

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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The Horse Guards, 1768, by Edward Rooker after Michael Angelo Rooker,

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Appendix F: Regimental Agents' Records

Introduction

Unlike modern armies, during the period of the American War for Independence regimental colonels were responsible for obtaining uniforms and camp equipment and for distributing pay to the regiment. At the same time, most regimental colonels were general officers in the army and often did not serve with their regiments. Accordingly, colonels contracted with agents to assist them in performing those duties. The agents were paid by commissions they took on most of their activities.

While the 42nd Regt. was in America, the agents continued to obtain and ship the uniforms and equipment to the regiment and to maintain the officer pay accounts, but the direct payment for the soldiers in America by the regimental paymaster was transferred to the North American paymaster.

Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., contracted with the firm of Anderson & Richardson at "N^o. 56 *Lothbury*," London as his regimental agents. Lothbury is located about three miles northeast of the offices of the Secretary at War at Horse Guards. Capt. George Richardson left the firm of Anderson & Richardson in Jan. 1779 and Alexander Anderson continued as agent to the regiment. Anderson & Richardson are not shown on in the Army Lists as agents to any other regiments.

From the documents presented below, it is clear several conflicts arose between Gen. Lord John Murray and his agents. Most appear to be connected to Lord Murray's attempts to involve the agents in managing his personal debts. The agents appear to have tried to assist Lord Murray in making arrangements for the debts, but as the war progressed they had to take firmer actions to protect their firm from Lord Murray's increasing debt to the firm itself. At one point in Jan. 1779, Lord Murray apparently indicated he wanted to change agents, but a strongly worded letter from Alexander Anderson showed the large expense Lord Murray would have to bear, if he persisted in changing agents. Anderson's letter was apparently successful and he remained as agent for the remainder of the American war period. The agents protected themselves by taking out life insurance policies for Lord Murray for the amount of his debts to them, and charging the colonel for the policy premiums.

Several documents are included representing the period before the American war, when the 42nd Highlanders were stationed in Ireland (1767-1775) with a detachment on the Isle of Man for part of that period. During this period the agent for the regiment was William Montgomery of Dublin. As with Anderson & Richardson, Lord John attempted to involve Montgomery in his personal finances and when Montgomery resisted, Lord Murray tried to change to Carleton Whitelocke as his agent in 1771. Mr. Whitelocke turned down assuming the agency for the 42nd Regt. and accordingly Mr. Montgomery remained agent for the Royal Highlanders until they returned to Scotland in 1775.

The documents in this appendix fall into two categories. The first group are documents of the period which describe a typical contract between a colonel and a regimental agent and the 1783 audit testimony of James Meyrick, who was agent to 15 infantry regiments, which describes the duties of the regimental agent in detail. The second group of documents are those which are specific to the activities of the agents of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. during the period just before and during the American War for Independence.

General Agent Documents

Description of Customs of the Army for Paying of Offreckonings, London, Apr. 25, 1772

The Custom and Practice of the Army concerning Offreckonings.

Parliament votes the Number and the Expence of the Army for a year.

The Distribution of the Men and appropriation of the Money thro' all its Branches is left to the Crown.

The Vote of Parliament is a gross Sum for the whole Army upon Estimate, stating the Pay of each Corps without particulars.

The Crown authorises what is deemed the Establishment by a Sign Manual, appropriating to each Rank their particular Pay.

Subdivision is afterwards made, by the same authority, of the pay of each person, viz^t.

That of the Pay of Commissioned Officers into what is called Subsistence, and Arrears.

That of the Noncommissioned Officers and Private Men into Subsistence and Offreckonings, with other Appropriations or Stoppages for Poundage and Chelsea Hospital, which are also made upon Arrears.

The Offreckonings after the same Deductions constitute a Fund to reimburse the Expense of Clothes & Accoutrements, their loss and repairs, package, freight insurance, &c, for the Noncommissioned Officers and private Men.

The whole of the Pay of the Regiment some time after it has become due, is by the King's Warrant, called a clearing Warrant, made payable to the Colonel or his Assign.

The Ballance, part of which arises on the Offreckonings, after every Regulation made by the Crown hath been complied with, of course falls to the Colonel.

By ancient Custom so far back as the year 1676, which is presumed to be previous to my Mutiny Act, the Pay Master General was authorised by the Crown to pay the Offreckonings, as the Colonel of the Regiment should from time to time signify his approbation.

Since this, the custom of Assignments has prevailed, and stands as present, as follows.

When a Regiment is newly raised and formed, the Amount of 18 or 20 months Offreckonings /or 12 Months more for Dragoons/ is judged necessary to furnish what is wanted to fit out the Man for Service. The Foot are clothed every year, the Dragoons every two years.

The Colonel upon forming his Corps receives in Money, not from the Men but from the Public, the Value of 6 or 8 Months Offreckonings, and at the same time is authorised by the Crown to assign to some other Person, usually his Clothier, or his Agent, the 12 or 24 months Offreckonings next accruing.

The same Assignment is executed every year, or every two years ensuing, by Virtue of the same direction, which continues in force atho' the Colonel is frequently changed.

The Colonel of every Reg^t. respectively is allowed to make an Assignment as above as soon as Patterns of Clothes have been inspected and sealed by the Clothing Board, and a Certificate of the delivery of last year's Clothing /if any/ has been produced.

To enable the Colonel to contract and produce to his Clothier a Security for his Money, this Assignment passes in the November preceding the June when the Clothes are to be put on.

The Money for the Cloths &c does not accrue completely till the June following the putting on the Clothes /or the next June for the Dragoons Clothing/ and is seldom issued to the Colonel or his Assign within a twelve Month after it has become due.

During all this time, which is very often 2 ½ years for the Foot, or 3 ½ years for the Dragoons, the Assignment passes as paper Currency from one hand to another to the great convenience of all Parties concerned.

But as the Money is not yet to be come at, and the Assignment is a mere Security, Interest is paid for the Value of the Clothes from the time of the delivery to the time when the Clothier is paid or the Assignment is discharged, and paid off by the Public.

The Method of proceeding hath some times been, that when the Colonel assigned over to his Clothier or other Person all the Offreckonings for a certain yearly Period, the Assignor used to require from the Assigns a Deference.

From its being universally understood that the Clothier hath no farther interest in the Assignment than to the Amount of the Clothes delivered, the Custom of requiring a Deference is in general disused. But on payment being made for the Clothing, a Reassignment is made to the Colonel upon a specific consideration.

Thus the Colonel, when the intent of the Security has been answered reckoned the power of receiving the Offreckonings which he had before delegated, and comes into possession of the whole Money that had accrued on Account of Clothing, by which means he is reimbursed what he had laid out, and is enabled to make good the old, or provide new Accoutrements and to comply with the several Regulations of the Crown untill all Claim shall have been discharged by the Royal Authority given to the Paymaster General as his voucher to the Auditor.

No Colonel ever claimed to be the Assignor till authorised and directed by the Crown, and the power of receiving the Offreckonings previous to the clearing of the Regiment, hath been sometimes withdrawn, or suspended till Justice be done to the Men according to the intention.

If therefore any Complaint should arise from the Regiment against the Colonel for neglect, or otherwise, –

Or if by any intervening Change of Colonel, the Money accruing should fall under the disposal of One Party, and the Care of the Regiment with the duty of providing Clothes, Accoutrements, or for repairs &c under another.

The King, to whom the whole Care of the appropriating the Public Money belongs, has directed the issue of such Offreckonings as have not yet been paid, to be stopped, and refers the Matter to his Military Council, the Board of General Officers, and the Colonels, or their Assigns have usually acquiesced in the Decision of these customary Judges.

Since the drawing up of the above, a Passage hath been met within a Tract written by M^r. Hutcheson /Member for Hastings/ in the year 1718, by which it appears that, after every Regulation of the Crown relative to Clothing had been complied with, the Remainder of the Offreckonings was by long usage became esteemed a very legal Perquisite, and to which the Colonels were thought to have as good a right as to any part of their personal Pay. - The Tract is entitled, Abstracts of the Number and yearly Pay of the Land Forces of Horse, Foot and Dragoons in Great Britain for the year 1718, with some Remarks relating to the Same, Reprinted 1720.

Source: TNA, *War Office: Miscellaneous Reports, Off-reckonings. Account of the custom and practice of the army, Apr. 25, 1772* at WO 30/105.

Sample Contract Between a Colonel of a Regiment and an Agent, 1778

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, indented &c. between the honourable A. B. Esq; Colonel of his Majesty's _____ Regiment of _____, of the one part; and C. D. of the parish &c. of the other part.

WHEREAS the said A. B. by a certain writing under his hand and seal, bearing equal date herewith, hath appointed the said C. D. to be his agent to the said Regiment, for which Agency the said C. D. hath paid to the said A. B. the sum of _____ pounds Sterling, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, upon such conditions and agreements nevertheless as are hereafter mentioned and agreed upon. NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS, that it is mutually covenanted, declared and agreed, by and between the said parties to these presents, and the said A. B. for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, DOTH covenant, promise, and agree, to and with the said C. D. his executors, administrators, and assigns, by these presents in manner following, (that is to say) that if the said A. B. and G. D. or either of them, shall happen to die before, the end of years, to be computed from the day of the date of these presents; or if the said Regiment shall before that time be broke or reduced, or be put on the *Irish* establishment, or be disposed of to any other person, that then, and in either, or any of the said cases so happening within the said term, and not otherwise, the said A. B. or his heirs, executors, or administrators, shall and will immediately after any such case so happening, return and repay, or cause to be returned and repaid unto the said C. D. his executors, administrators or assigns, so much of the said sum of _____ pounds, (after a deduction of profits made thereof of the yearly sum of _____ pounds, and in proportion thereto for less than a year for the same time) all shall then remain behind and unsatisfied; AND the said C. D. for himself, his executors and administrators, doth covenant and agree, to and with the said A. B. his executors and administrators, by these presents, that he the said C. D. his executors and administrators, shall and will accept of so much, or such part of the said sum of _____ pounds, (after the deduction of the yearly sum beforementioned, and in proportion thereto for less than a year made thereof as aforesaid) as shall happen to become returnable to him or them in any such case so happening within

the said term as aforesaid, in full performance and satisfaction of all money to be returned pursuant to this agreement; AND if is agreed by and between the said parties, that if the said A. B. shall at any time hereafter be appointed Colonel of any other regiment of _____ upon the British establishment in lieu of his present regiment, that then the said C. D. shall continue Agent thereto, and shall have and enjoy the same place in like manner as is herein mentioned and agreed upon for this present regiment, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; AND IT IS FURTHER agreed between the parties, that the said C. D. shall have, take, and enjoy, to his own use, ALL the pay, poundage, perquisites, and profits, belonging to the said place of Agent, according to the custom and usage of the army now practiced; PROVIDED ALWAYS, and these presents are upon this condition, and it is declared and agreed, by and between the said parties hereunto, that if the said A. B. shall at any time, before the end of the said term of _____ years, or afterwards, be minded to remove the said C. D. from the said place of Agent to his said Regiment, or any other regiment of _____ upon the British establishment, which may come to be under his command, and do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said C. D. the full sum of _____ pounds Sterling for, that purpose, that then, and from thenceforth upon such payment, these present articles of agreement, and every covenant, clause, and thing herein contained, shall cease, determine, and be utterly void and of none effect:, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. In witness &c.
Sealed &c.

Source: *The Compleat Modern Conveyancer, Being a Selection of Draughts; Drawn by the most Eminent Scrivenors*, Printed for W. Strahan and M. Woodfall, London, 1778, Google Books, pp. 45-47.

**Testimony of James Meyrick, Regimental Agent to the Auditors, Office of Accounts,
London, Mar. 3, 1783**

The EXAMINATION of *James Meyrick*, Esquire; taken upon Oath,
the 5th and 7th of *February*, and 3^d of *March* 1783.

THIS Examinant saith, That he is Agent to several Regiments. As Agent to a Regiment, he receives from the Paymaster General of the Forces the Subsistence and the Clearings, and when he has the Assignment, the Offreckonings. Where a Regiment is complete, the Agent receives the full Subsistence, according to the Establishment, where it is not complete, he receives a Sum upon Account of Subsistence, the Quantum of which Sum is directed by the Secretary at War; this Sum consists of the Subsistence of the Effectives, and of a Part of the Non-Effectives, and of the Four Warrant Men *per* Company. The Subsistence of the Effective Non-commissioned Officers and Private Men, is paid to the Regimental Paymaster; the Subsistence of the Non-effectives, is carried to the Credit of the Non-effective Fund of that Regiment; the Subsistence of One of the Four Warrant Men is paid to the Colonel, of another to the Agent, and of the Two remaining is carried to the Credit of the Non-effective Fund, in Aid of Recruiting. The Clearings, where the full Subsistence has been issued, consist of the Arrears, and the Agency; the Arrears are the Difference between the full Pay and the Subsistence of the Commissioned Officers: and are paid to each Officer his Share; the Agency is Two Pence in the Pound upon the full Pay of the Regiment, and belongs to the Agent. Where the Clearings include Non-issued Subsistence, that Subsistence remains upon the Credit of the Non-effective Fund; for the Agent, though he receives a Part only of the Subsistence, makes himself Debtor for the whole; and when the Clearings are paid, he charges the Respites against the Credit. The net Off-reckonings are appropriated to the Clothing of the Non-commissioned Officers and private Men. Where the Agent is the Assignee of the Colonel, he applies the Off-reckonings to the Payment of the Clothier's Bill, and all Expences attending the Clothing; and if there is any Surplus, he places it to

the Credit of the Colonel. The Sum for the Clothing of a Militia Regiment is issued to the Agent, pursuant to a Warrant to the Paymaster General, specifying the Sum; the Agent carries it to the Credit of the Colonel.

Twice a Year the Agent receives from the Pay Office the returned Poundage, which is paid to the Men without Deduction. The Agent receives also, every Half Year, the Amount of the Stoppages from the Pay of the Men for the Allowances to the Regimental Paymaster and Surgeon. Every Half Year, where it can be done, a Bill of Contingencies, signed by the Commanding Officer and Regimental Paymaster, is transmitted from the Regiment to the Agent, and, as he believes, a Duplicate to the War Office; the Agent makes out his Bill of Contingencies, and delivers both, with his Vouchers, to the War Office: After it is examined and passed, the King's Warrant is obtained for the Payment.

The Agent's public Account of a Regiment is subject to the Examination of the Secretary at War, whenever he thinks proper to call for it; the Account is stated and balanced every 24th of *June*, where it is practicable, it is not laid before the Secretary at War until he calls for it.

Some Time last *September*, the present Secretary at War required from the Agents, a State of the Balances of the Non-effective Accounts. Such as could be made up to the 24th of *June* last, of the Regiments to which he is Agent, he has transmitted to the Secretary at War, and he believes the other Agents have done the same. The Non-effective Fund is applied to Services directed by the King's Warrant, and to no other. To every Company, One, Two, or Three contingent Men, according to the Establishment of the Regiment are Allowed; the Captain has the Subsistence of these Men, for the Purpose of keeping the Arms in Repair, and for other contingent Expences of the Company. The Off-reckonings of the contingent Men fall into the gross Off-reckonings.

The Warrants for the Contingencies are made payable to the Colonel, and received by the Agent, who pays them to the Regimental Paymaster, deducting what belongs to himself.

The Regimental Paymaster generally draws upon the Agent for his Share, long before the Agent receives it from the Paymaster General, and therefore if the Colonel dies insolvent after the Warrant is made out, and before the Agent has received it, the Agent loses it.

Ja^s Meyrick.

T. Anguish,
Rich^d Neave,
Sam^l Beachcroft,
Geo. Drummond

Source and Notes: "Appendix to the Ninth Report. No. 5" in *The Reports to the Commissioners Appointed to Examine, Take, and State the Public Accounts of the Kingdom...*, Vol. 2, by John Lane, Printed for His Majesty, London, 1785, Google Books, pp. 259-260. The 1779 Army List shows Meyrick to be the Agent for the 3rd Regt. of Foot Guards, 2nd, 12th, 17th, 23rd, 26th, 28th, 33rd, 46th, 48th, 50th, 52nd, 56th, 64th, and 70th Regiments of Foot.

42nd Regt. Documents



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

Picture Source: *Tate Gallery*, London

Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agent, William Montgomery Regarding Clothing and Accoutrements, Bannercross, Near Sheffield, England, Jan. 1, 1770

Copy Letter to [Agent] W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. [Dublin] dated
S^r.

Bannercross 1st Jan^y. 1770

I am favoured with yours this day of the 23^d Dec^r. and [in binding] at your return from The Country to have Answers to my Questions which it seems you had not seen them rec^d. Inclosed I send you an Estimate what I formerly paid in Ireland & in England but there coats were not the Lapelled, which may make a Small difference, and by [in binding] Estimate I have the Cloathing of other Marching Regim^{ts} it's raised only one Shilling more then at that time by what you wrote me, and mine is about Six Shillings more.

The Reg^t. under my command never had any other Accoutrements then black Leather, which my L^t.Col^o. [Gordon Graham] can acquaint you of, he was an officer in the Regim^t. when I got it & believe he carried Arms as a volunteer in the Independent companys before they were Reg^{ted}. but if I am obliged to Alter them they must be the Same co^ulour w^t. the Officers waistcoats according to the Kings late Regulations, which is white –

I have drawn on you at ten days Sight to the order of Mes^{rs} Knox & Mercer for £110:10^{Sh}. Irish, and I have not drawn before Since the beginning of last June, hope you'le be so kind as to remit to London The hundred pounds Ster^l. I wrote desiring in my last as I have Several Acc^{ts}. to pay if you could make it £150 [in binding] it would be more obliging, I could wish my Subsistance Acc^t. was kept Separate as I don't intend to draw on you for more Except the Subsistance till I have repaid you what [in binding] will now be Soon.

I am Sincerely S^r. your most

Obed^t [in binding]

I sincerely wish you the Comp^{ts}. of the Season

and hope to receive an Ans^r. by return of Post and the Sum due on my Cloathing Acc^t. and what is due to me by my Subsistance You need only mention the total of each without Sending ne [in binding] Abstracts at present.

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 62. Documents marked B 5/2/25-55 (hereafter *Lord John Murray Papers*).

**House of Commons Journal Entry for Pay of the Four Companies of the
42nd Regt. on the Isle of Man, London, Feb. 8, 1771**

18^o Februarii. A. 1771...

<p>Dates of <u>Warrants</u> 1770...</p>	<p>To the Difference of pay between the <i>British</i> and <i>Irish</i> Establishment of Four Companies of <i>Lord John Murray's</i> [42nd] Regiment of Foot, sent from Ireland to the Isle of <i>Man</i>, from the 26th <i>Septem^r</i>, 1770 to the 24th of <i>Decem^r</i> following, both inclusive ...</p>	<p>£. s. d. 91 17 1 ½ ...</p>
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War Office, Feb. 18th 1771.

Barrington

Source: *Journals of the House of Commons. From November the 13th, 1771... to November the 17th, 1772...*, Reprinted by Order of the House of Commons [U.K.], 1804, Google Books, pp. 176-177.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Agent William
Montgomery Requesting Regimental Information, London, Mar. 30, 1771**

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

I wrote you so long ago as the 24th July last desiring you would please send me all the Acc^{ts}. since you was agent to the 42nd. or Royal High^land Reg^t. made out in one Book to be Sent me Sealed up by Any Officer or Sure hand with a private Soldiers Coat &c. In October I afterwards wrote you that Month when I came to Town about it & Since, in your Answers you Said it had been delay'd too long, it would be Soon Sent, however I have never yet heard of it, I hope Therefore it won't be longer delay'd & that in the meantime you'l please write me by the Return of the Post the Exact Sum I am now due you, and when the next offreckonings will be paid, and also that you'le please write me a full answer to the letter I wrote you the 24th. of July, which as you acknowledged the Receipt of, & directions about many things, & Particularly the Cloathing, & your Correspondence w^t. Cap^t. John Graham about it shall not repeat. I wrote him Sometime ago about the Cloathing & lately, but had no Answer, and was Surprized to hear [former Ens. Alexander] Lord Balcarres [53rd Regt.] name was inserted in the last Return from Belfast as Cap^t. in my Reg^t wither it's in Cap^t. John Graham's place or not I know not but I can't help Saying that I think it's Extraordinary you never Acquaint me with Any Changes in my Reg^t. and many have happened of late, nor did you of my Lieu^t. Col^o's. Disposal [Gordon Graham in favour of Maj. Thomas Græme of Duchray, Dec. 12, 1770], till After the Commission was Signed, and I acquainted if it here with the Succession.

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

[Grosvenor] Square. I shall Expect for the future to hear all particulars from you relating to my Reg^t. & I am

S^r. &c.

W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. Agent Dublin

[John Murray]

Source and Note John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 80. Lord Murray tried to drop William Montgomery as regimental agent a few months after this letter in favor of Carleton Whitelocke, Dublin, by letter dated Aug. 16, 1771 below. As a perk of nobility, Lord Balcarres was allowed to skip the rank of lieutenant and go directly from Ensign to Capt.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Agent William Montgomery
Regarding the Agent's Refusal to Pay Personal Debts and Threat to Change Agency,
London, Aug. 3, 1771**

Copy to [Agent] W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. ~~Dublin~~ Dated [^]London Aug^t. 3^d. 1771.

S^r. I wrote you the 23^d last month of the 2 Bills I drew on you for £55 Irish each, & acquainted you of the Reason as far [^]as it was [in binding] by letter but was much Surprized to have a copy of a Protest sent me by Mess^{rs}. Know & Mercer, I must Earnestly desire you'l pay those two bills, at any rate shall repay you in about a Twelvemonth with Interest, which is nothing to M^r. Meyrick, if I replaced it to you, but if you don't Chuse this, if you'l pay them which would be of great Detrement to me, to have them returned, I can repay you in a [in binding] but then I must be under the Disagreeable Necessity of having Another Agent, which I would not wish to do least it might hereafter be of prejudice to you, please write me you Answer by the Return of the post & I am S^r. &c

I wrote you lately concerning the payment of the Highland part of the Cloathing to which I referr.

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 84.



Detail of "Dublin," 1796, by John Laporte

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

**Letter from Agent William Montgomery to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Regarding His Refusal to Pay Personal Debts and Impact of Change of Agency,
Dublin, Aug. 8, 1771**

Copy from W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. Agent in Dublin dated 8th. Aug^t. 1771.
My Lord.

I have been favoured with your of the 3^d. I should not have refused the two Bills you mention, could I have accepted them with any Degree of propriety. I am bound by your order of 24th. Feb: 1770. to pay all your pay & profits of Cloathing to Mess^{rs}. Meyrick & Porter, till Such time, as a Sum of £3081..12..11 is paid, can I then in honour pay any sum on your acc^t. but to them. I hope you will take this Matter, under Serious Consideration, & when you do it I am persuaded you will approve of my Conduct. If [Regimental Agents] Mess^{rs}. [James] Meyrick & [Robert] Porter shall approve my paying any Money to you, I shall comply with their orders on that head. I have done my duty to your Reg^t. & to yourself and if you should remove your Agency to Another, as you mention I shall be Sorry for it but Still I hope by it not Suffer in the opinion of my Friends. In Several letters I have mentioned that the Advance, for your Reg^t. in the Cloathing Acc^t. was too much, however as it will be paid in the course of payments I am Satisfied. In your letter of the 27th. July you mention the highland part of the Cloathing. I have understood from the Reg^t., that it is as good as usual & shall at the proper time pay for it. I shall not have a fund to pay if you Suppercede me in the Agency therefore shall postpone accepting any bill till you determine in continuing me in the Agency, or in the Appointment of another who in that Event should be directed to pay The bill for the Cloathing, it includes cloathing for the Service of next year.

My Advances on payments of Cloathing due before I was your Agent has been the means of so large a Balance due to me, as mentioned [^]to you in former letters

I am

My Lord

Your most Obed^t. Humble Servant

(Signed) W^m. Montgomery

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 85.

**Offer for Regimental Agency to Carleton Whitelocke from
Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., London, Aug. 16, 1771**

Copy to [Agent] Carleton Whitelocke Esq^r. dated London 16th Aug^t 1771
S^r.

I wrote to [Current Agent] M^r. W^m. Montgomery at Dublin, intended to nominate another Gentleman to be Agent to the 42nd. or R. Highland Regim^t. under my Command, I propose to appoint you in his place if Agreeable, as from your Character I am persuaded you will do all Manner of Justice to my Reg^t. & myself on the following Terms., That You'le please take up my two Notes ~~for~~ Directly for fifty five pounds Irish each, I drew on M^r. Montgomery, which he has allowed to be protested, & pay the Money to M^r. Labouche in whose hands the draughts are, and that you'le please remitt to me, as soon as you can or give me leave to Draw on you for Two hundred pounds British, and I shall allow Interest for the Same till repaid, which I propose in a year or less time, and that you Agree to pay to M^r. Montgomery what is due him by me & receive his Securitys or in the Agreeable to you both, have inclosed an Extract of his last Letter dated 8 Aug^t. ^{Inst}. And one to him to deliver that I have appointed you my Agent, which shall be on the Same Terms you do to other Colonels.

I am not Certain the Sum I am due, and the particulars, having wrote him above a year ago, & at Different times since, to send me a Book of all disbursements what he has rec^d. &c. Including Cloathing &c. but hitherto have not been able to Obtain it, Therefore you'll please gett it me & Send it to the care of M^r. [John] Godwin [the] Stationer, opposite the new Church in The Strand, who will forward it to me in cease I should be in the Country. — A Copy of that Letter have Inclosed to you for the Acc^{ts}. I rec^d. at Different times, were Some times when in Scotland or in Yorkshire, or here by which means can't find them all.

I gave Mess^{rs}. [James] Meyrick & [Robert] Porter Agents my Obligation dated the 24th. Feb: 1770. to pay them all my pay, profits of Cloathing till such time as a Sum of £3081..12..11 is paid but M^r. Montgomery was first To be paid, & aa Disbursements relating to the Reg^t. so that the Money afterwards is to be remitted to them, arising from the pay & profits, unless I can pay them ~~Sooner~~ otherwise, which I am in hopes of doing very soon, as an Estate I have in Scotland that has been some time advertised is Sold, or that I can raise it otherwise, which I am very Anxious of doing. My English Estate goes after my Decease to my Daughter so that I cannot borrow any money on it.

It's also proper to acquaint you the Cloathing in this year, much higher Then it will be next, as this is plaid year, being only furnished every Two Years?, and when I have the favour of your return which I hope will be first post, I shall write to the Commanding Officer of Reg^t. and to inform you, of any particulars you may want to know from time to time concerning The Cloathing &c.

I must also observe that I have frequently wrote to M^r. Montgomery objecting to the mens Coats being greatly Dearer then what I paid before the R H Reg^t. went the Commencement of last to America, & to Send other things, which I can't be certain of till I see the book of Accounts therefore a final clearance can't be made with him till then.

I am

S^r.

Upper Brook Street
London 16th Aug^t. 1771

your most Obed^t Serv^t
(Signed) John Murray

To Carleton Whitelocke Esq^r.

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 87-88.

**Notification of Termination of Regimental Agency to William Montgomery
from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., London Aug. 16, 1771**

Copy to [Agent] William Montgomery Esq^r. dated London 16 Aug^t. 1771

S^r.

I rec^d. yours dated 8th. Aug^t. in Answer to mine of the 3^d., and as I had not any Satisfactory Answer, have appointed Carleton Whitelocke Esq^r. my Agent for the 42nd. or Royall Highland Reg^t. under my Command which you will please Observe, and Settle with him whatever relates to the said Reg^t. or to

S^r.

your most Obed^t Ser^t.

/Signd/ John Murray

To William Montgomery Esq^r. Agent at Dublin

Source and Note: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-

460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 89. Because Carleton Whitelocke refused Lord Murray's offer of Agency, Montgomery remained agent of the 42nd Regt.

Request for Clarification of Acceptance of Regimental Agency to Carleton Whitelocke from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., London, Aug. 24, 1771

Copy

London 24th. Aug^t. 1771

S^r.

I wrote you the 16th. Ins^t. [Aug.] desiring the favour of your paying the 2 bills of £50. each which [Agent] M^r. [William] Montgomery has Allowed to be protested, & inclose a Copy of my letter to him, which is the last to [in binding] the one inclosed to you, That I had appointed you ~~my~~ Agent to the Royal Highland Reg^t. under my Command.

I went yesterday to The City to see Mess^{rs}. [Ralph] Knox & [Samuel] Mercer, who told me the first bill was returned to them, and that of late other Draughts on M^r. Montgomery has been returned to them, I hope you rec^d my letter in time to pay the 2nd. to M^r. Labouche, & that you also told him you would pay the first, which I mentioned to M^r. Knox, that I had wrote you of it.

But if my proposal is not Agreeable, or convenient, I must [in binding] you'll please make the Same offer in my Name to Cap^t. Webber, or any other Agent of your acquaintance, as soon as you receive this, to prevent delay, as it may possible be some days before I get your Answer to my Letter, and I must also desire the favour of you to acquaint any you speak of it to, that it is in Confidence and not to be Divulged by them, and that you'll please do the Same yourself will much Oblige

S^r.

your most Obed^t. Serv^t.

/Signd/ John Murray

To Carleton Whitelocke Esq^r.

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



Detail of 18th Century Map of the Isle of Man Printed for Robert Sayer (1725-1794), Fleet Street, London, Showing the Capitol of Douglas and the Market Town of Castletown

Picture Source: *Mapsland, Collection of maps of Isle of Man* (Creative Commons Lic.)

**House of Commons Journal Entry for Pay of the Four Companies
of the 42nd Regt. on the Isle of Man; London, Jan. 28, 1772**

28^o Januarii. A. 1772...

... Four Companies of Lord *John Murray's*
Regiment, with the usual Staff Officers

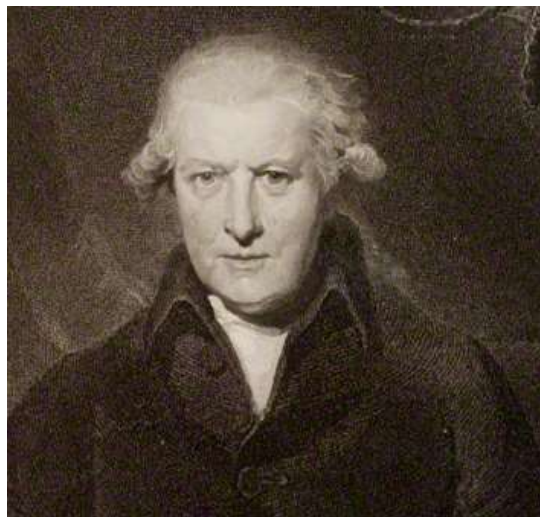
Paid by *Ireland* for these Companies

Numbers	Pay for 366 Days.	Difference [£. s. d.]
189	4,157 3 -	
---	<u>3,819 - 3</u>	
		338 2 9

War Office, 28th *January* 1772.

Barrington.

Source: *Journals of the House of Commons. From November the 13th, 1771... to November the 17th, 1772...*,
Reprinted by Order of the House of Commons, 1804, Google Books, p. 425.



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

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Anderson & Richardson, Agents,
42nd Regt. Approving Pay for Officers Brought from Half-pay, London, Aug. 25, 1775**

W.O. 25th Aug^t 1775

Gentlemen

H.M. [His Majesty] having been pleased to appoint Captains & Lieutenants from the half Pay to the additional Companies which are to be raised for the 6th. 10th. 14th. 16th. 22^d. 40th. 43^d. 44th. 52^d. 63^d. & 65th. Reg^{ts} to which you are Agent, & their Commissions to bear date the 15th instant, & as the Establishment of those Companies does not commence until this day; I am to Signify to you H: M: P: that you do make good to Such Captains & Lieu^{ts} the differences betwixt their half & full Pay from the 15th. to the 24th. instant inclusive, the Expense where of will be allowed in the Contingent Acc^t. of the Said Corps.

Mess^{rs} Cox & Muir

I am Gentlemen &c
Barrington

Like Letters of Same date to the Agents of the following Corps...
Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson – 42^d.

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, July 1775-Nov. 1775* at WO 4/94, p. 201 (f. 103).

**House of Commons Journal Entry for Pay of the Three Companies
of the 42nd Regt. on the Isle of Man; London, Dec. 1, 1772**

ESTIMATE of the Charge of the Difference of Pay between the *British* and Irish Establishment of Six Battalions, and Three Companies of Foot, serving in the *Isle of Man*, at *Gibraltar, Minorca*, and the Ceded Islands, from the 25th *December* 1772 to the 24th *December* 1773, both inclusive, being 365 Days.

	Numbers	Pay for 365 Days	Difference
...Three Companies of Lord John Murray's [42 nd] Regiment, with the usual Staff Officers	142	3,148 2 6	
Paid by Ireland for these Companies - - -	-	<u>2,893 1 7</u>	
Difference - - -			<u>255 - 11</u>

War Office, 1st *December* 1772.

Barrington

Source and Note: *Journals of the House of Commons. From November the 26th, 1772... to September the 15th, 1774...*, Reprinted by Order of the House of Commons, 1804, Google Books, p. 17. The 42nd Regt. companies are not on the similar list for Jan. 19, 1774. They were replaced by companies of Col. Massey's 27th Regt.

**Parliament Record of Payments for Off-Reckonings for Recruits for the 42nd Regt.,
London, Nov. 24, 1775**

AN ACCOUNT of Extraordinary Services, incurred and paid by the Right honourable *Richard Rigby*, Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, between the 9th of *March* 1775 and the 31st of January 1776, and not provided for by Parliament.

Dates of Warrants

1775...		£	s.	d.
Nov. 24th.	To Lord John Murray, in lieu of 231 Days D ^o [Off-Reckonings] for the D ^o [Additional] to the 42d Regiment of Foot	1,137	15	8
	To D ^o , in lieu of 292 Days D ^o , for the D ^o to D ^o Regiment	497	15	3...

War-Office, 1st *March*, 1776

Barrington.

Source: *Journals of the House of Commons. From NOVEMBER the 29th, 1774, In the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of KING GEORGE the Third to OCTOBER the 15th, 1776...*, Reprinted by Order of the House of Commons, 1803, Google Books, pp. 610 and 621.

Letter from Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, to Gen. Lord John Murray,

Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Refusal to Pay Private Debts, London, Nov. 15, 1775

London 15th Nov^r 1775

My Lord

We are favored with Your Lordships of the 12th & are sorry to be again pressed for money so directly contrary to our Instructions & agreement, from which we are determined not [Service] let the Consequences by what they will, either for more or less as we wrote before. We have seen M^r Drummond who writes along herewith, but neither he nor any friend will advise us to let Your Lordship put your hands in our Pockets for Old Debts on any pretence whatsoever, if we did we knew not where it would end, as we knew Your Lordship is conscious of [sums?] to a much greater Amount than this & that have been much longer owing too & the consequence of Discharging ours on a Law Suitt will only be others commencing new ones, at any rate we are determined not to run the Risque.

Your lordship must blame Yourself, had you been more Ingenious with us there would not have been Occasion for this disagreeable Correspondence & the worse Consequences
please turn

We have sent a note to M^r Borwick to put off Judgement if possible till he hears again, and if Your Lordship can send us your Factor or Steward of the Yorkshire Estate Acceptance Note At Six or Even twelve months date for the Sum, we will see to get it Discounted & pay the Debt & Costs; as friends, but as Agents we are determined to stick to our Agreement literally regarding advances & for which we are sure the [World?] will hold us excused & we hope Your Lordship's [illegible] also

We are respectfully My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed^t hu^{le} Serv^{ts}
Anderson & Richardson

P.S.

M^r Drummonds direction is at Tho^s [illegible] in Golden Square

Here is a Copy of our note to M^r Borwick on other side

Y^r Lo^{ps}

A & R

Right Hon^{ble} Lord John Murray

Anderson & Richardson presents their Compliments to M^r Borwick and are sorry they cannot comply with Lord John Murrays request inpaying the debt & Costs to Mess^{rs} Gurnell & C^o at present. They have by this nights Post made his Lordship a proposal, to which if a favourable Answer comes they may be induced to do it but not otherways

Possibly M^r Borwick can put of the Judgement, without any additional expenses until that comes.

Lothbury Wednesday 15th Novem: 1775

Source: Cover sheet title "*Mess^{rs} Andrson & Richardson my Agents containing some very Extraordinary Exceptions London 15th Nov^r 1775*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/25.

**Paymaster General Log of Money Paid to the 42nd Regt.,
London, Dec. 25, 1775 to Dec. 24, 1776**

Paid 366 days Pay of His Majesty's Forty Second Regiment of Foot commanded by [Gen.] Lord John Murray from 25th December 1775 to 24th of December 1776 exclusive of £ 3753..9..1 paid for Offreckonings_____	21.030 16 11
Paid for Offreckonings of the said Regiment for D ^o time	

Mess ^{rs} Anderson & [Richardson] C ^o _____	1989..11 ~		
M ^r Powell _____	<u>1763..18..1</u>	<u>3.753 9 1</u>	
			24.784 6 .

Source: TNA, *Records of the Paymaster General's Office, Army Establishment Miscellaneous Books* at PMG 14/69, p. 46.



“William Pitt addressing the House of Commons on the outbreak of war with Austria,” 1793, by Karl Anton Hickel

Picture Source: Wikipedia

British House of Commons Warrants for Payment of Providers of Food and Supplies to Forces in North America, London, May 15, 1776 – Jan. 22, 1777

13^o Februarii A. 1777...

The Lord *Barrington* presented to the House, pursuant to their Order...

The Lord *Barrington*, also presented to the House, pursuant to their Address to His Majesty,

An Account of Extraordinary Services incurred, and paid by the Right honourable *Richard Rigby*, Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, between the 31st of *January* 1776 and the 1st of *February* 1777, and not provided for by Parliament.

And the Titles of the said Accounts were read.

The said Accounts are as followeth; viz...

Accounts
presented:
Army

An ACCOUNT of Extraordinary Services incurred, and paid by the Right honourable *Richard Rigby*, Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, between the 31st of *January* 1776 and the 1st of *February* 1777, and not provided for by Parliament.

Dates of Warrants...

1776

Oct. 16... To *John Henniker*, *Edward Wheler*, *William Devaynes*, and *Geo. Wombwell*, Esquires, in full Warrant
Nov. 21 ...for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke* [Ireland], for the Use of the Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...

May 15. To *John Amyand* Esquire...for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the
 July 11... Use of the Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...
 Aug. 1...
 Sept. 25...
 Nov. 12...
 June 26. To *John Durand*...for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the Use of the
 July 11... Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...
 Aug. 1...
 Sept. 25...
 Nov. 21...
 1776
 June 28. To *Robert Mayne*...for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the Use of
 July 11... the Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...
 Aug. 1...
 Sept. 25...
 June 28. To *Ant^e Bacon*... for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the Use of the
 July 11... Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...
 Sept. 25...
 Nov. 21...
 April 26. To *Arnold Nesbitt*, *Adam Drummond*, and *Moses Franks*, Esquire, for Provisions exported from *Corke*
 May 15... to *America*, for the Use of the Troops Serving there under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...

 1776... To Ditto for Ditto delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the Use of Ditto...
 June 26.
 July 11...
 Sept. 25...
 Nov. 1...
 1776... To Ditto [Messrs. *Mure*, Son, and *Atkinson*], for Sundry Stores shipped by them for the Service of the
 Dec. 12 Army in *North America*...
 To Ditto, for Coals, Sour Krout, Clothing, and Sundry other Stores for the Service of D^o. in D^o...
 May ... 31 To Ditto [*Richard Atkinson*], for Provisions supplied to Recruits on their passage to *America*, by Order
 of the Lords of the Treasury...
 Dec. 10. To Ditto, for Oats shipped for the Service of the Forces in *North America*...
 To Ditto, for sundry Stores sent to *North America*, for the Service of Ditto...
 To Ditto, for Ditto Service...
 Dec. 12. To *John Dalston*, for Barrack Furniture, and sundry other Stores, shipped for the Forces in *North*
America...
 To Ditto, for Ditto Service...
 1776 To Messrs. *Walter Humphry's* and *Henry Darby*, Merchants, in full Satisfaction for the like Sum due
 Apr. 3. to them for 3,000 Pair of Blankets, provided for the Service of the Army in *America*...
 May 1. To *Geo. Field*, for Blankets delivered to the Agents of sundry Regiments, by Order of the Lords
 Commissioners of the Treasury...
 June 1. To *Tho^s Harley*, Esquire for sundry Blankets and Watch Coats provided by him for the Use of the
 Army in *North America*...
 Oct. 19. To *Rich^d Atkinson*, Esquire, for Rum delivered in *America* for the Use of the Forces there...
 1777 To Ditto, for Ditto Service...
 Jan. 22
 1776 To Sir *Ja^s Cockburn*, Baronet, for 40,296 Gallons of *Grenada* Rum, delivered for the Use of the
 Dec. 18. Forces on Service in *America*...
 1777 To *Ja^s Bogle French*, Esquire, for 48,680 Gallons of Rum, delivered for the Use of the D^o. Forces...
 Jan. 16 To *John Blackburn*, Esquire, for 22, 970 Gallons of Rum, delivered for the Use of the D^o. Forces...
 To *Tho^s Burfoot*, Esquire, to be applied in the purchasing a Quantity of Rum, for the Use of the D^o.
 Forces...
 23. To Ditto, for Ditto Service...
 1776 To Ditto [*Ant^e Merry*], by way of Imprest, and upon Account of Monies advanced by him for Cost and
 May 31. Freight of Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs, sent to *America*, for the Service of the Army there...
 1776... To *John Trotter*, Esquire, in full Satisfaction of the like Sum expended by him in providing Hospital
 Apr. 22. Bedding, &c. for the Use of the Forces in *North America*

- May 17. To Ditto, for providing Hospital Tents, &c. for the Use of the Forces in Ditto...
 To Ditto, for Hospital Bedding provided for Ditto...
 Aug. 19. To Ditto, for providing D^o. [divers extraordinary Camp necessities] for the Use of the Forces in North America...
 To Ditto, for Ditto Service...

Source: *Journals of the House of Commons. From October the 31st, 1776, In the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, To October the 1st, 1778, In the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Third*, Printed by Order of the House of Commons, London, 1803, Google Books, pp. 162-170.

Letter from Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Private Debts, London, Dec. 18, 1776

(Private)

London 18th Dec^r 1776

My Lord

We have the Honor of Y^r Losp^s [Lordship] private Letter of the 7th [illegible] paying a Debt of £60 to Coll. Reid also £12..12 to M^r Borwick, and Inclosing a bill for £100 pay^{ble} at 3 Months to the order of M^r Cutler also desiring us to call on M^r Watson in Picadily, all which we [illegible] had in Consideration, but as Cap^t R [Richardson] is not in Town we cannot come to any determination until he returns, which we expect tomorrow, as it was our Absolute agreement not to advance Y^r Lordship anything until the debt due to us was reduced to £760.

Your Lordship's refusing to return us the Assignment until these matters were agreed to, is [illegible] us so ungenteely, that before that is done no further advances can be complied with & any consideration, nor shall we until we receive it properly executed think of these further.

Y^r Losp^s writing to M^r Ogilvie is still more unhandsome, surely we understood D^r & C^r as well as he or any other Agent, altho' we are greater Strangers to the Agency business in General.

By the Statement in our Publick Letter there are still due to us above £1200. In Nov^r last when the Clothing Patterns were sealed we have Accordingly reduced the Insurance on Life from £2200 to £1200 for this next year and we have bro^t

please turn

the whole Assignments to the Cred^t of the Account, although the first two will not be paid up sooner than June next and the last £3743..3..4 untill the Year 1779. We shall be willing do Your Lordship every service in our power by advances or otherwise but we are not used to be doubted much less accused of neglect or incapacity, therefore when the Assignment is returned, we beg at once to know further occasion for such disagreeable Correspondence

We have the Honor to be Your Lordships &c

A & R

P.S. Coll. Reid advises us he has drawn on us payable the 1st March for £81 for principle & Interest of his Debt so the sooner the Assignment is sent us executed the better that the bill may be honored & the other matters properly attended to , A & R

Source: Cover sheet title "*Mess^r Andrson (Private Dec^r 1776 concerning Mony &c to know what I shall want*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/26.



Reproduction 42nd and 71st Highland Regt. Uniform Buttons

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

Cost of Pay for the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments, London, Dec. 25, 1776 – Dec. 24, 1776

ESTIMATE of the Charge if His Majesty's Forces in the Plantations and *Africa*, including those in Garrison at *Minorca* and *Gibraltar*, from 25th December 1776 to 24th December 1777, both Days inclusive; being 365 Days

		Numbers	Pay of the Regiment, &c. for 365 Days.		
			£.	s.	d...
Foot	{ [Gen.] Lord John Murray's [42 nd]	1,400	24,716	11	8...
	{ Major General [Simon] Fraser's Regiment [71 st], { 2 Battalions	2,754	48,630	3	4...

Source: *Journals of the House of Commons. From October the 31st, 1776, In the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, to October the 1st, 1778, In the Eighteenth Year of the reign of King George the Third*, Printed by Order of the House of Commons, 1803, p. 23.

Note from Alexander Anderson of Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Debts and Life Insurance, London, Dec. 31, 1776

M^r Anderson respectfully offers Compliments to Lord John Murray has just received His Lordships Letter of the 28th & will call on Cap^t [George] Richardson tomorrow to see if he will consent to comply with His Losp^s [Lordship's] request in honoring the bills & after which he will return them Accepted or not. In case of the former the Sum ingaged for must be added to the £1200 Insurance on Life already Made

Meantime sends His Lordship the [London] Gazette extraordinary came out this Morning.

Londⁿ 31 Dec^r 1776

Source: Cover sheet title "Mess^r Andrson will call on M^r Richardson next day to know if he will consent to the request – inclosing the Gazette Extraordinary 31 Dec^r 1776" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, attached to Item B 5/2/26.

Parliament Payment Warrants to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., and Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, for the 42nd Regt., London, Feb. 6, 1777

DEBATES...

An account of extraordinary services incurred and paid by the Right Hon. Richard Rigby, pay-master of his Majesty's forces, between the 31st of January 1776, and the 1st of February 1777, and not provided for by parliament.

Dates of Warrants

		£.	s.	d.
1776 Mar. 15	To Lord John Murray to enable him to reimburse the non-commissioned officers and private men of the 42d regiment of foot, the stoppages made for the surgeon and pay-master's allowance from 25 June, 1775, to 24 Dec, following, and for the allowance of bread money to the said regiment, from 18	164	4	8 ½ ...

	Oct. to 14 Nov. 1775			
Oct. 31. 1776	To Messrs. Anderson and Richardson, to enable them to reimburse the non-commissioned officers, &c. of the 42d, or royal highland regiment of foot the do. [ditto-stoppages] made for [the surgeon and pay-master's allowance] from 25 Dec. 1775 to 24 June 1776	166	7	6...
1776. Apr. 16	To Lord John Murray, for do. [providing camp necessities] provided for the 42d do. [regiment of foot]	448	13	0...
Feb...1776 15.	To Lord John Murray, for bas horses for the 42d regiment of foot, ordered on service in North America	110	0	0...
Mar. 15	To Lord John Murray, for do. [baggage horses] of the 42d regiment of foot, ordered on do. [service] in do. [North America]	221	5	0...
Mar. 15	To Lord John Murray, for 100 days do. [forage-money] for the 42d regiment of foot ordered on service in do. [North America]	250	0	0...

Source: *The Parliamentary Register; or History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons...Third Session of the Fourteenth Parliament of Great Britain*, Printed for J. Almon, London, 1777, Google Books, pp. 211, 215, 223, and 224. A duplicate report is provided at *Journals of the House of Commons from October the 31st, 1776... To October the 1st, 1778* [Vol. 36], Printed by Order of the House of Commons, London, 1803, Google Books, p. 176.



Maj. Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling by Benjamin Marshall

Picture Source: ArtUK, from *The Black Watch Castle & Museum*.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Complaining About the Agents, Piscataway, New Jersey, Mar. 13, 1777

Dated Piscataqua in the Jerseys 3 Miles from Brunswick
on the road leading to Amboy 13th March 1777

My Lord...

I am glad the Scotch cloathing is coming I was afraid it was taken, I have not heard one word from the Agents since Reg^t arrival in America if they are not more punctual, I shall enter a complaint against them, your Lordship will please give them direction, and lett me know whither you are to send out the small Mounting for last year or allow money as was done at Glasgow, the Reg^t is in want of no knapsacks, having provided themselves compleately before we came out –

I have the honor to be

[Thomas Stirling]

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, Regarding Commissions, Piscataway, New Jersey, May 28, 1777

Piscataway 28th May 1777

Gentlemen

Inclose you a Blank Commission of an Ensigncy vice [Lt. Robert] Rollo Preferred by purchase from Lieu^t James Graham who has Bo^t a Company in the 57th Reg^t As purchasers are difficult to be found in this Country, the Commander in Chief takes this Method to indulge Such as have Transactions of that kind, you will therefore be so good as look out for a purchaser (being a North Britain [Scotsman]) as I make no doubt Capt. Graham's father will likewise, and when found [Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] will be acquainted of it, and approved of by him, or in his absence by the Secretary of War, for the time being, and incase one cannot be found, who will give the regulated price down you may make an agreement in writing with the purchaser to Stop the pay from date of Commission, until the value is Lodged in your hands, or some endemnification to Captain Graham, who is accountable for that Amount, and incase you find a approved of purchaser as above who will pay the Money down you will deduct the Interest for the Same at the Rate of 5 P^tC^t from date Commission to the time the money is received.

I am &c Thomas Stirling

P.S. you will inform me so soon as }
a purchaser is found, his name &c }

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.

Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, Regarding Commissions, New York, June 1, 1777

Dated New York 1st June 1777

Gent^m

I send you inclosed a Blank Commission for an Ensigncy in the room of John Campbell who has purchased from L^t Val: [Valentine] Chisolm. you will therefore please look out for a purchaser being a North Britain [Scotsman], I inclose you the Secretarys letter for your conduct in that affair only you will Observe that as Ensign Campbell when he purchased took the whole upon himself, by giving bill upon his father, John Campbell Esq^r of Aslignish by Inverary for the full price; you will in some measure attend to his consent, in filling up the blank with regard to the money ...I wrote you likewise two days ago, relative to the Reg^{tal} Bussiness which I hope you will receive. I am &c

Thomas Stirling

Anderson & Richardson

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.



Detail showing Maj. James Stirling, 42nd Regt. from “*The Death of General Sir Ralph Abercromby, K.B.*, 1802, by Thomas Stodhard

Picture Source: *Royal Collection Trust*, London

Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Commissions, Amboy, New Jersey, June 24, 1777

Dated Amboy Camp 24th June 1777

My Lord...

Lieu^t W^m Graham [retired and] sold his Ensigncy, Ensign [Alexander] M^cLeod and [Sgt.] James Stirling Succeeded, the latter is a Gentlemans [James Stirling, 11th of Craigharnet's] son in Scotland now with the Reg^t. Lieu^t James Graham purchased a Company in 57th. Ensign [Robert] Rollo Succeeded, and a Blank Ensigncy was sent to Agents to be filled up when a purchaser could be found, approved by your Lordship, which they were desired to acquaint you of...

Your Lop [Lordship's]: mo: Obed^t & mo: Obed^t Serv^t
Tho^s Stirling...

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.



Photo of Original, Regimentally Marked, Isaac Bissell Steel Hilted Pistol

Picture Source: Curtesy of *Ancestry Guns* at ancestryguns.com.

**Letter from Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Pistols and Private Debts, London, June 27, 1777**

London 27th June 1777

My Lord

We have the Honor of Your Lordships favors of the 21st & 24th and we have got over the Difficulty at the Board of Ordinance in this warrant for the 442 Pistols and expect next Board an order to be paid for these by Debenture at the usual price allowed.

We have wrote to M^r [Isaac] Bissel to forward 230 to go with the Clothing to America as soon as possible, as the other 212 are for the Add^l Company to replace the same Number of theirs sent to the Battalion last year, he may have more time given him to release them & get them proved &c at the Government which it may be proper Your Lordship also give him Instructions.

Your Lordship returned four recommendations for Chelsea for ...from the Reg^t their Discharges from the Reg^t are now before the Board, also all the others now come home
please turn

We shall send Your Lordship the list desired of all who have got Chelsea when the Board has passed them.

It is impossible to persuade us to pay the bill drawn by Your Lordship to John Stevenson £ 323..16.11 having paid a bill for £300 in advance on the same Account drawn from Pitnacree Lodge the 22^d Oct^r last wt 4 Mo^s date & fell due 25th Feb^{ry} & for all the Clothing formerly furnished by him, indeed we wish we had not been persuaded to honor the bill which we did not do untill the 21 Jan^{ry} and after many pressing Letters of Y^r Lordships of the Necessity of advancing him that Sum on Account of the Scotch Clothing, now we find by a Letter from himself that he advanced £300 in money to Your Lordship with which we have no business and if he is not a Poor Man he will be the better able to buy out of that Sum untill it suits Your Lordship to repay him for we are determined to pay no more than the Balance due to him for all the Clothing he has furnished £23..16.11 when he Supplys the others, we shall pay him at three Months according to Agreement w^t him

We have the Honor to be My Lord

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

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Cover sheet title "*Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richn will not pay Stevenson Bill – London 27 June 1777 Rec^d Sunday 29th*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/27. Isaac Bissell was a pistol manufacturer from Birmingham, England.



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

Picture Source: *National Gallery of Scotland* at
<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/3362/william-murray-1737-1778-soldier>

**Letter from Maj. William Murray, 42nd Regt., to Anderson & Richardson,
 Regimental Agents, Regarding Forwarding his Pay, New York, July 11, 1777**

New York 11 July 1777

Gentlemen

Twenty days after [Illeg.] Please pay to Mungo Murray Esq or order the sum of One Hundred and Four Pounds Thirteen shillings Ster^g being my Substance as Major from the 25th Dec^r 1776 to the 24th June 1777 both days inclusive and you will oblige

Your Humble Servant

Will^m Murray

Major 42nd Reg^t

To Messrs Anderson and Richardson
 Lothburgh London

Source: NRS, *Murray of Lintrose Papers* at GD68/2/73 104-13-0.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray to the Principal Officers of His
 Majesty's Ordinance, Regarding Pay for Pistols, July 14, 1777**

Right Hon^{ble} Sirs

You will be pleased to pay to my Agents Mess^{rs} Anderson and Richardson the Amount of the Debenture for 442 Side Pistols for 42^d or Royal Highland Reg^t of Foot under my Command, Amounting to £364..13.- dated the 2nd Ins^t when the same shall become payable in the course of the Office.

I have the honor to be right Hon^{ble} Sirs

Your most obedient & most humble Serv^t

The R^t Hon^{ble} The Principal
 Officers of His Majestys Ordinance

Source: Copy enclosed in Anderson & Richardson's letter July 14, 1777, *Lord John Murray Papers*

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, Approving Expenses of Lt. John Grant, 42nd Regt. Additional Company, London, Sept. 2, 1777

W.O. 2^d Septem^r 1777

Gentlemen,

Lieut. John Grant of the 42^d (or Royal Highland) Reg^t of Foot having been employ'd to conduct the Recruit Drafts from the Additional Companies of the said Corps to N^o America, I am to signify to you The King's Pleasure that you do pay to him for his Passage to and return from N^o. America, on the Recruiting Service, the Sum of Twenty five Pounds, & charge the same to the Non Effective Account of the 42^d Regiment. You are likewise to pay to him the further Sum of Nine Guineas for extraordinary Expenses incurred by him on the above Service, agreeable to the Account hereunto annexed, which Sum of Nine Guineas you are in the next Contingent Bill of the Regiment where it will be admitted.

I am

Mess^{rs} Anderson and
Richardson

Gentlemen &c
Barrington

[in margin above] See p. 389

Source: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters, General Letters, May. 1777-Feb. 1778* at WO 4/101, pp. 377-378. Lt. Grant is John Grant, later "of Auchindown."



Detail of 42nd Regt. Grenadier, *Grenadier Book, Aldershot Depot*, photographed 2012, by Stephen Davies

Picture Source: Courtesy of the "Prince Consort's Library, Aldershot" (Further use of this image is restricted to academic and research projects only, giving similar recognition, and not for economic gain)..

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Thomas Fauquier, Secretary
to the Board of General Officers on Clothing, Regarding Clothing Certificate,
London, Dec. 22, 1777**

War Office 22^d Decem^r 1777

Sir

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson, Agent to the 42^d (or Royal Highland) Reg^t of Foot, have represented that the Assignment of the offreckonings of that Corps from 6th July 1777 to 5th July 1778, remains unpassed, for want of the Foreign Certificate required to pass and allow the same, which hath not been transmitted, owing to the various Services the said Regiment hath been employed upon in N^o America, I am therefore to signify to you for the information of the Board of General Officers appointed to inspect and examine the Clothing of the Army, It is the King's Pleasure that the Assignment of the Offreckonings of the said 42^d (or Royal Highland) Reg^t of Foot, for the period abovementioned, be passed and allowed notwithstanding the usual Certificate of the delivery of the Clothing for the preceeding Year hath not been exhibited to the Clothing Board.

I am Sir &c

Thomas Fauquier Esq^e

Barrington

Source: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters, General Letters, Mav. 1777-Feb. 1778* at WO 4/101, p.77 (f. 77).

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Anderson & Richardson,
Regimental Agents, Denying Additional Pay to 42nd Regt. Captains, London, Jan. 29, 1778**

War Office 29th Jan^{'ry} 1778

Gentlemen,

I have taken into consideration the Memorial delivered by you on behalf of the Captains of the 42^d (or Royal Highland Reg^t of Foot, to which you are agent, requesting that the Non Effective Allowance granted by the King's regulations to captains of Companies may be extended to forty pounds per annum, as their Companies consist of 100 Men each.

In answer to this I am to acquaint you, that the King's Regulation allows twenty pounds per annum only to each Captain of a Company; and no consideration is had to the number of Men of which a Company may consist. The only allowance which is affected by any increase in point of Numbers in a Company, is that of the Contingent men.

I am Gentlemen &c

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson

Barrington

Source: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out Letters, General Letters, Mav. 1777-Feb. 1778* at WO 4/101 f. 183.

**Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Regimental Agents, Including
Anderson & Richardson, 42nd Regt., to Pay Invalids for Their Necessaries Lost at Sea,
London, June 23, 1778**

War Office 23^d June 1778

Gent^l.

Sundry Invalids belonging to the 10th 22^d and 44th Reg^{ts} of Foot, to which you are Agent, having lost all their Necessaries by the Ship in which they were coming to England foundering at Sea, I herewith inclose to you a List of their names, & am to desire you will pay to each of them the Sum of Twenty Shillings in consideration of their Loss and charge the same in the next Contingent Bill of the respective Reg^{ts}.

Mess^s Cox & Mair

I am Gentⁿ &c
Barrington...

Like Letter for Sundry Invalids of the 42^d to Mess^s Anderson & Richardson. concludes as follows – I am further to desire you will acquaint [Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] with the directions you have received for the Allowance to these Men...

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, May 1778-Aug. 1778* at WO 4/103, p. 222 (f. 109).

Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Paymaster Gen. Richard Rigby to Charge the 42nd Regt. Additional Costs for Subsistence, London, June 26, 1778

War Office 26th June 1778

Sir

The 42^d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot, Being on a much higher Establishment, both as to Men and Officers than the other Regiments in North America, I have the honour to signify to you the King's Pleasure that a Stoppage of a thousand Pounds instead of the usual Stoppage of £700 per Muster be made from the Subsistence of this Regiment, and issued to the Agent [illegible word]

I have the hon^r to be

R^t Honble

Sir &c

Richard Rigby

Barrington

Paymaster General &c &c &c

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, May 1778-Aug. 1778* at WO 4/103 (page illegible: 252?).

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Two Regimental Agents, Including Anderson & Richardson, 42nd Regt., to Receive Money 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. – for three Drafts from the 42^d. Regiment.

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Aug. 1778 –Jan. 1779* at WO 4/104, p. 140 (f. 69).



Diploma of the Highland Society of London, 1805

Picture Source: *A Brief History of Wood-Engraving from its Invention*, Joseph Cundall, Sampson, Low, Marston, & Co., London, 1895, Google Books, p. 120

Regimental Agents Elected Members of the Highland Society, London, Dec. 12, 1778 and Apr. 10, 1783

List of Members of the Highland Society of London, on the 4th June 1778, with the successive Additions since that Period, as recorded in the Books of the Society...

ELECTED DECEMBER 12, 1778...

[No. 73] Alexander Anderson, of Lothbury ...

[ELECTED] APRIL 10, 1783...

230 Capt. George Richardson, Agent, 42nd Regiment...

Source and Note: *An Account of the Highland Society of London, From its Establishment in May 1778, to the Commencement of the Year 1813*, Sir John Sinclair, Printed by B. M^cMillan, London, 1813, Google Books, pp. 37, 42. As shown below, Capt. Richardson left the agency of Anderson & Richardson in Jan. 1779.

Copy of Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to John Stevenson, Highland Clothing Supplier, Stirling, Regarding £300 Bill Owed by Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Lothbury, Dec. 18, 1778

A Copy of Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson letter so far as relates to the hundred pound –

Your last desired to know what proposals we intended to make you about the £300 bill owing to you by Lord John Murray – It is true His Lordship wrote us some time ago about it and that you would be satisfied to be paid a hundred pounds just now and take His Bond or Bill for the other £200 – w^t interest payable in two years hence but we declined giving any further in advance at present – we should be glad however to know if you would be satisfied to take £200 at present and the Bond as above mentioned from His Lordship when we shall take it to consideration whether we shall advance it or not – if agree to this you will probably have an order from my Lord to proceed in making the plaids directly or another person must be employed w^t out loss of time

Source: Cover sheet marked "Major James McPherson with copy of Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardsons letter to John Stevenson Dec^r 18th 1778. A quibbling letter of M^r Anderson" in the Lord Murray Papers, Item B 5/2/28.

**Note from Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Enclosing a Letter Regarding Intended Change of Agents
and Departure of Capt. George Richardson, London, Jan. 16 and 18, 1779**

Anderson & Richardson Respectfull Compliments to Lord John Murray, as M^r Plowman did not call as he promised for an Answer to His Lordship's Letter delivered by him, they have sent it inclosed

London 18th Jan^{ry} 1779

[Enclosure]

London 16th Jan^{ry} 1779

My Lord

M^r [Donald] Plowman Y^r Lordship's Servant has been in Town for some days past, but did not deliver to us the Letter of the 11th from Your Lordship directed for M^r [Alexander] Anderson till this Evening, and as we understand he goes away tomorrow Morning it is proper to give our Answer thereto. As far as the Short Notice given will admit.

He has not mentioned to us any Objection to our Accounts, but the Charge of Agency on the Offreckonings, as not being Common, to be sure it may not be where the Colonel is not Indebted, for any, on but a small part of them to the Agent & where the Clothiers & other Tradesmen furnish on the Cred^t of the Colonel.

As we have been in advance all along for more than the whole, besides oblig'd to be bound to all the Clothiers & Tradesmen, we have no doubt in our doubted right to charge Agency.

The owing accept of Accounts furnished once a year is undoubtedly necessary for all Concerns who wish to do Justice to one Another & be

please turn

regular, without it, people in Business, would leave their whole transactions, to be settled by their Heirs or Executors, in place of themselves.

Your Lordship is pleased to let us know your intent to have Another Agent, M^r Plowman has not told us who it is, nor is it material to us Provided he pays us the Balance due to us, and the Thousand pounds stipulated for removing it (without the Circumstances of the Gentleman mentioned in the Obligation) also releases us from the Engagements we are under for Your Lordships Debts.

He shall have the Accounts & Vouchers, and every other satisfaction in doing this, and we shall be much better pleased to be freed than ever we were to Engage in it, indeed the £1000 Stipulation, will be by no means an Equivalent for the trouble and Risque we have run in Y^r Lordship's private debts, which we had no business at all with after the first advance we made to become the Agents and we sincerely wish now we had stuck to that point which we ought to have done from the Beginning

We have the Honor to be My Lord

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

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Anderson & Richardson

P.S. Cap^t Richardson wrote Y^r Lordship lately that as he was going abroad, the Agency was to be carried on in future in M^r Andersons name and for his Account used in the Powers and obligations were to both or either it would require no differences in them, neither does he intend thereby to Acquitt Y^r Lordship of any Obligations to the Copartners, nor to M^r Anderson, although the

business is not to be carried on in the Joint form any further but in M^r Andersons only for the future.

Y^r Losp^s &c
A & R

Attested London 16th Jan^{ry} 1779

Alex^r Anderson
Geo Richardson

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Cover sheet title: "*M^r Anderson & M^r Richardson January 16th 1779,*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/30.

Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Departure of Capt. George Richardson and Regimental Clothing, London, Feb. 2, 1779

London 2^d Febr^y 1779

My Lord

Anderson & Richardson wrote Your Lordship the 16th past, to which I refer, since that Cap^t Richardson has settled and Assigned his share of the Agency to me, and I will do my utmost to give Your Lo^{sp} [Lordship] satisfaction.

I have not seen M^r [Donald] Plowman for a Week past so I suppose he may be returned home again and I shall be glad to have the results of his negotiation from Your Lordship.

Inclosed is a Letter for Y^r Lo^{sp} from L^t John Grant, who desires the Clothing of the Company at Newfoundland may be sent early The English Clothing and the Hose & Bonnetts lay ready packt here to Ship, by the first Opportunity, there will be another Clothing & Plaids due them next July, which possibly they [could] dispense with. Your Lordship might save by writing L^t Grant to give them an allowance for them, if they rather chuse it. Cap^t Pat: Graham wrote lately also from Stirling that the Clothing is wanted for the Company in Scotland, which I intend, with Y^r Lordship's

please turn

Approbation to send them by the first Ship for Carron, and should be glad to know if they are to have them sent for the full Number of for the Effectives only & what Numbers they are at present.

I have the honor to be respectfully My Lord

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

P.S. Your Lordship may please to continue to write me under the Covers directed for Anderson & Richardson until they are Exhausted, which will convey to [illegible] the same as those Addressed for myself, some of which I am get by if rec^d full

Y^r Losp^s &c
AA

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Cover sheet title: "*Mr Anderson London 2^d Feb: 1779*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/31.

**Letter from Agent Benjamin Andrews to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Agency Fees for Offreckonings, Soho Square,
London, Feb. 11, 1779**

Bateman's Buildings Feb: 11th 1779

My Lord

I have been duly honor'd with Your Lords'ps Letters of the 28th Ult [Jan.] & 6th Inst. [Feb.] Both of which I laid before the Extors of the Late M^r Winter who say they cannot & I am sure it is out of my powers to give Your Lordship any Assistance respecting the Money you want to borrow on Mortgage and Insist upon Your performing the Promise you made upon Honour Viz: that the payment due in Novem^r: last (£111 to be forthwith paid & that Your Life be Insured for another year for Securing the residue of the Money According to Agreement:— the former Policy expired the 4th Inst: so that the Extors are now without any Security for the payment of the debt which is near £460 – they therefore expect Your Lordship will immediately write to Mess^s: Anderson & Co to effectuate Such insurance which M^r Anderson tells me he will endeavor to get done on the best Terms on receiving Your Lordship's Direction for that Purpose.

M^r: Winter, nor any other Agent I know of, ever attempted to charge Agency on Offreckonings, but I understood it was a general practice for Agents to be allowed 6^d P £, on the Government's Allowance for Camp Necessarys, but that for most Regiments it amounts to so small a Sum that I apprehend few Agents would contend for it, if the Colonel of the regiment disapproved thereof.

I have the honor to be My Lord

For the Extors of the Late John Winter Esq^r

Your Lordships most obedient & most humble Serv^t

Benjⁿ Andrews

The R^t Honl Lord John Murray – Banner Cross

Source and Note: Cover sheet title: "*M^r Andrews 11th Feb: 1779 & that no Agent can attempt to charge Agency on offreckoning that he knew off...*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/33. Mr. John Winter Esq. had been a long time regimental agent and died Oct. 1776. Mr. Andrews was also an Army Agent. During this period a private soldier was paid eight pence per day in two divisions, Off-Reckonings and Subsistence. Off-reckonings comprised two pence per day. The soldier never saw this portion of his pay. It was reserved for a variety of purposes for the use of the Colonel commanding his regiment. (Ref.: "Eight Pence a Day: The Pay of the Private British Soldier during the War for American Independence," by Douglas R. Cubbison)

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Regimental Affairs and Clothing, London, Feb. 11, 1779**

London 11th Febr^y 1779

My Lord

I have been in daily expectation of an Answer to Anderson & Richardson Letter of the 16th past, and mine of the 2^d Instant [Feb.] both respecting Regimental Affairs, and in particular about the Clothing for Y^r Lordship's regiment, if any bad consequences arise from the want of proper Instructions on these or any other priority, I must beg leave hereby to acquit myself of any blame or bad Consequence may happen, and expecting Y^r Lordships Instructions as usual I have the honor to be

My Lord

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

Alex^r Anderson

P.S. I have just received Letters from Cap^t [John] M^cIntosh by the New York Packett dated from Newtown Long Island 31st Dec^r. & 6th Jan^{ry} where the Reg^t were

all well & no news.

Y^r Losp^s &c

AA

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Cover sheet title: "*M^r Anderson Lothbury London 11th Feb: 1779*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/32.

Letter from James Cock, Regimental Agent Anderson's Clerk, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Success of Maj. Gen. James Grant's West Indies Expedition and Clothing for Invalid Soldiers, London, Feb. 24, 1779

London 24 February 1779

My Lord

M^r [Donald] Plowmans letter of the 12th Ins^t [Feb.] was delivered yesterday by the three Invalids of the Additional Companys who say they are Subsisted to the 25th but have no other Account to depend on. The two Written Discharges are no doubt as valid as the printed ones but as it is not so much in the course of their official discharges they are return'd inclosed with two Blank ones to be fill'd up and sign'd by Your Lordship & returned back.

Cap^t Smith's Military Dictionary was brought here a few days ago it will be forwarded by tomorrows Coach to Sheffield with fifty Blank discharges to lay by Your Lordship till wanted. M^r [Alexander] Anderson is gone to Portsmouth to take leave of Cap^t [George] Richardson whose Ship is detain'd in the Downs by contrary Wind however I expect him in Town in a day or two; he has got £500 Insur'd on Your Lordship's Life *p* the Executors of John Winter Esq^r commencing the 5th Ins^t & ending the 5th July 1780 Amount [illegible] Your Lordships Debit £37..7 as *p* particulars on the other side. Your Lordship has the London Gazette inclosed together with the Supplemental the first part came out about Ten OClock this morning & the latter about three in the afternoon. Your Lordship will no doubt think it the best we have had a great while: when the Official Dispatches from [Maj.] Gen^l [James] Grant & Admiral Barrington arrive care will be taken You have it as soon as possible.

M^r Plowman's Letter mentions about Settling with the three Invalids the Cloathing that is due to them I wish Your Lordship had given orders to say what M^r Anderson is to pay them which you may still do when the discharges are returned. M^r Plowman also adds "They receiv'd their plaids last year but [Illeg.- Grahon?] have not made any allowance for the remaining year or given up the plaids upon receiving half the price which is an article his Lordship expects You will observe particularly for the time to come with those discharged." The paymaster with the Battalion in America must settle with the Men for their Cloathing & half mounting money & Lieu^t [Alexander] M^cGregor with the additional Company in Scotland: if there is any fault to be found it cannot originate with the Agent as there has never been any money paid discharged men but by Certificate from Col. [Thomas] Stirling & Cap^t [John] M^cIntosh & which Sum Your Lordship will we Your Account reccredited for. I would think it improper for the men to take away their plaids; those from America have not brought theirs. Your Lordship cannot Issue but one Cloathing & to give the men half the price for plaids after being worn a year would be picking Your Lord^{ps} pocket. M^r A. will not pay any now or here after money for plaids without Your Lordships particular directions. The Duke of Atholl is in Town & has been at Court.

I have the Honor to be My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient hum: Servant

James Cock

Account of £500 Insur'd on Your Lordships Life to the Executors of a John Winter, Esq^r for one Year Commencing the 5 Feb^y 1779 & ending 5 February 1780

Jn ^o Walton	£100
Jn ^o Wilson	100
Geo: Cauthorn	100
Jn ^o Saunders	100
Ja ^s Potts	<u>100</u>

£500 prem 7 Gu ^s [Guineas] pC ^t	£36.15 –
Policy	<u>12 –</u>
	£37. 7 .

Source and Note: Cover sheet title: “*M^r Anderson Clerk /Cock/ 24 Feb: 1779*” in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/34. The Invalids are from the Additional Company in Scotland.

Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., on Regimental Business, Lothbury, Mar. 9, 1779

On my return from Portsmouth have received M^r [Donald] Plowmans Letter of the 27th past, and the ____ of Y^r Lordships of the 4th, respecting that first the Serjeants have wrote as they refuse to give up their plaids & will not be satisfied with half a Guinea in place of the Clothing.

M^r [Thomas] Hetherington has brought me M^r Plowmans Letter to him of the 16th past regarding the Clothing for Newfoundland & Scotland, he says they are ready, but he will not Ship them unless I give him an order and who agree to pay for them as formerly, it will be needful this be settled immediately.

Your Lordship’s Letter to Col. [Thomas] Stirling was in twice for the Mail, by which I also answered his Letters & Cap^t [John] Mackintoshs.

Includes is a list of further Promotions in the Regiment to which refer Y^r Lordship

M^r Anderson has got the £500 Policy and I suppose the Executors, will now be content to defer the payment of the £111 till next year.

Please turn

I shall be glad how soon the Scotch Clothing is sent up, especially that for the Company in Newfoundland, which must be Shipt soon.

I have the honor to be most respectfully My Lord

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

Alex^r Anderson

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

List of Promotions in the 42nd Reg^t by Sir Henry Clinton –

Ensign Dugald Campbell, Lieu^t vice [Harry] Gilchrist dead of his wounds 26 Aug^t 1778

Ensign Alex^r Home from 71st Reg^t vice D. Campbell D^o

Ensign George Campbell to be Lieu^t vice Alex^r Munro p^d [promoted] in 83^d 18 Oct^r

Ensign Hugh Fraser to be Lieu^t vice Dav^d Crawford p^d 83rd 19 Oct^r

Dugald Campbell Vol^r to be Ensign vice Geo: Campbell p^d 18th Oct^r

John Robertson Vol^r to be Ensign vice H Fraser p^d 19 Oct^r

Lieu^t David Anstruther from 26 Regim^t to be Cap^t vice Erskine p^d to Majority 22^d Reg^t 6 Decem^r

Ensign Henry David Fraser from 64 Reg^t Lieuten^t vice James Graham removed to 64th Regim^t 23 Nov^r

Source: Cover sheet marked “*M^r Anderson London 9th March with List of 1779 preferments in the R.H. Reg^t*” in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, item B 5/2/35. The “*Scotch Clothing*” consisted of plaids (every other year), bonnets and diced hose. Mr. Thomas Hetherington is of the clothing supply firm of “*Shippey & Hetherington.*”

**42nd Regt. Officer Commission List from Regimental Agent,
Lothbury, London, Approx. Mar. 9, 1779**

List of the Officers of the 42^d or Royal Highland Regim^t of Foot Commanded by the R^t Hon^{ble}
Gen^l Lord John Murray

Lieu ^t Colonel Thomas Stirling	7 Sept ^r 1771
Major William Grant	5 Oct ^r 1777

Captains

Vacancy vice Alex^r Donaldson promoted to 1st Major }
in 76th Regiment 19th December 1777 }

D^o vice George Mackenzie promoted to 1st Major }
in 73^d Regiment 20th Dec^r 1777 }

Charles Graham	7 Sept ^r 1771
Archibald Erskine	D ^o
John Smith	14 Jan ^y 76
Duncan McPherson	15 Aug ^t D ^o
John McIntosh	16 D ^o
Charles Grant	20 March 76
Patrick Graham	5 June 1778

Cap ^t Lieu ^t John Peebles	5 Oct ^o 1777
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Lieutenants

John Rutherford	31 March 1770
Robert Potts	12 July 73
John Grant	14 Jan ^y 75

Vacancy vice George Mackenzie promoted to a }
company in 73 Regiment 20th December 1777 }

Harry Munro	26 Aug ^t 75
John Gregor	27 D ^o
John Robertson	29 D ^o
Norman McLeod	31 D ^o

vacancy vice Alex^r Munro Promoted to a Com^y }
in 83^d Regiment 23^d January 1778 }

James Cramond	5 Sep ^t 1775
Robert Franklin	6 D ^o
Harry Gilchrist Dead	6 March D ^o

vacancy vice James Campbell promoted to a }
Company in 77 Regiment 27th December 1777 }

Alexander Grant	23 Aug ^t 76
Alexander McLeod	22 April 77
Robert Rollo	8 th May D ^o

vacancy vice John Campbell to Cap^t Lieutenancy }
in 74th Regiment 23^d December 1777 }

Gavin Drummond	5 Oct ^r 77
James Stewart	7 D ^o

vacancy vice L^d W^m Murray promoted to a Company }
in 77 Regiment 30th December 1777 }

John Spence	11 Nov ^r 77
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Alexander Stewart	17 Dec ^r 77
vacancy Vice David Crawford promoted to Cap ^t }	
Lieutenancy in 83 Regiment 24 th Jan ^y 1778 }	
Alexander M ^c Grigor	5 June 1778

Ensigns

Allan McLean	23 Aug ^t 76
Alexander Innes	21 Sept ^r D ^o
James Stirling	22 April 77
vacancy vice Alex ^r M ^c Gregor promoted to a Lieut ^{cy} vice }	
Patrick Graham who purchased Major M ^c Phersons }	
Company 5 th June 1778 }	
Dugald Campbell	31 May 77
William M ^c Donald	5 October
George Campbell	27 D ^o
vacancy vice John Spens promoted to a Lieutenancy }	
11 November 1777 vice John M ^c Donald, retired }	
Hugh Fraser	17 Dec ^r 77
Alexander Grant	18 Mar: 78
Chaplin James M. Lagan	15 June 1764
Adjutant Hugh Fraser	20 Mar: 76
Quarter Master Colin Smith	20 D ^o
Surgeon William Robinson	11 Septem ^r
Mates { Alexander Stewart	25 Aug ^t 1775
{ Donald Smith	11 Sept ^r 77

Since making out this List, we have just rec^d advice at the War Office of the following promotions made by S^r Henry Clinton.

Ensign Allan McLean to be Lieu^t vice James Campbell promoted 3 Aug^t 78
 Ensign Alexander Innes to be Lieu^t vice John Campbell D^o D^o
 Ensign James Stirling Do vice Lord William Murray D^o D^o
 W^m Fraser Volunteer to be Ensign vice Allan McLean D^o D^o
 Ensign John Young from Pennsylvania Loyalists to be Ensign vice Innes promoted } D^o
 Callander Volunteer to be Ensign vice Stirling D^o D^o
 Cap^t Lieut John Peebles to be Captain vice Donaldson 18 Aug^t 78
 Lieut James Campbell from 57th Reg^t to be Captain vice George Mackenzie Promoted } D^o
 Lieu^t John Rutherford to be Cap^t Lieut vice Peebles promoted } D^o
 Ensign James Graham from the 57th Regiment to be Lieu^t vice Rutherford promoted } D^o
 Ensign Alex^r Cumming from 52^d Reg^t to be Lieutenant vice George Mackenzie promoted } D^o
 Cap^t Charles Graham to be Major by purchase vice Grant who retires } 25 D^o
 Lieu^t George Dalrymple to be Cap^t by Purchase vice Graham promoted } D^o

List of Promotions Sent in M^r Andersons letter 9th March 1779.

Ensign Dugald Campbell Lieu^t vice Gilchrist dead of his wounds 26th Aug^t 1778
 Ensign Alex^r Home from 71st Reg^t vice D. Campbell D^o
 Ensign George Campbell to be Lieu^t vice Alex^r Munro preferred 18 Oct^r
 John Robertson Vol^r to be Ensign vice H. Fraser 19 D^o
 Lieu^t David Anstruther from 26th Reg^t to be Captain vice Erskine preferred to Majority 22^d Reg^t 6 Dec^r
 Ensign Henry David Fraser from 64th Reg^t Lieu^t vice James Graham removed to 64th Regim^t.

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*. Details on the officers of the regiment are provided in *Kilts & Courage, Vol. II, Officers of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment During the American War for Independence, 1775-1783*.

Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Regimental Business, Necessaries and Clothing, London, Mar. 17, 1779

London 17th March 1779

My Lord

I have the Honor of Your Lordship's favour of the 13th & 15th, The Letter for the Duke of Atholl was immediately sent, that for Col. [Thomas] Stirling was too late for this Months Packett no ship is sailed but shall go by the Next.

I shall observe Your Lordships directions as to the Clothing for Newfoundland & for Scotland, also for the Battallion in America.

[Margin note: 3 Serjeants Discharged] I shall settle with the Serjeants as desired in the best manner, but they will not part with their Plaids, say it is Stripping them &c so may be best to avoid their Reflections to give up that point if they continue obstinate.

I shall forward the Letter for L^t John Grant from Y^r Lordship with the Cheeses & Tongues also the News Papers &c and a list of the Officers of the Regiment as they now stand & write him to settle the Differences of Hose the last years clothing Viz Hose and Bonnetts for Newfoundland are still have to be sent by the first Ship as there is no Opportunity the latter end of this year for that place and are applying to get them sent in one of the Men of War
please turn

The Extra Gazette of the taking of Pondicherry [India] is expected to be out at 9 O'Clock this Night and will be inclosed if comes out then or [illegible] for the Post. This will Effectually destroy the French East India [illegible] and the [illegible] Capture of their West India men must [illegible] their Merchants & make them all Sick of their connection with the Americans, more especially if we have more good news from the West Indies which is daily expected.

Gen^l [John] Moyston's Reg^t [1st or King's Regt. of Dragoon Guards] is not yet given away, it is said Gen^l [James] Murray Succeeds as Gov^r of Minorca.

I have the honor to be most respectfully, My Lord
Your Lordships Most Obed^t & most hum^{le} Serv^t
Alex^r Anderson

P.S.

18th March

The Gazette not having been published till this Morning delayed sending of this Letter it is now Inclosed, herewith, also abstract of last Letter to Co^l [Thomas] Stirling & Cap^t [John] M^cIntosh about the Clothing which hope Y^r Lordship will approve of

Y^r Losp^s
AA

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

The Earl of Harrington lays dangerously ill so a Vacancy of the 2^d Troops Horse Grenadier Guards, will probably happen soon

Your Lordship has inclosed a Copy of the Invoice of the Camp necessarys for the ensuing Campaign shipped on Board the Grand Duke Cap^t Holman to new York.

The following is a Copy of what we wrote Cap^t [John] M^cIntosh p packet the 3^d Ins^t relating to the Cloathing of the Reg^t.

“The Cloathing for this year will be ready with the other Regiments; as we have hitherto sent the full Compliment and observe by your last distribution 151 non-effectives we wish you would be so obliging as desire the quarter Master to give a return as we think there must be good many in store and to send out a superfluous quantity, must in your present situation give great trouble to the Regiment in moving it about from place to place: we will therefore take it kind you say, how many Colonel [Thomas] Stirling and You would wish to be sent?”

It would not be amiss if Your Lordship was to write a few Lines to the quarter master on this Subject as what is saved will be just so much in Your Lordships Pocket.

Source: Cover sheet title: “*M^r Anderson London 17th March 1779...*” in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/36. After a siege of two months and ten days the Town of Pondicherry, India surrendered to the East India Co. troops on Oct. 17, 1778. Gen. John Mostyn was Col. of the 1st (or The King’s) Regt. of Dragoon Guards.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Hetherington (Uniform Supplier) to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Shipment of Clothing, London, Mar. 18, 1779

London 18 March 1779

My Lord!

I am Honor’d with Your Lordship’s Favor of the 15. Instant, and on the receipt of M^r [Donald] Plowman’s Letter, made enquiry when any Ships wou’d Sail for Scotland, and likewise for Newfoundland, but no opportunity offer’d at that time; Now find there will be Ships for Leith, in the course of Ten Days, which will Sail under Convoy – and it’s expected the Clothing for Newfoundland, will go about the same Time; when Your Lordship may depend on Your Orders being punctually comply’d with.

I am very sorry Your Lordship shou’d take any offense of my Showing M^r Plowman’s letter to M^r [Alexander] Anderson, when, to the best of my Recollection, I only just mention’d to M^r Anderson, that I thought I shou’d have an Order from Him, Corresponding with Your Lordship’s, as the Bills were always made out in the name of Mess^{rs} Anderson and Richardson; and I do not remember saying any thing more, on that head, and therefore hope, Your Lordship will not take it Amis. I herewith send Y^r Lordship a Duplicate of the Acco^t of last year’s Clothing, as Deliv’d to M^r Anderson, – which includes compleat Clothing for the 2 Additional Companies, as well as the 10 Companies in America; as M^r Anderson desir’d me to have the Clothing for the 2 Additional Companies in readiness: but, as Your Lordship informs me a very small Quantity will be Sufficient for the Company in Scotland, the Overplus must remain here, in Store. I hope this will meet with your Lordship’s Approbation, and am with due Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship’s most Obedient and Humble Servant

Th^o Hetherington

P.S. I intend writing, in Answer to M^r Plowmans’s Letter, when the Clothing was put on Board; as I understood, that was what Your Lordship expected.

R^t Hon: Lord John Murray
Bannercross

[Enclosed]

London June 1778

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson

**To Shippey & Hetherington for Clothing Furnished for the 42^d Or Royal Highland
Reg^t, Commanded by the Hon^{ble} Lord John Murray**

		£	S	d
1082 Private Coats	at 15/3	834	“	10
99 Grenadier Coats	at 16/2	80	“	6
24 Drummers & Pipers Coats	at 32/11½		11	“
59 Serjeants Coats	at 27/2	39	2	10
1 Serjeant-Major's Coat		2	13	6
1 Drum-Major's Coat		2	3	“
509 Y ^{ds} /8 Private White Waistcoat Cloth	3/9	95	9	2 ½
34 Y ^{ds} 7/8 Serjeants d ^o d ^o	6/6	13	1	6 ¾
55 Y ^{ds} ¾ Privates Red d ^o	4/3	11	16	11¼
2 Y ^{ds} 13/16 Serjeants Scarlet d ^o	10/	1	8	1½
1004 Dozen Private Waistcoat buttons	1 ^d /4	5	4	7
62 Dozen Serjeants d ^o d ^o	3 ^d ¾	“	19	4½
66 Dozen Private Waistc ^t Lace	1/	3	6	“
60 Corporal Epaulettes	2/	6	“	“
2 Piper Shoulder Knots	3/	“	6	“
5 Y ^{ds} Red Cloth for L ^t Inf ^{ry} Wings	5/6	1	7	6
200 Private Waistcoats	5/6	55	“	“
1 d ^o d ^o Light Infantry		“	6	6
1 Piper-Major's Coat		3	5	2
1181 y ^{ds} private Loop ^g Lace, Being 1 y ^d }	1 ^d y ^d	4	18	5
Extra on Each Coat }				
24 y ^{ds} Drummers d ^o d ^o	6/	“	12	“
	£	1241	13	0½

Source: Cover sheet title: “*M^r Hetherington 18th March 1779 inclosing an Acc^t of the Cloathing for 1778*” in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, B 5/2/38.



Reproduction Belted Plaid in “42^d” Pattern

Picture Source: Photo Courtesy of Fred Lucas

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Highland Clothing Order, London, Mar. 25, 1779**

London 25th March 1779

My Lord

I have the Honor of Y^r Lordships favor of the 22^d and observe the Contents. There is no Scotch Clothing here excepting the Hose & Bonnetts for the Company at Newfoundland which I am preparing to ship with the English Clothing and shall also the Hose & Bonnetts for this Year if they come in Since I observe they were to have no Plaids this Year.

The Clothing for the Battallion is preparing according to Your Lordships order, and I observe Y^r Lordship has ordered up the Plaids.

I shall not Insure on the small Parcell of Clothing for Scotland as Y^r Lordship desires it, but shall advise as soon as they and the others are Shipt.

I shall settle with the Serj^{ts} as Y^r Los^p desires. I inclose the Extraordinary Gazette to which refer, it came out this morning only.

I have the honor to be, My Lord

Your Lordships Most Obed^t & most hum^{le} Serv^t
Alex^r Anderson

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Cover sheet title "*M^r Alex^r Anderson London 25 March 1779 rec^d Sat 27th*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/39. Plaids were issued every other year. The mention of the "Serj^{ts}" refers to Anderson's letter above dated Mar. 17, 1779.

**Note from Alexander Anderson Regimental Agent, to William Knox, Under
Secretary of State, American Department, Requesting Shipping Authority for
Clothing to the 42nd Additional Co. at Newfoundland; Lothbury, Mar. 30, 1779**

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson present their Compliments to M^r Knox having called this day at Lord Geo: Germaine's Office but had not the pleasure of meeting with him, beg leave to acquaint him that there is a Company of the 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment (to which they are Agent) at Newfoundland, who are very much in want of Cloathing, and as a very good opportunity now offers of sending it by the Britannia ordnance Store Ship, they are directed by M^r [John] Boddington Secretary to the ordnance to request M^r Knox will be so obliging to write him a Line to Ship it accordingly. – Mess^{rs} A: & R: therefore beg M^r Knox will be so good to do this immediately as they are informed the Ship will sail in a few days. – they will take the liberty of calling again at the Secretary of Sates Office to tomorrow between 3 and 4 O Clock –

Lothbury 30th March 1779

P.S. The Cloathing is pack'd in 5 Bales, and is only about 2 Tons measurement

Source: TNA, *Correspondence, Original - Secretary of State, Miscellaneous, 1779* at CO 5/156, f. 58 (p. 115).

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Debts and Clothing Order, London, Apr. 5, 1779**

London 5th April 1779

My Lord

M^r Drummond has just been with me and desired I would write about the Debt due to M^r Rob, which I am sorry he is so pressing for, but it is not in my power to pay more of Your Lordships private Debts.

M^r Drummond has also shewn me the Acc^t Your Lordship sent him along with [illegible] which he has Inclosed again along with this Letter.

I am sorry he could not be prevailed on to help Y^r Lordship out of this Debt of M^r Robs it is utterly Inconsistent for me to do it in the present situation of our Accounts.

I have the honor to be, My Lord

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

Alex^r Anderson

P.S. I am sorry to acquaint Y^r Lordship of the Death of my Oldest Daughter at Lisbon whence she went for her Health in Jan^{ry} last. It has thrown ...my family into great Distress

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

please turn

P.S. Your Lordship has inclosed Invoice of a Small Bale of Cloathing for the Company in Scotland Shipped *p* the Paisley Walter Duncan for Carron which Your Lord^h desires & it is of small is not Insure the carries twelve Guns & hope will get safe. Your Lordship will have seen by the papers that [Gen.] Lord [William] Harrington [2nd Troop, Horse Grenadier Guards] died last Thursday neither Gen^l [John] Moyston [1st Regt. of Dragoon Guards] nor his Regiment is given away – there will be hard pushing for both

Source: Cover sheet title “M^r Alex^r Anderson inclosed in ...5th April 1779” in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/40.

Excerpt of Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Debts and Regimental Clothing Order, London, Apr. 8, 1779

London 8th April 1779

My Lord

In consequence of Your Lordships favor of the 5th I waited on Sir Cha^s Asgill but could not see him where he is laid up with the Goutt.

I would advise Your Lordship to write him addressed to his House in Cork Street Burlington Gardens with a State of the Mortgage, and desiring he would order one of his Clerks to call on me at N^o. 56 Lothbury for the two Guineas advanced to Miss Murrays Maid, which will be paid, this will introduce the Subject of the £1000 wanted on Mortgage, if he checks [illegible] it, which I wish he may to accommodate Your Lordship, and avoid the £300 penalty, which I am sorry this obligation lays you under ...

Your Lordship desires to explain what I mean by being bound for the Colonel for the Clothing M^r [Thomas] Hetherington has refused all along to give Credit to Your Lordship, and now does, and the Scotch Clothing has been always paid in three Months and is now to be the same so that [illegible] advance for it in place of being bound, and it is on these Considerations only Agency is claimed, on the Offreckonings, which the use is not Customary when the Colonel has [illegible] it himself and the Agent is neither bound nor in advance for the Clothing.

I have sent to L^t John Grant the Cheese & Tongues as account'd on other side at Y^r Lordships debit.

It has been talked of that The Duke of Atholl is to have a Reg^t of Fencibles to not settled that I can hear of M^r Wemyss has got a Sutherlandshire Battalion. Sir John Lockheart Ross is in Scotland. Col. Reid & L^t Col. W^m grant still hence. I can find them out if Your Lordship wrote to them under my Cover.

I have the honor to be, My Lord

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

Alex^r Anderson

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Cover sheet title "*M^r Alex^r Anderson of M^r Hetherington having refused to give ...it for the Cloathing for my Reg^t without he being bound for it. London 8 April 1779*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/41. Sir Charles Asgill was the Lord Mayor of London from 1757-1758. Lothbury is about three miles northeast of Buckingham Palace. Merchants "*Shippey & Hetherington*" supplied the "*English Clothing*" consisting of jackets, waistcoats and some other minor items to the regiment. An invoice of the clothing shown above dated June 1778. Lt John Grant was commanding one of the additional or recruit companies of the 42nd Regt. in Newfoundland. The Duke of Atholl was Gen. Murray's older brother.

**Letter from Henry Drummond, Esq., Banker, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
Regarding No Right of Agent to Charge Fees on Offreckonings, London, Apr. 21, 1779**

London April 12, 1779

My Lord

When you did me the honor to write to me some time ago your Lordships desired M^r [Donald] Plowman to call upon me [inlahor?] to your changing your Agents & said it was left to M^r Adam Drummond & me to determine whether they had acted properly or not, I explained myself so fully upon the occasion to M^r [Donald] Plowman that I did not doubt he had acquainted your Lordship therewith, But as I still had by your Lordships Letter in which you ask me whether I ever knew any Agent having charged their Colonels in their accounts with Commission Money or agency on the Offreckonings or Camp necessarys: you have not had my answer to M^r Plowman deliverd to you. I told M^r Plowman that I never had heard a word upon the Subject of undertaking to determine whether your Agent had acted properly or not, that I imagined it must have been some mistake in my Name being put down in a Power of Attorney, for that I had been asked I never would have consented to it, for that I had great deal of business of my own that took up all my time & that I should most undoubtedly decline any such reference.

With regard to the Questions your Lordship puts to me, I think the Agent has no right to charge Agency upon their Offreckonings, But I think he has a right & I believe it is the constant practice for Agents to charge 6^d p Pound on Camp necessary Warrants. I have the honor to be Your Lordships

Most Hum^{ble} Servant

Henry Drummond

Source: Cover sheet title: "*Henry Drummond Esq thinks no Agent has a right to charge Agency upon the Offreckonings rec^d Thursday 15th April 1779 at B. +.[Banner Cross]*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers* at B 5/2/42.

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding News of the Regiment in America; London, Apr. 13, 1779**

London 13th April 1779

My Lord

I am glad to find Your Lordship has a prospect of Settling with M^r Rob, without my calling further upon him, what I meant by his being in the hands of the Law was not respecting his own Circumstances, but that he said he would do nothing in settling with Y^r Lordship without his Attorneys advice.

Inclosed are two Letters for Your Lordship from America by Col. [Thomas] Stirlings Letter from Newtown 27th Feb^{ry} and Cap^t [John] M^cIntosh of the 28th they & the Corps were all well, and the Col. had just returned from an Expedition with the Light Company of the Guards

33^d & 42^d Regiments, to surprize a Post of the Rebels Commanded by a Gen^l [William] Maxwell, but they had unfortunately got notice of their design, and after Burning some Barracks & Provisions the party returned with the loss of 2 Men killed & about 20 wounded, with 22 Rebel Prisoners.

I have the honor to be, My Lord
Your Lordships Most Obed^t & most hum^{le} Serv^t
Alex^r Anderson

P.S. [John Stewart] Lord Mountstewart is in Town
and was at Court on Sunday
I heard where of Atholl is gone to Scotland
Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Lord John Murray Papers.

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Regimental Clothing, London, Apr. 21, 1779**

London 21st April 1779

My Lord

I have just seen M^r Lewin one of M^r Winters Executors, and have prest him to Comply with Your Lordships request to wait for the £111 untill Oct^r which I hope he will do but he will not promise untill he sees M^r Hill the other Executor, when they or M^r Andrews will write to Your Lordship.

Inclosed is the Secretary at Wars Letter to Your Lordship desiring the Clothing for the Regiment to be ready for Shipping by the 1st July. I have given M^r Hetherington orders accordingly and it will be needful the Scotch Clothing be also expedited, which Your Lordship will order about.

L^t Col. W^m Grant tells me he has Invested all his money in the [Fiscals?].

I have two Guineas has been paid to Lady Asgill and I hope there is a favourable answer from Sir Cha^s about what Your Lordship wrote him.

I have the honor to be, My Lord

Your Lordships Most Obed^t & most hum^{le} Serv^t
Alex^r Anderson

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

please turn

P.S. Inclosed is an Invoice of Camp Necessarys amounting to the Sum of £242..6 – Shipt on the Grand Duke Storeship for New York on which I have Insured £270 which covers the prem^{ms} as P^r Acco^t at Y^r Lordships D^r £28.14 –

Y^r Losp^s &c
A A

Account of Insurance on £270 Insur'd on Camp Necessarys for the 42^d Reg^t & the Grand Duke Storeship Cap^t Holman from London to New York Warranted to Sail with Convoy & Valued at the Sum Insur'd

£270 premium 10 Guineas pC ^t	£28..7
policy	<u>7</u>
Policy Sign'd at London 21 April 1779	£28-14

We have at Present three Vacant Ensigns Commissions in Your Lordships Regiment viz

one dated 5 June 1778 to be paid to Cap^t [Patrick] Graham, vice [Alexander] M^cGregor
 d^o - 25 Aug^t 1778 for Co^l [William] Grant vice [William] M^cDonald: Co^l Grant says he has a purchaser
 d^o - 8 Novem 1778 to Cap D Hay vice [John] Robertson

Co^l Murray is in Town – Advice is receivd of the Ramalies & Terrible Men of War having fallen in with a fleet of 30 Sail of Martinico Ships under Convoy of two frigates & had taken Eight & when one of the prizes which is come in Left them, they were in full chase of the remainder. It is reported by the prize that [French Adm.] De Estange has got away from Martinico – inclosed is a daily paper in which is contained last nights Gazette with more news from Georgia.

Source and Note: Cover title sheet: “M^r Anderson having Spoke to M^r Lewin one of the Exec^{rs} to delay till October & Invoice of Camp Necessarys. The Cloathing to be sent 1st July. London 21st April 1779 with the dates of Vacant Ensignys,” in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/44. The phrase “news from Georgia” likely refers to Lt. Col. Archibald Campbell expedition with the 71st (Fraser’s) Highlanders to Savannah.



“Leith from the west,” circa 1773-1782, by John Clerk

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

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col.,
 42nd Regt., Regarding Commission for John Oswald and the Leith Mutiny, London,
 Apr. 24, 1779**

London 24th April 1779

My Lord

Referring to what [illegible] the Honor of writing Your Lordship the 21st have only to advise that have since seen M^r Andrews who advised me to write to M^r Hill at Denham by Uxbridge, which I did the 22^d pressing for a Delay until Oct^r or Nov^r which I hope he will grant as M^r Lewin will do nothing in it without him.

The present serves to cover a Letter from L^t Co^l [William] Grant who has disposed of the Ensign Commission to a M^r John Oswald, whom he has no doubt Y^r Lordship will approve of and as soon as I hear from Y^r Lordship to that Effect, I am desired to send the Commission to M^r Cha^s Livingston Writer in Edin^r who has remitted the £350 to Co^l Grant, to pay for the Ensigny.

In my Letter of the 15th I sent Your Lordship a Certificate of L^t Rob^t Franklins bad Health, to be approved by Your Lordship & returned to me an to His Majestys Secretary at War, for leave of Absence.

As it has not come back to me I suppose Your Lordship has sent it to the War Office direct which I shall be glad to be acquainted of.

I have the honor to be, My Lord
Your Lordships Most Obed^t & most hum^{le} Serv^t
Alex^r Anderson

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

please turn

I am sorry to Inform Y^r Lordship that a Letter from Edin^r Mentions that the Recruits for the [42nd and] 71st Reg^t refused to Embark [with the 83rd Regt.] at Leith, when the Duke of Buccleuch's [South] Fencibles were called & Cap^t James Mansfield lying hold of one of the Mens Arms he killed the Cap^t dead on the Spott with his Bayonett, a Scuffle insued wherein 24 were killed, that is all the particulars I have yet heard.

Y^r Losp^s &c
A A

Source: Cover sheet title: "*M^r Anderson inclosing L^t Col Grants letter & that the addit of 71st Reg^t refused to Embark, & Cap^t Mansfield killed by one of them. 24th April 1779,*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/45. The mutiny at Leith referenced in the postscript also included recruits of the 42nd Regt. who refused to be drafted into the 83rd Regt. Additional details of the mutiny and the subsequent court martial of the 42nd and 71st Regts recruits are provided in this volume in *The mutiny of the 42nd Regt. recruits at Leith is addressed in this Volume in App. I. Mutiny of Drafted Highlanders, Leith, Scotland, April 1779.*

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Regimental Business, London, Apr. 26, 1779**

London 26th April 1779

My Lord

I have the honor of Your Lordships favor of the 24th & shall order the bill due by Miss Murray to C. Hampshire for £6..2..6 to be paid, I suppose they will not take it without the 1 P C^t A [Illeg.] Charges.

Inclosed is a Letter from M^r Hill with his Determination about the payment due to M^r Winters Ex^{rs} which I hope M^r [Mauley?] will satisfy him about, else nothing more can be done, as they were both very positive.

The two Guineas was paid to Lady Asgill in Corke Street, no receipt was desir'd

The Clothing &c have always been lately sent by Government Transports or Armed Ships, which saves the freight to the Colonel, but the Insurance is necessary, altho' very heavy yet Government will release no Allowance for it is a pity that the whole of the Colonels, who have regiments in America, should not apply for it altho' I fear it would hardly be granted.

I wrote you along w^t [retired Brevet] L^t Col. [William] Grant last post for Approval of M^r John Oswald for the Ensigns Commission. The price of the other two are the regulation £400 and I wish proper Highland Young Gentlemen for Purchasers could be found.

Please turn

The money for the one vice [John] Robertson promoted in the 71st & to be paid by Cap^t David Hay at Edinburgh, the other is the succession of Ensign Alex^r McGregor and to be paid to Cap^t Pat^k Graham now with the Additional Company in Scotland. I have wrote to both these Gentlemen that I have received the Commissions and to look out for proper purchasers.

I have just received a Letter from M^r Pat^k Campbell of Glasgow that he has shipt aboard the Paisley Cap^t Duncan from Carron, the Hose & Bonnetts for the Company at Newfoundland, by Y^r Lordships Letter I understood they were to have gone directly from Glasgow to Newfoundland, and am affraid they will be now too late for any Opportunity from hence this Season.

I have the honor to be, My Lord

P.S. The Insurance on the above

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

Hose & Bonnetts from Carron to London
 I have ordered to be done & if executed this night
 will be noted as other Side Amount of Your Lord^s Debit £1..18.6
 ap Lord^s A.A.

Alex^r Anderson

Account of Insurance on [illegible] Highland Clothing *P* the Paisley William Duncan from
 Carron to London valued at the Sum Insur'd to return 2 *P* C^t & Sails with Convoy & arrives
 £30.....premiums 5 Gu^s *P* C^t £1..11..6
 policy 7
 Done at London 26 April 1777 £1..18..6

Source: Cover sheet title: "*M^r Anderson missent to Dublin April 26, 1779*" at the *Lord John Murray Papers*,
 Item B 5/2/46.

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
 Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Regimental Business, London, April 30, 1779**

London 30th April 1779

My Lord

I delivered Your Lordships Letter to [retired Brevet] L^t Co^l [William] Grant, who
 promises an answer to enclose herewith, by what I find he has invested all his money already.

Inclosed is a letter from Cap^t [John] M^cIntosh for Y^r Lordship by last Mail to w^{ch} we
 refer. I have a Letter from Co^l [Thomas] Stirling with an Account of Accoutrements lost in
 Action and by fire, which can apply to Government to making good. He says they are all well,
 and wait for orders for opening the Campaign.

Your Lordship will please to send me M^r [Patrick] Campbells Invoice of the Hose &
 Bonnetts or a Copy that it may be entered. I observe it amounts to £27..19..3. but want to enter
 the Particulars difference of Hose & C^t.

I observe Y^r Lordships says they will be time enough to go with the plaids the last ships
 for Newfoundland this Season, but there are no Ships up for that place later than June or July.

I have the honor to be My Lord

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

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

Alex^r Anderson

Source and Notes: Cover sheet title: "*M^r Anderson Rec^d 2^d May 1779*," in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item
 B 5/2/48. Brevet Lt. Col. William Grant retired from the 42nd Regt. on Aug. 25, 1778. The letter is likely
 talking about Lt. Col. Grant investing the money he received from selling his majority in the regiment.



Detail from "Lord George Lennox, Colonel of the 25th Regiment of Foot," c. 1771, by Giuseppe Chiesa

Picture Source: ArtUK, from National Army Museum, London

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Recruits Drafted into the 25th Regt., London, May 10, 1779**

London 10th May 1779

My Lord

[John Stewart] My Lord Mountstewart is in Town, at his House, Hill Street Berkely Square.

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 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

I sent Y^r Lordship M^r [Hills?] Letter to me with a paper for M^r [Mauley?] to execute to satisfy him in my Letter of the 26th past, by the post, having no Cover, at the time for Your Lordship. I hope it has been received and answered accordingly as he will be expecting to hear.

The following officers are expected to Command at the Different camps but not absolutely fixed

[Lt.] General [Richard] Pierson [Col., 13th Dragoons] at Coxheath
[Lt. Gen. George Lane] Parker at Warly
[Maj. Gen. George] Ward [1st Regt. of Horse] at Bury
[Lt. Gen. Hon. Robert] Monckton [17th Regt.] at Portsmouth
[Lt. Gen. James] Johnston [11th Dragoons] at Salisbury
[Lt. Gen. Sir David] Lindsey [Col., 59th Regt.] at Plymouth

It is also expected there is to be two smaller flying Camps at Rye & Hastings in Sussex which are now planning out a Copy of the Accoutrements Burnt & lost will be sent You in our next.

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 Mount Stuart was the son of the Earl of Bute.



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 Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Newfoundland Officers, Regimental Clothing and the Mutiny at Leith: London, May 15, 1779

London 15th May 1779

My Lord

I have the honor of Y^r Lordships favor of the 11th & have told [retired] L^t Co^l [William] Grant that you expect to see him in his way North which he says he will endeavor to do, he seems to think it hard on L^t John Grant to be called home from the Detachment at Newfoundland as it will hurt his preferment besides he thinks an old officer necessary with so large a detachment as 100 Men, and that L^t [Alexander] MacGregor & Ensign [John] Oswald are but Recruits, and L^t Dougald Campbell a very young officer to Command so large a Detachment.

Your Lordships Letter for Ensign John Oswald was forwarded to the Care of M^r Cha^s Livingston Writer in Edinburgh which is his Address, but I do not think he will have an Opportunity of going to Newfoundland this Season, and as the Battalion at New York want Officers leave it to Your Lordships consideration if it might not be as well to send him there by the Transports for this Clothing which will sail in Augst or Sep^r next.

please turn

I have acquainted M^r Lewin of the miscarriage of the Letter inclosing the paper for M^r Marley & that as soon as he returns home Y^r Lordship will get him to do the needful about the paper sent.

I shall consult about the Insurance of the Clothing &c with [Lt.] Gen^l [Simon] Fraser & others & advise Y^r Lordship if it is possible for anything to be done about it.

I have not heard anything about the affair of the Highland Recruits at Leith only that out of 55 about 30 were killed & wounded and the Rest are trying by a Court Martial, the Issue not yet known. Cap^t Mansfield & three of the Fencibles were killed. The newspapers say some of Y^r Lordships Recruits were amongst them, but as I have not heard from Cap^t [Patrick] Graham that it was so or anything about it, hope it is not true.

I have the Honor to be sincerely My Lord

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

Alex^r Anderson

P.S. I must beg the Invoice or Copy of the
Hose & Bonnets p^r the Paisly Cap^t Duncan
from Carron, for the Detachment at Newfoundland,
as I do not know if they are in order or more Packages,
or how directed.

Y^r Losp^s

A. A.

R^t Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Cover sheet title: "*M^r Alex^r Anderson London 15th May 1779...from Chesterfield Thursday 20th May 1779*" in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/50. The mutiny of the 42nd Regt. recruits at Leith is addressed in this Volume in App. J. *Mutiny of Drafted Highlanders, Leith, Scotland, April 1779*.

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John
Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. Regarding Pension for Old Sergeant,
Shipment of "Scotch Clothing" and Private Debt, London, May 22, 1779**

London 22^d May 1779

My Lord

I am indebted to Y^r Lordships favors of the 17th & 20th the first covered a Letter from an old Serj^t which I return inclosed, with a letter from James M^cPherson Esq^r ([Author of Signed?]) recommending him to Y^r Lordship. [retired Brevet] L^t Co^l [William] Grant saw the Serj^{ts} Letter but says he does not remember him. If Y^r Lordship pleases to sign the Discharge & Recommendation if it is not to old a Date, M^r M^cpherson will try to get him the King's Letter.

I also received Your Lordships letter to L^t [Robert] Franklin which was Copied & forwarded to him at Corke.

Inclosed is a Copy of the Return of Accoutrements lost given in the War Office lately.

I have just received a Letter M^r Pat: Campbell inclosing a Bill of Loading for 13 Bales of Clothing / Supposed Plaids/ Shipt p^r the Glasgow Cap^t Patterson the 3^d Instant from Carron to London, but he sends no Invoice nor account of the value to Insure, therefore am at a loss about it, and if any Accident happens or the Ship lost or taken I am not to blame, he ought to be ordered to send an Invoice of everything & the Amount on Shipping to get the Insurance done, this ship is expected daily without Convoy, if no Account of her today shall Insure £800 at a Venture if above the Value a Return can be got.

please turn

I shall call on M^r Andrews with M^r Manleys note about the Mortgage & advise what the Executors are to do in it when he gets their Answer.

I have the Honor to be most Respectfully My Lord
Your Lordships Most Obed^t & most hu^{le} Serv^t
Alex^r Anderson

Amount of Insurance at Your Lordships Debt £25.11 –

R^t Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

An Account of Insurance on 13 Bales of Highland Cloathing for the 42 Regiment by the Glasgow
Cap^t Paterson at & from Carron to London –

£800 Prem: 3 Gui ^s PC ^t	25.4
Policy	<u>.7</u>
Policy signed 22 May 1779	£25.11

Source: Cover sheet title: “*M^r Anderson with Insurance of Scotch Clothing Rec^d 24th May 1779. With Copy
accoutrements Coll Sent from America London 22^d May ...*” in the Lord John Murray Papers, Item B 5/2/51.

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd
Regt. Regarding Plaids, Private Debts and Certificate for Lt. Harry Gilchrist’s Widow,
London, May 27, 1779**

London 27th May 1779

My Lord

I have the honor of Your Lordships favor of the 25th Covering Copy of Pat^k Campbells
Invoice of Plaids Hose & Bonnetts p^r the Glasgow amounting to in all £778..7..4 Stⁿ

The Ship is arrived safe but if she had been lost or taken it would have required £800 at
least to have Covered the Invoice premium & Charges, so there was not too much Insured

M^r Andrews has just delivered me the Inclosed Copy of a Letter from M^r Hill to him
about the debt due to M^r Winters Ex^{rs} which I hope Your Lordship, and M^r Manley will be able to
settle at last to their Satisfaction.

I must for my own part beg leave to decline any further Securitys or engage in costs for
private Debts, on any Consideration whatsoever.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect My Lord

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

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Alex^r Anderson

P.S. Your Lordship has inclosed a Certificate to M^{rs} Gilchrist widow of the Late Lieu^t Harry
Gilchrist in Your Lordships Regiment for you to Sign which we shall also on its being return’d to
intitle her to receive the Pension.

Source: Cover sheet title: “*M^r Alex^r Anderson inclosing M^{rs} Gilchrists Certificate & M^r Hills paper not
further Securities of Engagement for private debts London 27th May 1779*” in the Lord John Murray Papers,
Item B 5/2/52

**Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Clothing for Additional Company at
Newfoundland and Ens. John Oswald’s Commission, London, June 3, 1779**

London 27th May 1779

My Lord

I have the honor of Y^r Lordships favor Covering Letters for the Battⁿ in America which were forwarded by last Nights Mail.

I shall deliver the Letter to M^r M^cpherson with a blank printed discharge & the Directions Your Lordship desires about the old Serjeant.

I have wrote to Co^l [Thomas] Stirling to send a Certificate of the loss of the Camp Equipages by fire at New York, when application can be [illegible] about it at the War Office also about the Cartridge boxes which were all got from the Tower originally.

Ensign John Oswald is arrived here, but there is no ship for Newfoundland for him to go in or to send the Hose & Bonnetts from Scotland by, I am looking out for one but am afraid I may not cast up this Season, as Government sends none but in Spring & that Transport with the other Clothing of last years is gone. If a Ship can be found the Letter for L^t John Grant shall go with her, unless Your Lordship after seeing [retired Brevet Lt.] Co^l [William] Grant; should think it better he should remain with the Detachment at Newfoundland and Ensign John Oswald go to New York.

please turn

I observe what Your Lordship says ab^t Insurance but in case of having no advice in time to advise Your Lordship as was the Case with the last Plaids &c from Carron, and had the Ship been taken or lost who would have paid the £800, certainly Y^r Lordship's finances are in no Situation to do it, therefore it would be needless to run such Risque.

I have the Honor to be always My Lord

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

Alex^r Anderson

P.S. Inclosed is M^r Hills Letter Y^r Losp. Wanted.

Right Hon^{ble} Gen^l Lord John Murray

Source: Cover sheet title: "M^r Alex^r Anderson June 3^d 1779 ...9th june only about Ensign J. Oswald inclosing a letter for him & in it to L^t j. Grant not having time. My Madness to run the risqué of not insuring cloathing" in the Lord John Murray Papers, Item B 5/2/54.



Reproduction Cartridge Box and Straps

Picture Source: Curtesy of the website of the 62nd Regiment of Foot at <http://www.62ndregiment.org/index.htm>

Request from Anderson & Richardson, Regimental Agents to the 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson for Warrant to Replace Lost Cartridge Boxes and Drums,

Lothbury, Oct. 12, 1779

Lothbury 12th October 1779

Sirs

We beg the favour of a Letter to the Secretary of States Office, for a Warrant for Three Hundred & Eighty Six Cartouch Boxes & four Drums with Sticks & Cases to replace the like Number lost on Service against the Rebels in America by the 42nd. (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray, as per Certificate & Estimate produced, at Your office but deducted from the other Accoutrements lost (for which a Warrant has been granted) as being ordnance Stores. We have the honor to be

Sirs

Your most Obed^t & most humble

Servants

Anderson & Richardson

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: A-D, 1779* at WO 1/1002 p. 135.

**Parliament Payments to the Regimental Agent and Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col. 42nd Regt. for Reimbursements, London, Feb. 14, 1778 and May 4, 1779**

1778. Feb. 14...To Mess. Anderson and Co to enable them to re-imburse [the non-commissioned officers and private men] of the 42d regiment of foot, the stoppages made for [the surgeons and paymasters allowances] from [25th June 1777 to 24th December following] 165 7 0 [p. 209]

1779...May 4...To Lord John Murray, for [providing divers camp necessaries] for the 42d [regiment of foot] 324 17 6

June 17. To Lord John Murray, for do. for the 42d do 213 10 0...Aug. 17...

Source: *Parliamentary Register: or, History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons*; Vol. XI; Great Britain Parliament, London, 1802.

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

War Office 17th May 1780

Sir,

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

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

I am Sir &c

_____ Anderson Esq^r

C. Jenkinson

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

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

**Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to 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 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 WO4/110, p 349.

**Orders from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Regimental Agents Anderson &
Richardson to Notify Officers on Leave to Return to America, Jan. 2, 1781**

W. O. 2^d Jan^y 1781

Gentlemen,

Gen^l S^r H [Henry] Clinton having represented that a Number of Officers belonging to the Reg^{ts} under his Command and at present in Great Britain or Scotland having had his leave of Absence, the term of which have in General expired, and Sir Henry having desired that the said Officers may be all ordered to return to their Duty as the Service requires their immediate attendance in America, I am to desire You will without delay write to all the Off^s. of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot who have had leaves of Absence from Sir Henry Clinton, acquainting them, It is H. M. P. [His Majesty's Pleasure] that they do take the earliest Opportunity to join their Reg^{ts} unless they the leave granted by the Gen^l has been since extended by His Majesty.

I am &c

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson

C: Jenkinson

Like Lt^s of the same date to the following Agents...

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Nov. 1780-Mar. 1781* at WO 4/112, p. 179 (f. 88).

**Note from 42nd Regt. Agent Alexander Anderson to Leonard Morse, War Office,
Regarding Sickness of Lt. Robert Franklin, 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 4, 1781**

M^r. Anderson presents his Compliments to M^r. Morse and begs to acquaint him that Lieutenant [Robert] Franklin of the 42^d. Regiment is at Cork in Ireland in a very bad State of health –

Princes Street
Lothbury 4 Janry 1781.

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Miscellaneous letters to Lord Amherst, Jan. 1781* at WO 34/171, f. 71. Lt. Franklin had been granted leave from America to recover from his illness. He returned to America later that year.

Parliament Record of Levy Money for 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 7, 1781

DEBATES....	£	s.	d.
1781			
Jan. 7. To Lord John Murray, for levy money for additional to the [2 nd Bn.] 42d regiment of foot	446	15	0

Source and Note: *The Parliamentary Register: or History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons...Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of Great Britain*, Vol. VII, Printed for J. Debrett, London, 1782, Google Books, p. 655. Based on the date of this expenditure it appears to be associated with raising the 2nd battallion rather than one of the additional companies. The 2nd Bn. Additional Company was not raised until 1783 and the 1st Bn.'s in 1783.

Parliament Payment Warrants to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., and Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, for the 42nd Regt., Mar. 5, 1781

DEBATES... March 5 [1781]...

The following Papers were laid before the House.

An Account of Extraordinary Services incurred, and paid by the Right Honourable Richard Rigby, Paymaster of His Majesty's Forces, between 31st January 1780, and the 1st of February 1781, and not provided for by Parliament.

Dates of Warrants...

1780...May...	£.	s.	d.
22d To Lieutenant Robert Franklin, of the 42d regiment of foot, for losses sustained by being taken by a rebel privateer	48	8	0...
1781. Jan... 15. To Mrs. Margaret Gilchrist [wife of deceased Lt. Harry Gilchrist, 42 nd Regt.], in consideration of her husband being killed in North America, the 28th June 1778 –	85	3	4...
1780... Nov. 29 To Lord John Murray, for subsistence of do. [the non-commissioned officers and private men] of the 2d battalion of the 42d regiment of foot, from do.[the respective dates of their attestations] to 21st March 1780 (exclusive) the commencement of their establishment.	1889	19	4...
1780...Feb. 8. To Alexander Anderson, Esq. to enable him to reimburse do. [the non-commissioned officers and private men] of the 42d regiment of foot, the stoppages made for do. [the surgeons and paymasters allowances] from do. [25 June 1779] to do. [24th Dec. following]	165	7	0...
1780...Aug....11. To Alexander Anderson, Esq. to enable him to reimburse [the non-commissioned officers and private men] of the 42d regiment of foot, the stoppages made for [the surgeons' and paymasters' allowances] from [December 25, 1779 to June 24, 1780]	165	7	0...
1780...Aug... 23. To Lord John Murray, for do. [divers camp necessities] provided for the 42d do.[regiment of foot]	311	16	0...
1780... Nov. 23. To Lord John Murray, in lieu of 122ds do. [nett off-reckonings]of			

the 2d battalion of the 42d do.[regiment of foot] –

1780...Dec.8. To Mrs. Grizie Graham, in consideration of losses sustained by her late husband, Captain John Graham of the 71st regiment of foot [former Lt., 42nd Regt.]

526 9 0...

49 0 0...

Bank of England, March 14, 1781

A LIST OF PERSONS who subscribed to the LOAN of 12,000,000, made in this SESSION of PARLIAMENT, specifying the Sums subscribed to each person...

Anderson and Richardson [agents to the 42nd Regt.] 2000...

Source: *Parliamentary Register; or History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons...First Session of the Fifteenth Parliament*, Vol. II, Printed for J. Debrett, London, 1781, Google Books, pp. 119, 133, 145, 147, 164, 169, 177 and 256.

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

House of Commons Votes Sum to Make up Pay Deficiency for 1st and 2nd Battalions, 42nd Regt., London, May 1, 1781

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES...

May 1.

The House agreed with the committee of supply ...

That a sum not exceeding 1,170 l [£]. 16s. 4d. be granted to his Majesty, to make good a deficiency on the sums voted in the last session of Parliament, for defraying the pay of the two battalions of Lord John Murray's regiment of foot, for the year 1780.

Source and Note: *The Parliamentary Register; or History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons...First Session of the Fifteenth Parliament*, Vol. III, Printed for J. Debrett, London, 1782, Google Books, pp. 196-197. The 2nd battalion did not serve in the American war. It sailed in early 1781 for South Africa and India.

Statute Passed for Deficiency of Payment of 42nd Regt., London, Oct. 31, 1780

THE STATUTES at Large, &c.

Anno Regni GEORGII III. Vicesimo Primo.

AT the Parliament and holden at *Westminster*, the thirty-first Day of *October*, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty, in the twenty-first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord

GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c...

CAP. LVII.

An Act for granting to his Majesty a certain Sum of Money out of the Sinking Fund... 8, 452*l* 4*s*. 8*d* to make good the Deficiency of Pay of the said additional Companies [Militia in *South Britain*], for 1780; 1,107*l*. 16*s*. 4*d* to make good a Deficiency for paying Lord John Murray's Regiment of Foot...

Source: *The Statutes at Large, From the Twentieth Year of the Reign of KING GEORGE the THIRD To the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of KING GEORGE the THIRD, inclusive*, Vol. the Fourteenth, Printed by Charles Eyre and the Executors of William Strahan, Printers to the King's most Excellency Majesty, London, 1786, Google Books, pp. 95-96.

Parliament Payment Warrants to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., and Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, for the 42nd Regt., London, Apr. 8, 1782

DEBATES...

An Account of Extraordinary Services incurred and paid by the Right Hon. Richard Rigby, Paymaster-general of his Majesty's Forces, between the 31st of January 1781, and the 1st of February 1782, and not provided for by Parliament.

Dates of Warrants

1781...		£.	s.	d.
Jan. 7	To Lord John Murray, for levy money for additional to the 42d regiment of foot	446	5	0
Mar...8	To Alexander Anderson, Esq. to enable him to reimburse ditto [the non-commissioned officers and private men] of the 42d regiment of foot, the stoppages made for ditto [the surgeon and paymaster's allowances], from 21st March to 24th December 1780	126	9	6
Aug...15...	To Alexander Anderson, Esq. to enable him to reimburse ditto [the non-commissioned officers and private men] of the 42d regiment of foot, the stoppages made for ditto [the surgeon and paymaster's allowances] from ditto [25th December 1780] to ditto [24th of June 1781]	231	3	5
Apr...30...	To Alexander Anderson, Esq. for the expense of bringing the 2d battalion of the 42d regiment of foot, by sea, from Leith to Gravesend	317	10	11

Source: *Parliamentary Register; or History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons...*, Vol. VII, Printed for J. Debrett, London, 1782, Google Books, pp. 628, 655, 656, 657, and 679.



Detail of Thomas Townshend, "*Lord Viscount Sydney*," 1785, by Gilbert Stuart

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Letter from Secretary at War Thomas Townshend to Capt. John Grant, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Regarding Expenses Claimed While Commanding Detachment at Newfoundland, With Copy of Letter to Regimental Agent, London, June 24, 1782

WO 24 June 1782

Sir,

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

See Folio
21.

I am Sir &^c

Captⁿ Grant
42^d Foot

T. Townshend

[Letter from Secretary at War to Regimental Agent]

War Office 24th June 1782

Sir,

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

Article 1st

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

Article 2^d

Extraordinary expences in drawing for Subs^{ce} cannot be allowed, a distinct charge for the premium of Bills being made in the sixth Article; but the actual expence for Stationary may be admitted in the Contingent Bill, as may

likewise the 4th & 5th Articles for Rent of a Regimental Hospital & or the Pay of a Nurse.

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

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

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

I am Sir &c

Alex^r Anderson Esq^r:

Tho Townshend

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

1	To paid repair of Arms & Money lost by Men who died & deserted in debt during the above time	} 136..15 -
2	To paid Extraord ^y Expences in drawing for the Subsistence of the detachment & Stationary & d ^o	} 54. 8. 5
3	To paid the Surgeon at the rate of one half penny per Man same time	} 47.. 9. 2 ½
4	To p ^d Rent for a Regimental Hospital for the Years 1780 & 1781 at £10 p Annum there being no place in Newfoundland appropriate for that purpose	} 20. 0. 0
5	To p ^d a Nurse for taking care of the Sick in Hospital from 25 June 1778 to 24 Dec ^r 1781 at 6 ^d p Day	} 22. 17. -
6	To p ^d a premium of 5 PC ^r for Bills drawn to Subsist the to the Amount of £2721. 15. 6 as p Account already given in	} <u>136. 1. -</u>
		£417. 10. 7 ½

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

John Grant

London 21 Mar 1782

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



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

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

Princes Street Lothbury 2^d Augst: 1782

Sir

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

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

Cap ⁿ . John MacGregor now ill at Inverness in Scotland	}	£	s	d
for 365 days from the 25 June 1781 to 24 June 1782 at 7/6 p ^r day	}	136:	17:	6
Ensign William White from D ^o . to D ^o . at 3/ p ^r Day	-	54:	15:	-
Ensign Rob ^t Robertson - - from D ^o . to D ^o . at 3/ p ^r Day	-	54:	15:	-
and Lieu ^t . Alex ^r MacGregor from the detachment	}			
at Newfoundland, from the 24 th June 1781 to the	}	32:	—	6
24 th Dec ^r 1781 (he then Commencing Lieu ^t . to the	}			
Additional Company Established the 25 th Dec ^r , 1781)	}			
183 Days Subsce at 3/6	}			
		<hr/>		
		£278:	8	

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

P.S. En^s Rob^t Robertson is going out to join the Battalⁿ, with the present Fleet for India
Captⁿ MacGregor & Ensⁿ White have the Kings leave of Absence
y^r &ca A A

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

R^t. Honb^{le} Sir Geo Yonge Bar^t

Secretary at War & &ca

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

Parliament Payment Warrants to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., and Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, for the 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 23, 1783 and Feb. 14, 1783

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES...

A farther and final Account of the Extraordinary Services incurred, and paid by the Right Honourable Richard Rigby, late Paymaster-general of his Majesty's Forces, between the 31st of January, 1782, and the 25th of March following, and from that Period to the 6th of December, 1782, inclusive, and not provided for by Parliament, with the Dates of Warrants ...

A. 1783

March 2. To Alexander Anderson Esq. to enable him to reimburse ditto [the non-commissioned officers and private men] of the 1st battalion of the 42^d regiment of foot, the stoppages made for ditto [the surgeon and paymaster's allowances] , from June 25, 1781, to Dec. 24, following

£. s. d.
137 10 8...
Geo. Yonge

War-Office, Jan. 23, 1783

An Account of Extraordinary Services incurred, and paid by the Right Honourable Edmund Burke, late Paymaster-general of his Majesty's Forces, between April 9, 1782, and Nov. 9 following, and not provided for by parliament. – With the dates of Warrants...

A. 1783

Sec. at War's Letter. May 28, To Mr. Anderson, on Account of subsistence of the 2^d battalion of the 42^d regiment of foot, for the year 1782, serving in the East Indies

300 0 0

June 7, To Mr. Anderson, on account of subsistence of the 2^d battalion of the 42^d regiment of foot, for the year 1782, serving in the East Indies

400 0 0

Aug. 20. To ditto, on account of 61 days subsistence of ditto of ditto battalion, to June 24, 1782, serving in the East Indies

41 3 6

Sec. at War's Letter – Nov. 8. To ditto, on account of 122 days ditto of a detachment of ditto battalion, to Aug. 24, 1782

163 13 8

War-Office, January 23, 1783

Geo. Yonge

An Account of Extraordinary Services incurred, and paid by the Right Honourable Isaac Barre, Paymaster-general of his Majesty's Forces, between July 31, 1782, and February 1, 1783, and not provided for by Parliament. – With the dates of Warrants...

Jan. 17, 1783. . To Alexander Anderson Esq. to enable him to reimburse the non-commissioned officers and private men of the 1st battalion of the 42^d regiment of foot, and of one additional company of the 2^d battalion of the said regiment, the stoppages made for ditto [the surgeon and paymaster's allowances], from ditto to ditto [Dec. 25, 1781, to June 24, 1782]

148 8 8...

Aug. 14, 1782. To Lord J. Murray, in lieu of 50 days nett offreckonings of an additional company to the 2^d battalion of 42^d regiment of foot

37 11 11...

Date of treasury letter, Oct. 11, 1782. To Mr. Anderson, on account of
subsistence of the 2d battalion of the 42d regiment of foot, to 24th Dec. 1781,
serving in the East Indies
War-Office, Feb. 14, 1783

2380 0 0
Geo. Yonge...

Source: *Parliamentary Register; or History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of
Commons...Third Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of Great Britain, VOL. X*, Printed for J. Debrett,
London, 1783, Google Books, pp. 421, 431, 442, 443, 455 and 462.