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

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Appendix K: 42nd Regt. Arms and Uniform Accounts

Enclosure: 1 “*English Cloathing*” and Administration

Introduction

In a Mar. 13, 1777 letter to the Colonel of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regt., in the *Lord John Murray Papers*, Maj. William Murray wrote “*My Lord...The English Cloathing arrived Safe, and every Method is taken to keep the men warm and Comfortable.*” Maj. Murray was writing about the items in the annual uniform distribution, obtained by the Regimental Agent in England, which were largely consistent with the uniforms worn by the English regiments, and differentiate from the Highland clothing obtained by the Colonel in Scotland.

This Enclosure collects known original documents applicable to the 42nd Highlanders which help to describe the uniform worn by the regiment in the American War for Independence from 1775 to 1783. Because a complete description of the “*English Clothing*” is not available from existing regimental

records, appropriate records from the army as a whole and some individual regiments are provided to fill in the blanks in the regimental record.

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Documents



Detail of Portrait of Queen Anne, 1705, by Michael Dahl

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Description of Army Clothing Process in the Testimony of Robert Quarme, Chief Clerk in the Office of the Controller of Army Accounts to the Auditors of the Office of Accounts, Feb. 7 and 11, 1783, With Excerpts of Clothing Instructions Issued by Queen Anne, London, Jan. 14, 1708

The EXAMINATION of *Robert Quarme*, Esquire; taken upon Oath,
7th and 10th of *February 1783*.

THIS Examinant saith, That he is Chief Clerk in the Office of Controller of the Army Accounts in that Branch that relates to the Clothing of the Army; a Branch independent of the Controller. This Business is conducted by General Officers, a Secretary, and Two Clerks; they are governed by Instructions issued in the Sixth Year of the Reign of *Queen Anne*, confirmed by the succeeding Kings.

The First Notice to the Office every Year relative to the Clothing is from the Judge Advocate. About the End of the Year he sends a Letter to the Secretary, acquainting him, that the Board of General Officers have that Day chosen the General Officers therein named, to be the Board for inspecting and regulating the Clothing of the Army for the ensuing Year, commencing the 9th of *November*; and that they have appointed a certain Day for their Meeting: Notice of this Meeting is sent from the Office to everyone of these General Officers, and to every Colonel of a Regiment. The Number of General Officers appointed is uncertain, but Three of them form a Board. Upon the Day of the Meeting, the Clothiers attend, and produce Patterns of the several Species of Clothing: They are inspected and examined by the Board, as to their Quality only; and if approved they are sealed by Three of the Board, and with the Office Seal, and taken away by the Clothiers. The Board agree amongst themselves to review the Clothing of all the Regiments after they are made up, no One reviewing the Clothing of his own Regiment. When the Clothing is ready, the Clothier applies to the Office for a Letter to the General who is appointed to view

his Clothing, to acquaint him that the Clothing is ready for his Inspection. After such Inspection, the Clothier brings to the Office a Certificate, under the Hand of the General who viewed the Clothing, that he had found the same agreeable to the sealed Patterns: He brings at the same Time the Colonel's Assignment; to this Assignment the Clothing Board add their Certificate, directed to the Paymaster General, that the Clothing has been viewed and approved, and desiring him to pay the Sum mentioned in the Assignment; the Certificate and Assignment being entered in the Office, are delivered to the Assignee. The General Officers have no Allowance for this Service.

The Patterns for the Clothing of the Invalids are not examined by the Clothing Board but by the Controllers of the Army Accounts, the Clothing is likewise viewed by them or their Officers, and they certify their Approbation to the Treasury,

Rob^t Quarme

*T Anguish,
Sam^l Beachcroft,
Geo. Drummond.*

[Excerpts of Clothing Instructions Issued by Queen Anne, Jan. 14, 1708]

ANNE R...

6thly, That each Regiment of Horse, Dragoons, and Foot be clothed for the complete Numbers on the Establishment within Nine Men a Troop, and Seven Men a Company, which are allowed for Servants and Contingencies; and that each Trooper, Dragoon, and Foot Soldier, be provided with the following Clothing, viz.

For this next Campaign 1708. ____ For the Second Year...

A Foot Soldier.

A good full bodied Cloth Coat, well lined,	{ A good Cloth Coat well lined, as
which may serve for the waistcoat for the	{ the First Year,
Second Year,	{ A Waistcoat made of the former
A Waistcoat,	{ Year's Coat,
A Pair of good Kersey Breeches,	{ A Pair of strong Kersey new
A Pair of good strong Stockings,	{ Breeches,
A Pair of good strong Shoes,	{ A Pair of good strong Stockings,
Two good Shirts and Two Neckcloths,	{ A Pair of good strong Shoes,
A good strong Hat well laced.	{ A good Shirt and Neckcloth,
	{ A good strong Hat well laced.

It is to be understood that the new Waistcoat in the First Year is only to be given to Regiments new raised, and to recruits, who are likewise to be furnished with Two Pairs of Stockings; that the Accoutrements, viz. Sword Belts, Cartouch Boxes, and Drum Carriages, shall be provided out of the Off-reckonings, and such as are lost in Action, or worn out, shall be replaced by the Colonels, and such as are lost or spoiled by the Negligence of the Captain or Soldier, shall be replaced by the Captain.

7thly, That the Serjeants, Corporals and Drums, Trumpeters and Hautbois [oboeists], be clothed in the same Manner as the Soldiers, but every Thing to be better in its Kind in Proportion to their Off-reckonings...

Given at our Court at *Kensington* this 14th Day of *January* 1707-8, in the Sixth Year of Our Reign

By Her Majesty's Command

H. S^t. John

Controller's Office, Horse Guards, 13th February, 1783,

This is a true Copy, taken from the General Officers Book of Entries, N^o I.
Rob^t Quarme.

Source: "Appendix to the Ninth Report. N^o. 10 [and] N^o 11" in *The Reports of the Commissioners Appointed to Examine, Take, and State the Public Accounts of the Kingdom, Presented to His Majesty, and to Both Houses of Parliament*, Vol. 2, by John Lane, Sec. to the Commissioners, Printed by His Majesty's Printers, London, 1785, Google Books, pp. 265-269.



John Lindsay, 20th Earl of Crawford, (1st Col. 43rd or Highland Regt. 1739-1740), 1753 by Thomas Worlidge

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from the U.K. *Nat. Portrait Gallery*.

**Order from Secretary at War William Yonge, to Col. John Lindsay, Earl of Crawford,
43rd or Highland Regt., to Prepare Clothing for the Regiment, London, Jan. 27, 1740**

War Office, 27th January 1739/40.

My Lord,

I am commanded by His Majesty [King George II] to signify to your Lordship It is His Pleasure that you annually produce Patterns of Cloathing for your Regiment on the First day of January and show the same at Edinburgh to the officer for the time being commanding His Forces in North Britain [Scotland], and when the same is approved of by him then to take care that the whole Regimental Cloathing be prepared so as to be put on the Men's backs yearly on the 11th of June being the Day of His Majesty's Accession to the Crown and the Day on which All His Foot Forces are cloathed. I am,
My Lord.

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant.

Will. Yonge

P.S. The producing your Patterns this year having been delayed for His Maj^{ty}'s Approbation of the Species, you are to prepare a Pattern as soon as possible to be laid before the Commander in Chief as above directed for his Approbation as to the Goodness.

Earl of Crawford.

Source: *The Black Watch Tartan*, H. D. MacWilliams, F.S.A. Scot., Northern Chronicle Office, Inverness, 1932, p. 35.



42nd Regt. Grenadier, c. 1751, by David Morier

Picture Source: Royal Collection (from britishempire.co.uk)

**Letter from Maj. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Lt. Col.
Francis Grant, 42nd Regt., With Clothing Invoice, London, June 11, 1757**

Copy of Letter to L^t. Co^l [Francis] Grant in North America.
Sent by Paquet &ca. duplicate by L^t. Co^l. [Hon. Archibald] Montgomery [77th Highland Regt.]
Invoice of Three packs and three Casks Containing Tartan Bonnets & Shoes for 42^d or Highland Reg^t.
Pack N^o. 1 q^t. [quantity] 1019 Bonnets for private Men
41 D^o. for Serjeants
39 D^o. for Officers
2 & 3 q^t. 1528 ½ y^{ds}. Tartan for private Mens Hoose
61 ½ D^o. for 40 Serjeants & Drum Major
58 ½ D^o. for 39 Officers
Cask N^o. 4 q^t. 318 pairs Shoes weg [weigh] Gross 513^{lib}. Tare [packaging] 110^{lib}. Nett 403^{lib}
5 400 D^o. 629 D^o. 120 D^o. 509
6 342 D^o. 611 D^o. 124 D^o. 487

Dear S^r.

London June 11th. 1757

I Send you the envoyce of Tartan &^c. they were all ready by the Month of March last, but it was thought the bast way was to send it with L^t. Colonel [Hon. Archibald] Montgomeries Cloathing for which [77th Highland] Reg^t. M^r. [John] Calcraft is agent, and it was Accordingly Sent with them from Glasgow to Dublin from thence by land to Cork, but has not heard if his Reg^t. & L^t. Co^l. [Simon] Frazer [78th Highland Regt.] are imbarked their. I am Extremely sorry to think the [42nd] Reg^t. will be so much in want till that sent by the transports with Admiral [Francis] Hoborne Arrives which was detained so long here. I should think it might be proper to have the same Quantity of Tartan & Shoes bespoke in order to be sent to the Reg^t. before next Winter & to be paid by the Pay master & Stopped from the different Companys which would be a means that they would not be in Want any More. and I shall take care what to provide is always ready by the time but very uncertain how it can be sent and at what time it will Arive. if you and the other Officers think this is proper to be done lett me know it, and I shall bespeak and M^r. Calcraft to pay it & place it to the payMaster to be deducted from the Men in their Winter Quarters as I suppose other Reg^{ts}. will make much Stopages [in binding] Stokings Shoes &^c. then this Amount to and [in binding] once doing it will keep the Reg^t. pretty well provided for the future; lett me now how you like the Shoes [in binding] what are their prices in America. I am much surprized I have not had any letter from you Since that dated Nov^r. 2^d. since which I have wrote you two or three the last dated May 14th. and by the same pacquet to Major [Duncan] Campbell, Cap^t. Gordon Grame of same Date. I am ^ in hopes you'll be more puntuall in time coming, and desire that you or Major Campbell will keep a jurnall of every days march & all Extraordinary that happen, and send them to me by any opportunity to Glasgow directed to the care of M^r. Craigei Merch^t their, for you may be sure I am Extremely Anxious to know how you all are which will be also a great satisfaction to the Officers Friends that I can Acquaint them of their Welfare. I Most heartily Wish you much Success and am persuaded the Corps will Distinguish themselves as they ^ have always hitherto

And Please make my Compliments to them... Please offer my most humble Service to [North American Commander-on-Chief Gen. John Campbell] the earl of Loudoun & my best wishes for Success. I hope you'l recommend to his L^d.p [Lordship] when an opportunity offer those Gentlemen who went over with Major Campbell according to their merit, please send me a list of their Names and if any are provided [in binding] I wrote Major Campbell to send me the Neams [names] discription of those deserted before he left Scotland. I am persuaded you'l order all the care possible be taken of Arms Accoutruments and Clothing that the Commanding officer of each Company [on binding] that the Mens hoose are cut out before delivered to them. I hope to hear from you as often as you conveniently, and sometimes from the Major two Captains Grames Cap^t. Reid or any other of Officers, that I may get a letter from on or other [on binding] every opportunity, I am Dear S^r.

Your Most Obed^t Humble Serv^t.

[John Murray]

Coats Sent by [Brice] Fisher & [Nicholas] Pearse
on Board the Transports with Admiral [Francis] Holburne
To – 897 Centinels Coats
100 Grenadiers D^o.
39 Serjeants
1 Serj^t. D^o. Major
19 Drummers D^o _
4 Pipers D^o _
1 Drum Major D^o _
40 Corporals Knotts
20^h. red thread 8^h. white 400 needles 40 Thimbles
NB. 4 Pipers Caps with red Feathers sent with this Cloathing

NB. 4 pipers Knots orderd to be Sent.

NB A Copy of this sent to the L^t. Co^l. & Quarter Master on the back of the Invoice of Tartan. –

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 letters and regimental orders concerning the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment (1756-7), pp. 11-14.



Detail of Print of *Elizabeth Bride*; *John Calcraft the Elder*, circa 1760-70s.

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

Letter from Maj. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Lt. John Graham, Quartermaster, 42nd Regt., with Details of Regimental Clothing, London, June 11, 1757

Copy Letter Sent to L^t. John Graham Q^r. M^r. to the 42^d. or Highland Reg^t. in North America, Sent in Same way with L^t. Co^l.

Invoice of Three packs and three Casks Containing Tartan Bonnets & Shoes for 42^d. or Highland Reg^t.

Pack N ^o . 1 q ^t . [quantity]	1019 Bonnets for private Men			
	41 D ^o . for Serjeants			
	39 D ^o . for Officers			
2 & 3 q ^t .	1528 ½ y ^{ds} . Tartan for private Mens hoose			
	61 ½ D ^o . for 40 Serjeants & Drum Major			
	58 ½ D ^o . for 39 Officers			
Cask N ^o . 4 q ^t .	318 pairs Shoes	weg [weigh]	Gross 513 ^{lib} .	Tare [packaging] 110 ^{lib} . Nett 403 ^{lib}
5 –	400 D ^o .		629 D ^o .	120 D ^o . 509
6 –	342 D ^o .		611 D ^o .	124 D ^o . 487
	1060 pairs of Shoes			1399

S^r.

London June 11th. 1757

Inclosed is the particulars of the Cloathing sent from Glasgow to Dublin & thence to Cork [Ireland] with the L^t. Co^l. [Hon. Archibald] Montgomeries Cloathing but have not heard if his [77th] Reg^t. of Highlanders & L^t. Colonel [Simon] Frazers [78th Highland Regt.] are imbarked at Cork, This cargo was ready in March, but it was thought the readiest Method of sending them, which I am afraid will be a long time, & am very ^{much} Concerned that the Men must be in so great want before the Transports Arrive with the Admiral [Francis] Holbourn, which has the Cloathing & Shoes due last Christmas but was detained in Scotland a considerable time for want of Convoy, & afterwards here by contrary winds, I have proposed to L^t. Co^l. [Francis] Grant that the Same Quantity of Hoose & Shoes Should be sent over before the next Winter and to be Stopped from the Men in their Winter Quarters and paid by [Regimental Agent] M^r. [John] Calcraft to be charged to the Pay master for that purpose. This will be a means of their being so far

in Advan [in binding] of those things, that they wont be so much in want in case what is Afterwards sent them dies not Arrive in proper time, which I am [in binding] provide; however I shall take care that they are made in Scotland time enough to Arrive before doe [due] barring Accidents but the Lieu^t. Colonel & Officers will be best judges whither this is proper or not. & Shall not order it till I am advised of it by the Commanding Officer lett me know if those particulars and that sent comes safe, & if equally good. & if the Shoes are fully as good as any other Reg^t. by those I have compare'd they seem better & if [in binding] are of proper Sizes. I am persuaded you'l take all the care possible of what is under your Charge, & that the hooose are cut in pairs before they are delivered to the Men. I shall for the Future order some yards more to be sent in case of Accidents but I am assured they are all the full Measure, The hooose & Bonnets for the Officers are to be paid by them, of which I have given The Acc^t. to M^r. Calcraft as remitted to me, I belive it will be proper the same Quantity for them is sent always with the Cloathing due the month of June. as I wrote L^t. Colonel [Francis Grant] & Major [Duncan] Campbell the 14th. of May last, thought it unnassary to write you but has Rec^d. both your letters & Shall Expect the pleasure of hearing oftener Directed to the care of M^r. Craigie Merch^t. in Glasgow, if any Ships are going their or to M^r. Calcrafts care if they go by the pacquet. I wish you all a Successful Campaigne, which I [^] shall long much to hear & am S^r.

your Most humble Serv^t.
[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 letters and regimental orders concerning the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment (1756-7), pp. 15-17. Adm. Francis Holburne's convoy with Cols. Montgomery and Fraser's regiments sailed from Cork, Ireland on June 30, 1757.



Reproduction 46-inch Barrel, 0.75-Caliber, Long Land Pattern Firelock with Wooden Ramrod, circa 1746

Picture Source: Courtesy of *Track of the Wolf* at trackofthewolf.com

Arms and Clothing Listing for the Seven New Companies Forming the 2nd Battalion, 42nd or Royal Highland Regt., July 8, 1758

Arms for the 2^d. Batt. of the Royal Highland Reg^t. – 8 July 1758.

728 Wooden Ramrods
728 Firelocks and Bayonets
756 Side pistols and Straps
728 Cartouch Boxes & Straps
28 Halberts
14 Drums

NB. Buff Slings for the Firelock, & Buff Slings for the Drummers to be bespoke [ordered]

From M^r. Trotter officers Tents and Camp Neccessaries for 7 Companys. Also Camp Neccessaries for the three companys last year, which was neglected.

Buckles Shoe & Stock about 10 ½ for the men from M^r. Pincheback Pall Mall

2 Combs in a case at 7 ½ from D^o. for the Men

NB. Garters, & Black cockades, & one pair more hooose to be bespoke; paid by Stoppage

Officers Fuzies [^]& Bayonets from M^r Barbar Dover S... [in binding] also Cartridge boxes.

Sword & Shoulder Belts to be bespoke in [in binding] and by Cap^l. Arch^d. Campbell.

Bonnets plaids & hooose for the Officers from M^r. W^m Sandeman

Officers to provide themselves with Crimson Silk Sashes. a return to be given [in binding]

2 Collours for the Second Battalion bespoke from M^r. William Nicholson in Barbican near Adirgate Street London.

also a Second Collour for the 1st. Batt. & if its necessary a first Collour for D^o.

A Pipers flag for the 1st. Batt.

D^o. for the Second – about £ 7 each.

Granadier Caps bespoke from M^r. H on little Peter Street Westm^r.

Four Officers Embroidered Gold

4 Serj^{ts} – bearskins

4 Corporals

2 Drummers White bearskins

100 privates

one Embroidered Silver Cap. for the Piper of the 1st Batt.

one D^o for the Piper of the Second with a feather to each

Hatchetmen for 7 Companys

7 Hatchets –

7 Saws. – from Grinley in Long Acre

7 Caps for D^o – like the Light troop of Dragoons, with a horse hair red & blue, on the left side

one cap like the other only blue leather for the Corporal.

NB. The 3 Companies had last year had hatchet Caps &c for their Men with them.

Cloath for 39 Officers Reg^{tall} of the 1st. Batt: from M^r. Hawkins about 3 y^{ds}. each

Gold Lace for D^o. – from M^r. Barret & Newton, About 21 y^{ds}. each. 2 ^[illeg.]. 10 pence ready mony 3 ^[illeg.]. trust

Source and Note: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of letters and regimental orders concerning the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment (1756-7), pp. 32-33. Three additional companies had been added to the 1st Battalion in 1758 which would join the seven new companies to form the 2nd Bn.

News Account of Royal Designation for the 42nd or Highland Regt. and Adoption of Blue Facing Color, London, July 18, 1758

Wednesday's Post.

D. LONDON, Tuesday, July 18...

16. We hear that [Lt. Gen.] Lord John Murray's Highland Regiment, which is to be augmented to 2000 Men, is to be made Royal, and their Uniform is to be faced with Blue as the other Royal Regiments are.

Source and Note: *Ipswich Journal*, July 22, 1758, p. 2. Prior to the royal designation the regiment's red uniform jackets were trimmed with buff colored cloth.



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

Picture Source: Tate Gallery, London

**Excerpt of Recruiting Instructions for the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Issued by
Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., London, July 18, 1758**

By the Right Hon^{ble} Lord John Murray Lieutenant General of his Majesty's forces, and Colonel of Majesty's Royal Highland Regiment ...

The officers to take care that each Recruit [in binding] provided with three good Shirts, and one Good [in binding] of hose out of his Bounty Money ...

Given under my hand at London the Eighteenth of July [1758]

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 letters and regimental orders concerning the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment (1756-7), p. 28.

Warrant Awarding Royal Designation to the 42nd or Highland Regt., London, July 22, 1758

George R.

We being desirous to distinguish our Forty Second Regiment of Foot, with some mark of Our Royal favour, Our Will and Pleasure therefore is, and we do hereby direct, that from henceforth Our said regiment be called, and distinguished by the title and name of Our Forty-Second, or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, in all commissions, orders, and writings, that shall hereafter be made out, or issued for and concerning the said regiment. Given at Our Court at Kensington this 22nd day of July 1758, in the thirty-second year of Our reign. By His Majesty's command,

Barrington

Source: "The Black Watch at Ticonderoga," Frederick B. Richards, *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association*, Vol. X, New York Historical Association, 1911, Google Books, p. 391.



Richard Cox, Founder of Cox & Co., by Sir William Beechey

Picture Source: Wikipedia

**42nd Regt. Uniform Notes from Ledgers of Cox & Co., Army Agents,
London, Oct. 24, 1758 – Mar. 16, 1761**

1758, 24 Oct.	Engraving 758 muskets and 28 halberts,	at	6d.
1758, 5 Sept.	Hatchet men's caps, axes and saws,	£12 16s.	4d.
1758, 30 Dec.	Lieut. Ja ^s . Campbell: For a shoulder-belt,	19s.	
	34 pairs of shoes for Recruits,	at 3s.	6d.
	pairs of Privates' hose	7s.	6d.
1759, 14 March.	Making the men's old coats into waistcoats,	£48 19s.	
1759, 14 March	To sundry blacksmiths, for cutting short the arms of the 42 nd Regiment, by Gen. Abercrombie's order,	£48 13s.	
1759, 18 April.	14 drums,	at 21s.	6d.
1759, 1 June.	Joseph Howell, for Grenadiers' caps,	£10 5s.	
	match-cases,	£9 9s.	8d.
1759, 15 June.	2 nd Batt ⁿ . 4 Caps, for the Grenadier Officers,	at 42s.	
1759, 1 Nov.	2 nd Batt ⁿ . Buff slings, for the 7 Companies,	£57 15s.	
1759, 24 Nov.	438 cartouch-boxes,	at 3s.	6d.
	270 sword-belts,	at 3s.	6d.
	cutting 24 firelocks, by Gen. Abercrombie's order, 9 June, 1758,	at 1s.	. 9d. each
1759, 24 Nov.	Paid, in full, bill for 756 pistols, for the 7 companies (2 nd Batt ⁿ .),	£29 9s.	
1759, 19 Dec.	Received, at the Tower, for 1,080 pistols, for 1 st Batt ⁿ .,	£891.	
1760, ____.	2 nd Batt ⁿ . 7 Companies, each consisting of 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Drummers and 100 Privates, with 1 Piper to the Grenadier Company.		
1760; 13 June.	2 nd Batt ⁿ . Lieut. John Murray: To Cap ^t . [Francis] Maclean, for cost of your tent, fuzees, etc.,	£11 8s.	11d.
1760, 30 June.	Ensign [Neil] Maclean, for a set of regimental lace,	£4 7s.	
1760, 8 Aug.	Matt. Feasey, for swords furnished the Officers of the 3 additional Companies (part payment),	£25 1s.	8d.
1760, 2 Sept.	necessaries furnished the Light Infantry Company,	£1 12s.	1d.
	2 nd Batt ⁿ . Officers' fusees,	£106 13s.	8d.

1760, 13 Sept.	1 st Batt ⁿ . 79 bonnets,	at	2s.
1761, 16 March.	Major Gordon Graham: for a suit of laced regimentals,	£8	8s.

Source and Note: "Cox & Co., Army Agents, Uniform items from Their Ledgers," Rev. Percy Sumner, in *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*, Vol. XVII, No. 67, Autumn, 1938, p. 149. Richard Cox was secretary to Field Marshal John, Viscount Ligonier, Colonel of the 1st Guards Regt., when appointed his regimental agent in 1758.



Detail of Native American Leggings from "An Indian War chief completely equipped with a scalp in his hand," c.1751-1758, by Viscount George Townshend

Picture Source: National Portrait Gallery London

Descriptions of Leggings from Capt. John Knox, 43rd Regt., Fort Cumberland, Nova Scotia, Dec. 12, 1758 and May 1759

1758 December 12.

The Colonel is ordered to provide the regiment with flannel under-waistcoats, and Leggers, or Indian stockings; here follows a description of them

Leggers, Leggings, or Indian Splatterdashes, are usually made of frize, or other coarse woolen cloth; they should be at least three quarters of a yard in length; each Leggin about three quarters wide (which is about three by three) then double it, and sew it together from end to end, within four, five or six inches of the outside selvages, fitting this long, narrow bag to the shape of the leg; the flaps to be on the outside, which serve to wrap over the shin, of fore-part of the leg, tied under the knee, and above the ankle, with garters of the same colour; which the legs are preserved from many fatal accidents, that may happen by briars, stumps of trees, or under-wood, &c. in marching through a close wooded country. The army have made an ingenious addition to them, by putting a tongue, or sloped piece before, as there is the lower part of a splatterdash; and a strap fixed to it under the hart of the foot, which fastens under the outside of the ankle with a button. By these improvements they cover the part of the instep below the shoe buckle, and the quarters all round... for my part I think them clumsy, and not at all military; yet I confess they are highly necessary in North America, nevertheless, if they were made without the flap, and to button on the outside of the leg, in like manner as a splatterdash, they would answer full well: but that is a matter of opinion.

1759 May... The rangers have got a new uniform cloathing... a pair of leggins of the same colour with their coat [black], which reach up to the middle of their thighs (without flaps) and, from the calf of the leg downwards, they button like spatterdashes...

Source: *An Historical Journal of the campaigns in North America for 1757, 1758, 1759, and 1760*, Vol. I, by Capt. John Knox, Printed for the Author, London, 1769, pp. 220 and 238.

**"English Cloathing" References in the Order Book of Capt. James Stewart's Company,
42nd Regt., During the French and Indian War, Feb. 21, 1759- Oct. 29, 1761**

New York 21st Feby. 1759.

R.O...

The Commanding Officers of Companys to examine strictly into the state of their mens leggans and chack shirts and to report the same tomorrow at the Orderly-time distinguishing the number of each.

New York 21st Feby. 1759...

Rg^l. Orders...

The Commanding Officers of Companys to provide their men furth with, with cheque shirts to the number returned wanting in each company.

New York 18th March 1759...

Regim^{tle}. Orders...

The Commanding Officers of Companys are desir^d to order of Britches and Legans for the men to be made with all the dispatch possible...

None of the men are upon any account to wire [wear] their new leggans or the others from last year, that were return^d sufficient to serve them for the next campaign. ..

New York 21st March 1759...

Reg^{tle} Orders Evening...

The Regim^t to be out for exercise at 10 o'clock tomorrow with the officers who are to be in plain regimentalls & boots and are for the future to be out every day with the Regim^t when the weather will permit...

New York 22nd March 1759...

Reg^{tle} Orders ..

The Non Commissioned Officers and soldiers are to carrie with them to the field the following things viz—Two white shirts one chack ditto one good spare pair of shoes two pairs of socks one pair of leggans and one pair of short canvas britches.

The Commanding Officers to be answerable that those things are provided and in constant readiness to take the field and that all are sufficient to last the campaign.

New York 3rd April 1759...

R.O...

A return to be given to the Q^r Master imediatly of the number of men in each Comp^y. whow have not rec^d shoes at Fort Edward last June...

New York 9th April 1759

R. Orders

When the Reg^t is under arms the officers are always to be in boots & knee brickets...

The Commanding officers of companies to see that the mens... hair trimmed and dressed according to the pattern shoed to them when we come in to Winter quarters...

Such officers as bespoke cloathse at Halifax may rec^e it from the Qr.Mr. upon paying him for the same & whatever remains uncaull^d for to be desposed off to the best advantage.

The Qr.Mr. will attend at the barracks at 10 o'clock to morrow in order to deliver the Off^{trs} cloathing with what remains of the mens.

New York 24th April 1759

Reg^{tl} Orders.

The Regiment to be under arms at 6 o'clock to be mustered. The officers to be plain Reg^{lls} & boots and the men to be well dressed and clean.

New York 30th April 1759...

The Regim^t to be under arms on Wednesday morning with their Linen britches and leggans and packs tied up properly with their toplines. The officers to be in their leggans also.

Camp at Crown Point 23rd Oct. 1759.

The Waistcoats and leggans not to be made up till further orders and are to be taken care of an to be kept as clean as possible.

Crown Point 5th November 1759...

[RO]

The Commanding Officers of Companies to review the state of mens britches and new britches to be immediately made up taking care that those who are most needful be first provided. x x x x The pattern will be seen with a man of Major [John] Reids Company.

Crown Point 6th November 1759.

R. Orders.

The Non Commisioned Officers & men will be allowed till further orders to do duty in there Kilt over there leggans.

Crown Point 10th November 1759...

As soon as the men return from work they are to kilt their plaids over their leggans and appear as well and in clean dress as possible...

Crown Point 13th November 1759.

R.O.

A return to be given in of the number of britches that are made in each company as also of a pattern waistcoat and leggans as made according to former orders as it is suppose that those who wear most in want in britches are supplied. They may be permitted to wear them at work therefore no man is to go to work with his plaid.

Crown Point 17th November 1759.

As it is found that all the leggans of the men going to the 2nd Battalion, also the waistcoats of such as have received blankets, can now be disposed off in the 1st Battalion, therefore its thought necessary that those of the 2nd Battalion shall be cleared with to the 24th October only. The Capt. stopping which ever may be there due out of the current muster.

Crown Point 22nd November 1759...

As soon as the Regiments arrive in Winter Qrs the new clothing is to be fitted and waistcoats made as fast as possible that the men may be warmly clad during the severity of the Winter, and it is recommended to the Commanding Officers that every man has a warm cloth cap made. ..

Half Way Brook 17th December 1759

And so on at Half Way Brook till

2nd January 1760.

Before the new coats are delivered out to be fitted it will be necessary that a tailor of each company measure the length of each coat also the breadth between the shoulders and to fit every man as near as possible according to his size. If any of the coats are found to be tight under the arm-pit a gore may be put in which every tailor will understand. Nightcapers to be sent for to Albany for such men as are not already provided and have not cloth to make them of.

Orders given out at Fort Edward.

The Commanding Officers of companies to take charge of the mens new clothing, except the shoes... the coats not to be given out to be fitted till the new waistcoats & breeches delivered to the men in the field, are finished, and their old coats and waistcoats mended.

Half Way Brook 4th February 1760.

Gen. Orders given at Fort Edward 31st January 1760.

The mens waistcoats and breeches being now finished, their new coats are to be delivered out and fitted with great exactness. They are to be extremely careful in keeping them and the new waistcoats clean, but to wear them except when at work, for which they are to reserve their old coats, which are to be turned or altered from the shape they are now in. In case it should be found that their present waistcoats will not last out the campaign, when the new coats are all fitted the leggans are to be finished, according to the pattern fixed on at Crown Point. After which the mens old tents to be cut down, washed and made into short drawers. To wear them with their leggans. The men to take the field with 4 shirts each, but if new 3 will be sufficient together together with two pairs of shoes, 3 pairs hose and leggans...two dimity stocks and stock buckle, 2 yards black tape for their hair... with tomlins for their packs before they take the field... The officers of both battalions (it is agreed) are to be uniform in their regimental frocks, which are to be made with a lapel, a collar and a slash cuff, the buttons to be the same as those sent from England for their new lac^d Regimentalls... If any of them should want shoulder belts they will also give orders to have them made together a pair of blue leggans each to be uniform with the mens.

Half Way Brook 30th April 1760 and so on to

Half Way Brook 31st May 1760...

Each officer must take only a small tent, blanket, beaverskin and Portmanteau. They will take no sashes into the field. The Regiments that have gorgets will wear them when on duty.

Half Way Brook 11th June 1760

[RO]

It is Major [John] Reids orders – the tailors at Fort Edward were pay^d one shilling sterling for making the waistcoats and one shilling currency for the other workers and obliged to find thread out of the shilling sterling to make the Regiments waistcoats.

Schenadedy Camp 19th June 1760...

The mens drawers to be mended and reserved for the Battoes service which till on that occasion they are to wear shoes and not leggans. Those who have Little Kilts they wear them when in the battoes.

Camp at Fort Ontario 27th July 1760

The men are to dry their shirts and hose near to the flank and rear of the battalion and not on their tents.

Montreal 20th April 1761.

... black ferantine as last year for the mens hair allowing 1 yard and a quarter of each to every man, as its necessary also that the men be furnished with two white stocks of figured tape... it is to be mentioned in the returns what quantity will be want of these articles. It is however left to the Commanding Officer of Compansy to allow such men as they can depend upon to provide these articles for themselves.

Montreal 27th April 1761.

Reg^{tl} Orders.

The tailors to be employed in altering the mens waistcoats according to the pattern of last year but to make them longer in the body and the button-holes broader in order to correspond the better with the lace on the new clothing. Such men who have spare waistcoats are to have theirs altered first, beginning with the oldest company, afterwards as the season grows warmer the men who have one waistcoat may more

conveniently spare them, as they will be altered in one day. Such men who have no sufficient waistcoats of any kind, must wait till the arrival of the clothing in order to have their old coates converted into waistcoats.

Montreal 13th May 1761.

The Qr.Mr. to deliver out to an officer of each company new clothing consisting of Coats, Plaids, bonnets, shirts, shoes and Hose to complete what is due to the battalion to June next... Such of the Commanding Officers who have no conveniency at their lodgings for stowing the coats and bonnets may, if they chose it, allow these articles to remain in the Store till the coats are fitted. The Grenadier coats to be fitted first, afterwards the other companys according to seniority, and the tailors to work from 7 o'clock in the morning till sunset allowing one hour for dinner. Such days as are not fit for exercise they are to begin their work at 5 o'clock in the morning.

Montreal 3rd June 1761...

Reg^{tl} Orders.

The Battalion intire to be under arms to morrow at 11 o'clock, the men to be in their new clothing, to be powdered and perfectly clean and well dressed; the arms to be as bright as possible and the brass to be well scoured. The old plaids and waistcoats to be given for tomorrow to the centre rank men of each company, and the front rank in particular to be compleated with... the newest waistcoats and that the battalion may appear to the best advantage. It is to be sized without regard of companys placing, the tallest men on the flanks. The Officers to be in their laced regimentals...

Montreal 4th June 1761...

The 1st Battalion of Royal Highlanders to set off to morrow morning for Crown Point... They are to reserve their old coats for work, which they are to put on at the first halting place...

Morning Regim^{tl} Order 12th July 1761

Its recommended to the officers to pack up their baggage immediately reserving only a few shirts and what else may be just necessary upon the march to Albany... the men to be in kelt and their old clothing and to have all their most valuable things packed up this evening which they are to carry on their backs.

Camp at Watsons Ferry 6th August 1761

Reg^{tl} Orders...

As brushes are necessary for the mens clothing, returns to be given in by each company to the Qr.Mr. of the number that will be wanted, allowing at least a brush to every mess, which he will provide at New York...

Camp at Staten Island 17th August 1761...

Reg^{tl} Orders.

As it will contribute to the health of the men while the weather continues hot not to be overloaded with clothes, therefore the Guards and picq^{ts} to mount in their coats only, the men are also to turn out to exercise in their coats only felibeggs, but when not on duty and in camp they are then to be in waistcoats and felibeggs...

Camp at Watsons Ferry 18th Aug. 1761.

R. Orders.

The battalion to be under arms to morrow immediately after reveille, the officers are to join, and the men during the time of exercise to appear in their new coats....

Camp at Watsons Ferry 25th August 1761.

Reg^{tlc} Orders.

The battalion to receive 193 pairs of shoes as their proportion of the donation given by the Society at London, which are to be equally distributed to the different companies in proportion to their strength. A return to be made which is to be given to the Qr.Mr. who will purchase as many more as will complete the drums & rank and file to one pair each, that the cost of the whole to be purchased may be payed by the whole drummers and rank and file of the battalion, by which means the benefit arising from these shoes equalized to each man in the battalion.

Camp at Watsons Ferry 28th August, 1761...

Reg^{tl} Orders.

The battalion to be under arms to morrow at the usual time... Each mess likewise to provide themselves with brushes, and the non-commissioned officers to be answerable that the men brush their clothes and bonnets every morning... Major [John] Reid hopes that the battalion will be completed in the above necessarys by the beginning of next week when he intends to review the different Companys, and expects to find them uniform.

Camp at Watsons Ferry 8th September 1761.

Reg^{tl} Orders.

The Companys to have their slings cleaned immediately to be in readiness for the review if ordered; the officers on the occasion will appear in plain regimentals, kelts and white waistcoats.

Camp on Staten Island 9th September 1761

Reg^{tl} Orders

The men to provide powder for their hair before the review... The regimental barber is to cut the mens hair of an uniform length, allowing ten inches below the tying, eight inches of which to be Qued with ribbon and two inches at the end to be formed in a curl. The non-commissioned officers to take care that the men comply with this order.

Camp at Watsons Ferry 20th September 1761.

Reg^{tl} Orders...

That the battalion may appear to the best advantage at the review... the cleanest coats and waistcoats as far as can be got to fit, to be given to the men of the front rank tomorrow... The men to beat and brush their coats well in the morning. They are to carry ... their brushes for brushing their coats, bonnets and shoes, which the non-commissioned are to see done, how soon the men are allowed to rest themselves in the field: the men to curl their hair and put some powder in it in the evening before they go to bed, which will make it dress more easily in the morning, when it is again to be powdered and qued taking care to week the powder off their ears and necks...

Staten Island 11th October 1761

Reg^{tl} Orders.

Two watch coats to be delivered to each company this day for which the companys are to be accountable.

Reg^{tl} Orders.

The men to be completed as soon as possible in leggans and fellewbeggs sufficient at least for 3 months wear. Each man to have also a pair of good socks which may be made out of old hose or old flannel waistcoats. Such companys as do not chose to provide themselves will give in returns to morrow morning, to the Quarter Master, who will provide these necessarys for them.

Camp on Staten Island 29th October 1761.

Reg^{tl} Orders.

The waistcoat money to be paid immediately to the different companys.

Source and Note: Extracts from the Order books of Capt. James Stewarts Company Royal Highland Regiment, 1759-61, Transcribed by William B. Wilson from originals in The Black Watch Museum, Perth, Scotland, Dec. 23, 1947. Capt. James Stewart was of the Stewarts of Urrard.



Detail of Portrait of Col. Bouquet, 1759, by John Wollaston

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Report of 42nd Regt. Clothing Lost at the Battle of Bushy Run,
26 Miles Southeast of Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania, Aug. 5-6, 1763**

Return of the loss Sustained by the 42^d. or Roy^l. Highland Regim^t. in the action on the 5th. & 6th. August 1763

Articl's	Average			N: Y: Cur ^y .		
	£	S	d	£	S	d
57 plaids a	1	..	..	57	..	..
267 Shirts a	..	12	..	160	4	..
19 Stocks a	..	1	..	..	19	..
114 pairs Shoes a	..	10	..	.57	..	..
59 Knapsacks a	..	3	..	8	17	..
111 pairs hose a	..	1	6	15	16	6
38 pairs Leggins a	..	8	..	12	..	..
12 Kelts a	..	6	..	3	12	..
2 Haversacks a	..	3	..	..	6	..
3 Canteens a	..	3	6	..	10	6
Total	316	5	..

*Allan Campbell Major 42^d
Reg^t*

I certify that in the first action at Edge Hill on the 5th. Instant, I ordered the Troops to drop their Packs to charge the Enemy, and that after the Engagement which lasted till night, I was informed that many of the Packs could not be found

As that loss did not happen by the fault of the men, who are much distressed by it, I humbly recommend the Sufferers to His Excellency the Commander in Chief. Given under my Hand at Fort Pitt the 14th. August 1763

Henry Bouquet Col^l

Source: TNA, War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander –in-Chief: Papers, Correspondence between Commander-in-Chief and Col. H. Bouquet, Dec. 1756-Oct. 1763 at WO 34/40, p. 681, f. 340.

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agent
James Meyrick Regarding Shipping of New Regimental Coats to Dublin, Ireland, Nov. 5, 1767**

Copy Letter to M^r. [James] Meyrick

5th. Nov^r. 1767

I wrote you if the 26th. Last month, Inclosing a list of the cloathing for the Royal Highland Reg^t., desirus you'l lett the cloathier to Send the coats that [in binding] bespoke Some time ago, for the R. H. R. to Dublin, and make application to get a warrant from the Lords of The Treasury, to pass the cloathing duty free at the Port of Dublin, and also the Highland part of the cloathing from the Port of Air & Irvoine [Irvine], I remember Some time ago when the Reg^t. was in Ireland that [in binding] Stress of weather, the Ship was put ashore at a Different Port and the cloathing landed where the warrant did not Mention, and the custom House officer was not willing to give the Cloathing after it had [on binding] Some time, it will be necessary to get the warrant to prevent Such incese it should again happen...

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. 18.

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Lt. Col. Gordon
Graham Regarding Regimental Clothing, Pitnacree Lodge, Near Aberfeldy, Perthshire, Scotland,
Nov. 18, 1767**

Copy to L^tCol^o. [Gordon] Graham

Pitnacree Lodge 18th Nov^r. 1767

S^r.

I wrote you the 26th. last Month inclos'd to M^r. [William] Montgomery [Regimental Agent, Dublin], and one from Cap^t. John Graham, who was then here, and three or four days ago rec^d. yours by Serj^t. Andrew Smith in his way North, dated from Galway [Ireland] the 24th. last Month, and was glad to hear of your safe arrival there...

As pattern Coats are approv'd of by the Board of General officers at London, about the 8th or 9th of this Month, I emagine M^r. Montgomery has them Ready to be Shewen when call'd for, the Same as the Present Cloathing, but if you desire to have any small Alteration, as you mention in your letter, if you lett me know it Shall be Done, provided it's in Time, if not can be done next year. I suppose the Grenadeare capes [caps] can be made as well in Ireland as at London, you'l therefore please send a pattern Cape, such as they Now have, to M^r. Montgomery, to be made at Dublin, unless you think they can be made as well at Galway, I suppose one Bear Skin is sufficient for the Grenader Comp... [in binding]..

Lett me know what Sort of Regimentalls. you propose the Officers should have, and if usefull in Ireland to be Laced; I think the Cheaper for them the better, at least till they are on Dublin Duty.

And lett me know what the other things you have bespoke for them. You know the great Expencc I have been at in Different times, in paying the Men Money for Part of the cloathing Sent to America which was Damaged at Sea, or in the warehouses there But the Men must certainly have their cloathing made up to them in Money, where it is Defficient and am persuaded you'le take care thise Acc^{ts}. are properly made out...

Cap^t. John Graham write me of the 11th. Instant that the highland part of the Cloathing is gone from Sterling to be Embarked at Irvoine [Irvine], and I wrote some time ago to M^r. Meyrick, ~~that the Coats~~ that the coats should be sent from London to Dublin as soon as possible, and send the Treasurys warrant to M^r. Montgomery, for all the cloathing to be duty free in which the officer plaids & hose are Included all which I wrote fully of in My last.

As you know there was a piper Major allowed [in binding] the Establishment, for the Second Battalion, think application should be made to the Lord Lieutenant or his Secretary, to have the Same Allowance, & [in binding] Serj^{ts}. pay for him, and how many Fiffs [Fifes] are allowed...

I believe I wrote you before that I should furnish two pairs of shoes for each man as you thought they could be got as good & cheaper there I paid at Glasgow, & Perth three Shilling a pair and a Draw back allowed on Exportation, nor Shirts nor Rollers for the Same reason.

I am persuaded the Reg^t. will Soon be properly Deciplind under your command, and don't doubt as you Say you'll take care of every thing that Concerns the good of the Corps:, or what relates to my Intrest. please make off of my Comp^{ts}: to the Corps, and believe me to be Sincerely

[John Murray]

Source and Notes: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 25-29. Capt. John Graham (date of Commission Dec. 25, 1765), retired Jan. 28, 1771. The *Caledonian Mercury* newspaper of May 11, 1809 provided the following excerpt of the lease information for the late Lord Murray's Pitnacree Lodge: "*PITNACREE LODGE TO LET FURNISHED. To be LET for one year, or for the Season, and entered to immediately, THE HOUSE, OFFICES and GARDENS of PITNACREE, in the parish of Logierate, and shire of Perth. The house is well furnished, and delightfully situated upon the banks of the Tay [River]. It consists of dining-room, drawing-room, five bed-rooms, and bed-closet, with an excellent kitchen, and cellars, and ample accommodation for servants. The house is located about 10 miles north of Dunkeld, and 25 of Perth...*"



Detail of Portrait of King George III, 1771, by Johann Zoffany

Picture Source: Wikimedia, from the *Royal Collection*

Royal Warrant for Regulating the Clothing of the Regiments of Infantry, London, July 27, 1768

Whereas our late royal grandfather [King George II] was pleased by his Warrant bearing date the 20th day of November 1729 to establish a certain regulation for the cloathing of the forces, to be observed in time of peace, and whereas we think fit to order certain alteration to be made in the cloathing of our marching Regiments of Foot, our will and pleasure is, that instead of the rules laid down by the above Warrant, relative to the cloathing of the Infantry, the following regulation shall be for the future observed,

For a foot soldier for the next cloathing.

A good cloth coat, well lined, looped with worsted lace.

A waistcoat.

A pair of good cloth breeches.

A pair of good strong stockings.

A pair of good strong shoes.

A good shirt and a good neckcloth.

A good strong hat, bound with white tape.

For the next and every succeeding year.

A good cloth coat, well lined, looped with worsted lace.
 The fore part of a waistcoat, the hind part to be made out of that of the preceeding year.
 A pair of good cloth breeches.
 A pair of good strong stockings.
 A pair of good strong shoes.
 A good shirt, and a neckcloth.
 A good strong hat, bound with white tape.
 For the Fuzileer Regiments, companies of Grenadiers, and Drummers, black bearskin caps, to be furnished as often as shall be necessary.
 And our will and pleasure is, that all the other regulations laid down by the above mentioned Warrant of the 20th September 1729, for the cloathing of our marching Regiments, do continue in force and be duly observed. Given at our Court at St. James's, this 27th day of July 1768, in the eighth year of our reign.

Source: TNA, "Miscellany Book," at *War Office: Entry Books of Warrants, Regulations and Precedents, 1768-1774* at WO 26/28, p. 24 as transcribed in *British Military Uniforms 1768-1796*, Hew Strachan, Arms and Armour Press, London, 1975, pp. 170-171.



Detail from 1815 42nd Regt. King's Color Showing St. Andrew Device

Picture Source: Blog of Black Watch Castle & Museum

Excerpts of Royal Clothing Warrant for Regiments of Foot, Dec. 19, 1768

Regulations for the Colours, Clothing, etc. of the Marching Regiments of Foot

George R.

Our will and pleasure is, that the following regulations for the Colours, clothing, etc. of Our marching Regiments of Foot, be duly observed and put in execution, at such times as the particulars are or shall be furnished.

No Colonel is to put his arms, crest, device, or livery, on any part of the appointments of the Regiments under his command.

Colours.

The King's, or first Colour of every Regiment, is to be the great Union throughout.

The second Colour to be the colour of the facing of the Regiment, with the Union in the upper canton...

In the center of each Colour is to be painted, or embroidered, in gold Roman characters, the number of the rank of the Regiment, within the wreath of roses and thistles on the same stalk; except

those Regiments which are allowed to wear any royal devices, or ancient badges; on whose Colours the rank of the Regiment is to be painted, or embroidered, towards the upper corner. The size of the Colours to be six feet six inches flying, and six feet deep on the pike. The length of the pike (spear and ferril included) to be nine feet ten inches. The cords and tassels of the whole to be crimson and gold mixed...

Uniform of Officers.

The number of each Regiment to be on the buttons of the uniforms of the Officers and Men. The coats to be lappelled to the waist with the colour of the facing of the Regiment, and the colour not to be varied from what is particularly specified hereafter. They may be without embroidery or lace; but, if the Colonel thinks proper, either gold or silver embroidered or laced button-holes are permitted. To have cross pockets, and sleeves with round cuffs, and no slits. The lappels and cuffs to be of the same breadth as is ordered for the Men.

Epaulettes.

The Officers of Grenadiers to wear an epaulette on each shoulder. Those of the Battalion to wear one on the right shoulder. They are to be either of embroidery or lace, with gold or silver fringe.

Waistcoats.

The waistcoats to be plain, without either embroidery or lace.

Swords and Sword-Knots.

The swords of each Regiment to be uniform, and the sword-knots of the whole to be crimson and gold in stripes. The hilts of the swords to be either gilt or silver, according to the colour of the buttons on the uniforms...

Sashes and Gorgets.

The sashes to be of crimson silk... The King's arms to be engraved on the gorgets; also the number of the Regiment. They are to be either gilt or silver, according to the colour of the buttons on the uniforms. The badges of those Regiments which are entitled to any, are also to be engraved...

Serjeants Coats.

The coats of the Serjeants to be lappelled to the waist, with the colour of the facing of the Regiment. The button-holes... on the waistcoats to be plain...

Serjeants Sashes.

The sashes to be of crimson worsted, with a stripe of the colour of the facing of the Regiment, and worn round the waist...

Corporals Coats.

The coats of the Corporals to have a silk epaulette on the right shoulder...

Private Men's Coats.

The Men's coats to be looped with worsted lace, but no border. The ground of the lace to be white, with coloured stripes. To have white buttons. The breadth of the lace which is to make the loop round the button-hole, to be about half an inch. Four loops to be on the sleeves, and four on the pockets...

Lappels, Sleeves, and Pockets.

The breadth of all the lappels to be three inches, to reach down to the waist, and not to be wider at the top than at the bottom. The sleeves of the coats to have a small round cuff, without any slit, and to be made so that they may be unbuttoned and let down. The whole to have cross pockets, but no flaps to those

of the waistcoat. The cuffs of the sleeve which turns up, to be three inches and a half deep. The flap on the pocket of the coat to be sewed down, and the pocket to be cut in the lining of the coat.

Devices and Badges of the Royal Regiments, and of the Six Old Corps...

XLIIId, or Royal Highlanders.

In the center of their Colours, the King's cypher within the garter, and crown over it. Under it, St. Andrew, with the motto, 'Nemo me impune lacessit [*Let no one provoke me with impunity*].' In the three corners of the second colour, the King's cypher and crown.

On the Grenadiers' caps, the King's crest; also, St. Andrew, as in the Colours.

On the drums, and bells of arms, the same device, with the rank of the Regiment underneath...

Source: TNA, War Office, Miscellaneous reports, Register of Warrants, 1768-1801 at WO 30/13B as printed in *British Military Uniforms 1768-1796*, by Hew Strachan, Arms and Armour Press, London, 1975, pp. 171-178. This warrant established the base regulation for the clothing of the foot regiments of the army. The articles of clothing which do not apply to the 42nd Regt. are not included in the above list.



Man's linen shirt, hand-sewn with linen thread, Britain, 1740-80

Picture Source: *Victoria and Albert Museum*, London

Excerpt of Letter from Regimental Agent William Montgomery, to Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Discussing the Cost of Clothing, Dublin, Mar. 22, 1769

Extract Letter from M^r. [William] Montgomery Esq^r.

dated Dublin 22nd March 1769

I understand that there are two pairs of Shoes given yearly to your Reg^t. alongs't w^t. the half Mounting, to other Regiments the value of one pair is only given. in Ireland the following Allowances are made in place of the different Species delivered in England.

For a Serj^t. of all Reg^{ts}. except the 42nd.

Shirt & Roller –

Shoes –

Turning the Coat into a Waistcoat –

0: 7: 4

3: 5

1:

£ 0: 11: 9

For a Corporal Drum^r. & Private Man

Shirt & Roller –	£ 3: 3
pair of Shoes –	3: 5
Turning the coat into a Waistcoat –	1: [in binding]
Pair of Stockings –	<u>1</u>
	£ 0: 8: [in binding]
There us a pair of Stockings likewise sent by the Cloathier alongst with the cloathing for each Serj ^t . at -	3: 5
Your Reg ^t . If I am right will have the following allowance for a Serj ^t . –	11: [in binding]
a Second pair of Shoes –	<u>3:</u> [in binding]
	£ 0:15: [in binding]
for a Corporal Drummer & private Man	7 6
a Second pair of Shoes	<u>3: 3</u>
	10: 9

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. 42. A new clothing warrant was issued on Dec. 19, 1768 which should have modified the above listing, in that the new white woolen waistcoats would not be made from last years red coats, but rather from a newly issued white front, and the back from the previous year's white waistcoat (after the first year). Col. David Stewart's *Sketches*...indicates "...*The first alteration in this respect was made in the year 1769, when the regiment removed to Dublin. At this period, the men received white cloth waistcoats... which were deemed an improvement on the vests of red cloth...*" (pp. 361-362). The *Dublin Mercury* of May 27-30, 1769 reported "Yesterday Lord John Murray's regiment of Highlanders marched into town."

**Col. (Later Maj. Gen.) David Stewart's Description of the Adoption
of Royal Clothing Warrant of 1768 by the 42nd Regt., Ireland, May 1769**

At this period [1767], the uniform of the corps had a very dark and sombre appearance. The jackets were of a dull rusty coloured red, and no part of the accoutrements was of a light colour. Economy was strictly observed in the article of clothing. The old jacket after being worn a year, was converted into a waistcoat... In these heavy colours, and dark blue facings, the regiment had a far less splendid appearance at a short distance than English regiments, with white breeches and belts; but on a closer view, the line was more imposing and warlike... The first alteration in this respect was made in the year 1769, when the regiment removed to Dublin. At this period, the men received white cloth waistcoats... which were deemed an improvement on the vests of red cloth...

The officers improved their dress, by having their jackets embroidered. During the war, however, they wore only a narrow edging of gold-lace round the borders of the facings, and very often no lace at all, epaulets and all glittering ornaments being laid aside, to render them less conspicuous to the Indians, who always aimed particularly at the officers. During their stay in Ireland, the dress of the men underwent very little alteration. The officers had only one suit of embroidery: this fashion being found too expensive, was given up, and gold lace substituted in its stead... The Serjeants had silver-lace on their coats, which they furnished, however at their own expense.

Source and Note: *Sketches of the Character, Manners, and Present State of the Highlanders of Scotland; with Details of the Military Service of the Highland Regiments*, Second edition, Vol. I, by Col. David Stewart, Archibald Constable and Co. Edinburgh, 1822, Google Books, pp. 361-362. Although numerous problems have been identified in Gen. Stewart's account of the Highlanders, his descriptions were based on information he received from officers who had served during the period. In addition, Stewart, himself, served in the 77th Highland Regiment at the time of the American War and he joined the 42nd Regt. in 1787, while many of the officers from the American War still served in

the regiment. The *Dublin Mercury* of May 27-30, 1769 reported "Yesterday Lord John Murray's regiment of Highlanders marched into town."

Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agent William Montgomery, Dublin, Regarding Clothing and Accoutrements, Bannercross, near Sheffield, England, Oct. 31, 1769

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

BannerCross 31st. Oct^r. 1769

S^r.

I rec^d. the favour of yours dated the 14th of August last inclosing the Acc^{ts}. but delayed Answering it, as [in binding] wrote you was to be from home for Some time, and Esp... [in binding] to have heard from you at your return; I observe the Contents and hope in a Short time to be able to Settle with [in binding] lett me know when you receive the half years Offreckonings and the Amount. Please lett me know the price usually given for the Coats &c. of other Marching Regim... [in binding] mine are considerably higher charged then I paid when last on the Irish Establishment,. I have a letter lately from my L^t. Colonel [Gordon Graham] inclosing copy of a letter from the Deputy Adjutant General to him of the [in binding] of September last, also copy of a Letter from him in Answer the 13th. September last, and one in Answer to his from the Deputy Adjutant General 14th. September which if you have not seen you'le please desire to have which will Save me repeating them, But am most Surprized the Accoutrements are so bad, and not two years wore, and the Black Shoulder Sword belts, are Sixpence more each then I used to pay at Glasgow for them, and Same price with the Serjeants Sword belts, and ever Since I ^{have} had the honour to be their Colonel near twenty five years never was found fault with before for any of these things and the black leather Accoutrements were Always Approved by the [Prince William] Duke of Cumberland and other Commanding officers, and Seems to suit best with the Highland Dress but if others are ordered its my Duty to obey, but you'le first please Represent this in the fullest manner to My Lord Lieu^t. [of Ireland; George, Viscount Townshend] and Lieu^t. General [Michael O'Brien] Dilkes,

The Black leather are certainly cheaper then what [in binding] Regiments have, but I pay more for other things such as 2 Pair Shoes, Hose, and the price of Plaids and ^{with} coats much exceeds the coats & Britchess of other Regiments – I have also been at a very great expence, in paying the men for Cloathing Damaged almost every year in America, and I think if you judge it proper may not be Amiss to ask to have payment Allowed for new Accoutrements if they must be changed tho I hope they will not But I leave all this to you to do as you think best, Lieu^t. Colonel Graham desires to know if I will allow coats for a Band of Musick which I am willing to do, and the coats should be Some what finer then the private men and am told this ^{is} all that's given by all or most of the Colonels which you'le please order when wanted.

As I am Informed there is an Augmentation Intended of Private men to each company. I am perswaded my Lord Lieutenant will give me the Nomination of the Quarter Master, especially as I had not that by Ensign [Daniel] Astles Preferment [to Lt., 46th Regt., Mar. 25, 1769], nor any for many years, I have wrote a ~~Long~~ Letter to My ~~Lord~~ Lieutenant Colonel which I have desired him to Shew you to avoid Repititions – if you think it would be proper to mention at this time if the Second battalion which was reduced at the late peace was to be again raised it would be done at very Small Expence by taking half pay Highland Officers and the men Sooner raised then most others, and I should think might be of Particulair use in many parts in Ireland – when they were first Aded had reason to believe from ^{Lord} [Field Marshall John, Earl] Ligonier & Lord [William Pitt, 1st Earl] Chatham the late King [George II] intended they Should always be continued in the Same way and ~~he desired~~ Desired I should enquire at the War Office the Establishm^t. of the [two battalion, 1st Regt. or] Royall in order they Should be the same, it there was none there, as the Royal at that time never had been on the English Establishment. If you can with propriety mention this, where you think proper, I'm perswaded youle do it. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as you can conveniently & am Sincerely

I have left open my Letter to Col Graham for
your perusal please seal & send him

S^r. your most Obed^t Serv^t
John Murray

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 50-51.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agent William Montgomery, Dublin, Regarding Clothing Costs, 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 your 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...

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 me [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.

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agent William Montgomery, Dublin, Regarding Clothing Expenses, London, July 21, 1770

Copy to [Agent] W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. [Dublin] dated London 21 July 1770

Inclosed I sent you a letter for my Leiu^t. Colonel [Gordon Graham] which please seal and send forward, and as there's several things relating to the cloathing which will save you the Trouble of repeating please take a copy of what you think proper, and what relates [in binding] you about corresponding with Cap^t. John Graham is [in binding] the cloathing, which I think will be the least and Speediest Method must desire you'll observe, and also send me the returns and other Letters comes to your hands, inclosing me in the covers I have sent for Yorkshire

I propose to return here by the beginning october & will be obliged to you if you would order all my accounts w^t. you to be made out in a book, and Sent by any officer or Sure hand that coming here, and left with M^r. Godwin [in binding] opposite S^t. Clements Church in the Strand, and directed for me and carefully Sealed up and put in a Small Box, with [in binding] on the private mens coats of my Regiment, and also describing the particular make of the officer Reg^{ts}., and if Laced a piece of it, also of the Drums and a Soup of the Serjeants coats a Button of the officers coats & each of the others All which I hope you'll have some opportunity of Sending ^{the beginning of} on or before next [in binding] and left as Directed.

I am in hopes you have contracted for the coats at a much Cheaper rate, then before [in binding] the Clothier should refund Some [^] he has got, as we differ anu... [in binding] greatly higher then they were when my Regiment was [in binding] the Irish Establishment, which I acquainted of Different times before, Particulairly in my letter from Bannercross of the 1st. Jan^y last. with the Estimate what I have paid.

And I always left there Maker to you to contract for me at the best rate, or to Change whome you pleased, if they did not do justice to the Reg^t. & me, don't doubt youll act accordingly.

I believe I also mentioned that the Pioners never had aprons, as the Kilt they wore made it too unweildy but don't know if they had them or not.



Blackstone's Commentaries Title page, 1765

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Please also send me the box I desired to be Sent one of the Cartouch Boxes Straps & fires, and one of the Private mens Sword belt & buckles, and one of the Grenadier Capes [caps] with the Prices of each, and Blaikstons Commentaries on the Laws of England Dublin Edit: 4 vols. 8th. –

You may remember I wrote formerly that one pair of Shoes was given the Reg^t. every half year, which used to cost in Scotland 3/. [Shillings] Each pair but there was a Drawback allowed on Exportation of them which reduced the price, whither they are now got in Ireland at that price ^{or} not I don't know, or if you think best they may be again bespoke [made to order] in Scotland or Six shillings given the Men to buy them if you approve of it, ~~and think it~~ & they Agree.

I don't know if it necessary to get a treasury warrant here every Time the Cloathing is Sent over, if it is youl please write any of your Correspondents here to take it out , and if you please to Send me a Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury. here to procure an order from them once for all it will be better. for I don't know what objection there can be to it, at my Return Please lett me know the Governments allowance for the Recruits and what is paid by other Regim^{ts}. for their Cloathing for that Year and what it consists of. I shall write Cap^t. John Graham at Stirling to Send you a copy of his Agreement with the [Tartan] Manufacturers

I am Sincerely S^r. your most Obed^t Servant
Hope to be favoured w^t. any Answer by return of Post and have inclos'd Cap^t. Grahams concerning the Cloathing. I have inclos'd a private Letter for Yourself.

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. 66-67.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to
Capt. John Graham Regarding Regimental Clothing, London, July 24, 1770**

Copy Letter to Cap^t. John Graham of the Royal Highland Regiment at Stirling dated London 24th. July 1770

S^r.

I rec^d. the favour of yours dated the 13th April of the Cloathing you had bespoke [ordered], and what L^t.Col^o. [Gordon] Graham has wrote you, about the Recruits, and am perswaded youll do everything you can for the best which I have Experienced, and am much obliged to you for, and desire youll Send me as soon as you receive this a copy of your agreement with the Manufacturers, also send one other copy at the Same time to [Agent] William Montgomery Esq^r. at Dublin, & corrispond w^t. him only about the Cloathing, which will be more Expeditious Especially as my Reg^t. is in Different Quarters and youll always draw in him the Money you have agreed for to give them as soon as you receive his Return that they ~~are~~ ^{were} arrived Safe w^t. the Regiment, and Answerable in all respects to the Sealed patterns, which you must take care is always sent with the Cloathing, and for your further information have ordered an Extract of my letter of this date to my L^t.Col^o. in what relates to it, to be wrote you on the other side.

I am just going to Sett out for [Banner Cross] Yorkshire where I hope soon to have the pleasure of hearing from you, that you continue well as well as my good friend your Brother Major [Thomas] Graham [of Duchray] if in Scotland desire my best comp^{ts}. & shall be glad to hear how he & his Lady [Sarah Blamire] does, and if they have got an hu... [in binding]

I am S^r.

Please lett me know how the
Recruiting goes in the Names of
the Officers in that duty where stationed & what Success
and a copy if their Instructions

Your most obed^t Serv^t.

[John Murray]

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, p. 70. Graham of Duchray family notes from *Sons of the Mountains*, Vol. II, Ian Macpherson McCulloch, 2006, p. 8.

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Lt. Col. Gordon Graham Regarding Arrangements for Regimental Clothing, London, July 24, 1770

Copy Letter to L^t.Col^o. Gordon Graham dated London 24th July 1770

S^r... Im Sorry I am again obliged to remind you of your duty [in binding] doing this which I have frequently before, and hope youll not neglect it in time coming, and send me by Return of Post, those you have omitted to this time & Answers to what I have wrote above, inclosed to [Agent] W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. and desire youll please send them always to him or what Letters you write me put under cover to him, which I have directed him to forward to me and whatever relates to the Cloathing or Acc^outements or what Else I am to furnish you are also to write him of, who will send his directions to Cap^t. John Graham concerning them, and write you on their Arrival, and as soon as they are arrived at Quarters desire you'l write him if equal in goodness to former Cloathing, and the Sealed Patterns by Cap^t. Grahame and the Manufact^{er}s, which if he fails to perform, the penalty he forfeits Shall be sent to those whose Cloathing is not equal to the Pattern, and this ^{is} all that's in my power to oblige them to be punctual to the time of having them made, and to keep up the goodness of them. And the Manufact... [in binding] are not to recieve their Money till three Months after delivery at Stirling which is Supposed will be Sufficient time for thier Arrival w^t. the Reg^t., and for the commanding officer, to write to M^r. Montgomery whither or not ^{Sufficient} in all particulairs according to the Return, before he pay's Cap^t. Graham's draught on him, for them.

I had the pleasure of being informed from Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Michael O'Brien] Dilkes when ~~he was~~ here the Royal High^d. Reg^t. look'd Extreemly well... Please make my best Comp^{ts}. to the Officers of the Corps, and acquaint them, of any has occasion to write me, they put it under cover to M^r. Montgomery at Dublin

I am

S^r.

To L^t.Col^o. Graham

your most Obed^t. Humble Ser^t.

or the Commanding officer
of the Royal Highland Regim^t.

[John Murray]

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 68-69.

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**Excerpts of Letters from Ens. Jeremy Lister, 10th Regt., Discussing Clothing Expenses,
London, Mar. 11 and Apr. 6, 1771**

Queen's Square, Westminster.
March 11th 1771

Dear Brother,

As there is a ship to go from here sometime next month with some officers and clothing for the soldiers in America, it is very likely I shall go with them. [Lt. Col. and Capt. William] Colonel Fawcett [3rd Guards Regt.] wrote to [Lt.] General [Edward] Sandford [Col., 10th Regt.] last Friday to know his intentions whether I should join my Regiment, as it is most likely I shall take the opportunity of going next month with the clothing which will go to Quebec. Should have been glad if you had doubled the number of shirts, as I believe I cannot do with much less than a dozen and a half if I go abroad.

Queen's Square, Westminster,
April 6th 1771.

Honoured Father,

As I shall set off on my journey next Wednesday to Gravesend in order to take shipping there, the ship will be ready to sail from here today, therefore I take this opportunity of acquainting you with my expenses here, which I believe will amount to a great deal more than you expected. Although I have been as frugal as I possibly could in regard to plays and operas, and as to my clothing I have got a good stock, but not without Colonel Fawcett's and the Captain of the ship's advice, as everything of that kind will be very dear in America. . . . This is the account of money which I have paid since I came to Town. I had in my pocket when I got to Town, four guineas, received of my Agent the 20th of February £10, and the £30 you sent me, in all £44 4S. I have now about three guineas and a half.

	£	s	d
Stockings, 30 pairs silk thread worsted	9	8	9
Washing		15	2 ½
Gloves		6	0
2 Hats, one Regimental	3	14	6
Ink stand, Sealing Wax, papers		4	6
Black Neck Cloth		2	8
Hair Cutting		2	6
Cane	1	4	0
Pair of Buttons and Stock Buckle		2	6
6 Pairs of shoes and 1 pair of boots	3	19	6
Learning my Exercise [arms drill]	2	2	0
Shaving utensils	2	2	0
Ribbon		1	3
Watch and seal	6	6	0
Pocket glass and scissors		13	6
List of the Army		2	6
Curling irons		2	6
Puff, Powder Bag and Powder		4	6

A sash	16	0
Breeches mending	1	0
Breast Buckle	7	6
6 Cotton Night Caps	10	0
A piece of wove silk for a waistcoat	1	1 0
Spurs	11	0
Stockings marking	5	9
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£ 36	6	7 ½

The bills which I have collected here which is to pay is a Gun, which is about 4 Guineas, a Sword about as much, Pouch, Powder Horn and net about 22 or 23 Shillings, a Camp Bedstead and Bedding, Shirts, 2 dozen Stocks, one dozen Towels, one dozen Handkerchiefs, a dozen Neck cloths, 2 sheets, 3 pairs Trunks, 2 Hats (one Regimental and one round), one Clothes Brush, Shoe Brushes, 4 cakes of Blacking, box of Shaving Soap and a Glass, Pomatum Powder, Neck and Hair Ribbon, this week's Washing, Tailor's bill, 2 suits of Regimentals, 1 of blue, 1 of brown, which is 4 suits, 2 Waistcoats and Breeches for one of the Regimentals, 2 linen Waistcoats and a silk Waistcoat to make up, a Blue Top coat, a Hat box to fasten upon a trunk to travel with, £20 I must pay for my passage, a Boot jack.

Source: "Jeremy Lister, 10th Regiment, 1770 – 1783," by R. A. Innes in *Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research*, London, 1963, pp. 31-33.



Reproduction 7th or Royal Fuzileer Regt. Uniform Button

Picture Source: Curtesy of Roy and Debra Najecki's *American Revolutionary War Reproductions* at www.najecki.com.

Listing of Required "Necessaries" by Capt. Lt. Walter Home, 7th or Royal Fuzileers Regt. (Future Maj., 42nd Regt.), Mar. 30, 1771

Establishment of Necessaries in Lord Rob^t. Bertie's Company

four shirts,
two rollers [neck wraps],
one black stock,
two pair of shoes,
four pair of stockings,
one pair long gaiters,
one pair short gaiters,
one buff ball,
one black ball,
one pair shoe brushes,
one turnkey & worm [musket tools],
one pick & brush [musket pan cleaning tools],
one knapsack,
and one haversack.

"Establishment of Necessaries in Lord Robt. Bertie's Company," *Walter Home, Captain, Officer's Memorandum Book*, George Chalmers Collection, Peter Force Papers, Library of Congress. Transcribed by Don Hagist

**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 Deferance.

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 Deferance 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.



Detail showing war of sash from "Captain John Campbell 10th of Milfort / 77th & 42nd,"

Picture Source: *The Black Watch Castle & Museum*

Summary of Approval by King George III for 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. Officers to Wear Sashes Over the Left Shoulder, Dublin and London, July 28 and Sept. 24 1773

28 July [1773] Ireland ...

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland [Simon, 1st Earl] Harcourt to Lord Rochford

Transmitting a memorial from the Colonel of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, praying permission for the officers to wear their sashes over the left shoulder as formerly, and not round the loins as directed by a late regulation.

The memorial enclosed.

Received 4 Aug.



Detail of Miniature of Lord Rochford, 1758, by Christian Friedrich Zincke

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

24 Sept [1773] Ireland ...

[Secretary of State, Southern Dept., William Henry Nassau, 4th] Earl of Rochford to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

Signifying His Majesty's compliance with the request of the Officers of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment as to the method of wearing their sashes. – St. James.

Source: *Calendar of Home Office Papers of the Reign of George III. 1773-1775 Preserved in the Public Record Office*, Ed. Richard Arthur Roberts, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1899, Live Search Books, pp. 70 and 84.

Memorial to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury by Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding the Shipment of Clothing to Ireland and their Approval, London, Aug. 10-12, 1773

Lord Jn^o. Muray
Cloathing for his
Reg^t. to be
landed
in Irel^d. Duty free

To the R^t. Hon[']ble the Lords Comm^{rs} of His Majesty's Treasury.

Memorial of L^d. John Murray Colo^l of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Reg^t.
Sheweth

That 3 Companies belonging to that Corps having been removed from the Isle of Man to the Establishment of Ireland the Memorst. has caused the Cloathing provided for them in England to be Shipped on Board the Britannia William Bowman Master from London to Dublin an Invoice of whereof is annexed.

He therefore prays your Lordships to grant a Warrant for landing s^d
Cloathing Duty free on the Ships arrival at Dublin as has been usual in like Cases. –

After &c Lord John Murray Col^l. of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Regiment having by Memorial prayed that the Cloathing therein ment^d. for the Service of the said Reg^t. may be landed in Ireland Duty free These orders pray and require you to give the necessary Orders and Directions upon the Arrival of the said Cloathing there for the landing and delivering the same Duty free for the use of the s^d. Regiment accordingly And for so doing &c^a. Whitehall Treasury Chambers the 12th. day of August 1773

Comm^{rs}. Customs in Irel^d
Fox

North C Townshend C J

London Augst. 10th. 1773 Shipt *P* the Britania Capt^t. W^m. Bowman as under directed for Lord John Muurray's Reg^t. at Dublin – by James Lynd Jun^r.

Bale

N^o. 1 q^t. 43 private Coats
 3 Serj^{ts}. – D^o.
 2. Drum^{rs}. D^o.

N^o. 3. q^t. 43 private Coats
 3 Serj^{ts}. D^o.
 2. Drum^{rs}. D^o.

2. q^t. 43 private Coats
 3 Serj^{ts}. D^o.
 2. Drum^{rs}. D^o.

4. q^t. 75 $\frac{3}{4}$ White private Waist^t Cloth
 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ d^o. Serj^{ts}. d^o d^o
 11 Gross & 3 Doz. private Buttons
 9 Doz. Serj^{ts}. d^o.
 9. Corporals Epaulettts

2. Boxes of Musical Instruments directed
for W^m. Montgomery Esq^r. May Street Dublin

Source and Note: TNA, *Treasury: books of out-letters concerning Ireland, 1769-1778* at T 14/15, pp. 229-230 (f. 115). In 1770 (effective Sept. 26) four companies of the regiment were sent to the Isle of Man for duty. The 221 sq. mile island is located in the Irish Sea. Effective Dec 25, 1772, the Isle of Man detachment was reduced to three companies.

42nd Regt. Uniform Comments in the Regimental Review, Dublin, Ireland, May 14, 1774

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

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

NonCommiss^d Officers – Made a good Appearance...

Cloathing – Good – Well Fitted – And Agreeable to the Kings Regulation..

General Remarks { This Regiment Perform'd its Business with a good degree of Attention and
 { Steadiness – And is fit for Service

Ja: Gisborne MGen^l...

Return of Cloathing															
N ^o Delivered in 1773 Wanting to Comp ^t to y ^e Allowance. Ten of the Rank and File are Cloathed as Musicians Total of the Allowance	Serjeants.							Drummers & Fifers.							N.B. the Contingent Men p ^r Company with their Arms, Accoutrements and Cloathing are not inserted in y ^e Several Returns The Colonel Allows the Serjeants , Corporals, Drumm ^{rs} Fifers, & Private full half Mounting money to Supply them with Shirts Rollers & Shoes
	Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	Drum Carriages.
	27	20	20	20	20	108	20	12	12	12	12	12	48	12	12

Return of Cloathing								
	Rank & File							N.B. the Contingent Men p ^r Company with their Arms, Accoutrements and Cloathing are not inserted in y ^e Several Returns
	Coats.	<i>Plaids.</i>	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	<i>Hose.</i>	<i>Bonnets.</i>	
	383	383	383	383	383	1532	383	
Total of the Allowance	383	383	383	383	383	1532	383	The Colonel Allows the Serjeants , Corporals, Drumm ^{rs} Fifers, & Private full half Mounting money to Supply them with Shirts Rollers & Shoes

Source and Note: TNA, War Office, Inspection returns, Irish, 1774 at WO 27/32. Maj. Gen. Gisborne was Col. of the 16th Regt.

Possible Volunteer Uniform Mentioned in 53rd Regt. Officer Diary, Dublin, Ireland, Summer 1774

In the summer of the year 1774 was taken from Eaton School, and embark'd from Bristol, with my Mother and family for Ireland. After a short passage landed at Dublin, and joined my Father who was garrison'd there with his Reg^t, 53rd. Here by being always amongst the military, I grew enamour'd of a red coat, and being allow'd by my Parents to choose my own plan of life, I fix'd on the military profession, and immediately enter'd as a Volunteer in the 53rd Reg^t (at the age of 15) in hopes, as I was the only gentleman amongst six Regiments (then station'd there), in that capacity to get an Ensigny for nothing. I accordingly was introduced by my friends to the Lord Lieutenant (Lord Harcourt) in my Volunteer uniform; his Lordship testified his approbation at seeing a young gentleman in that dress, but though several vacancies happened about that time, he did not think proper...

Source and Note: *A Journal by Thos. Hughes, for His Amusement & Designed Only for His Perusal by the Time He Attains the Age of 50 If He Lives So Long (1778-1789)*, Thomas Hughes with introduction by E. A. Benians, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge (UK), 1947, p. 1. It cannot be confirmed from this note if Hughes is describing a separate Volunteer's uniform, or that he appeared in a British private's uniform.

General Order Issued Restricting Wear of Watchcoats, Boston, Jan. 10, 1775

H Q^{rs}. Boston 10th. Jan^{ry}. 1775

Soldiers are not to wear their Watchcoats except on Duty, & then only when Centry; or lying down to Sleep.

Source: *Gen^l Orders from 10th. Decem^r. 1774 to 6th June 1775*, Maj. Gen. Thomas Gage, (Manuscript), American Revolutionary War Manuscripts Collection, Boston Public Library.

General Order Issued for Sentinels to Wear Half Gaiters, Boston, May 1, 1775

Head Quarters Boston Monday 1st. May 1775

The Men to mount Guard in half Gaiters for the future, but to carry their Leggings with then, that they may be put on if a Change of Weather require it, Especially at Night.

Source: *Gen^l Orders from 10th. Decem^r. 1774 to 6th June 1775*, Maj. Gen. Thomas Gage, (Manuscript), American Revolutionary War Manuscripts Collection, Boston Public Library.



Detail from "East View of the City of Waterford," 1795 by Samuel Aiken

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

42nd Regt. Uniform Comments in the Regimental Review, Waterford, Ireland, May 5, 1775

Major General Cuninghames Observations on the Fortysecond Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot reviewed By Him at Waterford on the 30th Day of May 1775.

Officers – Their Uniforms according to Regulation. And their general Appearance much in their favour.
NonCommiss^d Off^{rs} – In every respect as they should be...

Private-...Steady and well dressed.

Cloathing – Good well fitted and according to Regulation...

General Observations – This is an Excellent Steady well disciplined Regiment, And in every respect fit for immediate Service.

Robert Cuninghame

Maj^r Gen^l

General Return of the NAMES, COUNTRY, AGE & Service, of the Officers, of His Majestys 42^d / Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot

Commanded by The Right Honorable General Lord John Murray With the dates of their Several Commissions

Reviewed at Waterford on the 30th Day of May 1775 By Major General Robert Cuninghame...

[Officer Uniforms] Dark Blue Facings with Gold Laced Button Holes & Epaulettes, Buttons Numbered, The Lapells, Cuffs, Waistcoats, Belted Plaids, Hose and Blue Bonnets, according to Regulation...

Return of Cloathing															
	Serjeants.							Drummers & Fifers.							
	Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	Drum Carriages.
	N ^o Delivered in 1774	20				80	20	12	12				48	12	12
	Wanting to Comp ^t to y ^e Allowance.														
Ten of the Rank and File are Cloathed as Musicians															
Total of the Allowance	20	20				80	20	12	12				48	12	12

Return of Cloathing [continued]	
Rank & File	

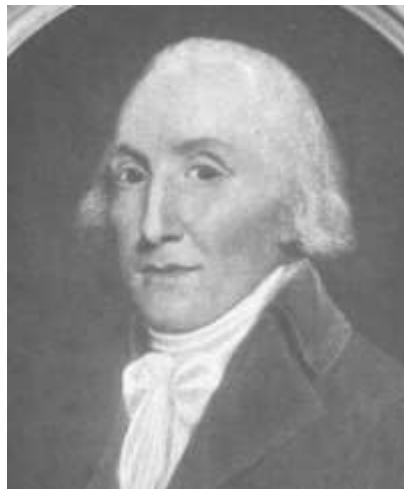
Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	N.B. the Contingent Men p ^r Company with their Arms, Accoutrements and Cloathing are not inserted in y ^e Several Returns The Colonel Allows the Serjeants , Corporals, Drumm ^{rs} and Fifers, and private full half Mounting Money to Supply them with Shirts Rollers & Shoes
390	390				1560	390	
390	390				1560	390	

Source and Note: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns, Irish, 1775-1776* at WO 27/35 (page not marked and Sheet Nos. 1 and 4.). Maj. Gen. Cuninghame was Colonel of the 58th Regt.

Irish News Account of British Officers in America Required to Dress as Private Soldiers Due to Threat of Rebel Marksmen, Boston, Massachusetts, June 1775

The Gorget worn in the Breast of the Officers has been a good Mark for the Provincials, and the Levellers have taken good Aim at it, if we may judge from the Number of our commissioned Officers killed and wounded, therefore it is said, that Orders are sent to General [Thomas] Gage to let all the Officers be cloathed and accoutred as common Soldiers, and Serjeants to have Firelocks instead of Halberts whenever they are likely to be engaged in Battle again.

Source and Note: *Hibernian Journal; or, Chronicle of Liberty* (Dublin), Aug. 2, 1775, p. 2. This article was published after the results of the high casualties at the Battle of Breed's Hill, Massachusetts reached England. "Levellers" would be those aiming a musket, which requires the musket to be level with the ground.



Capt. John M'Intosh of Corrybrough More

Portrait Source: *The Balfours of Pilrig*, by Barbara Balfour-Melville of Pilrig, William Brown, Edinburgh, 1907, Google Books, after p. 178.

Request from Capt. Lt. John M'Intosh, 42nd Regt., to Glasgow Customs Collector to Issue License to Return Regimental Clothing Shipped to Ireland, Glasgow, Dec. 14, 1775

Glasgow 14th Dec 1775

I am directed by Lieu^t Colo^l [Thomas] Stirling of the 42nd Regt to request you would be so good as send a licence to him here for 12 Packs, or Bales of Cloathing, containing as follows viz:

20 Serjeants Coats
20 fronts of vests for ditto
12 drummers coats
12 fronts of vests for ditto
11 drummers and pipers coats
11 vests for ditto
334 privates coats
334 fronts of vests for ditto
39 Light Infantry Coats

By a letter received this day from Sir W^m Montgomery, it seems the above Cloathing cannot be shipped from Dublin to Port Glasgow without a Licence first obtained from you, and which licence we must send to Dublin – it may probably be right to acquaint you, that the reason of this Cloathing coming from Dublin is, that we lately came from Ireland and it was bespoke, before we knew of our coming to this Kingdom. You^l please to direct your answer to Lieu^t Colo^l Stirling at Glasgow.

I am etc
John McIntosh
Cap^t 42nd Reg^t

Source and Note: *Customs Collector to Board of Customs* at CE60-1-18, p. 221, Mitchell Library, Glasgow.
Transcribed by Mr. Ed Brumby. See response below dated Jan. 24, 1776.

Detailed Clothing Descriptions from Capt. Bennett Cuthbertson's *System, for the Complete Interior Management and Economy of a Battalion of Infantry, 1776*

CHAP. XII.

*Of the Cloathing of Regiment in general, with some
Observations on the several Appointments of it...*

ART. I.

AS the state in which the Cloathing is usually sent to a Regiment, requires many alterations, to make it perfect, and as nothing contributes more to the good appearance of Soldiers, than having the several appointments which compose their Dress, fitted with the greatest exactness, it is necessary that no pains be spared, to accomplish so advantageous a design; therefore, if the Quarter-master or some other Officer, upon an examination of every article, finds them agreeable to the intentions of the Colonel, and the patterns sealed by the board of General-officers, at their annual review of cloathing (of which he should make remarks in a return to the Commander of the Regiment) all the taylor's of the several Companies ought to be assembled, under the direction of the soberest, and most ingenious of the whole, in some convenient place, in order to make a general alteration...

IV.

The Coats are first to be altered, beginning with those of the Grenadiers, and so regularly on by Companies, every Man's measure being taken by the Master-taylor in the exactest manner: but previous to any alteration, they should be soaked in clean water, to prevent their shrinking after being fitted, which coarse cloth is otherwise apt to do.

V.

When the Coats of a Company are altered, the Officer commanding it must carefully examine, if every Man is exactly fitted, without wrinkles in any part, at the same time that he is not confined, either in his arms or shoulders, he is also to insist on the Lining, Lapells, Cuffs and Seams being worked in the

strongest manner, that the Lace [braid] be well sewed on, the Collar high and tight about the Neck, and that the Cuffs be in length, just to the joint of the Wrist: it will also require a very nice inspection, to be assured, that a just proportion, agreeable to the Pattern, is observed in the Lapells, Cuffs and Loops of the Lace, which otherwise will be very irregular...

VII.

A Soldier's Coat should always be tight over the Breast (without restraint) for the sake of shewing his figure to more advantage; on which account, and to prevent that part from flying back, and being thereby troublesome in the performance of the Exercise [musket drill], Cloth Loops, with a small button and hole to them, should be fixed upon the inside of the Coat, about an inch from the edge of each Lapel, and just above the pit of the stomach.

VIII.

Pockets in the side Plaits of a Soldier's Coat will always make the Skirts swell out, and hang in an awkward manner, whenever any thing is carried in them, therefore should be fixed where Pockets usually are in a full skirted Coat, with the difference of being on the inside, instead of the outside of it...

X.

Capes [collars], besides being ornamental to a Soldier's Coat, are beyond doubt extremely useful, in defending his neck from rain and cold, when Centry on an exposed bleak Post: they should not however be broader than three Fingers; and to prevent their rising, when not required, ought to button upon the upper Buttons of the Lapells.

XI.

The wings to Grenadiers [Light Infantry] and Drummers Coats are better of an oval shape, than square, as the points of the latter soon curl up, and thereby never after look so smart and tight upon the shoulders; and will be found to answer the design of adding to their breadth, to the full as much as square ones: the Serjeants of Grenadiers ought to be distinguished by these kind of wings to their Coats, from the other Serjeants, as much as the private Men of that Company are from those of the Battalion ones.

XII.

The Cuff of a Soldier's Coat should never be wider, than just to admit his hand with ease: laying aside the superior Look of it above a large one, it certainly, from being close about the wrist, is infinitely warmer, and enables a Man to handle his Firelock with greater dexterity, as he meets with nothing to entangle in the Lock of it, or in any particular to incommode his performance.

XIII.

The buttons on the cloathing of a Regiment (if white) should be always made of good metal, and never of pewter, as it other-wise will be impossible for Soldiers to preserve them in that state of brightness, which at all times must be insisted on, particularly, if they are figured with the number of the Corps: it should also be observed, that the buttons are fixed on firm, with strong leather thongs run through the shanks, as cloth ones will never hold them on.

XIV.

The coats of all the Companies being properly fitted, to the satisfaction of the Officers commanding them, and laid up carefully in the regimental stores, with the name of each man stitched upon the collar, and also the name of the taylor who altered it (that in case any thing afterwards should appear defective, it may at once be known, on whom to fix the blame) the breeches are next to be altered, and inspected with the same attention, that the coats were; they must be made to fit smooth and tight upon the thighs, to cover well the knee-pan; to come very high upon the hips, with a broad waistband capable of holding three large buttons: it should also be insisted on, that they are worked both strong and uniform in every respect, and that a strap of cloth be stitched firmly between the thighs, which can readily be renewed, when worn out, and will contribute much to their doing greater service.

XV.

Buckles to the knee-bands of a Soldier's breeches are improper, both on account of the expence, and because their tongues are perpetually wearing out the straps: a button answers every purpose of keeping the knee-band tight; five therefore (including that upon the band) are sufficient for each knee, as a greater number looks too crouded; a falling flap to the breeches, with two large buttons to fix it to the waist-band,

appears always tight and smooth, and is to be preferred to any other: one cross [watch] pocket of a moderate depth, is all a Soldier need desire in his breeches, as it will answer every purpose he can want...

[Note: Although published in 1776, parts of this manual were not updated from the 1768 edition, which does not completely match the 1768 Royal Clothing Warrant. For example, the manual provides guidance for preparing the red wool waistcoat (or vest) which was replaced by a white waistcoat in the 1768 warrant. The out of date guidance has not been included by the editor in this transcription. Although some items like breeches and trousers were not part of the “official” uniform of the 42nd Regt., they were issued periodically during the war and are thus included in this section.]

XVII.

The breeches being fitted with the utmost exactness, are to be laid up in store, marked upon the waist-bands in the same manner as the coats were, until the Commander of the Regiment chuses to see both upon the men, which he ought always to do, before they are delivered out for good and all...

[Footnote]

+ Estimate of the expense of a White Cloth Waistcoat...	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To 3/8 of strong [woolen] cloth, for fronts, at <i>5s. 6d. per yard</i>	0	2	0¾
½ of frize [long nap woollen fabric], for backs, at <i>1s. 4d. per yard</i>	0	0	8
½ of baize [coarse woolen felt-like fabric], for lining, at <i>1s. 10d. per yard</i>	0	0	11
14 buttons, of bought at Birmingham	0	0	2¾
Making and mohair [thread]	0	0	9½
Expence of a Waistcoat	0	4	8...

[Note: During this period a Pound Sterling (£ or *l.*) equaled 20 Shillings (*s.*) and each shilling was worth 12 Pence (*d.*)

[Footnote]

*Sufficient prices for Regimental Work done by Taylors.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For a Serjeant's Coat altering	0	1	4
His Breeches altering,	0	0	8
Making his Red Waistcoat laced [not per 1768 Warrant]	0	1	0
Making it plain	0	0	10
A Drummer or Fifer's [Pipers in 42 nd Regt.] Coat altering	0	1	0
His Breeches altering	0	0	4
Making a Waistcoat from his old Coat, laced [not per 1768 Warrant]	0	0	9
Making it plain [Now using back from previous year's waistcoat]	0	0	6
A private Man's Coat altering	0	0	8
His Breeches altering	0	0	4
Making a Waistcoat from his old Coat, laced [not per 1768 Warrant]	0	0	9
Making it plain [Using back from previous year waistcoat]	0	0	6
Making a Serjeant's Breeches entire	0	1	0
Do. [ditto] a Drummer, Fifer, or Private-Man's Breeches...	0	0	6...

XXXII.

Hair cockades are strongest, and of course fittest for soldiers: they should be of a fixed pattern, with the edges as plain as possible, that they may be the less liable to retain dust, and thereby be the easier cleaned with oil, which nourishes the hair, and always given them a black and glossy look.

XXXIII.

The shirts annually given to the Non-commission officers and Soldiers, as small mounting, on the British establishment, from the indifference of the work, can be of little use, unless taken to pieces, and made up properly, with a ruffle at the bosom, which is an ornament, that should always be added to a Soldier's shirt: the shoes too, delivered at the same time, seldom hold together a day's march, in wet and dirty weather, if not entirely made over again; although such alterations are hard upon a Soldier, he will yet find himself in some sort repaid, by the service he must receive from both, in comparison to what would otherwise be the case...

XXXV.

Black stocks, besides having a more soldierly appearance than white ones, are a saving to the men in point of washing, and do not shew the dirt of a shirt, so much, after a day's wear: two will be necessary for each man; one of horse-hair for common use; the other of Manchester velvet for dress: and it will contribute much to the smartness of both, to edge them with scarlet cloth: the ends for the clasps to fix in, are best of leather, as that will last while the stocks do.

XXXVI.

It is mistaken œconomy in Officers, to buy very coarse linen for their Soldiers shirts; that of one shilling and four-pence a yard is the cheapest, from which any material service can be expected: four shirts (three of which should be perfectly good) are as few as a Soldier can dispense with, to support that neatness, which at all times should distinguish him: less than three yards and a half ought never to be put in one, unless the man, for which it is designed, is extremely low and thin, as it is a certainty, that the longer and larger they are made, the greater service may be expected from them: care must be taken, that they are worked both neat and strong, with buttons at the collar, which should not be allowed to turn over the stock, above an inch, to prevent its being entirely hid: the ruffle at the bosom, need not exceed two inches in breadth, and it will be an addition to the look of the sleeves, (which otherwise appear quite naked) to ornament their slits, with an half inch ruffle: eight pence a piece is a sufficient allowance for shirts made agreeable to these directions, nor should the women be ever suffered to demand a farthing [$\frac{1}{4}$ d.] more...

XXXVII.

Two pair of good shoes are indispensably necessary for a Soldier, as he must otherwise be obliged (if depending on one pair) after a-wet day's march, to give them a hasty drying by the fire, which not only cracks the leather, but is the certain method of shrinking them in such a manner, as to give the greatest pain and trouble to the wearer: the best shoes will be always found the cheapest, and it will be necessary to strengthen their heels, with some small nails: the toes should be round and flat; the straps full large enough to fill the buckle; and the quarters high, tight, *and short, for the advantage of the gaiters being fitted well: the Officers commanding companies ought not to permit a pair of shoes to be delivered to a man, until they have examined, whether they are made conformable to these directions, else every Soldier will certainly indulge his own particular taste, in the fashion of his shoes, without considering any other advantage: besides two pair of shoes, a Soldier should have a pair of soles and heels-in his Knapsack, by which means, he can never be distressed, should his shoes want mending on a march, as a shoe-maker of the Company can always do them, and that with seasoned leather, which might not be the case was he to take the immediate chance of the country for it.

* A gaiter will never fit well upon a shoe with long quarters...

XLI.

As long gaiters confine and heat the Soldiers legs too much, upon a march, in warm weather, it will be prudent to furnish them with black short ones, to rife only to the swell of the calf; with a small peak at the top of the back seam, and made in every other particular, like the long gaiters: and as they are considerably cheaper, it must be œconomy to wear them on all occasions, when the others can be dispensed with; besides, a Commanding-officer will very much consult the good appearance of his Regiment by it, as Soldiers never look so tight, or well prepared for any service, as when dressed in gaiters, of this kind, especially, if uniformity has been established in the colour of their stockings, and that a neat black leather garter be buckled below the knee.

[Note: The regimental review of the 42nd Regt. at Halifax in June 1784 noted the men were wearing short gaiters with white trousers.]

XLII.

Uniformity should be particularly observed, in the Stock-clasps, and the Shoe and Garter-buckles, which, may be got of any pattern, extremely cheap at Birmingham: Shoe-buckles of a roundish form are to be preferred to square ones, as they never cut the tongue of the Gaiter: and it will be found more convenient to have the studs for fixing the Stock to the Clasps, on the inside, rather than the outside, as

they are otherwise perpetually catching, either in the ribband of the hair, or in the lining of the Collar of the Coat...

XLIII.

Square knapsacks are most convenient, for packing up the Soldier's necessities, and should be made with a division, to hold the shoes, black-ball and brushes, separate from the linen: a certain size must be determined on for the whole, and it will have a pleating effect upon a March, if care has been taken, to get them of all white goat-skins, with leather-slings well whitened, to hang over each shoulder; which method makes, the carriage of the Knapsack much easier, than across the breast, and by no means so heating.

XLIV.

On Service, a Soldier cannot conveniently get through the Duties of a Campaign, without a Haversack of strong, coarse, grey linen (which is always issued as part of the Camp-equipage) to carry his bread and provisions on a March; therefore need not be deemed a part of his appointments, nor provided with that exactness, which some Regiments always practise: whenever such things are delivered to the Men, the Name of the Owner, with the Number of the Regiment and Company he belongs to, should be marked on them, to prevent their being mixt or lost among those of other Corps...

Source and Note: *Cuthbertson's System, for the Complete Interior Management and Economy of a Battalion of Infantry*, Capt. Bennet Cuthbertson, 5th Regt., Printed for W. Cavel, G. Robinson and Wallis and Stone, Bristol, 1776, pp. 67-85 .



Restored Bucked Shoes Recovered from the Wreck of the cargo vessel *General Carleton of Whitby*, 1785

Picture Source: "18th Century Material Culture: Male Clothing Stocking & Shoes," from Polish Maritime Museum.

News Article Reports Arrival of 30,000 Pairs of Shoes for Troops in America, London, Jan. 3, 1776

LONDON, Jan. 3...

Thirty thousand pairs of shoes came by the Wellingborough waggon on Saturday, intended for the use of the troops in North America.

Source and Note: *Newcastle Courant*, Feb. 10, 1776, p. 2. Wellingborough is located near Northampton about 70 miles NW of London.

Watch Coats for Sentries and Blankets Issued to the 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 6, 1776

Proportion of Waggon and other Necessaries, for such British Regiments, as are destined to act on the Coast of the Atlantick the ensuing Campaign
Jan^y 6. 1776...

Blankets 5 p ^r Tent for 140 Tents	700
Watch Coats p ^r Comp ^y . 6	60...

For the 42^d. Reg^t. Establishment 1168...

Blankets	1200
Watch Coats	80...

Source: TNA, *War Office: Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890.



Detail from "Port Glasgow with a distant view of Greenock," 1789, by John Wells

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

**Board of Excise Orders to Allow Landing Clothing for the 42nd Regt. at Port Glasgow Duty Free,
London, Jan. 24, 1776**

24th Jan 1776

Gentlemen – Having received a Warrant of the Right Hon^{bl} the Lord Comm^{rs} of His Majesty's Treasury dated 15th Inst, requiring us to give the necessary orders and directions for allowing the particulars ment^d in the inclosed account to be landed duty free at Port Glasgow for the service of the 42nd Regt of Foot, you are upon the arrival of said Particulars of Cloathing to allow the same to be landed duty free at Port Glasgow or the member thereof as required by the said Warrant.

We are Sir

B C Glett? Am?

[Margin "no such Cloathing landed here"]

Source and Note: General Orders by the Board of Excise to all collectors, at CE60-2-318, p. 121. Transcribed by Mr. Ed Brumby. The "inclosed account" was not filed in the Customs records with this letter. See letter below dated Mar. 30, 1776.



Detail showing garment similar to a Watchcoat from “*The cloak used by a French cavalryman in 1812,*” Photo 2011

Source: Wikimedia Commons from FrankD

Letter from the Matthew Lewis, Deputy Secretary, War Office to John Robinson, Secretary of the Treasury Board, to Supply Watch Coats and Blankets to Regiments Going to America, London, Feb. 14, 1776

W.O. 14th Febry 1776

See p. 39

M^r. Lewis presents his Compl^{ts}. To M^r. Robinson, is directed by [Secretary at War Viscount] L^d. Barrington to acquaint him it will be proper that Directions should be immediately given that Blankets & Watch Coats for the under mentioned Regim^{ts}. may be issued upon Application from their respective Agents in the following proportion Viz:

700 Blankets and	}	9 th Regt.
60 Watch Coats for the	}	
		20 th
		24 th
		34 th
		53 ^d
		62 ^d
		21 st
		31 st
1200 Blankets and	}	42 ^d .
80 Watch Coats	}	
2350 Blankets and	}	71 st
160 Watch Coats	}	

John Robinson Esq^r.

Source: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776-Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96 p. 91.



Sir James Adolphus Oughton, 1778, by John Downman

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Excerpt of a Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding the Status of Uniforms for the 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Mar. 21, 1776

My Lord...

Through some Ignorance of the Revenue Laws the Cloathing of the 42^d Regiment is still detained in Ireland; but [Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] writes me that he has sent off an Express, and hopes to receive it before the Time of Embarkation...

I have the Honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

Caroline Park, March 21, 1776

Ja^s: Adol^s: Oughton

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, p. 391.

Request for Assistance from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Hon. Sir John Blagniere, Chief Secretary for Ireland, Regarding the Release of Clothing for the 42nd Regt., London, Mar. 30, 1776

War Office 30th March 1776

Sir

Having received information from the Commander in Chief in N^o Britain, that the Clothing of the 42^d Reg^t is still detained in Ireland for want of some formalities respecting the Revenue Laws; I am to desire you will be pleased to move His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, that the said Cloathing may be forwarded with so much Expedition as possible, and every obstacle removed that can be done with propriety, the Regiment being under Orders for immediate Embarkation.

I have the hon^r to be

Sir &c

Barrington

R^t Honble
Sir John Blagniere
&c &c &c
Dublin Castle

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776-Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96 p. 428 (new p. 215). See Capt. Lt. John M^cIntosh's request for Custom's release of the clothing above dated at Glasgow on Dec. 14, 1775

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding the Regiment's Clothing in Ireland; Glasgow, Apr. 2, 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to Acquaint Your Lordship, the Ship with the Irish Cloathing is at last arrived at Irvine, this morning, and the Ship Glasgow is hourly Expected at Carron, I have inclosed copys of two letters, which Explain their not arriving Sooner...

My Lord

Glasgow 2^d. April 1776
Lord Barrington

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

[Enclosures]

Copy Letter Cap^t. Lieu^t. John M^cIntosh to Lord John Murray

Dated Glasgow past 10. O'Clock
Monday night 1st. April 1776

My Lord

In Answer to your Commands received just now to know why the Warrant for the Cloathing was not Sent to S^r. William Montgomery in place of a Copy.

I Rec^d. the warrant from [Lt.] Colonel [Thomas] Stirling about the first of February to keep it, but no order to forward it to S^r. William Montgomery. And when I saw the Cloathing was not arrived as was Expected, I sent S^r. William Montgomery a Copy of the Warrant which I thought was Sufficient.

I have the honor to be

Gen^l Lord John Murray

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient humble Serv^t
/Signed/ John M^cIntosh

A true Copy

John Murray

Extract of S^r. William Montgomery's letter to Lord John Murray Dated Dublin 23^d. March 1776.

Received at Glasgow Monday night the 1st April.

My Lord

I have been favoured with yours by Express which arrived yesterday Morning at ten of the Clock, without the Original Certificate which you sent me I could not have obtained the permission, to sent the Cloathing on board.

Glasgow 2^d. April
1776

John Murray
General

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993. Irvine is a seaport 30 miles southwest of Glasgow and Carron is a seaport 25 miles northwest of Glasgow. "S^r. William Montgomery" had been the regimental agent while the 42nd Regt. was assigned to Ireland.



Model of 30-gun French Frigate *Vestale*, recommissioned in 1761 as *HMS Flora*,
Scale model on display at the *Musée de la Marine* in Toulon, France

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**Report from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief,
North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Regarding Preparations
for Embarkation of the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments, Edinburgh, Apr. 4, 1776**

My Lord...

I have acquainted [Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] and [Maj.] General [Simon] Fraser [Col., 71st Highland Regt.] that their Regiments are to sail together under convoy of the [32-gun, *HMS*] *Flora* Frigate, without touching at Cork... Lord John Murray has written me that his Irish Clothing has arrived at Irvine on the 2nd Ins^t...

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

Caroline Park April 4. 1776

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, f.423. The “*Irish Clothing*” refers to the annual regimental clothing that was mistakenly sent the regiment’s prior posting in Ireland. Irvine, on the Scottish coast, is located about 30 miles southwest of Glasgow.

**Letter from H. Maguire, Staff of the Lord Lt. of Ireland, to Secretary at War Viscount
Barrington, Regarding Release of the Clothing of the 42nd Regt., Dublin Castle, Apr. 5, 1776**

Dublin Castle 5th April 1776

My Lord,

I have received and laid before My Lord Lieutenant, the Honor of your Lordship’s Letter of the 30th past, requesting me to move His Excellency that the Clothing of the 42^d: Regiment of Foot, which is still detained in this Kingdom may be forwarded, with as much Expedition as possible, and, every Obstacle removed that can be done with Propriety, the Regiment being under Orders for immediate Embarkation, and by His Excellency’s Command I have sent a Copy of your Lordship’s Letter to the Commissioners of the Revenue with Directions to them to issue immediately the Necessary Orders to their Officers for that Purpose accordingly.

I have the Honor to be, My Lord
Your Lordship’s Most obedient, Humble Servant
H Macquire

R^t Hon^{ble} Lord Barrington

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, p. 829.

Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Reporting Problems with Preparations for Embarking the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments, Edinburgh, Apr. 6, 1776

My Lord,

I was honoured with your Lordship's by last night's post, and immediately issued the necessary Orders for embarking the 42^d & 71st Regiments by the 15th of this month, agreeable to His Majesty's Commands.

As I have diligently reported to your Lordship every circumstance which came to my knowledge, and strictly obeyed every order I received relative to these Regiments, I trust no Blame can be imputable to me, should the 42nd embark without their Belts, Caps, and part of their Camp Equipage and the 71st without their full Compliment of Men...

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

Caroline Park April 6. 1776

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, p. 427.

Capt. Murdoch M^cLaine's Listing of Arms and Equipment Needed for the Regiment of Royal Highland Emigrants to be "...the Same as the 42nd or Royall Highlanders," London, Apr. 8, 1776

Besides the articles Furnish'd in Scotland, and M^r Harley &c in London, The Following List of Arms & Accoutrements is yet to be Provided, for the Regiment of Royall Highland Emigrants –

For officers...	64	Sashes
	64	Gorgetts...
	64	Bagis...
	2	Pair Colours...
Serjants ...	60	Sashes
	60	West belts...
	60	Bagis...
Corporals	40	Epaulettes...
For Corp ^l & Private	1000	West bilts
	1000	Bagis...

As M^r Harley have Provided the proper Number of Coats & vests & as Colⁿ. [Allan] M^cLean's agents in Scotland have Provided the Highland & other parts of the Cloathing, as P^r. acc^t. thereof in M^r Robinsons hands, and as the war office Provides Tents & Camp Necessarys for the whole Officers & men, The above and foregoing articles are all that remain to be Contracted for or Provided, which I declare is absolutely necessary to Complete The Royall Regim^t of Highland Emigrants ^{^being the Same as the 42nd or Royall Highlanders us} London 8th April 1776 –

Murdoch M^cLaine
Cap^t & Paym^r s^d Corps

Source: TNA, *Board of Trade and Secretaries of State: America and West Indies, Original Correspondence – Military Dispatches 1775-1776* at CO 5/93, pp. 779-780.

Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Reporting the Sailing of the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments Complete in Clothing and Camp Equipment, Edinburgh, Apr. 30, 1776

My Lord

I have the Pleasure of informing your Lordship that, after the most troublesome Piece of Business we have ever had to conduct since I belonged to this Establishment, the two Highland Regiments sailed yesterday Morning with a fair Wind, compleat in Men, Cloathing, Camp necessities &c.

I have the Honour to be My Lord, Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

Ja^s Adol^s Oughton

Caroline Park, April 30th 1776

Source: TNA, War Office In-Letters, WO1/865, p.487.



Photo of Regimentally Marked 1st Battalion, 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's) Firelock Butt Plate

Picture Source: With permission from Cathey Brimage and the *Heritage Arms Society*, South Australia

**Excerpt of Letter from Capt. Seth Harding, *Connecticut State Brig. Defense*,
to Connecticut Gov. Jonathan Trumbull Listing Captured Clothing,
Arms and Equipment of the 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's), Boston, June 27, 1776**

Sir:

In your favour of the 21st instant, your Honour was pleased to order me to continue here till further orders. At that time it appeared with some little chance of success; since I look on the chance to be small. There have been ever since Sunday last ten ships cruising off Boston harbour; two of the men-of-war, eight with Highlander troops... I have thought proper to libel [claim] for three-fourths of the [British transports] George and three-fourths of the brig Annabella, and my proportion of the ship Lord Howe...*

I am, with due respect, your Honour's most obedient humble servant

Seth Harding

To Governour Trumbull

*Inventory of the Cargo taken out of the Ship Lord Howe. Boston, June 19, 1776.

76 small-arms, 1 ditto, 12 ditto, are 89 muskets; 82 bayonets; 71 cartouch-boxes; 65 bags bread; 1 barrel pease; 2 pounds powder; part of a cask of currants; 1 cask and part of a cask vinegar; 3 hogsheads [79 gal. each] rum, one part out; 6 casks mess pork; 6 casks mess beef; 17 casks ship's provisions; 13 barrels oat meal; 11 barrels pease; 1 barrel barley, 1 ullage [unfilled portion of a barrel] ditto; 4 barrels flour; 1 barrel herring; 9 bags bread; 2 hogsheads and 1 barrel ditto; part of a cask hair powder; 1 cask canteens and camp kettles; 54 blankets; 1 barrel meal; 2 bags tent pins and mallets; part of 10 coils cordage; a keg molasses; 4 bundles iron hoops; 1 box candles; 1 bundle hammocks; 6 iron spades; 3 boxes bullets; 3 pair hand screws; 1 iron pot; 1 box containing 9 cutlasses; a box containing a markee and materials; 100 canvass knapsacks, 36 hatchets taken out and carried up.

Inventory of the Cargo received out of the Ship George. Boston, June 22, 1776.

20 fusees; 31 small-arms; 6 kegs bullets and shot; 6 bundles paper for cartridges; part of a bag flints; 2 kegs part filled with cartridges; a cask containing a few books and 1 bundle bedding; 2 trunks and 2 portmanteaus; 1 black trunk; 1 bundle; 1 black canteen; 1 red bundle; 1 chest; 1 portmanteau; 3 casks porter; 1 cask hams; 3 casks bottled wine; 7 hogsheads and part of a hogshead rum; 361 black shoulder belts; 74 bundles and 1 bag gun straps; 1 field bed and 2 bundles binding; 4 markees; the Quartermaster's camp equipage; [2nd Bn. Lt.] Colonel [Archibald] Campbell's ditto; a bundle ditto not directed; 3 field tents and materials; 6 bundles tent poles for markees; 12 bundles common tent poles; 7 bundles leather bullet pouches; 3 cartouch boxes; 6 kegs bullets and shot; 23 camp tents; a remnant of ticklenburg [coarse linen fabric]; 1 cask and 2 bundles tent pins; 1 cask tin canteens, and 69 loose; 10 tin pans; 23 camp kettles; 1 package tents stools; 82 canvass knapsacks; 199 hair knapsacks; a bale containing 80 blankets; a bale containing 50 watch-coats; 1 box black plumes; 4 bundles soldiers' clothing; 1 bundle stockings; 3 pairs shoes; 2 bags with belts and knapsacks; 2 pieces plaid; 7 bonnets; 2 pieces and part of a piece duffle [coarse woolen cloth]; 144 soldiers' blankets; 33 beds; 85 pillows; a bale of brown paper; 44 hatchets; 1 bundle twine; 1 cask; sheathing nails; 2 casks 5-penny nails; 1 set small weights; 2 iron spades; part of a cask currants; 15 barrels pease; 6 barrels flour; 2 barrels barley; 9 barrels pork; 27 barrels beef; 19 kegs butter; 15 barrels oat meal; 2 tierces [42 Gal. each] and part of a tierce vinegar; 2 barrels herring; 1 bag rice; 74 bags bread; 14 hogsheads bread; water cask.

Inventory of a Cargo of the Brigantine Annabella, as far as taken out. Boston, June 29, 1776.

31 small-arms, by [Rebel] Captain [Daniel] Waters. Received into the store from the sloop as follows: 240 pairs of shoes; a bale of tents, quarters 23; 2 cables 12½-inch; 1 ditto 11-inch, 20 fathom [6 ft. per fathom]; 1 piece junk [old cable]; 8 barrels and 3 ullages of oat meal; 1 cask pease; 3 casks pork; 9 casks beef; part of a cask vinegar; 1 box candles; 1 tierce rum; 1 hogshead rum; 8 sails and a bundle old canvass, delivered to Mr. Barrett; 6 iron spades; 2 shod shovels; a piece sheet lead; 1 firkin butter; 1 crosscut saw; 4 tent poles; 5 pack saddles; 2 anchors; 1 small ditto, iron stocked.

Received by [Rebel] brig Defence: 3 barrels and an ullage of flour; 2 barrels pease; 43 cartouch boxes; 17 leather bullet pouches; 18 bayonets; 16 shoulder straps; sundry rigging and clocks; 3 long bolts for shackles; 1 bundle iron hoops; 126 empty casks, small and great.

Received by the [Rebel ship] Warren: 30 small-arms; 47 cartouch boxes; 16 belts; 42 leather bullet pouches; 25 gun straps; 36 cutlasses; 39 bayonets; 8 boxes candles; 4 pair shoes; 1 drum; 1 halbert; 1 old ensign.

Received by the sloop: 1 anchor, 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.; a parcel of loose bread; 10 water casks; some rigging and blocks; a cabin stove; a piece of junk; a bag containing nails; 8 casks mess beef; 4 ditto pork; 6 casks ships' provisions; 1 barrel oat meal; 2 hogsheads rum; 1 keg bullets; 3 pack saddles; a part of a cask beef; part of a barrel herring; about 7 chaldrons coal.

Source: *American Archives*, Fourth Series, Vol. VI, Peter Force, Pub. by Act of Congress, Mar. 1843, Google Books, pp. 1113-14.



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Claim Filed by Capt. Nicholas Biddle, *Rebel Brigantine Andrew Doria*, Against Arms and Equipment Captured on Highland Transports *Oxford* and *Crawford*, Providence, Rhode Island, July 13, 1776

Colony of Rhode-Island, &c.

Providence, ss.

A LIBEL is filed before me, in Behalf of Nicholas Beadle, Esq; his Officers and Men, belonging to the Brigantine Andrew Doria, a Continental Vessel of War, and one of the Fleet for the Protection and Defence of the United Colonies of America, under the Command of Esek Hopkins, Esq; Commander in Chief, against 191 Fire-Arms with Cartouch Boxes, 3 Fusees, 3 Hangers, 162 Bayonets, 80 Broad Swords, 8 Halberts, 2 Drums, 2 pair of Bag-Pipes, 1 Ship Bell, 3 Jacks, 2 Ensigns, 1 Pendant, 273 Pounds of Gunpowder, and 2600 Musket Cartridges with Balls: said to have been captured and taken by the said Officers and Men, upon the high Seas, and brought into the Port of Providence, in the County of Providence, in said Colony, from on board two Transport Vessels, used and employed in the Service of his Britannic Majesty. All which said Fire-Arms, Ammunition, &c at and before the Time of said Capture, belonged to and were used by the British Army, acting against the said United Colonies; and for Trial of the Justice of said Captures, the Court erected in and for said Colony, for the Trial of Maritime Causes, will be holden at said Providence, on the Twenty second Day of July, A. D 1776, at the Hour of Ten in the Forenoon. This Notice is given, pursuant to the Law of said Colony, that the Owner or Owners, of said Fire-Arms, Ammunition &c of any Person concerned therein, may appear and shew Cause, if any they have, why the same shall not be condemned.

JOHN FOSTER, Judge of said Court

Source and Note: *Providence Gazette*, July 13, 1776, p. 3. The transport *Oxford* had carried Capt. John Smith's company of the 42nd Regt. and *Crawford* had carried Capt. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod's company of the 71st Regt.



Detail of Miniature of Col. Samuel B. Webb, 1779 and modified in 1790, by Charles Wilson Peale

Picture Source, NY Historical Soc., Gift of Colonel G. Creighton Webb

Letter from Rebel Col. Samuel B. Webb, Aide-de-Camp to Gen. George Washington, to Maj. Gen. Artemas Ward to Forward Captured Arms, Clothing and Equipment of the 71st Highlanders to Headquarters, New York, July 18, 1776

Head-Quarters New-York July 18, 1776

Sir

His Excellency General Washington, having occasion to ride out early this morning, has dictated and ordered me to acknowledge and answer your two letters of the 11th instant, which came safe to hand by yesterday's post. He is not a little displeased at the Agent's taking the liberty of removing, or rather disposing of the cargoes of, the prizes, without your knowledge, and begs you immediately to forbid anything of the kind again. He is surprised that, out of upwards of four hundred prisoners, only seventy-three arms have been sent on, as he supposed every man must have had his arms with him. He begs your attention in collecting, from the Agents and others, all the arms that have been taken, and forward them immediately to this place, where they are much wanted. Enclosed is a list of articles he has taken from the invoices, and would have you send on as soon as may be...

I have the honour to be, with respect and esteem, your

Honour's most obedient, humble servant,

Samuel B. Webb, A. D. C.

To General Ward.

List of Articles taken in the Transports, which his Excellency General Washington requests General Ward to forward from Boston to New York as soon as possible:

From ship George: All the fuzees, small Arms and bayonets, shoulder-straps, gun-straps, leather bullet-pouches, hair knapsacks, canvass knapsacks, belts, flints, markees, and soldiers' tents, common tent poles, tin canteens, camp-kettles, blankets, watch-coats, soldiers' clothing, stockings, black plumes.

From ship Anne: All the checked and striped Hollands [unbleached plain linen], check shirts, writing paper, thread stockings, check trowsers, men's shoes, ticking trowsers, men's hats.

From ship Lord Howe: All the small-arms, bayonets, and cartouch-boxes, part of canteens and kettles, soldiers blankets, cutlasses, canvass knapsacks, markees.

From brig Annabella: All the small-arms, shoes, soldiers' tents, sheet lead, pack-saddles, cartouch-boxes, leather bullet-pouches, shoulder-straps, gun-straps, cutlasses, bayonets, and belts -

By Order of his Excellency General Washington:

Samuel B. Webb, A. D. C.

Source: *American Archives*, Series Five, Vol. I, Peter Force, Pub. by M. Sinclair and Peter Force by Act of Congress, Washington, D. C., 1848, Google Books, pp. 413-414.

**Reply from Continental Navy Agent John Bradford to Rebel Gen. George Washington
Explaining the Loss of Captured Highlander Muskets, Boston, July 29, 1776**

May it please Your Excellency

In Compliance with your order to [Maj.] General [Artemas] Ward to send forward all the Military stores taken in the Scotch Ships I have deliver'd them to him, tho forbid doing so by the Agent for Connecticut, it gives me great pain that I could not fully comply with your Excellencys requisition having dispos'd of Seventy Muskets & fifteen fuzees to the Independent Company of this Town before I knew a vote of Congress had pass'd Ordering All the Arms taken in them vessells to be sent forward to York, And not till Capⁿ. [Seth] Harding who Commands the Connecticut Brig. who was Concern'd in taking the vessells & Claims the Greatest Share of them, interested himself in the matter in favour of disposing of them to those Gentlemen.

Your Excellency will have a Return by this post from Gen. Ward of the number Rec^d. and how disposed off. it may be Supposed that each man had a Musket. I believe they had, but I Arrived only two hundred and five. I've Reason to believe the Rest were Embezz'd for the Captains as well as the men are too little impress'd with the hon^{ble}. Service they are employ'd in and Act the Part of Privateer men. it will give me the highest pleasure at all times to Comply with your Excellencys order being with great truth Your Excellencys

Much Oblig'd and Most Obedient humble Serv^t

JBradford

His Excell^y. General Washington

29th. July 1776

Source: *George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799*: Series 4, General Correspondence. 1697-1799.

**42nd Regt. Orders for Clothing to be Carried when Landing from Transports,
Staten Island, New York on Aug. 2, 1776**

Head Q^{rs} Dykersferry Staten Island, 2^d Aug^t 76...

R:O) When the Men disembark, they are to take nothing with them, but 3 Shirts, 2 p^{rs} of hose & their Leggings which are to be put up neatly in their packs, leaving their knapsacks & all their other necessities on board o [sic] Ship which are carefully to be laid up by the Commanding Officers of Companys in the safest manor they can contrive...

Source: "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*" in National Records of Scotland (NRS), "13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

42nd Regt. Orders for Officers to Restrict their Baggage, Staten Island, New York, Aug. 12, 1776

Dykers ferry 12th Aug^t 1776...

The Troops to be provided till further notice with three days salt provisions & three days bread drest, those Corps who have not convenience for Cooking their provisions on shore must have it drest on board their Transports ...

R: O:) The 7 companies to Embark on board the [Transports] Brilliant Thames Glasgow & Houston – The officers are to carry nothing with them but their Tents bedding & a Portmanteau

Source and Note: "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*" in National Records of Scotland (NRS), "13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment,

during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2. With the grenadier and light infantry companies having joined flank battalions, there are now only seven companies in the 42nd Regt. formed into two provisional battalions.

General Order Describes Provisions and Equipment to be Carried for Long Island Landing and Source for Medical Supplies, Staten Island, Aug. 20, 1776

Head Quarters Staten Island 20th Aug^t 1776...

These Troops to have three days Provisions ready dress'd tomorrow Morn^g –

When the Troops Land, they are to carry nothing with them but their Arms, Ammunition, Blankets and three days Provisions –

The Commanding Officers of Companys will take particular care that the Canteens are properly fill'd with Rum & Water & it is most earnestly recommended to the Men to be as Saving as possible of their Grog ...

In Consideration of the distance this Army is from Great Britain & of the Loss which the regimental Surgeons must sustain by ordering out all the necessary medicines, from the Allowance unusually made them, it is directed that they be furnish'd in future as occasion shall require, from the Gen^l Hospital – The Quantity & Quality of medicines required being first, ascertained by the Physicians & surgeons of the Hospital, & also that no Stores be destroyed or rejected as Unserviceable except by an order from the Hospital board on due consideration –

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

4th (Highland) Grenadier Battalion Orders for Carrying Equipment, Staten Island, Aug. 21, 1776

Battⁿ orders 21st Aug^t

The Companys to parade tomorrow Morn^g with their Arms Accoutrements & packs at half after 2 OClock at Major [Hon. Charles] Stewarts Quart^{rs}. The Commanding Officers of Comp^{ys} to be particularly carefull they do not exced this hour.

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

4th (Highland) Grenadier Battalion Morning Orders for Cleanliness, Long Island, Aug. 25, 1776

Morn^g Battⁿ Orders 25th Aug^t 1776

The Commanding Officer of Companys will take particular case that the Non Commissioned Officers of Squads or Messes see the Men comb their hair & clean themselves before they come to the Parade –

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.



British Army Canteen excavated by Reginald P. Bolton near Fort Washington, New York

Picture Source: *New York Historical Society Museum & Library*

4th (Highland) Grenadier Battalion Morning Orders for Packing Necessaries and Mixing Rum in Canteens, Long Island, Aug. 26, 1776

M. Bⁿ Orders The Commanding Officers of Comp^{ys} will see that the Mens necessaries are pack'd up in their blankets immediately.

It is expected in future that the Men constantly Parade with their Packs and that they do not undo them until Night –

An Officer of a Comp^y constantly to see the Mens Rum mixed, if the Men cannot get Buckets they must see the Canteens carried to the Well –

Source and Note: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2. At this point, the 42nd Grenadier Company under Capt. Charles Graham had been detached from the 42nd Regt. and assigned to the 4th British Grenadier Battalion. It was a common practice during the American war to consolidate the Grenadier and Light Infantry companies from all the regiments into composite battalions.



Miniature of Capt. Hon. William Leslie (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), c. 1780

Picture Source and Note: Wikimedia Commons, from *Sotheby's*. In this miniature, Leslie is likely wearing a 42nd Regt. Uniform with Royal blue coat facings as his only later service was in the 17th Regt. uniformed with "greyish white" coat facings.

**Description of Limited Clothing Carried by Capt. Hon. William Leslie, 17th Regt.
(Former Ens., 42nd Regt – 1773), Long Island, Sept. 2, 1776**

Bedford Long Island Sept. 2nd 1776...

It is now a fortnight we have lain upon the ground wrapt in our Blankets, and thank God who supports us when we stand most in need, I have never enjoyed better health in my Life. My whole stock consists of two shirts 2 p^r of shoes, 2 Handkerchiefs half of which I use, the other half I carry in my Blanket, like a Pedlar's Pack...

Source: "Captain William Leslie's Paths to Glory," Ed. Sheldon S. Cohen, *New Jersey History*, CVIII (1990), pp. 60-63.

**Extract of Letter from Army Contractors Mure, Son and Atkinson to Gen. Sir
William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Regarding Scarcity
of Coal, Barrack Furniture and Winter Clothing, London, Sept. 14, 1776**

London, September 14. 1776...

We were afterwards on the 30th August directed to provide clothing for 5,000 provincials, and a pair of thick milled woollen mittens for every man in both armies; and to take up and arm shipping sufficient to carry the whole, together with the camp equipage, shoes, stockings, and linen for the next campaign, as far as the agents could get them ready. In contradiction of all the clamours of faction respecting the delay of manufactures, &c., it is an absolute truth that there is scarce an article of all these things to be found ready made, that the price of everything is increased and still rising...

Source: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. I, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1904, Google Books, pp. 58-60.



Detail showing Splatterdashes (short gaiters) on 62nd Regt. Grenadier (left) and Officer, 1773, by Charles Forrester

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Colonial Williamsburg

**News Report of Black Woolen Cloth Ordered for Splatterdashes for British Army,
Leeds, England, Sept. 1776**

A few Days ago a House in Leeds received orders from Government for 60,000 yards of coarse Broad Cloth to be dyed black, for Splatter-Dashes, for the Use of the Army in America; the greatest part of which was sent off on Thursday and Friday last.

Source: *Derby Mercury*, Sept. 20, 1776, p. 4.

General Orders for Landing of Clothing and Baggage to Regimental Stores, New York, Oct. 3, 1776

G: O: Head Q^{rs} New [sic] Island 3^d Oct^r 1776...

The Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts} are to Apply to the Barracks M^r Gen^l for Store houses in New York that they may immediately be able to Land their Cloathing & Reg^{tal} Baggage from their Respective Transports

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thornton, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.



Detail of Portrait of Gen. Artemas Ward

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Letter from Rebel Maj. Gen. Artemas Ward to Gen. George Washington Discussing Captured Supplies from the 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's), Boston, Oct. 6, 1776

Boston 6 October 1776

Sir –

Yesterday I received from Mr. Glover, Agent at Marblehead [Massachusetts], a Box of broad Swords, which he lately found in the Scotch ship Ann, that was taken some time since. Also received from Mr. [John] Bradford, Agent for Continental Prizes, the enclosed invoice which he has in his hands. The reason he gave for delaying it so long, was, the Plaids were infested with the small pox and he thought it necessary to cleanse and air them considerable time before they were used.

I am Your Excellency's &c

Artemas Ward

[Invoice]

1776 Oct^r 6 An account of plaids & military Stores in the possession of John Bradford Esq^r Agent for Continental Prizes.

Viz 35 pieces short plaid

88 yards of long ditto
8 large camp kettles
16 small ditto
5 Dozen Canteens
2 Dozen ½ Gallon kettles & covers
2 Dozen flat tin candlesticks
12 Dozen hard metal table spoons
94 Ruggs
84 Blankets

Source: *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*, Vol. 6; p. 1142 and Artemas Ward to George Washington, Oct. 6, 1776, Appended Report on Stores, *George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799: Series 4*, General Correspondence.

**Lt. John Peebles' Accounts of Winter Clothing for the 42nd Grenadier Company
Newport, Rhode Island, Nov. 26 and Dec. 21, 1776**

Tuesday 26th Nov^r employed in compleating our stores & laying in some warm cloathing for the men in winter...

Saturday 21st Dec^r... The Taylor gone to work to make up warm cloathing for the Company, flannel under Vests delivered out to the men...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Nov. 26 and Dec. 21, 1776.

**Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders for the Cost of Shoes and for
Regiments to Issue Their Annual Clothing, New York, Dec. 22, 1776**

Head Quarters New York 22^d Dec. 1776...

The Shoes delivered to the Troops are to be charged to them at four Shillings and ten and a half pence Sterling per Pair, and the Commanding Officers of the Regiments who have received them are as soon as possible to send Returns thereof to Lieut.- Col. [William] Sherriffe, Deputy Quarter Master General, and the Paymasters are also to transmit, to their respective Agents, Returns agreeable to the Stoppages they make, as they are to account for the same.

Such of the Regiments as have not put on their New Clothing are desired to put it on as soon as possible...

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789" in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books, p. 428. Regiments were shipped a new uniform once per year which was prepared for the regimental agents in Britain.



Detail of Portrait of Maj. Gen. Archibald Montgomerie, 11th Earl of Eglinton, c. 1784, by Joshua Reynolds

Picture Source: *Wikimedia Commons*, from the *Royal Collection*

Lt. John Peebles' Account of the First Issue of "*britches*" to the 42nd Grenadier Company, and Purchasing Trimmings for a Greatcoat, Newport, Rhode Island, Dec. 29 and 31, 1776

Sunday 29th Dec^r The [3rd British Grenadier] Battalion went to Church inform our comp^y dress'd in britches for the first time, what would L^d E [Archibald Montgomerie, 11th Earl of Eglinton] say if saw us...

Tuesday 31st. Dec^r...went to buy some trimmings for a great Coat – the prices of everything in the shops immensely high here – charged a dollar & a half for a yard of glaz'd linen.

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Dec. 29 and 31, 1776. Peebles' is likely referring to woolen breeches, usually worn in winter garrison with warm leggings.

General Orders for Issue of Shoe Soles and Shoemaker Supplies, New York, Jan. 26, 1777

Head Quarters New York Jan. 26th 1777.

There being 16,000 Pairs of Soles, 250 Sets of Shoemaker's Tools, 14 Dozen lbs. of Shoemaker's Thread, 40 lbs. of Shoemaker's Bristles, 200,000 Shoemaker's Pegs, and 450 Lasts; the several Regiments will receive their Proportions on application to Lieut.-Col. William Sherriffe, Deputy Quarter Master General. The Soles are to be Paid for at the Rate of 12 Shilling 9 pence per Dozen Pairs. The Tools, Thread, Bristles, Pegs, and Lasts are given gratis. The Paymasters of Regiments will make proper Stoppages for the Number of Pairs of Soles they receive...

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778), *Kemble Papers*, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

Lt. John Peebles' Accounts of New Clothing for the 42nd Grenadier Company on the *Transport Eagle* off Amboy, New Jersey, Feb. 18, 1777

Tuesday 18th Feb^y... got out the new cloathing & put it on the men, just as it is, having no time to get it fitted. It is in general too little for the men, set the Taylors to work to put on hooks & Eyes & turn up the corner of the skirt which is all that can be don[e] at present...

Source and Notes: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for February 18 and 22, 1777. On Jan 28, 1777, the 3rd British Grenadier Bn., including the 42nd Grenadier Co., sailed from Rhode Island for Amboy, New Jersey. “*Hooks & Eyes*” were used to fasten the coats in the front. Because the Highland jackets were shorter than the coats of English regiment, the skirts were not fastened to each other in the rear for ease of marching. The Highland jackets had only a small corner of the front skirt turned back revealing the white lining.



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>

**Extract of Letter from Maj. William Murray, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Safe Arrival of “*English Cloathing*,” Piscataway, New Jersey,
Mar. 13, 1777**

Dated Piscataqua New Jersey, 13th March 1777

My Lord...

The English Cloathing arrived Safe, and every Method is taken to keep the men warm and Comfortable.

W.

Source and Note: *Lord John Murray Papers*. “*English Cloathing*,” consisted of jackets, waistcoat cloth, lace and buttons, and corporal epaulettes. Money was supplied to the troops to allow local purchase of remaining uniform items, i.e. shirts, shoes, and neck stocks.



Linen European Gaitered trousers, 1793

Picture Source: *Metropolitan Museum of Art*

Lt. John Peebles' Account of Canvas Trousers for the 42nd Grenadier Company, 2nd British Grenadier Battalion, Amboy, New Jersey, Mar. 25, 30, 31 and Apr. 5, 1777

Tuesday 25th March ...sent a man to N. York to get stuff to make 2 pair trousers for each man of the Comp^y...

Sunday 30th March...The man return'd from New York with the articles sent for, but we made a mistake about the Quantity of Canvas, so must send for more...

Monday 31st March...sent Corp^l. [Alexander] Thompson to N York for more Canvas for trowzers - 268 yards sent also my man for some things...

Sunday 5th April...Corp^l Thompson & my man Return'd

Source and Notes: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for March 25, 30, 31 and Apr. 5, 1777. Trousers at this period had fall fronts like standard breeches. Some trousers had long straight legs and others, often called "gaitered trowsers" had buttoned side openings, attached toe caps and were snug at the ankle. The 42nd Regt. had their Store in New York, but it is not known if the trousers were specific to the Grenadiers or if the remainder of the regiment also received trousers. On Jan 28, 1777, the 3rd British Grenadier Bn., including the 42nd Grenadier Co., sailed from Rhode Island for Amboy, New Jersey. The 42nd Gren. Co. joined the 2nd British Gren. Bn. Mar. 23, 1777 at Amboy. N.J. when the 3rd British Gren. Bn. disbanded.

Summary of Letter from Sec. at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America Requesting a List of Required Necessaries, London, Mar. 26, 1777

1777, War Office, March 26, 1777

Recommends that orders be given to commanding officers of each corps to make out a list of necessaries that may be wanted in the course of the campaign or during the winter by the private men of regiments. Directs as to the stoppages for such necessaries.

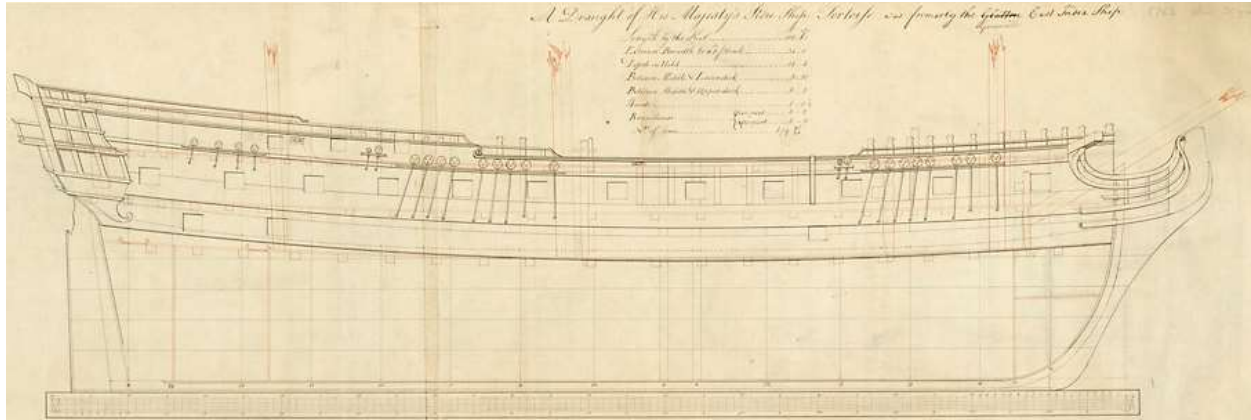
Source: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. I, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1904, Google Books, p. 99.

General Order Issued for Payment of Shoes and Soles, New York, May 26, 1777

Head Quarters New York 26th May 1777...

The Paymasters of the several Regt^s are to remit as soon as possible to their respective Agents the Monies they have Stop'd for Shoes and Sole Leather issued to the Troops, which Monies the Agents are to be accountable for to the Treasury, and each Paymaster to send in an Account thereof to Lt. Col^l. [William] Sherriffe D^y Q^r M^r Gen^l –

Source: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe Kept By Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, 29 January 1777 - 20 June 1777*, New York State Library~ Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744.



A Draught of His Majestys Store Ship Tortoise, 1777

Picture Source: Royal Museums, Greenwich

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe,
Commander-in-Chief, North America Listing of Regiments Whose Clothing was Shipped
on *HM Store Ship Tortoise* Along with Barrack Blankets, London, Aug. 2, 1777**

Duplicate

War Office 2^d. August 1777.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that Clothing for the Regiments serving under your Command, mentioned in the inclosed Paper, have been shipped on Board His Majesty's armed Ship the Tortoise, together with 8,000 Blankets for the use of the Barracks.

These Blankets are sent out in consequence of information received from Major General [James] Robertson that a fresh Supply would be wanted the ensuing Winter, and that a requisition to that effect might soon be expected from the barrack Master General, and are to be considered as part of the number which may hereafter be required by Lieutenant Colonel Clerk:

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant

The Honble General Sir William Howe

Barrington

&c &c &c

[Enclosure]

28th. July 1777

Ship'd on Board His Majesty's Armed Ship the Tortoise, Clothing for the following Regiments serving in N^o. America.

$$\begin{array}{l} 1^{\text{st}} \\ 2^{\text{d}} \\ 3^{\text{d}} \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Guards}$$

16 th	}Light Dragoons
17 th	

4 th	}
5 th	}
10 th	}
15 th	}
16 th	}

	17 th	}
The Ship is Commanded by	22 ^d	}
Lieut. [Jahleel] Brenton of	23 ^d	}
the Navy, carries	27 th	}
22 Nine pounders	28 th	}
4 6 do	35 th	}
with the Compliment of	37 th	}
Officers, & Seamen and	38 th	}
Marines for a Frigate of	40 th	}
20 Guns.	42 ^d	}
	43 ^d	}
	44 th	}
	45 th	}
	46 th	}
	49 th	}
	52 ^d	}
	54 th	}
	55 th	}
	57 th	}
	63 ^d	}
	64 th	}
	71 st	}

With 8,000 Blankets for the Barrack Master General, directed, General Sir William Howe

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers. A. Main Series of Papers* at PRO 30/55/6/37, pp. 219-220 (Item 630 and 634). Also filed under War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780 at WO 4/274, ff. 2-3.

Listing of Clothing and Camp Equipment to be Prepared for Shipment to America for the 1778 Campaign, London, Aug. 7, 1777

Camp Equipage & other Necessaries for the Campaign 1778, to be ready for Embarkation by the 1st of Septem^r next with the Tonnage that will be requisite for transporting the same to North America – Aug^t 7th 1777

		Tons
To be	{ Camp Equipage complete for 8000 British Troops	250
supplied	{ 8000 Blankets	70
to the	{ 60,000 Mittens [annotation 40,000]	24
Troops	{ 20,000 Pairs of Leggings, 2 Yards of Cloth for each	100
	Pair, with needles, thread &c	}
	{ 20,000 Pairs of Shoes	60
	{ 20,000 Pairs of Soles, with Bristles, Thread &c	12
	{ 20,000 Ready made Shirts or Cloth for such part }	20
To be	{ as cannot be provided in time }	
paid for	{ 20,000 Black Hair Stocks lined	4
by the	{ 20,000 Pairs worsted Stockings	16
Troops	{ 8,000 Pairs thread Stockings	5
	{ 20,000 Pairs of Half Gaiters, Cloth for D ^o	12
	{ 8,000 Pairs of Summer Breeches, Russia }	<u>10</u>
	Duck for D ^o	}

Total Tonnage 589

Camp Equipage & other Necessaries for the Campaign 1778, to be ready for Embarkation by the End of December next, with the Tonnage that will be requisite for transporting the same to North America

		<u>Tons</u>
	{ Remainder of the complete Camp Equipage }	540
	{ for the British Troops }	
To be	{ Compleat Camp Equipage for 4000 Provincials	90
supplied	{ Compleat Clothing for 4000 Provincials [annotated 180]	90
to the	{ Camp Equipage Compleat for 33 Batt ^{ns} of Foreign Troops	495
Troops	{ Clothing complete for the said Troops	<u>495</u>
	{	1710
	{	<u>Tons</u>
	{ 52,000 Blankets	546
	{ 40,000 Pairs of Leggings, Cloth for Do	200
	{ 40,000 Pairs of Shoes	132
	{ 40,000 Pairs of Soles &c	24
To be paid	{ 40,000 Ready made Shirts	40
for by the	{ 40,000 Black Hair Stocks lined	8
Troops	{ 40,000 Pairs of Worsted Stockings	32
	{ 52,000 Pairs of thread Stockings	35
	{ 40,000 Pairs Half Gaiters, Cloth for D ^o	24
	{ 52,000 Pairs of Summer Breeches }	<u>70</u>
	Russia Duck for D ^o }	
		<u>1111</u>
	Total Tonnage	1.821

Query: With regard to the provision of the whole for any smaller proportion of the Necessaries from the Blankets downwards.

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State. Secretary at War, 1777* at CO 5/169, p. 219, f. 110.

**Letter from Secretary of State George Germain to the Lords Commissioners
of the Treasury, Providing King George III's Orders to Provide Legging
Material to 20,000 Troops in North America: London, Aug. 8, 1777**

Whitehall 8th. August 1777.

Lords of the Treasury

My Lords,

The Secretary at War having represented to me that Legging for His Majesty's Troops serving on North America will be very useful in the Winter; I have received the King's Commands to signify to Your Lordships His Majesty's Pleasure that Cloth for 20,000 Pair of Legging with proper Trimmings for the same be prepared & sent out with the Necessaries ordered in my Letter to Your Lordships of the 2^d. Inst.

I am &c^a.

Geo: Germain.

Source: TNA, *Secretary of State: Treasury and Customs, 1777* at CO 5/149, p. 497, f. 248.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Regarding the Pending Shipment of Clothing Necessaries, London, Aug. 21, 1777

Duplicate

War Office 21st. August 1777.

Sir,

The Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's ^{Treasury} having desired me to provide a Supply of Stores and Necessaries for the benefit of the Forces under your Command, which are to be consigned to your care, and to be delivered to the several Regimental Paymasters, who shall desire to be supplied therewith, upon their paying the prime Cost of the several Articles so delivered to them; I have the honor to enclose a List of the said Articles as it may be of convenience to the Troops to be apprized that such a Measure is intended.

This Supply is to be in readiness for Shipping by the 1st. of September, when I shall take care to send you an Invoice of the Cost and Charge of the said Stores and necessaries, and to acquaint You of the Mode in which the Treasury Board wish them to be accounted for.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Honble
General Sir William Howe
&c &c &c

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant
Barrington

Stores proposed to be sent to Sir William Howe to be paid for by the Troops, viz^t.

	Tons
20,000 Pairs of Shoes	66
20,000 Pairs of Soles, with Bristles, Thread &c	12
20,000 Ready Made Shirts or Cloth for	20
such part as cannot be provided in time }	
20,000 Black Hair Stocks lined	4
20,000 Pairs Worsted Stockings	16
8,000 Pairs Thread Stockings	5
20,000 Pairs of Half Gatiers, Cloth for D ^o	12
8,000 Pairs of Summer Breeches,	<u>10</u>
Russia Duck for D ^o }	
Total	145

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers*, Main Series of Papers at PRO 30/55/6, pp. 214- 215 (Item 647).



Detail showing 40th Regt, Soldiers with Blanket Rolls from “*Battle of Germantown*, 1782, by Xavier della Gatta

Picture Source: BritishBattles.com

**American Dr. Benjamin Rush’s Anecdote of British Troops Carrying Blanket Rolls on Their Backs,
Brandywine Creek, Pennsylvania, Sept. 11, 1777**

One of the [British] officers, a subaltern, observed to me that his soldiers were infants that required constant attendance, and said as a proof of it that although they had blankets tied to their backs, yet such was their laziness that they would sleep in the dew and cold without them rather than have the trouble of untying and opening them. He said his business every night before he slept was to see that no soldier in his company laid down without a blanket.

Source: L.H. Butterfield, ed., *Letters of Benjamin Rush*, vol. I (Princeton, N.J., 1951), pp. 154-155, as documented in “Necessaries . . . to be Properley Packd: & Slung in their Blanketts” Partial Transcription of 40th Regiment Order Book, Transcribed by John U. Rees and James Kochan.

**Invoice of Necessaries with Prices from Matthew Lewis, Deputy
Secretary at War, to the Secretary of State’s Office, London, Sept. 24, 1777**

War Office 24th Septem^r 1777

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary at War to send you for the information of Lord George Germain, the enclosed state of such necessaries as have been provided at the request of the Treasury Board, and shipped, for the use of the Forces in North America together with an abstract of the charge of the same.

No others are preparing

I am Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant
M. Lewis

[Enclosure cover sheet]

In M^r. Lewis’s (to WK) of
24th. Sept^r. 1777

[Enclosure]

Abstract of the Charges of the Necessaries provided for the Forces in North America September 1777

10000 pairs of Shoes at 5/ <i>P</i> pair				£2.500	..	..
420 Pieces of Raven Duck for Breeches	}			735	..	..
at 35/ <i>P</i> piece	}					
34.300 Yards of Linnen for Shirts at 1/1 <i>P</i> Y ^d				1857	18	4
<u>White Worsted Stockings</u>						
318 pairs	at 1/10 <i>P</i> pair	£29	3	..		
768 do	at 1/11	73	12	..		
1.200 do	at 2/	120	..	..
502 do	at 2/2	63	1	..		
<u>Jersey Worsted</u>						
1434 pairs	at 1/8	119	10	..		
1342 do	at 1/10	123	..	4		
1927 do	at 2/	192	14	..		
3805 do	at 2/2	412	4	2		
<u>White Thread</u>						
1368 pairs	at 2/6	171	..	..
2208 do	at 2/8	294	8	..		
1548 do	at 2/9	212	17	..		
				1.811	9	6
20.000 Black Stocks at 4 ½ each				375
	Carried forward			£ 7.279	7	10
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	Brought forward			£ 7.279	7	10
<u>Shoe Soles & Heels</u>						
2580 pairs	at 11 ^d <i>P</i> pair	£ 118	5	..		
2364 do	at 1/	118	4	..		
2280 do	at 1/1	123	10	..		
3996 do	at 1/ 2	233	2	..		
2436 do	at 1/ 4	162	2	..		
1668 do	at 1/6	125	2	..		
1728 p ^{rs} . of Welts	at 1 ^d . ea pair	7	4	..	887	15
<u>Shirts</u>						
1200	at 5/ each	300	..	..
500	at 5/3	131	5	..		
400	at 5/	100	..	..
1500	at 5/	375	..	..	906	5 ..
				£ 9.073	7	10

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State. Secretary at War, 1777* at CO 5/169, pp. 241, 265, ff. 121, 123.

Lt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, Records Unsuccessful Shopping Trip for Men's Necessaries Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1777

I preambled the shops in Town for necessarys for the men but found very little - the shops almost empty - shoes 2 [Spanish] dollars.

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Sept. 29, 1777.

**Capt. Lt. John Peebles, 42nd Regt., Records Arrival of Officers' Necessaries,
Philadelphia, Nov. 4, 1777**

Some necessities came in for the officers from the shipping...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Nov. 21, 1777. Now Capt. Lt., Peebles had left the 42nd Grenadier Company on Nov. 2 1777 to command the General's Company in Maj. William Murray's 1st (Provisional) Battalion, 42nd Regt.

**Capt. Lt. John Peebles' Note of Orders Issued to Send for Clothing and Baggage,
Philadelphia, Nov. 20, 1777**

Friday 21st [Nov.] Orders came out last night for the Reg^{ts} to send to New York for the Cloath^s & Baggage all off^{rs} & men; Lt. [John] R: [Rutherford] went off early this Morn^g for the above purpose...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Nov. 21, 1777 at Philadelphia.

**Capt. Lt. John Peebles Records that Mittens and Blankets were Issued to the 42nd Regt.,
Philadelphia, Dec. 1, 1777**

Monday 1st Dec^r still cold frosty w^r [weather]...A pair of mitts given out to the men and blankets to those that wanted.

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Dec. 1, 1777 at Philadelphia.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Thomas Fauquier, Secretary
to the Board of General Officers on 42nd Regt. Clothing, London, Dec. 22, 1777**

War Office 22^d Decem^r 1777

Sir

Mess^{rs} [Alexander] Anderson & [George] 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, Nov. 1777-Feb. 1778* at WO 4/101, p.77.

Listing of Clothing Sent by the Marine Society for Soldiers in America, London, Jan. 28, 1778

28th Jan. 1778

THE Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Society for the relief of the Soldiers, their Widows, and Orphans, etc. in America, from the commencement of their institution of this day. viz.

Jan. 22, 1777 –

	l.	s.	d.
Amount of Subscriptions to this day, as advertised	18,620	16	11
Received from the Bristol Committee, for sundries purchased and included in the consignment per the [HMS] Renown,	911	12	0
Total	<u>19,532</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
Silver sent Gen. Sir William Howe at Boston	535	11	1
Sundries sent ditto at Halifax ship Renown	9,289	0	2
Silver sent General Sir Guy Carleton at Quebec, to be distributed to the Garrison who defended it.	505	10	6
Sundries sent ditto for the use of the troops	1,652	9	0
Sundries sent General Sir William Howe, for the use of the troops at New York,	1,145	18	0
Flannel shoes, and stockings, sent [Maj.] General [Eyre] Massey, for the use of the women and children left at Halifax, on the removal of the troops	429	14	10
Supplies to Sundry Regiments on their departure from hence,	2,430	6	7
Benefactions to 361 sick and wounded soldiers	988	10	6
Printing and Stationary,	303	2	10
Petty expenses,	37	4	8
	<u>17,317</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>
Balance in the hands of the Treasury	<u>2,215</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>19,532</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>

N.B. Sundry draw-backs and bounties remain due from the Custom houses

The above supplies consist chiefly of 15,680 pairs of shoes, 22,568 pairs of stockings, 17,390 flannel waistcoats, 10,384 yards of flannel, 16,023 milled caps, 12 390 pair of wollen gloves, 22,561 pounds cut tobacco; together with various articles.

Receipts and Disbursements since the above publication

	l.	s.	d.
Balance as above	<u>2,215</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>

RECEIPTS...

DISBURSEMENTS

845 pair of shoes for the drafts of the guards, and Royal Artillery, and for the recruits of the Highlanders on their embarkation from hence to America	213	3	9
202 white baize waistcoats for [Maj.] General [George] Preston's [17 th] regiment of lighthorse at New York, with packing and charges attending the same	29	10	11
Relief given to 576 sick and wounded soldiers, widows, wives, and children,	1,193	6	6
Printing advertisements,	10	17	6
Donation to the marine Society for the use of their Office	50	0	0
To the Secretary, Clerks, and Messengers, for two years	<u>236</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1,639</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

Balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, Samuel Smith, Esq.
reserved for Widows, Orphans, sick and wounded Soldiers,
with such other Objects as fall with In the plan of the
Subscription,

2,674	9	9
4,313	18	5

N. B. This Society has relieved 795 sick, wounded, and discharged Soldiers, 334 Widows and
Wives, 524 Children, In all, 1634 (Signed)

JOHN CORNWALL,
JOHN JULIUS ANGERTEIN,
JAMES BOGLE FRENCE,
JOHN WILLIAM ANDERSON,
WILLIAM HANSON,
PETER HODGSON

JONAS HANWAY,
BIGNALL POITER,
GEO. STAINFORTH,
THO. BURFOOT,
JAMES JOHNSON,

Source: *Morning Post and Daily Advertiser* (London), Feb. 2, 1778, p. 1.



42nd Regt. Reenactors in white breeches and long blue gaiters

Picture Source: Author's Collection

**Capt. Lt. John Peebles' Account of the Inspection of 1st (Provisional) Battalion, 42nd Regt.,
and Pending Issue of "*white Breeches & blue long gaters*," Philadelphia, Jan. 30, 1778**

Philad^a Jan^{ry} 30th 1778 – fine mild weather & sunshine today [Lt.] Col^l [Thomas] Stirling
inspected the 1st Battⁿ with respect to arms accoutrem^{ts} & necessaries, – The arms in general not in good
order & wanting some repair. the accoutrements bad and some deficient. the necessaries compleated to
at least 4 good Shirts, two p^r Shoes & all the small articles – the new Coats have been on for some time
but not alter'd – The Reg^t to have white Breeches & blue long gaters, but they are not all made up. The

new Bonnets are cock'd & on – The men wear Philibegs yet, made of their old Plaids – The Inspection began at one & continued till 4 less strict towards the end being dinner time

Necessary Rolls & Returns of arms given in by each Company accounting for deficiencies & the mens assignment for y^r [their] clearance to 24 Dec^r

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Jan. 30, 1778, Philadelphia.

General Order Issued to Collect Returned POW Clothing, Philadelphia, Feb. 4, 1778

Head Quarters Philadelphia Feb^{ry} 4th 1778...

Some of the Cloathing, Necessaries, and Money, intended for the Prisoners of War, being returned and now at the State House; they are to be Immediately sent for by the Several Regiments to which they belong...

Source: "Orderly Book, Brigade of Guards," George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799: Series 6. Military Papers. 1755-1798 Captured British Army Orderly Book, January 29-August 9, 1778.

Estimate of Shipping Tonnage for Clothing to America, 1778

Tonnage for Clothing of the Army on the Coast of the Atlantic – 1778...

		Tons		Tons
16} Light Dragoons,	Each 15	30	Each 10	20
17}				
28 Regiments }	Each 20	560	Each 15	420
16 th }				
42 ^d		40		30
71 st		<u>60</u>		<u>45</u>
		690		515
Detachm ^t Guards		<u>40</u>		<u>30</u>
		730		545

Source: TNA, *War Office: In-letters, Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on Military Supplies, 1776-1783* at WO 1/890, p. 180.

Newspaper Advertisement of Soldier Clothing for Sale, New York, Jan. 19, 1778

WILLIAM DONALDSON

Has imported in the ship Edward, from London, a compleat assortment of European and India goods, which are now opening for sale at the store No. 1091, in Water-street...

Best superfine, scarlet and second broad cloths; ditto blue uniform and fashionable colours ...gold and silver lace epaulets, &c...strong shoes suitable for the army and navy, mens fine shoes, boots...worsted hose suitable for the army...soldiers shirts...

Source and Note: *New-York Gazette, and Weekly Mercury*, New York, Jan. 19, 1778, p. 4. At this time the 10 companies of the 42nd Regt. were stationed at Philadelphia.



Detail of Portrait of James Maitland, 7th Earl of Lauderdale, 1759, by Joshua Reynolds

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Google Art Project and Art Gallery of New South Wales

Clothing and Equipment Purchased by James Maitland, 7th Earl of Lauderdale for his Son, Capt. Hon. Thomas Maitland, 78th Highland Regt. (Seaforth), Edinburgh, Feb. 14 – Apr. 9, 1778

Account of The Right Hon^{ble} Earl of Lauderdale To William Mackenzie Dec^r. 12th, 1778

1778

February 14

To 1 5/8 yard Scarlat Cloth for Sergent Mervills @ 12/	..19 [s]..6 [d]
To 1 3/4 yard white Cloth @ 8/	..14..__
To 6/4 yard white Serge for Lynings @ 1/9	..10..3
To 3/8 Yard orange Cloth @ 10/	..3..9
To 1 yard Pocketing @ 1/8	..1..6
To Making a Sut of Regimentals @	..8..6
To Thread silk twist 3/6 & Buckrum & binding 2/6	..6..__
To 42 big & 25 Small Mettall Buttons @ 1/6	..6..4
To 4 yards Tartan @ 1/6 & making a Kelt 1/	..7..__
To a Bonet 1/10 & 2 Large feathers 3/	..4..10
To 1/2 yard Ribbon 9d & a silver Loop & Buttons 1/	..1..9
To making a Bonnet & binding ..1	..1
To 1 5/8 yard Scarlat Cloth for Sergent Hader @ 12/	..19..6
to 7/8 yards white Cloth @ 8/	..7..6
To 4 3/4 yard Serge for Lynings @ 1/9	..7..8
To 3/8 yard orange Cloth @ 10/ & 3/4 yard Pocketing 1/3	..5..__
To making a Regiment Coat & vest	..7..__
To thread Silk twist 2/10 & Buckrum & binding 1/10	..4..8__
To 38 big & 13 small Mettal Buttons @ 1/6	..5..7
To 4 yard Tartan @ 1/6 & making a Kelt 1/	..7..__
To making a Bonnet for the above sergeant ..1	..1
To Making 12 Bonnets & 24 yards binding for d ^o	..13..__
To Making a Bonnet for footman ..1	..1
To 2 y ^{ds} Ribbon 1/ & 3 fine feathers 4/6	..5..6
To 1 1/2 yd fine Cadas [Hose cloth] for Recruits @ 2/	..3..__
To a Large Bonnet 2/ & 3 y ^d Ribbon 1/6	..3..6
To Making 4 pear Hose & 2 Bonnets & binding 2/2	..4..2

March 5 To making & furniture of a sut of Regements
 given to M^r Fullerton 1.. _..6 14
 To an officers Bonnet 2/ & Silver Loop & Buttons 2/3 ..4..3
 To a Cocade 1/6 & ½ y^d Ribbon 9d & 2 ostrich
 feathers 2/6 ..5..9
 To ½ y^d Linnen 9d & a Rose [Rosette] 4d & Making a Bonnet 2/6 ..3..7

Edinburgh 9 April 1778 Received payment of the above in full £10..14..6

Source: TNA, National Register of Archives, Scotland: *John Stuart, Earl of Bute, Statesman, letters from Earl of Lauderdale* at NRAS 832, Bundle 1/20, obtained by Alexander Good and transcribed by William Tatum III



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

Picture Source: National Army Museum, London

Inspection Report of Clothing and Equipment for the 2nd Battalion, 73rd Highland Regt. (MacLeod's), Inverness, Mar. 16, 1778

Return of Arms and Accoutrements and Cloathing/ Received for the 2nd Battalion of the 73rd Regiment
 Commanded by Colonel [John] Mackenzie [Lord MacLeod] Inverness 16th March 1778

Coathing As per Return
 Arms As per Return
 Accoutrements As Per Return
 Camp Equipage As Per Return

Arms and Accoutrements
 0 Officer's Fuzills
 40 Halberts
 40 Drums with sticks & Cases
 1010 Firelocks
 1010 Bayonets

300 Pouches
300 Shoulder belts & Frogs

Cloathing

0 Serjeants Jackets
0 Serjeants Waistcoats
52 Serjeants Shirts
216 yd^s hose for Serjeants
50 Serjeants Plaids
50 Serjeants Garters
50 Serjeants Bonnets
0 Drummers Jackets
0 Drummers Waistcoats
20 Drummers belts & Strings
600 Privates Jackets
600 Privates Waistcoats
1022 Privates Shirts
1022 Privates Plaids
3000 yards hose for privates
1022 Privates Bonnets
1082 Pairs Shoes
1072 Pairs Buckles
41 Officers plaids
41 Officers bonnets
0 Officers buckles
0 Officers Garters

James Adolfus Oughton,
Lieu^t. General

Source and Note: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief Papers*, Miscellaneous Letters, Mar. 1779 at WO 34/149 (Transcribed from Reel 116, Stanford University by Alexander Good, Mar. 1, 2006. The Lt. Colonel of the 2nd Bn., 73rd Regt. was Lt. Col. Hon George Mackenzie, who commanded the 42nd Lt. Infantry Company for the first part of the American war.

**Capt. Lt. John Peebles' Account of Shoes, Arms and Necessaries for General's Company,
1st (Provisional) Battalion, 42nd Regt. Philadelphia, Mar. 18 and 23, 1778**

Wednesday 18th March... look'd into the state of the Comp^{y's} Shoes and find them very bad, almost all worn out ordered a pair a man directly...

Monday 23^d ... saw the Comp^{y's} arms & necessaries today a good many things wanting...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Mar. 18 and 23, 1778.



James Murray of Strowan, 1765

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Royal Canadian Navy*

Army Clothier William Dickey's Clothing Estimate for 77th Highland Regt. (Atholl), Mar. 23, 1778

Estimate for Clothing the Atholl Reg^t of Highlanders

Hon Col James Murray-- March 23rd 1778

Serjeants Jacket	1[£]/11[Sh.]/8 [d]
White cloth Waistcoat	0/9/0

Drum Jacket	1/13/2
White Cloth Waistcoat unlined	0/4/4

Gren ^d Jacket	0/15/11
White Cloth Waistcoat Unlined	0/4/4

Private Jacket	0/15/5
White Cloth Waistcoat Unlined	0/4/4

L ^t Infantry Serjeants Jacket	1/11/8
Scarlet Cloth Waistcoat	0/12/11

L ^t Infantry Drum Jacket	1/13/2
Red Cloth Waistcoat Unlined	0/6/1

L ^t Infantry Private Jacket	0/15/9
Red Cloth Waistcoat Unlined	0/4/10

N.B. The cloathing Account to be paid the first of every March or to be charged 5 pounds per coat (?) from the 25th of each December as customary....

The above Calculation is for the full waistcoat

77th regiment Col. Murray's accounts

London 1778

March 21st To 101 plain swords for privates @ 15 s each

May 19 To 53 Swords for Serjeants @ 1£-2s-0

To 20 Short Hangers for Drummers @ 10s

Aug't 15th To 200 plain Swords for privates @ 15 s

Source: *Manuscripts, Blair Castle, Scotland*. Transcribed by Alexander Good.

Army Clothier William Dickey's Listing of Clothing Required for a New Highland Regiment and References Practice in 42nd Regt., London, Approximately 1778

Sundry Articles furnished by a Colonel for a new raised Highland Corps –

Serjeants	1 Jacket & Waistcoat
	1 Shirt
	1 Black Stock
	1 pair Plaid Hose
	1 Bonnet & Cockade
	1 pair Shoes
	1 Sash
Drummers & Pipers	1 Plaid &c ^a
	1 Jacket & Waistcoat
	1 Shirt
	1 Black Stock
	1 pair Plaid Hose
	1 Bonnet & Cockade
	1 pair Shoes
Grenad ^{rs} & Private	1 Plaid &c ^a
	1 Belt & Sling
	1 Jacket & Waistcoat
	1 Shirt
	1 Black Stock
	1 pair Plaid Hose
	1 Bonnet & Cockade
	1 pair Shoes
	1 Plaid &c ^a

Corporal the same as Private only with the addition of an Epaulette

Broadswords for the Regiment Compleat

Accutrements for	D ^o	D ^o
Drum Caps	}	
Grenad ^r Caps	}	after the first Year only furnished when the old ones are expended
L ^t . Infantry Caps	}	

after the first Clothing the Regiment is furnish'd with Fronts of Waistcoats only

Serjeants Sashes only furnished when the old ones are expended

N. B. [Gen.] Lord Jn^o. Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] provides the Men 1 Bonnet and 4 pairs Hose each every Year and a Plaid once in two Years

[Note at bottom page in different hand: “f^m. Dickey the Clothier”]

Source: TNA, *Stewart-Murray Papers from Blair Castle* at NRAS 11000. Provided by Alexander Good. Transcribed by Paul Pace, Jan. 24, 2019.

Listing of Clothing for 77th Highland Regt. (Atholl) with Prices, 1778.

Cloathing and Accoutrements furnished for the Regiment of Atholl Highlanders

N^o. of each furnished Price of each Total Price

CLOATHING

Pairs Shoes	1178	5/4	314/2/8
Pairs Buckles	1100	7.5	34/7/6
Black Stocks	1100	7	32/1/8
[Stock] Clasps	350	5	7/5/10
Shirts for privates	1032	3/19	197/16
Shirts for Sj ^{ts}	52	7	18/4
Bonnets for Privates	1025	1[s]	51/5
Bonnets for Sj ^{ts}	50	1/3	3/2/6
Bonnets for Cp ^{ls}	50	1/2	2/18/4
Cocking & Mounting for Bonnets			3/6/4
Yards Ferret for Bonnets	199	2 [d]	1/13/2
Pairs Garters for Privates	1104	3.5 [d]	16/2
Pairs garters for Sj ^{ts}	52	4 [d]	0/17/4
Plaids for Privates	1032	14 [s]	722 [£]/8
Plaids for Sj ^{ts}	53	19	50/7
Yards Hose	1623	1/6.5	125/2/1.5
Plaid Belts	1100	1/2	64/3/4
Sword Belts	808	4/0	161/12
Drum Majors Coat & Waistcoat			2/16/6.5
Serj ^t Majors Swordbelt			1/10
Purses [sporrans]	1050	2/5	126/17/6
Knapsacks	1000	4 [sh]	200/0/0

2137/18/10

ACCOUTREMENTS

Arm Chests	20	116/10.5	26/17/6
Painting Chests	20	5/2.5	5/4/2
Turnkeys & Worms etc	1100	0/8	36/13/4
Drumheads	20	3/6	3/10/0
Hammer Cases	1050	0/2.25	9/16/10.5
Formers for Cartridges		0/1	0/3/0

Source: Bundle 341 of Papers from *Blair Atholl Castle*. Transcribed by Alexander Good.

**Clothing Account from Clothier William Dickey to Col. Hon.
James Murray, 77th Highland Regt. (Atholl), London, 1778**

The Hon: ^{ble} Colo ^l James Murray					Lond ⁿ 1778__			
For Clothing Furnished the Atholl Regiment of Highlanders as under					To W ^m . Dickey			
To	1	Serj ^t Majors Jacket & Waistcoat			£	4.	7.	10
	1	Drum Majors D ^o .	D ^o .			3.	18.	10
	1	Piper Majors D ^o .	D ^o .			4.	5.	4
	54	Serjeants Jackets & Waistcoats		40 ^s /3 ^d		109.	16.	—
	1	Pipers D ^o .	D ^o .			2.	11.	—
	22	Drums Jackets		33/2		36.	9.	8
	101	Grend ^{rs} .. D ^o ..		15/11		80.	7.	7
	878	Privates D ^o .		15/5		676.	15.	10
	1001	Privates Waistcoats		4/4		216.	17.	8
	5	L ^t . Infantry Serjeants Jackets & Waistcoats		44/7		11.	2.	11
	2	D ^o . Drums	D ^o .	39/3		3.	18.	6
	101	D ^o . Private	D ^o .	20/7		103.	18.	11
	50	Serjeants Sashes		7/6		18.	15.	—
	50	Corporals Epaulets		2 ^s /		5.	—	—
	53	Serjeants Cockades		4 ^d		.	17.	8
	1029	Private D ^o .		3 ^d		12.	17.	3
	55	Serjeants Scarlet Feathers		11 ^d		2.	10.	5
	1031	Private D ^o .	D ^o .	6 ^d		25.	15.	6
	55	Serjeants Black	D ^o .	16 ^d		3.	13.	4
	1031	Private D ^o .	D ^o .	11 ^d		47.	5.	1
	20	Score Hools & Eys		1 ^s /		1.	—	—
January 16, 1778 Insurance £ 400 ^p the Tay Cap ^t Hall from					£ 6.7.			
Lond ⁿ to Perth at 1½ pC ^t [%] Policy								
February 11 th D ^o . £ 850 ^p the Atholl Cap ^t Stewart from					10.2.			
Lond ⁿ to Perth at 1½ pC ^t & Policy								
March 4 th D ^o . £ 170 ^p the Active Cap ^t Wighton from					2.18.			
Lond ⁿ to Perth at 1½ pC ^t & Policy								
April 7 th D ^o . £ 620 ^p the Atholl Cap ^t Stewart from					10.7.4			
Lond ⁿ to Perth at 2 pC ^t & Policy								
						35.	14.	4
						£.. 1407	18.	8
By Allowance for Wasistcoats sent unmade								
Viz ^t . Making 52 Serjeants Waistcoats @ 1 ^s /					£ 2.12.			
1094 Private D ^o .. 6 ^d					27.7.			
						27.	19.	
						£.1377.	19.	8

Source and Note: The National Register of Archives for Scotland (NRAS) *Stewart Murray papers at Blair Castle*.
Transcribed by Paul Pace. The copy used for the transcription was sometimes unclear in the column of unit costs and a best estimate was transcribed. The total cost per unit column was clear for transcription.



Lt. Col. Commandant Kenneth, Earl of Seaforth

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Scottish Highlands: Highland Clans and Regiments* (c.1860)”

**78th Highland Regt. (Seaforth’s) Officer Equipment Purchases from *Bray & Fraser*,
Brewer Street, London, Mar. 28 – Aug. 18, 1778**

1778, From 28 March to the 18 Aug

Officers of the 78th Reg^t To Bray & Fraser

		[£ / s / d]
TO 40 officers Half Hilt Broad Swords finely Polished	30/	60/0/0
“ 40 Very neat officers Pistols Complete	53/6	117/0/0
“ 40 neat Regimental Purses for officers with very neat silver mounting & Silver Tassels Complete	53/	110/0/0
“ 40 Broadsword Belts for officers with neat silver buckles, Runners, & ornaments neatly engraved.	28	56/0/0
“ 40 Pistol Belts for officers with Plated buckles	1/2	2/8/4
“ 40 officers kilt belts 2 inches wide with double plated buckles	3/5	6/16/8
“ 40 officers fusee Slings	1/3	2/10/0
“ 40 officers Cartouch Boxes & Belts complete	6/1	12/3/4
“ 4 Grenadier officers caps with best water gilt fronts bound round with 2 rows of fine spangles silver lace with a light of gold between & silver fringe round, best silk tassels & very other best material.	65/	13/0/0
“ 4 Light Infantry officers caps with fine water gilt fronts, best spangle lace & silver fringe round the fronts, sword proof crowns covered with velvet & 3 rows of best silver plated chain on velvet cockades & feathers & silver buttons & loops.	70/	14/0/0
“ 4 officers powder horns with slings & plated buckles.	11/	2/4/0
“ 4 Ball bags for ditto.	1/3	0/5/0
“ 8 Green Baze bags for officers Caps.	1/	0/8/0

“ 8 Wood boxes for ditto	1/	0/8/0
“ 2 Boxes with officers pistols	2/	0/4/0
“ 1 Large Case with officers swords		0/8/0
1 dittos with belts and purses		0/4/10
	<hr/> 369 [£].15 [s].4 [d]	

1778 From 28 March to the 18 Aug

78th Reg^t [Lt. Col. Commandant, Kenneth, Earl of Seaforth] Lord Seaforth Col To Bray & Fraser

		[£ / s / d]
TO 1030 Strong Ammunition Purses	2/4	120/3/4
“ 1082 Kilt Belts Inch & 5/8 wide	11/	49/11/10
“ 1061 Gun Slings 11/4 49/14/ 8/4		
“ 909 Strong Ammunition Bags with Buttons	2/6	113/12/6
“ 949 Belts for ditto 4 1/2 feet long inch & 5/8 wide	1/1	51/8/1
“ 1081 Pistol Belts	0/5/ ½	24/15/6
“ 1000 Turn Screws [musket tool]	/3 ½	14/11/8
“ 1000 Weirs [wires] & Brushes [musket pan tools]	/3	12/10/0
“ 107 Half Hilt Broad Swords	9/4	49/18/6
“ 1081 neat pistols for private	13/6	729/18/6
“ 105 Broadsword Belts for Private	4/10/2 ½	25/11/10 ½
“ 105 Grenadier Caps with Silver Plated fronts complete	13/6	70/17/6
“ 105 Plated Grenades for ditto	6	2/12/6
“ 105 Light Infantry Caps with solid leather crowns & plated fronts complete.	13/0	68/5/0
“ 19 Drums Caps with Silver Plated fronts & Drum Ornaments	13/6	12/16/6
“ 10 Pioneer Caps with Silver Plated fronts & ornaments.	15/6	7/15/0
“ 101 Powder Horns with Leather Slings to ditto	3/3	16/8/3
“ 101 Ball Bags for ditto.	1/3	6/6/3
“ 101 Hand Hatchets	1/½	5/13/7½
“ 101 Slings & Cases for ditto	2/8	13/9/4
“ 10 Spring Steel Hand Saws	4/6	2/5/0
“ 10 Strong Leather Cases for ditto	4/6	2/5/0
“ 10 Leather Aprons 1/10 0/18/4		
“ 10 Felling Axes 3/ 1/10/0		
“ 10 Leather Cases for ditto 2/6 1/5/0		
“ 20 Belts for Axes and Saws 1/ 1/0/0		
“ A Stags Head Dye for the Cap Fronts Complete 10/10/0		
“ 3 Cases with Swords 1/10/6		
“ 7 ditto with Pistols 2/4/3		
“ 1 Box with Serjeants Belts and Purses 0/6/6		
“ 1 ditto with Serjeants Caps 0/4/6		
“ 2 ditto with Weirs and Brushes 0/3/0		
“ Cartage of the above to the Packers 1/8/0		
“ 53 Purses for Serjeants 2/8 7/1/4		
“ 53 Serjeants Broadsword Belts 4/ 10/12/0		
“ 53 Setts of Plated Buckles, Runners & Ornaments for ditto	7/0	18/11/0
“ 52 Serjeants Half Hilt Broadwords	18/0	46/16/0
“ 5 ditto Grenadier Caps bound round with Silver Lace best Plated fronts & silk cockades.	24/8	6/3/4
“ 2 Pipers ditto Complete	24/8	2/9/4
“ 5 ditto Light Infantry Caps with hard leather crowns chains		

	bound round with silver lace nest silver plated fronts, cockades & feathers complete	21/6	5/7/4
“	5 ditto Powder Horns & slings with spring charges & brass bottoms.	9/	2/5/0
“	5 ditto Ball Bags for ditto.	1/3	0/6/3
			<hr/> 1572 [£] /2[s]/5 ¼ [d]

Source and Note: *Amherst Papers*, Reel 128, pp. 182-183, Stanford Univ., from TNA, WO 34/157. Transcribed by Alexander Good. Location of “Bray & Fraser” from *Territorial Soldiering in the North-East of Scotland during 1759-1814*, John Malcolm Bulloch (1914), p. 112.



Detail of Portrait of Col. John Mackenzie, Lord Macleod, 73rd Highland Regt., by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Artnet.com

Clothing and Equipment Report for Regimental Review of 73rd Highland Regt. (MacLeod's), Fort George, Scotland, Apr. 7, 1778

Col [John] MacKenzie's Highland Regt, Inspected by Maj-General Robert Skene at Fort George, 7 April, 1778.

Cloathing: As per Return.

Arms: Received, but only 202 Cartouch boxes and Straps, a very great want.

Accoutrements: As per Return

Camp Equipage: Not arrived.

0	Officers Fuzzils
40	Officers Cartouch Boxes
10	Serjeants Fuzzils and Bayonets
10	Searjeants Cartouch Boxes
40	Serjeants Halberts
0	Serjeants Sashes
20	Drums with Sticks and Cases
1010	Firelocks
1010	Bayonetts
202	Cartouch Boxes
250	Pouches Shoulderbelts and Slings
250	Kilt Belts and Bayonet Frogs

250	Purses [Sporrans] and Belts
10	Officers Plaids
18	Officers Kilts
30	Officers Bonnets
42	Officers Buckles
0	Officers Garters
0	Serjeants Jackets
0	Serjeants Waistcoats
72	Serjeants Shirts
120	Yards of Hose for Serjeants
35	Serjeants Plaids
50	Serjeants Kilts
72	Serjeants Bonnets
48	Serjeants Garters
30	Corporals Epauletts
0	Drummers Jackets
0	Drummers Waistcoats
0	Drummers Belts and Carriages
0	Drummers Plaids
22	Drummers Kilts
0	Drummers Bonnets
650	Privates Jackets
650	Privates Waistcoats
600	Privates Shirts
810	Privates Plaids
825	Privates Kilts
1420	Yards of Hose for Privates
632	Pairs of Garters for Privates
1000	Privates Bonnets
2164	Pairs of Shoes for Privates
1072	Pairs of Buckles for Privates
1072	Hooks and Buckles for Privates
1072	Cockades and Feathers for Privates

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Review Returns* at WO 34/195, Copied from The David Library of the American Revolution by Kathi Ludwig. Transcribed by Alexander J. Good. Although sometime referred to as the MacLeod Highlanders, this regiment was raised by John Mackenzie, Lord MacLeod, Son of the Jacobite Earl of Cromarty. The 1st Bn. in 1779 had 14 officers by the name of MacKenzie.



Reproduction 74th Highland Regt. (Argyll) Uniform Button

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

Clothing and Equipment Report for Regimental Review of 74th Highland Regt. (Argyll), Glasgow, Scotland, Apr. 13, 1778

[Lt.] Col John Campbell's Argyllshire Regt, Inspected by Maj-General Robert Skene at Glasgow,
13 April, 1778.

Cloathing: As per Return herewith sent.

Arms: Compleat for Rank and File, 50 Arms for Sjt's Wanting.

Accoutrements: As per Return

Camp Equipage: On Board Transport but not arrived.

10	Officers Fusils
60	Halberts
20	Drums with Sticks and Cases
1010	Firelocks
1010	Bayonets
300	Pouches
300	Shoulderbelts and Frogs
48	Serjeants Jackets
48	Serjeants Waistcoats
50	Serjeants Shirts
112½	Yards Hose For Serjeants
5	Serjeants Plaids
50	Serjeants Garters
50	Serjeants Bonnets
16	Drummers Jackets
16	Drummers Waistcoats
16	Drummers Belts and Strings
550	Privates Jackets
550	Privates Waistcoats
1032	Privates Shirts
360	Privates Plaids
526½	Yards Hose For Privates
1032	Pairs Garters for Privates
1032	Privates Bonnets
1082	Pairs Shoes
1082	Pairs Buckles
9	Officer's Plaids
42	Officers Bonnets
41	Officers Buckles Pairs
44	Officers Garters

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Review Returns* at WO 34/195,
Copied from The David Library of the American Revolution by Kathi Ludwig. Transcribed by Alexander J. Good.

**Clothing and Equipment Report for Regimental Review of 77th Highland Regt. (Atholl),
Linlithgow, Scotland, Apr. 29, 1778**

Col [James] Murray's Highland Regt, Inspected by Maj-General Robert Skene at Linlithgow,
29 April, 1778.

Cloathing: Compleat.

Arms: Compleat, and in exceeding good order.

Accoutrements: As per Return.
Camp Equipage: Not arrived.

Return of Arms, Accoutrements & Cloathing &ca: Received for L ^t . Col: Comd ^t . [Hon. James] Murray's [77 th] Highland Regim ^t . at Linlithgow 29 th April 1778																	
Arms & Accoutrements									Cloathing								
Officers Fuses	Serjeants Fuses	Drums with sticks & Cases	Firelocks	Bayonets	Pouches	Shoulder belts & Frogs	Cartouch boxes belts & Frogs		Serjeants Jackets	Serjeants Waistcoats	Serjeants Shirts	Yards Hose for Serjeants	Serjeants Plaids	Serjeants Garters	Serjeants Bonnets	Drummers Jackets	Drummers Waistcoats
24	50	20	1010	1010	909		1060		50	50	50	37½	51	51		20	20

[Return ... continued]

Cloathing [continued]												
Privates Jackets	Privates Waistcoats	Privates Shirts	Privates Plaids	Yard Hose for Privates	Pairs Garters for Privates	Privates Bonnets	Pairs Shoes	Pairs Buckles	Officers Plaids	Officers Bonnets	Officers Buckles	Officers Garters
1010	1010	1032	1029	736½	1029		1082	1082	38		40	

N.B. Grenadiers, Light Infantry, and Pioniers Accoutrements complete, except Caps – Plaid Belts, Purse Belts, and Frogs complete (furnished by His Grace [the Duke of Atholl]) for the whole Regiment –
808 Cross belts contracted for by His Grace, not yet received
J^o Mackay Ensign & Quart^r Mast

Source: *NRAS, Blair Castle Archives* at NRA 11000 Stewart-Murray. Obtained by Alexander Good and transcribed by Paul Pace, Jan. 2019.

Source: *TNA, War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Review Returns* at WO 34/195, Copied from The David Library of the American Revolution by Kathi Ludwig. Obtained by Alexander J. Good.



Detail of Portrait of Col. William Gordon of Fyvie (in uniform of 105th Highland Regt.), 1765, by Pompeo Batoni

Picture Source: Wikipedia Commons, from *Castle Fyvie, Aberdeenshire*

**Clothing and Equipment Report for Regimental Review of 81st Highland Regt. (Gordon),
Stirling, Scotland, Apr. 30, 1778**

Hon Col [William] Gordon's Highland Regt, Inspected by Maj-General Robert Skene at Stirling, 30 April, 1778.

Cloathing: As per Return.

Arms: Compleat, but no cartouch boxes nor straps received with them as usual.

Accoutrements: As per Return

Camp Equipage: Not arrived.

20	Officers Fuzills
40	Halberts
20	Drums with sticks and cases
1010	Firelocks
1010	Bayonets
400	Pouches
400	Shoulder belts and Frogs
48	Serjeants Jackets
48	Serjeants Waistcoats
0	Serjeants Shirts
150	yards hose for Serjeants
50	Serjeants Plaids
50	Serjeants Garters
50	Serjeants Bonnets
20	Drummers Jackets
20	Drummers Waistcoats
20	Drummers belts and strings
980	Privates Jackets
980	Privates Waistcoats
0	Privates Shirts
1032	Privates Plaids

3086	yards hose for Privates
1032	Pairs Garters for Privates
1032	Privates Bonnets
1000	Pairs Shoes
0	Pairs Buckles
50	Officers Plaids
50	Officers Bonnets
0	Officers Buckles
50	Officers Garters

N.B. Received 10 Serjeants Fusills not mentioned in the above columns, and the remainder of the arms, Accoutrements, and Clothing wanting to Compleat the Regiment have been ordered, and are on their way from London--

N.B. No Invoice arrived for the quantity of Shirting received—

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Review Returns* at WO 34/195, Copied from The David Library of the American Revolution by Kathi Ludwig. Transcribed by Alexander J. Good.

Advertisement for 42nd Regt. Military Trimmings for Sale by John Cunningham and Co., Philadelphia, May 2, 1778

Just Imported and to be Sold by
John Cunningham and Co.

In Second-street, between Market and Arch-street, at the house lately occupied by John Young, saddler, two doors above Coombe's alley...

Buttons and epaulets for the 27th, 42d, and 63d regiment;

Gold & silver regimental lace for the 7th, 42d, and 63d regiments...

Silk regimental sashes...

Black feathers and silk cockades...

Mens shirts, plain and ruffled...

Gentlemens white stocks;

Black silk and genuine velvet ditto...

Source and Note: *Pennsylvania Ledger*, May 2, 1778, p. 3. The 42nd Regt. was occupying Philadelphia after its capture in 1777.

Description of Lack of Epaulet for a Lance Corporal at General Court Martial of Lance-Corp. Orange Grant, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, May 5-10, 1778

General Court Martial, May 5, 1778...

Corp^l Orange Grant of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot was brought before the Court & accused of permitting George Wright a major in the Rebel service & prisoner in the Goal, to make his escape from thence, whilst he (Grant) was on duty there, & the following witnesses were examined in Support of the Accusation...

John Jones, already sworn was again examined.

Q. As the prisoner was only a Lance Corporal and had no Epaulett, what reason had he to think that he was a Corporal?

A. He guessed that he was so, because he was in the inside, & had no Arms...

Source and Notes: TNA, *Judge Advocate General's Office: Courts Martial Proceedings, Marching regiments, Mar.-Sept. 1778* at WO 71/86, ff. 115-124. In this court martial Pvt. Orange Grant is noted to be a "Lance Corporal." Military writer Bennett Cuthbertson in his 1768 book *A System for the Complete Interior Management and Economy of*

a Battalion of Infantry describes the role of a Lance Corporal writing “...if a Serjeant, or Corporal is engaged in the Recruiting-service, or on any duty which may require his absence for some time, or in a case of sickness, the private Man who is appointed to act as Lance-Corporal, must have the inspection and care of his Squad, with all the power and authority over it, as if he was a full one.”



Reproduction 76th Highland Regt. (MacDonald) Uniform Button

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

**Clothing and Equipment Report for Regimental Review of 76th Highland Regt. (MacDonald),
Inverness, Scotland, May 11, 1778**

Inspection Return of the 76th Regt. at Inverness, 11 May, 1778 by Major General Robert Skene,

Listed on The Returns:

Clothing: As per return.

Arms: Received, but only 202 Cartouch Boxes and straps, the rest much wanted.

Accoutrements: As per return.

Camp Equipage: Received for five companies.

235	tents
235	Mallets
4935	Pins
2	Chests Medicines
10,900	Musket cartridges
2635	flints
33½	Leaves [cartridge] papers
4¾	pounds of thread
10	[paper cartridge] formers
4	barrels powder
234	Ridge poles
470	Stand. poles
500	blankets
40	watch coats
2	Staves & colours
24	Bell tents with poles
12	Camp Colours
235	Tin Kettles with Bags
470	hand hatchets
1102	Water Flasks & strings
1102	Haversacks
10	powder bags
1102	Knapsacks
2	bagpipes

0	officers Fusees
10	Sj ^{ts} Fusees, bayonets, Cartouch Boxes
40	Halberts
20	Drums with sticks and cases
1010	Firelocks
1010	Bayonets
202	Cartouch boxes straps & frogs
0	Pouches
0	Shoulder belts
50	Sj ^{ts} Jackets
50	Sj ^{ts} Waistcoats
62	yards of hose for Sj ^{ts} .
51	Sj ^{ts} plaids
51	Sj ^{ts} garters
51	Sj ^{ts} bonnets
22	Drummers Jackets
22	Drummers waistcoats
22	Drummers belts with slings
50	Corporals Epaulettes
1000	Private jackets
1000	Private waistcoats
1022	Private shirts
1010	Private plaids
1540	yards of hose for privates
1010	pair of garters for privates
1033	Private bonnets
0	Pair of shoes
1032	pair of buckles
40	Officers plaids
40	Officers bonnets
40	Officers buckles
40	Officers Garters
50	Sj ^t Shirts
5	Gross Coat buttons
10	Gross Breast Buttons
5	Gross Hooks and Eyes
12	Dozen Loopings

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Review Returns* at WO 34/195,
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**Clothing and Equipment Report for Regimental Review of 78th Highland Regt. (Seaforth),
 Elgin, Scotland, May 15, 1778**

[Lt. Col. Commandant] Right Hon. [Kenneth] Lord Seaforth's Highland Regt, Inspected by Maj-General Robert Skene at Elgin, 15th of May, 1778.

Cloathing: As Per Return.
 Arms: Compleat.
 Accoutrements: Not arrived.
 Camp Equipage: Not arrived.

0	Officers Fusills
40	Halberts
20	Drums with sticks and Cases
1010	Firelocks
1010	Bayonets
0	Pouches
0	Shoulder belts and frogs
20	Serjeants Jackets
20	Serjeants Waistcoats
50	Serjeants Shirts
20	Yards hose for Serjeants
20	Serjeants Plaids
20	Serjeants Garters
50	Serjeants Bonnets
10	Drummers Jackets
10	Drummers Waistcoats
0	Drummers Belts and Stings
350	Privates Jackets
350	Privates Waistcoats
1000	Privates Shirts
500	Private Plaids
350	Yards Hose for Privates
500	Pairs Garters for privates
1000	Privates Bonnets
500	Pairs Shoes
500	Pairs Buckles
0	Officers Plaids
36	Officers Bonnets
0	Officers Buckles
0	Officers Garters

Source: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Review Returns* at WO 34/195,
 Copied from The David Library of the American Revolution by Kathi Ludwig. Transcribed by Alexander J. Good.

**Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Colonels of Regiments Serving in America,
 Including Gen. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., to Prepare Regimental Clothing, London,
 May 21, 1778**

War Office 21st. May 1778

Sir

His Majesty having signified His pleasure that the Cloathing of the Regiments serving under Sir W^m. Howe for the present year should be got ready by the 1st. of July. I have the honor to acquaint you therewith that you may give the necessary directions that the Cloathing for your Regiments may be ready accordingly,

I have the honor to be

[Lt.] Gen^l. [Studholme] Hodgson
 Co^l. of the 4th (or Kings own)
 Regiment of Foot

Sir &c

Barrington

Like Letters to the Colonels of the following Regiments as under Viz...

42nd. _ _ _ d^o [Regiment] Murray...
 71st _ _ _ d^o Fraser

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, May 1778-Aug. 1778* at WO 4/103, pp. 53-54 (f. 27).



Reproduction 28th Regt. Uniform Button (numbers very worn on original button found in New York City)

Picture Source: Courtesy of Roy and Debra Najecki's *American Revolutionary War Reproductions* at www.najecki.com.

Auction of 28th Regt. Officer's Articles, Philadelphia, May 22, 1778

ON Saturday next at eleven o'clock, will be sold by AUCTION, at the Guard-room of the 28th regiment, a MARQUEE complete, a neat camp BEDSTEAD and curtains, a cott, an officers sash, a gold watch, clothes, trunks, fuzees, &c. light infantry accoutrements, a spy glass, with many other articles necessary for officers.
 May 22d.

Source: *Pennsylvania Gazette* (Philadelphia), May 22, 1778, p. 1.



Detail of Gordon Castle, 1804

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Scotia Depicta*, Plate 18

Accoutrement and Equipment Purchases for Col. Alexander, Duke of Gordon's Northern Regiment of Fencible Men, Gordon Castle, Fochabers, Scotland, May 23 – Nov. 12, 1778

1778 from May the 23 to the 12 th . Nov ^r .	North Fencible Highlanders		To Bray & Fraser		
		[Sh./d]	[£]	[Sh.]	[d]
	1010 best Pouches & Shoulder Belts	8/6	429	5	~
	1010 Tin Boxes for d ^o	/6 ^d	25	5	
	1082 Kilt Belts	/11½ ^d	51	16	11
	1020 Gun Slings	/11¾ ^d	49	18	9
	1080 Knapsacks w ^t Buff Straps	4/10	261	~	~

1030	Black Velvet Stocks	8½	36	9	7
1030	Buckles for d ^o	/5 ^d	21	9	2
1030	P ^{rs} best white Mettal Shoe Buckles	/8¾	37	11	½
1010	Bayonet Frogs	/6 ^d	25	5	~
1010	Belts for d ^o	/8 ^d	33	13	4
202	Broad Sword Belts	3/7½	36	12	3
202	Town made Buckles Runners & Ornaments for d ^o	1/3	12	12	6
202	Half Basket Broad Swords Complete	8/9	88	7	6
1030	Plume Feathers	/6½	27	17	11
1	Cap Front Dye Complete		10	10	~
101	Grenadier Caps w ^t Silver Plated fronts } Scarlet Tassels Cockades w ^t . Buttons & } loops w ^t . a light yellow round the } Cockades Complete w ^t . Grenades }	14/8	74	1	4
101	Light Infantry Caps w ^t . Sword Proof } Crowns & Fur around Silver Plated } front, Cockade w ^t . Button & loops } & a light yellow Cloth round & Feathers } Complete }	14/7	73	12	11
10	Pioniers Caps w ^t . Silver Plated front } Sword proof Crowns w ^t Helmets & }				~
10	Hair Crests to d ^o . Complete }	15/6	7	15	
10	Ornaments for d ^o .	1/	~	10	~
20	Drum Caps w ^t . Silver Plated front Tassels } w ^t Buttons & loops & Drum Ornaments }				
	Complete }	14/ 2	14	3	4
20	feathers for d ^o	/ 6 ^d		10	
10	best Spring Steel Hand Saws	4/ 6		2	5
10	Strong Leather Cases for d ^o	4/	2		
10	best Town made Felling Axes	3/ 6	1	15	
10	Strong Leather Cases for d ^o	2/ 3	1	2	6
10	Aprons	1/ 10		18	4
20	Belts for Axes & Saws	1/	1		
1	Box w ^t Shoe Buckles			3	6
1	D ^o w ^t . Feathers			2	11
1	D ^o w ^t . Serjeants Caps			3	4
3	Large cases w ^t . Private & Serjeants Swords	10/ 8	1	12	
	Cartage of the above to the Packers	26/	1	6	
			£	1330	15 ½

Source: NRS, Military Papers of the Gordon Family, Dukes of Gordon (Gordon Castle Muniments), Military Papers, 1775-1820 at GD44/47

Capt. Lt. John Peebles' Account of Preparation of Items for the Field, General's Company, 1st (Provisional) Battalion, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, May 23, 1778

Saturday 23^d [May] pack'd up my Baggage & Tent the heavy part on board, made an assortment for the Field. 2 Coats 8 Shirts, washing breeches and waistcoats, trousers, – They say we are going to leave this place altogether

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May 23, 1778 at Philadelphia.



Original 42nd Regt. Buttonhole Lace, circa 1768.

Picture Source: Courtesy of Roy and Debra Najecki's *American Revolutionary War Reproductions* at www.najecki.com, from *The Lace Book* in the Royal Library, Windsor Castle,

**Invoice of 42nd Regt. Clothing Supplied to the Regimental Agents
by Army Clothiers "Shippey & Hetherington," London, June 1778**

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} ⅘ Private White Waistcoat Cloth	3/9	95	9	2 ½
34 Y ^{ds} ⅞ Serjeants d ^o d ^o	6/6	13	1	6 ¾
55 Y ^{ds} ¾ Privates Red d ^o	4/3	11	16	11 ¼
2 Y ^{ds} 13/16 Serjeants Scarlet d ^o	10/	1	8	1 ½
1004 Dozen Private Waistcoat buttons	1 ^d /4	5	4	7
62 Dozen Serjeants d ^o d ^o	3 ^d ¾	"	19	4 ½
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 yds private Loop ^g Lace, Being 1 yd }	1 ^d yd	4	18	5
Extra on Each Coat }				
24 yds Drummers d ^o d ^o	6/	"	12	"
	L	1241	13	0 ½

Source and Notes: *Lord John Murray Papers*. *Shippey & Hetherington* were one of the primary firms supplying clothing to the British regiments at this time period. This listing is interesting for several reasons. It shows the troops

received only fronts for their waistcoats which were used with portions of the previous year's waistcoat to make the new one for the year. It shows red waistcoats for the light infantry, that drummers had a distinctive and more expensive lace (buttonhole binding) than the rest of the soldiers, and 66 dozen yds. of waistcoat lace for the Lt. Infantry Co.

Newspaper Advertisement for Sale of Soldier Clothing, New York, June 22, 1778

*Just imported in the ship Alfred, John Bolton, commander, from London, and to be sold by
William and Minton Collins,*

At their store No. 841, next door to Mr. Hugh Gaine's in Hanover-Square, upon reasonable terms, for cash only,

...Linen shirts with cambrick trills, for the army; long Russia linen trowsers to button at the legs, for do. [ditto] strong English shoes for do fine do. do...

Source and Note: *New-York Gazette, and Weekly Mercury*, New York, June 22, 1778, p. 4. At the time of this advertisement, the 42nd Highlanders had just left Philadelphia, enroute to New York.



Detail from 42nd Foot vs Cilley's "Picked" Men, Battle of Monmouth New Jersey - June 28th 1778, by Mark Maritato

Picture Source: Curtesy of *Mark Maritato, Historical Paintings & Fine Art*

Return of 42nd Regt. Clothing Shipped to America on 26-Gun *H.M. Armed Ship Tortoise*, London, Aug. 10, 1778

Pack'd for the 42nd (or Royal Highland) Reg^t of Foot, The Right Hon^{ble} Lord John Murray's
[25 bales with]

Private Jacket	881
Grenadier Jacket	99
Y ^{ds} private white cloth	506 7/8
Pipe Major's Coat	1
Drum Major's Coat	1
Serjeant Major's Coat	1

Serjeants Coats	49
Drum ^{rs} & Pipers Coats	20
Y ^{ds} Serj ^{ts} white cloth	29¼
Y ^{ds} Red Cloth for L ^t Inf. Waistcoats	55 11/16
Y ^{ds} Red Cloth for L ^t Inf. Wings	5
Y ^{ds} Scarlet Cloth	2 13/16
Doz's Private Breast Buttons	1000
Doz's Serj ^{ts} Breast Buttons	52
Doz Looping Lace	66
Y ^{ds} Silver Looping	40
Corporals Epaulets	50
Pipers Knots	2
Books of Articles of War	10

N^o 26 a bale Cont^g 1050 Pairs Private Hose

27 a D ^o	1043 P ^r	D ^o
28 a D ^o	1136 P ^r	D ^o
	168 P ^r	Serjeants D ^o
29 a D ^o	850 Bonnets	

Ship^d on board the Tortoise Man War Capⁿ [Jahleel] Brenton
London Augst 10 1778

Source and Note: *Lord John Murray Papers*. Information rearranged from table format. Note that no plaids were shipped, this being an off-year for the once per two years issuing schedule. The large discrepancy between jackets and bonnets issued suggests soldiers required by regulation to wear caps (i.e. Musicians, Grenadiers and Lt. Infantry) did not receive bonnets. *HMAS Tortoise* foundered off Newfoundland in 1779.

**Listing of Regiments, Including the 42nd Regt., with Annual Clothing Shipped on
*Armed Transport Margery and Armed Ship Tortoise, Portsmouth, Aug. 14, 1778***

14th August 1778

Completed the Shipping of Clothing for the following Regiments, Serving in North America

On Board the
Margery, Arm'd Transport

Detachment Foot Guards

Regiments of Foot

4th
5th
7th
10th
15th
17th
22^d
23^d
26th

Anspac Regiment, de Voit

On Board the
Tortoise Arm'd Ship

Regiments of Foot

27th
28th
33^d
35th
37th
38th
40th
42^d
43^d
44th
45th
46th
49th
52^d
54th

55th
56th
63^d
64th
71st

*Rich^d. Baily Cap^t
62^d Regim^t*

Source: TNA, *War Office: In-letters, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 166.

**Newspaper Advertisement for Sale of Soldiers' Stocks Lined with White Leather,
New York, Aug. 22, 1778**

SOLDIER'S STOCKS,

A Parcel of very good Serjeants and Soldiers hair Stocks, lined with white Leather, the former at 18s. the latter at 16s. per doz. Enquire of the printer.

Source: *Royal Gazette*, New York, Aug. 22, 1778, p. 4.



Detail of British Army Blanket found on Bennington Battlefield, New York

Picture Source: Fort Ticonderoga

Listing of Blankets Issued from Quartermaster General Store, New York, Sept. 1, 1778

Return of Blankets Received into the Quarter Master General's Stores, and Issued to the Under Mentioned Corps. New York 1st September 1778.

<u>Regiments</u>	<u>Blankets</u>	
	Received	Issued...
42 nd		170...
71 st		1743...
2 nd Battalion Grenadiers		130...
Received with the camp Equipage for the year 1776	18704	25636...
Bought in New York		500
Received by the Nabob Supply and Greenwich Store Ships }	} 32000	
324 Bales Supposed to Contain		
Damaged on board the Ships		1939
Burnt in Store 3 rd August 1778		5604

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief Papers, Miscellaneous Correspondence* at WO 34/111, f. 92. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Newspaper Advertisements for the Sale of Military Cloathing Including Woolen Trousers,
New York, Sept. 3, 1778**

The following articles, calculated for the use of the Army, may be had of

Thomas Courtney and Son
In UPPER DOCK-STREET,
(Cheap for CASH or short CREDIT)

A LARGE Quantity of red cloth for soldiers, ditto for serjeants; strong blue cloth, excellent for leggins or trowsers; double milled tweeled blankets of a superior quality; good white worsted hose very fine milled ditto, sixty eight pairs strong buckskin breeches, proper for dragoons; a fine assortment of shoes, and soldiers black stocks with buckles, &c. &c...

SAMUEL and JOHN KIRKS,
TAYLORS from *London*, late of *Philadelphia*,

TAKE this method of informing the gentlemen of the army and navy, and others, that they intend carrying on their business in all its branches, in William-street, betwixt John-street and Fair-street, where such gentlemen as chuse to favour them with their commands, may rely upon their being punctually executed.

N. B. They have for SALE, a neat assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable for the season; also military shirts, and shoes, watch coats and woolen trowsers. Gold and silver lace cleaned at the above place.

Source: *Royal American Gazette* (New York), Sept. 3, 1778, p. 3.



Detail showing Portmanteau from *A Dinner Conversation*, c 1735-1740, by Marcellus Laroon the Younger

Picture Source: Wikipedia Commons

**Advertisement for Lost Baggage Likely Belonging to Lt. Alexander Stewart, 42nd Regt.,
Bedford, Long Island, Oct. 21, 1778**

LOST, On Friday the 16th inst, coming from Powles Hook to Brooklyn ferry, a PORTMANTUA TRUNK, covered with blue oil cloth, marked Lt. Stewart, 42d Regt. also a vallance, containing bedding, &c. both bound together with leather straps. Whoever can give information where they may be found, by applying to the Adjutant of the 42d regiment, in camp, near Bedford, on Long-Island, shall receive a Reward of FIVE GUINEAS, upon the articles being delivered, and no questions asked, the vallance mark'd Lt. Stewart, 42d Regiment.

Source and Note: *Royal Gazette* (New York), Oct. 21, 1778. There were two “Lt. Stewarts” at this period, Alexander and James, but James Stewart was assigned to the 42nd Lt. Infantry Company and would more likely have had any lost baggage turned into the 1st Lt. Infantry Bn.

Newspaper Advertisement for Sale of Soldiers’ Shoes and Brushes, New York, Oct. 21, 1778

GEORGE WEBSTER

At the Sign of the Three Cannisters,
No. 1077, Water-Street.

...Serjeants of the army may be supplied with any quantity of strong military shoes, likewise hard and soft shoe brushes for the use of their men. A quantity of cake blacking may be had at the same place...

Source: *Royal Gazette*, New York, Oct. 21, 1778, p. 2.



2nd Battalion, 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser’s) Reenactors in Brown Trousers

Picture Source: Alexander Good

Capt. John Peebles’ Account of Issuing Brown Trousers for the 42nd Grenadier Company, Jamaica, New York, Oct. 24, – Nov. 6, 1778

Saturday 24th [Oct.1778] ... Spoke to [Lt.] Col. [Thomas] Stirling about the brown donation cloth for trousers for the men. We are to get our share.

Saturday 31st [Oct.] ...The Reg^t getting Brown trouzers of donation cloth. sent some of the Gr^{rs} to get their measurements taken y^t [that] we may get our share.

Friday 6th [Nov.] ...sent to Newton for more Cloth for trouzers

Source and Notes: *Peebles’ Journal* Entries for Oct. 24, 31, and Nov. 6, 1778 at Jamaica, Long Island. At this period, Capt. John Peebles was the commander of the 42nd Grenadier Company, serving separately from the 42nd

Regt. at Newtown, Long Island. It cannot be determined from available information if these were straight legged trousers or closely fitted "gaitered" trousers which were popular in the British regiment.

Letter from George Germain, Secretary of State for America, to the Lords of the Treasury Forwarding King George III's Command to Supply Camp Equipment and Necessaries to the Troops in New York and Canada; London, Dec. 11, 1778

Whitehall 11th. Decem^r. 1778

Lords of the Treasury.

My Lords,

The King [George III] having directed that Camp Equipage and other Necessaries should be provided for the British Troops and new Levies [Loyalist Regts.] serving in North America for the next Campaign. The inclosed Lists have been made out by [Commander-in-Chief Gen.] Lord [Jeffrey] Amherst, and approved by His Majesty, and I am commanded to signify to your Lordships His Majesty's Pleasure that the several Articles contained therein be provided accordingly and shipped on board the armed Vessels which the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will have in Readiness to receive them. Those intended for the Army on the Side of the Atlantic, on or before the 20th: of Febry, and those intended for Canada, on or before the 20th: of March next. –

I am &c^a.

Geo. Germain

[Enclosure 1 Cover page]

Necessaries proposed to be sent to the Troops under the Command of Sir Henry Clinton

Copy sent to Treasury in Lord George Germain's Letter of 11th. Dec^r. 1778

(1)

[Enclosure 1]

For the Regulars of [Gen.] Sir H [Henry] Clinton's Army

New York &c	11 Battalions	
Rhode Island	4	
Nova Scotia	<u>3</u>	
	18. of 700 men each	12,600
Foot Guards	1000,	
2 Regiments of Dragoons	<u>888.</u>	<u>1,888</u>
		14,480
Suppose	15,000 Men	

7,500 pair of Blankets exclusive of those for the Barracks

15,000 pairs of Mittens

30,000 Pairs of Shoes

30,000 Pairs of Shoe Soals

15,000 Pairs of Leggings

30,000 Pairs of W. Worsted Stockings

Linen and Tread for 30,000 Shirts

Drill for 15,000 pairs of Breeches –

For the Provincials

5,274

Suppose 10,000

Tents for 10,000 private Men
5,000 Pairs of Blankets
10,000 Pairs of Mittens
20,000 Pairs of Shoes
20,000 Pairs of Shoe Soals
10,000 Pairs of Leggings
20,000 Pairs of W: Worsted Stockings
Linen & Thread for 20,000 Shirts
Drill for 10,000 pair of Breeches

10,000 Haversacks
10,000 Canteens
2,500 Camp Kettles
2,500 Hand Hatchets
1,000 Wood Axes

[Enclosure 2 Cover page]

Necessaries proposed to be sent to the Troops in Canada...

Copy sent to Treasury in Lord George Germain's Letter of 11th. Dec^r. 1778
(2)...

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State. Treasury and Customs, 1778* at CO 5/150, p. 533, ff. 267-269.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of the Inspection of the 42nd Grenadier Company,
Jamaica, Long Island, Dec. 14, 1778**

Monday 14th [Dec.] ...a review of the Comp^{ys} arms and Necessarys, some Shoes & Shirts want^g the arms
in pretty good order

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Dec. 14, 1778.



Detail of Portrait of *Hon. Thomas Harley* by Engraver John Hall, after Henry Edridge

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

Letter from John Robinson, Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, to William Knox, Under Secretary of State, American Department, Reporting Orders for Necessaries for Troops in America; London, Dec. 31, 1778

Sir

Upon reading to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, a Letter from Lord George Germain dated the 11th Instant desiring sundry Necessaries, & Stores might be provided, and sent out for the Use of His Majesty's Forces on North America, My Lords direct me to acquaint you for his Lordships Information that in Consequence thereof the following Orders have been given Viz^t

To		
Tho ^s . Harley Esq ^r	12.500 pair of Blankets	} To be shipped on or before 20 th Feb ^y on
	30,000 pair of Woollen Stockings	} Board such Ships as shall be appointed
	20,000 pair of W. Woollen Stockings	} by the Lords of the Admiralty for that
	Drill for 25,000 pair of Breeches	} purpose – [for Atlantic coast army]
 Tho ^s . Harley Esq ^r	 2.750 Pair of Blankets	 } To be shipped on or before the 20 th
	11.000 pair of W. Woollen Stockings	} March next on Board such Ships as
	Drill for 5.500 pairs of Breeches	} shall be appointed by the Lords of
		} the Admiralty – [for Canada]
 To		
Mess ^{rs} Mure Son, & Atkinson	Tents for 10,000 Private Men	}
	25,000 pairs of Mittens	}
	50,000 pairs of Shoes	}
	50,000 pairs of Shoe Soles	} To be shipped on or before the 20 th Feb ^y
	25,000 pairs of Leggings	} next on Board such Ships as the Lords
	Linen & thread for 50,000 Shirts	} of the Admiralty shall appoint for that
	10,000 Haversacks	} Purpose –
	10,000 Canteens	} [for Atlantic coast army]
	2.500 Camp Kettles	}
	2.500 Hand Hatchets	}
	1.000 Wood Axes	}
 To		
Mess ^{rs} Mure Son, & Atkinson	Tents for 2000 Private Men	}
	5,500 pairs of Mittens	}
	11,000 pairs of Shoes	}
	11,000 pairs of Shoe Soles	} To be shipped on or before the 20 th
	5,500 pairs of Leggings	} March next on Board such Ships as the
	Linen & thread for 11,000 Shirts	} Lords of the Admiralty shall appoint
	2,000 Haversacks	} for that Purpose – [for Canada]
	2,000 Canteens	}
	500 Camp Kettles	}
	500 Hand Hatchets	}
	200 Wood Axes	}

W^m Knox Esq^r

Treasury Chambers
31st December 1778

I am Sir
Your most Humble Servant
John Robinson

**Estimate for Cost of Clothing a Highland Regiment by *Nicholas Pearse & Son*, Merchants,
Lothbury, London, 1779**

The under is an Estimate for Cloathing a Highland Regiment of Foot 1779 per Nicholas Pearse & Son

	[£/s/d]
A Serjeants Scarlet cloth Jacket lined	1/12/0
ditto white ditto waiscoat	0/12/9
ditto shirt	0/5/6
ditto shoes	0/4/3
ditto bonnet	0/1/2
ditto Plaid 12 yds 26 inches wide at 1/9 per yard (Every other year)	1/1/0
ditto Kilt 4 yds 22 inches wide at 1/6 per yard (As Wanted)	0/6/0
ditto 4 pr hose each 3/4 yds 26 inches wide is 3 yards at 1/9 per yard	<u>0/5/3</u>
Serjeants at	4/7/11
 A Private Red cloth Jacket lined	 0/16/6
ditto white ditto waiscoat	0/5/6
ditto shirt	0/3/8½
ditto shoes	0/4/3
ditto bonnet	0/1/0
ditto Plaid 12 yds 26 inches wide at 1/2 per yard (Every other year)	0/14/0
ditto Kilt 4 yds 22 inches wide at 1/0 per yard (As Wanted)	0/4/0
ditto 4 pr hose each 3/4 yds 26 inches wide is 3 yards at 1/3 per yard	<u>0/3/9</u>
Privates	2/11/8½
 A Grenadiers red cloth Jackett	 0/15/9
Waistcoat, shirt, shoes etc as Private	<u>1/16/2½</u>
Grenadiers	2/11/11½
 A Drummers Jackett, on an Average	 2/0/0
Waistcoat, shirt, shoes etc as private	1/16/2½
Sling	<u>0/6/0</u>
Drummers	4/2/2½

A corporals epaulett at two Shillings

Light Infantry Serjeants, same as Battn Serjeants only have a Scarlet waistcoat laced 1/6 more than white.

Light Infantry Drummers, Same as Battalion Drummers only have a laced waistcoat, Same colour as the facings, if yellow 2/6 more.

Light Infantry Private man, Same as Battalion only have a red waistcoat laced 0/8 more than white.

Plades every other year.

Kilts as wanted.

The men pay one half for tartan hose.

Bonnets annually.

Shoes and hose ditto.

Besides the above the Colonel allows 0/15 for Rollers 0/4 for Garters and 0/1½ per pair for making up the hose.

Source and Note: TNA, National Register of Archives GB/NAF/C26081, Bundles 260-9. In 1795 the Sun Fire Company had a listing "Insured: Nicholas Pearse and Co, 41 Lothbury, merchants" (ref: TNA, 74 – *London Metropolitan Archives: City of London* at MS 11936/399/637286). Transcribed by Alexander Good.

Excerpts of Letter No. 26 from Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Reporting Preparations of Men and Equipment for the Campaign, London, Mar. 3, 1779

(N° 26)

Whitehall, 3^d March 1779

Sir Henry Clinton,

Sir –

Since my secret & confidential Letter to you of the 23^d of Janry, the greatest Diligence has been used in forwarding the preparations necessary for sending out the Troops & Ships intended to reinforce the Army & Fleet, and providing the Necessaries requisite for the campaign... The Camp Equipage & Necessaries/contained in the inclosed Order to the Board of Treasury are also all in Readiness, and the greatest part actually on board Armed Store Ships which are to join the Convoy at Spithead...

[Enclosure]

Whitehall, 11th Decem^r 1778

My Lords/

The King having directed that Camp Equipage and other necessities should be provided for the British Troops & New Levies serving in North America for the next Campaign, The inclosed Lists have been made out by [Commander-in-Chief Gen.] Lord [Jeffrey] Amherst & approved by His Majesty.

And I am commanded to signify to your Lordships His Majesty's pleasure that the several Articles contained therein be provided accordingly & shipped on board the armed Vessels which the Lords Comm^{rs} of the Admiralty will have in readiness to receive them – Those intended for the Army on the Side of the Atlantic on or before the 20th Feb^{ry} – and those intended for Canada on or before the 20th of March next.

I am &ca

Geo: Germain

Lords of the Treasury

For the Regulars of Sir Henry Clinton's Army

New York	11 Battalions	
Rhode Island	4	
Nova Scotia	<u>3</u>	
	18 of 700 Men each	12, 600
Foot Guards	1000	
2 Regim ^{ts} of Dragoons	<u>888</u>	<u>1,888</u>
		14,488

Suppose 15000 Men

7,500 pairs	of Blankets exclusive of those for the Barracks
15, 000 p ^{rs}	of Mittens
30, 000 p ^{rs}	of Shoes
30, 000 p ^{rs}	of Shoe Soles
15, 000 p ^{rs}	of Leggings
30, 000 p ^{rs}	of W. Worsted Stockings

Linen & Thread for 30, 000 Shirts
Drill for 15,000 p^{rs} of Breeches

For the Provincials...

[Enclosure]

Whitehall 3^d February 1779

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I am commanded to signify to your Lordships His Majestys pleasure that the several Necessaries contained in the inclosed List be provided & sent out to the Army under the Command of Sir Henry Clinton, In addition to what was directed to be provided & sent out in my Letter to your Lordships of the 11th of Dec^r last.

I am &ca
Geo: Germain

Lords of the Treasury

List

Bell Tents	}	
Camp Colours	}	
Drum Cases	}	for 10, 000 Men
Powder Bags	}	
Rollers		4, 741
Hats		5,698
Shoe Buckles		10,000
Epaulets	}	
Serjeant Sashes	}	for 10, 000 Men
Drummer Belts	}	
& Slings	}	

NB_ Of the last three Articles there are in Stores at New York for which allowance is to be made

Epaulets	638
Serjeants Sashes	300
Drummer Belts & Slings	84

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Part IV, pp. 652-658 from TNA, CO 5/97, f. 94.



Detail of Army Wagon Train, circa 1808, by William Henry Pyne

Picture Source: *The Costume of Great Britain*. Designed, Engraved, and Written by W. H. Pyne. Published by William Miller, London, 1808

42nd Regt. Wagoner Deserter Descriptions, Newtown, Long Island, Jan. 17, 1779

DESERTED, From the 42d Regiment, (waggoner) JAMES DOCHARTY, about 5 feet 8 inches high, fair complexion, straight made, about 24 years of age; had on when he went away, a grey duffil coat, white waistcoat and red breeches.

JOHN STEEL, (a negro) about 5 feet 5 inches high, black complexion, about 32 years of age; had on when he went away, a short jacket (private's uniform, 42d regiment) red waistcoat and brown trowsers. A reward of FIVE DOLLARS is hereby offered to any person who will apprehend and bring either of the above deserters to the Commanding Officer or Quarter-master of the 42d Regiment, at New-town, on Long-Island.

This public notice is given to all owners and masters of privateers and other vessels, that they may depend on the most severe and rigorous treatment the law will admit, if apprehended in their service.

Source and Note: *The Royal Gazette* (New York), January 16, 1779. Docharty is clearly identified as a wagoner, hired in America, and not a soldier of the regiment. Steel is listed wearing pieces of a light infantry company uniform, however, no soldier named "John Steel" appears on the musters of the companies of the regiment during the American war. He is also likely a wagoner.

Excerpts of Letter from Regimental Agent Alexander Anderson to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Clothing for Additional Companies, London, Feb. 2, 1779

...Includes is a Letter for Y^r Los^p [Lordship] from L^t John Grant, who desires the Clothing of this Company at Newfoundland may be sent early The English Clothing and the Hose & Bonnetts lay ready packt have 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 these, if they rather choose it. Cap^t Pat: Graham wrote lately also from Stirling that the Clothing is wanted for the Company in Scotland...

Source and Note: *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/31. Lt. John Grant was the acting commander of an "Additional Company" of the 42nd Regt. serving at St. Johns, Newfoundland. Capt. Patrick Graham commanded the other Additional Company in Scotland.

Letter from John Robinson, Secretary to the Lords Commissioner of the Treasury

to Unnamed Contractors for Clothing Articles, London, Feb. 6, 1779

Copy

6th February 1779

Gentlemen,

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to desire you will forthwith provide the several Articles here under mentioned for his Majesty's Service in America viz^t:

Bell Tents	}
Camp Colours	} for 10,000 Men
Drum Cases	}
Powder Bags	}

Rollers	4741
Hatts	5698
Shoe Buckles	10,000

Epaulets	}
Serjeant Sacks [Sashes]	} for 10,000 Men
Drummers Belts & Slings	}

N.B. of the last three Articles there are in Store at New York for which Allowance is to be made Viz

Epaulets	638
Serjeant Sacks	300
Drummers	} 84
Belts & Slings	}

I am &c
(Signed) Jn^o Robinson

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers* at PRO 30/55/15/8, p. 76 (Item 1734).

**Advertisement for Lost Pocket Watch Belonging to a Soldier of the 42nd Regt.,
Newtown, Long Island, Feb. 6, 1779**

Two guineas reward. Lost, between the guard house of the 42d regiment and Newtown, a [Christopher] Pinchbeck watch, to which was fixed a seal, two keys, and two padlock keys, with a green silk string.

Source and Note: *Royal Gazette* (New York), February 6, 1779. Christopher Pinchbeck II (1710-1783) was a clock and watchmaker in Fleet Street, London.

**Excerpt of Letter from James Cock, Regimental Agent Alexander Anderson's Clerk, to Gen. Lord
John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Dispute Over Clothing for Invalid Soldiers,
London, Feb. 24, 1779**

[Cover sheet]

M^r Anderson Clerk /Cock/ 24 Feb: 1779

[Letter]

London 24 February 1779

My Lord

M^r [Donald] Plowmans letter of the 12th Ins^t was delivered yesterday by the three Invalids of the Additional Companys... 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 [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^{sh}s 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 ..

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. This letter is important for confirming that plaids were issued to soldiers in the 42nd Regt. every other year, from which the problem of how to account for the second year for invalided soldiers arises.

**Report of Camp Necessaries shipped on board the *Transports Julianna*
and *Grand Duke* to the Army at New York; London, Mar. 1, 1779**

25,000 Blankets
25,000 Pairs of Mittens
50,000 Pairs of Shoes
50,000 Pairs of Shoe Soles
25,000 Pairs of Leggings, Cloth, Foot
50,000 Pairs of Stockings
50,000 Shirts, of Linnen, Sea(?)
25,000 Pairs of Breeches, Drill, Foot

Source: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers. Marching orders* at WO 34/202, Stanford University copy, Partial transcription by Alexander Good.



Lt. Gen Henry Clinton, 1777, by John Smart

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Institute of American History and Democracy*

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Rear Admiral [Mariot] Arbuthnot is appointed to Command the American Squadron...

[Enclosure]

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

[Cover]

M^r Anderson London 9th March with List of 1779 preferments in the R.H. Reg^t

[Letter]

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 [10.5 Shillings] in place of the Clothing.

M^r [William] Hetherington has brought me M^r Plowmans Letter to him of the 16th past regarding the [Additional Companies'] 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...

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...

Source and Note: 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. "M^r Hetherington" was the uniform supplier to the 42nd Regt.

Capt. John Peebles' Account of Issuing "Summer Trouzers" to the 42nd Grenadier Company, Long Island, New York, Mar. 10 – May 2, 1779

Wednesday 10th [Mar.] ...Sent to N.York for stuff to make summer trouzers for the Company...

Monday 15th March ... set the Taylors to work on the trowzers...

Sunday 2^d May [1779] ...put on our new coats & trouzers...

Source Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Mar. 10, 15 and May 2, 1779 at Long Island. These were likely natural colored linen gaitered trousers.

Excerpt of Letter from Regimental Agent Alexander Anderson to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Requesting to not Send Clothing for Non-Effectives, Lothbury, London, March 17, 1779

...The following is a Copy of what we wrote Cap^t [John] M^cIntosh / 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 [Lt.] 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 and Note: *Lord John Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/36. Lothbury is located about three miles northeast of Buckingham Palace.

Excerpts of Letter from Mr. William Hetherington, Uniform Supplier, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding the Shipping of the Annual “English” Clothing, Lothbury, London, Mar. 18, 1779

...Now find there will be Ships from Leith, in the course of __ Ten Days, which will Sail under Convoy – and it is expected the Clothing for Newfoundland, will go about the same Time...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 [Regt. Agent] M^r [Alexander] 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...

Source: *Lord Murray Papers*, item B 5/2/38.

Letter from Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent, to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding “Scotch” 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.

Capt. John Peebles Account of Status of Grenadier Company Arms and Uniforms, Jamaica, Long Island, Mar. 27, 1779

Saturday 27th...went to the parade & look at the Company arms & dress which I believe rather neglected by the Sub^s [subalterns] ...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Mar. 27, 1779.

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

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

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office, Correspondence, Original – Sec. of State, Miscellaneous* at CO 5/156.

Excerpt of Letter from Capt. John M^cIntosh, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord John Murray Reporting the Arrival of Regimental Clothing, Newtown, Long Island, Apr. 2, 1779

Newtown 2^d April 1779

My Lord

... The Cloathing is just Arived at Newyork ...

I am My Lord your Lordships most obed^t & most humble Ser^t

John M^cIntosh

R^t Hon^{ble}

L^d John Murray

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.

Note from Asst. Quartermaster Gen. and Capt. Richard Baily, 62nd Regt., to Leonard Morse, Reporting Shipment of Clothing for 42nd Regt. Additional Company at Newfoundland; Portsmouth, Apr. 4, 1779

Capt Baily presents his Compliments to M^r Morse, encloses a return of Camp Necessaries &c, and begs leave to acquaint Him that Clothing for one Company of the 42^d is now away, and that for two Companies of the 71st /all Stationed at Newfoundland / will be in a few Days for Shipping on board the Ordnance Transport loading for that Port, if leave can be obtained for its being so Convoyed.

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

Crown Street

4th April 1779

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO34/150, f.92. Transcribed by Todd Braisted
Capt. Baily's duties were described as "...superintending the embarkation of parties, horses, stores, &c. for the armies in North America." (Ref.: website of reenactment unit "62nd Regt. of Foot" at 62ndregiment.org.)

Capt. John Peebles' Account of Receipt of Annual Clothing for the 42nd Grenadier Company, Jamaica, Long Island, Apr. 8, 1779

Thursday 8th...got our Cloathing yesterday & the taylors have begun on it today – the coats only –

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Apr. 8, 1779.



Russian sheeting showing thread size

Picture Source: Courtesy of Roy and Debra Najecki's *American Revolutionary War Reproductions* at www.najecki.com.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Getting Hemp Linen Cloth for Waistcoats
for the 42nd Grenadier Company, Jamaica, Long Island, Apr. 20, 1779**

Tuesday 20th ...went to Town to buy some things for the Comp^y (Russian Sheetting for waistcoats) & some things for the Mess...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Apr. 20, 1779. Russian Sheetting is a strong, coarse, hemp linen.

**Excerpt of Letter from Regimental Agent Alexander Anderson to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col.,
42nd Regt., Referencing Request from Secretary at War to Prepare Regimental Clothing,
Lothbury, Apr. 21, 1779**

London 21st April 1779

My Lord

...Included 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 [William] Hetherington orders accordingly and it will be needful the Scotch Clothing be also expedited, which Your Lordship will order about...

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...

Source and Note: Cover title sheet: "Mr Anderson having Spoke to Mr 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 Ensigncy's," in the Lord John Murray Papers, Item B 5/2/44. Lord Murray Papers. "The Scotch Clothing" consists of plaids, bonnets and hose.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Reviewing Necessarys of the Grenadiers,
Jamaica, Long Island, Apr. 26, 1779**

Monday 26th. April...had a Review of Necessarys, & c^a. only a few P^{rs}. shoes wanting...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Apr. 26, 1779.

**Excerpt of Letter from Regimental Agent Alexander Anderson to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col.,
42nd Regt., Regarding Insurance for Regimental Clothing Shipment, Lothbury, Apr. 26, 1779**

...The Clothing & C^t [*Et cetera*] have always been lately sent by Government Transportts 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...it would handly be granted. ...

Source: *Lord Murray Papers*, Item B 5/2/46.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Issuing New Coats and Trousers to the 42nd Grenadiers,
Jamaica, Long Island, May 2, 1779**

Sunday 2^d. May...put on our new coats & trouzers...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May, 2, 1779.



42nd Lt. Infantry Reenactors showing wings on coats

Picture Source: Author's collection

Capt. John Peebles' Account of Writing to the Regimental Agents About Wings

for the 42nd Grenadier Sergeants' Coats, Jamaica, Long Island, May 3, 1779

Monday 3^d...wrote a few lines to the [Regimental] Agents about wings to the Serj^{ts}. Coats –

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May 3, 1779.

Note by Capt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, on Preparing his Personal Clothing and Equipment for the Field, Jamaica, Long Island, May 23, 1779

Sunday 23^d...sent our heavy baggage to [42nd] Regt^{al} Store in [New] York. – my two trunks & box with the bedsted – sent my Cap, Bonnet, broad sword, Rifle, & little Arthur case to Doc^t. McLeans. – for the field, Fly tent, bedding, Portmanteau, & canteen box – The whole Battⁿ. sent theirs to their respective stores...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May 23, 1779.

Newspaper Advertisement for Soldier Clothing for Sale, New York, May 31, 1779

MICHAEL PRICE

At No. 15, Wall-street, has for sale the following articles,
...soldier shirts, a quantity of knit white hose, well adapted for the army...

Source: *New-York Gazette, and Weekly Mercury*, New York, May 31, 1779, p. 2.

**Excerpt of Shipping Document for 1779 Clothing for the 42nd Regt.,
Portsmouth, England, Aug. 13, 1779**

List of the Regiments in North America under the Command of General Sir Henry Clinton for which Clothing has been Shipped and Completed 13th August 1779...

On Board the Friendship Armed Transport

<u>Regiments</u>	<u>Where Stationed...</u>
Part of... { 42 ^d	} New York and Rhode Island...

On Board the Ceres Armed Transport

<u>Regiments</u>	<u>Where Stationed</u>
Remainder of... { 42 ^d ...	} New York and Rhode Island...

Rich^d Baily Cap^t 62^d Reg.

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief Papers, Miscellaneous Returns* at WO 34/203, ff 41-42.
Transcribed by Don Londahl-Smidt.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of a Clothing and Equipment Review of 42nd Grenadier Company,
Jamaica, Long Island, Aug. 30, 1779**

Monday 30th Aug^t ... a Comp^y Review this morn^g only a few pair of shoes wanting, some of the trowzers beginning to go already

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Aug 30 1779. The trousers were issued on May 2, 1779.

Request from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson, to Order Cloathing for the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 1, 1779

S^r

By the letter of Service I was honored with from you, by His Majestys Command, the Two Additional Companies of the first Battalion of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Reg^t. under my Command, are turned over to the Second Battalion, And as they are already cloathed for this Year, it would be of great Advantage to Expedite the Recruiting that those Men were cloathed as they are inlisted which I am in great hopes will be very Soon after the Officers, who are now in other Corps have permission to Sett out for their different Stations, those of them who are now, able to recruit, are doing it;

I there fore humbly Submit it to your consideration whither it would not be proper to order as Assignment that the Cloathing be made and Sent to Scotland directly. I have the honour to be S^r
your most humble and obedient Serv^t

Charles Street

John Murray

S^t. James Square 1st. Sept^r. 1779.

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters*, 3. *General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R*, 1779, at WO 1/1005, p. 305.

Capt. John Peebles' Account of Getting Waistcoat Cloth for the 42nd Grenadier Company, Jamaica, Long Island, Oct. 7, 1779

Thursday 7th [Oct.] ... went to Town & got waistcoat cloth for the Comp^y & a box of Soap

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Oct. 7, 1779.

Newspaper Advertisement for Woolen Cloth for Soldiers' Leggings, New York, Oct. 18, 1779

WOOLENS,

Imported from the manufacturers, and now opening

By RICHARD SMITH

At his Store, No. 11, Queen-street,

(late Ward and Selkrig's)

AN Assortment of fresh Woolen Goods suitable for the Season, among which are Duffil and other Blankets, blue, black and drab Cloths suitable for Leggings for the Army, &c, &c, &c, to be sold per Bale or Piece, on low Terms, for Cash.

Source: *New York Gazette and Weekly Mercury*, Oct. 18, 1779, p. 4. The ad also ran in the *Royal Gazette* (New York), Nov. 20, 1779, p. 4.

Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Order for Issuance of Materials for Winter Clothing, Long Island, Nov. 2, 1779

Head Quarters Long Island, 2 Novem^r 79...

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to order the Quarter Mas^r Gen^l to deliver to the several Corps of British & German Troops a proportion of Blankets, Mittens, Leggings Cloth, and Trimmings, Shirting Linen and Trimming for Shirts, Russian Drilling [strong coarse hemp linen] for Breeches, Shoes, Shoe Soals & Yarn Hose sent out from England for the use of the Army which are to be paid for by the Corps that receive them when the Price & Terms in which they are Sent out are ascertained from England for which purpose a return of the Strength of each Corps is to be sent to the Qua^r Mas^r Gen^{ls} Office, signed by the Commanding Officers of each Corps on or before

The Provincial troops will receive the same proportion from the Inspector Generals Store.

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

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Making 42nd Grenadier Company Winter Clothing,
Jamaica, Long Island, Nov. – Dec. 1779**

Wednesday 10th [Nov.] ...wrote to the Major [Charles Graham, 42nd Regt.] about our donation Articles &c^a...

Friday [Nov. 12] sent Serg^t [Allan] Smith & two men to NYork for the Comp^{ys} donation cloth...

Saturday 13th [Nov.]...Serg^t Smith came up in the Even^g with... 60 yards of the brown donation cloth –

Monday 15th [Nov.] ...The Taylors at work on brown cloth trowzers

Saturday 20th Nov^r...

Articles Rec'd from the Reg^t in consequence of the order of 2^d Nov^r 6 pieces Russia drill, 38 blankets 18 pieces 453 yds. Linnen 178 pair of Shoes 178 prs Soles 118 yds brown Cloth 89 prs mitts 100 needles 2 ½ lbs brown Thread 3 lbs white d^o 1 thimble 6 pils binding 89 doz horn buttons 29 doz shirt d^o – rec^d 17th Nov^r

Saturday 4th Dec^r... The mens brown trowzers are almost finish'd, the Taylors a cursed plague...

Saturday 11th Dec^r... visited the hutts & scolded the Taylors...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Nov. 10, 12, 13, 15, 20, Dec. 4 and 11, 1779. Maj. Charles Graham commanded the 42nd Regt. at this time, in the absence of Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, who was serving as a local brigadier general. Although Peebles writes about the grenadiers, it is clear the regiment received the same items.



Reproduction Belted Plaid in "42^d" Pattern

Picture Source: Curtesy of Fred Lucas

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Preparing the 42nd Grenadier Company Clothing, Arms
and Equipment for the Charleston, South Carolina Expedition, Jamaica, Dec. 3-14, 1779**

Friday 3d Dec^r...Battⁿ orders to be in readiness to Embark on the shortest notice with Camp Equipment & field Baggage only, the heavy Baggage to be sent to store on further orders...

Tuesday 7th [Dec.] ...sent Camp Equipage on board o'ship with a man *P* [per] Co^y...

Wednesday 8th Dec^r...our heavy baggage going into Store in [New] York, scarce of carriage...

Thursday 9th ...Sent my heavy baggage to Town – the Comp^{ys} articles very troublesome for want of package sent the mens blankets, having a new set of plaids & they can't carry both completed them in necessaries...The Q^r M^r wo^d not let the Baggage in because it came too late, spoke to him but he is harden'd...

Monday 13th [Dec.] ... a Comp^y Review. The arms not in good order, desir'd to see them again tomorrow – they are completed to 50 rounds of ammunition....

Tuesday 14th Dec^r...The Comp^{ys} arms in better order today...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Dec. 3, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 14, 1779. Plaids were issued once every two years and consisted of 12 yards of heavy single-width tartan material cut into two lengths and sewn into a 6 yard double width garment.

Excerpt of Deserter Advertisement Describes Blue Gaitered Trousers for the Lowland Scots 82nd Regt., New York, Jan. 17, 1780

DESERTERS.

DESERTED from his Majesty's 82d regiment of foot, Thomas Hynes and Bryan Conner, quartered at Yellow-Hook; Thomas Hynes by occupation a labourer, is about five feet seven inches and a half high, stout made, fresh complexion, light brown hair quoued, grey eyes, and about 25 years of age, born in the province of Munster, in Ireland, went off in his regimental jacket, faced black, the number of the regiment on the buttons, blue cloth gaiter trowsers, round hat with white lace...

J. GUNNING, Lieut. Col. 82d Regt.

Source: *New-York Gazette, and Weekly Mercury*, Jan. 17, 1780, p. 4.



Tin box from “*British 29 Hole Cartridge Pouch Attributed to the Royal Fencible Americans Found in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia*”

Picture Source: Kerry DeLory Collection

**Letter from Leonard Morse, War Office Clerk, to William Knox, Under Secretary of State,
American Department, with List of Camp and Clothing Necessaries Needed by Troops in America,
London, Feb. 7, 1780**

Whitehall, 1st Feb^{ry} 1780

Sir,

Having laid before [Commander-in-Chief Gen.] Lord [Jeffrey] Amherst the Four Papers containing Lists of Necessaries proposed to be sent to the different Bodies of Troops serving in North America; which you put into my hands for that purpose, His Lordship directs me to acquaint you that he has considered the same and approves thereof, but I am directed to observe to you that his Lordship remarked the several quantities of necessaries to be very large.

Lord Amherst wishes to see a pair of the Trowsers which are intended to be made to a Pattern and one of the Tin Cartridge Boxes which are likewise to be made to a Pattern:

I am Sir, your most obedient, humble Servant

Leo^d. Morse.

I return the lists of necessaries herewith;
and the estimate of the Tonnage which you gave
me with those Papers.

William Knox, Esq.

[Enclosure cover sheet]

Whitehall 1st. Feby 1780.

M^r. Morse

WK.

(5 Inclosures)

Regulars under Sir H. Clinton		Feet
7,500 Pair of Blankets	at 23:9 P [per] 40 Pair.	4453
15,000 Pair of Mittens	15:2 P 1000 Pair	227
30 000 Pair of Shoes	29:3 P 400 Pair	2193
30 000 Pair Shoe Soles	D ^o . P 1000 Pair	877
20 000 Leggings Trousers & ^{ca}	20:8 P 120 Pair.	3444
20 000 Pair of Stockings	27:3 P 960 Pair.	568
40,000 Shirts, Breeches & ^{ca}	9:9 P 500 Pair.	780
		40/1254.2
		313 Tons

Canadian Regulars...

Canadian Provincials...

For NYork & Georgia	440	}	Hospital Stores	60
	<u>313</u>	}		
	753	}		

For Canada...

[Enclosure]

Estimate of Tonnage

For Provincials in Georgia & New York...

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State. Commander-in-Chief, 1779-1782* at CO 5/174, ff. 113-15.



42nd Lt. Infantry Company Reenactors in white linen vests

Picture Source: Author's Collection

**Capt. John Peebles' Review of Necessaries of the 42nd Grenadier Company,
Charleston, Apr. 26, 1780**

Wednesday 26th April...

Had a review of necessaries found but little wanting, 8 pair of shoes & 4 or 5 shirts would serve us for two months to come, 46 linnen vests wanting to compleat to two each, & a whole set of trousers for the Summer, but our Coats are very ragged

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for April 26 1780. The annual waistcoats issued by the Agents were made of wool, so Peebles' is likely speaking of additional waistcoats, likely for summer weather conditions.

New Trousers Issued to 42nd Grenadier Company, Charleston, May 21, 1780

Sunday 21st May 1780...put on our new trouzers today...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May 21 1780. The grenadiers were preparing to sail back to New York after the successful siege of Charleston, S.C.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Obtaining Trouser Cloth for the 42nd Grenadier Company,
Richmond, Staten Island, June 22, 1780**

Thursday 22 [June]...sent a letter to Serg^t [Donald] M^cCraw to bring trowzers cloth shoes &c^a

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for June 22, 1780.

**42nd Regt. Clothing for 1780 Shipped from England on the *Prince George* Transport,
Portsmouth, Aug. 10, 1780**

Return of Clothing & Shipped on board the Prince George Transport for His Majesty's British Forces in North America, Commanded by General Sir Henry Clinton and Compleated 10th August 1780

<u>Corps</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>Station</u>
Detachm ^t Guards	}	Foot	47 th .

N.B. Hatts only are sent for the 23^d Regiment; the Commanding Officer having Reported to their Agent from North America; Sufficient of other Articles in Store Clothing of the 44th, remains for conveyance to Canada; and that for the 16th Regiment Countermanded

Source: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 174. Another copy of the letter is filed at *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274. f. 160.

1780 (date not shown [off page] – between July 6 and July 20) “To Lieutenant-general [Simon] Fraser, for do. [divers camp necessities provided] the 71 st do.	553	19	0
1780...July 20...To Colonel [John] McDonnel, for do [divers camp necessities] provided for the 76 th do.	313	8	6.
1780 May 22. To Major-general [Thomas] Hall, for knapsacks for the 79 th regiment of foot	271	10	0...
Aug...10. To Colonel Picton, for knapsacks for the 75 th regiment of foot	103	8	0
1780...Aug...23. To [Gen.] Lord John Murray, for [divers necessities] provided for the 42 ^d [regiment]	311	16	0

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42nd Lt. Infantry Company Reenactors in White Breeches and Leggings

Picture Source: Author's Collection

**Orders for the 1st Lt. Infantry Battalion (Including Capt. George Dalrymple's
42nd Lt. Infantry Company) to Continue to Wear White Breeches and
Leggings During Siege of Charleston, South Carolina, May 5, 1780**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quart^s 5th May 1780

Battⁿ Orders ...

Lieu^t. Coll: [Robert] Abercrombie [37th/1st Lt. Inf.] Recommends it to the Off^{rs} Commanding Comp^{ys} to take care that the Soldiers Continue to wear their cloth Breeches & Leggings as long as Possible; also that those Comp^{ys}. whose Trowsers are not yet dyed: that they may be done Immedately the Same pattern as the 54th...

Source and Note: Capt. Eyre Coote's 37th Light Infantry Company Order Book, 1778 – 1781. *Eyre Coote Papers*, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Transcribed and Edited by Paul L. Pace, June 15, 2011. The trousers mentions are likely brown woolen gaitered trousers.

**Letter No. 99 from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America,
to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department,
Requesting Camp Equipment and Necessaries for the 1781 Campaign and Providing
a Field Officer Board's Report of Shoddy Necessaries, New York, Aug. 15, 1780**

N^o. 99

Head Quarters New York
15th. August 1780

My Lord,

I have the Honor to transmit herewith Returns of Camp Equipage and Necessaries for 30 Regiments of Infantry, and of Camp Equipage, Saddlery and Accoutrements for Provincial Forces, which may possibly be wanted for the Year 1781; together with a Return of Clothing & Extra Necessaries for Provincial Forces, received, issued, & remaining in the Inspector Generals Stores, & wanting to compleat for the Year 1781.

I have also the Honor to inclose for your Lordship's Information, the Copy of a Report of a Board of Field Officers held at New York 17th December 1779 to enquire into the State of Necessaries sent out in Admiral [Mariot] Arbuthnot's Fleet for the Army.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Your Lordships Most obedient and Most humble Servant

Right Honorable

H. Clinton

Lord George Germain.

[Enclosures]

New York 15th July 1780

Return of Camp Equipage wanting for 30 Regiments of Infantry for the Year 1781

3, 928	Tents compleat.
18, 360	Haversacks
318	Camp Colours
265	Powder Baggs [sic]
564	Drum Cases

Return of Camp Necessaries wanting for 10 Regiments

39	Bell Tents
1366	Camp Kettles
685	Hand Hatchets
5025	Canteens

N.B. The above Quantity of Camp Equipage, & Camp Necessaries with what remains in the Quartermaster Generals Stores at New York compleat the Calculation for 30 British Battallions [sic]. –

W. Dalrymple
Q^r M^r. General

New York 15th July 1780

Return of Necessaries wanting for 30th Regiments of Infantry for the Year 1781.

36, 889	Pairs of Shoes
36, 934	Pairs of Stockings
13, 904	Shirts
19, 781	Blankets
6, 028	Haversacks

N.B. The above quantity of Necessaries, with what remains in the Quarter Master Generals Stores at New York, compleats the calculation made for 30 British Battalions. –

W. Dalrymple
Q^r M^r. General

N.B. The Shoes sent from Europe last year were too small in many instances & otherwise faulty, complaints of the other articles were also frequent.

Report of a Board of Field Officers held at New York on the 17th. day of December 1779, by Order of His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c. to enquire into the State of the necessaries sent out from Europe, which arrived here last August under Convoy of Admiral Arbuthnot, and whether the said Necessaries are properly manufactured, and in good Order, lest his

Majesty's beneficial Intentions to the Soldiers may have been frustrated by Negligence of Fraud by those appointed to execute his Orders.

That this Board having carefully examined many different Samples of Linnen, Stockings, Shoes and Blankets, are fully of the following Opinion, That the Linnen is course, thin and so flimsy a texture as to be of little Service, and the Shoes to have been originally of the worst kind.

It appears to this Board that Two Thousand Eight Hundred Blankets are damaged, and further its Opinion that the greater Part of said damaged Blankets were when shipped unfit for Service, as no Marks of Wet or other damage appear either on the Bales, or the Blankets, tho' so rotten that they may be shook to Pieces, several pair of Shoes and Stockings appear also to be damaged.

It also appears to this Board that if the several Necessaries we have examined are charged at the prices of those formerly delivered from the Quarter Master General's Store, the Soldier will be a considerable Loser.

Signed, F [Francis]. Marsh Lieut^t. Colonel
43^d. Regim^t.
Robert M^cLeroth
Major 64th Reg^t.
Charles Graham
Major 42^d. Reg^t.

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, pp. 281-286 from TNA, CO 5/100, pp. 149-162.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Preparation of Annual Clothing for the 42nd Grenadier Company
Jamaica, Long Island, Sept. 4-18, 1780**

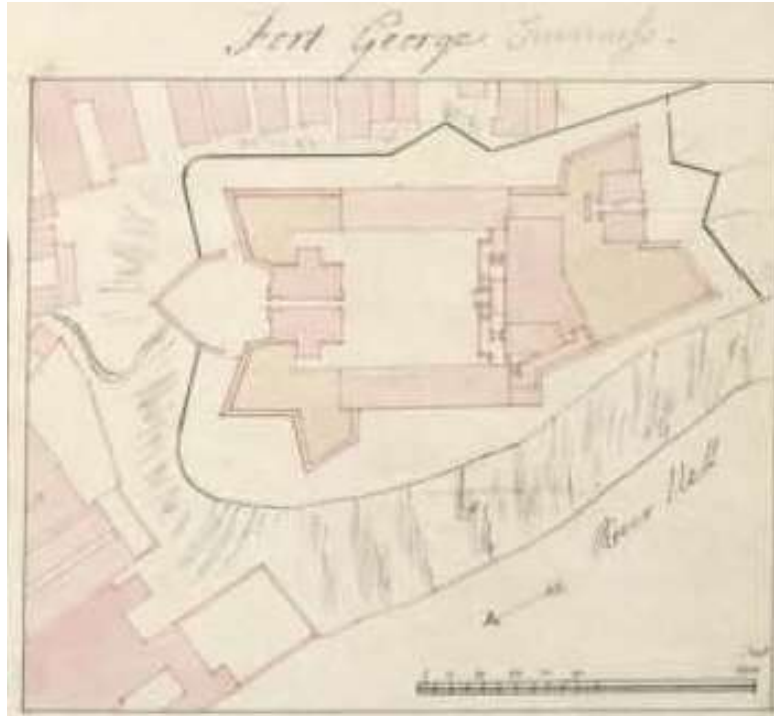
Monday 4th Sept^r ...went to Jamaica [Long Island] to see the Taylors who at work in one of the Hutts on the Coats...

Friday 8th Sept^r...a walk to the Hutts to see how the Taylors goes on, about ½ the Coats done...

Wednesday 13th [Sept.] ... sent to the Store to get the Waistcoat cloth &c^a and some Coats changed, which are too small, they are less this year than usual.

Monday 18th ...had a Review of Necessaries only 13 pr^s Shoes & 7 Shirts wanting the Coats nearly finished & the Wasitcoat Cloth come up

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Sept. 4, 8, 13 and 18, 1780.



Detail from Fort William; Fort Augustus; Fort George, Inverness, by John Lambertus Romer, (Engineer) and Leonard Jackson (Draughtsman)

Map Source: National Library of Scotland (Creative Commons Lic.)

Clothing and Arms Report for the Review of the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Fort George, Scotland, Aug. 7, 1780

Return of Arms, Accoutrements & Cloathing, Received for the 2 nd Batt ⁿ of the 42 ^d or Royal High ^d Regiment of Foot Commanded by the R ^t Hon ^{le} Lord John Murray - - - Fort George 7 th August 1780																	
Arms & Accoutrements								Cloathing									
	Officers Fuzills	Halberts	Drums with sticks & Cases	Firelocks	Bayonets	Pouches	Shoulder belts & Frogs	Serjeants Jackets	Serjeants Waistcoats	Serjeants Shirts	y ^{ds} hose for Serjeants	Serjeants Plaids	Serjeants Garters	Serjeants Bonnets	Drum ^{rs} Jackets	Drum ^{rs} Waistcoats	Drum ^{rs} Belts & Strings
Total		14	16	500	500	500	500	25	25	:	90	30	30	30	20	20	20

[Return ... continued]

Cloathing [continued]

Privates Jackets	Privates Waistcoats	Privates Shirts	Privates Plaids	y ^{ds} hose for privates	Pairs Garters for privates	Privates Bonnets	Pairs Shoes	Pairs Buckles	Officer Plaids	Officer Bonnets	Officer Buckles	Officer Garters
600	600	..	732	2250 ½	732	732	..	500	..	..	..	..

Alex^r Mackay L^t Gen^l

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers. Review Returns* at WO 34/195, f. 193. The establishment or authorized strength of the 2nd Bn. included 700 privates, of which 200 were to be transferred from the two 1st Bn. Additional Companies. This explains why only 500 sets of arms are shown.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson, Regarding Pay of the 2nd Battalion and Shoes for Both Battalions, Bannercross, Yorkshire, Sept. 23, 1780

S^r

I have received both yours, and have forwarded the one concerning the pay dated the 13th. Sept^r. to Lieu^t. Co^l. [Norman] Macleod of the 2^d. Battalion, to send me the Answer, which I shall Transmitt to you as soon as I receive it.

As it is customary in the Army to give but one pair of Shoes, I am told most of the Highland Corps if not all, have done the same, but I have been in use of giving two pairs of shoes, tho not by the Kings order and have wrote to Lieu^t. Colonel Macleod, as the Second Battalion have had none as yet, to give but one pair to the Effectives of that Battalion.

And that I intended, to give some thing to the orphans of these brave men that may happen to be killed in the Service in my Reg^t., which may be a Nursery for the Kings Service in the Highlands as they grow up, and have also wrote lately the same to Major Charles Graham of the first Battalion. I have wrote this only to you whom I presume the cloathing of the Regiment chiefly belong.

But if my Lord [Jeffrey] Amherst [Commander in Chief] or you think I ought to give two pairs of shoes, I shall do it Notwithstanding other Corps get but one, and countermand the Orders I have given. I have the honour to be

S^r.

Banner cross 23^d. September 1780.

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
John Murray

Right Hon^{ble} C. Jenkinson Esq^r.
&c. &c. &c.

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: H-M, 1780* at WO1/1008, p. 1097.

Newspaper Advertisement for Escaped British POWs Describes Short Hair on 71st Highlanders, Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1780

DESERTED last night from the Continental Shoe Factory at the Barracks, the following men,

JOSEPH M^r ARTHUR, of the 71st grenadiers, about 35 years of age, 5 feet ten inches high, short black curled hair, dark complexion, very much pitted with the small pox, had on a short red regimental coat, brown cloth overalls, white jacket and an old hat, a pair of pumps half wore, other cloaths not known.

ALEXANDER FERGUSON, of the above mentioned regiment, about 26 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, thick made, short brown straight hair, full faced, of a light complexion, had on a short red regimental coat, brown cloth overalls, a highland cap or bonnet, and other apparel not known.

JOHN CURRY, of the royal artillery, about 25 years of age, 5 feet nine inches high, long brown hair tied behind, very slim made, light complexion, thin visaged, had on a blue artillery regimental coat, white waistcoat and breeches, white woolen hose and half worn shoes, with other cloaths not known.

DAVID ROBINSON, of the 17th regiment about 33 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, slim made, black hair tied behind, stoops in his walk, thin visaged, had on a red regimental coat, white jacket and breeches, woollen hose and half worn shoes, with other apparel not known.

ROBERT DUNBAR, of the invalids, about 65 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, short black hair, down look, had on a green regimental coat, white jacket and breeches, woollen stockings, a brown surtout coat, with other cloaths not known.

N.B. There was three women wives to the above went off at the same time; one of them a short thick chunky woman, with one child at her breast and another walking.

Source and Note: *Pennsylvania Journal; and the Weekly Advertiser*, Oct. 4, 1780, p. 3. Escaped POWs were often listed as deserters by their captors. A number of these men made it back to British lines and returned to their regiments.

**Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War
Charles Jenkinson, Regarding Shoes to be Issued, Bannercross, Yorkshire, Oct. 6, 1780**

Bannercross 6th. October 1780.

S^r

I have not had any answer from you concerning the Private Mens shoes, which I had the honour to write to you off; but my Agent writes me from M^r [Matthew] Lewis the reason of it, and that you desire they may be continued to be allowed as formerly, tho the Kings Regulation is but one pair. This I shall write of to the first Battalion to be continued as formerly but the Second Battalion not having received any, shall order them one pair, as in the Kings Regulation.

This is out of Deference to your opinion, as His Majesty can make it up to me if he thinks fit, either by Augmenting the Second Battalion, or Additional companies to the first, all which I wrote to [Gen.] Lord [Jeffery] Amherst off, and shall send you a Duplicate of it when I write again; or by raising a third Battalion, which I have already had Applications for, incase it should be for His Majestys service at this Juncture...

I have the honour to be

S^r.

R^t. Hon^{ble} C. Jenkinson Esq^r
His Majesty's Secretary at War

Your most obedient and most humble Servant
John Murray

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters*, 3. *General Correspondence: b. Series II: H-M, 1780* at WO1/1008, p. 1105.



Detail showing buckled shoes from Portrait of Hugh Montgomerie, 12th earl of Eglinton, by John Singleton Copley

Picture Source: National Galleries of Scotland

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson, Regarding Shoes for the 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., Bannercross, Yorkshire, Oct. 23, 1780

Banner Cross 23^d. October 1780

S^r...

I have wrote to my Agent of the 16th. Ins^t; that I will allow the men to have two pairs of Shoes; Not withstanding what I wrote them before, the Same as the first battalion, and that he would therefore Send the Money to be given to the Effectives, least any evil Minded person, should insinuate they have aright to it; tho the Second Battalion can have none, as they never had any and the practice of the army is only one pair.

I have the Honour to be S^r.

R^t. Hon^{ble}

C. Jenkinson Esq^r &c. &c. &c.

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

John Murray

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: H-M, 1780* at WO1/1008, p. 1109.

Extract of Report of Clothing of Recruits Inspected by a Board of Officers, Long Island, Oct. 24, 1780

State of Recruits Inspected by a Board of Field Officers

Long Island October 24th. 1780

Lieu^t. Colonel Hope 44th Regim^t.,

President

Lieu^t. Colonel Fox, 38th Regiment

} Members

Major Stuart. 63rd. Regiment

}

N ^o . Embarked	N ^o . Landed	Dead	Deserted	Unfit for Service	State of Cloathing	Inlisted for	Drafted from & by whom...
108	108	..	..	..	some very bad d ^o . [Some indiff ^t] no Necess	64 th (18) 9 th (1) 20 th (2) 29 th (2) 31 st (3) 40 th (1) 42 nd (1) 70 th (1) 57 th (79)	}D ^o . [by order of Colonel }Townsend]...
818	810	4	4	2			

N. B. The Recruits sent out for the following Reg^t. /Viz/ 22nd 37th 38th 42nd 76th & 80th) having join'd their Respective Corps were not seen except 2 Men of the 22nd. Reg^t. 5 Men of the 37th. and one Man of the 43rd are totally unfit for service, from Age & Ideotism: but the Remaind... [off page] be presumed are Serviceable as no Complaints were sent relative [off page] them by any of the other Regiments.

/Sign'd/ Henry Hope L^t Col^l. 44th Reg [torn]
Commanding British Grena [torn]

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, p. 803 (f. 401).

**Capt. John Peebles Remarks in His Journal About the Appearance of the
42nd Grenadiers in their New Annual Clothing, Brooklyn, Nov. 30, 1780**

The Battⁿ looks well all in new Cloathing..."

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry dated Nov. 30, 1780.

**Advertisement for Auction of Damaged Clothing and Equipment of the 42nd Regt.,
New York, Dec. 11, 1780**

Public Auction,
By JOHN M^rADAM, and Co...
On Tuesday,
(For the Benefit of the Underwriters)
A Quantity of damag'd Winter Cloathing, Caps, Coats, &c. &c. belonging to 42d Regiment....

Source: *New-York Gazette and The Weekly Mercury*, Dec. 11, 1780, p. 3.

**Select Arms and Equipment Charges for Lt. Alexander Sutherland, 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's),
Nov. 26, 1775 – 1776**

[Labelled as:] "[illeg] Battⁿ 71st Regiment
Abstract with Mess^{rs} Ross & Gray to 24 Dec^r 1780 &
With Mess^{rs} Ross & Ogilvie To 23 February 1782, including
Arrears to 24 Decem^r 1780 & Interest to Feby 1783."

D^r Lieutenant Alexander Sutherland

1775	Paid Fees of your Commission dated 26 November 1775	£ 512
1776	Paid for your Fuzil & Case	£ 3.4.4
	1 pair Silver Shoe Buckles	.15.3
	1 Fuzil Sling, Pistol, Sword & Kelt Belts	.10.6½
	1 Field Tent & Charges	15.4.2...

Source: "Captain Alex Sutherland," NRS, *Fraser-Mackintosh Collection*, Miscellaneous papers, 1780-1785 (Various papers of 71st regiment included) at GD128/53/6/6.

**Capt. Peebles' Account of Consistent Uniforming of the 1st British Grenadier Battalion,
Long Island, Mar. 7 and 16, 1781**

Wednesday 7th March...The L^t. Col: [of the 1st British Grenadier Battalion] recommends it to us to buy our summer things before this clearance is made, & expresse'd a wish to see the Battⁿ uniform in their

dress about their legs & thighs. Viz^t. Linnen breeches, & black Cloth gaiters.

Friday 16th March 1781...Having bought the summer dress for the Company (Viz^t Linnen breeches of Russian Sheeting, & black long gaters)...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Mar. 7 and 16, 1781. "*Russian Sheeting*" is a coarse, strong hemp linen.

**Order Book Abstracts, Capt. Alexander Leith's Company, 81st Highland Regt. (Aberdeenshire),
Youghal, Ireland, June 8, 1781 – Mar. 30, 1782**

Younghall 8th June 1781

A return of the Number of pairs of shoe buckles wanting in each Companie to be given in to the adjutant immediately.

Younghall 5th Aug^t 1781

The Colonel expects that each Officer will be provided with a perfect good set of Regimentals to wear at the review, made in every respect Agreeable to the Kings Regulations.

The Exact Uniformity of dress to be Observed by both Officers & men on that Occasion - The Officers to wear their hair Clubb'd except the Grenadier Company, who are to have theirs plated and turned up under their Caps.

The whole to have Black Velvet Stocks and Turndowns. The Officers to have their Regimental Shoe buckles, and white washed leather Gloves the whole as near of a colour as possible. Neither Pistol or Dirk to be Worn on that day.

The men to have their Arms & Accoutrements perfectly clean, and in every other respect in the very best Order. No other kind of Feather to be worn in the Bonnets but the Regimental One. The Battalion and Light Infantry Companies to have their hair Clubbed in the same manner as directed by the Order of the 22^d Dec^r 1780, and tied as much of the same length as possible.

The Grenadiers to have their Hair neatly platted in an Uniform Manner under their Caps. The whole to have their Cloaths perfectly clean, and not a break or hole to be seen in them.

It is much for the Credit of the Regiment to be able (without being fatigued) to March Six Irish Miles [1.27 Miles] to Exercise. The Colonel expects the men will perform their Exercise with the same life and spirit as if they had not Marched a Mile.

Younghall 7 Aug^t 1781

An Inspection of the mens arms, acoutrements, shirts, turndowns & hose such as they are to appear in at the review, to be made to morrow morning at 10 Oclock, and it is reminded to the Officers to examine every article with the greatest [exactory?] and to direct such things as may be found out of Order to be immediately put to rights.

The men are to appear in the same stocks and shoe buckles that they are to do at the review but are to bring their shirts, turndowns & hose tied up in a Clean Cloth

Younghall 8 Aug^t 1781

Each man to be furnished with 22 rounds of powder without ball no man to be absent but the sick. The men to take the hose that they are to appear in, in their pockets carefully folded up

Younghall 5 September 1781

[last order of the year for a field day with wood instead of flints]

Younghall 9 September 1781

[orders for the six companies to march] The men are to provide themselves at least with a penny worth of bread each before they March which they are to take with them in their haversacks

Carlisle Fort 7 Oct 1781

[Orders concerning blankets of each company being forwarded to the places where the companies are going - very hard to read due to darkness of page]

Younghall 18th Dec^r 1781

After Reg^l Orders. The following to be the uniform feathers of the 81st Regiment viz the Grenadiers to have two black ones & a white one tipt with scarlet between them, the Light Infantry to have two black ones & a green one between them & the battalion to have two black ones & a white one between them the whole to be furnished in the above Manner as soon as possible & no other kind of feather to be worn in the Regiment but those above mentioned

Younghall January 26th 1782

The Quarter Master is to receive a guinea from each company for the purpose of providing thread for the Taylors and paying for that already provided, which summ the comp^{ys} are to have [illeg] for when the Cloathing is finished...

Younghall 20 March 1782

A State of the Arms of each company, & condition of the 60 Rounds per man of service Cartridges, to be given in to the Commanding Officer immediately; and at same time a Return is to be made of the condition of the 18 Rounds of duty Cartridges which should be in the possession of each Man. As soon as the Clothing is finished the proportion of each company is to be sent to them together with the tartan for Kilts & hose, forage capes & Regimental buckles a barrel of powder per Company to be sent at the same time.

Younghall 25th March 1782

the Quarter M^r. is to divide the tartan for Kilts which lately arrived from Scotland, agreeable to the returns given in by the different companies - the proportion of the four Companies at this Quarter to have their's delivered to them, and that of the Companies at the out Quarters to be sent along with the new Clothing.

Younghall, 30 March 1782

The Clothing of the Regiment being finished the Quarter M^r. to hire Carts, to carrie it to the out Quarters, who are upon each arrivall to have it tried on, and be Particular carefull to see that it fits well and mark those that want any alteration, and the taylor that makes the coat will be sent to rectify it, after which they will be laid up in the Companies stores, and not to be put on untill orderd by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, the Commanding Officers at the different Quarters will give orders that they are aired when the Weather is good the Buckles & forraging Caps to be sent at the same time and laid up with the Cloathing.

A Corporal and four men to be sent with the Clothing to Cloyne & to be relived by a party there who will Forward the Carlisle Fort clothing and that for Middleton: A Barrel of powder and Box of Balls to be sent to each of the out Quarters, they are to complete their service Cartuches to 12 each

The Companies at the out Quarters are to parade at Morning roll callings with their arms and if the weather Permits they are to be exercized for some time in the Manual and firing motions marching in slow and Quick time and take particular Care that they hold up their Heads Look well to the right and to gain ground in Marching, as that was the greatest falt found with the Regiment by the General at the last review, in the Quick marching to be carefull that they do not [pack? pock?] their heads forward but march erect and the Chest well out.

Source and Note: NRS, Papers of the Hay family of Leith Hall, Aberdeenshire at GD225/40/2. Youghal is located on the east coast of Ireland about 52 miles east of Cork. Transcribed by Alexander Good.

**Request from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Colonels of
Regiments, Including Gen. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., to Prepare
Annual Clothing for Shipment to America, London, June 8, 1781**

W. O. 8th [June] 1781

Sir,

I am to signify to you the King's Pleasure that you do give directions that the Clothing of the 17th Reg^t. of (Light) Dragoon, under your Command, for the present Year, may be provided & packed in readiness for Shipping by the 10th of July next.

Tonnage and Convoy for the same will be furnished by Government.

I have the honor &^c

L^t Gen^l Preston
Colonel of the 17th

C. Jenkinson

Reg^t. of (Light) Dragoons

Like Letters of same date to the Colonels of the following Reg^{ts} ...

42^d d^o [Reg^t of Foot]...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Mar.-June 1781* at WO 4/113, p. 448.

**Issue of Royal Warrant for Regulations on Clothing and Regimental Appointments
by Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Colonels of Regiments,
Including Gen. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., London, Aug. 20, 1781**

W. O. 20th August 1781

My Lord,

Vide
Miscly Book
1781. Page 55.

I have the honor to send you herewith, for your Lordship's information, a Copy of a Warrant which His Majesty was pleased to sign on the 15th. of this Month, establishing certain Regulations with respect to Clothing and Regimental Appointments.

Major Gen^l the Marquis
of Lothian, Colonel of the
1st Troop of Horse Guards

I have the honor &c^a

C: Jenkinson

Like Letters of same date to the Colonels of the following Corps. Viz^t...

42^d. d^o. [Reg^t. of Foot]...

Royal Warrant establishing certain regulations, with respect to clothing and regimental appointments,
15th August 1781

In order to prevent disputes between the Colonels of Regiments and their predecessors, with respect to clothing and Regimental appointments, it is His Majesty's commands, that the Commanding Officer present with every Regiment of Dragoons and Infantry, together with the Officer next in seniority, not under the rank of a Captain, do annually between the 25th day of December and the 25th day of January, make a strict inspection into the state and condition of the different appointments and accoutrements of the Regiment, and do cause to be drawn out an accurate state, according to the annexed return, No. 1, under the several heads, of such accoutrements and appointments, as shall be wanting at that time, and likewise of such as will in their opinion be necessary to complete the Regiment for service, against the review to be made of such Regiment by a General Officer in the ensuing Spring, or as soon after as the service will permit, and that such state be entered in the Regimental Book.

That the Colonels do provide and send to the Regiment all such accoutrements or appointments, agreeable to the said state, early in Spring.

That the Commanding Officer do certify to the reviewing General, according to the return here annexed, No. 2, what articles have been furnished by the Colonel and delivered to the Regiment. And the reviewing General do mention in his report whether the several articles necessary for completing the Regiment for service, have been provided.

And besides the inspection and entry herein before directed to be made, with respect to the accoutrements and appointments necessary to complete the Regiments to the next review, a state be also drawn out at the same time, or as soon after as convenient may be, and in like manner entered in the Regimental Book, of such as in the opinion of the like inspecting Officers may become liable to be cast before the expiration of the assignment.

And so soon as convenient may be after the inspection, a copy of the return to be sent to the Adjutant General's office, to be referred to on any future occasion.

The necessary articles for completing our Regiments for service having been provided agreeable to such respective states and entries, the Colonel and his representatives shall be exempted from any further claim in respect of accoutrements or regimental appointments, during the period for which the off-reckonings are assigned, and the same shall be conclusive in case of a vacancy, as well against any demands which may be made by the succeeding Colonel as otherwise.

All warrants or parts of any warrants as have been in force that relate to the providing of appointments and accoutrements at stated periods, are hereby revoked and annulled.

And as the 9th day of November annually, is, according to the present regulation, fixed for the viewing and sealing of patterns for the clothing of the Army, from which act the several Colonels become intitled to the assignment of their respective off-reckonings; but if it shall happen that the Board of General Officers, before whom patterns are exhibited for the clothing of the Army, shall be prevented from meeting; or if by any means, other than the Colonel's own default, proper patterns shall not have been exhibited on the 9th day of November in any year, the Colonel or his representatives shall be permitted, upon exhibiting proper patterns to make an assignment; and such assignment when made, shall vest the like interest in the Colonel and his representatives, and his or their assigns, and they shall respectively be entitled to the benefit of the assigned off-reckonings, in like manner as if the assignment had been actually made on the said 9th day of November.

Sources: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, June – Oct. 1781* at WO 4/114, pp. 275-277. The text of the warrant is from *British Military Uniforms 1768-96, The Dress of the British Army from Official Sources*, by Hew Strachan, Arms and Armour Press, 1975, pp. 21-23.

**Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton,
Commander-in Chief, North America, Regarding Clothing Issue, London, Aug. 27, 1781,**

WO 27th August 1781

Sir

I have the honor to send you enclosed herewith a List of Regiments under your Command in North America, for which Clothing has been shipped on Board the Archer Transport & compleated the 18th ins^t and also an Invoice of the second Half of medicines &c^a for the use of the said Forces for the present Year:

I have the honor &c^a
[C. Jenkinson]

General Sir Henry Clinton
&c^a &c^a &c^a
New York

List of Regiments in North America under the Command of General Sir Henry Clinton, for which Clothing has been shipped on Board the Archer transport and compleated 18th August 1781.

Corps...

42nd...

71st...

Division of Medicines &c^a

[Margin note: Duplicate sent the 3^d Oct.]

[Enclosure]

List of Regiments in North America under the Command of General Sir Henry Clinton, for which Clothing has been Shipped on board the Archer Transport and completed 18th August 1781

Corps

Detachment Foot Guards

17th. Light Dragoons

7th. Foot

17th.

22^d.

23^d.

33^d.

37th.

38th.

42^d.

43^d.

54th.

57th.

63^d.

64th.

Flank Companies 70th.

71st.

74th.

76th.

80th.

Flank Companies 82^d.

84th. /2^d Battalion/

Division of Medicines &c

N.B. Clothing for the Companies of the 60th Regiment Stationed at S^t Augustine is shipped on board the Experiment Transport under orders for that part of America, with a Division of Medicines for the use of the Garrison there

Invoices of the particulars are shipped on board and duplicates forwarded by the Agents directed to the Commanding Officers of the respective Regiments

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1780-1784* at WO 4/275, p. 115. A copy of the cover letter is also filed at PRO30/55/32 p. 267 and *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 172. A copy of this letter is also filed at PRO 30/55/32/20, Item 3707.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Preparing Baggage for Yorktown Relief Expedition,
Richmond, Staten Island, Oct. 2, 1781**

Tuesday 2^d Oct^r...the heavy Baggage was to be sent on board o'ship & wagons to be procur'd to carry our field Baggage...as the Camp Equipage could not be up to night the [British Grenadier] Batt^{ns} were canton'd along the road to the westward of Richmond

Sent my Trunk & bedsted on board Baggage Ship, reserving in the field as usual my Tent portmanteau Bedding & Canteen –

Source and Notes: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Oct. 2, 1781. "Canteen" in this usage refers to a box holding an officers cooking and eating equipment. "Canton'd" means to be quartered in houses as opposed to camping.

**Fatigue Clothing Mentioned in General Court Martial of Pvt. Robert Mc'Donald, 42nd Regt.,
Staten Island, Oct. 14, 1781**

At a General Court Martial held at the City hall in New York in the Province of New York on Thursday the Twenty Second day of November and continued by Adjournment to Saturday the twenty fourth day of November 1781...

Serjeant Hugh Fraser of the Forty Second Regiment being duly Sworn deposed, That on the fourteenth of October last, he was sent on shore from the Betsy Transport to Staten Island, that the prisoner Robert Mc'Donald, and three other Soldiers were with him... that he was not in his Regimentals when he absented himself, but was dress'd according to the best of his, the Deponent's recollection in a Jacket and trousers...

The Prisoner in his Defence further says, that the reason of his not having Regimentals on, was in compliance with an Order from the Commanding Officer, that upon duties of Fatigue, the Soldiers should wear any old Cloaths they might have...

Source and Notes: TNA, *Judge Advocate General's Office: Courts Martial Proceedings, Marching regiments, Sept. 1781 - June 1782* at WO 71/95, ff. 233- 240. Pvt. Robert Mc'Donald was assigned to Capt. James Campbell's Co. which had gone into winter quarters on Manhattan Island along the north river near New York City shortly before his desertion.

**List of Articles Lost by Lt. Colin Campbell, 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser's) When HMS Lord North
Packet Ship was Captured by French Privateer, Sailing from Charleston, South Carolina,
Oct. 23, 1781**

Copy

A List of Articles &c lost by Lieu^t: Campbell 71st Regiment on his Passage from South Carolina.

Fuzee	£ 3.3. ~	A Hair Matrass	£ 2.14. ~
Sword	2.7.6	2 P ^r Sheets	1.10. ~
Sash	3.6. ~	2 P ^r Pillow Cases	~5. ~
2 Plaids	3.12. ~	A Bed Cover	1.5. ~
2 Regimental Coats	18. ~. ~	A P ^r Blankets	1.10. ~
2 Vests & 2 Breeches	5. ~. ~	4 Table Cloths	2. ~. ~
14 Shirts	14. 14. ~	6 Hand Towels	~. 12. ~

3 Stocks	~ .18. ~	12 Pocket Handkerchiefs	1.10. ~
A P ^r Re ^l buckles	1.10. ~	A gamblet Cloak	2.17. ~
2 P ^r Shoes	~. 18. ~	A Small Shaving }	1.13.6
6 P ^r Hose	~. 15. ~	Case with Combs R}	
9 P ^r Thread d ^o	2.5. ~	6 Silver Table Spoons	5.8. ~
3 P ^r Silk d ^o	1. 16. ~	10 Tea d ^o	2. ~. ~
A P ^r Leather Canteens	8.8. ~	2 small d ^o Cups	1.8. ~
A Hat	~. 18. ~	2 Trunks	1.16. ~
A Watch R	8.3. ~	A small Mahogany }	1.1.~
A red Morocco Letter Case	<u>2.15. ~</u>	Box for Books /Papers }	
£ 78.12.6		Cash	13.13. ~
		Proportion of Sea Stores	<u>22. ~. ~</u>
			£ 63.2.6
			<u>78.12.6</u>
			<u>£ 141.15. ~</u>

Source: TNA, Treasury: *Treasury Board Papers and In-letters* at T 1/622, ff. 44-45. Transcribed by Paul Pace

Letter from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Requesting Camp Equipment and Necessaries for the 1782 Campaign, New York, Nov. 4, 1781

New York November 4th 1781

My Lord,

I have the Honor to transmit herewith Returns of Camp Equipage &Necessaries for Thirty Regiments of Infantry, and of Clothing, Extra Necessaries, Camp Equipage, Sadlery and Accoutrements in the Stores of the Inspector General of Provincial Forces the 1st of August 1780, received and carried since and remaining in Store the 20th September 1781, as also what may possibly be wanting to compleat for the Year 1782.

I have the honor to be With the greatest Respect

Your Lordships Most obedient and Most humble Servant

Right Honorable

H. Clinton

Lord George Germain...

[Enclosure]

New York 15th July 1780

Return of Necessaries wanting for 30 Regiments of Infantry for the Year 1782.

36, 889	Pairs of Shoes
36, 934	Pairs of Stockings
13, 904	Shirts
19, 781	Blankets
6, 028	Haversacks

There will be wanting also Camp Equipage and Camp Necessaries for Thirty Regiments of Infantry.

W. Dalrymple
Q. M. G.

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Reel 8, pp. 155-156 from CO5/103, pp. 623-627.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Preparing Winter Clothing for the 42nd Grenadier Company,
Jamaica, Long Island, Nov. – Dec. 1781**

Wednesday 14th Nov^r...I went to Town to get some warm Cloathing for the Comp^y for Winter...

Thursday 15th Nov^r 1781...Bo^t gray cloth for trowzers the same as the [42nd] Reg^t & got the waistcoat cloth out of store...

Friday 14th [Dec.] ...sent to Town for some necessaries for y^e Co^y [the Company] & the New Coats...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Nov. 14, 15 and Dec. 14, 1781. "Gray cloth" likely means natural unbleached wool cloth.

**Excerpt from the Book *Tacticks* by Lt. Col. William Dalrymple, 2nd or
Queen's Royal Regt., Endorses the Use of Gaitered Trousers, Dublin, 1782**

DRESS.

THE principle of all clothing, is to give the "most healthful defence against the weather, at the same time, to permit a free use of the body and limbs..." The long Trowzers, buttoned at the ankle, used in America, appear to have been well calculated for that service.

Source: *Tacticks*, Lt. Col. William Dalrymple, Printed by George Bonham, Dublin, 1782, pp. 11-13.

Advertisement for Lost Pocket Watch of 42nd Regt. Officer at Greenwich, New York, Jan. 9, 1782

LOST on the 10th December last, between the Foundery and Queen Street, a neat Gold Watch cap'd and jeweled (maker's name Ashby's London) it had a steel chain, a gold ring, with a Cornelian stone, the Watch has several private marks which can prove the owner's property. Any person who may have found the above watch, and will bring it to the Adjutant or Quarter Master of the 42d regiment at Greenwich, or to the Printer, shall receive Five Guineas Reward. It is requested that Watchmakers or others into whose hands it may come, or be offered for sale, may keep it and acquaint some of the above persons, that the property may be prived and recovered, for which they shall receive the above reward.

Source and Note: *Royal Gazette* (New York), January 9, 1782. Based on the size of the reward, it is assumed this watch belonged to an officer.

**Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, Younger of Ardoch, 71st Highland Regt.
(Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to William Graham of Airth, Discussing Clothing and
Camp Equipment for Lt. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., London, May 4, 1782**

Dear Airth

London May 4th 1782

I have yours of 19th Ap^r and forwarded [your son, Lt.] Henrys [Graham] Letter I am really sorry he has put you to so much expence... M^r [Alexander] Anderson the [regimental] agent shall have directions from me to assist him in a passage if you fix it, a Matrass w^t two blankets in a Oil Cloath bag shall wait him here as for necessarys they ought to be few a pair of boots 3 p^r Shoes 8 p^r white thread 6 p^r Silk 2 p^r Nankeen [cotton] trousers 2 p^r white Cloath britches 2 vests of D^o 2 White washing vests one Regu. coat & Cloath & Lace & trimming for another 2 dozen shirts – 6 white Cambrick stocks, 2 black Silk, 6 pocket Handkerchiefs, bonnet & black Feathers the Agents direction is Alex^r Anderson E^{sq} Princes Street Lothbury London...

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

Tho^s Stirling

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

Listing of Clothing Sent to the New York Quartermaster Stores with Prices, London, May 20, 1782

London 20th. May 1782,

Invoice of the prime Cost of sundry articles provided for the Depot of His Majesty's Forces in North America by Order of the Treasury, and shipped on the Holderness, Lucretia and Steady Transports to the Quarter Master General at New York:

36,890 pair best Calf Leather Shoes	a	5/6 p p ^r .
36,936 pair white Yarn Stockings	a	1/3 p p ^r .
13,906 fine frilled Shirts	a	5/3 p p ^r
6,028 Haversacks	a	1/- each
12,553 Blanketts is 6276 ½ p ^r . 7/4	a	6/6 p.
7,228 Ditto is 3,614 p ^r . 8.4	a	<u>8/3 p.</u>

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers, Main Series of Papers* at PRO 30/55/4, p. 77, Item 4629. A summary is also shown at *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1906, Google Books, p. 493.

Twenty Tons of Clothing for the Year 1782 Listed to be Shipped to the 42nd Regt., England, May 29, 1782

Estimate of the Tonnage that will be necessary for Transporting Clothing for the Year 1782, to His Majestys Forces on the Coast of the Atlantic, and in the West Indies

29 May 1782

<u>Regiments</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Stations</u>	<u>Regiments</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Stations</u>
17 th L ^t Dragoons	10 }		Foot 27 th	12 }	
Foot 3 ^d	15 }		28 th	12 }	
7 th	12 }		35 th	12 }	
17 th	12 }		55 th	12 }	<u>Leeward Islands</u>
19 th	15 }		2 ^d Batt ⁿ 60 th	12 }	75 Tons
22 ^d	12 }		69 th	15 }	
23 ^d	12 }				
30 th	15 }				
33 ^d	12 }				
37 th	12 }				
38 th	12 }		Foot 14 th	15 }	
40 th	12 }		1 st Batt ⁿ 60 th	12 }	<u>Jamaica</u>
1 st Batt ⁿ 42 ^d	20 }		79 th	15 }	54 Tons –
43 ^d	12 }		8 Comp 99 th	12 }	
54 th	12 }	Coast of			
57 th	12 }	<u>Atlantic</u>			
60 th { 3 ^d Batt ⁿ	12 }	342 Tons			
{ 4 th D ^o	12 }				
63 ^d	12 }				
64 th	12 }				

71 st	15 }
76 th	15 }
80 th	15 }
82 ^d	15 }
2 ^d Batt ⁿ 84 th	12 }

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 191. The additional five tons for the 42nd Regt. reflects the larger size of the regiment and likely includes the every other year issue of regimental plaids.

Request from Secretary at War Thomas Townshend to Colonels of Regiments, Including Gen. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., to Prepare Annual Clothing for Shipment to America, London, June 6, 1782

W. O. 6th June 1782

Sir,

I am to signify to you the K^{'s}. P. [King's Pleasure] that you do give directions that the Clothing of the 17th Reg^t of Light Dragoons under y. C. [your Command] for the present Year may be provided and packed in readiness for Shipping by the 10th. July next.

Tonnage and Convoy for the same will be provided by Government.

I have the honor &^{ca}

Honble Lieut: General Gage

Tho^s. Townshend

Colonel of the 17th Reg^t. of (Light) Dragoons

Like Letters of same date to the Colonels of the following Corps, Viz^t...

42^d...

71st...

Source: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, Apr. -June 1782* at WO 4/117, p. 397.

Letter from Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis to John Trotter, Military Equipment Contractor, to Blankets for the Newfoundland Detachments of the 42nd and 71st Regts., London, July 17, 1782

WO 17th July 1782

Sir,

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

I am &c M^{Lewis}

Trotter Esq^r...

96 Blankets

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, June- Sept. 1782* at WO 4/118, p. 133 (f. 67). The number of Highland soldiers at Newfoundland was reduced on Sept. 4, 1781, when Lt. John Grant was ordered to take half of the 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt. from Newfoundland to New York.

Listing of Regiments Whose 1782 Clothing Issue Shipped on the Laurie Transport, Including the 42nd Regt., Portsmouth, Aug. 9, 1782

List of Regiments on the Coast of the Atlantic under General Sir Guy Carleton for which Clothing has been Shipped on board the Laurie Transport, Captain Ramsay and compleated 9th August 1782

Foot...

42^d ...

71st ...

*Rich^d Baily, Major
Superintending Embarkations*

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1780-1784*, WO 4/275, p. 211.

**Letter from Secretary at War George Yonge with Invoice of Replaced
Camp Equipment for 42nd Additional Co., Newfoundland, Oct. 3, 1782**

W.O. 3^d Oct^r 1782

Sir,

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

I have &c^a

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

Geo: Yonge

Invoice of Tents & Camp Necessaries shipped on board the Chance, Capt: Elson for Newfoundland consigned to the Officer Comm^g H.M.'s Forces there, Viz^t... [Bundle] N^o...10 Blankets 96...

London

Sept^r 6th 1782

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

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1780-1784* at WO4/275, p. 212 (f. 108).

**General Orders Issued for Winter Clothing and to Provide a Return
of Last Clothing Issue Received, Leffert's House, New York, Oct. 9 and 11, 1782**

Head Quarters Lefferts House 9th Octob^r 1782...

The British Soldiers now on Duty who have not their Winter Clothing on, to be relieved immediately by those who have them, should the Reg^t they belong to not have Complied with the Commander in Chiefs desire on that expressed to them some time ago, the Men must be relieved by those who have paid the necessary Attention to it.

The Winter Clothing to be sent by the Reg^{ts} immediately to the Hospitals for their respective Sick.

Head Quarters Lefferts House 11th October 1782...

Each British Regiment to give in a Return of the Clothing they last received specifying for what Year it was due also at what time the Soldiers received their last Clothing.

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.

**General Order Issued for Regiments to Inspect and Report the Condition of Clothing,
New York, Nov. 4, 1782**

Head Quarters New York 4th November 1782...

The Officers commanding British Reg^{ts} are immediately to order an Inspection to be made into the State of the Clothing & appointments of which they will give in a Return as soon as possible Specifying the Good Bad & deficient of each Article...

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.



Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir Guy Carleton

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**Gen. Sir Guy Carleton's Orders to Provide Clothing for Prisoners of War,
Including the 42nd Light Infantry Company, New York, Nov. 22 and 26, 1782**

Head Quarters New York 22^d November 1782

A Board of General & Field Officers having been directed to consider what supplies were necessary to be sent to the Prisoners in Pennsylvania, Maryland & Virginia, they have pointed out the following Articles to be furnished by the Reg^{ts} to each British & Provincial Soldier. 2 Shirts 2 p^{rs} Worsted Stockings 2 p^{rs} Shoes 2 p^{rs} Souls & heels 1 p^r Cloth Leggings 1 p^r Woolen Mitts 1 Woolen Night Cap 1 Black Stock – which the Corps to provide immediately.

Such Reg^{ts} as have Clothing due to their Men, are to have it prepared to send them & as the necessaries received from England by the Commissary General are much Cheaper than any that can be purchased here it is recommended to the Corps to procure from him whatever they want as far as he can be able to supply them.

The Foreign Troops will make the necessary preparations to furnish their Prisoners with whatever Clothing & necessaries they may think proper.

The Inspector General of Provincials will for the Provincial Troops & the Superintendent of the General Hospital will provide a proper assortment of medicines

Returns of the prisoners may be had upon application to the Adjutant General & invoices of all the Articles that are to be sent both by the German as well as the British Troops to be given to The Quartermaster General as soon as possible –

Head Quarters New York 26th November 1782

The Commander in Chief is pleased to direct that the non Commissioned Officers Drummers & Private Men who are prisoners shall be furnished with a pair of Donation Woolen Leggings each.

Source and Note: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482. A full account of a portion of the subject clothing embezzled by Pennsylvania officials is provided in this volume in App. G. Enc. 1 *Embezzled Prisoners of War Clothing*.

**General Order to Supply British POWs with Woolen Leggings and
Provide Report on Materials Needed, New York, Nov. 26 and 28, 1782**

Head Quarters New York 26th November 1782

The Commander in Chief is pleased to direct that the non Commissioned Officers Drummers & Private Men who are prisoners shall be furnished with a pair of Donation Woolen Leggings each.

Head Quarters New York 28th November 1782...

Returns to be given in on Wednesday the 4th of Dec^r by the respective Corps of the Number of Prisoners for whom Legging Cloth us wanted.

Source and Note: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482. A full account of a portion of the subject clothing embezzled by Pennsylvania officials is provided in this volume in App. G. Enc. 1 *Embezzled Prisoners of War Clothing*.

**General Order Provides Arrangements for Delivering British POW Clothing,
New York, Dec. 2, 1782**

Head Quarters New York 2^d Decem^r 1782...

All Clothing & Necessaries for the Prisoners of War in the Country are to be Packed up immediately & the Invoices sent to the Quarter Master General.

The Transport Ship Amazon at Franklin's Wharf [Between James Slip and Roosevelt Street] will be ready to receive them on Thursday morning the 5th Ins^t

Captain Armstrong & some other Persons belonging to the Quarter master Generals Department will attend to see them Ship'd & that nothing is received on board but what is specified in the orders with Blankets & Camp Kettles also necessaries for the Officers as every thing else will be liable to Seizure.

A proportion of thread Nedles & buttons to be issued with the legging Cloth for the prisoners.

Source and Note: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482. A full account of a portion of the subject clothing embezzled by Pennsylvania officials is provided in this volume in App. G. Enc. 1 *Embezzled Prisoners of War Clothing*.

**Annotation on Local Listing of British Officers Serving in America
Describes the Uniform of the 42nd Highlanders, New York, 1783**

Scott or Highland dress formerly, at present the same as the British regiments of Infantry that have short coats, except that they continue to wear the bonnet.

Source: "An Officer of the Black Watch in the American Revolution" by Rev. Percy Sumner in the *Journal of the Society of Army Research*, Vol. XXVI, Society for Army Historical Research, 1948, p. 78.

**General Order for the Auction of Books of the late Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt.,
New York, Feb. 18, 1783**

Head Quarters New York 18th February 1783...

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

Source and Note: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482. Lt. Cramond was an aide de camp to Hessian Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen when he died on Aug. 30, 1781.

**Excerpt of Cover Letter from Gen. Sir Guy Carleton, Commander-in-Chief,
North America to Secretary at War Forwarding State of Clothing and
Accoutrements of British Regiments in North America, New York, Apr. 12, 1783**

N^o. 27

New York 12th April 1783

Sir...

Enclosed is a state of the clothing and accoutrements of the several British Reg^{ts}. under my command...

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant
Guy Carleton

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters from Commanders-in-Chief, North America, 1783* at WO 1/13, pp. 29-31 (ff. 15-16). Unfortunately the "state" is not filed with the above letter. This one-page Mar. 13, 1783 clothing abstract signed by QM Gen. Robert Abercromby is listed in *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. III, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1907, Google Books, p. 397 as filed in "Vol. 16, No. 61."

**Request from Secretary at War Richard Fitz Patrick to Colonels of Regiments to be Stationed in
Nova Scotia, Including Gen. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., to Supply Clothing and Accoutrements,
London, June 7, 1783**

W: O: 7th June 1783

Sir,

It being intended that your Reg^t shall remain in America, & be stationed in Nova Scotia, I have the honor to acquaint you therewith, and to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that you do by the first opportunity send out such Clothing & accoutrements as may be necessary for the said Corps, which is to be completed to the Peace Establishment, if possible by such Men belonging to the Corps ordered home as may be fit for Service and willing to reinlist therein. – I inclose for your information a Copy of the State of the Clothing & accoutrements as transmitted to me by Sir Guy Carleton in a Letter of 12th April last...

L^t Gen^l Morrison

Colonel of the 17th Reg^t of Foot

I have the honor &c
R: Fitz Patrick

Like Letters of same date to the Colonels of the following Regiments of Foot, Viz^t...
42^d d^o [Regiment of Foot] 1st Battⁿ...

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Mar. – June 1783* at WO4/121, pp. 470-471 (f. 236).

Letter from Secretary at War Richard Fitz Patrick to the Judge Advocate

**General, Providing a List of the Authorized Strength of Regiments, Including the
42nd Regt., for Use of the General Officers of the Clothing Board, London, June 14, 1783**

Sir

W: O: 14 June 1783

I send you herewith a List of the Corps for which Pay has been Voted in the Estimates laid before Parliament from the 25 Dec^r 1782 to the 24th Dec^r inst inclusive, & am to desire You will be pleased to acquaint the Gen^l Officers that comprise the Clothing Board It is His Majesty's Pleasure that they do allow the said Corps set down in the said List, & no other, to make Assignments respectively agreeable to the number of Non Commissioned Officers & Private men, each Troop & Company is to consist of which is particularly specified in the said List & for no more –

I am Sir &c

R: Fitz Patrick

Judge Advocate General
or His Deputy

A List of His Majesty's Forces serving or which are to serve in Great Brit ⁿ Gibraltar & the Plantations, with the Number of Non Comm ^d Officers & Private Men of which each Troop & Company is to consist from 25 June 1783.						
	N ^o of Comp ^{is}	Serj ^{ts} to ea: Comp ^y	Corp ^{ls} to ea: Comp ^y	Drum ^s to ea: Comp ^y	Fifers to Gren Comp ^y	Private Men ...
42 ^d Reg ^t . L ^d Jn ^o Murrays 1 st Batt ⁿ .	} } 8 }	2	3	2	2	48...

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, June – Aug. 1783* at WO4/122, pp. 33-36 (f. 19).

**Clothing Auction Account for Deceased Pvt. David Munro, 2nd 71st Regt.,
Gravesend, New York, July 25, 1783**

An Account of the Vendue of the Deceased David Munro of Cⁿ [Andrew] Lauries Comp^y 2^d.. 71st.. Reg^t. Gravesend 25th.. July 1783

	Currency	£	Sh	D
James Hogg To one New Waistcoat	Majors	..	9	..
James M ^c Neilage to one p ^r .. Trowsers	Majors	..	7	3
Tho ^s .. Webster to one new Shirt	Majors	.. 4	12	..
To one Ammunition Shirt D ^o ..			4	3
Serj ^t . Ross to one p ^r .. Brushes & Black ball	L ^t C ^{ls}	..	5	..
James Hogg to two Hankerchiefs	Majors	..	14	..
James Hogg D ^o .. to three Feathers & Ribbon	M ^{rs}..	..	18	6
Tho ^s .. Webster to one Bonnet & some Feathers	M ^{rs}..	.. 4	7	..
Serj ^t . Ross to one Red Pack & some whiteing	L ^t C ^{ls}	..	16	2
James Cattinoch to one Knife	Major	..	2	4
Geo. M ^c Donald to one p ^r .. old Shoes	Gen ^l ls	..	8	3
James M ^c Neilage to one Parcell of old Raggs	M	..	..	8
John Munro two Rasors	L ^t .. Inf ^{ty} ..	1	7	3
	Totall Amount	5	1	8
To Cash in Serj ^t Ross's hand		..	12	6
N.B. the Above Acc ^t all Reckoned in N. York Currency	Total	5	14	2

Source: NRS, *Gilchrist family of Ospisdale Papers* at GD153/1/6 item 7.

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Fits Patrick to Gen. Sir Guy Carleton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, with Instructions for Clothing of British Regiments Assigned to Nova Scotia;
London, June 9, 1783**

WO 9th June 1783

Sir...

17 th Regt. Morrisons	I have communicated to the Colonels of the said Regiments the state of
33 ^d Cornwallis's	their Clothing & Accoutrements as transmitted to me in your letter of the 12 th of
37 th Coates	April last; with directions to send out immediately such further supplies of those
42 ^d 1 st B ⁿ Murray's	Articles as may be necessary to complete them for the Peace Establishment...
54 th Fredericks	
57 th Campbells	

Gen ^l Sir Guy Carleton	I have the honor &c
&c &c &c	R. Fitz Patrick
New York	

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1780-1784* at WO 4/275, pp. 273-276 (ff. 138-139).

Account of Necessaries for the 71st Highland Regt. (Stirling's), Perth, Scotland, Aug. 13, 1783

Lieutenant J. Ross, 71st Foot, Perth, Accounts with John MacKenzie, of J. R. Strachan & John MacKenzie
1783 Aug. 13, 1783]

Necessaries for the General's Company

48 Shirts, 33 pair Shoes, 76 ¼ yards Sheeting for 51 p^r. Trousers, 146 Ostrich feathers, 113 yards black ribbon, 5 pair Shoe Brushes, 5 Black Balls, 34 l^{bs}. Whitening, 46 Knapsacks, (Box, Packing & Sewing Thread, [w/ values listed])

Lieut. Colonel's Company

48 Shirts, 44 Pair Shoes, 79 ½ yards Sheeting for 53 pair Trousers, 96 Ostrich feathers, 125 yards Ribbon, 39 pair Shoe Brushes, 39 Black Balls, 30 l^{bs}. Whitening, 20 Stock Buckles, 34 Brushes & Pickers, 26 Knapsacks, 3 ¼ lbs. Sewing Thread (½ Box & Carting [w/ values listed])

Major's Company

47 Shirts, 47 p^{rs}. Shoes, 84 yards Sheeting for 56 p^r. Trousers, 220 Ostrich Feathers, 90 y^{ds}. Ribbon, 28 pair Shoe Brushes, 28 blacking Balls, 40 l^{bs}. Whitening, 19 Stock Buckles, 37 Brushes & Pickers, 24 Knapsacks, 1 ¾ lbs. Sewing Thread [w/ values listed]

Necessaries for the Grenadier Company - June 4

55 Shirts, 52 Pair Shoes, 103 ½ yards Sheeting for 69 p^r. Trousers, 185 Ostrich feathers, 15 Stock Buckles, 16 Stocks, 44 Knapsacks... Sewing Thread (Box & Packing [w/ values listed])

Captain Skelly's Company

31 Shirts, 24 pair Shoes, 59 ½ yds. Sheeting, 109 Black Ostrich feathers, 84 ½ y^{ds}. Ribbon, 22 pair Shoe Brushes, 22 Black Balls, 5 Stock Buckles, 28 Brushes & Pickers, 19 Knapsacks Compleat, 2 l^{bs}. Sewing Thread, (1/3rd of a large Case & Packing [w/ values listed])

Captain Campbell's Company

61 Shirts, 36 pair Shoes, 75 y^{ds} Sheeting for 50 p^r Trousers, 165 Ostrich Feathers, 94 y^{ds} Ribbon, 23 pair Shoe Brushes, 23 Blacking Balls, 33 l^{bs} Whitening, 35 Brushes & Pickers, 20 Knapsacks, ¾ lb. Sewing Thread (½ of the Lt. Col.'s Box & packing [w/ values listed])

Captain Munro's Company - June 4

78 Shirts, 51 pair Shoes, 121 ½ yards Sheeting for 78 p^{rs} Trousers, 108 Ostrich feathers, 153 y^{ds} Ribbon, 54 pair Shoe Brushes, 57 Blacking Balls, 65 l^{bs}. Whitening, 65 Stock Buckles, 65 Stocks, 61 Brushes & Pickers, 55 Knapsacks, 2 l^{bs}. Sewing Thread (1/3 Box, Carting & Packing [w/ values listed])

Captain Menzie's Company

40 Shirts, 31 pair Shoes, 79 y^{ds} Sheeting for 46 p^r. Trousers, 100 Ostrich Feathers, 103 y^{ds} Ribbon, 11 Pair Shoe Brushes, 12 Blacking Balls, 31 l^{bs}. Whitening, 7 Stock Buckles, 16 Brushes & Pickers, 16 Knapsacks Compleat, (Box, Packing & Carting [w/ values listed])

Vacant Company - June 4

23 Shirts, 17 pair Shoes, 57 y^{ds} Sheeting for 35 p^r Trousers, 109 Ostrich Feathers, 105 y^{ds}. Ribbon, 14 pair Shoe Brushes, 11 Blacking Balls, 5 l^{bs} Whitening, 2 Stock Buckles, 12 Knapsacks Compleat, (1/3 part of Box packing & Carting [w/ values listed])

Source: NRS, *Gilchrest of Opisdale Papers*, Aug. 13, 1783 at GD153/1/ 5.

General Order Requires Issuance of Year 1783 Clothing to the Troops, New York, Aug. 14, 1783

Head Quarters New York 14th August 1783...

All Clothing now in possession of Reg^{ts} and which may be due to the Men is to be delivered to them immediately – Report of such as cannot, the Clothing of 83 to be made to the Adj^t Gen^l ...

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.



Detail from Painting of *Halifax*, 1762, by Dominic Serres

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Art Gallery of Nova Scotia*

**General Order Requires Discharged Men Settling in Nova Scotia to Receive
Their Year 1783 Clothing or Compensation, New York, Sept. 21, 1783**

Head Quarters New York 21st September 1783...

The men belonging to British Reg^{ts} who are entitled to their Discharges and who are going to Settle in Nova Scotia are to be accounted with for the Clothing of 1783...

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482. One hundred eighty-one men of the 42nd Highlanders took discharges and settled with their families in Nova Scotia.

**Newspaper Notice of Auction of Excess British Military Clothing and Equipment,
New York, Oct. 8, 1783**

For Sale by Public Auction

On Monday, the 20th instant, at the Store, No. 50, on Brewer's Hill,
Sundry Government STORES,

CONSISTING of Boots, Shoe Soals, Buckskin Breeches, some Saddles and Saddlery, Woolen and Linen Trowsers, Buckles, Buttons, Thread, Lace and other Trimmings. Particulars to be made known by applying to John Tench, and Company, Auctioneers, No. 220, Water-Street.

The Goods to be viewed on Friday and Saturday previous to the day of sale.

Source: *Royal Gazette* (New York), Oct. 8, 1783.

**General Order Issued to Report Numbers and Cost of POW Clothing Improperly Seized by
Pennsylvania Officials, New York, Nov. 17, 1783**

Head Quarters New York 17th November 1783...

Memorandum...

Returns to be given in by tomorrow Evening to Cap^t Armstrong Dep^y Q^r M^r Gen^l at the Q^r M^r Gen^{ls} Office by the Regiments who had necessities embezzled last winter whilst going from Wilmington to their Prisoners at Lancaster: These Returns are to Specify the Articles lost and the prices they really Cost or are charged against the Regiments –

Source and Note: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482. A full account of the subject embezzled clothing is provided in this volume in App. G. Enc. 1 *Embezzled Prisoners of War Clothing*.



British Cotton fall-front straight legged trousers listed as 19th century

Picture Source: *Metropolitan Museum of Art*

Clothing Comments in Review of 42nd or Royal Highland Regt., Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 17, 1784

Head Q^{rs} Halifax 17th June 1784

Report of a General Review of His Majestys Forces that compose the Garrison of Halifax by Major General [John] Campbell [of Strachur] commanding all His Majesty's Troops in Nova Scotia &^c on the 9th June 1784 Consisting of a Detachment of the Royal Artillery the 17th, 33rd & 42nd Regiments...

Their Cloathing good and made according to the Regulation, and well fitted; their Hatts and Bonnets well cocked, and the Black Cloth Gaiters made according to the Regulation... The 42nd Regiment could not appear in their full uniforms for want of Plaids &^c which the Commanding Officer thought proper annually to dispose of, during the late War, in order to purchase a more commodious Dress for the American Service, with the Approbation of the Commander in Chief. The Regiment appeared remarkably clean dressed the men had on white strong Ticken Trowsers, with short black Cloth Gaiters perfectly well fitted, and performed their firings & Maneuvers admirably well.

The Regiment Complete and fit for actual Service –

John Campbell
MGen^l

Description of Officers Uniforms.

Scarlet Frocks with Gold laced Button holes & Epauletes, Lapelled to the waist with dark blue & white lining, small round sleeves, with blue Cuffs, buttons N^o 42^d Reg^t. White waist Coats, belted plaids & hose, blue Bonnets in place of Hatts, with Black Ostrich Feathers...

Clothing														
	Serjeants.							Drummers & Fifers.						
	Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.
	Drum Carriages.													
N° Delivered in 1783	16	18				72	18	18	16				64	16
Wanting to Complete the Allowance.														16
Total of the Allowance	16	18				72	18	18	16				64	16

Cloathing [continued]								
N ^o Delivered in 1783 Wanting to Complete the Allowance.	Rank & File							N.B. The Colonel Allows the Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, Pipers and Private full half mounting Money to Supply them with Shirts Rollers & Shoes. The 16 Drum Carriages wanting to complete were by neglect not sent out with the Cloathing.
	Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	
	408	408				1632	408	
Total of the Allowance	408	408				1632	408	
W. Home Major R. H. Regiment								

Source and Note: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns, Foreign, 1783-1784* at WO 27/52. The statement “*The 42nd Regiment could not appear in their full uniforms for want of Plaids &^c which the Commanding Officer thought proper annually to dispose of, during the late War*” is not correct as the biannual issue of plaids occurred in late 1779, covering that year and 1780. In addition the above document notes that plaids were delivered in 1783.



Detail of *Portrait of Sir William Fawcett*, by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1784-1785

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

**Letter from Adj. Gen. William Fawcett to Sec. of War Sir George Yonge, Forwarding
a Report of a Board of Officers on Infantry Accouterments, London, July 5, 1784**

Great George Street, 5th July, 1784.

Sir,

The report of a committee, appointed by the Board of General officers, to take into their consideration the present method of accoutring the Infantry, having been laid before the King, and the several alterations therein recommended been approved of by his Majesty, I have the honour to enclose to you the said report herewith, that you may take such measures for carrying the new regulations therein contained into execution, agreeably to his Majesty's pleasure signified to me upon the occasion, as may appear to you most expedient for that purpose.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Wm. Fawcett, Adj^t. Gen^l.

Right Hon^{ble} Sir George Yonge, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Report of the Proceedings of a Committee of General Officers appointed by the Board,
the 15th June, 1784.

The committee, in consequence of his Majesty's reference to the Board of General Officers, have taken the present method of accoutring the Infantry into their consideration, and have agreed to present the following observations.

In the first place, the Ordnance cartridge-box at present in use has been found to be exceedingly inconvenient; it is therefore submitted that it be laid aside, and a tin magazine in a slight leathern case, of the same price, (2s. 6d.) substituted in its place; but the committee conceive the expense of this article will not fall on the Colonel, on a presumption that it will be furnished by the Ordnance, in exchange for the present cartridge-box.

The powder-horns and bullet-bags of the Light Infantry, the committee is informed, were never used during the last war; it is therefore proposed to lay them aside.

The committee farther observe, that the matches and match-cases of the Grenadiers are become obsolete; also the Grenadiers' swords were never worn during the last war; it is therefore submitted that these articles be also laid aside.

Presuming these alterations may be approved of, the committee proposes that the following plan be adopted on any future delivery of a new set of accoutrements.

The committee is of opinion, that the whole battalion should be accoutred alike, with the addition of two articles for the Light Infantry, viz. the hatchet and priming-horn, and that it will be a great relief and convenience to the soldier, as well as tend greatly to the good appearance of the battalion, to wear the shoulder-belts of equal breadth, and have the ammunition (which is to consist of 56 rounds) divided so that he may be enabled to carry the pouch on the right side and the magazine on the left.

It is therefore proposed that the pouch be made as follows, viz. to hold 32 cartridges, 20 of which are to be in an upper tin box with five divisions, each containing 4 cartridges placed upright; the other 12 are to be stowed horizontally in a tin box underneath, with divisions made in it so as to fit the length of the cartridges.

The flap of the pouch to be plain, without any ornament, and the bottom part of it to be rounded at the corners.

The magazine to be carried occasionally, to contain 24 cartridges in a tin box of the length of two cartridges, with a partition in the middle, and of sufficient depth to contain 12 on each side, stowed horizontally; this magazine is fixed to the bayonet belt in such a manner as to be easily taken off or put on, it not being intended that it should be carried otherwise than on a march or in action.

The pouch and bayonet belts to be of buff leather, and the breadth of both of them to be two inches; the bayonet carriage to slip on and off the belt, with two loops.

The hatchet, and a small priming-horn, to hold about two ounces of powder, are considered as necessary appointments for the Light Infantry; but, being at present improperly fixed to the accoutrements, may be carried either with the knapsack, or in such other manner as the commanding officer shall think most convenient.

Pattern pouches and belts made according to the above directions may be deposited at the Clothing Board.

The committee, on conferring with different accoutrement makers, are satisfied, that provided the Ordnance furnishes the magazines, this alteration will not be attended with any increase of expense to the colonel.

On considering every part of the appointments of a soldier, the committee laments that a leathern cap, worn by some of the Light Infantry last war, had not been shown to the Board, and is induced, from the report of officers who have tried it, strongly to recommend it as most comfortable to the soldier, and considerably less expensive than the cap which was approved of.

The committee is likewise of opinion, that the black linen gaiter at present in use is extremely inconvenient and prejudicial to the soldier; and earnestly propose a black woollen cloth gaiter, with white metal buttons, without stiff tops, in its place.

[Gen. Lord Frederick] F. Cavendish

[Lt. Gen. Sir William] W. Howe

[Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl] Cornwallis

This report was this day read and considered in a meeting of the Board of General Officers, and unanimously approved.

Horse Guards, 25th June, 1784.

[Judge Advocate Gen. Sir] Charles Gould

Source and Note: *Origin and Services of the Coldstream Guards*, Vol. II, Col. MacKinnon, Richard Bentley, London, 1833, pp. 361-363, from TNA, *War Office: Entry Books of Warrants, Regulations and Precedents, 1783-1785* at WO 26/32, pp. 295-298. The source also notes "A warrant signed by the King, embodying all the preceding recommendations of the Board, dated 21st July, 1784, was accordingly issued, and directs that they be duly observed by the regiments of Foot - Guards and marching regiments of Infantry, .. in exact conformity to the new patterns approved by the King, and lodged in the Office of the Comptrollers of the Accompts of the Army."



Detail from Portrait of Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of Macleod, 73rd Regt., Jan. 1787 by Johann Zoffany

Picture Source: *Dunvegan Castle Collection*

**Excerpt of Letter from Brevet-Maj. Gen. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod to
Maj. Gen. Sir George Osborn, Regarding the Clothing Required for the
Transition of the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. to the 73rd Highland Regt., India, 1787**

Sir,

By [Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis [Gov. Gen. and Commander-in-Chief, India] I received the first intelligence that his Majesty has been pleased to change the second Battalion of the Fourty Second Reg't to the 73rd, and that it has now the honour to be commanded by you. I embrace this opportunity of sending you a Return of it, and of giving you a full account of its present state...

I shall now speak of the clothing. As the Reg't we had the honour to have Royal Facings from the beginning and have done nothing to forfeit that honour, but on the contrary has been distinguished by brave behaviour, and severe sufferings, it hopes that tho separated from the Fourty Second, it will still be a Royal Highland Regt. It is not easy for me to express the anxiety felt on this account by the whole corps. The officers certainly fell is as a point of honour, and on a mischievous report being raised that the facings were to be changed, the men loudly expressed their grief and rage. I must therefore earnestly recommend this point to your most serious consideration. The number being changed, we must request that the Agent be directed to send out a quantity of the new buttons which you fix on, for the officers, the price of which he may sop from the arrears, or draw on me for, payable in India. Short coats or jackets is the Highland uniform, the white cloth for waistcoats had better be sent out unmade. Plaids are perfectly useless in this climate, all the Highland Regt's here therefore dress in gaitors made of the stuff of this Country, which gives the benefit of lightness, and cleanness, and the men pay for them.

But to enable them to do so, the Colonels allow nine shillings sterling per annum, or eighteen shillings every two years to the Serjeants and drummers, and 6 shillings per ann, or twelve shillings every two years to the Rank and File, in lieu of plaids. The half-mounting, or shirts, hose and shoes, is also paid in money, at the rate of fifteen shillings per annum to the Serjeants, and ten shillings and nine pence to the drummers and, and rank and file. For these two sums to be paid by the Colonel to the men viz, the money in lieu of plaids, and the half-mounting, the Commanding officer and the regimental paymaster conjunctively, will draw annually bills of exchange on you payable in London at six month cycles for which we can get cash as per here, and the Colonel will always be beforehand with the Reg't, above a year. I will take particular care to draw only for the effective strength present.

The Serjeants have always had silver lace on their coats, for which they pay themselves. Your agent will send out with annual clothing, the account of the charge of this silver lace, which shall be carefully deducted from the next draught on you for plaids and half-mountings.

I formerly desired Lord John Murray our late Colonel to be pleased to send out hats instead of bonnets, which was done, but good hats are three times the price of bonnets, and the hats which were sent were so extremely bad that the men could scarcely wear them. We therefore wish to have bonnets again, which we can make much smarter than bad hats. But the agent must send out at least five good black feathers per man, which the men will pay for.

I have now to mention a circumstance which very highly concerns the Regiment, and your interest as Colonel. It has now been raised near seven years, and never has received any accoutrements but those which were first delivered to the men, of which not an article now remains, being fairly expended by time and hard service. We have from time to time been supplied from the Company's stores with belts and pouches, which will be charged by the Company to the King, and of course by Government, on the Colonel.

This will cost the Colonel infinitely more money than if he supplied the Regt at once with a complete set, which might be kept up at a small expence, and besides the Company's accoutrements are wretchedly bad.

As you, Sir, have received the Regt from his Majesty as a new Corps, and as it is really as unprovided of these articles as if it was just raised, from the severity of the service and length of time since it was first furnished, I should hope you might justly be allowed to demand a new and complete set of pouches and crossbelts. It would be still better if instead of receiving them from the Tower, the Colonel was allowed a sum of money to provide them, because they might by that means be furnished of a superior quality. At all events, Sir, it is extremely necessary to send out soon a set of good pouches with buff belts and crossbelts for the bayonets.

We have likewise received arms from the Company's stores, which will all be charged to the account of Government at a high price. They are extremely bad. It would therefore be a great advantage to the service, and a saving to the public, to send out a complete set of good arms from the tower.

We are also in total want of Grenadier, Light Infantry, and pioneer appointments. The change of the number will also, I suppose, induce a change of the Colours. Grenadier and Light Infantry appointments for the officers of the Company's are wanted, and sets of new drums and fifes. The officers when under arms wear fusees and bayonets, but they are also desirous of having elegant uniform swords. As their pay in this Country is higher than at home, they are willing to pay more than usual for handsome sidearms. We therefore, Sir, request you to be pleased to chuse handsome swords for us, and will cheerfully go to the expence of five guineas for them. For this money, the Agent may draw on me payable at Calcutta. As small swords would not suit short coats, I imagine you will chuse something of the saber or cut and thrust kind, and that the hilts be gilt, to agree with the gold lace on the coats...

Source: Norman MacLeod of MacLeod to Sir George Osborn, India, 1787, *Gen. Sir John Burgoyne Correspondence with Norman Macleod* at NRAS 2950, Dunvegan Castle, Section 4, #752, Transcribed by Alexander J. Good, Aug. 24, 2006.