771-June 1778* at WO 34/144, f. 195. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

Excerpt of Letter from Brevet-Col. Robert Skene, Adj. General, Scotland, to Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis, Regarding the 42nd Additional Company Officers and Soldiers that are Part of the 500 Recruits Ordered to Spithead; 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 Adolphus Oughton in relation to Cap^t [Edward] Parker [31st Regt.] 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 [Patrick] Graham [42nd Regt.] the eldest Captain of that corps sick in a bad state of health and not able to go...

I shall be obliged to embark a Subaltern of the 71st. Regim^t with the Detachment from the 42^d & 71st; [Gen.] Lord John Murray's Companys have only one here, Lieu^t [John] Gregor perfectly unfit for any active Service, for the good of the Service he should either retire or be provided in the Invalids, I presume he is at least 67 years of age...

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: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: R-Z, 1778* at WO 1/999.



Detail from "The Royal Dockyard at Chatham," 1789, by Robert Dodd

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

Sgt. Sutherland's Testimony at Court Martial Shows Twenty Recruits of the 42nd Additional Cos. Drafted into British Regts., Spithead, Apr. 29, 1778

At a General Court Martial held in Edinburgh Castle on Thursday the 6th May 1779...

Serj^t Sutherland of the 71st [Highland] Regim^t [Fraser's] being duly Sworn deposed that about the Month of April 1778, he embarked at Greenock and arrived at Spithead with 30 Men of the 71st and 28 of the 42^d and march'd them from thence to Chatham Barracks, where 18 of the 42^d entered voluntarily into the 25th Reg^t of foot and 11 of the 71st likewise entered voluntarily into said Regiment, and two of the 42^d and three of the 71st were draughted into the 50th _ That he embarked at Shurness with the remainder being 14 and arrived at Leith in December last [1778]; and that 4 of the 14 were killed in the late Mutiny on the 20th April last. Being asked by the Prisoners, if these 14 were not returned upon their refusal to be draughted declares they did not refuse to be drafted, and appeared equally willing with the rest to be draughted, so far as he knows and that the three prisoners were none of these 14.

Source: TNA, *Judge Advocate General's Office, Courts Martial Proceedings, General Courts Martial, July 1777-Oct. 1779* at WO 71/54 (223413) pages 363-381.

Excerpt of Planned Embarkation of 500 Recruits from Scotland to Sail from the Clyde to Spithead, May 1, 1778

Embarkations made or intended 1st May 1778

Convoy ...

British Recruits of	} 500	{ Embarkation in the [River] Clyde
Gen ^l [Sir William] Howe's Army	}	{ for Spithead...

Source: TNA, *General Records of the War Office, Embarkation returns* at WO 25/1145, f. 101.

Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Colonels of Regiments, Including Gen. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., Regarding Pardon for Smugglers, London, May 26, 1778

War Office 26th May 1778

Sir

The Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of H.M's [His Majesty's] Treasury having desired that all Officers of the land Forces, who shall entertain or receive Men under H. M's. Proclamation for entitling Smugglers under certain Descriptions to their Pardon, on their procuring two Substitutes to serve for them may be directed to transmit Certificates of the Persons so entertained, immediately after receiving them: I have the honor to acquaint you therewith, and am to signify to you H. M. P. [His Majesty's Pleasure] that you do give Orders to the several Officers of the Regiment under Your Command to transmit to me immediately Certificates /agreeable to the Form enclosed/ of such Persons who may have already been so entertained for your Regiment; and from time to time during the Continuance of the s^d. Proclamation to transmit like Certificates; in order that the Lords of the Treasury may be informed of the Persons who shall be entitled to the Benefit thereof. For your further Information I have enclosed some Copies of the Proclamation dated the 13th ins^t.

I have the honor &c

Barrington

Honble General [Henry S.] Conway
Colonel of the Royal Regim^t
of Horse Guards

Like Letters of same date to the Colonels of the following Regiments of Cavalry & Infantry Viz...
42^d D^o [Reg^t. Foot]...
71st. D^o...

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, May 1778-Aug. 1778* at WO 4/103, p.133-134 (f. 56). The Proclamation was published in *The Royal Gazette*, No. 11875, May 16-19, 1778, pp. 1-2.

**Report from the Navy Office to Philip Stevens, Secretary to the Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty, of Arrival of Clyde Recruit Fleet from Greenock,
Including the 42nd Regt. Recruits on the Transport *Juno*, Navy Office, June 18, 1778**

Sir

Navy Office 18th June 1778

Juno
Will^m. & Mary
Tho^s & Richard

Commissioner Sir Samuel Hood having acquainted us of the arrival of the Transports named in the Margin from Greenock, We desire you will let us know the pleasure of the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords Comm^{rs} of the Admiralty how the Troops are to be disposed of, and what Orders we are to give the Masters of the Transports and are

Sir Your very humble Servants

Edw^d Hunt

Geo Marsh

W Palmer

E Lecras

Philip Stephens Esq^r

[In Margin:] 19 June

Let them know the Troops are ord^d. to be embarked onb^d. [illeg] Ships at Portsm^o. to [words illegible], & that they are to order the Transports to Deptford to be discharged from the Service if they have no employment for them

Let S^r. T. Pye know it that he may take the men from them & put others onb^d to navigate them to Deptford

Source and Note: *National Maritime Museum*, Greenwich, England at ADM/B/196. This return documents the diversion of the recruits belonging to the regiments in America to Portsmouth, where they were drafted.

**Order from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton,
to Turn Over the Supernumerary Recruits of the 78th (Seaforth's) Highland
Regt. to the 42nd and 71st Regiments' Additional Companies, London, July 4, 1778**

WO 4th July 1778

Sir

Cap^t. [Thomas Frederick Mackenzie] Humberstone of Lord Seaforths Regiment
having represented that there are between Fifty & a Hundred men enlisted for that Regiment
more than its compliment, I have the honor to desire you will give the necessary directions
See next page for the said Supernumerary Men to be Inspected that such of them as are fit for Service may
be turned over to the Additional Companies of the 42^d. or 71st. Reg^{ts} of Foot.

I have the honor to be

L^t Gen^l.

Sir Adolphus Oughton

Sir &c

Barrington

[Following Page]

WO 4th July 1778

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th. past & to acquaint you that directions
are given to Sir Adolphus Oughton to have the Supernumerary Men of Lord Seaforths Regiment inspected
in order that such of them as are fit for Service may be turned over to the Additional Companies of either
the 42nd. or the 71st. Reg^{ts}. of Foot.

I am Sir &c

Cap^t. F. M. Humberston
of Lord Seaforths Reg^t
at Aberdeen

Barrington

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, May 1778-Aug. 1778* at WO 4/103, p. 293 (f. 145).

**Excerpts of Notebook of Capt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company,
Record Problems with English and Irish Recruits Sent Out for the 42nd Regt.,
Long Island, New York, Aug. 26 and Sept. 6, 1779**

Thursday 26th. cool No: westward... Strange mismanagement of the recruits at home, drafting them
with great impropriety, & prejudice to the service, & the Reg^{ts}. they belong to; Highland Recruits sent to
other Reg^{ts}. & those from English Reg^{ts}. sent to the Highlanders, hurtfull to the Recruiting business, &
productive of mutiny & desertion...

Monday 6th. Sept^r warm with Southerly wind... N:B: most of English & Irish recruits sent out for
42^d. exchanged for Scotsmen from the 26th. —

Source and Notes: NRS, *Peebles Journal* Entries for Aug. 24-26, 1779, and as published in *John Peebles' American War*, Ed. Ira Gruber, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg (Pa), 1998, pp. 288-289. Capt. Peebles is incorrect regarding the 42nd Regt. Recruits being drafted into other regiment. Instead they were transferred to the new 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. as shown in the War Office letter to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., dated July 29, 1779 which set out the establishment of the new 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. and directed "*The two additional Companies of this Regiment, consisting of two Captains, Four Lieuts two Ensigns, 8 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 2 Drummers, and two Hundred Private Men, are intended to be taken from the first Battalion, to be transferred to, and to make a part of, this Second Battalion.*"



Detail from "Greenock," 1812, by Francis James Sarjent

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

42nd Regt. Additional Company Troops Sent to Greenock to Defend West Coast of Scotland from French and Rebel Privateers, Glasgow, Sept. 7, 1778

SCOTLAND

Extract of a letter from Glasgow, Sept. 10.

"On Saturday morning [Sept. 5], the Western Fencibles, commanded by lord Frederick Campbell, marched from hence for Greenock; and late the same evening, two companies of his grace the duke of Hamilton's regiment arrived here from Hamilton, and marched early on Sunday morning for the same place: on Monday [Sept. 7] about 100 men belonging to the 42d, 52d, and 71st regiments arrived here from Stirling; and on Tuesday, about mid-day, passed through this city a party of the Royal train of artillery, with seven nine-pounders, and six covered waggons. They were escorted to this town by a party of lord Seaforth's Highlanders, who are to return to Edinburgh. The party that arrived from Stirling joined them for their effort to Greenock, where they all arrived that evening. Besides the above cannon, twelve twenty-four pounders have been brought from Carron, in order to erect a battery, near the rope-work at Greenock, for the preservation of the shipping at that place and Port Glasgow. Two hundred stand of arms were brought from Edinburgh to be employed by the gentlemen on the coast side for their own defence.

"The Royal Glasgow volunteers are likewise on their march from the north: two companies of them left St. Andrews on Monday morning, and by forced marches, arrived here yesterday about mid-day. Other two companies of the above regiments are on their march from Dundee, and are expected to arrive this day.

"These precautions are taken on account of information received, that our inveterate enemies design to distress the west coast: but we hope to have a sufficient force to baffle any efforts that may be made to disturb the internal piece of this part of the country."

Source and Notes: *Saunders's News-Letter* (Dublin), Sept. 23, 1778, p. 1. The same report was printed in the *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Sept. 12, 1778 and *Dublin Evening Post*, Sept. 24, 1778, p. 2. The Greenock merchants' concern may have resulted from attacks by *USS Ranger* under Rebel Capt. John Paul Jones at Whitehaven and Kirkcudbright in Apr. 1778. Fort Beauclerk was built at Ropework Quay in 1760, mounting 12 twenty-four pounders. In 1778 part of John Laird & Sons rope-work (east of the old rope-work) was used as a hospital for the troops defending the city. (Ref: *Old Greenock*, George Williamson, 1888, pp. 167-168.)

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Two Regimental Agents,



Detail from Powder Horn of 50th Regt., Napoleonic Period

Picture Source: *International Military Antiques*

**War Office Letter to Agents Anderson & Richardson, 42nd Regt., to Receive
Bounty Money from 50th Regt., for Drafted Men, London, Oct. 9, 1778**

W. O. 9th. October 1778

Sir

Lieutenant Col: [Samuel] Townsend having drafted Two Men from the 31st. Regiment of Foot to which you are Agent, I am to acquaint you that I have signified the King's Pleasure to the Agent of the 69th. Regiment to which the said Men have been drafted to pay you the Bounty Money of Five Guineas for each of the said Drafts agreeable to the Abstract herewith enclosed, amounting to Ten Guineas & that you do credit the same to the Non Effective Account of the 31st. Regiment.

I am Sir &c

Adam Wood Esq^r:

Barrington

Like Letter of same date to Messieurs Anderson and Richardson to receive from the Agent of the 50th. Regiment of Foot £15 .. 15. [Five Guineas each] – for three Drafts from the 42^d. Regiment.

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Aug. 1778 –Jan. 1779* at WO4/104, p. 140 (f. 69).

**Embarkation Report of English Recruits Drafted to Complete the 42nd Regt.,
Chatham, England, Mar. 26, 1779**

Copy

Embarkation Return of the Additional Companies Embarked from Chatham Barracks to complete the Regiments serving in North America 26th March 1779

Ship's Names	Tons	Regiments embarked	N ^o of Men embarked	to compleat what Reg ^t	Officers embarked.
Hope	190...				
			92...		
Swan	225...				
			112...		
Ann	271...				
			132...		
Corsica...	265...				
			130...		
		37 th	62	37 th	Cornet Fondbank 17 th Dragoons
		5 th as drafts	12	d ^o	Cornet Searle d ^o d ^o
		Imp ^d men 60 th d ^o	15	d ^o	Ensign Edwards 37 th Regim ^t
		43 ^d	16	43 ^d	M ^r Grant First Surgeon

Eliza	246	10 th d ^o	4	42 ^d	
		24 th d ^o	1	d ^o	
		17 th d ^o	2	d ^o	
		21 st d ^o	1	d ^o	
		23 ^d d ^o	1	d ^o	
		26 th d ^o	1	d ^o	
		52 ^d d ^o	1	d ^o	
		71 st d ^o	1	d ^o	
		Imp ^d men 60 th d ^o	6	d ^o	
			123		
Concord...					
			121...		
Brilliant	227...				
			116...		
Hannah	245	21 st as drafts	34	42 ^d	Captain M ^c Laughlin } Ensign Dennison } 55 th Regimt ^t Ensign M ^c Gray }
		49 th d ^o	9	d ^o	
		53 ^d d ^o	10	d ^o	
		57 th d ^o	44	d ^o	
		62 ^d d ^o	6	d ^o	
		55 th d ^o	4	d ^o	
			107...		
Peggy	343...				
			162...		
Wisk	272...				
			133...		
Dispatch	135	64 th	8	64 th	Ensign Hamilton 5 th Regimt ^t Ensign Aldworth 46 th d ^o Ensign Barker 27 th d ^o Howley a Volunteer
		34 th as drafts	48	d ^o	
		35 th d ^o	2	d ^o	
		20 th d ^o	16	d ^o	
		52 ^d d ^o	27	42 ^d	
			101		
Total Embarked on board the Eleven respective Ships				1329	
				Signed Sam ^{le} Townsend	
				Colonel	

Source and Note: Copy in the *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 55:5, W. L. Clements Lib., Univ. of Michigan. Original at TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers*, 1754 Sept. 25 - 1780 Dec. 31 at PRO 30/55/95. The arrival of the recruits at New York is first mentioned in General Orders issued at New York on Aug. 25, 1779

**Request from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson, for
Permission to Exchange Additional Company Officers and Secretary Jenkinson's Approval,
Banner Cross, May 1 and London May 5, 1779**

S^r

I have the honor to Acquaint you, that I had His Majestys late Secretary at Wars permission to change the Officers of the Additional Companies of the Regiment under my Command, from time to time, as I might find Expedient, dated 14th. Feb^y: 1776. But as I am uncertain if you'r pleased to give me the Same permission for the benefit of the Recruiting duty in the Highlands, beg leave to Receive your Commands, having only one Captain lately come from the Battalion in America, the other still wanting in place of Cap^t. [Alexander] Donaldson preferr'd to a Majority some time ago.
I shall have the honor to transmit the List of Changes I propose for the good of the recruiting Service if Agreeable. and if you think proper to continue it to me as Lord Barrington did, Imagine you'l think it proper to write [Commander-in-Chief and Gen.] S^r. Henry Clinton of it.

I have the honor to be with great Esteem
Banner cross near Sheffield
May 1st. 1779.

Sir

your most humble and most obedient Serv^t.
John Murray

R^t. Hon^{ble}. Charles Jenkinson &c &c.

[Approval from Secretary at War]

W. O. 5th May 1779

My Lord

I have received the honor of Your Lordship's Letter of the 1st. Ins^t, & beg you will continue to make such Arrangements in the Officers of the Additional Companies of Your Regiment as You shall judge best for the benefit of the Recruiting Duty agreeable to Lord Barrington's letter to Your Lordship of the 14th February 1776.

As I do not find that My Predecessor wrote to Sir W^m. Howe on this matter I conceive it is unnecessary for me to trouble Sir H. Clinton with a Letter on the Subject.

I have &c

R^t. Hon^e L^d Jn^o Murray
Bannercross near Sheffield

C: Jenkinson

Sources: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1779* at WO 1/1005, p. 145 and *Out-Letters, General Letters, Apr. 1779-Aug. 1779* at WO 4/106, p. 70 (f. 35).

Excerpt of Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Drafted Recruits from 42nd Regt., London, May 10, 1779

London 10th May 1779

My Lord...

It was Ser^t Grant went with the Detachment to Chatham, he has got his Discharge and the Pension and is going to live in Dublin where he has a Wife & family There were 21 men, the Corporal Included, draughted into the 25th Reg^t (Lord George Lennoxs) for which we received of the Agents £5..5 / each at the Cred^t of the Non Effective fund £110..5.. I believe they were all satisfied as it was a Scotch Regiment, but I think it is both hard & wrong that they should draft Highland Recruits an Soldiers into any other Corps, 3 were drafted to the 50th 1 to the 38th & 3 Discharged in all 28.

There was a years Clothing due them when they were drafted, for which they may make a Demand the Serj^t insisted for a Guinea in lieu of his Clothing which I was obliged to pay him accordingly.

I have paid M^{rs} Hampshires Miss [Mary] Murrays Account at Y^r Lordships Debit £6..2..6 – She would hardly take it without the 1 5 Charges

Please turn

Your Lordships Letters for New York were just in time for the Packett, last Wednesday.

I have the Honor to be most respectfully, My Lord

Your Lordships Most Obed^t & most hu^{le} Serv^t

Alex^r Anderson

Right Hin^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray...

Source and Note: Cover sheet title: "M^r Alex^r Anderson concerning the Men were draughted into other Corps from Chatham. Names of Gen^l Officers to Command the camps &c London 10th May 1779," in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/49. Lord Mountstewart was the son of the Earl of Bute.

News Account of Escorting and Handcuffing Recruits and Impressed Men, Chatham, June 2, 1779

Extract of a letter from Chatham, June 2.

“Recruits and impressed men are almost daily passing through this place in their way to the barracks. A party of the latter, about 70 in number, handcuffed, were escorted by a small detachment of soldiers, a few days since, which proves the utility of the late act in making these men useful to the state who were before a nuisance to society, and lived chiefly by fraud and rapine.

Source and Note: *Morning Post and Daily Advertiser* (London), June 3, 1779 p. 6. About this time a number of recruits from other regiments were drafted as recruits for the 42nd Regt.

**Denial from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Lt. John Spens, Additional Co., 42nd Regt.,
Regarding His Request for Promotion in the New Regiments, London, July 20, 1779**

W. O. 20th July 1779

Sir,

As the appointments of Officers to the New Corps is left by the King entirely to the discretion of those Gentlemen who raise them, I cannot take any part with respect to the application made in your letter of the 11th inst.

I am Sir &c

C: Jenkinson

Lieut [John] Spens
42^d Reg^t. of Foot
Glasgow

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Apr. 1779-Aug. 1779* at WO 4/106, p. 407 (f. 201).

**General Order Announcing Arrival of Recruits for the 42nd and Other Regts.,
New York, Aug. 25, 1779**

Head Quarters New York 25 August 1779...

The British regiments in this District will send for their recruits as soon as possible applying for Boats thro' the Adjutant Gen^s Office where they will likewise receive Information, about what Transport their Men are Embarked.

The Recruits belonging to the British Reg^{ts} not immediately upon the spot /viz 17th, 22^d, 33^d, 38th, 42^d, 43^d, 63^d, and 64th / will be landed as soon as boats can be attached for the purpose. They are to be stationed 'till further orders at Bushwick, Long Island under the care of Maj^r [William] Cowley of the 22^d Regiment.

Such Officers of the above Regiments as come out in this Fleet will remain for the present with their Recruits...

Memorandum

The British regiments for which Recruits are arrived are the 7th.. 17th.. 22^d.. 23^d.. 26th ..33^d.. 37th, 38th.. 42^d..43^d.. 44th.. 54th.. 63^d. & 64th....

Source: Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," Sir Henry Clinton Papers, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. The 42nd Regt. was not present New York because they were stationed 44 miles north of the city at Stony Point from July 19- Oct. 20, 1779



Reproduction 26th Regt. Uniform Button

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**General Orders Rejecting Recruits for the 42nd Regt. and Exchanging Scots
from the 26th Regt. in Their Place, New York, Aug. 31-Sept. 5, 1779**

Head Quarters New York 31st Aug 1779...

The 26th Regiment to be Drafted on Staten Island on Fryday next in the Forenoon, 150 men to be Transferr'd to the 44th Regiment, and the remaining to be equally divided between the 23^d..37th..63rd..& 64 Regiments...

Head Quarters New York 1st Sep^r 79...

After Orders

A considerable number of English & Irish recruits having been sent out by mistake for the 42^d Regim: the Commander in chief is pleased to order that as many of them as Possible shall be exchanged for an equal Number of Scotch in the 26th Reg^{nt} to be Drafted on Fryday...

Head Quarters New York 5 September 1779...

The Recruits of the 42nd Regim^t that were Drafted on Staten Island on the 4th Ins^t are to be delivered over to their respective Regiments who are to apply to Maj^r [William] Cowly for them immediately...

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

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of the English and Irish Recruits Assigned to the 42nd Regt.,
New York, Aug. 26, and Sept. 6, 1779**

Thursday 26th ...Strange mismanagement of the Recruits at home, drafting them with great impropriety, & prejudice to the service, & the Reg^{ts} they belong to; Highland Recruits sent to other Reg^{ts} & those from English Reg^{ts} sent to the Highlanders, hurtfull to the Recruiting business, & productive of mutiny & desertion...

Monday 6th Sept^r ...N.B. most of the English & Irish recruits sent out for the 42^d exchanged for Scotsmen from the 26th [Regt.].

Source: *Peebles' Journal* entry for Aug. 26, 1779.

**Excerpt of Letter from Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to
Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Drafted Recruits for the Regiment,
74-gun *HMS Russell*, Off Sandy Hook, Oct. 27, 1779**

Dated on board the Russel Off Sandy Hook Oct^r 27 1779

My Lord

I am honored with your Lordships letters of 29th June & 6th July, the one you mention to have sent inclosing copy of Secretary at Wars of 5th May, do not recollect receiving, I wrote your Lop: [Lordship] lately with a return of the Reg^t as it then Stood we have Since that received 152 draughts from Different Corps Sent from England of all Nations, as the 26th Reg^t in which there were many Scotchmen was ordered to be draughted, I applied to the Commander in Chief, to be allowed to Exchange them, which was granted, and we got 95 from that Corps all N. Briton's the remainder which are about 40 I shall endeavor to get Exchanged for our Country men from other Corps – The Reg^t Still wants 70 or 80 men, Several of our draughts having died Since they came here, a General & Severe Sickness having prevailed throughout the whole Army...

I have the honor to be &c

Tho^s Stirling

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.



Remnants of Original 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. King's Color, Dunvegan Castle, Scotland

Picture Source: Alexander Good

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton,
Commander-in-Chief, North America, Reducing the Two Additional Companies of the 1st Battalion,
42nd Regt. and Transferring the Officers and Men to the New 2nd Battalion,
London, Nov. 5, 1779**

War Office 5th Nov^r 1779

Sir,

His Majesty having been pleased to direct a Second Battⁿ, consisting of Ten Compys of 3 Serjts, 4 Corporals, 2 Drum^{rs} & 70 private Men in each with the usual Staff & other Commiss^d officers, to be raised and added to the 42^d /or R H / Regim^t of Foot commanded by [Gen.] Lord John Murray; and that the two [Additional] companies added in Aug^t 1775 to the said Regiment, should be reduced, and that the Officers and Men of the said two Compys shall be turned over towards compleating the second Battalion...

General Sir H. Clinton
&c &c &c
New York

I have the honor to be Sir &c
C Jenkinson

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274, f. 126 (p. 250).



Detail from Portrait of Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson, before 1802, by George Romney

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

**Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to John Robinson,
Secretary to Regimental Agents Including Anderson & Richardson, 42nd Regt.,
Authorizing Bounty Money for Drafted Recruits, London, June 22, 1780**

W. O. 22^d June 1780

Gentlemen,

Colonel [Samuel] Townsend having drafted Sundry men from different Regiments of Foot, to which you are Agent, I am to acquaint you, that I have signified the King's Pleasure for the Agents of the Regiments to which the said Men have been drafted, to Pay to you the Bounty Money of five Guineas for each of the Said Drafts, agreeable to the Abstract herewith enclosed, amounting in the whole to One Thousand, Seven hundred & fifty eight Pounds, fifteen Shillings, which Sum you are to Credit to the Non Effective Accounts of the respective Regiments of Foot, from which the said Men have been Drafted.

I am Gentⁿ: & &c^a

Mess^{rs} Roberts

C. Jenkinson

Like Letters of same Date to the following Agents, viz^t...

Mess^{rs}: Anderson & Richardson, for 1 Man drafted from the 42^d: (or Royal Highland) Reg^t. of Foot, to the 52^d: Reg^t. of Foot, amounting to £5.. 5.. –

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Apr. 1780-July 1780* at WO 4/110, p 349.

**Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Richard Rigby, Paymaster General
and John Robinson, Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury,
Changing the Establishment of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 13, 1780**

WO 13th Sep^r 1780

Sir,

In my Letter of the 15th Aug^t 1779, I had the honor to acquaint You with the proposal of adding a 2^d Battⁿ. to the 42^d. (Or Royal Highland) Reg^t of Foot, & to send You therewith Estimates for the Pay of the 1st & 2^d Batt^s as intended, when the Additional men from the 2^d Battⁿ. should be raised & approved.

I am now to signify to You His Majesty's Pleasure that the Old Establishment of the 42^d. Reg^t. as consisting of 12 Companies should continue to the 20th March last, inclusive, from which time the 1st Battⁿ should be reduced as to consist of the Number stated in the estimate above mentioned as also that from the following Day Viz^t 21st Mar. 1781 the 2^d Battⁿ should commence & take place as the Establishment

agreeable to the Numbers shone on the Estimate of the said Battalion inclosed in my Letter of the 5th Aug^t 1779.

I am &c

R^t Hon^{ble}

C: Jenkinson

Rich^d Rigby

&c &c &c

Like Letter of the same Date to Jn^o Robinson Esq^r

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, July 1780 – Nov. 1780* at WO 4/111, p 202.

Excerpt of Request from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, to Add Two Additional Companies to the 1st Battalion and Lord Amherst's Denial, Bannercross and London, Oct. 19, 1780

Banner Cross 19th October 1780

My Lord...

Before I left London I went to M^r Morse for your Lordship, approval for two Additional companies to the first Battalion, but have not yet heard whither it would be agreeable or not.

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient and most Humble Servant

John Murray

R^tHon^{ble} Lord Amherst &c &c &c

[Lord Amherst's Denial]

Whitehall, 19th October 1780

My Lord,

I have had the honour to receive your Lordship's proposal to Augment your Second Battalion to One Thousand Men, and to add to Companies to the first Battalion: –

And I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship there is no intention at present either to raise new Levies, or to Augment the Establishment of the 42^d Regiment of Foot: –

I have the honour to be My Lord, &c

P.S. Should any measure for an Augmentation take

Amherst

place Your Lordship shall have the Earliest Notice of it. A. –

R^t Honble Lord John Murray

Sources: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Misc. letters to Lord Amherst, Oct. 1780* at WO 34/168, ff. 273-274 and *Misc. letters from Lord Amherst, June 22 to Dec. 31, 1780* at WO 34/235, f. 190.



Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton, 1777, by John Smart

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpt of Letter No. 107 from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Describing the State of Recent Recruits, New York, Oct. 30, 1780

New York 30 October 1780

My Lord...

I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship that the fleet from England under the convoy of His Majesty's ships Hyena and Adamant, with recruits and stores for this arm, arrived here safe after a favourable passage on the 15th instant, and I have the honour to transmit returns of the state and number of recruits received by this opportunity...

Signed

[Enclosure]

State of Recruits Inspected by a Board of Field Officers Long Island 24 th October 1780 – Lieut ^{ts} . Colo ^l Hope 44 th Regim ^t President Lieut ^{ts} . Colo ^l Fox 38 th Reg ^t } Members Major Stuart 63 rd Reg ^t }					
Regiments...	N ^o . Embarked	N ^o . Landed...	State of Clothing	Inlisted for	Drafted from and by whom
64 th	108	108	Some very bad, d ^o Necessaries	{ 64 th (18) 9 th (1) 20 th (2) 29 th (2) 31 st (3) { 40 th (1) 42 nd (1) 70 th (1) 57 th (79) –	D ^o [By order of Col ^o Townsend]
Total	818	810...			
N.B. The Recruits sent out for the following Regiments Viz ^t 22 nd 37 th 38 th 42 nd 43 rd 54 th 76 th & 80 th having join'd their respective Corps were not seen by us ...					
(Sign'd) Henry Hope Lieut ^t Colo ^l 44 th Reg ^t Commanding British Grenadiers					

Sources: *DOAR, Volume XVIII, Transcripts 1780*, Ed. K. G. Davies, Irish University Press, Dublin, 1978, pp. 217-218 from TNA, *Original, Correspondence, Secretary of State, Military Dispatches*, 1780 at CO 5/100, f. 248 and *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Reel 6, p. 489. The Table is also filed at TNA, *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, p. 803 (f. 401).

Offer from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col. 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces to Raise a Third Battalion for Recruiting, London, Dec. 16, 1780

To The Right Honourable Lord Amherst &c &c &c

Dec^r 16th 1780

As the First Batalion of the Forty Second / or Royal Highland Regiment/ of Foot is on his Majesty's Service in America and the Second Batalion is under Orders for Foreign Service and neither of them have at present any Additional Company's to recruit Lord John Murray Humbly propos's to his Lordship to move his Majesty for a Third Battalion, to Recruit these Two Batalions which he Imagin's will soon and easily be Effected in the Highlands of North Britain, with proper Officers. He humbly propos's himself as Colonel without a Company. John Earl of Caitness to be Lieutenant Colonel who is at present Major of the 76 Foot His Commission is dated the Twenty Ninth of Dec^r 1777. Has Considerable Interest in that Country and was Wounded in his Majestys Service in America. And for Major Captain George Moncrieffe, whose Commission is dated the Twenty Third of Dec^r 1777 81st Regiment, is strongly Recommend'd by Major General Skene to whom he is a near Relation and Answers for his Quota of Men and his Abilities.

– If it is his Majesty's Pleasure to Consent to these Field Officers Lord John Murray Humbly propos's to have the Notification ours as soon as thought proper that no time may lost to set it on Foot. And propos's a List of the Captains shall be given in that will raise their different Quotas of Men as soon as possible for Service. But for the Lieutenants unless they are allow'd Rank in the Army, and Half Pay when reduc'd it will be very difficult, if not Impossible to get them in that Country.

And he will Undertake it for the First Batalions or Second as his Majesty shall be Graciously pleas'd to think the most for his Service and to raise them as soon as possible

In the mean time they may be of use for Home Service. With Names of the Ensigns, and Staff as soon as a List of the Captains are given in for his Majesty's Royal Approbation

All which is most Humbly Submitted

John Murray

London Dec^r 16th 1780

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Letters to Lord Amherst. Chiefly...offers to raise troops, Dec. 1780* at WO 34/170, ff. 247-248. "John Earl of Caitness" was Maj. John Sinclair, who succeeded to the title of 11th Earl of Caithness on Nov. 29, 1779.

**Parliamentary Warrant to Pay Gen. Lord John Murray Levy Money for Recruits,
London, Jan. 7, 1781**

1781.

Jan 11 To Lord John Murray, for levy-money for additional to the 42d regiment [£] 446 [Sh.] 5 [d] 0 of foot –

Source: *The Parliamentary Register; or History of the proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons...During the Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of Great Britain*, Vol. VII, Printed for J. Debrett, London, 1782, Google Books, p. 655.

General Order Assigning the Twelve Recruits from Regiments

Captured at Saratoga in 1777 to the 42nd Regt., New York, Feb. 5, 1781

Head Qrs NY 5th Febru^y 1781...

The undermentioned Corps will send proper persons to the orderly room at the main Guard on Wednesday next at 12 o'Clock, to receive the following Number of Drafts from the Regiments of the Northern Army; they will give the usual Certificates for them to Lieuten^t [Edward Pearce] Willington 71st Regiment: –

Corps	N ^o of Drafts...
42 ^d	12...

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



Reproduction 21st, 22nd and 42nd Regt. Uniform Buttons

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Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Agents of the 21st, 22nd and 42nd Regt., to Settle Bounty Money for Drafted Men, London, Mar. 22, 1781

WO 22^d March 1781

Gentlemen,

The 21st Regiment of Foot to which you are Agent having furnished sundry drafts to different Reg^{ts} of Foot, I am to acquaint you that I have signified the King's Pleasure to the Agents of those Reg^{ts}. to which the said men have been drafted to pay to you the Bounty Money of five Guineas for each of the said drafts agreeable to the Abstract herewith enclosed, amounting to the Sum of £ [illegible] which Sum you are to carry to the Credit of the Non Effective Account of the 21st Reg^t.

I am &c

Mess^{rs} Grey & Ogilvie

C. Jenkinson...

Mess ^{rs} Cox Mair ...	1 Man	to the 22 ^d Foot	£ 5 – 5 –...
A. Anderson Esq.	2	42 ^d .	£10 – 10 –...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Mar.-June 1781* at WO 4/113, p. 42 (f. 22).

Letter from Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, to Lt. Gen. Alexander Mackay, Commander of the Forces, Scotland, Discouraging the Drafting of Highlanders, London, Apr. 11, 1781

Whitehall, 11th April 1781

Sir,

The Drafting of the Recruits Enlisted for Highland Reg^{ts} into other Reg^{ts} having been represented to have very much hurt the Recruiting Service in the Highlands, and an Idea having been Suggested that by making a Depot of Highland Recruits in some of the Northern Forts... might on many Accounts, be useful, as well as that they could be there properly disciplined and made ready to Join their Reg^{ts} as Soldiers, and also that if it was made generally known that Highlanders enlisting into Highland Reg^{ts} should either Serve in the Regiments into which they enlist, or in Case the Service Should require their being Drafted, that they should be put into Highland Corps only, would tend to promote the Recruiting Service in the Highlands; I

have the honour to acquaint you therewith, and to desire that if you should think all, or any of those opinions may be usefull, you will be pleased to give such Directions on the matter, as may appear to you to be necessary.

Honble Lt. Gen^l Mackay
I have the honour to be Sir, &c
Amherst

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers, Misc. Letters from Lord Amherst, Jan. 2-May 25, 1781* at WO 34/236, f. 648.

Denial of the Offer by Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Augment the Regiment by Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, London, May 26, 1781

Whitehall, 26th May 1781

My Lord,

Having laid before The King your Lordship's Proposal to Augment the 42^d Regiment of Foot, under your Lordship's Command; I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that His Majesty does not approve of making any change, at present, in the Establishment of your Lordship's Regiment.

I have the honour to be My Lord, Your Lordships &c
R^t Honble Lord John Murray
Amherst

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers, Misc. Letters from Lord Amherst, May 26, -Nov. 1, 1781* at WO 34/237, p. 361.



Detail from *Portrait of Jeffery Amherst, 1st Baron Amherst, 1785*, by Thomas Gainsborough

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

Denial of the Offer by Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Augment the Regiment by Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, London, Aug. 16, 1781

Whitehall, 16th August 1781

My Lord,

Having laid before The King your Lordship's proposal to Augment the 42^d Reg^t of Foot, under your Lordship's Command; I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that His Majesty does not approve of making any Change, at present, in the Establishment of your Lordship's Reg^t.

I have the honour to be My Lord, &c
Amherst

R^t Honble Lord John Murray

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers, Misc. Letters from Lord Amherst, May 26, -Nov. 1, 1781* at WO 34/237, f. 198.

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Allowing Assistance to Recruiting Officers with Lord Murray's Response and the War Office Confirmation, London and Bannercross, Nov. 21 and 26 and Dec. 1, 1781

W. O. 21 Nov^r 1781

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Letter of the 13th: Instant; and in answer thereto am to acquaint You, that each of your Recruiting Officers may be allowed the Subsistence of a Corporal and Drum till such time as the return of those at Newfoundland shall make this Allowance unnecessary: How this Expense to be reimbursed will be taken into consideration when the State of the NonEffective Funds of your Reg^t. is known.

I have &c

R^t Hon^r Gen^l L^d John Murray
Bannercross

C. Jenkinson

[Gen. Lord John Murray's Response]

Bannercross 26th Novem^r. 1781

S^r.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter this Morning of the 21st. Instant and shall Strictly obey it, and write to my Agent this day, to acquaint you, or the Deputy at the War Office directly of the State of the Non Effective funds of my Regiment.

I wish to know from you how much bounty money my Recruiting Officers may give, and receive from the Non Effective fund.

And that none Except for Highland regiments shall Recruit in Philabegs or Plaids, on Pain of their being confined & reported Immediately to the commander in chief in North Britain.

I have the honour to be

S^r.

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

John Murray

Right Hon^{ble}.
Charles Jenkinson Esq^r.

[War Office draft response on reverse]

By the King's Reg^{ns} Rec^g Off^{rs} are not to give more than [blank] Guineas to a Recruit; and they are allowed five Guineas from the Non Effective fund for every Recruit approved –

Any improper proceedings in carrying on the Rec^g Service in Scotland should be reported to the Commander of the Forces there.

[War Office Confirmation]

W. O. 1st Dec^r 1781

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 26th past & acquaint you by the King's Regulations Recruiting Officers are not to give more than three Guineas to a Recruit: and they are allowed five Guineas from the Non effective Account for every Recruit approved.

Any improper proceeding in carrying on the Recruiting Service in Scotland, should be reported to the Commander of the Forces there.

I have the honor &
C: Jenkinson

R^t Honble
Lord John Murray
Bannercross near Sheffield

Sources: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, June – Oct. 1781* at WO 4/115, pp. 210-211 (f. 106), *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-P, 1781* at WO 1/1012, p. 67 and *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, June – Oct. 1781* at WO 4/115, p. 274 (f. 138).



Maj. William Nairne

Picture Source: *The Scottish Songstress, Caroline Baroness Nairne*, by Her Great Grand-Niece, Oliphant Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh, 1894, p. 34. Signature Source: TNA, "Captain Angus Mackintosh's Company for 244 days from 25th April 1776 to 24th Dec following" at WO 12/7847

Promotion Orders for Capt. Lieutenant William Nairne, 71st Highland Regt. (Future Capt., Additional Company, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt.), to be Captain, "2^d 71st" Highland Regt. (Balcarres'), New York, May 3, 1782

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 3d May 1782...
The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...
71st Regiment...

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

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

**Estimate of Cost for Adding an Additional Company to the 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt.,
London, Dec. 25, 1782**

Estimate of the Charge of One Company for Recruiting, Added to the 42^d Reg^t. 1st. Battalion Commanded by Lord John Murray, from 25th December 1782 inclusive.

Per Diem

1 Captain	0 – 10 – 0
2 Lieutenants ea 4 ^s ..8 ^d	0.. 9 .. 4
1 Ensign	0.. 3.. 8
10 Serjeants ea 1.. 6	0.. 15.. 0
10 Corporals ea 1.. 0	0.. 10.. 0
4 Drummers ea 1.. 0	0.. 4.. 0
<u>30</u> Private Men ea 0.. 8	<u>1.. 0.. 0</u>
58	3.. 12.. 0
Allowance	<u>0.. 4.. 0</u>
	<u>£ 3.. 16.. 0</u>

Like Augmentation, from the same
time, to the 2^d Battⁿ. of the 73^d Regiment
Commanded by Lord M^eLeod

3.. 16.. 0

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Mar. – June 1783* at WO 4/121, p. 27 (f. 14).



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

**War Office Orders for Col. Commandant Alexander, Earl Balcarres, “2^d 71st” Regt.,
to Transfer One Captain and Three Subalterns from its Second Additional
Company to the 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 21, 1783**

W.O. 21st: Jan’yry 1783.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acq^t: Your Lop: [Lordship] that H. M [His Majesty] has been pleased to direct that the
(2^d.) 71st: Regiment of Foot, under your Command, shall have no more than One Additional Company,
which is to consist of 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 8 Serjeants, 8 Corporals, 4 Drummers, & 30
Private Men; And that 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants & 1 Ensign of the other Additional Company are to be
turned over to the 1st: Battalion of the 42^d: (or Royal Highland) Reg^t: of Foot.

The pay of the said Company is to cease on the Establishment of your Reg^t: from Christmas last.

As soon as I am enabled I shall not fail to acquit you for what Numbers the next assignment of Offreckonings for your Regiment are to be made.

I have the honor, &c^a;

Geo: Yonge

R^t. Honble

Col^o. [Alexander] Lord Balcarres

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Dec. 1782 - Mar. 1783* at WO 4/120, p. 207, (f. 107). When the 71st Regt. was split into two regiments the troops in America became the 71st Highland Regt. (Stirling's) and the four additional companies in Scotland and Newfoundland became the "2^d 71st Regt." under Lt. Col. Commandant Alexander, 6th Earl Balcarres.



Detail from Engraving "The Right Honorable Sr George Yonge B^t / Secretary at War, Knight of the Bath," 1790, after Mather Brown

Picture Source: Wikimedia Common, from *Toronto Public Library*

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

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

My Lord,

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

The pay of the said Company is to take place on the Establishment of the 1st. Battalion of Your Lordship's Regt; from the 25th. Decem^r. last inclusive.

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

I have the honour &c^a

Geo: Yonge

General Lord John Murray

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Dec. 1782 - Mar. 1783* at WO 4/120, p. 208. When the 71st Regt. was split into two regiments the troops in America became the 71st Regt. and the four additional companies in Scotland became the "2^d 71st Regt" under Brevet-Col. and Lt. Col. Commandant Alexander, Earl Balcarres.

Promotions and Transfer of Three Subaltern Officers into the 2^d 71st Highland Regt. (Balcarres'), Who Were Later Turned Over to Capt. William Nairne's Additional Company, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, Feb. 22, Mar. 4 and 18, 1783

War Office, February 22, 1783...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Ensign Julines Herring, of Major [John] Elford's Corps, to be Lieutenant, vice Smollet Campbell.

War Office, March 4, 1783...

2d, 71st Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Sinclair, of the 26th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice James Abercrombie.

War Office, March 18, 1783...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Lieutenant Alexander Innes, of the Northern Regiment of Fencible Men, to be Ensign, vice John Grant.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 18-22, 1783, p. 2, Mar. 1-4, 1783, p. 1 and Mar. 15-18, 1783, p. 1. Major John Elford raised a Corps of Foot which was designated an unnumbered regiment of the British regular army. The Major's date of Rank in that Corps was Sept. 13, 1782. Elford's Corps was disbanded on Apr. 24, 1783. Lt. Herring's date of rank in the 2nd 71st Regt. was Feb. 12, 1783, Lt. Sinclair's date of rank in the 2nd 71st Regt. was Feb. 17, 1783. Ens. Innes' date of rank was Mar. 7, 1783. All three promotions/transfer occurred the regiment was ordered to turn two lieutenants and an ensign over to the 42nd Regt.

Letter from the Secretary at War George Yonge to the Paymaster General Announcing a Reduction in Strength of the 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt. Additional Company, London, Mar. 15, 1783

W: O: 15th March 1783

Sir

His Majesty having been pleased to direct that the 132 Additional Companies, specified in the paper herewith annexed, N^o. 1, should be reduced from the 25th Dec^r last inclusive, and that in their stead each of the battalions mentioned in the Paper marked N^o. 2, should have one Additional Company as there in specified, that is to say, One Company Consisting of One Captain, two Lieutenants, One Ensign with double the Non Commissioned Officers, which the Old Ten Companies had at that Period; And it being His Majesty's gracious Intention, that the Supernumerary Captains, Lieutenants, and Ensigns, agreeable to the List annexed N^o. 3, should for the Present receive full Pay and remain with the Recruiting Companies until His Majesty's further Pleasure on this head should be known; I have the honor to Acquaint you with the above particulars, and that Agreeable to this general Alteration of the establishment of the several Regiments of Foot, The Estimates for Guards, and Garrisons, and the Plantation Service for 121 Days from Christmas last, have been made up and laid before Parliament. I also enclose to you, for your further information, States of Several other Additional &^{ca} which it was judged necessary to provide for, on the Estimates for the above mentioned Period.

I have the honor to be &ca

Geo: Yonge

R^t. Honble
The Paymaster General

List of Battalions in all 72, which have One Company for Recruiting, from 25th December 1782, inclusive.

Specifying the Numbers in each Company respectively...

	<u>Batt^{ns}</u>	<u>Capt^{ns}</u>	<u>Lieut^s</u>	<u>Ensⁿ</u>	<u>Serj^t</u>	<u>Corp^l</u>	<u>Drum^{rs}</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Total in each Company</u>	<u>Pay per Diem...</u>
42 ^d 1 st Batt ⁿ .	2	1	2	1	10	10	4	30	58	£ 3-16-0
73 ^d 2 ^d Batt ⁿ ...										
In all Battalions	72									

Source: TNA, War Office, Secretary-at-War Out-letters, General Letters, Mar. – June 1783 at WO 4/121, pp. 20-22.



Detail from “View of Perth, the Capital of Perthshire,” 1784,

Picture Source: *The New British Traveller*, George Augustus Walpoole, Printed for Alexander Hogg, London, 1784, Google Books, after p. 498.

Excerpt of Muster Report for Capt. William Nairne’s Company, 2nd 71st Highland Regt. (Balcarres’) Shows His Transfer to the Additional Company, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., Perth, Apr. 5, 1783

His Majestys 2 ^d . 71. Regiment of Foot Commanded by Lieu ^t Colo ^l Commandant Earl of Balcarres Colonel
Transferred to 1 st . B: 42 ^d . Reg ^t . 25 th . Dec ^r William Nairne Captain...
Mustered then in His Majesty’s 2 nd 71 st Regiment of Foot Commanded by Lieu ^t Colo ^l Commandant, Earl of Balcarres Colonel, and in Captain William Nairne’s Company, the Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Serjeants, four Corporals, two Drummers and None Effective private men. This muster is taken for 183 days, commencing 25 th June 1782 and ending [illeg] Dec 1782 both days inclusive. I do certify that the absent Commissioned, non commissioned Officers & privates are Effective agreable to the above muster. Signed George Farling Provost & D. C ^y

Source and Note: TNA, War Office: Commissary general of Musters Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 71st Foot, 1764-1783 at WO 12/7847. Contrary to the Muster Report, Capt. Elphinston was not transferred, his place being taken by Capt. William Nairne.

Excerpt of Muster Report of Capt. John Elphinston’s Company, 2nd 71st Highland Regt. (Balcarres’) Shows Transfers to Capt. William Nairne’s Additional

Company, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., Perth, Scotland, Apr. 5, 1783

Mustered then in His Majesty's 2nd 71st Regiment of Foot Commanded by Lieu^t Colo^l Commandant, Earl of Balcarres Colonel, and in Captain John Elphinston's Company, the Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Serjeants, four Corporals, two Drummers from the 12th Company transferred to the 1st Battⁿ 42nd Reg^t 25th Dec, and twenty seven Effective private men.

This muster is taken for 285 days, commencing 25th June 1782 and ending 5th April 1783 both days inclusive.

I do certify that the absent Commissioned, noncommissioned Officers & privates are Effective agreeable to the above muster.

Signed

George Farling Provost & D. C^y

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Commissary general of Musters Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 71st Foot, 1764-1783* at WO 12/7847. Contrary to the Muster Report, Capt. Elphinston was not transferred, his place being taken by Capt. William Nairne.

**Annotated Annual Army List for 1783 Showing Officers of "2^d 71st" Regt. Transferred to 42nd
Additional Company, London, Apr. 28, 1783**

War-Office, 28 April 1783.

A LIST OF THE OFFICERS OF THE ARMY...
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Lt. Col. Command.

The Second 71st Regiment of (Highland) Foot,
Alex. *Earl of* Balcarres 13 Feb. 1782...

Captain...

{ William Nairne

1 Mar. 82 [annotation] 42^d...

Lieutenant...

{ John Sinclair [annotation] 17 Feb^y

~~17 Jan 83~~ [annotation] 42^d...

{ Julines Herring

12 Feb. [annotation] 42^d...

Ensign...

{ Alexander Innes

7 Mar. [83] [annotation] 42^d...

Source: TNA, *Annotated Annual Army List for 1783* at WO 65/33 (Copy of missing page 146 provided by Mr. Ed. Brumby).



Detail from “General the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Richard Fitzpatrick,” by W. Lane, Engraved by H. R. Cook

Picture Source: National Portrait Gallery, London, from *Military Panorama*

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

W: O: 23^d. June 1783

My Lord,

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

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

I have &c^a

R^t Hon[”]ble Lord Adam Gordon
Col^o: of the 1st (or Royal) Reg^t of Foot

R: Fitz Patrick

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

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