

1778



Detail Showing Lord William Murray (Brown Coat) and Lady Murray from the Print
“Promenade in the State Side of Newgate” Nov.7, 1793, by William Holland

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Letter from Lt. Lord William Murray, 42nd Regt., to His Uncle, Col. James Murray, 77th or Atholl Highland Regt., Apologizing for Bad Behavior, Philadelphia, Jan. 2, 1778

Philadelphia, Jan. 2, 1778.

Dear Uncle,

I am very sensible of my bad behaviour for this some time past contrary to your advice, but pray you to try me once more, and I shall endeavour to behave in the best manner possible for the future. I own I do not deserve that indulgence from you, I have so often broke my promises to you before now, but I hope you will grant it, as it was all through the advice of bad company, who I shall now avoid. I likewise ask your pardon for never coming to see you and take your good advice during your late illness. I am now thourally convinced that you are the best friend I have, and that all your advice was meant for my good, which shall be thrown away no more.

I am your aff^{ce} nephew and sincere penitent,

W^m Murray.

Source: Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families, Vol. IV, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 67.

Brevet-Quartermaster and Ensign James Stirling, 2nd Provisional Battalion, 42nd Regt., Ordered to Escort Clothing and Money to British Prisoners of War at Lancaster, Philadelphia, Jan. 15, 1778

Head Quarters Philadelphia Jan^{ry} 15th. 1778...

The Commanding Officers of Corps to be Answerable that the Strictest Care be taken of their Mens Arms. as Non Can Infuture be Issued from the Store Untill the Deficiency Shall be Accounte'd for in the Most Satisfactory Manner, Quartermaster [Thomas] Sanford of Foot Guards & Sterling of the 42nd Reg^t. are Appointed to take the Charge of the Necessaries & Money for the British Prisoners, with which they are to set Out to Morrow Morning at Nine from the State house, a Careful Non Commissione'd Officer from Each Brigade to be Sent to Assist in the Charge & Distribution of the Different Articles,

Source and Notes: *William Howe orderly book*, Great Britain. Army, 1776-1778, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich.

Deposition of Rebel Capt. James Christy, 3rd Pennsylvania Battalion, Describes Interaction with Brevet-Quartermaster and Ens. James Stirling, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Part of Detachment to Deliver Clothing to Prisoners of War, Near Philadelphia, Approximately Jan. 16, 1778

Lancaster, ss.

James Christy, Esquire, Captⁿ in the 3d Battⁿ of Pensilvanian Troops, on his solem oath on the holy Gospel, deposeth & saith, that five days before the day on which the Enemy's horse surrounded Captain Lee & some few light horse, in a house sixteen miles west of Philadelphia, about three weeks since, a flag of Truce came out of Philadelphia, as this deponent understood & believes; that the flag was under the conduct of a British officer, called Captain [Thomas] Sandford, but who is said to be a Lieutenant in the British guards; that this flag of Truce was accompanied by Captain McLeod, said to be of the Enemys American Levies, Lieu^t Sterling, said to belong to the Royal Highlanders, &, one German Commission officer, as this deponent understood him to be, together with a surgeon & two surgeon's mates, and divers non Commissioned officers & Waggon-drivers; This deponent was ordered by Colonel Stephenson, of Virginia, to join the flag Bearer and his Company at the sign of the Spread Engle, on the great highway leading from Philadelphia to Lancaster, & that he understood from the British Officers above mentioned, or some of them, that they conducted & carried Clothing for the B. Prisoners in the Custody of the American States; that this deponent was with said Flag at the public house aforesaid, called the Spread Eagle, & afterwards on the way to the Tavern called the White Horse, till the fourth day; that Gen^l W., as this deponent understood, refused to suffer Cap^t M^cLeod & Lieu^t Stirling to proceed with Capt. Sandford, & that they two returned from the Spread Eagle for Philadelphia; that two Bags containing bills of Credit were discovered to be in a Waggon belonging to the party under Cap^t Sandford, & that being damaged by wet, the bags were opened & dried, & that orders were given by Col. Bradford, deputy Commissary of prisoners, to send the said paper money back; back by Cap^t M^cLeod & Lieu^t Sterling; that Lieu^t Sterling, with seeming surprize at said discovery, alledged that he was ignorant that the s^d Baggs were in the waggons of said flag of Truce, or any of them; that this dep^t heard & understood among the British party attending said flag, that one Mr. Franks had ordered, or was supposed to have ordered the bags afores^d, to be put into one of the Waggons attending them; & that Col. Bradford said he had read a Letter from Mr. Franks, wherein mention was made of said paper money, & told this deponent that he, this deponent, had had a very costly pillow last night; this deponent having rested his head on said Bags or one of them, during the foregoing night.

Indorsed,

1778, Feby. 3, deposition of James Christy, Esq., relating to the flag.

Source and Note: "Deposition of Capt. James Christy, 1778", *Pennsylvania Archives*, Series 1, Vol. VI, 1778, p. 233. Ens. Stirling attempted to take supplies under a flag of truce to the 42nd prisoners of war at Lancaster, Pennsylvania along with several other officers including Guards QM Thomas Sandford and Loyalist Capt. MacLeod. Stirling and MacLeod were turned back because Gen. Washington refused to allow them to proceed.

Letter from Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to Alexander (Sandie) Campbell, Younger of Glenure, Regarding Commissions for M^cPherson's Sons, Glasgow, Jan. 15, 1778

Glasgow 15th Jan^{ry} 1778

Dear Sandie

I am favoured w^t. yours and wish you joy of the Sword inplac of the Gown – I thank you for the Offer made to either of my sons I have had Offers in two Corps for Lieu^{tcys}. and in One an En^{scy}. but the Mother having two Sons already abroad She cannot think to part w^t Jamie – Lord John Murray is to get a Second Battalion which will put it out of my power to be of any service to you or Colin – I am

Dear Sandie Yours sincerely

James M^cPherson

Source: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine* at GD170/1969/7.



Reproduction 76th Highlanders Uniform Button

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Capt. Alexander Donaldson,
42nd Regt. Approving Promotion to Major, 76th Regt. of (Highland) Foot (MacDonald's),
London, Jan. 16, 1778**

W: O: 16th Jan'ry 1778.

Sir

H: M: [His Majesty] having been pleased to consent that you shou'd be Major to a Corps to be forthwith raised under the Command of Lieu^t Col^o Commandant John M^cDonnell agreeable to the terms Specified in my letter of the 25th Dec^r last, to the said Lieu^t Colonel; I have the honor to acquaint you therewith, that in his Absence you may give the necessary Directions for carrying on that Service without delay.

I have the honor to be Sir &c
Barrington

Cap^t Donaldson of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Sec. at War. Out Letters, General*, Nov. 1, 1777 - Feb. 28, 1778 at WO 4/101, p. 310 (f. 155). After raising and disciplining the 76th Regt. Maj. Donaldson was too ill to sail with the regiment to America.

Promotion Announcement for Officers, 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 20, 1778

War-Office, January 20, 1778...

*5th Regiment of Foot...*Lieutenant Thomas Lyttleton, from 42d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Cox...

27th Regiment of Foot, Major William Murray, from 42d Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice John Maxwell...

Ditto, Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Mitchell, from 52d Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice William Murray...

42d Regiment of Foot, Major William Grant to be Major, vice William Murray.

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant. John M^cIntosh to be Captain, vice William Grant.

Ditto, Lieutenant John Peebles to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John M^cIntosh.

Ditto, Ensign Gavin Drummond to be Lieutenant, vice John Peebles.

Ditto, William M^cDonald, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Gavin Drummond.

Ditto, Ensign Lord William Murray to be Lieutenant, vice Dougal Campbell.

Ditto, George Campbell, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Lord William Murray.

Ditto, Ensign James Stuart, from 5th, Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Lyttleton.

Ditto, Ensign John Spence [Spens] to be Lieutenant, vice John M^cDonald.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 17, 1778, p. 2 and Jan. 20-24, 1778, p. 2. Although authority for promotions in America was granted to the Commander in Chief, subject to the King's later approval, the War Office still posted the official public notification of promotions in *The London Gazette*.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. William John Hale, 45th Grenadier Company, with Account of Lt. John Peebles' Prior Wound at Bushy Run and Promotion, Philadelphia, Jan. 20, 1778

...a most excellent officer an acquaintance of my Uncle Graham's, Peebles, after being fourteen years in the [42nd] Grenadier Company, shot through the body in [Col. Henry] Bouquet's affair with the Indians [Battle of Bushy Run, Pennsylvania, Aug. 1763], has after 23 years service attained the rank of Capt. Lt...

Source: *Some British Soldiers in America*, Capt. W. H. Wilkin, Hugh Rees, Ltd., London, 1914, p. 238.

Promotion Memorial of Lt. John Gregor, 1st Additional Co., 42nd Regt., Glasgow, Jan. 23, 1778

Glasgow 23^d Janr^y: 1778

My Lord

Being informd that Government do apppoint the Most of the Capt^s: in the New Corps that are rais'd by the different Citys; is the reason of giving Your Lordship this trouble And humbly begs Your Lordships forgiveness –

I beg leave to observe to Your Lordship, That there are Several Lieut^s: in the Army who have Served but a few Years promoted to Companys, And were but Children, when I had the honor to Serve with the 42^d Regim^t: At the Battle of Fontenoy, A descent on France under the Command of Gen^l: S^t Clair, The pass of Hulst, & Siege of Bergenopzome; besides number of Skirmishes with advanced guards & out posts, in the War before last – and in the last War, At the landing place, Ticonderoga, Fort William Augustus, Montreal, & Bushy Run, in America, And in the West Indies, the taking of Martinco, & the Havannah &^{ca} – And now almost 18 years a Lieu^t: – I have only further to Observe to Your Lordship, that I know not one Lieu^t: in the Army that has So much to Say – And Should my long Services be now forgot, it will make me groan under an intolerable burthen of Spirits that I know not how to get the better of – I therefore put myself & Situation intirely under Your Lordships protection; being perfectly convinced that Your Lordship has always befriended the old Soldier, took him by the hand & relieved him from his distress.

I am informed the Additional Company of the 42^d: Regim^t: in which I have the honor to serve, will soon be or is now Vacant, by the preferment of Cap^t [Alexander] Donaldson to be Major in Col^o M^cDonalds New Corps [76th Regt.] –

Your Lordships promoting me to that Company, Shall be forever gratefully Acknowledged –

And I have the Honor to be

My Lord with great esteem

Your Lordships Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant

John Gregor Lieu^t

42^d Regim^t

[War Office Annotation on back]

Ackⁿ – &c – The Offr^s of the New Corps are recommended by the persons who undertake to raise them, except in the case of the Glasgow Reg^t; the Capts for that Regt serving in G^t Britain, Gibraltar, & Minorca, where there has been very little promoted: They are all very old Lieut^s.

All vacancies in the Regt^s under the command of S^r. W. Howe are filled up by him: I hope he will soon give you that advancement your long Service has merited.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-R, 1776 at WO 1/993. The "Battle of Fontenoy" was a major engagement of the War of the Austrian Succession fought on May 11, 1745. "Martinco" was a term used for the island of Martinique. Gregor was eventually promoted to Captain in the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. raised in 1779. Gregor's actual last name was MacGregor, which was illegal to use at the time of his first commission. By the time he obtained his company, use of the name MacGregor was again legal and his commission was issued in that name.

**Denial from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Anderson & Richardson,
Regimental Agents of the 42nd Regt. Regarding Memorial from Regiment's
Captains for Additional Non Effective Allowance, London, Jan. 29, 1778**

War Office 29th Jan'ry 1778

Gentlemen,

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

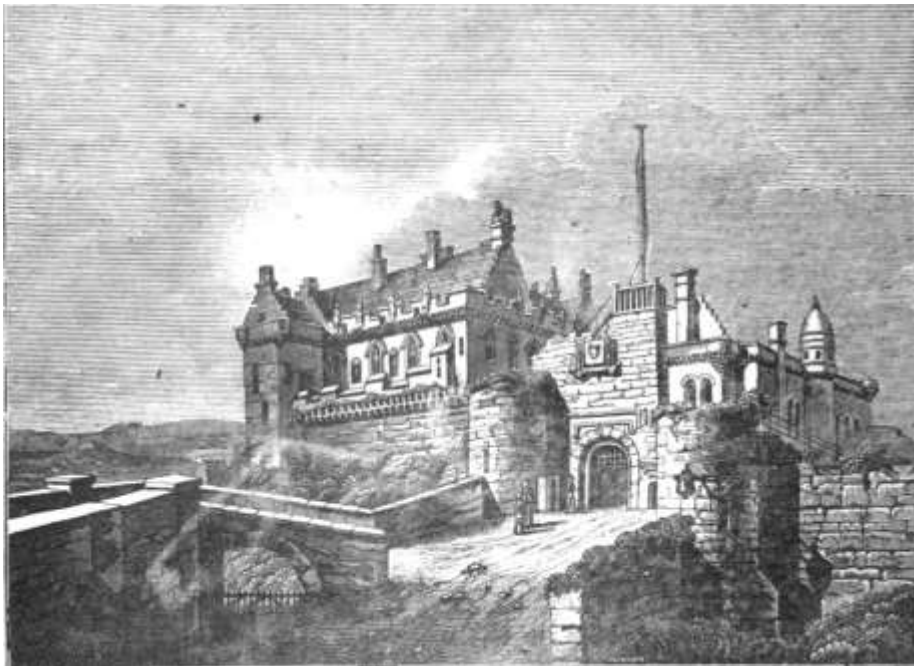
In answer to this I am to acquaint you, that the King's Regulation allows twenty pounds per annum only to each Captain of a Company; and no consideration is had to the number of Men of which a Company may consist. The only allowance which is affected by any increase in point of Numbers in a Company,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

I am Gentlemen &c

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson

Barrington

Source: TNA, Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, WO 4/101, p. 366 (f. 183). The companies of the 42nd and other Highland Regiments were larger than most English regiments, but they received the same amount of incidental money as the smaller companies.



Stirling Castle

Picture Source: *The Penny Magazine*, December 15, 1832, Google Books, p. 364

**Deserter Advertisement by Capt. John Graham, Additional Company,
71st Highland Regt., (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Stirling Castle, Feb. 16, 1778**

DESERTED from the additional Companies of the 71st regiment lying in Stirling-Castle, betwixt the 9th and 12th of February in,

1. ALEXANDER M^CDONALD...
2. DUNCAN CAMERON...

Any person who shall apprehend and secure both or any of said deserters shall receive a Guinea for each, above the sum allowed by act of Parliament, by applying to Captain Graham of the 71st regiment at Stirling castle, or to Captain [John] M^cDonell of said regiment, at Edinburgh.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Feb. 16, 1778, p. 4.



Inchbrakie House

Picture Source: *Or and Sable A Book of the Græmes and Grahams*, Louisa G. Græme, William Brown, Edinburgh, 1903, opp. p. 404.

Letter from William, 2nd Duke of Montrose to Patrick Græme, 8th of Inchbrakie, Father of Lt. Patrick Graham, 42nd Regt., Regarding Endorsement of Lt. George Græme, 72nd Regt. (Younger of Inchbrakie), and Mention of Patrick, to Secretary at War Lord Barrington, London, Feb. 19, 1778

London, 19th Feb. 1778.

To Patr^k. Græme, Esq^{re}.,
at Inchbrakie,
by Perth, N.B.

Dear Sir,

By Monday's post I rev^d the favour of yours of the 9th. I was glad to find that my letter to Lord Barrington to introduce your son [Lt. George Græme, 72nd Regt.] to his Lord^p had been attended with success.

I mentioned where your other two sons [Patrick and Laurence] were, in His Majesty's Service believing that it might be of use to them.

He called on me Tuesday last and said he was to set out the next morning for Manchester, also that his friend M^r Henry Drummond was endeavouring to procure him a Company; of which he said he had some hopes; I hope he will be successful, as at once it would put him upon a footing.

I am very infirm and helpless. But always with esteem, Sir,

Sincerely yours,
Montrose.

Source and Notes: *Or and Sable A Book of the Græmes and Grahams*, Louisa G. Græme, William Brown, Edinburgh, 1903, Sketch XXI. Lt. George Græme, Younger of Inchbrakie, was the eldest son and the future 9th Baron of Inchbrakie. Patrick Graham's younger brother Laurence was a Lt. in the Royal Navy. This endorsement may have

helped as Patrick Graham, a relatively junior Captain, was promoted to Major of the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. in 1779 over more senior officers.

Letter from Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to His Brother-in-Law, Duncan Campbell of Glenure Regarding Family Commissions, Glasgow, Feb. 25, 1778

Glasgow 25th feb^{ry} 1778

Dear Brother

Yesterday Colin [his nephew, Colin Campbell] came here from Edn^r and find by him that he has given up thoughts of Lt Col^l M^cDonalds Corps [76th (MacDonald's) Regt.] as he thinks that he is already a L^t in the 36th Reg^t – I much approve of his conduct and if he is the L^t Campbell that is mentioned in the Papers for the 36th he ought to stick by it and more especially as James [Lt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt.] is in the Play which will require all your assistance and everybody else that is disposed to serve him – but there is one Difuculty that occurs to me which is – the men that Colin has got may be a bar in the way as it is a question whiter or not Colin can give up his men to James – was James appointed to Col^l M^cDonald their might be no dificulty in it but as he is appointed to Col^l Murrays [77th (Atholl) Regt.] Reg^t I am apprehensive that Lord M^cDonald will make a point in having Colins men as they were raised for Col^l M^cDonald Corps and Colin having accepted and raising men for dais Reg^t will be a handle for Lord M^cDonald to apply for what men Colin made and if Lord M^cDonald will be Deficient in raising his men by the time limited it will be a good Plea for him to advance that Colin had been named L^t and Quartermaster to Col^l M^cDonalds Corps and had accepted and after raising a good many Recruits he was advanced to a Lieu^{cy} in his Late Corps which he accepted of and threw up his Engagements w^t Col^l M^cDonald and turned over his men to his Brother who had got a Company in Col^l Murrays Corps – this appears to me will be Lord M^cDonalds Language to Government – Therefore would have you employ some person that is intimate w^t [Gen.] Sir [James] Adolphus [Oughton] and ask his private opinion whither or not Colin can w^t safety make over his Men to James which ought to Determine you how to proceed I am – Dear Brother yours &C *James M^cPherson*

P:S: As this is an affair of the utmost consequence to Settle before Colin can determine himself have advised him to go to Edn^r and talk over things more fully to you that him and I have been thinking of

Source: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine* at GD170/1354/43 ff. 186-187.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Appointments for Promoted Additional Company Officers and the War Office Response, Bannercross and London, Feb. 25 and Mar. 3, 1778

My Lord

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

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

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

I have the honor to be with the Greatest Regard,

My Lord

Banner cross

Your Lordships most humble and most obedient Serv^t

near Sheffield
25th. Feb: 1778 –

John Murray

[Response]

War Office 3^d March 1778

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 25th past.

I shall signify to Sir W^m Howe the vacancies made in the Reg^{ts} under his Command by promotion at home, but I can neither interfere in, nor recommend the manner in which those Vacancies shall be filled up.

I have the honor to be

R^t. Honble Lord John Murray
Bannercross near Sheffield

My Lord &c
Barrington

Sources: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1778 at WO 1/997 and *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, Feb. – May 1778 at WO 4/102, p. 55 (f. 28).

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, Philadelphia, Mar. 1, 1778

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 1st March 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42^d Regiment

Alexander M^cGregor, Gentleman, to be Ensign vice Rolls [Robert Rollo] } 8th May 1777
preferred }

Dougald Campbell, Gentleman, to be Ensign vice [John] Campbell } 31st May 1777...
preferred }

64th Regiment.

Henry David Fraser, Gentleman, to be Ensign } 20th Sept. 1776...
vice Lord Viscount Deerhurst promoted }

Source and Notes: "The Kemble Papers." Ens. Fraser, 64th Regt., later served as a lieutenant in the 42nd Regt.

Order to Rectify Commission Date for Lt. John Campbell, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Mar. 9, 1778

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 9th March 1778...

Extract of a Letter from Lord Barrington, dated War Office, 19th November 1777, to Gen. Sir William Howe:

"I am to acquaint you that Lieut. John Campbell's appointment to an Ensigny in the 42^d Regiment having taken place a considerable time before those of the other Ensigns notified on the Augmentation, although by some Mistake His Commission was dated later than those of Ensigns [Alexander] M^cLeod, [Robert] Rollo, Lord William Murray, and [Alexander] Stewart, the King was pleased to direct that he should have his proper Rank given him; which was accordingly done by a New Commission bearing date the 10th August, 1775."

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers." The Nov. 19, 1777 letter is shown above.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Additional Company Officers and Drafting, Bannercross, Mar. 11, 1778

My Lord

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bannercross
11th March 1778

Your Lordship's most hum^{ble} and most obedient Serv^t
John Murray

[War Office Response Annotation]

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

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

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

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, In-letters* at WO 1/997. Lord Murray's worries about drafting did not materialize. The 42nd Additional Company under the command of Lt. John Grant joined a detachment with two additional companies of the 71st Highlanders to reinforce Newfoundland.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, Philadelphia, Mar. 19, 1778

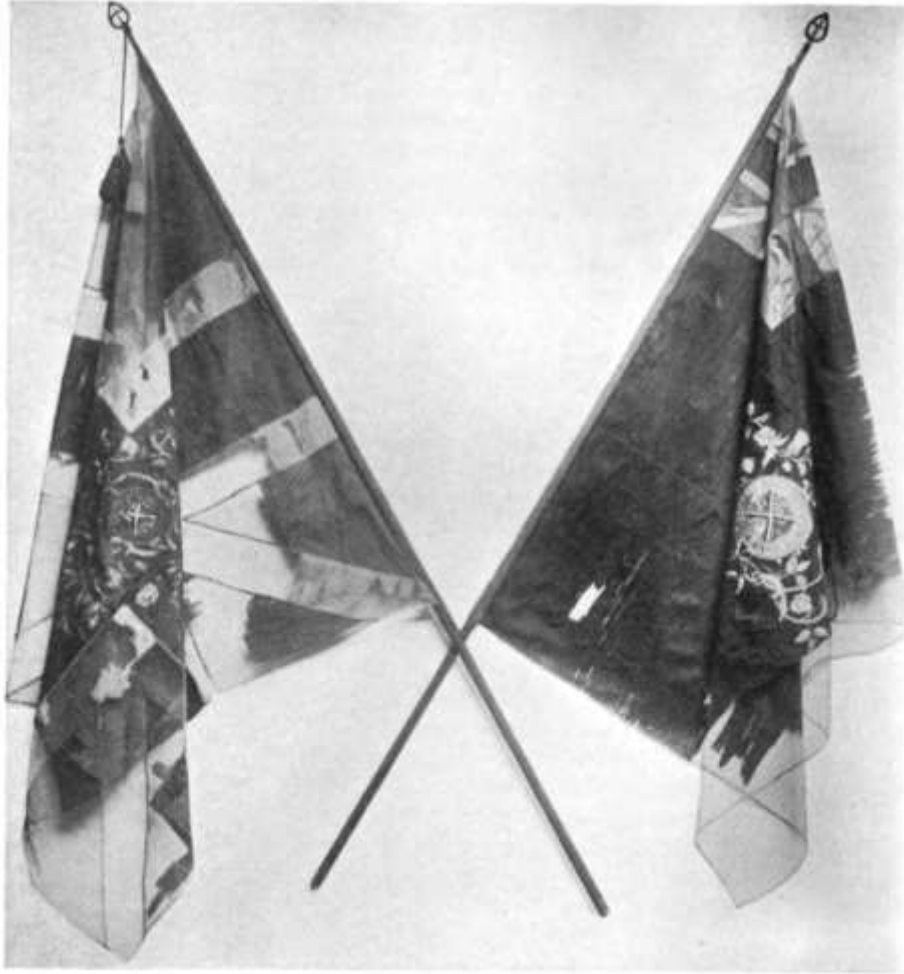
[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 19th March 1778.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions:

42^d Regiment

Ensign Daniel Crawford to be Lieutenant vice [William] Stewart	} 18 th March, 1778
removed to the Invalids	}
Alexander Grant, Volunteer, to be Ensign vice Crawford Promoted	} 18 th March 1778

Source and Notes: "The Kemble Papers." Lt. Stewart lost the use of his leg in the Battle of Piscataway, New Jersey on May 10, 1777 and was involuntarily removed to an Invalid Company in England.



Photograph of Original Colors of the 77th Regt. or Atholl Highlanders

Picture Source: *A Military History of Perthshire, 1660-1902*, Ed. The Marchioness of Tullibardine, R. A. & J. Hay, Perth, 1908, Google Books, after p. 74. At the time the subject book was published the Colors were kept at Blair Castle.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe,
Commander-in-Chief, North America, Requesting Release of 42nd Regt.
Officers to the New 77th Regt. of (Highland) Foot, or Atholl Highlanders, London, Mar. 23, 1778**

War Office 23^d March 1778

Sir,

Lieut. Colonel [James] Murray of the Detachment of [3rd Regt. of] Foot Guards, under your Command, Lieut. James Campbell, and Lord Will^m Murray of the 42^d Reg^t and 2^d Lieutenant Charles Cathcart of the 23^d Regiment of Foot, likewise under your Command, being approved, the former as Commandant, and the three latter as Captains in the Athol Regiment of Highlanders; I have the honor to desire you will be pleased to permit the said Officers to return to Great Britain by the first opportunity if the Service will permit and you shall have no objection.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant

Barrington

His Excellency The Most Honble Sir William Howe &c &c &c

Source: TNA, *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester* at PRO 30/55/9 f. 106926. Lt. James Campbell was the son of Duncan Campbell of Glenure and nephew of Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson, 42nd Additional Co.

Letter from Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to his Brother-in-Law, Duncan Campbell of Glenure, Regarding the Possible Diversion of 42nd Regt. Recruits to Support Lt. James Campbell's Quota for a Company in the 77th Regt. of (Highland) Foot, or Atholl Highlanders, Dumbarton, Mar. 23, 1778

Dumbarton 23^d. March 1778

D^r B^r

This goes by Serj^t M^cPherson of my Company whom I send to Escort four Recruits for Jamie three of them of the six I mentioned to Colin [Campbell, son of Glenure] and the other is the man from the Shaws the three are fine fellows & so they would need they are not cheap tho at the same time they would draw more money if exposed to the highest bidders – I must observe to you that three wanted of the six I did not chuse to take one of them is an English man one sick in a fever and the third I did not think him value for such high Bounty not being above five foot three inches – Annexed you have the Charge of the men for which please send a Draft on M^r Robertson – youl see by John Anderson Attestation that he was attested for the 42^d. it may be earlyer then the date of the Atholl Reg^t. Beating orders at any rate youy must attest him a new and make his date to Answer the Duke of Atholls Beating orders I wish you could get him a pass for ten days to settle some of his family affairs I promised it and you know that I wish to perform my promise – I likewise promised to M^r Murdoch three men to get inserted by a justice of the peace that they are only to serve three years or during the American War which may be done on the back of their Attestations it being Agreeable to the Kings Instructions – I have sent their Attestations by the bearer – I have just parted w^t. Colin who came back home to be by me farewell a more affectionate nephew I never knew – I am Dear Brother yours Sincerely

James M^cPherson

[Enclosure]

3 Men @ 20 Guineas each Bounty	£63	..	..
1 Man @ 4 ½ Guineas D ^o	4	14	6
Subsistence of the 3 men from the 15 th Jan ^{ry} to 27 th March inclusive	{	5	8
	{		–
Subsistence of 1 Man from 24 th Dec ^r to 27 th March inclusive	{	2	7
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Errors excepted

James M^cPherson

The bearer is a very honest fellow and one who has Interest of your family at heart which has made me send him w^t. the Recruits as I know him to be trusty –

Source: NRS, *Papers of the Campbell Family of Barcaldine*, at GD170/1354, ff. 198-199.



Detail from Mezzotint "The Hon^{ble} Sr. W^m. Howe," by Richard Purcell, 1777

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Extract of Letter from Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America to Secretary at War, Viscount Barrington, Including Memorial of Lt. John Robertson and Lt. Normand M^cLeod, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Mar. 26, 1778

Philadelphia 26th March 1778

My Lord

I have the Honor to enclose to your Lordship a List of Promotions since my last to the Date hereof, for His Majesty's Approbation – also a Memorial from Lieu^{ts}. Robertson and MacLeod of the 42^d Regiment setting forth their Pretensions to Rank senior to Lieutenant Alexander Munro of the same Regiment, which must wait for His Majesty's Pleasure...

I have the Honor to be Your Lordships
most obedient and most humble Serv^t
W Howe

Right Hon^{ble}
Lord Viscount Barrington
&ca &ca &ca

[Enclosure]

To His Excellency Sir Will^m Howe
Knight of the Bath General and
Commander in Chief &ca &ca &ca

The Memorial of Lieut^s John Robertson and Normand M^cLeod of His Majesty's Royal Highland or 42^d Regiment.

Humbly Sheweth

That His Majesty was pleased to appoint your Memorialists together with Lieu^t Alexander Munro all at the same Time from the half Pay to be Lieutenants in the 42^d. Regiment.

That Lieu^t. Alex^t. Munro's Rank in the Army is of a later Date by almost a Year than any of your Memorialists and that a Notification transmitted thro' [Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col. 42nd Regt.] from the War Office, his Commission was to take Place in the 42^d. Reg^t. only from the 2^d Sept^r. 1775 – as is here annexed.

That Lieu^t. Alex^t. Munro did Duty as a Junior Officer to your Memorialists, until the Arrival of the Reg^t on Staten Island when he produced a Commission dated 15th. of August 1775.

May it please your Excellency to take your Memorialists Case into Consideration, and grant them such Redress as your Excellency shall think proper.

And your Memorialists as in Duty Bound will ever pray.

(Signed) { John Robertson Lieu^t.
{ Normand M^cLeod Lieu^t

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, p. 411 (f. 205) and p. 431 (f. 215). Memorial also filed at *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/188, f.3. No action was likely taken on this request as Lt. Munro was promoted out of the regiment to a company in the 83rd Regt. before this letter arrived in London.

Orders Correcting Commission Date of Lt. John Campbell, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Mar. 29, 1778

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 29th March 1778

The Commission given to Mr. John Campbell, as Lieutenant in the 42^d Regiment Vice [Valentine] Chisholm, is hereby cancelled; and to reinstate him in his proper Rank, another Commission is to be made out for him as Lieutenant in said Regiment, bearing date the 21st April, 1777...

Source: "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.

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

Edin^h March 30th 1778.

My Dear Sir,

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

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

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

My Dear Sir

Your most obedient & faithfull humble Servant

Mathew Lewis Esq^r

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: R-Z, 1778 at WO 1/999. The War Office planned to send one of the 42nd Regt. Additional Companies and two from the 71st Highland Regt. to Newfoundland to protect against a French threat in the area. As the senior officer, Brevet-Maj. M^cPherson would have commanded all three companies. M^cPherson soon retired, however, and the detachment was instead commanded by Capt. John M^cDonell of the 71st Highland Regt.



Col. Commandant Alexander Lindsay, 6th Earl of Balcarres, 2nd 71st Highland Regt., 1782, Unknown Artist

Portrait Source: Bruce Venter comment dated Mar. 13, 2017 to “Benedict Arnold’s Phantom Duel,” by John Knight, Mar. 7, 2017, *All Things Liberty* website

Promotion Announcement for Maj. Alexander Lindsay, Earl Balcarres, 53rd Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) to be Lt. Colonel of the 24th Regt., London, Mar. 31, 1778

War-Office, March 31, 1778...

24th Regiment of Foot...

Major Alexander Earl of Balcarras, from the 53d. Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Simon Fraser.

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 28-31, 1778, p. 2.

Extract of a Letter from Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America to Secretary at War Lord Barrington Revising Date of Rank of Lt. John Campbell (Ardslignish), 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Apr. 2, 1778

Philadelphia, 2^d. April 1778.

My Lord...

Lieutenant John Campbell of the 42^d. Regiment from the Mistake mentioned in your Lordships Letter of the 19th. of November did lose his Right of being preferred to a Lieutenancy, and to rectify this, I have reinstated him in his proper Rank one day prior to Lieutenant [Alexander] M^cLeod...

I have the Honor to be, Your Lordships most obedient and

Right Honorable Lord Viscount Barrington
&ca. &ca. &ca.

most humble Servant
W Howe

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters from Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, p. 333 (f. 166).

**Letter from Glasgow Baillie George Milne to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
 Recommending Lt. Alexander Munro, 42nd Regt., for a Company in the Royal Glasgow Volunteers
 (83rd Regt.), Glasgow, Apr. 8, 1778**

My Lord,

The Committee being informed, that Captain Gould of the Royal Glasgow Volunteers (being in a bad state of health) has given in his resignation, And your Lordship having in your Letter of the 27th of February last mentioned His Majestys most Gracious inclination to provide for Lieu^t Alexander Munro of the 42^d Regiment, in case of a vacancy, I now beg leave in name of the Committee to hull your Lordship in mind of this Gentleman. –

His being at present abroad on Service we hope will be no Objection to his promotion, As his friends will Assist in Recruiting the regiment. I have the Honour to be

My Lord
 Your Lordships most humble Serve
George Milne

Glasgow 8th April }
 1778 }

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1778 at WO 1/997. Because the regiment was being raised by contributions collected in Glasgow and at no expense to the government, the city committee had the right to select the officers of the new regiment, subject to approval by the War Office and King George III.

**Leave of Absence Due to Ill Health Approved for Lt. John Spens, 42nd Regt.,
 Philadelphia, Apr. 13, 1778**

Leaves of Absence

Dates	<u>42^d. Regiment</u>	<u>Months</u>
1778...		
“[April 13 th] Lieu ^t . John Spence... Bad State of Health – Certificate from Physicians		“[Six]...”

W Howe

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, p. 374 (f. 185). Document is also files at WO 34/188, f.22. Coincident with this leave Spens was reassigned to a 42nd Regt. Additional Company recruiting in Scotland.

**Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to his Brother, Sir William Stirling of Ardoch,
 Regarding His Actions to Obtain a Promotion, Philadelphia, Apr. 13, 1778**

Philadelphia Ap^l 13th 1778

I am to acknowledge, My Dear Sir William, your of 7th Jan^{ry} and 28th the first informed one of what was in embryo for any advantage the letter of my disappointment, Lord Barrington’s reason was a bad one, if they mean to encourage Officers to distinguish themselves, as the greatest Dolt among us has a good a chance as the most enterprizing if more seniority is only to be attended to, I have endeavored to exert myself upon every occasion nay counted to be employed, the Commander in Chief has rendered me justice and to you I can venture to tell that the army in General does the same, I confess I am chagrined not a little and my friends must not be surprised if they here of my quitting a profession I once honored but now no longer dear to me from the little prospect I see of ever being conspicuous in it and nothing but that piece? could bribe one to undergo two such years as I have done, the profitable part of it can be no

object for in that light I shall be better when out, I can get 500 Guineas if not more when ever I please my pay does not exceed £300 per an. there is no comparison, and by Lord Barrington's rule I shall be lucky if I have pretensions to ask a Reg^t 10 or 12 years and during that time shot at, starved, cold, hot, wet and dry it is a sad prospect I'll look no more at it however let me not forget the obligations I lay under you My Dear Brother, for your attention to my interest, and the many respectable & kind friends, that showed themselves in the West for my advantage, it is highly honourable to me that in the short time I staid at Glasgow my publick & private character gained me so many friends in that City, and it is no less so and flattering to the greatest degree to see my Lovely Patroness & excellent Friend foremost in so respectable a list to forward my interest, I wish not to be unqualified and therefore must request you will take the trouble too assure those of your acquaintance either verbally or by Letter in my name of the very high sense I have of their friendly efforts in my behalf

15th I had left this space to fill before I closed out and this moment [Brig.] Gen^l [Alexander] Lesly is come to tell me he will not accept of the Reg^t, one effort more effort in my favor my do yet I have wrote L^d Barrington my service? and praying for to lay them before the King & that I may have the Reg^t with rank as Coll, if that will not be granted that I may have it as L[ieutenant] C[olonel] Commandant & be allowed to keep my LC of 42^d I have wrote likewise to M^r Hopkins at Glasgow to since their solicitation on my behalf, I shall write to M Drummond, L^d Ad Gordon & M^r Lewis Dep^y Secretary at War but we have occurred such heart breaking news of the recall of Gen^l Howe & the submission terms you offer the Americans that unhinges everybody here one great [illeg.] this Campaign would have settled it but now the British empire is at an end the Congress I am sure will ___no terms but acknowledgement of Independency Adieu

Source and Note: NRS, *Papers of the Family of Stirling Home Drummond Moray of Abercairny* at GD 24/1/458/3. As shown in the next document, Stirling is likely writing about his attempts to get the Colonelcy of the Royal Glasgow Volunteers (83rd Regt.).



Original Gilt Officer's Button of the 83rd Regt.

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Memorial of Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to the Secretary at War for the Colonelcy of the Royal Glasgow Volunteers (83rd Regt.), Philadelphia, April 14th 1778

Philadelphia April 14th 1778

My Lord,

I take the liberty to address Myself to your Lord^p: requesting to take my service into your consideration.

have been above Thirty years an Officer, 13 of which in the rank of Captain during the last War in America, at the reduction of Martinico, & the Havannah, at the former of which place I was wounded, in 1765 I was pitched upon by Gen^l: [Thomas] Gage to take possession of the Illinois Country with a detachment of 100 Men from Fort Pitt, this service I effected after being ten months out, and a tour of near 5000 Mile, without any expence to Government, tho another expedition cost many thousands – I have exerted myself in bringing the large augmentation to the 42^d Reg^t: into some order & discipline and fitting them for immediate service, & I flatter myself their behaviour during these two last Campaigns when I had the honour to command them, will reflect some merit upon my desire of being employed on

all occasions & the repeated approbation of the Commander in Chief in publick orders, will likewise I hope plead on my behalf__

I therefore humbly beg your Lordship to lay my Services before His Majesty that He would be graciously pleased to confer the honour of the command of the Glasgow Reg^t: upon me, with the rank of Colonel, which that City and Corporation nominated me for, Brig^t Genl^e [Hon. Alexander] Lesly having declined accepting of it, if my services does not intirely to this mark of His Majestys favour, I hope the unanimous voice of so respectable a body as the City of Glasgow in my favour will have that effect, and soften any objections to my juniority in the list; if His Majesty, however, may not be pleased to bestow the rank, I should still wish to be commandant of that Reg^t., provided I might be permitted to keep my L^t Col:^{cy} in the 42^d Reg^t to which I might return upon the reduction of the other Corps.

I beg your Lordships pardon for this long Letter and shall only add how grateful a sense I should retain of your Lordships good Offices on this occasion.

I have the honour to be, with the greatest Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient & very Humble Serv^t:

Tho^s Stirling

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/11, Pt. 2, f. 265. Lt. Col. Stirling was unsuccessful with his memorial, the Colonelcy of the 83rd Regt. going to Brevet-Col. George Scott, 61st Regt., effective Dec. 16, 1777.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Baillie George Milne, Esq., Glasgow, Approving of Lt. Alexander Munro, 42nd Regt., for a Company in the New 83rd Regt. or Royal Glasgow Volunteers, London, Apr. 14, 1778

War Office 14th April 1778

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant & to acquaint you, His Majesty approves of Lieut Munro of the 42nd Regiment for a Company in the Royal Glasgow Volunteers

I am Sir &c^a

Geo: Milne Esq^r Glasgow

Barrington

Source: TNA, *Secretary at War, Out-letters*, WO 4/102 f. 310.

Letter from Glasgow Baillie George Milne to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding the Appointment of Lt. Alexander Munro, 42nd Regt., for a Company in the Royal Glasgow Volunteers (83rd Regt.), Glasgow, Apr. 15, 1778

My Lord

I had the Honour to Write to your Lordship the 8th, Current relative to Lieu^t Alexander Munro of the 42^d regiment, whom the Committee wished to Recommend to His Majesty to be appointed to a Company in the Royal Glasgow Volunteers in place of Cap^t Gould, who, they were informed has resigned.

Yesterday, Lieu^t Colonel [Alexander Fotheringham] Ogilvy putt into my hands Your Lordships letter to him of the 9th. current, which I immediately laid before the Committee, who have desired me to return their thanks to Your Lordship for the attention you have given to their Wishes in favour of Lieu^t Munro. And have also desired me to beg that your Lordship will intercede with His Majesty that he may be appointed to the Captaincy now Vacant by the resignation of M^r Gould. I have the Honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed^t humble Ser^t

Glasgow 15th April }
1778 }

George Milne

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1778 at WO 1/997.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, requesting Release of 42nd Regt. Officers for the New 73rd Regt. of (Highland) Foot, London, Apr. 18, 1778

War Office 18th April 1778

Sir,

The several Officers mentioned in the enclosed list being intended to be promoted in the Regiment now raising by Lord M^cLeod, and that Regiment being under orders to embark as soon as possible for the East Indies, I have the honor to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that you do permit the said Officers to leave the Army under your command immediately that they may if possible join their regiment before it leaves England.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient and most humble servant
Barrington

Honble Sir William Howe &c &c &c

42 nd Foot	Captain George Mackenzie
	Lieut. George Mackenzie
71 st	Lieut. Hugh Lamont

Source and Note: TNA, *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester* at PRO 30/55/10 f. 107003 and in *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274, p. 82 (f. 42). The 73rd Regt. was also known as MacLeod's Highlanders. Lord MacLeod (John Mackenzie) was the oldest son of the Jacobite Earl of Cromarty and Capt. the Hon. George Mackenzie's older brother. Lt. George MacKenzie was not in America at this time. He was on the Recruiting Service in the 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt. in Scotland. The 73rd Highland Regt. (MacLeod's) was later named the 71st Regt. and the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. was named the 73rd Regt. in 1786.

Letter from Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Providing Memorial of Wounded Lt. William Stewart, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Apr. 20, 1778

Philadelphia 20th April 1778.

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose to your Lordship two Memorials, one from Lieu^t. Colonel Birch of the 17th. Dragoons, setting forth his particular Case, and another from Lieutenant William Stewart of the 42^d Regiment, who is dissatisfied with his Appointment to the Invalids. It not being in my Power to decide in either of those two Points, they are humbly submitted to your Lordship's Consideration.

A List of Promotions to the present Date is enclosed for His Majesty's Approbation, and I have the Honor to be.

Your Lordships most obedient and most humble Servant
W. Howe

Right Honorable Lord Viscount Barrington
&c &c &c...

[Enclosure]

To His Excellency Sir William Howe Knight of the Bath, General & Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America &c^a. &c^a.

The Memorial of Lieutenant William Stewart of the 42^d /or Royal Highland Reg^t. of Foot.

Showeth,

That your Memorialist had on the 10th. day of May last the Misfortune to be wounded at Piscataqua in the Jerseys and was since for nine months confined in his Bed, That your Memorialist received a Letter from Lieu^t. Col: [Thomas] Stirling of date the 5th: of last March [1778] acquainting him of his being transferred into the Invalids in England.

That your Memorialist was much alarmed at such proceedings weak & feeble as he was, undertook a passage from New York to head Quarters, & on his arrival to his great Astonishment, found his Commission had been Superceeded

That your Memorialist had neither directly or Indirectly made any Tender or resignation of his Commission to which he was appointed by his Majesty, by a Transfer from the Marines, particularly to serve in America.

That your Memorialist with all Duty & respect submits his Case to your Excellencys most humane & Candid, humbly hoping that nineteen Years Service & his present unhappy condition may Intitle him to your Excellency's protection and restore him to his former Rank and Commission in the 42^d. /or Royal High^d: Regiment, And the Memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray &: &: ^c

Philadelphia April 15th 1778

Answer

Sir W^m: Howes Complim^{ts}: to M^r. Stewart & understands it perfectly, will lay his Memorial before his Majesty's Secretary at War –

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters from Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, pp. 354 and 439 and a copy at *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester*, PRO 30/55/10, f. 107003. The copy of the memorial (with the draft of Sir William Howe's response) used in this transcript is from WO 1/11, pt. 2, f. 269. A former Marine, Lt. Stewart lost the use of his leg while commanding the picket in the Battle of Piscataway, N. J. on May 10, 1777. He unsuccessfully protested his involuntary assignment to an Invalid Company in Britain and corresponding loss of his commission in the 42nd Regt.

Excerpt of Letter from Col. Robert Skene, Adjutant Gen., North Britain, to Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis, Discusses Sickness of Capt. John Graham, 71st Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Edinburgh, Apr. 20, 1778

Edinburgh April 20th. 1778.

Dear Sir,

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

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

I am with much Sincerity, Dear Sir,

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

Your faithfull Ser^t
Rob^t Skene

Mathew Lewis Esq^r

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

**Excerpt of Letter from Glasgow Baillie George Milne to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding the Approval of Lt. Alexander Munro, 42nd Regt., for a Company in the Royal Glasgow
Volunteers (83rd Regt.), Glasgow, Apr. 23, 1778**

My Lord

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter to me of the 13th, Curr^t acquainting us that His Majesty has been most graciously pleased to accept of Lieu^t Alex^r Munro of the 42^d. Reg^t to succeed to a company in the Royal Glasgow Volunteers, For which favour the Committee will alwise retain a grateful sense ...

I have the Honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient and most hum^e Ser^t

George Milne

Glasgow 23^d April }
1778 }

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1778 at WO 1/997.

**Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling's Copy of Lieutenancy Notifications Previously
Sent to the 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, Approximately Apr. 27, 1778**

Copy of the Officers Names taken from the Regimental Books as transmitted by [Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] from the War Office to the Regiment at Glasgow.

<u>Officers Names</u>	<u>Rank in the Reg^t.</u>	<u>Rank in the Army</u>
Lieu ^{ts} . George M ^c Kenzie	25 th Aug st : 1775.	26 th Oct ^r . 1759
Harry Munro	26 th Ditto D ^o .	12 Dec ^r . 1759
John Gregor	27 th . D ^o . D ^o .	28 th July 1760
John Robertson	29 th . D ^o . D ^o .	18 th : Octo ^r . 1761
Dougald Campbell	30 th . D ^o . D ^o .	1 Nov ^r . 1761
Norm ^d . [Normand] Mac Leod	31 st . D ^o . D ^o .	4 D ^o . 1761
Alex ^r . Munro	2 Sept ^r D ^o .	28 Sept ^r 1762
John M ^c Donald	3 ^d . D ^o . D ^o .	22 ^d Octo ^r . 1762
William Stuart	4 th D ^o . D ^o .	1 Dec ^r . 1773
&ca. &ca. &ca.		

I Certify that the above List is an exact Copy of that transmitted to the 42^d. Reg^t. by Lord John Murray as a Notification from the War Office of the Appointment & Rank of the above named Officers.
(Signed) Tho^s. Stirling

L^t. Col:

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-letters: 1. From Military Commanders: a. Commanders-in-Chief, North America* at WO 1/10, p. 405 (f. 202). Date of document based on date of previous letter shown in binding of TNA book.



Reproduction of 1768-1774 period 26th Regt. Button found at Fort Ticonderoga.

Appointment Order for Lt. David Anstruther, 26th Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Adjutant, Philadelphia, Apr. 28, 1778

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 28th April 1778.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions...

26th Regiment

Lieut. David Anstruther to be Adjutant vice [Edward] Thompson by } 27th April 1778.
purchase } }

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers." Anstruther joined the 42nd Regt. by orders dated Jan. 2, 1779.



Reproduction of 74th Regt. (Argyle Highlanders) Uniform Button

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Requesting Release of Lt. John Campbell, 42nd Regt., for Promotion in the New 74th Regt. (Argyle Highlanders), London, Apr. 28, 1778

War Office 28th April 1778

Sir,

The several officers mentioned in the enclosed List being intended to be promoted in the Regiment raised by Lieut. Colonel Campbell, and that regiment being under order to embark immediately for Halifax in Nova Scotia, I have the honor to signify to you His Majesty's pleasure that you do permit the said Officers to leave the Army under your Command immediately, that they may join the Regiment on it's arrival there.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant

Barrington

List of Officers approved for Colonel Campbell's Regiment of Highlanders serving in the Army under Sir William Howe.

...Captain Lieutenant John Campbell 42^d ...

Source: TNA, *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester* at PRO 30/55/10 f. 107003 and in *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274, p. 88 (f. 45).

Response by Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to War Office Comments on Proposed 2nd Battalion Officers, April 1778

Answers to the Observations on the State of Officers of the 42^d. or Royal Highland Regiment

The Captains [Alexander] Donaldson & [George] Mackenzie proposed to be made Majors, can exchange when the Regiments join, the reason of the first being appointed to the 2^d. Battalion is, that he is at Inverness Recruiting at present, and the latter with the Battalion in America.

The reasons of the proposing to prefer Lieu^t. [George] Mackenzie and [Harry] Munro is that they are much older Officers in the Army, and have also greater interest in the Highlands to raise recruits than Lieu^t. [Robert] Potts.

Lieu^t. [John] Grant who has already raised 100 Men for the Regiment, and now recruiting, is proposed to be preferred for the same reason.

Lord John Murray is very well Satisfied not to have a Cap^t. Lieutenant, so Lieu^t. [John] Gregor will be only Eldest Lieu^t in the 2^d. Battalion.

The five Lieutenants [John] Robertson, Campbell, [Normand] M^cLeod, Munro, and [John] M^cDonald, no doubt deserve preferment, and will be moved forward by the Elder Lieu^{ts}. getting companies, being now on Service in America, they could not assist in recruiting for a second Battalion.

The Ensigns [Alexander] Innes and [James] Stirling, are omitted for the same Reasons and it is probable they are Lieu^{ts}. before this from the chance of Promotion with the Army.

As to M^r. Sinclair younger of Freswich proposed for a Company Lord John Murray agrees with Lord Barrington, and recommended it only on the present Emergency when men are so much wanted, as he proposes to undertake to raise Seventy good men from the County of Caithness, which is Submitted.

The Lieu^{ts}. Finlayson & Donald may not have wrote to the War Office to be employed, as not knowing whether it was proper, they both Applied to Lord John Murray and made proposals of raising any reasonable Quotas in consideration of getting companies, as long ago as January 1776, and which he had the honor to write of to Lord Barrington about that time to the best of his Memory, and they have made Applications at different times since.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: G-M, 1778 at WO 1/997. The War Office did not accept Lord Murray's offer to raise a second battalion at this time. It was later approved in 1779.

Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington and Memorial of Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. to Correct Commission Dates for Officers of the Regiment, Philadelphia, May 6, 1778

Philadelphia 6th May 1778

My Lord

I have the Honor to enclose to your Lordship two Memorials lately received, one respecting the Rev^d M^r Michael Schlater, Chaplain to the 3rd Battalion of the 60th Regiment... The other Memorial is from Lieut. Colonel Stirling of the 42nd Regiment, pointing out a mistake in the promotions of Lieut: Lord William Murray, and Ensign Geo: Campbell of that Regiment, which I have rectified by recalling the Commissions first given to those Gentlemen and granting others bearing Date the 27th of Sept^r 1777 presuming upon His Majestys Approbation.

I have the Honor to be Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant

W Howe

Right Hon^{ble} Lord Viscount Barrington &c &c &c

[Enclosure]

To His Excellency The Hon^{ble} Sir William Howe K.B. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the Colonies laying on the Atlantic Ocean from Nova Scotia to West Florida inclusive &c &c &c

The Memorial of Lieu^t Colonel
Stirling Commanding the 42nd Regim^t

Humbly Sheweth

That on the 27th of September last year [1777], your Memorialist recommended the Sale of Lieu^t Dougal Campbell's Commission of said Regiment, and that Ensign Lord William Murray & Volunteer George Campbell might be appointed in the Succession by Purchase.

That soon after a Vacancy having happened in the Regiment by the Promotion of Major [William] Murray, your Memorialist recommended Ensign Gavin Drummond to be Lieutenant and Volunteer William M^cDonald to be Ensign in that Succession, both which your Excellency was pleased to agree to, and their Commissions have come out accordingly; But by some Mistake Lieu^t Lord William Murray's Commission and Ensign George Campbell, the first recommended, are dated 27th October 1777, and Lieu^t Drummond & Ensign M^cDonald's Commissions are dated the 5th October, by which means the latter Officers take Rank of the former, who were first recommended, and senior to them.

Your memorialist therefore pray your Excellency will be pleased to take the same into Consideration, and grant unto Lieu^t Lord William Murray and Ensign George Campbell their priority of Rank, in such manner as your Excellency may think fit.

Which is humbly submitted,
Tho^s Stirling
Lieu^t Colonel

Philadelphia 6th May 1778

Source: TNA, *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester* at PRO 30/55/10 f. 10700 and *War Office In-Letters* at WO 1/10, pp. 389 and 443 and a copy at WO 1/11, pt. 1, p. 489 (f. 245).

Promotion Announcement for Lt. John Campbell, 42nd Regt., to Capt. Lieutenant in the New 74th Regt. of (Highland) Foot, (Argyle Highlanders), London, May 9, 1778

War-Office, May 9.

A Highland Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Colonel John Campbell, of Late 78th Foot, is appointed to be Lieutenant Colonel Commandant...

To be CAPTAIN-LIEUTENANT, Lieutenant John Campbell, of 42d Foot..."

Source: *London Gazette*, May 5, 1778, p. 2.

Orders Correcting Commission Dates of Lt. Lord William Murray and Ens. George Campbell, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, May 13, 1778

[Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia 13th May 1778...

The Commissions given to Lieut. Lord William Murray and Ensign George Campbell in the 42^d Regiment of Foot, dated 27th Oct. 1777, are cancelled, and the Commander in Chief has ordered others to be made out bearing date 27th Sept. 1777...

Source: "The Kemble Papers."



Elias Boudinot, 1817, by Thomas Sully

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpt of Letter from Elias Boudinot, Rebel Commissary General of Prisoners, Releasing Lt. Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarras, 24th Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) on Parole and Exchanging Vol. Alexander Home, 71st Highland Regt. (Later Ens. 42nd Regt.) from Captivity, New York, May 6, 1778.

Sir/

Being again in this City on an Exchange of Prisoners, I am to require you in Consequence of some Exchanges I have made here, to Send in to Rhode Island without delay, the following Prisoners of War...

Lord Balcarras...
Cadets...

[Alexander] Home	{
[David] Dewar	{... 71 st Reg ^t ...

The first five are to come out on Parole, agreeable to the form sent you some time since, & will come on to N York The last five are Exchanged altogether.

You will also send with them Mr. Philip Skeene likewise on Parole, & advise me by the very first Opp^y. of their going off, & desire them to send an Acc^t. of their Arrival at New Port, by the first Conveyance to Gen^l. Jones in this City.

You will also collect together the Privates & Non-Commissioned Officers of the 71st Reg^t. to be ready for going into New Port on the first Intelligence after this from me – Present my Compliments to Mr. Skeene & let him know I shall be glad to hear from him on His Arrival here, & beg He will advise Gen^l. Jones of his getting to Newport as soon as possible...

I Am &c^a –

Joshua Mersereau Esq^r

Source and Note: *Elias Boudinot Papers*, Vol. I, p. 138, Hist. Society of Pennsylvania. The term “*Cadet*” was sometimes used to describe Volunteers who served in the ranks at their own expense in hopes of a commission.

Excerpt of Receipt from Elias Boudinot, Rebel Commissary General of Prisoners, Releasing Lt. Col. Alexander, Earl Balcarras, 24th Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) on Parole and Exchanging Vol. Alexander Home, 71st Highland Regt. (Later Ens. 42nd Regt.), New York, May 6, 1778

Officers to be sent in by M^r Boudinott who are already exchanged...
5 Cadetts 71st Reg^t viz...

M ^r Home	D ^o [sent in]
M ^r Dewar	D ^o ...

Officers to come in on parole

	British	Enemy
came in	Lord Balcarras	Col. Magaw...

I do hereby acknowledge to have rec^d. Exchange for the above Officers and do hereby engage to send them in to NYork or Rhode Island, in manner as above sent without delay May 6 1778

Elias Boudinot

Source: *Elias Boudinot Papers*, Vol. II, p. 2, Hist. Society of Pennsylvania.

Christ Church Parish Register List Burial of Wife of Brevet-Lt. Col. William Grant, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, May 14, 1778

...Ann, Wife of Col. Grant.

Source: *Christ Church Parish Register, Book: 1709-1785*, p. 3279.

**Promotion Announcement for Lt. James Campbell and Lt. Lord William Murray, 42nd Regt.,
to be Captains in the New 77th Regt. (Atholl Highlanders), London, May 16, 1778**

War-Office, May 16.

Regiment of Athol Highlanders. Lieutenant-Colonel James Murray, of 3d Foot Guards is appointed to be Colonel...

To be CAPTAINS...

Lieutenant James Campbell, of 42d foot...

Lieutenant Lord William Murray, of 42d foot..."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 12, 1778, p. 3. Lord William Murray, born Mar. 20, 1762, was 16 years old at the time of this promotion.

**Summary of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe,
Commander-in-Chief, North America Regarding Promotion for Lt. Alexander Munro, 42nd Regt.,
in the new 83rd Regt., or Royal Glasgow Volunteers, London, May 18, 1778**

War Office, May 18. 1778

... Lt. [Alexander] Munro named for a company in the Glasgow regiment...

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. 253.

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe,
Commander-in-Chief, North America, With Promotion of Lt. John Campbell, 42nd Regt.
in the New 74th Regt. (Argyle Highlanders) Foot, London, May 18, 1778**

War Office 18th May 1778

Sir...

Enclosed you will receive a List of Promotions and of some more vacancies in the Troops under your Command by appointments in the New Levies...

I have the honor to be &c^a.

Honb^l. Gen^l. Sir William Howe
&c^a &c^a &c^a

Barrington

L^t. Co^l. Commandant John Campbell's
Highland Regiment of Foot

Cap^t. Jn^o Campbell of 71st Reg^t to be Major
Lieu^t Archibald Campbell of 71st.. to be Captain
Lieu^t Ludovick Colquhoun of 71st.. to be Captain
Lieu^t Dugald Campbell Jun^r of 71st.. to be Captain
Lieu^t John Campbell of 40th Reg^t to be Captain
Lieu^t John Campbell of 42nd.. to be Cap^t Lieu^t.
Cap^t. Alex^f. Campbell of 62nd.. Reg^t to be Major

Source: TNA, *War Office: Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274, pp. 96-97 (f. 49).

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Commandant John Campbell of Barbreck, 74th Regt.
(Argyle Highlanders), to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Seniority of
Capt. Lt. John Campbell (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Greenock Bay, May 22, 1778**

My Lord

I am exceedingly uneasy at not receiving from your Lordship the Commissions of the Officers of my Corps, before we go to Nova Scotia... Your Lordship will be pleased to observe that Lieu^t John Campbell from the 42^d Regiment, whom I have recommended to be Captain Lieutenant and Captain to my regiment is an older Lieutenant than Lieu^t Archibald Campbell 36th Regiment, Lieu^t John Campbell 40th Regiment, Ensign Alexander Campbell 3^d Regiment of Guards, and Ranald Macdonnel, whom I have recommended to be Captains in my Corps, I therefore humbly request your Lordship will be pleased to do the same Justice to the Captain Lieutenant of my regiment you intend to do to [William] Duncan Captain Lieutenant of Colonel [Hon William] Gordons [81st] Regiment, by giving them Rank of those who have been younger Lieutenants, at the time of their being recommended as Captains to his Majesty.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships most faithfull and most obedient humble servant

Greenock Bay 22^d. May }
1778 }

*John Campbell L^t. Col^o. Com^t
Argyllshire Reg^t.*

Source: TNA, War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: A-C, 1778 at WO 1/995, p. 943.

**Letter from Capt. Charles Graham, 42nd Grenadier Company, to Trustee Henry Davidson Esq. of
Tulloch near Dingwall, Requesting Money from His Father's Estate to Purchase Majority,
Philadelphia, May 23, 1778**

Dear Sir

You will no doubt be very much surprized at hearing from me but this will convince you that I am still in the land of the living tho I have gone through a good deal of Fatigue and hardship since I had the pleasure of seeing you. Be assured my not writing you and the rest of my friends proceeds from nothing but my dislike to writing letters, which you well know I have already pretty well suffer'd for – To come upon the subject of my writing at present is thus – About an hour ago L^t Col^l W^m Grant Major to the 42^d Reg^t sent for me to know if I chose to purchase his Majority and that the price he was determined to take was 3000 pounds Sterl^s and that Cap^t Geo: M^cKenzie had agreed to give him that, but two or three days ago he having accounts of his Brother Lord M[']Leod getting a Reg^t, and that he has got the Majority of that Reg^t (tho from no certainty) he has therefore declined purchasing in the 42^d untill the packet arrives which we expect hear every day –

I immediately went to my friend & relation Cap^t Primrose Kennedy of the 44th Reg^t and told him what had been offered one, at the same time told him any situation with regard to Money Matters he advize^d me by no means to lett a thing of that kind go over my head as Cap^t [Archibald] Erskine the Cap^t immediately under me in Reg^t is both ready and willing to purchase – I have therefor agreed with Major Grant for his Majority, hoping any Bills for twelve hundred pounds Sterling when you know the situation I am in, as Major Grant is determined to sell out before the campaign begins which I believe in ten or twelve days will be the case – I did not think the offer of the purchase of a Majority would fallen to one for at least 18 months to come when then I should have been 30 years of age and given the Gentlemen Trustees no trouble with regards to me indeed I am sorry now that I am under the necessity of troubling them but I am convinced they will not look upon it as such when they know it is for any welfare – The Bills for the twelve hundred pounds Sterling I shall draw upon M^t M^cKenzie at Edin^f – This is rather a deep game drawing without having proper authority but I will do anything rather then a step should go over my head, and should any Bills be protected, I must of course sell out of the Army – Cap^t Kennedy of the 44th & [John] M[']Intosh of the 42^d will endorse my Bills I have not wrote to any other of the Trustees,

relying on you whom I know to be my friend to settle the affair with the other Trustee's – nor indeed have I time for a Packet is to be made up for England in about an hour hence, and I dont think I can lose time in letting you know what I have done –

Cap^t M^cKenzie makes very little doubt but he has got the Majority of his Brothers Reg^t, but as he has it not from any good authority, he does not intirely give up the purchase of Major Grants Majority until the Packet arrives – I am D^r Sir

Philadelphia 23^d May
1778

yours most sincerely
Charles Graham
Cap^t 42^d Reg^t

P.S. We have nothing new here at present only that the rebels are making great rejoicings on account of their Alliance with France – Gen^l [Sir William] How imbarks tomorrow –

Source and Note: NAS, *Records of Messrs. Haldane, Brown & Company, Chartered Accountants, Edinburgh, Graham of Drynie miscellaneous correspondence and accounts, 1776-1779, GD255/2/6.* Capt. Mackenzie was promoted to Major in his brother's regiment (73rd Highlanders) and Capt. Graham obtained the Majority in the 42nd Regt. on Aug. 25, 1778.

Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Col. John Campbell, 74th Regt. (Argyle Highlanders), Regarding Pending Promotion of Lt. John Campbell, 42nd Regt., London, May 27, 1778

War Office May 27th. 1778

Sir

I have had the honor to receive Your Letter of the 23^d Instant. The Captains of Your Regiment are now assigned according to their Seniority, and agreeable to Your Proposition, except that L^t. Archibald Campbell of the 36th. Regiment is Junior in the Army to Lieutenant John Campbell of the 42^d whom you have recommended to be Cap^t. Lieu^t...

I have the honor to be Sir &c
Barrington

L^t Col^o Jn^o Campbell
Greenock N^o. Britain

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, May 1778-Aug. 1778* at WO 4/103, p. 107.



Reproduction of 76th Regt. (MacDonald Highlanders) Uniform Button

War Office Notification of the Commissions for the Officers of the 76th Highland Regt. (MacDonald's), including Capt. Alexander Donaldson, 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt., London, May, 28, 1778

War Office 28th. May 1778.

Gentlemen.

His Majesty having signified His pleasure to me that Commissions be presented to Him for the following Gentlemen to be Officers in a Regiment of Highlanders, viz^t.

To be Lieut: Colonel Commandant.

Major John Macdonnel, of 71st Foot

25th Dec^r: 77

	<u>To be Majors.</u>	
Captains	Alexander Donaldson, of 42 ^d . Foot	19 th : Dec ^r : 77
	John Lord Berriedale, of 57 th : Foot	29 th : do...

Source: TNA, War Office, *Notification books to the Secretary of State* at WO 25/148, p. 182.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe,
Commander-in Chief, North America, Regarding Vacancy Due to Promotion of
Capt. Alexander Donaldson, 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt., London, June 1, 1778**

W: O: 1st June 1778

Sir

I have the honor to send you enclosed a List of Vacancies that have happened in some Regiments under your Command, by the appointment of Officers of the Officers therein mentioned to Lieu^t Col^o [John] M^cDonnell's Corps [76th Regt.].

General Sir William Howe
&c &c &c

I have the honor to be Sir &c
Barrington

Vacancies occasioned by the appointment of the Off^{rs} of L^t Col^o M^cDonnell's Corps

42^d Foot A Company Alexander Donaldson...

[Margin Note: Duplicate sent 5th Aug^t]

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, p. 102 (f. 52).



Detail showing Lt. Col. the Hon. George Mackenzie, 2nd Bn., 73rd (MacLeod's) 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*,

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Hon. George Mackenzie, 42nd Lt. Infantry Company and Lt. George MacKenzie, 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt. in the New 73rd Regt. (MacLeod's Highlanders), London, June 6, 1778

War-office, June 6...
A Highland regiment of foot.

Colonel: John Lord Macleod...
Majors: Capt. George Mackenzie, of 42d foot...
Captains...Lieut. George Mackenzie, of 42d foot...

Source: *Scots Magazine*, June 1778, p. 334.

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in Chief, North America, Reporting Vacancies in 42nd Regt., London, June 8, 1778

W: O: 8th June 1778

Sir

I have the honor to send you enclosed a List of Vacancies in the Regiments under your Command, occasioned by the Appointment of Officers to the New Levies.

I have the honor &c

General Sir William Howe
&c &c &c

Barrington

Or Officer comm^g His
Majesty's Forces at Philadelphia

List of Vacancies in America, occasioned by the Appointment of Officers to the New Levies

Regiment...

42 ^d	{ A Company	[Capt. Hon. George] G: M ^c Kenzie
	{ A Lieut ^{cy}	[Lt. George] G: M ^c Kenzie...

[Margin Note: Duplicate sent 5th Aug^t]

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, p. 103 (f. 52V). Capt. Mackenzie and Lt. MacKenzie both went to Lord Macleod's 73rd Highlanders.

Promotion Announcement for Capt. Alexander Donaldson, 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to be Major of the New 76th Regt. (MacDonald Highlanders), London, June 16, 1778

War-Office, June 16, 1778.

A Regiment of Highlanders Major John Macdonnel of 71st Foot, is appointed to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant.

To be MAJORS,
Captain Alexander Donaldson, of 42d Foot...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 16-20, 1778, p. 3. After raising and disciplining the 76th Regt. Maj. Donaldson had to retire due to illness and did not serve with the regiment in America.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, Philadelphia, June 17, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters Philadelphia, 17th. June, 1778...
The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42^d Regiment

Lieut. Patrick Graham to be Captain by purchase vice } 5th June 1778
[Brevet-Maj.] James McPherson who retires }
Ensign Alexander M^cGregor to be Lieutenant by purchase vice Graham preferred } 5th June 1778

Source and Note: "The Kemble Papers." See also TNA, *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, f. 241. Capt. Graham was appointed to command of the 2nd Additional Company on the Recruiting Service in Scotland.

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. William Stewart (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.)
Explaining his Removal to Capt. George Coote's Independent Company of Invalids,
London, June 26, 1778**

War Office 26th June 1778

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 17th of April last. In removing you to the Invalids, I acted merely in compliance with the recommendations of [Gen.] Lord John Murray and Lieu^t Col^o [Thomas] Stirling and concluded that the Change would not have been proposed without your Sollicitation – I am truly concerned that it has taken Place; And, if the Commander in Chief should think proper to reinstate you in the 42^d Regim^t it shall have my hearty concurrence. I should mention to you that no Lieutenant is ever appointed to a Company of Invalids.

I am Sir &c
Barrington

Lieu^t W^m Stewart
Late of the 42^d Reg^t
Philadelphia

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, p. 106 (f. 54). Lt. Stewart was badly wounded in the leg as the picket commander at the Battle of Piscataway, New Jersey, May 10, 1777. Capt. Coote's Independent Company is shown in the 1778 Army List as stationed at Landguard Fort, guarding Harwich Harbor, ninety miles northeast of London.

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton,
Commander-in Chief, North America, Regarding Lt. William Stewart, Captain Coote's
Independent Company of Invalids (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, June 29, 1778**

W: O: 29th June 1778

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Lists of promotions transmitted by Sir W^m Howe in his letters of the 20th of April & 6th May last & the arrangements made by him in the 7th. 16th & 42^d Regiments as stated in the said Letters, have been approved of by His Majesty'

Sir Will^m sent me a memorial from Lieu^t W^m Stewart formerly of the 42nd Reg^t who complains of having been removed to the Invalids against his inclination. The change was made here at the particular request of Lord John Murray & / through him / of Lieu^t Col. [Thomas] Sterling; and I concluded it to be M^r Stewarts own desire. But as the contrary appears, if you shou^d think proper to restore him to his place in the 42nd or to settle an exchange for him with any old Lieu^t who may be desirous of coming into the Invalids, it shall have my hearty concurrence...

I have the honor to be Sir &c^a
Barrington

Gen^l Sir Henry Clinton
&c^a &c^a &c^a
Philadelphia

[Margin Note: Duplicate sent 5th Aug^t]

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, pp. 109-110 (ff. 55V-56). Lt. Stewart of the 42nd Regt. lost the use of his leg when wounded at Battle of Piscataway on May 10, 1777. Lt. Stewart did not return to the 42nd Regt. and served in the Invalids until 1805.

Appointment Announcement for Lt. David Anstruther, 26th Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), to be Adjutant, London, July 4, 1778

War-Office, July 4, 1778...

26th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant David Anstruther to be Adjutant, vice Edward Thompson.”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 30- July 4, 1778, p. 1. Lt. Anstruther’s date of appointment as Adjutant was Apr. 27, 1778.

Promotion Announcement for Surg. Alexander Potts and Surgeon’s Mate Dr. William Robertson, 42nd Regt., London, July 7, 1778

War-Office, July 7, 1778...

42d Regiment of Foot, William Robison to be Surgeon, vice Alexander Potts...
Surgeon Alexander Potts, of 42d Regiment, to be Surgeon to the General Hospital, North America.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 4-7, 1778, p. 2. Dr. Robertson was often called Robinson. Surg. Potts actually left the 42nd Regt. immediately after the Battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 1777.

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers in the New 83rd Regt. or Royal Glasgow Volunteers, London, July 25, 1778

War-Office, July 25, 1778...

Royal Glasgow Volunteers, Lieutenant-Colonel George Scott, of 61st Foot, is appointed to be Colonel...
To be CAPTAINS...

Lieutenant...

Alexander Munro, of 42d Foot.

To be CAPTAIN-LIEUTENANT.

Lieutenant David Crawford, of 42d Foot...

Source: *London Gazette*, July 21-25, 1778, p. 2.

42nd Regt. Officer Assignments by Company for the Period Dec. 25, 1777 – June 24, 1778 from Musters at Bedford, Long Island, Jul. 27, 1778

[Gen. Lord Murray’s Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Colonel Captain	James MacLaggan	Chaplain
duty	John Peebles	Captain Lieu ^t	Hugh Fraser	Adjutant
	Alex ^t Munro	Lieu ^t	Colin Smith	Q ^r M ^r
	Alex ^t Innes	En ⁿ	William Robertson	Surgeon
			Alex ^t Stewart	Mate...

[Lt. Col. Stirling’s Company]

absent by General Howes leave	Thomas Stirling	Lieu ^t Colonel
	Robert Franklin	} Lieutenant
	George Dalrymple	}
	George Campbell	Ensign...

[Maj. Grant’s Company]

	William Grant	Major (L ^t Col ^o)
	Norman McLeod	} Lieutenants
Removed to the Invalids	10 th March 1778	William Stewart
Received from Additional	10 th D ^o D ^o	Alex ^r Stewart
	James Stirling	Ensign...

[Capt. Erskine's Company]

Duty as Brig ^d Maj ^r	Archibald Erskine	Captain
Promoted in Add ^l Comp ^y 5 th June 1778	Patrick Graham	} Lieu ^{ts}
	Lord William Murray	}
Commission Dated 5 th June Received f ^m C ^t Duncan	Alex ^r M ^c Grigor	}
M ^c Phersons Appointed in Britain & not Joined	Allan M ^c Lean	Ensign ...

[Capt. Smith's Company]

	John Smith	{ Captain
	James Crammond	{ Lieutenants
	John Campbell	{
Promoted & transfer ^d to C ^t M ^c Intosh	David Crawford	{ Ensigns
Comp ^y 10 th March 78	Alexander Grant	{ ...
Commission Dated 18 March 78 on Duty		

[Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson's Company]

	Duncan M ^c Pherson	Captain / Lieut. Colonel
	John Robertson	} Lieutenants
	Robert Rollo	}
5 th June Transferr ^d to C ^t Erskines	Alex ^r M ^c Gregor	Ensign ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Captain
	Harry Munro	{ Lieu ^{ts}
	Gavin Drummond	{
	Hugh Fraser	En ^s ...

[Capt. M^cIntosh's Company]

	John M ^c Intosh	Captain
	John Rutherford	} Lieutenants
Transferred to Additional 18 th March 1778	John Spens	}
Commission dated 18 th March 1778 Received	David Crawford	}
from C ^t Smiths Company	William M ^c Donald	Ensign

[Grenadier Company]

Prisoner with the Rebels	Charles Graham	Captain
	Harry Gilchrist	}
Sick	James Campbell	} Lieu ^{ts}
	Alex ^r Grant	}

[Light Infantry Company]

Commander in Chiefs leave	George M ^c Kenzie	Captain
	Robert Potts	}
	Alex ^r M ^c Leod	} Lieutenants
	James Stewart	}

Source: TNA, War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776 at WO 12/5479.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Aug. 4, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 4th August 1778...

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following promotions...

L^t Col: John Campbell to be Commandant of an Highland Reg^t of Foot. [74th Regt.]...

L^t John Campbell of 42nd to be Captain Lieutenant...

Athol Highlanders [77th Regt.]

L^t Colo: James Murray of the Third Reg^t Guards to be Colonel

L^t James Campbell of 42nd Reg^t to be Captain

L^t Lord William Murray of ditto to be Second Captain...

Source and Note: *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 (Hereafter "Captured British Army Orderly Book"). Capt. Lord William Murray was just under 16 years of age when commissioned Capt.



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

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Institute of American History and Democracy*

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton,
Commander-in Chief, North America, with Vacancies for the 42nd Regt., London, June 29, 1778**

War Office 5th Aug^t 1778

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Promotions specified in a List of Sir W^m Howe's dated the 23^d May last have been approved by the King...

I have the hon^r to be

Gen^l Sir H Clinton

Sir &

&c &c &c

Barrington

New York...

[Margin note: Duplicate sent 2^d Sept^t]

Vacancies...

42^d foot – A Lieutcy vice [Lt.] Alex Monro preferr^d in Glasgow [83rd] Reg^t

A Lieutcy vice [Lt. David] Crawford preferr^d in D^o...

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, pp. 115- 116, 118 (ff. 58V, 59 – 60).

Promotion Orders for Ens. Allan M^cLean, 42nd Regt., New York, Aug. 12, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 12th August 1778...

The Commander in Chief has Been Pleased to make the promotion 42^d R^t Ensⁿ Allin M^clane to Leut vice James Champel [Campbell] Promoted 3^d August 78...

Source and Note: "Captured British Army Orderly Book" The spelling is as shown in the original order book.

Promotion Announcement for Officers of the 42nd Regt., New York, Aug. 13, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] NEW-YORK, AUGUST 13. His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...XLII. Ensign Allan M^cLean, to be Lieutenant vice James Campbell, promoted. Ensign Alexander Innes, to be Lieutenant, vice John Campbell, promoted. Ensign James Stirling, to be Lieutenant, vice Lord William Murray, promoted.

Source: *Royal Gazette* (New York), August 15, 1778.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Aug. 15, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Gn O Head Quarters 15 Aug^s 78
Orders

the Commander in Chief has been Pleased to Make the foloung Promotions...

42th Reg^t

Volintir William Frasor to be Ensin vis Allen M^cClan Promoted 3 Aug^t 78 Ensin [John] Young of the Pensalvinens Loyalist to be L^t vis Alexander [Innes] D^o Volontir [Kenneth] Callander to be Ensin vis James Stirling Promoted D^o ...

Source: "Captured British Army Orderly Book"



Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson

Picture Source: *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 3, 1915, after p. 260.

Excerpt of Letter to Mrs. Campbell from Mrs. Elizabeth Fergusson Regarding Appointment of her Nephew, Lt. John Young, Pennsylvania Loyalists, into the 42nd Regt., Græme Park, Pennsylvania, Aug. 15, 1778 (Date of Commission Order)

Græme park May 9 1779

My dear M^{rs} Campbell...

My Nephew John Young you know very early showd An Attachment to the British; near two years he was a Prisoner on his Parole with me at this Place, but on the British entering the Capitall in September 77 He joined them, He first got a Leiutenancy in the New Levies [a Loyalist regt.] but had soon Interest Enough to get a Commission in His Old highland Regiment, Col. [Thomas] Sterling Commands; and Co^l Sterlings Mother and M^r Youngs Mother were own Sisters; so that He seems fix'd among them now for Life. He was always of a Military turn which I wish to Heaven he would have indulged in any way but the Line he moves in; for the Drawing His Sword against his Mother Country seems to me a most Heinous offence. I did every thing while he was with me to wean him from this unhappy Biass, but the Event too fully prov'd I could not prevail: ... indeed I show'd my bad Success where I was much more deeply interested than with him...

I remain your Sincere friend and humble Servant

E. Fergusson

Source and Note: "Some Material for a Biography of Mrs. Elizabeth Fergusson, nee Græme," Simon Gratz, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XLI, No. 4, Hist. Soc. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1917, Google Books, pp. 386-391. This letter indicates Ens. Young was Lt. Col. Stirling's cousin. This entry is dated based on the date of commission in orders rather than the letter date. Young's date of rank was Aug. 3, 1778.



St. Johns, Newfoundland in 1798, Showing Fort Townsend at top of Hill

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

Extract of Letter from Lt. John Grant, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to Regimental Agents Anderson & Richardson and Forwarded to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Arrival in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Aug. 18, 1778

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

S^t Johns Newfoundland 18th August 1778

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

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: A-C, 1778 at WO 1/995, p. 163. The 2nd Additional Company of the 42nd Regt. and two additional companies of the 71st Highland Regt. were sent to Newfoundland to reinforce the garrison against possible French threats. Lt. Grant commanded the 42nd Regt. Company.



Landguard Fort circa 1716

Picture Source: *The History of Landguard Fort, in Suffolk*, Maj. John Henry Leslie, Eyre and Spottiswoode, London, 1898, Google Books, facing p. 68.

Excerpt of Invalid Office Report Regarding Lt. William Stewart, Capt. George Coote's Company, (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Aug. 18, 1778

Independent Companies

Landguard Fort	Capt. Geo: Coote Lieut. Will. Stuart Ens. John Roberts	Garrison Duty never saw this gentleman_ has not joined_ fit for any Duty...
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Invalid Office 18th August 1778

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffery Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/188, f. 81V. Lt. Stewart, a former Marine officer, was badly wounded in the leg at the Battle of Piscataway, N. J. on May 10, 1777 and was involuntarily transferred to the Invalids. Stewart was bedridden for nine months after being wounded and was not notified of his transfer to the Invalids until Mar. 1778. He then attempted to get his transfer overturned which likely resulted in his delay in joining his new Invalid Co. He returned to Britain about Dec. 14, 1778 escorting invalid soldiers.

Promotion Announcement for Officers of the 42nd Regt., New York, Aug. 19, 1778

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...XLII. Volunteer, William Frazer, to be Ensign, vice [Allan] M^cLean, promoted. Ensign---[John] Young, from the Pennsylvania Volunteers, to be Ensign, vice [Alexander] Innes, promoted. Volunteer ---- [Kenneth] Callender, to be Ensign, vice [James] Stirling, promoted...

Source: *Royal Gazette* (New York), August 19, 1778.

Letter from Chap. James M^cLagan, 42nd Regt., to Rev. Hugh M^cDearmad, Glasgow, Describing His Return from Philadelphia; Long Island, Aug. 20, 1778

My dear Sir

Camp on Long island Aug^t 20th 1778.

Your letter of 20th Feb^{ry} came to hand sometime ago & would have been answered sometime ago too, had I enjoyed my wonted conveniencies, but that is far from me. Sometimes indeed I live in a house, viz in winter commonly; Sometimes I live in a crowd aboard a ship, sometimes I march & sometimes I live in a tent with a few cloths & linnens, a half dozen books, 2 or 3 blankets, some straw or branches, a bottle & a mug. Having been a few weeks in this camp, I have fixed 4 stakes in the ground on which I have fixed a bit of deal [pine] with nails, & on it I now write.

Since my last the war is consisted of skirmishes betwixt foraging parties, & detachments sent to clear the roads to Philadelphia of those sent to rob & harrass such as came with provisions to markets ^{& thy} ^{foe.} – In June the British army left Philad^a, On 28th after they had marched about 8 miles in the greatest [^] ^{heat} ever known here, their rear was attacked by the rebels, upon which they beseized upon them killed, wounded and took some & drove the rest back 4 miles. We had some kill'd & wounded too, but our main loss was owing to want of provisions, this being the day they should have been drawn & to want of water especially, from which with the fatigue & heat, many died on the spot raging mad. As they had nothing to subsist on nor wagons, they were obliged to march after the body of the army next morning, leaving some of the wounded, and this the rebels magnify into a victory.

I came round with the fleet which was at Sandy hook a few days before [French Adm. Charles Hector] Compte D'Estaing appeared off that place on the 11th July. He lay at anchor there 12 days, after which he sailed for Rhode Island & began to fire upon Newport, which our Batteries returned. [Adm. Richard] Lord Howe, tho' his force is much inferior, followed him & appearing on Sunday, or Monday was sight'd and raised the blockade. On Monday night a storm came on which lasted for many days & probably hurt both fleets. Lord Howe is returned hither & the French to the Delaware. It is said that our friends in Rhode island are besieged by 12,000 rebels, –

There is a Colonel [John] Butler who has raised some Indians and others & gives the rebels some trouble in the back settlements of Pensylvania & N York. But they who go home next convoy will give you the News more fully, tho' I may then be at some distance.

I am greatly obliged to you for the account you have given of persons & books; I reckon my self in debt to every one that is a friend to truth & his country. I wish you all great success in your undertakings of that kind. No letter would be more welcome to me than M^r John Stuart's, or any of his family, which I would answer as soon & as well as I possibly could, tho' my opportunities are not frequent. Remember me kindly to them Comrie lies prettily, but I know not how I might get at it. I have spoke to Col: Murray long ago & I believe he is my friend, but I am at too great a distance & he is not very near of course they, that are upon the spot get the better of us... [Letter commences in Gaelic text for eleven lines]

It often amazed & gave me pain, that not one attempts to do honour to our poor country but [^] ^{he} is attacked immediately, and that too by such as are either unable or unwilling to do anything for it themselves. What has it done to merit this? Can one other country thrive unless this is knocked down? As to M^r [James] M^cPherson & to forgery... [The letter continues for two pages regarding the authenticity of Ossian poetry and another eleven lines of Gaelic.]

I am now tired of writing & doubt not but you shall be wearie of reading by the time you come this length. I have not now left room to mention all the friends & acquaintances I would send compliments to, but you know them, & will be so good as remember me kindly to them, whether they are in Glasgow or elsewhere. Write me full when the opportunity offers & further oblige

My dear Sir

Your most humble Serv^t.

James M^cLagan

To the Rev^d Hugh M^cDearmad Glasgow

Source and Notes: *Papers of Wedderburn of Pearsie*, Forfarshire 1701-1910, Item GDWe 5/12, Dundee City Archive and Record Centre, (Ref. NRAS1921). McLagan was a recognized expert on Gaelic Poetry and involved in a literary argument over the authenticity of Ossian poetry.

Journal Entry Noting Capt. Lt. John Peebles, Gen. Lord Murray's Company, 42nd Regt., Takes Command of the 42nd Grenadier Company Vice. Capt. Charles Graham, Whitestone, Long Island, Aug. 27, 1778

Thursday 27th. march'd at ½ past one & got to white stone between 5 & 5 where the troops Embark'd of Transports...
join'd the 1st. Bⁿ. G^{rs}. this morn^g vice C: Graham promoted...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry Aug. 27, 1778 and Gruber, *John Peebles' American War*, p. 211. Whitestone, Queens, is on the northern coast of Long Island across the Long Island Sound from Throg's Neck.



Detail from *Capture of the Castor* showing 28-gun *HMS Carysfort* in 1794 by Thomas Whitcombe

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Temporary Brigade Command Orders for Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., Bedford, Massachusetts Expedition, *HMS Carysfort*, Sept. 4, 1778

On Board the Carysfort Frigate 4th September

Maj^r G^l [Charles] Greays Orders...

The Fowling Alterashones to take Place in the Order of Debarchsen in the 2 Bragades Which are to be Landed as Follows –

15th & 42nd Reg^{ts}

Under the Command of Lu^t Colonel Sterling ...

Source and Note: *Washington Papers*, Lib. of Congress, "Captured British Army Orderly Book." This order prepares Maj. Gen. Grey's detachment to land at the American privateer strongholds of Bedford and Fair Haven, Mass., where about 70 ships and a large amount of supplies were burnt.

Letter from Richard Atkinson, Regimental Agent, 73rd Regt. (MacLeod Highlanders), to Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Nominating Field Officers for the 2nd Battalion, Including Maj. Hon. George Mackenzie (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Company), London, Sept. 17, 1778

My Lord

Having undertaken in [Col. John Mackenzie] Lord MacLeod's Absence to transact such part of the business of the additional Battalion to be raised by His Lordship as does not fall within the Province of the Regimental Agent, and it appearing of the utmost consequence that the Connections of the Field Officers shou'd lose no time in taking their Measures for recruiting, I beg leave to submit the names of the following Gentlemen to be the Field Officers of the new Battalion, which have been transmitted me by Lord MacLeod for that purpose, and to request that Your Lordship will be pleased to favour me with your Commands thereon.

For L ^t . Colonel	George Mackenzie	Major 73 ^d
For Majors	Hamilton Maxwell	Captain 71 st
	Norman MacLeod [of MacLeod]	D ^o

I have the Honour to be with the highest respect My Lord
London Sep^r 17. 1778 Your Lordships most obedient & most humble Servant
Richard Atkinson

Lord Amherst

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Misc. Letters* at WO 34/145, f. 358.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Sept. 17, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 17th Sept^r 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

42nd Reg^t:

Capt ⁿ Lieu ^t : [John] Peebles to be Capt ⁿ : vice [Alexander] Donaldson Promoted	} 18 th Aug st 1778
Lieu ^t : James Campbell from the 57 th Reg ^t to be Capt ⁿ : vice Geo: M ^c Kenzie promoted [in 73 rd Regt.]	} D ^o
Lieu ^t : [John] Rutherford to be Capt ⁿ Lieu ^t : vice Peebles Promoted	} D ^o
Ens ⁿ [James] Graham from the 57 th Reg ^t : to be L ^t : vice Rutherford Promoted	} D ^o
Ens ⁿ : [Alexander] Cummine from 52 nd Reg ^t to be Lieu ^t : vice Lieu ^t : Geo: M ^c Kenzie Promoted [in 73 rd Regt.]	} D ^o
	}...

Source and Notes: *Orderly Book, British Headquarters Orders, New York, kept by Lt. Col. Stephen Kemble, Sept. 11-Oct. 24, 1778*, Item 69 of Research Publications Inc. Early American Orderly Books, 1748-1817, Woodbridge CT. Although Capt. Peebles was promoted to replace the commander of one of the additional companies in Scotland (Capt. Donaldson, who had received the Majority of the new 76th Regt.), Peebles remained in America and the company in Scotland was commanded by Lt. John Gregor. Capt. Campbell was serving as a Major of Brigade, and did not actively serve with the 42nd Regt.



Col. John, Lord Macleod, 73rd Highland Regt.

Picture source: *The Earls of Cromartie, Their Kindred, Country and Correspondence*, Vol. I. William Fraser, Edinburgh, 1876, following p. cclvi.

Letter from Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces to Col. John, Lord Macleod, 73rd Regt. of (Highland) Foot, Regarding Formation of 2nd Battalion and Promotion of His Brother, Maj. Hon. George Mackenzie (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Co.), to be Lt. Colonel, London, Sept. 25, 1778

Whitehall, 25th September 1778.

My Lord,

That a moment's time may not be lost in forwarding the raising of a second battalion to your Lordship's regiment, his Majesty has been pleased to approve of the following gentlemen, proposed by your Lordship through M^r. Atkinson, to be field officers in it, viz., Major George Mackenzie of your Lordship's regiment, to be Lieu^t.-Colonel, and Captains Hamilton Maxwell, and Norman Macleod of the 71st, to be Majors. I have the King's command to inform your Lordship that his consent to this quick promotion of Major Mackenzie is given only on account of the necessity which it has been represented there is for his being placed at the head of the intended battalion, and that it is not his Majesty's intention that he shall hereafter avail himself of a step so obtained to the prejudice of the numerous list of Majors who are at this time his seniors in the army.

I have the honor to be, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient and most humble servant,
Amherst.

Source: *The Earls of Cromartie, Their Kindred, Country and Correspondence*, Vol. I. William Fraser, Edinburgh, 1876, pp. ccxlix – ccl.

Advertisement for Lost Horse Belonging to Lt. Harry Munro, 42nd Regt., New York, Sept. 26, 1778

Three Guineas Reward. STOLEN or Strayed on Wednesday the 23d inst. from the environs of the 42d regiment's encampment near Bedford, A BAY HORSE, about 14 hands high with a short switch tail, long maine...Whoever secures said horse or gives information in order to have him secured shall receive the above reward, by applying to the printer or Lieut. HARRY MUNRO, of said regiment in Camp near Bedford.

Source and Note: *Royal Gazette* (New York), September 26, 1778. Lieutenants were not normally permitted to have horses on campaign.

Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Lt. William Graham in Northern Fencibles, London, Sept. 26, 1778

War-Office, September 26, 1778...

Northern Regiment of Fencible Men Alexander Duke of Gordon is appointed to be Colonel...

To be LIEUTENANTS...

William Graham ...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 22-26, 1778, pp. 3-4. A number of Fencible regiments were raised to defend the British Isles against a French threat and were prohibited from overseas deployments. The regiment was centered at Fort George, about twelve miles northeast of Inverness. William Graham was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. who served in the American war and was the younger brother of Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt.

Letter to Commander-in-Chief Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst from Col. John Mackenzie, Macleod, 73rd Regt. (MacLeod's Highlanders), Thanking Him for Approval of Field Officers for the 2nd Battalion Including his Brother, Lt. Col. Hon. George Mackenzie (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Co.), Island of Guernsey, Sept. 30, 1778

Guernsey, 30th Sep^r 1778

My Lord,

I had today the honour to receive your Lordship's letter of the 25th ins^t acquainting me that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of Major George Mackenzie of the 73^d Regiment to be Lieutenant Colonel & of Captains Hamilton Maxwell & Norman Macleod if the 71st Regiment to be Majors of the second Battalion to be rais'd to my Regiment. I beg leave, my Lord, to return your Lordship my most grateful thanks for the Countenance you have been pleas'd to give my Recommendation on this occasion, & I flatter myself, from the experience'd Zeal & activity of my friends, that I shall be able to fullfill my engagements to the time limited.

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Misc. Letters* at WO 34/145, f. 543.

Promotion Orders for Ens. William M^cDonald, 42nd Regt., New York, Oct. 1, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 1st Octo^r 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

42d Regiment

Ensign William M^cDonald to be Lieu^t by purchase vice [George] Dalrymple preferred } [25th Aug 78]...

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

Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth, Regarding Commission for Airth's Son, Henry Graham, New Jersey, Oct. 3, 1778

English Neighbourhood in [New] Jersey

Oct 3 1778

Dear Airth

I wrote M^{rs} Campbell in August desiring you would pay Will^m: M^cDonald Writer in Edin^r the price of Commission for Henry [Graham, son of Airth] £210 and that I had sent a bill for £100 to M^r D Erskine which he was to apply for your use to enable you to make that pay^{mt}: - since that a different arrangement is made and I have given bills here upon my Agent for £150 Ster^g of that sum, so that you need not pay it to M^r M^cDonald but as I mentioned it was to be paid at Martinmass I am afraid this may

not arrive in time, however I suppose the £150 may be got back, leaving the £60 in his hands - I enclose you the second of bill for £100 which I sent M^r D Erskine for above purpose which please send him least the first may have miscarried, it went by Cap^t Pat Graham... Adieu My Dear Airth kindest Love to Annie & the Bairns & remember me to all my other friends and believe me

Yours Sincerely
Tho^s Stirling

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 35-36 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, f.64*. Ens. Graham was commissioned Feb. 10, 1779 – effective Nov. 11, 1777.

Promotion Announcement 42nd Regt. Officers, London Oct. 3, 1778

War-office, October 3, 1778...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Patrick Graham to be Captain, vice James M^cPherson.

Ditto, Ensign Alexander M^cGregor to be Lieutenant, vice Patrick Graham.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 1778, p. 3. In this order Lt. Patrick Graham becomes captain of the 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., on the Recruiting Service in Scotland, after the retirement of Brevet-Maj. M^cPherson.



Anonymous miniature of Patrick Ferguson, c. 1774-77, from a private collection.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Silverwhistle

Capt. Patrick Ferguson's Commendation of Lt. Thomas Lyttelton, 5th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), During Raid on Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, Oct. 5, 1778

Report of Captain Ferguson, of the 70th Regiment, to his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, dated Little Egg Harbour, October 15, 1778...

To the Conduct and Spirit of Captain Cox, Lieutenant Littleton, and Ensign Cotter, of the 5th Regiment, and of Captain Peter Campbell, of the 3d Jersey Volunteers, this little Enterprize owes much of its Success; as well as to the Arrangements of Captain Colins of the Navy, and Attention of Captain Christian, who accompanied the Embarkation.

Source: *London Gazette*, Nov. 28, 1778, pp. 12-3.

Memorial of Lt. John Gregor, 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces and Lord Amherst's Response, Inverness and London, Oct. 6 and Oct. 16, 1778

Inverness 6th Oct^r 1778

My Lord

As I had the Honour of Serving under Your Lordship during the last War in America; Transmitt the inclosed Memorial, Seting forth my case and long Service in the Army; And at the Same time requesting Your Lordships protection –

If requir'd, General Francis Grant will certify what is Sett furth in the Memorial; And I further refair my self to General William Amherst who was Adjutant General in America – he will remember me –

My Commission as Lieu^t: was dated at Oswego in July 1760, And my Adjutancy in August following, when the Army under Your Lordships Command lay before Fort William Augustus –

One of the Additional Companys of the 42^d: Regim^t: is now Vacant by the promotion of Cap^t Donaldson, That Company I have the honor to Command untill a Capⁿ is appointed.

I am Stationed here in order to receive Such pressed men as Shall by Adjudged by the Commissioners to Serve His Majesty as Soldiers –

I beg Your Lordships forgiveness for this trouble –

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect and esteem –

My Lord Your Lordships Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant

John Gregor Lieu^t

42^d or Royal Highland Regim^t

To the Right Honourable Lord Amherst General of His Majestys Forces &^{ca}; &^{ca}

The Memorial of Lieutenant John Gregor
of His Majestys 42nd Regiment of Foot

Most Humbly Showeth

That the Memorialist had the Honour of Serving at the Battle of Fontenoy, at the Siege of Bergenopzoom; in the Engagement at the pass of Hulst, in the Descent on the Coast of France under the Command of General S^t Clair, and in the many other Actions of inferior note, in Germany and Flanders during the War before the last.

That during the last War he served at the Attack before Ticonderoga, at Fort William Augustus, Montreal, Martinique, the Havanah, and in every place where the 42nd were –

That the Memorialist was Adjutant to the Regiment for a considerable time, and was at different times employed on the Recruiting Service, in which he was very Successful, having Sent Several hundreds of Recruits to the Regiment from first to last

That the Memorialist being Reduced at the last peace of his own Choice, but necessarily as belonging to the 2nd Battalion, had no opportunity of being again employ'd till the late Augmentation, by which means his prospect of Promotion in the 42^d: is very distant –

The Memorialist therefore, Most Humbly prays Your Lordship in consideration of his Long Services, To Recommend him to His Majesty for a Company in Some other Regiment when a proper opportunity offers –

John Gregor Lieu^t

42^d: Or Royal Highland
Regiment

[Lord Amherst's Response]

Whitehall, 16th Oct: 1778

I have received the favour of your letter of the 6th instant with the Memorial enclosed. The Company which You mention in the 42^d Regiment is no doubt long since given away in North America, where the Commander in Chief dispose of all Commissions pursuant to the Authorities they have received from the King for that purpose.

I am always glad to pay attention to the Services of old Officers; And should be glad to promote your wishes for a Company when occasions offers: But there at present very few opportunities of giving Companies.

I am Sir, &c
Amherst

() Gregor
42^d Reg^t of Foot
Inverness, N^o Britain

Sources and Notes: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/146A, pp. 28-29 and WO 34/227 f. 224. Lt. Gregor was promoted to Capt. in the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. in March 1780 under his actual name of MacGregor which had been proscribed at the time of his initial commission.

**42nd Regt. Officers Promoted in New Regiments Ordered to Join Their Regiments,
New York, Oct. 24, 1778**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 24th Oct^r 1778...

The following off^{rs} having been promoted in Europe are to take the Earliest opportunity of joining their Respective Corps of the 10th Reg^t L^t George Moncreiff 40th Ensⁿ Herron 42^d L^t: [Alexander] Munro, L^t: [David] Crawford, 57th L^t Tytler, 71st, Lieutenant David Kinlock & Ensign John McDonald.

Source and Notes: "Orderly Book: Second Brigade, British Foot Guards [actually 1st Battalion, Brigade of Guards], New York," covering Aug. - Dec. 1778. Reel 6, document 65, of *Early American Orderly Books* Series microfilmed by Research Publications Inc. 42nd Regt. Lts. Munro and Crawford were promoted into the 83rd Regt.



Defenses at Fort George, Scotland, 2005

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons by Flaxton

Promotion Announcement for Lt. John Grant of Rippachie (Formerly Lt. in 42nd Regt.) in Northern Fencibles, London, Oct. 24, 1778

War-Office, October 24, 1778...

Northern Regiment of Fencible Men...

To be LIEUTENANTS ,
John Grant

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Oct. 20-24, 1778, p. 3. This officer briefly served as a Lt. in 42nd Regt. before going back on half pay for medical reasons. Fencible regiments were established for home defense. The Northern Fencibles were posted at Fort George, about twelve miles northeast of Inverness.

Advertisement for Lost Baggage 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, 42^d 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 42^d 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, 42^d Regiment.

Source and Note: *The Royal Gazette* (New York), October 21, 1778. There were two "Lt. Stewarts" at this period, Alexander and James, but James Stewart was serving with the 1st Lt. Inf. Bn. and would not likely refer information to the Adjutant of the 42nd Regt.

Account of Lt. Col. Hon. George Mackenzie, 2nd Battalion, 73rd Regt. of (Highland) Foot (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Company), by Piper John MacDonald, 73rd Regt., Portsmouth, England, Nov. 1778 – Apr. 1779

At that time Colonel George Mackenzie, son to the late Earl of Cromarty, was raising a second battalion for the 73rd ... regiment of Highlanders, and had his headquarters at Inverness. He used to come frequently to dine with the officers of the North Fencibles, where he had an opportunity of hearing me play the pipes, which so pleased him that he earnestly wished to have me in his regiment, and applied himself closely to Captain Mackay for my discharge; but he, judging I would not agree to go abroad, never acquainted me with the colonel's design till the colonel himself attacked me in person, after the 73rd had been embarked at Fort George. As he offered me very good terms I consented to go, and accordingly I was sent to Gordon Castle post haste for my discharge, with letters from colonel and Captain Mackay for the duke. I arrived at Gordon Castle that night, and next morning had my discharge signed by the duke, but before I returned to Fort George the transports with the 73rd on board had sailed. However I had received directions how to proceed in that case from Colonel Mackenzie, which was to take passage in the first vessel to London, and proceed from thence to Portsmouth where I should meet the regiment, as they were to wait there some time for orders from the War Office...

On the 16th April 1779, I left London, and on the 18th I arrived at Portsmouth, to find Colonel Mackenzie and the most part of the officers of the 73rd at the Fountain Inn. The colonel expressed a great deal of joy at my arrival, and showed me all the marks of kindness I could naturally expect of one of his rank; nor did his goodness stop here but continued always fresh during my stay in the regiment. Two or three days after my coming to Portsmouth I settled with the colonel about my bounty and subsistence, and he very cheerfully laid down twenty guineas of bounty money, and the arrears of my pay since I left Fort George at one shilling and sixpence per day.

Source: *Autobiographical Journal of John MacDonald, Schoolmaster and Soldier 1770-1830*, ed. Rev. Angus Mackay, M.A., (Pub.) Norman Macleod, Edinburgh, 1906, Google Books, pp. 35-49.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Nov. 3, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 3^d Novem^r 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions.

42d Regiment

Ensign Dugal Campbell to be Lieutenant vice [Harry] Gilchrist dead of wounds } 26th Aug
Ensign Alexander Home from 71st to be Ensign vice Campbell promoted } ditto...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. Gilchrist had been badly wounded and captured serving with the 42nd Grenadier Co. at the Battle of Monmouth, N. J. on June 28 and died a few weeks later while a captive of the rebels. Ens. Home had recently been commissioned in the 71st Regt. from Volunteer after being held as a prisoner of war since captured on the way to America on the transport *Anne* in 1776.

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Nov. 3, 1778

War-Office, November 3, 1778...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Allan M^cLean to be Lieutenant, vice James Campbell.
Ditto, Ensign Alexander Innes to be Lieutenant, vice John Campbell.
Ditto, Ensign James Stirling to be Lieutenant, vice Lord William Murray.
Ditto, William Frazer, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Allan M^cLean.
Ditto, Ensign John Young, from Pennsylvania Loyalists, to be Ensign, vice Alexander Innes.
Ditto, _____ [Kenneth] Callendar, Gent. to be Ensign, vice James Stirling.

Source: *London Gazette*, Oct. 31 - Nov. 3, 1778, p. 1.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Nov. 5, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 5th Nov^r 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following promotions...

42^d Regiment

Ensign George Campbell to be Lieutenant vice Alexander Munro promoted } [18th Oct^o 1778]
Ensign Hugh Fraser to be Lieutenant vice [David] Crawford promoted in Europe } 19th ditto
Volunteer Dugall Campbell to be Ensign vice George Campbell promoted } 18th ditto
Volunteer John Robertson to be Ensign vice Fraser promoted } 19th ditto...

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

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Nov. 10, 1778

War-Office, November 10, 1778...

42d Regiment of Foot,

Captain-Lieutenant John Peebles to be Captain, vice Alexander Donaldson.
Ditto, Lieutenant James Campbell, from 37th [57th] Regiment, to be Captain, vice George Mackenzie.
Ditto, Lieutenant John Rutherford to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Peebles.
Ditto, Ensign James Graham, from 57th Regiment to be Lieutenant, vice John Rutherford.
Ditto, Ensign Alexander Cummine, from 52^d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice George Mackenzie.
Ditto, Captain Charles Graham to be Major, vice William Grant.
Ditto, Lieutenant George Dalrymple to be Captain, vice Charles Graham.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Nov. 14-17, 1778, pp. 1-2. In this order Capt. Lt. Peebles takes the Company of Brevet-Maj. Donaldson who was commander of the 1st Additional Company in Scotland. However, Peebles remained

in America and became the commander of the Grenadier Company of the regiment on the promotion of Capt. Charles Graham to Major.

**Orders Appointing Quartermaster Sergeant Hector M^cLean to be Brevet-Quartermaster,
Provisional 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., New York, Nov. 22, 1778**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 22d Nov^r 1778...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint Quarter Master [Serjeant] Hector M^cLean to act as Quarter Master to the 2d Battalion of the 42d Regiment, vice [Ens. James] Stirling.

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Brevet-Quartermaster M^cLean was later appointed to be regimental quartermaster.



Detail of Gen. Archibald Campbell, circa 1792, by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Endorsement of Lt. Col. Archibald Campbell, 2nd Battalion, 71st Highland Regt. for Promotion of
Ens. John Robertson, 42nd Regt., to Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, 71st Regt., New York, Nov. 23, 1778**

My Lord

Sir William Erskine having particularly recommended Ensign Jn^o. Robertson of the 42^d: Regt. to purchase the Lieut^{cy}. in the 71st: vice [Charles] Moir who has lately purchased into the 23^d: Regiment; I beg leave to support the recommendation for M^r. Robertson in preference that of any other Officer.____

I have the honour to be most respectfull

My Lord

Your Lordship's Most Obed and very humble Servt:

Arch^d: Campbell

Lieu^t. Colo^l: 71st: Regiment

New York 23^d: Nov^r: 1778

The Right Honble [Francis]

Lord Rawden Adj^t. Gen^l.

Source and Note: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 46:26, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. Robertson had just been commissioned Ens. in the 42nd Regt. by orders dated Nov. 5, 1778. While it seems strange that a 15-year old ensign with no combat experience would be preferred over "any other officer." A review of the annotated War Office copy of the annual Army List for 1778 shows almost all ensigns in that regiment promoted and replaced with new officers.

Promotion Orders for Ens. John Robertson, 42nd Regt., to Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot, New York, Dec. 9, 1778

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 9th December 1778...
The Commander in Chief is pleased to Make the following Promotions...

71st Regiment

Ens ⁿ John Robertson from 42d Regiment to Lieutenant by purchase vice	} 8 th Nov 1778
[Charles] Moir preferred.	}

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Robertson had only been commissioned as an Ensign in the 42nd Regt. for about a month and had never joined the regiment in America before being appointed to this lieutenantancy. See the recommendation of Lt. Col. Campbell, 71st Regt. above dated Nov. 23.



Diploma of the Highland Society of London, 1810

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

Former 42nd Regt. Officers Lt. Col. Hon. George Mackenzie and Capt. George MacKenzie, 73rd (MacLeod's) Highland Regt., Elected to Highland Society of London, Dec. 12, 1778

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

ELECTED DECEMBER 12, 1778...

[No. 74] Lieut.-Col. George Mackenzie, of the 73d.	[Former Capt., 42 nd Regt.]
75 Capt. George Mackenzie, of ditto.	[Former Lt., 42 nd Additional Company]

Source: *An Account of the Highland Society of London, From its Establishment in May 1778, to the Commencement of the Year 1813*, Sir John Sinclair, Printed by B. McMillan, London, 1813, Google Books, p. 37.

Letter from the Mathew Lewis, War Office to Lt. William Stewart, Captain George Coote's Independent Company of Invalids (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Regarding Disposition of Invalids Arriving from America under his Command, London, Dec. 14, 1778

War Office 14th Dec^r 1778

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary at War to send you the enclosed order for quartering at Chelsea such of the Invalids from the Army in N^o. America as are discharged and recommended to the Bounty and if they should not be able to march thither you will hire a Lighter for that purpose With respect to such of the Men as are discharged and not recommended they are to be discharged on being disembarked

Lieu^t Stewart /late of the 42^d
Regiment/ or Officer Commanding
The Invalids from the Army in
North America

I am Sir &c
M Lewis

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary at War Out-Letters, General Letters* at WO 4/104, p. 347 (f. 173). A former Marine officer, Lt. Stewart lost the use of his leg in the Battle of Piscataway, N. J. on May. 10, 1777 and had been unsuccessful in his attempt to undo being involuntarily transferred to an invalid company.

Promotion Announcement for Ens. William Macdonald, 42nd Regt., London, Dec. 22, 1778

War-Office, December 22...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign William Macdonald to be Lieutenant, vice George Dalrymple.

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 19-22, 1778, p. 1.

**42nd Regt. Officer Company Assignments and Changes for the Period June 25-Dec. 24, 1778
From Musters at Newton, Long Island, Dec. 28, 1778**

[Gen. Lord Murray's Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Col ^o and Captain
Promoted 18 th Aug ^t 78 To Captain Smiths Company	John Peebles	{ Cap ^t L ^{ts}
Commissioned dated 18 th Aug ^t 1778. From Captain M ^c Intoshs Company	Duty John Rutherford	{
Promoted in Europe 18 th Oct ^r 1778.	Alex ^r Munro	{ Lieut ^s
Commission dated D ^o D ^o Received f ^m L ^t Col ^s Comp ^y and Transfer ^d to C ^t McIntoshs 19 th Oct ^r 1778	George Campbell	{
Received from Cap ^t Erskines Company 19 th Oct ^r 1778	James Stirling	{
Promoted 3 rd August 1778 Transferred to Cap ^t Dalrymples Company	Alex ^r Innes	{ En ^s
Commission dated 3 rd Aug ^t 1778 on Duty with the Light Infantry	William Fraser	{
	James M ^c Laggan	Chap ⁿ
	Hugh Fraser	Adjutant
	Colin Smith	Q ^r M ^r
	Will ^m Robertson	Surgeon
	Alexander Stewart	{ Mates
	Donald Smith	{

[Lt. Col. Stirling's Company]

Absent by Gen ^l Sir Will ^m Howe's leave	Thomas Stirling	Lieu ^t Colonel
Promoted 25 th August to Grenadiers	Robert Franklin	} Lieutenants
Commission dated 25 th Aug ^t Transferred to L ^t Infantry 19 th October 78	George Dalrymple	}
Received from Majors	William M ^c Donald	}
	Alex ^r Stewart	}
Promoted 18 th October 78 Transferred to Colonels Cop ^y D ^o D ^o D ^o	George Campbell	} Ensigns
Commission dated 18 th Oct ^r 78 Transferr ^d to C ^t Erskines	Dougal Campbell	}
Received from Captain Erskines	John Young	}...

[Maj. Graham's Company]

Retired 25 th August 1778	William Grant	} Majors
Commission dated d ^o 78 from Gren ^{dr} Company on duty	Charles Graham	}
	Norman MacLeod	} Lieut ^s
Transferred to Lieu ^t Col ^{os} 19 th Oct ^r 78	Alex ^t Stewart	}
Rec ^d f ^m Captain Grants d ^o d ^o 78	Gavin Drummond	}
Promoted 3 August 78 To Capt ⁿ Erskines	James Stirling	} Ensigns
Commission dated d ^o 78 To Capt ⁿ MacPhersons 19 th Oct ^r 78	James [Kenneth] Callendar	}
ditto d ^o 19 th Oct ^r 78 Received from 71 st Regim ^t Sick	Alex ^t Home	}...

[Capt. Erskine's Company]

Doing Duty as Brigade Major	Archibald Erskine	Captain
Promoted in Atholes Highlanders 30 th Aug ^t 78	Lord William Murray	} Lieutenants
Transferred to Additional 18 th Aug ^t 78	Alex ^t M ^c Grigor	}
Rec ^d from Cap ⁿ M ^c Phersons D ^o D ^o Transd ^d to Grenadiers 26 th Aug ^t 78	Robert Rollo	}
Commission dated 30 th Aug ^t 78 Transferred to Colonels Comp ^y 18 Oct ^r 78	James Stirling	}
Received from Cap ⁿ Dalrymples Comp ^y 18 th Oct ^r 78 Sick	James Cramond	}
Received from Grenadiers 26 th Aug ^t 78 On Duty	Dougal Campbell	}
Promoted 3 Aug ^t To Grenadiers	Allan M ^c Lean	}
Commission Dated 3 rd Aug ^t 78 Transferred to L ^t Col ^{os} 18 Oct ^r 78	John Young	} Ensigns
Received f ^m L ^t Col ^{os} 18 th Oct ^r 78	Dougal Campbell	}...

[Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson's Company]

	Duncan M ^c Pherson	Captain (Lieu ^t Colonel in the Army)
	John Robertson	}
Transferred to Captain Erskines 13 August 1778	Robert Rollo	} Lieut ^s
Commission Dated 18 D ^o 78 Received from 52 ^d Regim ^t	Alex ^t Cummine	}
Received from Majors Duty	James [Kenneth] Callender	Ensign

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Captain
Sick	Harry Munro	} Lieut ^s
Transferred to Majors 19 th Oct ^r 1778	Gavin Drummond	}
from Captain MacIntoshes d ^o d ^o 78	Hugh Fraser	}
Promoted d ^o d ^o to C ^t M ^c Intoshes Co ^y	Hugh Fraser	} Ens ⁿ
from Capt ⁿ Dalrymples Co ^y d ^o d ^o 78	Alex ^t Grant	}...

[Capt. M^cIntosh's Company]

	John M ^c Intosh	Captain
Promoted 18 th August 1778 to Colonels	John Rutherford	} Lieutenants
Ditto in Europe 19 Oct ^r 78	David Crawford	}
Commission dated 18 August 78 received from 57 th Foot	James Graham	}
D ^o D ^o 19 Oct ^r 78 Transferred to Cap Grants 19 th October 78	Hugh Fraser	}
Received from Generals 19 October 1778	Geo Campbell	}
Promoted 25 th August 78 to Lieu ^t Colonels	W ^m M ^c Donald	Ensign ...

[Capt. Dalrymple's Company]

Transferred to the Light Infantry 18 August 78	John Smith	{ Captains
Rec ^d from Colo ^s 18 August 78 to the Grenad ^{rs} 27 th August	John Peebles	{
From Grenadiers 27 th August	George Dalrymple	{
transferred to Captain Erskines 19 th October	James Crammond	{ Lieutenants
promoted in Campbells highlanders 3 ^d August 78	John Campbell	{
rec ^d from Light Infantry 19 th October 78	Alex ^t McLeod	{
Commission Dated 3 ^d August 78 from Colo ^s Company	Alex ^t Innes	{
Transferred to Captain Grants 19 th October	Alex ^t Grant	Ensign

[Grenadier Company]

Promoted 25 th August 1778 To Major	Charles Graham	} Captains
Commission dated 25 th August 1778 To Battalion 27 th August	George Dalrymple	}
From Battalion 27 th August 1778	John Peebles	}
Alex ^r Grant		} Lieutenants
Promoted in Athole Highlanders 3 ^d August 1778	James Campbell	}
Died of his Wounds 26 th August 1778	Harry Gilchrist	}
Commission dated 26 th D ^o D ^o from Additional Comp'y	Dougal Campbell	}
Transferred to Cap ^t Erskines 27 th Aug ^t 1778		
Rec ^d from Cap ^t Erskines 27 th August 1778	Rob ^t Rollo	}
Commission dated 3 ^d August 1778 Received from Cap ^t Erskines	Alan M ^c Lean	}

[Light Infantry Company – mustered at “Southampton 2^d March 1779”]

From the Regiment 25 th June	Sick {	John Smith	Captain
	{	Robert Potts	Lieutenants
		James Stewart	}
Transferred to the Regiment 2 ^d August 1778		Alex ^r M ^c Leod	}
Commission dated 3 ^d August		William Fraser	Ensign

Source: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776* at WO 12/5479.

1779



Reproduction Regimental Uniform Buttons for the 22nd, 42nd, 64th, and 71st Regiments

Gen. Sir Henry Clinton’s Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers and Submittal for King George III’s Approval, New York, Jan. 2 and 9, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton’s Orders] Head Quarters New York 2 Jan^{ry} 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

22nd Regiment

Captain Arch^d Erskine from the 42nd Regt. to be Major by Purchase vice [Rawlins] Hillman who retires } 6 Dec^r 1778

42nd Regiment

Lieutenant [David] Anstruther from the 26th Reg^t to be Captain } 6th Dec^r 1778
by purchase vice Erskine preferred }

Ensign [Henry David] Fraser from 64th Reg^t to be Lieutenant } 23rd Nov^r 1778...
vice [James] Graham removed }

64th Regiment

Lieutenant James Graham from 42nd Reg^t to be Lieutenant vice } 23rd Nov^r 1778...
[Peter] Murdoch promoted... }...

[Submittal]

List of Promotions humbly submitted for His Majesty’s Approbation in the Army in North America under the Command of General Sir Henry Clinton K. B.

New York 9th. January 1779...

22^d. Regiment ...

Captain Arch^d. Erskine, from 42^d. Reg^t. to be Major by Purchase, vice [Rawlins] Hillman who retires. 6th Decem^r...

42^d. Regiment.

Lieut^t. David Anstruther, from the 26th. Regiment to be Captain by purchase } 6th Dec^r 1778
vice Erskine preferred }
Ensign Henry David Fraser, from 64th Reg^t to be Lieut^t. vice [James] Graham removed } 23^d Nov^r ...

64th Regiment.

Lieut^t. James Graham, from 42^d Reg^t. to be Lieut^t. vice [Peter] Murdoch promoted. 23rd Novem^r...

71st. Regiment.

Ensign Jn^o. Robertson, from 42^d Reg^t. to be Lieut^t. by purchase vice Moir preferred 8th. Nov. 1778.
H. Clinton

[Annotation] *Approved by The King*
Amherst

Sources: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. and TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief. Papers* at WO 34/188, ff. 151-152.

Promotion Announcement for Maj. Hon. George Mackenzie, 1st Battalion, 73rd Regt. (MacLeod Highlanders), (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Infantry Company), to be Lt. Colonel, 2nd Battalion, 73rd Regt., London, Jan. 2, 1779

War-Office, January 2, 1779.

73d Regiment of Foot, 1st Battalion, Captain James Mackenzie to be Major, vice George Mackenzie... Ditto, 2d Battalion, Major George Mackenzie of the 1st Battalion, to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Dec. 29, 1778-Jan. 3, 1779, p. 2. Maj. the Hon. George Mackenzie was the brother of John Mackenzie (Lord Macleod), Col. of the 73rd Regt., and on the raising of the 2nd Battalion of that regiment became its Lt. Colonel. This battalion saw action at the Siege of Gibraltar.

General Orders for Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt. to Oversee the General Hospital, New York, Jan. 5, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 5th January 1779...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following appointment.

Lieu^t Colonel [Duncan] M^cPherson, of the 42nd Regiment to examine and settle the affairs of the General Hospital.

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. M^cPherson ranked as a brevet Lt. Col. in the army, but was still ranked as a Captain in the 42nd Regt. His new position appears to have pulled him from the regiment. On Sept. 11 of that year, while the 42nd Regt. was posted at Stony Point on the North River, Capt. Peebles wrote in his journal that "*Brig^r [Thomas] Stirling in N: York. Come down from Stony point two or 3 days ago – L^t Col: M^cPherson desir'd to join his Reg^t some days ago in a very ungracious manner...*"



Reproduction 74th or Argyll Highland Regt. Uniform Button

**Promotion Order for Capt. Lt. John Campbell, 74th Regt. (Argyle Highlanders)
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Captain, New York, Jan. 20, 1779**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 20th January 1779...
The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...
74th Regiment
Captain Lieutenant John Campbell to be Captain by purchase vice Ronald M^cDonnell who
retires } 20th ditto [Jan^y 1779]...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. The 74th Regt. served in Nova Scotia and Maine.

**Retired Brevet-Lt. Colonel William Grant, 42nd Regt., Elected as Member of the
Highland Society of London, Jan. 20, 1779**

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

[ELECTED] JANUARY 20, 1779...

[No. 96] Col. Grant, of the 42d.

Source: *An Account of the Highland Society of London, From its Establishment in May 1778, to the Commencement of
the Year 1813*, By Sir John Sinclair, Printed by B. M^cMillan, London, 1813, Google Books, p. 38.

**Request for a Company from Lt. John Gregor, 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord
Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, and Lord Amherst's Denial, Stirling
and Whitehall, Jan. 25 and 31, 1779**

Stirling 25th Janr^y 1779

My Lord

Having in a Memorial acquainted your Lordship with my long Service in the Army, the different
Actions that I have had the honor to be in; and my Sending Several hundreds of Recruits to the 42^d
Regiment from first to last _ And as I now understand that there are two Additional Companies to be
added the Regiments who have not any_ I humbly begg that Your Lordship will think of me, and
promote me to one of those Companys; there being few elder Lieutenants than I am in the Army__

I have the honor to be Most Respectfully
My Lord,
Your Lordships Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant
*John Gregor, Lieu'
42d Or R: H: Regim'*

Lord Amherst

[Lord Amherst's Response]

Whitehall 31st January 1779

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 25th. past. The Officers for the Additional Companies have long
since been appointed, but if they had not, I could give you no hopes of succeeding to one of them; your
situation in the Army not being within that description of persons who His Majesty has thought proper
should be promoted upon this occasion.

I am Sir &c
Amherst

Lt. John Gregor

of the 42^d Reg^t. of Foot
Stirling N^o. Britain

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/147, f. 390 and WO 34/228, p. 327. Gregor, whose actual name was MacGregor, was later promoted to a Company in the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. in 1780. It is not clear what Lord Amherst meant by the phrase “*your situation in the Army.*” Gregor was in his fifties and was a prior sergeant major.

Statement by Capt. John Johnson, Transport *Granby*, Regarding Embarkation of the Company of Capt. George MacKenzie, 1st Battalion, 73rd Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt. Additional Company), Spithead to Madras (now Chennai), India, Jan. 25, 1779 – Feb. 1780

When the King’s troops embarked on board the *Granby* at Spithead on the 25th January 1779 at the unexpected hour of 9 o Clock at Night, they were received and accommodated as well as the situation of the ship would admit. Sails were spread for them to lay on, as it was too late to hang up their hammocks..., and as no provisions had been provided, all the Seamen in the ship brought what they had and gave it to them...Every man had a clear 15 Inches, which is one Inch more than is what is allowed on board his Majesty’s Ships, to hang up his Hammock...

After the ship had been at Table Bay [Cape Town] about 17 or 18 days, the Highlanders, from their Gluttony, Filth and Laziness, and from their Officers neglecting to keep them on deck, were many of them seized with an Epidemic Fever. I acquainted Sir Edward Hughes of it before one of their majors, and the next day the Surgeon of the regiment was sent on board to enquire into the state of their disease... A few days after this my Boatswain applied to the Chief mate, desiring to have a place to put the Rigging in below, as we were stripping the ship to lay here up till the squadron would be ready to sail, which we had reason to expect would be less than two Months, and as we were laying in a wild Roadstead subject to many severe Gales of wind, I ordered that the ship should be made as snug as possible...

Upon this, Lieu^t. John Lindsay called out to the Soldiers of the 73rd Regiment to Arm, and upon the Chief Mate persisting in the execution of his orders, the Lieutenant, John Lindsay, called out, Soldiers, Advance! upon which several of them came up to Mr. John Bevan, Chief Mate, with their drawn Bayonets, and one in particular (by name Barner) pointed his bayonet to Mr. Brevan’s breast. An alarm of Mutiny immediately echoed all over the ship. The Officers who were on deck and in their Cabins flew to their Arms and went immediately down to the lower deck. When they appeared the King’s Troops retreated...

The Colonel sent Captain M^cKenzie on board at 11 o Clock at night, with orders to repel Force by Force, an Order which, in the face of an Enemy, might do credit to a commanding Officer. But on his Majesty’s Loyal subjects no Humane Man could think of ...”

Source and Note: “Testimony of Capt. John Johnson to Government, Feb. 3, 1780” in *Vestiges of Old Madras* (Indian Record Series), Vol. III, Henry Davidson Love, pp. 169-171. The transport captain felt like the military officers were not enforcing discipline and drew up regulations for the troops, which Mackenzie read to his men “...*in English and in Erse* [Gaelic].” Capt. Johnson threatened to remove the soldiers from the transport unless they were disarmed. The highlanders’ arms were secured and the disturbances ceased. On arrival in Madras, the 73rd Regt. officers were quartered in a house in the fort before moving to their final station at Poonamallee, about twelve miles west of Chennai.



View up Wall Street with City Hall (Federal Hall) and Trinity Church, New York City from around 1798 by Archibald Robertson

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., Appointed to be Court Martial President, New York, Jan. 26, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 26th January 1779...
 A General Court Martial consisting of Three Field Officers Seven Captains & Three Lieutenants,
 to assemble at the City Hall on Thursday the 28th Instant...
 {Lieu^t Colonel M^cPherson President...

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

Return of Absent Officers and Other Ranks, 42nd Regt., New York, Feb. 1779

[Cover]

Feb 79

Forces in Nth America

[Document]

38 th ...					
42 nd .	General Lord John Murray { [Robert] { Frankline Lieut ^s { { Campbell	14 th April 78	His Majesty's General Sir Will ^m Howe Not yet Joined appointed 3 ^d Nov ^r 1778	Capt ⁿ : [Duncan] M ^c Pherson/ Lieu ^t : Colo ^l / appointed to examine the affairs of the Gen ^l . Hospital Lieut ^t . [James] Cramond: Aid de Camp to Lieu ^t : Gen ^l : Knyphausen	Two Ensigny's by the Promotion of Ens ^s [Alexander] M ^c Grigor & [William] M ^c Donald Contingent Men 40 Serjeants Recruiting..... .. Drummers D ^o Serjeants & Drummers}S .. on any other Duty }D ..
43 ^d ...					

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers* at WO 34/113 ff. 49-50. The annotated annual Army List for 1778 and the 42nd Regt. succession list do not show a Lt. Campbell commissioned Nov. 3, 1778. The closest possible officer was Lt. George Campbell, commissioned Oct. 18, 1778, but George Campbell had been serving with the regiment as an Ensign before his promotion. This documents confirms Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson was absent from the regiment for most of 1779.



Lt. Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen

Picture Source: *The German Allied Troops in the North America War of Independence 1776-1783*, J. G. Rosenhart, Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, 1893, frontispiece.

Orders Appointing Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt., to be Supernumerary Aide-de-Camp to Hessian Lt. Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen, New York, Feb. 4, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 4th February 1779...
 Lieutenant Crammond of the 42nd Regiment is appointed Supernumerary Aid de Camp to his Excellency L^t General Knyphausen...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Cramond had previously served in the army of the Margrave of Baden in southwestern Germany.

Promotion Order for Henry Graham to be an Ensign in the 42nd Regt., New York, Feb. 10, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 10th Feb^y 1779...
 The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...
 42nd Regiment
 Henry Graham, Gent: to be Ensign, vice Spence [John Spens] by } 11th Nov^r 1777...
 purchase of the blank commission dated [blank] ... }

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Ens. Graham was the nephew of Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. Ens. Graham had been born in 1766 making him about 13-years old when commissioned and too young to actively serve with the regiment.



Detail of *Portrait of George III of the United Kingdom, 1771*, by Johann Zoffany

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Promotion Announcement for Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. to be Aide-de-Camp to King George III, London, Feb. 27, 1779

War-Office, February 27, 1779.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint...

To be AIDES DE CAMP to the King...

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Sterling, of 42d Foot, vice John Douglas....”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 23-27, 1779, p. 2. Aide-de-Camp to the King was largely an honorary commission, ranking as a Colonel in the Army. Lt. Col. Stirling remained in command of the 42nd Regt. in America.

Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth, Discussing His Son Ens. Henry Graham’s Promotion, Newtown, Long Island, Feb. 28, 1779

Dear Airth

New Town 28th Feb^y 1779

I wrote you 3^d of Oct to pay M^r Mcdonald writer [of the Signet] for Major [John] M^cdonald [Maryland Loyalists, former Lt., 42nd Regt.] £60 Ster^g in place of £210 which I had in a former Letter desired to be paid having made another arrangement by giving Major M^cdonald bills for £150 here, and for that £60 I gave him a bill on M^r D Erskine as your doer, this I hope is all settled, I am now to acquaint you that your Son Henrys [Graham] name is given in and out in orders as Ensⁿ. on the 42^d Reg^t. his commission bears date 11th Nov^r 77 there was a necessity for it as it is now the Eldest of that rank in the Reg^t, and could be no long delayed I shall stave off his joining till next spring and than endeavour to put him to the Additional where the chief of his duty will be recruiting which you know is done by Serg^{ts}, I would not have him know any thing of his appointment as it may make him Idle nor should it be spoke of to any body particular attention must be paid to those branches of education proper for a Military man his pay will afford all those, I have ordered the Agents to credit w^t the bygones which amounts to £59.10 to 24th April 79 after paying interest &c to Maj^r Mcdonald this I shall retain which will reduce the sum paid by me including every thing to £100 which we shall settle afterwards, his pay after the 24th April I shall regularly acc^t to you for, you will observe I have only mentioned his Subⁿ: [Subsistence] which is 3 Sh^g P diem, his arrears which amounts to £6 or 7 p^r An^m will be paid him when Issued which is generally 2 year behind hand - I hope this arrangement will be agreeable to you & Annie if you dislike it or he should He

can sell it for £400 having purchased or if he continues in the profession it was worth £165 to be at the Head of the Ensigns at once by which means he may be a L^t for nothing in a few months, if he comes to be reduced his half pay as L^t is £40 a good annuity for £160, and he may then try some other trade by Annies last Letter she desired to know if I wanted the Interest f^m you for what is in you hands of mine as it was convenient for you to pay it, as so, you will pay it into M^r D Erskine hands up to Martinmass who will give you a full discharge and as I am sending some bills to M^r Erskine I would wish the whole of it to be in one sum & laid out at Interest at Whitsunday which be so good as acquaint him of, Inclose the first of two bills one for £200 - endorsed by [Adj. Hugh] H Fraser the other for £300 from our Pay M^r on Agents both Payable to David Erskine which be so good as forward to him, you must not think all this my own severall in the Reg^t have beged of me to take their money & lay it out for them which I could not refuse I have wrote Sir Will^m [Stirling of Ardoch] by this same Packet kind Compliments to all at Airth Bowness &c &c &c and believe me to be

yours most affectily
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. 37-38 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943, ff.65-66.*

**Excerpt of a Letter from Rev. Donald M^cNicol to Chap. James M^cLagan, 42nd Regt.,
Proposing His Return to Britain; Lismore, Scotland, Mar. 3, 1779**

Dear Sir

Lismore March 3rd. 1779

The Pleasure of Yours of the 18th. Jan^r. from Long Island I received a few Days ^{ago}. All your former letters came in Course... Is there not Application from the Gaelic Society of London to solicit the Commander in Chief in America for leave for your Honour to come home to forward the Scheme for the Gaelic Dictionary? – This circumstance is to me the highest Luxury. – It came about as follows. –

One M^r. Don^d. M^cKinnon Vicar of Claybrook Leicestershire England, a genteel accomplish'd Gentlemen from Skye, of £ 300 yearly & talks the Gaelic purely, past many Days with me last Summer; he is Gaelic mad & even surpasses yourself in that wild Departm^t. of Learning. He heard me often regret your being in America as the greatest Impedim^t. & misfortune to our Scheme. Last Night I had a Letter from him of the following Tenor – “Sometime before your very agreeable & Interesting Letter came to hand, I had resolved to write to you, not merely for Amusem^t., but on what may be call'd Business. Having spent some part of this last Winter in Londⁿ. I have had the Honour to be a Member of the Gaelic Society there, which is /thank God/ at present one of the most respectable in that great Metropolis. The Dukes of Gordon, Buccleugh, Marq^s. of Graham, L^{ds}. Adam Gordon, Fre^d. Campbell, E. of Eglinton, General [Simon] Fraser &c are Members of it. It was founded last year on the Root of an old obscure Society. M^r. [William] Shaw was admitted of it as a Man who was then engaged in a very popular Undertaking /a Gaelic Dictionary/. On his Arrival in Town last Month he attended it, & had the modesty to present a Petition, claiming the Patronage of the Society to his present Undertaking calling himself a Missionary of it & setting forth his great Expences, as well as great Success in his late Voyages for cultivating the Gaelic Language. In a Word he requested that the Society would subscribe for 500 Copies of his Dictionary, or fall upon some other Method of Indemnifying his Expences. Fortunately the Secretary of the Society, M^r. [John] M^cKenzie, of whose Taste in Collecting Gaelic Fragm^{ts}. you shewed me a Specimen, favoured me w^t. a Copy of this ill conceived & worse-expressed Petition, desiring at the same time my Attendance at a Committee, where among other Matters, was to be taken into Consideration. The Results must have been mortifying to M^r. Shaw. The Committee, General Fraser in the Chair, disavowed him as any Missionary of the Society, & positively refus'd to subscribe for any Number of Copies of his Dictionary in the Name of the Society, so that he must sollicite the members separately like other Individuals. All I did was to inform the Committee that the same Work, Dictionary of the Gaelic Language, was now actually ongoing, & in great Forwardness, by a Society of Gentlemen in

the Highlands; Men of Letters, who had made that Language a particular Study for Several Years; that I had the Honour of Knowing most of them, & was confident their Dictionary would be a most valuable Work. In Consequence of what O said, I have been desired to correspond w^t. Yon Gentlemen, & to see if you will pledge Yourselves to the Public in general, & to the Gaelic Society in particular, for the Publication of a Gaelic Dictionary, otherwise, that people must make the best effort of a bad Bargain, such as it is believed M^r. Shaws Dictionary will be. Having mentioned M^r. M^cLagan's Absence in America as one of the Causes that retarded the Publication of the Society's Dictionary...Major [John] Small of the [Royal Highland] Emigrants, a Man of most elegant Taste & amiable Manners, has undertaken, as soon as he shall get to America this Spring, to procure M^r. M^cLagans leave to return, from the Commander in chief in America..." – The above is the most interesting Part of this Letter & I am convinced it is to you a most delicious Morsel as it is a proof to you that Matters are now really approaching to the pitch you long wished for. I think there is nothing wanting to complete [torn] but your Return to Britain which I hope [torn] the End of Summer & perhaps much sooner...

All Friends this neighbourhood are in perfect Health. Dreadful Bankruptcies prevail daily thro this Kingdom. We have the most rainy Season ever was known; we have not a Particle of Snow on the highest Hills for 2 Months back.

Dear Sir
Your affec^t. Friend
Donald M^cNicol

[Addressed to]
The Rev^d.
M^r. James M^cLagan Chaplain to
The 42nd. Reg^t at Long Island
Near New York

America

By London

Source and Notes: Dundee City Archives, *Wedderburn Family of Pearsie Papers* at GD/We/5/13. Lismore is a small island in the Inner Hebrides, northeast of the Isle of Mull. William Shaw's book was later published in 1780 under the title *A Galic and English Dictionary. Containing all the words in the Scotch and Irish Dialects of the Celtic that could be collected from the Voice, and Old Books and Mss.*

42nd Regt. Officer Commission List from the Regimental Agents, London, About Mar. 9, 1779

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

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

Captains

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

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

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

Cap ^t Lieu ^t John Peebles	5 Oct ^o 1777
Lieutenants	
John Rutherford	31 March 1770
Robert Potts	12 July 73
John Grant	14 Jan ^y 75
Vacancy vice George Mackenzie promoted to a } company in 73 Regiment 20 th December 1777 }	
Harry Munro	26 Aug ^t 75
John Gregor	27 D ^o
John Robertson	29 D ^o
Norman McLeod	31 D ^o
vacancy vice Alex ^r Munro Promoted to a Com ^y in 83 ^d Regiment 23 ^d January 1778 }	
James Cramond	5 Sep ^t 1775
Robert Franklin	6 D ^o
Harry Gilchrist Dead	6 March D ^o
vacancy vice James Campbell promoted to a } Company in 77 Regiment 27 th December 1777 }	
Alexander Grant	23 Aug ^t 76
Alexander McLeod	22 April 77
Robert Rollo	8 th May D ^o
vacancy vice John Campbell to Cap ^t Lieutenancy } in 74 th Regiment 23 ^d December 1777 }	
Gavin Drummond	5 Oct ^r 77
James Stewart	7 D ^o
vacancy vice L ^d W ^m Murray promoted to a Company } in 77 Regiment 30 th December 1777 }	
John Spence	11 Nov ^r 77
Alexander Stewart	17 Dec ^r 77
vacancy Vice David Crawford promoted to Cap ^t } Lieutenancy in 83 Regiment 24 th Jan ^y 1778 }	
Alexander M ^c Grigor	5 June 1778
Ensigns	
Allan M ^c Lean	23 Aug ^t 76
Alexander Innes	21 Sept ^r D ^o
James Stirling	22 April 77
vacancy vice Alex ^r M ^c Gregor promoted to a Lieut ^{cy} vice } Patrick Graham who purchased Major M ^c Phersons } Company 5 th June 1778 }	
Dugald Campbell	31 May 77
William M ^c Donald	5 October
George Campbell	27 D ^o
vacancy vice John Spens promoted to a Lieutenancy } 11 November 1777 vice John M ^c Donald, retired }	
Hugh Fraser	17 Dec ^r 77
Alexander Grant	18 Mar: 78
Chaplain James M.Lagan	15 June 1764
Adjutant Hugh Fraser	20 Mar: 76

Quarter Master Colin Smith	20 D°
Surgeon William Robinson	11 Septem ^r
Mates { Alexander Stewart	25 Aug ^t 1775
{ Donald Smith	11 Sept ^r 77

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

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

List of Promotions Sent in [Regt. Agent] M^r [Alexander] Andersons letter 9th March 1779.

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

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Mar. 9, 1779

War-Office, March 9, 1779...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Dugald Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Harry Gilchrist.
Ditto, Ensign Alexander Home, from 71st Regiment, to be Ensign, vice Dugald Campbell.
Ditto, Ensign George Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Alexander Munro.
Ditto, Ensign Hugh Fraser to be Lieutenant, vice David Crawford.
Ditto, Dugald Campbell, Gent. to be Ensign, vice George Campbell.
Ditto, John Robertson, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Hugh Fraser.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 6-9, 1779 pp. 1-2. There were three Dugald Campbells in the officers of the regiment during the American War. See the individual Biographies in Appendix A to differentiate among these officers. Although former Sgt. Major Hugh Fraser was promoted in this order, he retained his position as Adjutant of the 1st Battalion in America.

Promotion Announcement for Vol. Alexander Home (Future Ens., 42nd Regt.), to be Ensign in the 2nd Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt., London, Mar. 9, 1779

War-Office, March 9, 1779...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Alexander Home Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Grant...

Ditto, David Dewar, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Alexander Home...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 9 - 13, 1779, pp. 1-2. Vol. Home was a previous prisoner of war who had been captured on the transport *Anne* while on the way to America in 1776. See promotion into the 42nd Regt. immediately above. In the Army List of 1779, the title of the 71st Regt. changed to "71st Regiment of (Highland) Foot."

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers, London, Mar. 16, 1779

War-Office, March 16, 1779...

22d Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Captain Archibald Erskine, from 42d Regiment, to be Major, vice Rawlins Hillman...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant David Anstruther, from 26th Regiment, to be Captain, vice Archibald Erskine.

Ditto, Ensign Henry David Fraser, from 64th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice James Graham...

64th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant James Graham, from 42d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Peter Murdoch...

71st Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Robertson, from 42d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Charles Mair.

Source: *London Gazette*, Mar. 16-20, 1779 p. 1.



71st Highland Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

Letter from Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser, Col. 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt., to Commander-in-Chief Lord Amherst Regarding the Death of Capt. John Graham, 71st Highland Regt. Additional Company (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Mar. 30, 1779

My Lord

I beg leave to inform your Lordship that Cap^t. John Graham who had one of the additional Comp^{ys} of the 71st Regim^t died at Stirling about ten days ago; As there is only one Cap^t. now in Britain, I humbly think it of consequence that the vacancy should be filled without delay... I therefore shall take it as a particular favor if Your Lordship will be pleased to recommend Cap^t. James Fraser to His Majesty to succeed to the Additional Comp^y of the 71st. Reg^t vacant by the death of Cap^t John Graham

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect, My Lord

Your Lordship's Obliged & very faithfull Serv^t.

S. Fraser

Downing Street

March 30th. 1779

Source: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers* at WO 34/149, f. 522.

Letter from Capt. John M^cIntosh to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Explaining Reason for not Taking Command of Additional Company in Scotland, Newtown, Apr. 2, 1779

Newtown 2^d April 1779

My Lord

I did my Self the honor of writing your Lordship the 1st of March, in answer to yours of the 5 Decem^r Requesting me to go home, and take the Command of the Additional Company; I told your Lordship I had no objections to go home – But that at present Colo^l [Thomas] Stirling would not allow a Captⁿ to go home as he says one of the Additional Company is at Newfoundland – till your Lordship gets this matter Cleened up at the War Office. I must Remain with the Reg^t. I hope your Lordship, has received my last Letter; and I may Expect to hear from you, sometime in June – The Cloathing is just Arived at Newyork – We have nothing here 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 and Note: *Lord John Murray Papers*. This letter displays Lt. Col. Stirling's independent nature, essentially overruling his regimental colonel's orders.

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth,
Discussing Low Prospect for Victory in America and Regimental Promotions,
Newtown, Long Island, Apr. 6, 1779**

Newtown April 26th 1779

Your Letters of 31st Dec^r & 25th Jan^y: came all in one Packet on the 24th In^t [Apr.]; no Jan^y [illeg.] having been sent, we expected great publick news by then not having heard from Brittain since Dec^r, but find the same thing over again Minoritys battling hard for a Slice of the Pudding, while your Majority looks like a Glutton who has overeate himself till he is sick & then falls into a kind of stupor that nothing can rouse him out of, reinforcements are said will be sent in the spring they had better send a head for what we have already & a regular system of operation otherwise they may send troops of Warley Common & Cox Heath Camps too & not be one bit the better for them it will not do; America may fall by its internal divisions, back to its former Master, but we will never do it, at any rate we will never receive any good from this Country, but enough of politics I wrote you 27th Feb^{ry} that [Ens.] Henry [Graham, son of Airth] is out in orders as it could no longer be delayed, that I had ordered the Agent to credit me w^t the Sub:ⁿ [Subsistence] to 24th April 79 amounting to £59.10 as part of the price paid by me & interest to Maj^r. [John] M^cdonald [Maryland Loyalists, former Lt., 42nd Regt.] untill he was paid up, that after that there remained £100 advanced by me & the £60 I had given a bill on D Erskine for which I find he has paid, I enclosed two bills endorsed to D Erskine one of £200 of Gordon & Crowder to [Adj. and Lt.] Hugh Fraser [42nd Regt.] the other of £300 of [Capt.] Jⁿ M^cIntosh Pay M^r [42nd Regt. Paymaster] on Agents, to be sent him and requested you would pay up the Interest of the money in your hands up to Martinmass last which w^t the bills sent home I meant should be laid out at Whitsunday, as you had desired M^{rs} Graham to tell me it was convenient to do it, you will see by this that Henrys Commission has only cost £160 which was well worth giving to be at top of Ens^{ns} at once as he is now & hope soon he will be L^t, I shall put him on the strength of the Addⁿ [Additional or recruiting] Compo^{ys} when it is necessary he joins which I think will not be till next spring however I think it ought to be concealed from him as long as possible that it may not divert his studys which ought chiefly to be Mathematicks, drawing, Arithmetick French Fencing dancing & riding, the Games My Dear Airth are absolutely necessary he must not want them, I would not have the Latin thrown quite aside only so far as to make room for the others, the use of Maps & the Globe w^t a Little of astronomy will not be amiss, his pay will go some length to assist you which shall be regularly accounted to you from the 25th Ap: at 3sh 6d p D^m you desired me to send state of Acc^{ts} betwixt us I know none but the last bill f^m Mars: 74 to 78 which I requested you would pay to M^r Erskine & the £60 he has paid M^r M^cdonald by my order as for the £100. I do not mean you should pay me untill Henry is L^t. & then not till I call for it. - I am heartily sorry for your complaint & sincerely wish you better but as you acknowledge you are subject to be hipped I hope it is nothing but an indigestion,

want of usual exercise or some such cause there can be no harm in making your will or Settling your affairs I think it must rather make ones spirits much lighter that so necessary & serious an affair is finished, I am happy you find your affairs in winding them up in such tolerable order and that you have throve on Matrimony I believe your partner well disposed to assist in saving a fortune if she did not bring one I wish w^t all my heart Jamie was disposed of he is losing time & it is very doubtfull if he can be got out I hope he has got the better of his dislocation, I sincerely condole w^t Jamie Mcdowal on the loss of his Wife, I have heard from Young Castle semple [Lt. Hay Macdowal, 71st Regt.] & shall write him but I am afraid my intentions are frustrated as [Capt.] Archie Erskine has got preferment [to Maj., 22nd Regt.] in Dec^r last & the other Cap^t in our Reg^t. who was determined to quit has now changed his mind however I think Comp^{ys} in other Corps can be got if M^r Mcdowal agrees to that ... Tell My Dear Annie... I love her & all conected w^t her & that you, She & the bairns will have always the warmest corner of Affection & regard in the Heart of yours & hers affec^{te}. T S

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 38-39 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff.67-68. Lt. Macdowal obtained a Company in the 42nd Regt. Sept. 20, 1779.

Retirement Announcement for Lt. William Graham, Northern Fencibles (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), and Commission Announcement for Ens. James Spens, Southern Fencibles (Future Ens., 42nd Additional Company), London, Apr. 10, 1779

War-Office, April 10, 1779...

Northern Regiment of Fencible Men, Ensign John Gordon to be Lieutenant, vice William Graham...
Southern Regiment of Fencible Men. James Spens, Gent. To be Ensign, vice ___ Cranstoune.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Apr. 6-10, 1779, p. 1. William Graham was the brother of Maj. Charles Graham, and a former officer in the 42nd Regt. He resigned from the 42nd Regt., when his late father's trustees refused to advance him the money to purchase a Company in America stating he could not tolerate a more junior office being promoted over him. The trustees had considered Graham too young to purchase the Company. In this order, William Graham retires from the Fencible Regt. Graham later indicted the "I resigned a lieutenancy in the Duke of Gordon's fencible reg^t [Northern Fencibles] finding myself entirely out of the line of preferment by continuing there." Ens. Spens' commission was dated Mar. 29, 1779.

King George III's Approval of Promotion of Lt. Harry Munro, 42nd Regt. to Company in 1st Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt., Undated, Approx. Apr. – Aug. 1779

Successions in 71st Reg^t submitted for His Majesty's Approbation in Sir Henry Clinton's Letters of the 2^d April & 20th July 1779, and which are now approved by His Majesty...

Capt, L ^t Alex ^r Sutherland to be Captain, vice [George] Munro deceased -	2 ^d Feb ^y 1779
L ^t Harry Munro of 42 ^d Foot, to be Capt. L ^t vice Sutherland	d ^o

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, f. 155 (p. 308).

Excerpt of Letter from Sir William Stirling of Ardoch to his brother, Brevet-Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. Discussing Officer Promotions, Ardoch, Scotland, Apr. 26, 1779

Ardoch 26th April 1779

I congratulate you very Sincerely my Dear Tom upon your being appointed one of His Majestys Aides de Camp which was Notified to me from London by our Member Colonel Murray before it appeared in the [*London*] Gazette - he at the same time wrote me that you probably would get a letter of Service to Serve in America as Brigadier General, this I have heard nothing of but I suppose in case you

do not get such a letter you will come home... I am heartily sorry you did not Surprise [Rebel Brig. Gen. William] Maxwell and his Brigade I believe he is the Gentleman who attacked your Quarters in Winter at Night and who you beat off the Circumstances of your Boats being aground was rather perilous but these Rascalls will never fight but under the greatest Advantage - you mention having got [James Robertson of] Ludes Son W^m a Lt^{cy} in Frasers by purchase but I suppose you mean John as I observe in the Gazette [Mar. 16-20, 1779] his Name from 42^d Reg^t appointed at L^t in 71 [Regt.] vice Charles Mair - I wrote you in Jan^{ry} and mentioned my having a letter from Lude Acknowledging how much he was Obliged to you for this Step to his Son John – I wish after all you have done for [Lt.] Henry Graham he may take a turn for the Army I suppose in case he should not, you will have no difficulty in getting his Commission Sold – I thank you for remembring William Edmondstone he will be ready to join so soon as ever you order him. I have desired [Capt.] Pat Graham [42nd Additional Co.] to enter him as Volunteer and in his return to [Gen.] Lord John [Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.] to acquaint him that his father Cambuswallace is a Freeholder in the County of Perth... I hope you have not given up thoughts of Matrimony and suppose I have no Sons yet you may. you once thought of it not long ago and mentioned it to me but a Preliminary to it by the Ladys Friends of your quitting the Army at that time I own I did not approve of tho I believe I did not say so to you I applaud your Motives for Economy greatly, as they agree entirely with my own Sentiments... I am sorry [Maj.] Archie [Erskine, 22nd Regt.] did not get an Exchange made with Major [Charles] Graham [42nd Regt., Commander] by his going to Rhode Island we wont hear so frequently of you as he never missed an Opportunity ... I see by the Paper Colonel [Archibald] Campbell [71st Regt.] is arrived from Carrolina with great news of a Victory but no particulars as yet my best Wishes ever Attend you and believe to be

Most Affectionately yours
W Stirling

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 39-41 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at ACC 12290 f. 16. Col. Stirling's appointment to the honorary position of Aid-de-Camp to the King, did not change his duties in America, but it did carry with it a brevet promotion to colonel "in the army." Ens. John Robertson (son of Lude) was commissioned in the 42nd Regt. effective Oct. 19, 1778 and promoted to the 71st Highland Regt. effective Nov. 8, 1778.

Promotion Order for Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt. to be Aide-de-Camp to King George III, New York, May 1, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 1st May 1779...
A List of promotions received from the War Office...
To be Aides de Camp to the King
L^t Col Thomas Stirling vice [John] Douglas ditto [19th Feb^{ry} 1779]...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. Col. Stirling's promotion was an honorary appointment for meritorious service equivalent to the brevet rank of colonel in the army. This promotion did not impact his position as Lt. Col. of the 42nd Regt.

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

S^r

I have the honor to Acquaint you, that I had His Majestys late Secretary at Wars permission to change the Officers of the Additional Companies of the Regiment under my Command, from time to time, as I might find Expedient, dated 14th. Feb^y: 1776. But as I am uncertain if you'r pleased to give me the Same permission for the benefit of the Recruiting duty in the Highlands, beg leave to Receive your

Commands, having only one Captain lately come from the Battalion in America, the other still wanting in place of Cap^t. [Alexander] Donaldson preferr'd to a Majority some time ago.

I shall have the honor to transmit the List of Changes I propose for the good of the recruiting Service if Agreeable. and if you think proper to continue it to me as Lord Barrington did, Imagine you'l think it proper to write [Gen.] S^t. Henry Clinton of it.

I have the honor to be with great Esteem

Sir

Banner cross near Sheffield
May 1st. 1779.

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

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

[War Office Response]

W. O. 5th May 1779

My Lord

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

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

I have &c

R^t. Hon^e L^d Jn^o Murray

C: Jenkinson

Bannercross near Sheffield

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1779*, at WO 1/1005, p. 145 and *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Apr. 1779-Aug. 1779* at WO 4/106, p. 70 (f. 35). By this letter Lord Murray is likely trying to line up support against Lt. Col. Stirling's resistance to sending officers from America to the additional companies in Scotland, when ordered by Lord Murray.

Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton's Account of the Dangerous Illness of 1st Maj. Alexander Donaldson, 76th (MacDonald's) Highland Regt. (former Capt., 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Edinburgh, May 1, 1779

My Lord...

I much fear we shall lose poor Major M^cDonald of the 76th who has been dangerously ill since the Operation was performed: I have found him a very excellent Officer; of which he has given evident Proofs in the forming and raising that Regiment without the least Assistance. I have the Honour to be

My Lord, Your Lordship's most obedient and most humble Servant

Caroline Park May 1st 1779

Ja^s Adol^s Oughton

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/151, f. 23. Maj. Alexander Donaldson had been a Capt. of a 42nd Regt. Additional Co. at the time of his promotion to Major of the 76th Regt. (MacDonald's Highlanders). The operation mentioned was likely the removal of a tumor on his back.

Promotion Announcement for John Oswald, to be Ensign in an Additional Company, 42nd Regt., London, May 4, 1779

War Office, May 4, 1779...

42d Regiment of Foot, John Oswald, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William M^cDonald.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 1-4, 1779, p. 1. Oswald was a former Sergeant of the 18th or Royal Irish Regt. He later served with the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. enroute to India, before resigning and later joining the French Revolutionary Army.

Advertisement in Scotland for Sale of Ensigncy in the 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, May, 4, 1779

To be SOLD,
AN ENSIGNCY in the 42d Regiment. The purchaser will draw pay from the 6th of June, 1778. For further particulars, apply to John Graeme, clerk to the agent.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, May 4, 1779, p. 286. As part of a promotion transaction a blank ensigncy would occasionally be issued for later appointment.



Detail from *Charles Jenkinson, 1st Earl of Liverpool*, by George Romney

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

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Recommending Lt. Roberts Potts, 42nd Regt., for Promotion and Response from Sir Henry Clinton, London and New York, May 5 and July 29, 1779

London May 5th 1779

Sir

Application having been made for me M^f Gilbert Elliot Re^y M^f Potts, the eldest Lieutenant of the 42 Regiment might be promoted upon the first vacancy that happens in his Corps, I would not refuse to a friend so reasonable a Request; Allow me therefore to recommend M^f Potts' pretentions to your consideration & to assure you that I shall consider any favor shown to him, as an obligation conferred on Myself.

I have the honour to be with great Regard Sir
Your Excellency's Most Obed^t Hum^l Ser^t
C Jenkinson

[Response from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton]

Duplicate

New York 29th. July 1779

Sir,

The Grenville Packet, which arrived here yesterday Evening, brought me your favor of the 5th. May recommending Lieutenant Potts of the 42^d Regiment to succeed to the first Vacancy which may happen in his own Corps.

As Lieutenant Potts is the Senior Lieutenant in his Regiment, he has certainly a Claim to promotion upon a Vacancy, it being usual in such Cases to pay that Attention to the oldest of each Rank, unless when the Claims of older Officers in other Corps intervene. But you may be assured that I shall not forget your Recommendation when a proper Opportunity offers of serving him.

I have the Honor to be, Sir

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant

H Clinton

Right Honorable Charles Jenkinson

Source and Note: TNA, *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester* at PRO 0/55/16, f. 107142 and *War Office In-Letters, Military Commanders* at WO 1/10, p. 663 (f. 331) and in the *Papers of Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester* at PRO 30/55/17, f. 07142. Gilbert Elliot was MP for Roxburghshire at the time of this letter. Potts was promoted to Capt. Lt. Feb. 8, 1781 (effective Dec. 31, 1780).

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

Banner cross 8th. May 1779

S^r

As I have had frequent Misscarriage of letters, beg the favour you'l please forward the three enclosed by first Pacquet for America, and one for Lieu^t. John Grant at Newfoundland; under cover of the Secretary at war, for the greater Safety and Shall be much obliged to be informed when they are Sent, I have the honor to write this day to the Secretary at war acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 5th Ins^t: in answer to mine and Enclose the Arrangement I propose for the Officers of the two Additional Companies, which I am persuaded will further the Recruiting duty.

I have the honor to be

S^r

Matth. Lewis Esq^t.

Deputy Secretary at War

your most obedient humble Servant

John Murray

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

**Memorial of British Lt. Colonels and Majors, Including Brevet-Lt. Col.
Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief,
Regarding Rank Granted to Provincial Officers, New York, May 15, 1779**

To His Excellency General Sir Henry Clinton

&c. &c. &c.

We the undernamed Lieu^t. Colonels & Majors of His Majesty's regular Troops, serving in North America, beg leave most humbly to represent to your Excellency.

That we have long served our Country and our King, with Zeal & with Fidelity. That most of us have expended our Patrimony in purchasing Rank, and being now materially affected by His Majesty's Order, notified the 2^d. Instant – we humbly hope, that, on your Excellency's Representation, His Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the Circumstances into Consideration – and prevent our being superceded by Officers of Yesterday who have served under us.

We have been induced to lay our Situation before your Excellency, being Confident that from your Love of Justice, by the Interposition of your own Authority/ we shall obtain temporary Relief.

New York 15th: May 1779

Signed...

Dun. M^cPherson L^t. Col^o.

Source and Note: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972 from TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State, Military Dispatches* at CO5/98, pp. 205-208. The memorial was signed by twelve Lt. Colonels and eleven Majors and was forwarded by Gen. Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain by a letter dated June 18, 1779 at CO5/98 p. 201. Lord George Germain addressed the memorial in a letter to Sir Henry Clinton dated Nov. 4, 1779, by requiring regular officers serving in higher ranks in Loyalist units, to resign their regular commissions.

Excerpt of Letter from Margaret Robertson, Mother of Lt. John Robertson, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Ens., 42nd Regt.), to Charlotte Murray, Wife of John Robertson of Lude, about Mar. 31, 1779

.....yesterday we had a letter from John he is well ... he first an Ensign in the 42^d but only that for a few weeks when M^r David Gordon our good friend gave a hundred pounds for a Lieut^y in the 71st Reg^t where he remains and as yet there is no orders come concerning him going on recruiting

M Robertson

Source: NRS, *Papers of the Robertson Family of Lude*, Perthshire at GD132/767, item 4, transcribed by Ed Brumby.

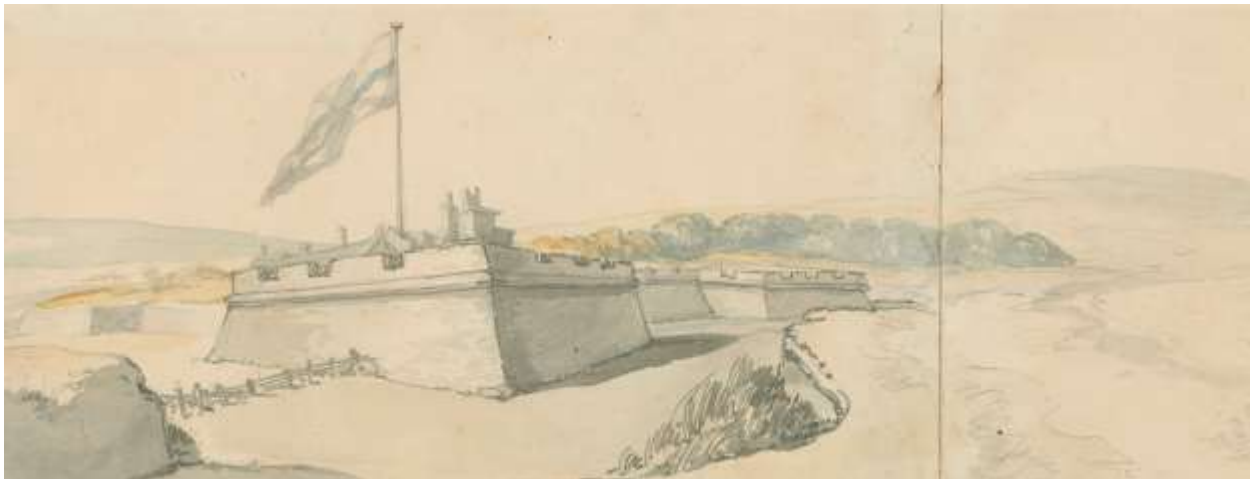
Promotion Order for Lt. Harry Munro, 42nd Regt. to the Capt. Lieutenancy of the 1st Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt., New York, May 22, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 22nd May 1779...
The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

71st Regiment

Captain Lieutenant [Alexander] Sutherland, to be Captain vice [George] Munro	}
deceased	}
Lieutenant Harry Munro from the 42 nd Reg ^t to be Captain Lieutenant vice Sutherland	}...

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



Detail of *Sandown Fort*, by Thomas Rowlandson

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

Transfer Announcement for Lt. William Stewart, Capt. George Coote's Independent Company of Invalids (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Command Sandown Fort, Isle of Wight, May 29, 1779

War-Office, May 29, 1779...

Lieutenant William Stewart, of the Invalids at Landguard Fort, to be Captain of Sandown Port, vice John Wogan.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, May 29-June 1, 1779, p. 2. Stewart was formerly a Lt. in 42nd Regt. who was badly wounded in the leg at the battle of Piscataway, New Jersey on May 10, 1777. Sandown Fort, also called Sandown Port was on the Isle of Wight in the English Channel about 20 miles from Portsmouth. Although termed “*Captain*” of the fort, Stewart remained a Lieutenant in the Army.

**Promotion Announcement for Officers and Former Officers, 42nd Regt.,
London, June 1 and 5, 1779**

War-Office, June 1, 1779.

73d Regiment of Foot, 2d Battalion, Major George Mackenzie, of the 1st Battalion, is appointed to be Lieutenant-Colonel...

War-Office, June 5, 1779...

42d Regiment of Foot, Henry Graham, Gent, to be Ensign, vice John Spence....

74th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant John Campbell to be Captain, vice Ronald M^cDonald...

71st Regiment of Foot, Captain James Fraser, of the North Fencible Regiment, to be Captain, vice John Graham, deceased, who was one of the Additional Captains.”

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 1-5, 1779, pp. 2-3. Lt. Col. Hon. George Mackenzie was formerly a Capt. in the 42nd Regt. He is the younger brother of Lord MacLeod, Colonel of the 73rd Regt. This announcement is a duplicate of that of Jan. 2, 1779. Henry Graham was the nephew of Lt. Col. Stirling. Capt. John Campbell, 74th Regt. and Capt. John Graham, 71st Regt., were former Lieutenants in the 42nd Regt. in America.

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton,
Commander-in-Chief, North America, with Death Notice of Capt. John Graham,
Additional Company, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, June 2, 1779**

W. O. 2^d. June 1779

Sir...

I have the honor to send you a list of a few promotions made in the additional Companies belonging to Regiments under your Command.

I have the honor &c

General Sir Henry Clinton
&c. &c. &c.

C: Jenkinson

[Enclosure Excerpt]

...71st Regiment 1st. Battⁿ

Captain James Fraser of the North Fencible Regiment, to be Captain } 8th April 1779
vice John Graham deceased, who was one of the addit^l Captains }

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters* at WO 4/274, pp. 217-218 (f. 192V-110). Maj. Gen Fraser, Col., 71st Highland Regt., reported Graham died about Mar. 20, 1779.

**1st and 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Commission List from Regimental Agent,
London, Dated Sometime after June 9, 1779**

List of Officers of the 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot with the dates of their Commissions

Colonel – Lord John Murray
Lieu^t Colonel Thomas Stirling 7 Sept^r 1771 Co^l 19 Feb: 1779

Norman MacLeod Major 25 Sept. 78 of 73 Foot Lieu^t Colonel [2nd Bn.]

Major Charles Graham 25 Aug^t 78
Patrick Graham Cap^t 5 June 78 Add: 42^d Foot Major [2nd Bn.]

Captains John Smith 14 January 1775
Duncan Macpherson 15 Aug^t D^o by brevet L^t Co^l did not chuse to join the Add^{ls}
Charles Grant 20 March 1776.
John Peebles 5 Oct^r 77.
James Campbell 18 Aug^t 78.
George Dalrymple 25 D^o.
David Anstruther 6 Decem^r D^o
John M^cGregor Lieu^t 17 Aug^t 75 L^t 28 July 1760 42^d [2nd Bn.]
John Murray Lieu^t 15 Sept^r 58 from late 78 half pay [2nd Bn.]
James Drummond Lieu^t 14 Nov^r 75 – of 66 Foot [2nd Bn.]
Hay Macdowall Lieu^t in 71. 1 Sept^r 76. Cap^t vice MacIntosh by Purchase 20 September
1779 [2nd Bn.]
Colin Campbell Lieu^t 25 May 78 of 36 Foot [2nd Bn.]
Thomas Dalyell Lieu^t 1 June 78 of 32 Foot [2nd Bn.]
David Lindsay Lieu^t 27 Dec^r 78 of 69 Foot [2nd Bn.]
John Grant Lieu^t 9 June 79 of 1st Foot [2nd Bn.]

Cap^t Lieu^t & } John Rutherford 18th Aug^t 1778
Captain }

And that the three Eldest Lieu^{ts} to be appointed Captains have their Commissions dated the 17 18 & 19 Sept^r, which will give them rank before Cap^t Hay Macdowall, who was only a Subaltern in Lieu^t General Frasers Add^l companies & never was abroad.

Lieutenants Robert Potts 12 July 1773.
John Grant 14 Jan^{ry} 75
John Robertson 29 Aug^t D^o
Norman MacLeod 31 D^o D^o
James Cramond 5 Sept^r D^o
Robert Franklin 6 D^o
Alex^r Grant 23 Aug^t 76
Alex^r MacLeod 22 April 77
Robert Rollo 8 May D^o
Gavin Drummond 5 Oct^r D^o
James Stewart 7 D^o
Alex^r Stewart 17 Dec^r D^o
Alex^r MacGregor 3 Aug^t 78 from Newfoundland to New York by Brigadier
Stirlings orders & placed in 1st Battⁿ.
Allan MacLean 3 Aug^t 78
Alex^r Innes D^o
James Stirling D^o
Alex^r Cumine 18 D^o
William Macdonald 25 D^o
Dugald Campbell 26 D^o
George Campbell 18 Oct^r
Hugh Fraser 19 D^o

	Henry David Fraser	23 Nov ^r	
	Henry Graham	15 Feb: 80	
	James Spens	Ensign 5 June 78 of 42 ^d Foot	[2 nd Bn.]
	Kenneth Callander	D ^o 5 Aug ^t D ^o of D ^o	[2 nd Bn.]
	John Oswald	D ^o 25 D ^o D ^o of D ^o	[2 nd Bn.]
	Aneas Fraser	D ^o 29 Sept ^r D ^o of 73 Foot	[2 nd Bn.]
	Alex ^r Dunbar Lieu ^t in the Sutherland Fencibles		[2 nd Bn.]
	Alex ^r Maitland		[2 nd Bn.]
	Allan Robertson		[2 nd Bn.]
	John MacLeod		[2 nd Bn.]
	Alex ^r Rose		[2 nd Bn.]
Ensigns –	Alex ^r Grant -	18 March 78	
	William Fraser	3 Aug ^t D ^o	
	John Young	D ^o	
	Alex ^r Home	26 D ^o	
	Dugald Campbell	18 October	
	Alex ^r Loraine	8 Nov ^r	
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	John Murray Robertson	volunteer in 42 ^d	[2 nd Bn.]
	Alex ^r Macdonald	Ens ⁿ in Gen ^l Dundass's Scotch Hollanders	[2 nd Bn.]
	Robert Robertson		[2 nd Bn.]
	John Macdonald		[2 nd Bn.]
	William White		[2 nd Bn.]
	Charles MacLean		[2 nd Bn.]
	John Macpherson		[2 nd Bn.]
	John Macdonald of Clanronald	to be Lieu ^t as soon as though proper. Suppose the 9 th Aug ^t to be Lieu ^t & Cap ^t in the Add ^{ls} when ordered	[2 nd Bn.]
Chaplain	James Maclagan	15 June 64	
	John Stewart	to be Chaplain	[2 nd Bn.]
Adjutant	Hugh Fraser	20 March 1776	
	Robert Leslie	to be Adjutant, Serj ^t Major in 2 ^d Battalion vice James Rose preferred in North America	[2 nd Bn.]
Q ^r Master	Alex ^r Stewart		
	Donald Plowman	to be Q ^r Master	[2 nd Bn.]
Surgeon	William Robison	11 Sept ^r 77	
	Tho ^s Farquharson	to be Surgeon	[2 nd Bn.]

N.B. The Staff have been doing duty since the Reg^t was Nominated

N.B. when Ensign Macdonald of Clanronald is promoted to a Lieutenancy, Volunteer Kenneth Mackenzie Brother in Law to Lieu^t Co^l MacLeod to Succeed to the Ensigny for which he is raising Men.

Officers of the Add^l Co^s of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot

Captains –	Patrick Graham	to be Major
	Hay M ^c Dowal	
Lts	John Gregor	to be Cap ^t
	John Grant	
	Dugald Campbell	
	Alex M ^c Gregor	
Ensigns	James Spens	to be Lt.
	John Oswald	to be Lt.

Source and Notes: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers*, WO 34/126, ff. 275 – 277. The listing of Alexander Stewart as 1st Bn. Quartermaster is not consistent with orders or the annotated War Office copy of the published annual Army Lists. There was a Lieutenant with that name serving in the 1st Bn. Part of the order forming the 2nd Battalion required the two additional companies and their officers of the regiment to be assigned to the 2nd Battalion.

General Orders Promoting Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to Serve as a Brigadier General in America, New York, June 16, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 16th June 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to appoint Colo^s [Arthur George] Martin [2nd Guards Regt.], Stirling and [George] Garth [1st Guards Regt.], to act as Brigadier Gen^s 'till further orders. Brig^r Gen^l Stirling will take command of the 3 British Regiments of Infantry at Phillipsburg 'till further orders.

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. According to Capt. John Peebles, Brig. Gen. Stirling's brigade was nicknamed "*The Royal Brigade*" because it was made up of three royal regiments, the 7th (Royal Fuziliers), 23rd (Royal Welsh Fuziliers) and 42nd (Royal Highland) Regts. With Stirling's promotion, Maj. Charles Graham became the acting commander of the regiment. Graham, a Major, was senior to Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson in regimental rank.

Promotion Announcement for Lt. John Grant of Rippachie, Northern Fencibles (Former Lt. 42nd Regt.), to be Capt. Lieutenant, London, June 19, 1779

War-Office, June 19, 1779...

Northern Regiment of Fencible Men...

Ditto, Lieutenant John Grant to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice James Finlason.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, June 19-22, 1779, p. 3. One of three John Grants who served as officers in the two battalions of the 42nd Regt. during this period (Glenmoriston, Auchendowne and Rippachie), this order is for Lt. John Grant of Rippachie.

Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt. Listed as Aid de Camp to Hessian Commander, New York, June 25 – Dec. 24, 1779

General & Staff Officers of the Hessian Troops from the 25th. of June to the 24th. of December 1779

Lieutenant General, William de Knyphausen Commander [At New York]...

Extraordinary Aide de Camps... { Lieutenant Crammond...

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 10, p. 1 from TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State Military Dispatches 1778-1781* at CO5/183, p. 77.



Reproduction Regimental Uniform Buttons for 42nd, 63rd and 64th Regiments

General Order Assigning the 42nd, 63rd and 64th Regiments to Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling's Brigade, New York, June 30, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 30th June 1779...

The 7th & 23^d Regiments are to receive their future orders thro Brig^r Gen^l [George] Garth, and the 63^d & 64th Regiments are to put themselves under the command of Brig^r General Stirling 'till further Orders.

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



Stony Point Nov. 28, 2014

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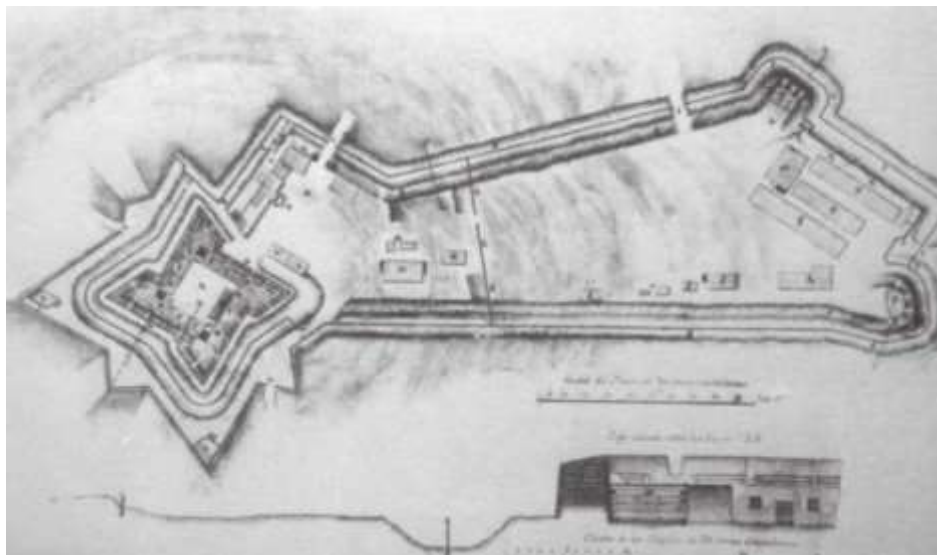
Testimony of Lt. William Nairne, 71st Grenadier Company (Future Capt., Additional Company, 42nd Regt.) at Court of Inquiry Requested by Lt. Col. Henry Johnson, 17th Regt., Regarding the Rebel Capture of Stony Point, New York, July 15-16, 1779,

Thursday January 25th. 1781...

Lieut. William Nairne of the 71st. Regim^t. of Foot being duly Sworn, deposed that on the Night of the Attack of Stoney Point, he had the inlying Picquet of the two Companies of the 71st. Grenadiers; the other two Officers of the Company to which he /the Witness/ belonged, were also on Duty that Night, that Company, who told him that it was the Commanding Officer's Orders, that the Men should lay in there Cloaths and Accoutrements; that a little before 12 o'clock the Picquets fired and as Lieut. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Grenadiers], who was then in the Tent with him & Orderly Officer under Captain [William John] Darby [17th Regt.], was going to Visit the Picquets, he desired him to tell the Company to stand to their Arms and immediately followed him, & found the Men getting under Arms; that he detached a Serjeant and Sixteen Men of the inlying Picquet of the 71st. Regim^t. (Grenadiers) to a fletch of rails on his right near the water side, on the road leading to the Ferry; Another Serjeant and 8 Men of that Picquet joined the Company, whose Station was upon the left of the 12 P^r. in the right hand Work of the outward Abbatis, Where he (the Witness) also took Post, being the only Officer then with the Company; that Captain [Lawrence Robert] Campbell who Commanded the two Companies of Grenadiers of the 71st. Reg^t. called out to him to keep his Men low, upon which he ordered them to kneel; that in about 8 or ten Minutes afterwards, a firing began from the four Companies of the 17th. Reg^t. which was on his Left, and the two Companies of Grenadiers and this firing continued for some time, when he heard L^t. Col^o.

Johnson or Capt. [Francis] Tew [17th Regt.] call out to stop firing, as some of their own people were coming in; at this time he believes the Picquets came in; he could not see them but heard people coming in, which he supposed to be the Picquets; that firing began again from these Six Companies, with some intervals, and he heard a Scattering fire from the inner Work, but not so heavy a One, as that from the outer Abbatis'; that he soon after heard several Voices in the inner Work, which he supposed to be Rebels call out the Fort is [illegible – ner ours?]; at the same they still kept up a Scattering fire from the lower Abbatis, the Enemy not having gained any Ground there; that about this time the left hand and part of the right hand Grenadier Company were taken into the Upper Work by Captain Tew, and very soon after a large Party of the rebels came upon their left flank and charging their Bayonets called to them to Surrender; that he (the Witness) had then about 9 or ten Men with him and he with the Brass 12 P^r. in N^o. 3; he cannot say whether the Party of Rebels, by which he was taken, came in by the left, or by the fleche upon his right; that he was kept there till about an hour before day break, When he was carried into L^t. Col^o. Johnson's Marquise; that sometime after he was taken Prisoner he heard scattering fire from the inner Work, which he supposed was upon the British Troops, who were endeavouring to drive the Rebels out of that Work. he further observed that the road that led to the ferry would not admit of above One Man or two coming abreast & therefore he thinks it probable that the Enemy came round the Abbatis; but he cannot say with any Certainty that any of them came this Way...

Source and Note: TNA, Court of Inquiry of Lt. Col. Henry Johnston, 17th Regt., *Judge Advocate General's Office: Court Martial Proceedings* at WO71/93, pp. 1-137. Near the end of the war, Capt. Nairne and an Additional Company of the "2nd 71st" Regt. were transferred to the 42nd Regt.



Plan of Fort George, Pensacola, West Florida, circa 1778

Picture Source: "A plan of Pensacola and its environs in its present state, from an actual survey in 1778," Joseph Purcell, Library of Congress, Maps of North America, 1750-1789.

Account by Major of Brigade and Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., of His Recovery from Sickness, Pensacola, West Florida, July 18, 1779

Pensacola the 18th July 1779

My Lord

Having in some Degree recovered from a Fit of Sickness I brought with me hither from Jamaica, & thereby being enabled to examine the monthly Returns that had been forwarded during my Illness; I easily discovered a surprising Incorrectness in the Returns of the Corps of Maryland Loyalists. I therefore now trouble Your Lordship with an accurate Return of that Battn. For the four months that have already

been forwarded to Head Quarters, whence (I presume) the Errors of the former Returns can be discovered & amended.

In the Casualties of the 4th Battⁿ. 60th Reg^t. for the Month of May, it was omitted to mention two men returned from Desertion. This comprehended all the mistakes worthy of Remark, I could possibly find out, for the Time past; and hope to convince Your Lordship that for the future Errors shall be avoided.

I have the Honor to be with Gratitude & Respect,
My Lord Your Lordship's most obed^t. & most humble Serv^t.
James Campbell M.B.

To the Right Honble
Lord Rawdon Adj^t. Gen^l. &ca.

[endorsed on reverse]
requires no Answer"

Source and Note: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, 63:18, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. Capt. Campbell was Maj. of Brigade and Military Secretary to his uncle, Brig. Gen. John Campbell of Strachur, Commander of British troops in West Florida.

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

W. O. 20th July 1779

Sir,

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

I am Sir &c
C: Jenkinson

Lieut Spens
42^d Reg^t. of Foot
Glasgow

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Apr. 1779-Aug. 1779* at WO 4/106, p. 407 (f. 201). Lt. Spens was promoted to Capt. Lieutenant, 95th Regt. on Apr. 9, 1780.

**Listing of Officers Captured at Stony Point, New York, Including Lt. William Nairne, 71st
Grenadier Company (Future Capt., 42nd Additional Company), Goshen, New York, July 22, 1779**

A Return of Officers taken at Stony-Point on the Hudson's River with the Names of their Servants

Rank & Names	Regiments	Servants Names
L ^t . Col. Henry Johnson	17 th Regiment	John Cook & John Nacter...
[Lieu ^t .] Richard Duncanson	71 st Grenadiers	W ^m . M ^c Kinsey
William Nairne	do	John Henderson...
John Ross	do	Hugh M ^c Cloughlin
Robert Grant	do	Alexander M ^c Gregor...

Goshen 22^d July 1779
Ab^m. Skinner
D. C. Pris^{rs}

Source and Note: Lib. of Congress, *Peter Force Papers*, Series IX, Reel 105, pp. 539-540. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. Goshen is located about 30 miles northwest of Stony Point.



Reproduction 44th Regt. Uniform Button

**Commission Announcement for John Ritchie (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Ensign, 44th Regt.,
London, July 24, 1779**

War-Office, July 24, 1779...

44th Regiment of Foot, John Ritchie Gent. to be Ensign, vice David Starke.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 20-24, 1779, p. 3. Ens. John Ritchie later served as a Lt. in the 42nd Grenadiers.

**Copy of Letter from Alexander Mackenzie, Writer to the Signet, to Former
Lt. William Graham, 42nd Regt., Regarding His Father's Estate and Lt. Graham's Response,
Aberdeen, June 29 and July 3, 1779**

Copy of a Letter from M^r Alex^r Mackenzie
Writer to the Signet to Lieu^t William Graham
Aberdeen dated 29th June 1779 –

I lately formed the Settlement twixt You and M^{rs} Graham, which was agreed on with Major [Alexander] & M^{rs} Donaldson and your fathers Trustees__

I showed the Draught to M^r Robert Donaldson the Majors Brother, and after being revised and adjusted with him, it was laid before M^r Thomas Innes Writer to the Signet, as Agent for M^{rs} Grahams Relations, whom we all agreed it was proper to satisfy in such a transaction – And they having approved of it, I now send it to you to be properly executed by yourself and M^{rs} Graham in presence of some Gentleman of Business who will guide you in the form of signing and testing the Paper.

I filled up M^r Moir, M^r Duff, and M^r Donaldson as Trustees suggested By M^r James and M^r Donaldson, and have left room for a fourth if you chuse to add another _ The completing this Deed must give you Satisfaction as it will do to your and M^{rs} Grahams friends_ When it is signed by You and her in proper form, You should send it to M^r Donaldson to be intimate to your fathers Trustees which is necessary to compleat it _ I propose soon to settle my Acco^{ts} with the Trustees, after which an exact State of the Trust affairs will be made out, where you will have a Copy, and you will thereby see what remains of your Patrimony and the Interest you will have to draw

I am &c

[Excerpt of Lt. Graham's Response]

Aberdeen 3^d July 1779

Sir

I rec^d Yours enclosing the contract, but as that paper differs materially from what I meant I must object to having it executed in its present form. My consent might also have been asked in naming of Trustees, as to M^r Innes suggesting proper people to act in that capacity, shall never be with my consent, as I neither know him nor any thing about him, not what bussiness he had to see the contract without my desire, I think in a bussiness of such consequence to me I should at least have been consulted _ The Trustees I would wish to name are M^r James Duff of Banff M^r Rob^t Donaldson Major Donaldson and Major Cha^s. Graham of 42^d Reg^t as to M^r Moir I know nothing, as to the contract I wish for many accounts to be executed and the way in which I wish to have it done is simply thus! That I give up every

right to my patrimony, to my wife, should she survive me, failing her, to my children should I have any at my death...

Major Donaldson will give you this and talk to you on the subject, when I shall be glad to hear from you – I am

Sir your most obe^t Ser^t
William Graham

Source and Notes: NRS, *Graham of Drynie*: Title Deeds and Other Legal Papers at GD255/2/6/10 and 11. Lt. Graham left the 42nd Regt. when these trustees of his father's estate would not advance him the purchase money for a company due to his age. He resigned rather than face the shame of having a junior lieutenant take rank over him. Maj. Alexander Donaldson, 76th Highlanders, (former Capt., 42nd Regt.) had married Graham's sister.

**Lt. William Nairne, 71st Grenadier Company (Future Capt., 42nd Additional Company)
Listed as Prisoner Taken at Stony Point, New York, July 22, 1779**

A Return of the Officers taken at Stony-point on the Hudson's River with the Names of their Servants

Ranks & Names	Regiments	Servant's Names
L ^t . Col. Henry Johnson	17 th Regiment	John Cook & John Nacter...
Lieu ^t ... William Nairne	do [71 st Grenadiers]	John Henderson...
	Ab ^m . Skinner	
	D. C. Pris ^{rs}	

Goshen 22^d July 1779

Source: Lib. of Congress, *Peter Force Papers*, Series IX, Reel 105, pp. 539-540. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Orders for Disposition of British Prisoners, Including Lt. William Nairne, 71st Grenadiers
(Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), Captured at Stony Point from Abraham Skinner,
Rebel Deputy Commissioner of Prisoners, to Mr. William Atlee, Goshen, New York, July 22, 1779**

Goshen 22^d July 1779

Dear Sir

with this (by the direction of Col. Beatty) I send you 466 privates, Prisoners of War taken at Stony Point with 23 Officers as *P*. List inclosed.

The Officers have Signed a Parole to wait of you and are accountable for their servants – The Men and Officers by Order of His Excellency [Gen. Washington] are to have no Communication with each other, for which reason they must be kept at some distance from each other – I have allowed them their servants which reduces the number of Privates from 466 to 441 which you will observe Major Clarke has under his Guard –

An Officer of ours has the Care of the Officers and servants and I hope will deliver them Safe. I know of nothing to inform you of, particularly respecting them – You will only take the necessary Care of them and Inform Col. Beatty of their arrival as early as possible- I am with Respect

Your mo. Obt. Servt.

Ab^m. Skinner

D. C. Pris^{rs}.

M^f. W^m. Atlee
Lancaster

Source: Lib. of Congress, *Peter Force Papers*, Series IX, Reel 105, p. 542. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.



Detail of Portrait of Lord Jeffrey Amherst, by Joshua Reynolds, 1766

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Request for Commission from Lt. William Graham (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces and Lord Amherst's Response, Aberdeen and London, Aug. 5 and Aug. 11, 1779

Aberdeen 5th August 1779

My Lord

I beg pardon for troubling your lordship, but hope your known goodness will excuse me. As there is at present a number of Vacancies in the army (at least I am led to think so from the number of new corps now raising) I should wish to again have the honor of serving his majesty in the same rank as when I quitted the service two years ago; I was my Lord a lieutenant in the 42^d or Royal Highland reg^t for four years when I was offered a company to purchase, but I not being of age my fathers trustees would not advance the money which piqued me so much as to determine me to quit the reg^t sooner than let a younger lieutenant over my head when I knew I had a sufficiency to purchase with.

When I applyd to Sir W^m Howe (Commander in Chief at that time in America) for leave to sell my commission he refused as I had not bought it, but told me I might sell my Ensigny which I had bought but I bought it rather hard as in the same days orders, a Lieu^t [Thomas] Lloyd of 46th Reg^t was allow'd to sell although he had not purchased nor had he been a Lieu^t half the time I was. As his com^{on} bore date 16 March 75 whereas mine was dated 23 Nov^r 72. As I could not but conceive the General had some cause for doing so, I wrote him about it lately, and have taken the liberty of enclosing his answer, which makes one think my case has not been properly represented to him. I therefore beg for your Lordships protection in recommending me to His Majesty; and I am induced to think your Lordship will do for me what is in your power particularly as being the son of one who had the honor of being well known to your Lordship, my father was Lieu^t Col. Gordon Graham of 42^d Reg^t and about whose service I need say nothing, and my only brother is at present Major to the 42^d and my zeal for the service (in which I was educated) is very great.

I have the honor to be with great respect
My Lord your Lordships Most Obedient Humble Servant
William Graham
Late Lieu^t 42^d Rg^t

[Lord Jeffrey Amherst's Response]

Whitehall, 11th August 1779

Sir;

I have received the favour of your Letter of the 2^d instant. it is impossible for me to recommend any person who has sold out of the Army to return into it again but in the lowest Rank, But The King having lately been pleased to consent that certain Officers who have sold out of the Army may return into it again, having no claim to Rank any longer than the Regiment into which they may enter shall continue to be Established, nor to any half Pay, in the case of it's being disbanded; If those Terms are agreeable to you, and you can get yourself proposed to me by one of the Gentlemen who are raising Regiments, I will very readily lay your Name before The King for a Commission accordingly.

I am Sir &c

James Grant Esq^r...

Amherst

Like Letter to Will. Graham, late a Lt in the 42^d Reg^t. of Foot, Aberdeen...

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers*, WO 34/154, f. 141 and WO 34/231, p. 129.

Letter from Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling to William Graham of Airth, Predicting an End of the American War and Discussing Officer Promotions, West Side of Hudson River, New York, Aug. 6, 1779

Strong point 45 Miles f^r NY^k: on West side Hudson river
Aug^t 6th 1779

I received yours, Dear Airth, of 29th Ap^r: but being up at this post the Packet sailed before I got them, I am sorry to find [Lt.] Henrys [Graham, son of Airth] choice is not for the Army as He is now the Eldest Ensⁿ: & every day I expect him appointed L^t however let there be no compulsion used 'tho I wished he had been so inclined as he would be sure of half pay when this War is over & if his inclination led him to follow any other profession £40 pr an: would always assist him, he may study when an Off^{cr} as I had no intention to call him over, at least for a couple of years if there is no Spanish War, I think this w^t France & America must be soon ended – however I shall defer disposing of the Commission until I hear finally from you therefore write me immediately so soon as you & he have determined, & repeat your answer the succeeding Packet. . . I was disappointed in the purchase for [Lt.] H. [Hay] Mcdowal [71st Regt.] by the Letter coming to late, I am still looking out for him will not forget him yours by M^r Cha^s Buchan I received but we Military have little in our power to be of use to any young adventurer if I had should attend to y^r Recomⁿ: I only saw him once I shall write [his brother] S^r W^m [Stirling of Ardoch] & [his sister] M^{rs} [Mary] Campbell soon remember me to them kindly & to all yours I ever am

D^r Airth yours faithfully

Tho^s. Stirling

Source and Notes: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), p. 43 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, f.70. Col. Stirling was appointed a Brig. General (in America only) on June 15, 1779. Ens. Henry Graham, 42nd Additional Co. was appointed Lt. Sept. 24, 1779 – effective Feb. 2, 1779. Capt. Macdowal got his company in the 42nd Regt. effective Sept. 20, 1779, but never served in America.



Plan of Paulus's Hook and fortifications, 1778, by

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

General Orders Appointing Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to Board Investigating Rebel Attack on Paulus Hook, New Jersey, Aug. 19, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 19th Augst 1779...

After Orders 8 at Night

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to direct that Brig^t Generals [Arthur George] Martin and [George] Garth with three Field Officers shall Assemble at Paulus Hook tomorrow morning at ten o'Clock to make inquiry into the cause of the affront suffered there from the Enemy this Morning and to report their opinion of the same to his Excellency.

Brig^t Gen [Arthur George] Martin President

Brig ^t General [George] Garth	}	
Lieu ^t Colo [William] Martin Royal Art ^y	}	Members
Lieu ^t Colo M ^c Pherson 42 ^d Regm ^t	}	
Lieu ^t Colo	}	Foot guards

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. At this time the 42nd Regt. was serving at Stony Point, confirming Lt. Col. M^cPherson's absence from the regiment.



Maj. Gen. John Reid, Col., 95th Regt.

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Letter from Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson, Approving Lt. John Spens, 42nd Regt., as Capt. Lieutenant, 95th Regt., London, Aug. 27, 1779

Whitehall, 27th August 79

Sir,

I have the honour to send you herewith a List of Officers which have been approved by the King for ...Colonel Reid's ...

I have the honour to be, Sir &c
Amherst

Right Honble Charles Jenkinson

For Colonel Reids...

Lt. John Spencer [Spens] of 42^d Foot to be Capt. Lieutenant...

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/231 ff. 210-211. Col. John Reid of Straloch served as a Lt. Col. of the 42nd Regt. during the French & Indian War (see *Sons of the Mountain*, Vol. II, p. 5).

Memorial from Maj. Alexander Donaldson, 76th (MacDonald's) Highland Regt. (Former Capt., 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Complaining of Being Passed over for Lt. Colonelcy of 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Aug. 27, 1779

[Cover Sheet]

Major Alex. Donaldson
27th. Aug^t. 79
Ans^d: the 21st. Sept:

[Letter]

Edinb^r 27th Aug^t 1779

My Lord.

At a time when your Excellency is so unweariedly employed in great National business; it gives me much concern to be obliged to lay before your Lordship a Memorial Stateing a Correspondence twix General Lord John Murray & myself relative to his Lordships first offer & my repeated acceptance of the Lieut Colonelcy of the 2^d Battⁿ of the 42nd or Royal Highland Reg^t now to be raised, and for which Commission his Lordship had mention'd me to your Excellency on the 4th & was approved according to his letter to me of the 5th –

I doubt not but your Excellency will find the Correspondence very binding – Yet Lord John Murray I am this day informed has recommended to your Excellency Major [Norman] M^cLeod [of MacLeod] of the 2nd Battⁿ 73rd Reg^t an Officer whose first Commission was that of a Captain and who has not yet served four years, in preference to me who has served twenty one years, Nineteen of which in the 42nd & ten of them as Adjutant, who had the honor of serving under your Excellency's Command in the Reduction of Canada, disciplined the 2nd Battⁿ of the 42nd under direction of the late Lieut Colonel Gordon Graham, and conducted the raising & Disciplining the 76th Reg^t. –

From your Excellencys known attachment to the Army & protection of every Officer in it who finds himself Injur'd, I flatter myself that your Excellency will find the Justice of Lord John Murrays adhering to his promises & your first Approbation by Authorizing me now on the spot to execute his beating Orders in my Custody; which were sent for my Acceptance in his Lordships letter of the 7th instant, & which at his request I accordingly accepted of a Second time upon his own very great rise of terms at particular desire by Express the 11th. – and only waited for his Lordships executive Order as he had not addressed his Beating Order to me further than that it was sent in his letter, but I doubted whether it would have Justified my departure from the duty of the 76th Reg^t. without your Excellencys Authority –

Should your Excellency desire to see Lord John Murrays letters, I have sent them to Mess^{rs} Bishop & Brummell Agents; mine to his Lordship will be seen in his Lordships hands.

That Lord John may be Satisfyed I mean no Advantage to his prejudice I shall also by to Morrows post send his Lordship a copy of my Case herewith sent your Excellency, that if it is possible he may Justify his conduct to your Lordship with as little loss of time as is possible as I know it to be precious in every view in these times.

This is a question which I am influenced to Submit to the Review of His Majesty, not purely for the sake of Obtaining Justice to myself, but also on Account of its high Importance to the Army in general. I have the Honor to be with the highest Respect

My Lord

His Excellency Lord Amherst

Your Lordships most Obedient & most Humble Serv^t
Alex^r Donaldson
Major 76th. Reg^t. Foot

[Enclosure]

27th August }
1779 }

Memorial for Major Alexander Donaldson of 76th Regiment

The object of this Memorial is to bring under the view of His Excellency Lord Amherst Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces, the particulars of a Treaty between the R^t Hon^{ble} General Lord John Murray Colonel of the 42^d Regiment and Major Donaldson respecting the Major's appointment to be Lieutenant Colonel to the 2nd Battalion of said Regiment; but which Treaty has been retracted from by Lord John to accomodate the wishes of another. –

Altho' Major Donaldson considered himself to be appointed by Lord John to this Lieutenant Colonelcy in as positive and express terms as it is possible to fix a covenant of this kind by Letters of correspondence, yet as Lord John has taken upon

him in opposition to, and as the Major is advised in breach of his promise to him to appoint Major Normand Macleod of the 2nd Battalion of the 73^d Regiment to be his Lieutenant-Colonel, Major Donaldson humbly begs leave to state his case to Lord Amherst the Father of the army, that his Lordship may be pleased to lay it before his Majesty for his gracious directions; or that his Lordship may take such other steps as he shall judge proper for obtaining Major Donaldson such redress as his Lordship shall think honourable and equitable. –

Lo: John's 1st
Letter
26 July 1779

Lord John Murray wrote Major Donaldson from Bannercross of this date - intimating – That he had last night a Letter from London making him an offer of raising a 2nd Battalion, on the same terms with the other new Corps's now raising; – that no levy money was to be given; – but that as he was to have the proposing of Officers, that he had that day accepted of it. – Therefore Lord John makes Major Donaldson the first offer of being Lieutenant Colonel to it on raising his Quota of men. If that was not convenient or

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agreeable to the Major, he sent inclosed a Letter to Lord William Gordon, which, after perusing he desired him to seal and send by first post; as no time was to be lost. Lord John hoped to have his Answer by return of post directed to Bannercross. –

29 July 1779

Major Donaldson the day he received this Letter at Edinburgh wrote Lord John his answer of this date, gratefully accepting of his offer – Adding, “That it was very pleasing and flattering to him to have an opportunity of returning to his Lordship's Regiment; for which he had long laboured and in which he had spent the best of his days.”

Assuring his Lordship “no exertions in his power should be unattempted to forward its interest and establishment. – That tho' he could not be certain of men, he was certain of application, and the character of the Royal Highland Regiment could never fail getting men – at least he ever found its effects when on recruiting ground with other Corps's. –

Tho' in this Letter Major Donaldson intimates to Lord John his being recommended to be Lieutenant Colonel to a 2nd Battalion proposed to be added to the 76th Regiment, to which he now belongs, he hoped his Lordship would forgive his partiality to his Regiment. That he should wait with anxious impatience to hear from his Lordship, and should not send Lord William Gordon's Letter till then – And that as Colonel [John] M'Donnel of the 76th was at Edinburgh, it was impossible for him to do anything till his Lordship procured him the King's Appointment; when every thing his Lordship might direct should be execute sofar as in his power.

30 July 1779

Major Donaldson the next day took the opportunity of a Frank of his Agents to write Lord John a 2nd Letter, referring to his Letter the day before – And as the Major considered Lord John's offer as extremely friendly; and therefore wished him to be expeditious as well as attentive to the Terms and Establishment of his

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2nd Battalion; in the view, and to Spur him on to get out his Nomination as quickly as possible, the Major mentioned to his Lordship his expectation of the 76th having a Battalion immediately, and that perhaps the orders were on the road – If so, that he was surely recommended, and should be much at a loss how to act. That he did not think the 76th proposed without levy money or rank and half pay to Gentlemen that never served – Adding – That without both, he was next to certain Gentlemen would not engage: Indeed it would be infinitely easier for them to purchase at once. – And to illustrate this general proposition; but without applying it to the terms of the acceptance of the offer of the Lieutenant Colonelcy he proceeds thus: “I would much rather at

once give the difference 'twixt my Majority and next step than go a recruiting – I am certain 40 men just now would cost more, and more is not expected – can't be."

To these the Major subjoins some Observations as to money matters; the state of the Country as to men and cash; the necessity of a good Nomination; and particularly pressing the speedy Appointment of the Field Officers, as nothing till then could be done, especially when they are brought from other Regiments – And he begs to be excused for these Observations which anxiety that his Lordship's Battalion should succeed made him suggest.

Lo: John's 2^d
Letter
2^d Aug^t 1779
Monday

Lord John, of this date, writes Major Donaldson a second Letter, wherein he says, that he received his Letter of the 29th July at Sheffield – Lord John also intimates – "That he was then certain of having it in his power to recommend him to be Lieutenant Colonel and Captain of his 2nd Battalion for his long Services in the Royal Highland Regiment & his attachment to it, provided he would raise his Quota of men, which he believed would be about 70" – Lord John referred to his last, and recommended not to deliver Lord William

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Gordon's Letter, but to keep it safely till he should have the pleasure to see the Major. – His Lordship also mentions receipt of a Letter last night; that his Majesty approved of his 2nd Battalion – that he was next day to sett out for London, and would write him from thence Thursday or Friday – Recommending to the major in the mean time "to be prepared and inform him those he thought would be proper." His Lordship then states that he had wrote to severals – and desires the Major, if Lady Mackintosh or M^{rs} Macleod of Macleod were at Edinburgh to wait on them with his Compliments, and that he desired to know if they had any recommendations. Lord John promises to send the Major a List of his Outpensioners to be assistant to his recruiting Officers. Tells him what friends in Scotland he has wrote to observing his persuasion that the Major would do all he could to exert himself in getting good men and that he would send him beating orders as soon as he received them. And his Lordship adds this P.S. "As soon as you send me your Obligation to raise your Quota shall get your appointment –" And concludes with desiring the Major to inform him the number other corpses raised for Commissions.

6 Aug^t 1779

Major Donaldson immediately on receipt of this Letter wrote Lord John his answer of this date congratulating on his 2nd Battalion, tho' the terms seemed hard; but hoping such a Nomination would be procured, as with the established and deserved character of the Regiment would carry it thro! – The Major acknowledges the infinite Obligation he is under to his Lordship for bringing him back to the Corps – Assures him, that nothing in his power should be undone to complete whatever he might think he should get of men – and if he came short; he thereby became bound to pay him what the deficiency might be in money upon demand.

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– At same time the Major mentions the uncertainty of men, but the certainty of his application, and the readiness of his money to procure them – And inforces the propriety of procuring his Appointment to authorise him to speak above board to the Gentlemen of the Country then staggering twixt Corpses. –

To these particulars the Major adds a long account of what he had done and was to do for promoting the 2nd Battalion – Sends a note of the proportions of men furnished by the Officers of other Corpses – And concludes with a Call from his Lordship for every assistance from the additional Companies they can give them, as it was now a common Interest –

Lo: John's 3^d
Letter
5 Aug^t 1779

The day before the date of this Letter of Major Donaldson's Lord John wrote him a 3^d Letter from London –stating – That he was that morning with Lord Amherst;

who repeated to him, that the King gave him leave to recommend all his Officers. – That he told his Lordship “that he proposed the Major to be his Lieutenant Colonel, which he said he would give in to his Majesty as soon as he wrote him that he had raised the proper number.” – After intimating the terms of the Establishment of the 2^d Battalion and inclosing printed hand bills of some Corpses levying in England as Specimens for recruiting Bills to be printed when the Beating Orders were sent Lord John gives a variety of discretions respecting the Gentlemen to be applied to as Officers, their abilities to levy their Quotas of men, the men being all Highlanders; and the time in which the Regiment might be raised – And desiring, if the Appointment of the Regiment was not already published in the Scots papers to do it directly in an authenticated manner and to correspond with those he thought proper.

10 Aug^t 1779

On receipt of this Letter Major Donaldson wrote Lord John owning receipt of it; and thanking his Lordship for having mentioned him to Lord Amherst.

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But as no Commission would be given till the Regiment is past; asking if it was not necessary to have a liberty for him, or a notification from the War Office that his Majesty approves of him to be Lieut Colonel to his Lordships 2nd Battalion, that he might push forward its interest till its completion – The Major then ignorant of the Terms of the Establishment; suggests some difficulties that occurred to him as to Subalterns without levy money or half pay, in respect of the scarcity of money and dearness of men. – And concludes with a variety of the particulars in obedience to Lord John’s desire, of such steps as he had taken and was to take for the good of the Regiment; and in particular, hints to get an order for the additional to assist in recruiting and disciplining the 2nd Battalion – and gives his opinion as to the time when the Regiment would be complete. –

Lo: John’s 4th
Letter
7th Aug^t 1779

Major Donaldson on the 11th August received at Edinburgh a fourth Letter from Lord John, of this date stating, That he received the Major’s Letter of 30th July last night, which seemed of different sentiments from his former on that Subject. However he inclosed him a Letter of the 6th August from M^r Alexander Anderson his Agent, noting the proportions of men in the other new Corpses, which his Lordship intended to follow for the good and expdition of the Recruiting Service. – His Lordship also inclosed to the Major the Letter of Service, the Establishment and Beating Order, and desired his Answer by express if he accepted of it; otherways it won’t be in his power to wait longer, consistent with the Offers he had – His Lordship concludes, that he had ordered Captain [Patrick] Graham to Edinburgh, to whom he desires the Major give the inclosed papers, if he declines it and write him by post to Bannercross.

By M^r Anderson the Agent’s Letter referred to by Lord John in his last; the Quota of the Lieu^t Colonel

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is stated at 100 men or pay £1000.

11 Aug^t 1779
4 o’clock aft
noon

Major Donaldson received these last two Letters at Edinburgh on Wednesday 11th August past 3 o’clock afternoon. He instantly wrote Lord John an Answer by express as desired, to this purpose – That he was sorry his Lordship had misinterpreted his Letter of the 30th July, as he had accepted of the Lieutenant Colonelcy the day before – That then he only mentioned, for his Lordships information, the difficulties that he would meet with in carrying on the Service as to money – But that he himself was ready and then informed his Lordship, according to desire, that he accepted of the Beating Order &c, and had £1000 ready to push on the raising of the Regiment. – And,

Next day Major Donaldson wrote Lord John by post; recapitulating what he had wrote by express, and observing his persuasion that his Lordship would see his

paying down the money right to discomber him from the recruiting, tho' in that duty he should do all in his power, that he might be enabled to attend to the other Regimental business at Head quarters, but hinting the propriety of tying down all the other Officers, except the Officer at Head Quarters to get their men; that the Majors money would make a Fund for the Officers of the Additional, who were now of the 2nd Battalion to recruit upon. –

In this Letter the Major gives his Lordship such other Observations as occurred proper for him to suggest for the good of the Battalion, and concludes with expressing his hopes, that he would on Monday receive his Lordships Orders and Appointment; when every thing he could, or his Lordship direct; so far as in his power, would be done – But that he could not act in the interim as the Beating Order was not directed to him. –

After matters had been so fully understood on both sides with respect to the Majors having the first offer of this Lieutenant Colonelcy, and his repeated acceptance of it; he was justly surprised to find by

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Lo John's 5th
Letter
9 August
1779

the receipt of a fifth Letter from Lord John, that a snake lurked in the grass, and that notwithstanding all that had passed, he now wished to prefer – not Lord William Gordon, who was to have the second offer – but Major M^cLeod, an Officer not of 4 years standing, whose first Commission was to a Company. To make way for whom Lord John wished to be off with Major Donaldson, first by endeavoring to obtain a refusal of acceptance from him on a rise of the Terms – and failing of that; by resorting to a supposed change of his sentiments and his expectations of a step in the 76th Regiment founded on a misconstruction of his second Letter to Lord John of 30th July – For altho Lord John in his 4th Letter of 7th August; wherein he sends Major Donaldson the Letter of Service, the Establishment and Beating Order desired the Major's Answer by express if he accepted of the Lieutenancy Colonelcy under the condition of providing 100 men or paying £1000 being the term signified by M^r [Alexander] Anderson, which necessarily implied that he was in any event at least to wait for Major Donaldson's answer by the express which could not possibly be in London before the evening of Saturday the 14th or morning of Sunday the 15th, yet by Lord John's 5th Letter above mentioned, which was wrote before that the 4th Letter containing his last and new and additional proposition was halfway to Edinburgh, writes – “That on examining M^r Andersons proposal he found it too much, as 70 men, and a deposit of £700 for raising them, is what he had fixed” – However his Lordship adds “As he supposed Major Donaldson, by mentioning 40 men being too much, and not willing to go a recruiting with the prospect in the Regiment where he is, he understood it was not agreeable to him, and should therefore be obliged to recommend another, as not a day was to be lost.”

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Lord John concludes this farewell Letter of his with mentioning, that he had appointed his Captains, the most of whom would sett out that week – States the proportions of men and money for Subalterns, which he desires the Major to inform his Agent at Edinburgh of – Wishes the Major success in his expectations of a Step in his own Corps, tho' then he well knew there was to be no addition to it; and desires to return Lord William Gordons Letter to him at Bannercross, and the Letter of Service, Beating Order and Establishment to Captain P. Graham at Edinburgh –

14 Aug^t 1779

Major Donaldson however, instead of complying with these last demands, which he is determined not to submit to, answered this 5th Letter of Lord John's the same day he received it in these terms: – “My Lord – with equal surprise and astonishment I received your Lordship's Letter of the 9th this day – by which I find

your Lordship has misinterpreted my Letter of the 30th July – I accepted of your Lordship’s offer of being Lieutenant Colonel to the 2nd Battalion immediately before – In answer to your Letter of the 2nd I became bound on the 6th to raise the men or pay the deficiency on demand – Yours of the 7th I received the 11th in which I had time given me to find send an Express. I again accepted and told £1000 was ready to raise my men; and actually lodged my money at a Banker and since wrote you at Bannercross, at your desire, that I had sent the Express – My Letter of the 6th would arrive with you on the 10th, so that I hope it would come time enough to prevent your recommending any other person, as till the return of the Express sent the 11th from here, I am certain your Lordship could not recommend any other; and even if you have that it will be altered on receiving that Letter, as ‘till then your Lordship surely cannot recommend to my prejudice. I therefore look upon your Lordships promise as good, and hope in a few days to have your Orders. –

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26 August 1779 Rather than to be driven to the very painfull necessity of giving the Commander in Chief the trouble of stating this case to his Majesty, Major Donaldson, of this date, wrote Lord John another Letter, in hope’s of obtaining voluntary satisfaction, on the supposition that the Nomination to Major Macleod was not yet settled; and on the failure of redress intimating his fixed determination to apply for it elsewhere – But the Major having this day received notification from Major Macleod’s Commissioner here, “that by Letters just received from London, he finds the Lieutenant Colonelcy of the 42^d is fixed and that the King has approved of Major Macleods Nomination, Major Donaldson thus discovering Lord John has determined in this matter in opposition to his repeated offers in his favor, and his own express acceptance of them, must now have recourse to the Fountain of Justice. –

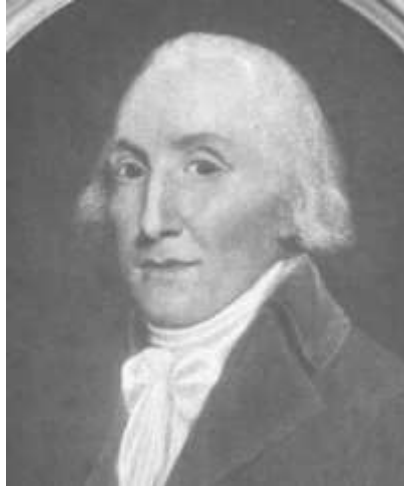
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3^{dly} It is submitted whether Lord John’s 5th and last Letter of the 9th but two days after that he had called upon the Major in his Letter of the 7th August to say by express, whether he accepted of the high terms of 100 men or £1000 and his Lordship’s concluding without waiting for the Answer by the express that the Terms were not agreeable to him, and that he should therefore be obliged to recommend another, does not clearly evince, a determined partiality in favour of Major Macleod or some other person, at the same time that these circumstances demonstrate that the change of terms was but a contrivance to obtain Major Donaldson’s refusal as a chance to gain a favourable retreat.

The single question therefore, which Major Donaldson humbly intreats Lord Amherst will be pleased to take the trouble to State to His Majesty, that His Majesty’s Pleasure with respect to it may be known, is, Whether Lord John Murray was at liberty to alter or retract his promise of the Lieutenant Colonelcy of his 2nd Battalion of the 42nd Regiment to Major Donaldson an Officer of above 21 years standing, whom his Lordship admits served long in the Regiment and was attached to it; and who levied men for his Ensigncy; purchased his Company; and provided his quota of men for his Majority, in order to make way for the Appointment of Major Macleod, an officer not of 4 years standing, and whose first Commission was that of a Captain. –

Alex^r Donaldson
Major 76th Reg^t Foot

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers*, WO 34/154, ff. 580-587. Maj. Donaldson’s request was denied and he remained with the 76th MacDonald Highlanders.



Capt. John M°Intosh

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

Excerpt of a letter from Capt. John M°Intosh, 42nd Regt, to a Relative in Inverness Regarding Their Cousin, Capt. Angus M°Intosh, 71st Highland Regt., Stony Point, New York, Aug. 29, 1779

Stoneypoint, 29th August, 1779

...I had a letter from our cousin Angus, the 15th July, from Savannah. All our friends are well. Angus is to purchase Cluny Macpherson's majority. I expect every day to see him appointed in orders, as I hear the commander-in-chief approves of it...

Source and Note: *Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness*, Vol. XIX, Gaelic Society of Inverness, Inverness, 1895, Google Books, pp. 108-109. Capt. Angus MacPherson of the 71st Regt., cousin of Capt. John M°Intosh of the 42nd Regt., died from fatigue and exposure on Aug. 24, 1779 at Beaufort, South Carolina. "Cluny Macpherson" was Maj. Duncan Macpherson of Cluny (19th Chief of Clan Macpherson) and also known in Clan histories as "Duncan of the Kiln. ").

Orders Promoting Sgt. Maj. James Rose, 42nd Regt. to be Adjutant to the Provisional 2nd Battalion, New York, Aug. 31, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 31st Aug 1779...

Serjeant Major [James] Rose is appointed Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion of the 42nd Regiment vice [John] Rutherford who resigns that Office...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. It was common in the British Army of this period to promote Sgts. Major to be Adjutants. This promotion confused the War Office when sent for the King's approval, because of the reference to the 2nd Battalion. The official 2nd Battalion was recruiting in Scotland at that time and Rose was appointed to the provisional 2nd Battalion serving in America.

Recommendation for Commission for Duncan Drummond by Former 42nd Regt. Brevet-Maj. James M°Pherson, Glasgow, Sept. 1, 1779

I do hereby certify that M^r Duncan Drummond is very well Qualified and very fit for serving His Majesty either as Lieu^t or En^{sn} in any of the New Corps now to be raised –

Given under my hand at Glasgow

James M°Pherson

1st Sep^t 1779

late Major 42^d Or R: H: Reg^t

P: S: As to Age, appearance or education
there can be no objections

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/156 pt. 2, f. 223.

**Letter from Col. John Reid, 95th Regt., to Leonard Morse, War Office, Requesting
Recruiting Assistance from Lt. John Spens, 42nd Regt., London, Sept. 6, 1779**

Colonel Reid presents his Compliments to M^r Morse, and is sorry to be so troublesome to him. As he expects to raise a Number of Men in the Citys of Edin^r and Glasgow, he begs leave of absence for two of his Officers in particular, who he thinks are the least liable to objection. Viz Lieu^t [Malcolm] MacNeil of the 1st Foot...and Lieu^t [John Spens] Spence of the 42^d Regiment whose presence here is not in the least degree necessary. He therefore begs to know M^r Morse's opinion, whether these Gentlemen may not proceed without farther delay on their Journey, as the Recruiting Service is very much retarded.

6th Sep^{tr}

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/155, f. 100. Spens had been selected for Capt. Lt. in Reid's regiment.

**General Orders Appointing Ens. William Frazer, 42nd Lt. Infantry
Company, to be Assistant Engineer, New York, Sept. 7, 1779**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 7th September 1779...
Lieut [Thomas] Barrett of the 23^d Regim^t and Ensign Frazer of the 42^d Regim^t are appointed to act as Assistant Engineers untill further Orders....

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Although three officers with similar names served in the regiment during the war the "*Ensign Frazer*" in this order was Ens. William Frazer, who was assigned to the 42nd Light Inf. Co. The next William Fraser to join the regiment was not commissioned until orders dated Apr. 18, 1780 and the last William Fraser was not commissioned until Sept. 1780.

**Recommendations for Officers for the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. from Gen. Lord John
Murray to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces,
London, Sept. 9, 1779**

My Lord

I have the honour to include the Names of some more officers of the Second Battalion of the 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot in hopes the King will be pleased to approve of them...I have the honour to be with great Regard My Lord...

Charter Street
9th Sept^r 1779

John Murray

Some More Officers Proposed for 2^d Battalion of the 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot

Major John M^cIntosh Eldest Cap^t of the Addit^{ls} of the 42^d now eldest of the Second Battalion...

John Murray

List of Field Officers and Captains proposed for the 2^d Battalion of the 42^d or Royal
Highland Regiment of Foot

Colonel General Lord John Murray
 Lieu^t Co^l Norman Macleod
 Major John M^cIntosh
 Captains Patrick Graham...

Major in the 73^d Reg^t
 Eldest Cap^t in the Add^{ls} of 42^d

John Murray

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/155, ff. 134-136. Lord Murray was notified on July 29, 1779 that the King had approved a second battalion for the 42nd Regt. Capt. John M^cIntosh and Capt. Patrick Graham had both served with the 1st Battalion in America. Maj. MacLeod of MacLeod had served with the 71st Regt. in America. M^cIntosh never served in an Additional Company, having resigned when Lt. Col. Stirling refused him leave to return to Scotland.

Lt. John Spens, 42nd Regt. on List of Proposed Officers for Col. John Reid's 95th Regt., London, Approximately Sept. - Oct. 1779

Most humbly proposed to His Majesty
 To be Officers in the following Regiments
 In Colonel Reid's
 Lt: John Spence of 42^d Foot to be Capt: Lt.

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/155, f. 189.

Listing of the Officers of 42nd Regt. Additional Companies, Sept. 16, 1779

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Return of Officers Posted to the Additional Companies of the within mentioned Regiments
 16th. September 1779.

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Reg ^{ts}	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Remarks...
42d	{ [Patrick] Graham { [James] M ^c Pherson	M ^c Pherson -----	L^d W^m Murray 77 F. [Dugald] Campbell	The Lieu ^t . Vacant...

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/188, f. 262. There was no lieutenant named M^cPherson in the 1st Additional Company during the American war. In Mar. 1780, however, Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson unsuccessfully tried to get promotion service credit for his son John who he said was a Volunteer with an additional company of the 42nd Regt. Vol. John M^cPherson may be the individual mistakenly included in this return as a lieutenant. The annotation for Lord William Murray is also incorrect. Lord William Murray (younger brother of the 4th Duke of Atholl) was promoted to lieutenant in the 1st Battalion in America prior to his promotion to Captain in the 77th or Atholl Highland Regt. on Dec. 30, 1777.

2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Officer Commission List from Regimental Agent, London, Approximately Sept. 20, 1779

List of Officers of the 2^d Battⁿ of the 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment

Colonel	Lord John Murray		
Lieu ^t Colonel	Norman MacLeod	25 th Sept ^r 1778	Major 73 ^d Foot
Major	Patrick Graham	5 June 78	Cap ^t Add: 42 ^d
Captains			
John M ^c Gregor	L ^t 17 August 75	L ^t 28 th July 1760	42 ^d
James Murray	L ^t 15 Sept ^f 58	from late 78	half pay

James Drummond	L ^t 14 Novem ^r 75	of 66 Foot
Hay MacDowall	L ^t in 71 1 Sept ^r 76	via M ^c In ^{sh} by pur ^s 20 Sep ^r 79
Colin Campbell	L ^t 25 May 78	of 36 Foot
Thomas Dalyell	L ^t 1 June 78	of 32 Foot
David Lindsay	L ^t 17 Decem ^r 78	of 69 Foot
John Grant	L ^t 9 June 79	of 1 Foot

Lieutenants

Newfoundland	John Grant	L ^t 14 January 75	Addit: of 42 ^d
New York	Alex ^r M ^c Gregor	L ^t 5 June 78	D ^o
Newfoundland	Dugald Campbell	L ^t 26 August 78	D ^o
	James Spens	Ensign 5 June 78	D ^o
	John Oswald	Ensign 25 Aug ^t 78	D ^o
	Aneas Fraser	Ensign 29 Sept ^r 78	D ^o [see note]
Recruiting	William Boyle	Ensign of 48 Foot	
	Alex ^r Dunbar	Lieutenant in the Sutherland Fencibles	
	Alex ^r Maitland		
	Allan Robinson		
	John MacLeod		
	Alex ^r Rose		

Ensigns

John Stewart Volunteer in the 42^d on his way to join
 John Murray Robertson Recruiting
 Alex^r Macdonald Ensⁿ in Gen^l Dundass's Scotch Hollanders
 Robert Robertson
 John Macdonald Sick
 William White D^o
 Charles MacLean
 John Macpherson

Chaplain

John Stewart

Adjutant

James Rose Sergeant Major 42^d on his way to join

Quarter Master

Donald Plowman

Surgeon

Thomas Farquharson

Surgeon Mate

Daniel Campbell

Source and Notes: *Lord John Murray Papers*. When the 2nd Bn. was approved, the officers of the two additional companies of the 1st Bn. and their men were transferred to the 2nd Bn. Capt. M^cGregor had originally been commissioned under the name Gregor because the name MacGregor was banned at the time. Aneas Fraser came from the 73rd Regt. and not from an additional company. Vol. and Sgt. John Stewart was thought to have died, but had been a prisoner of war before he escaped, but never joined the 2nd Bn. John Murray Robertson was the illegitimate son of Lord John Murray. John Macpherson was the son of retired Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt. Sgt. Maj. Rose was commissioned in the 1st Bn. and did not join the 2nd.



Detail of Portrait of Hay Macdowall, c-1793, by Henry Raeburn

Picture Source: alchetron.com

**Promotion Order for Lt. Hay Macdowall, Additional Company,
71st Highland Regt., to Company in 42nd Regt., New York, Sept. 22, 1779**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 22nd Sep^r 1779
The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to make the following promotions...

42nd Regiment

Lieu ^t Hay M ^c Dowel from 71 st Regiment to be Captain by purchase vice	} 20 th Sep 1779.
[Capt. John] M ^c Intosh who retires	}

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Capt. Macdowall, who was serving in one of the 71st Regiment's additional companies in Scotland, never actually joined the regiment in America. He claimed that he wanted to go to America, but was ordered to stay in Scotland in order to raise the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. He eventually transferred to the 2nd Battalion, in Scotland and served with the battalion in India.

**2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Deserter Advertisement Indicates Lt. John Oswald
(Former Lt., 1st Battalion) Recruiting, Edinburgh, Sept. 22, 1779**

DESERTED the 14th September inst from a recruiting party of the 2d Battalion of the 42d or Royal Highland Regiment, now at Edinburgh, commanded by the Right Hon. Lord John Murray,

DONALD M^cGLAUCHAN, Private Solder, aged 23, formerly a Gentleman's servant, about 5 feet 5 inches high, of a ruddy complexion, black eyes, black curled hair hanging loose upon his shoulders, short and well made. Had on when he deserted a brown coat, a white velvet cap, white vest and breeches, and a slouched hat: He made his escape from an ale-house, Bristo-port, Edinburgh.

Whoever apprehends and secures the above deserter in any of his Majesty's jails in Great Britain, or give information so that he may be apprehended, to Lieutenant Oswald of the 42d Regiment, at Mr Muschet's, musician, Edinburgh, shall receive TWO GUINEAS, over and above the reward allowed by act of Parliament for apprehending deserters.

N. B. If the above deserter will give himself up, or return to his recruiting party before the expiration of this month, he will be pardoned, and kindly received.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Sept. 22, 1779, p. 3.

Promotion Order for Ens. Henry Graham, 42nd Regt., to be Lieutenant, New York, Sept. 24, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 24th Sept^r 1779...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following Promotions

42nd Reg^{mt}

Ensⁿ Henry Graham to be Lieu^t vice [Harry] Munro promoted...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. Graham was the nephew of Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.). Born in 1766, Graham was initially commissioned Ensign in an additional company in Scotland in Feb. 1779 (effective Nov. 11, 1777) at age 13. Graham's promotion to Lieutenant was effective Feb. 2, 1779. Lt. Harry Munro was promoted to Capt. Lt. in the 1st Bn., 71st Regt. in orders dated May 22, 1779.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., to Provost John MacIntosh of Aberarder, Concerning Promotion of Capt. John M^cIntosh (1st Battalion) to Major, 2nd Battalion, London, Sept. 27, 1779

"London, 27th September, 1779

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have been appointed Lieutenant-Colonel to the 2nd Battalion of the 42nd which is going to be raised. As I cannot obtain leave to repair immediately to Scotland, I have begged my friends in Skye to begin recruiting my quota in my absence...Captain John Mackintosh of the 42nd is appointed major, and I am desired by Lord John Murray to spur his friends in recruiting for him. The rank of officers depend on the speedy [completion]... [Remainder of letter illegible.]

Source: *Antiquarian Notes, Historical, Genealogical, and Social* (Second Series), by Charles Fraser-Mackintosh, F.S.A. Scot., A. & W. Mackenzie, Inverness, 1897, p. 290. As mentioned above, Capt. M^cIntosh had resigned from the army before being notified of this promotion.

Summary of Letter from Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Regarding Delay in Approval of Lt. Harry Munro, 42nd Regt., to be Capt. Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot, London, Oct. 6, 1779

List dated July 29th 1779, New York

Cap ^t L ^t Alex ^r Sutherland	Captain vice	[George] Munro	deceased	Feb ^{ry} 2, 1779
Lieu ^t Harry Munroe, 42 ^d Regt.	Cap ^t -L ^t vice	Sutherland	promoted	d ^o

The list of appointments is approved by the King excepting the successor to Captain Munro of the 71st Regiment to whose vacancy Cap^t L^t Alexander Sutherland is proposed to succeed. The appointment of L^t Sutherland to be Cap^t L^t in Sir Henry Clinton's list of April 2^d 1779 has not received the King's approbation because it did not appear that Sir Henry Clinton was acquainted with the alteration to the date of L^t. Robert Duncanson's commission. And as, by their alteration L^t. Duncanson becomes senior Lieutenant to L^t. Alex^r Sutherland the second succession has not been approved by the King. Both successions therefore lay over until it appears that the exception to the former one of the two has been understood by Sir Henry Clinton.

(signed) Amherst

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Commission Books (series I)* at WO 25/34, p. 253. Transcribed by Michael Barrett. The format of the above letter is established to match similar letters, using the notes of Mr. Barrett. Following the resolution of the question of seniority, King George III approved Munro's promotion on June 22, 1780.

Letter to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson from Lt. William Stewart, Captain, Sandown Fort (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) Requesting a Company of Invalids, Isle of Wight, Oct. 7, 1779

Isle Wight October 7th: 1779

Sir

When I had the Honor of waiting on your last you were So Good as to say you would mention my name to Lord, or, General Amherst for a Company of Invalids.

I hope your goodness will pardon this Liberty as my friend Colonel Stuart is abroad and no friends in England at present. I shall only add that Sandown Fort yields only fourty pounds Annually.

Am with the greatest respect.

Sir Your most Obe^t. & most Hum^l Servant

Wm. Stewart

Right Hon^{ble} Cha^s. Jenkinson Esq^r.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers*, Miscellaneous Letters, WO 34/156 pt.1, f. 117. Lt. Stewart, 42nd Regt., was badly wounded and lost the use of a leg in the Battle of Piscataway, N. J. on May 10, 1777 and involuntarily transferred to the Invalids.

Commission Request from Lt. William Graham (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief His Majesty's Forces, with Initial Response Note and Lord Amherst's Response, Aberdeen, Oct. 23, 1779 and London, Nov. 2, 1779

Aberdeen 23^d Oct^r 1779

My Lord

Since I was honored with your lordships letter I have made several applications to Gentlemen raising corps to be named by them as a Lieu^t, but owing to my being ignorant where some of them were I have been disappointed by being too late in my application. My first application was to Lord John Murray my late collonel and inclos'd is his answer; a few months ago I resigned a lieutenancy in the Duke of Gordon's [Northern] fencible reg^t finding myself entirely out of the line of preferment by continuing there. My present solicitation to your lordship is owing to my zeal for the Service and I am hopefull your lordships knowledge of my father (L^t Col^l Gordon Graham) will induce your lordship to serve me upon the present occasion by recommending me to His Majesty for a lieu^y in any corps, and

I have the honor to be My Lord

Your Lordships Most obedient Humble Servant

William Graham

late Lieu^t 42^d Reg^t

[Annotation] Retired 22^d Ap^l 77

[Response in bottom left corner] Ack: with Package frm Lord J M. enclosed which In return.

I have already informed you how a person who has sold out of the Army may return to it again. I cannot recommend to the K. any person under those circumstances to be restored to the Army.

[Lord Amherst's Issued Response]

Whitehall, 2^d Nov^r 1779

Sir

I have received the favour of your Letter of the 25th past, with Lord John Murray's enclosed which I return.

I have already informed you how a person who has sold out of the Army may return to it again. I cannot recommend to The King any Person under those circumstances to be restored to the Army.

I am Sir &c

W^m Graham Esq^r
late a Lt in the 42^d Foot
at Aberdeen

Amherst

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers*, WO 34/156 Pt. 2, f. 421 and at WO 34/188 and WO 34/232, p. 76. A muster roll of the Northern Fencibles (1778-83) raised by the 4th Duke of Gordon; includes the listing "*William Graham, April 14, 1778; resigned by March 23, 1779.*" (Ref: *Aberdeen University Studies Series*, Univ. of Aberdeen, 1970, Google Books Snippet, pp. 115.).

**Letter from Former Capt. John M^cIntosh, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.
Reporting That He had Retired and Sold his Company, New York, Oct. 25, 1779**

25th October 1779

My Lord

Yesterday Major [Charles] Graham shewed my your Lordships letter ordering me home to the Additional Companies, I am very Sorry it did not arrive Sooner, as it would have prevented my Quitting the Service, I have very pressing Affairs to settle in Brittain, and made repeated Application to Gen^l [Thomas] Stirling for leave to go home, but in vain, and as he Seemed Determined to keep me here I took / though with Reluctance/ the Resolution of Selling my Company, and a Month ago the Affair was concluded, your Lordship may easily conceive the Regrett I feel in Quitting a profession, which I have made my Study for upwards of Twenty Years I shall return to Brittain by the first Opportunity; Its said a fleet will Sail from this Place in the Course of two weeks, in which intend taking My passage for London, where I hope to have the honor of Seeing your Lordship, and giving you my reasons more fully for the Step I have taken.

I congratulate your Lordship on the Acc^t we have of your Getting a 2^d Battalion for the Reg^t, as my Business in Brittain will Soon be Settled and Shall then be as willing and ready as ever to Serve my King & Country. Your Lordship may command me in anything I can do for the Regim^t.

If your Lordship can find any Openings for me, I hope you will be so good as Remember me either in your own or Some other new Corps from the long experience I have had I might be of considerable use in a Young battalion, I have just been informed that a frigate Sails today for Europe so that I must conclude, hoping your Lordship will forgive the Liberty I take in Asking anything after having just Quitted the Service, but I am sure your Lordship will forgive me when I have an Opportunity of Clearing myself in person, the 42^d are just arrived from Stoney Point, which is totally Evacuated and destroyed, & will be in Garison in this Town I am told for the Winter, Gen^l Stirling is gone to Halifax I imagine for the Winter, theres nothing new nor nothing done here.

I shall always Remain My Lord &c
John M^cIntosh

R^t Hon^{ble} Lord John Murray

Source and Note: *Lord John Murray Papers*. The "*very pressing Affairs*" M^cIntosh mentions was his marriage. Gen. Stirling's expedition to Halifax was cancelled by Sir Henry Clinton after being advised by the Navy that the French fleet would not be able to make an attack because "*the season is too advanced...*"

**2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Deserter Advertisement Indicates Lt. John Oswald
(Former Lt., 1st Battalion), Recruiting in Edinburgh, Oct. 27, 1779**

A DESERTER.

DESERTED from the second battalion of the 42d or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, at Perth, the 25th instant.

HUGH NEILL, sometime resident in the Canongate, Edinburgh, aged 25 years, 5 feet 5 inches high, brown complexion, dark hair, grey eyes, and deeply marked with the small pox. He was seen in Kinross, with a small round hat, and a long brown coat; it is supposed he was making towards Greenock. Whoever secures the above deserter in any of his Majesty's goals in Great Britain or Ireland, shall receive TWO GUINEAS reward, over and above what is allowed by act of Parliament, by applying to Lieutenant Oswald at Edinburgh, or to the Commanding Officer of the 42d regiment at Perth.

Source: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Oct. 27, 1779, p. 3.

Letter from Capt. John Smith, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Requesting Promotion, and Lord Amherst's Denial, New York, Oct. 26 and London, Dec. 6, 1779

New York Oct^r 26th 1779

My Lord,

Having had the Honour to serve as Lieutenant of Light Infantry under your Lordships Command in the Glorious Campaign during the late War in America, in the 42^d Regiment, and having by the last Packet from England, that a Second Battalion was to be added to the Regiment and having served twenty three years as a Commissioned Officer, and been for some time past, Eldest Captain of the Regiment and Commanding the Light Infantry Company of it –

In case a second Battalion should take place, makes me presume to address your Lordship, that no Junior Officer might be appointed Major, over my head –

For without your Lordships continued and generous interference I cannot expect to succeed to it – I hope your Lordship will excuse the freedom of this address –

I have the Honour to be with the most profound Respect – My Lord

His Excellency }
Lord Amherst }

Your Lordships Most Humble
And Most Obedient Servant
John Smith Captain
42^d Regiment

[Draft response in corner of letter] The proposed 2^d Bn for the 42^d Reg^t of Foot being to be raised without expence to Gov^t & Lord John Murray having the rec: of the officers to compose this Batt. You will perceive it is not in my power to be of use to you on this occasion.

[Lord Amherst's response]

Whitehall 6th December 1779

Sir,

I have received the favour of your Letter of the 26th of October last. The proposed 2^d Battalion for the 42^d Regiment of Foot, being to be raised without expence to Government, and Lord John Murray having the recommendation of the Officers to compose that Battalion, you will perceive it not in my power to be of use to you on this occasion. –

I am Sir, &c

Capt. Smith
of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot
at New York –

Amherst

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers*, WO 34/232, p. 587 and WO 34/156 Pt. 2, f. 463. Lord Murray was notified on July 29, 1779 that the King had approved a second battalion for the 42nd Regt.



Reproduction Queen's Rangers Officer's Button

General Orders Appointing Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan McPherson, 42nd Regt., to Board Investigating Financial Issue in the Queen's Rangers, Denys's House, Long Island, Oct. 30, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters Denys's House, 30th Octo 1779...
 Colo Beverly Robinson [Loyal American Regt.], Lieu^t Colo: M^cPherson and Major [John] Antil [New Jersey Volunteers] will be pleased to meet at the City Hall on Monday next at ten in the forenoon, as a Board to inquire into a Complaint preferr'd to the Comm^r in Chief by M^r Smith late Captain in the Queen's Rangers respecting some Debts which are due to him by that Corps.

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

Promotion Announcement for James Spens to be Ensign in an Additional Company, 42nd Regt., London, Oct. 30, 1779

War-Office, October 30, 1779...
42d Regiment of Foot, James Spens, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Alexander Mac Gregor.

Source: *London Gazette*, Oct. 26-29, 1779, p. 1.



Maj. Gen. Augustine Prevost by Mather Brown

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Excerpt of a Letter from Maj. Alexander M^cDonald, Commander, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt., to Maj. Gen. Augustine Prevost, Recommending Lt. William Nairne (Future Capt., 42nd Additional Company), to Capt. Lieutenant and Captain, Savannah, Nov. 1779

Sir

There being at this time many Vacancys in the 71st. Regiment, I beg leave to name the following Gentlemen to be recommended by you to the Commander in Chief, and to crave your protection and Countenance in their behalf as they are all very Deserving of it, and are put down according to the Rank they hold in the Regiment. –

As these Vacancys have happened under your Command (except Captⁿ. [William] Maxwell's) we are happy to think, our pretentions will be properly recommended, and Supported.

Savannah }
 November 1779 }

I have the Honor to be Sir
 Your Obed^t humble Servant.
Alex^r. M^cDonald
Major Commanding 71st Reg^t

Major General Prevost

...Captⁿ. Lieu^t. John Nairn Captain vice Maxwell – Promoted
Lieu^t. William Nairn Captⁿ. Lieu^t....

Captⁿ. Lieu^t. William Nairn Captain vice [Norman] M^cLeod [of MacLeod] Promoted...

Source: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 78: 22, W. L. Clements Lib., Univ. of Mich.

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America Regarding Commission for Ens. James Spens and Leave for Lt. Robert Franklin, 42nd Regt., London, Nov. 3, 1779

WO 3rd. November 1779

Sir

I have the honor to send you inclosed a List of promotions made in the Regiments under your Command & of Leaves of Absence granted by the King.

I have the honor &c^a

General Sir Henry Clinton

C Jenkinson

&c &c &c

New York...

42nd Regiment

James Spens Gent: to be Ensign vice [Alexander] Mac Gregor }5th: June 1778
promoted (Blank Commission) – }...

Leaves of Absence...

Lieu^t. Rob^t. Franklin of 42nd. Reg^t. 6 Months for the recovery of his health which has been certified by his Physician.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO4/274, pp. 235-236 (ff. 118V-119). Lord John Murray later concluded Lt. Franklin was abusing his sick leave.

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America Regarding Officers for the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, Nov. 5, 1779

War Office 5th Nov^r 1779

Sir,

His Majesty having been pleased to direct a Second Battⁿ, consisting of Ten Compys of 3 Serjts, 4 Corporals, 2 Drum^{rs} & 70 private Men in each with the usual Staff & other Commiss^d officers, to be raised and added to the 42^d /or R H / Regim^t of Foot commanded by Lord John Murray; and that the two companies added in Aug^t 1775 to the said Regiment, should be reduced, and that the Officers and Men of the said two Compys shall be turned over towards completing the second Battalion I have the honor to acquaint you therewith, and to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure, that of the Service will permit, you will allow Captain John M^cIntosh, L^t Alex^t M^cGregor, Ens. Kenneth Callendar & John Stewart Volunteer, acting as Sergeant in Lord John Murray's Company, who are now serving with the Forces under your Command, and who are proposed to have Commissions in the said second Battalion, to return home from N^o. America, that they may be assisting in raising the men wanted to complete the New Battalion to its Establishment.

I have the honor to be Sir &c

General Sir H. Clinton

C Jenkinson

&c &c &c

New York

[Margin note: Duplicate sent 5 Janry 1780]

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, p. 250 (f. 126). Unfortunately, Capt. M^cIntosh had retired on Sept. 20, 1779 in a dispute with Lt. Col. Stirling over his disapproval of leave. Sgt. and Vol. Stewart died in New York before returning to Scotland to accept his commission.

The Memorial of Lt. John Robertson, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Command-in-Chief, North America, New York, Nov. 18, 1779

To His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton Knight of the Bath, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces within the Colonies on the Atlantick Ocean, from Nova Scotia to West Florida Inclusive

The Memorial of Lieu^t. John Robertson of the 42d or Royal Highland Regiment
Humbly Sheweth

That Your Memorialist had the Honour to Serve His King and Country thirty two Years, first as Volunteer and then Adjutant to the Earl of Drumlanrig's Reg^t. of North British Auxiliaries in the Dutch Service –

That He is upwards of 18 Years Lieu^t. in the British Army, and was Detached with 100 Men last War from the 115th Reg^t. to Portugal. –

That He was present in Every Action the 42^d was Engaged in, Since the Commencement of this most Unnatural Rebellion and is Just now One of the Oldest of His Rank under your Excellencys Command –

Your Memorialist firmly Relying on your Excellency's Goodness and Justice, most Respectfully Submits his case to your Candid Consideration
Humbly hoping his Long Services will not be Disregarded –

And Your Memorialist as in Duty bound will ever pray –

John Robertson

Source and Note: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 76:11, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. Robertson was promoted Captain in the 71st Regt. by orders dated Apr. 18, 1780.

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments by Company and Changes for the Period
Dec. 25, 1778- June 24, 1779 from Musters at New York, Nov. 22, 1779**

[Gen. Lord Murray's Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Colonel and Cap ^t	James M ^c Laggan	Chap ⁿ
	John Rutherford	Cap ^t L ^t	Hugh Fraser	Adj ^t
	James Stirling	Lieu ^t	Colin Smith	Q ^r M ^r
on Duty with Light Inf ^y	William Fraser	En ^s	William Robertson	Surgeon
			Alex ^t Stewart	{Mates
			Donald Smith	{ ...

[Lt. Col. Stirling's Company]

On duty as Brigadier General	Thomas Stirling	Lieutenant Colonel
General Sir William Howe's leave	Rob ^t Franklin	} Lieutenants
	Alex ^r Stewart	}
	John Young	Ensign...

[Maj. Graham's Company]

	Charles Graham	Major & Captain
	Norman MacLeod	} Lieut ^s
	Gavin Drummond	}
	Alex ^t Home	Ensign ...

[Lt. Col. M^cPherson's Company]

	Duncan M ^c Pherson	Cap ^t / L ^t Colonel
	John Robertson	} L ^{ts}
	Alexander Cummine	} }
	Kenneth Callender	Ensign

[Capt. Grant's Company]

Promoted to 71 st Reg ^t 3 ^d Febr ^y 79 Commission dated 3 ^d February 79 not joined since appointment	Charles Grant	} Captain
	Harry Munro	} Lieutenants
	Henry Graham	} }
	Hugh Fraser	} }
	Alex ^t Grant	} Ensign

[Capt. M^cIntosh's Company]

Resigned 20 th Sept ^r 1779	John M ^c Intosh	Captain
	Geo: Campbell	} Lieutenants
Transferred to 64 th Regiment 8 th Jan ^{ry} 79	James Graham	}
Received from Ditto D ^o	Henry David Fraser	}

[Capt. Dalrymple's Company]

Duty	George Dalrymple	Captain
	Alex ^t McLeod	} Lieutenants
	Alex ^t Innes	}

[Capt. Anstruther's Company]

Promoted to 22 ^d Regiment 6 th December 1778	Archibald Erskine	} Captains
From 26 th Regiment Commission Dated 6 th Dec ^r 78	David Anstruther	}
Aide De Camp to Lieutenant General Knyphausen	James Crammond	} Lieutenants
Duty	Dougal Campbell	}
	Dougal Campbell	Ensign

[Grenadier Company - mustered at "Camp NYork Island 7th Sep^r 1779"]

	John Peebles	Captain
	Alex ^t Grant	} Lieut ^{ts}
	Robert Rollo	}
Sick	Allan M ^c Lean	}

[Light Infantry Company - Mustered at "Camp near Bedford Long Island 10th Sep^r 1779"]

Sick {	John Smith	Captain
	Robert Potts	} Lieut ^{ts}
	James Stewart	}
	Will ^m Fraser	Ensign

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776* at WO 12/5479. The musters of the battalion companies was likely delayed due their posting at Stony Point, N. Y. at the end of the muster period.



Reproduction 35th Regt. Uniform Button

Letter from Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, His Majesty's Forces to Agents Gray & Ogilvie Denying Recommendation for Lt. Hay Macdowal, Additional Company, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Future Capt., 42nd Regt.), to Purchase a Company in the 35th Regt., London, Nov. 23, 1779

Whitehall, 23^d. November 1779

Gentlemen,

I have received the favour of your Letter of Yesterday's date, with the Copy of your Letter to me of the 8th of July last containing Lt. General Fletcher Campbell's recommendation of Lt. Hay M^cDowal of the 71st. Regiment of Foot to purchase [Brevet] Lt. Colonel Lockhart Gordon's Company in his Regiment. I did not neglect Lt. General Campbells recommendation either in the former occasion or the present one; But the King was pleased to order that [John] Lord Chatham should be the purchaser of Lt. Col. Gordon's Comp^y, and His Majesty was likewise pleased to direct that [Francis] Lord Napier should purchase of Lord Chatham.

I am Gentl^m &c
Amherst

Mess^{rs} Gray & Ogilvie

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/232, p. 158. The Army List of 1780 shows Lord Chatham as a Captain in the 86th Regt. and Lord Napier in the 35th Regt.

Memorial from Officers of the 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt., Including Capt. Harry Munro (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Regarding Status of Exchanged POWs and Convalescents, New York, Undated

To His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton Knight of the Bath
General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in
North America &c^a.. &c^a.. &c^a _

The Memorial of Captains Duncan Chesholm Robert
Hutcheson, Harry Munroe, and Lieutenants Alexander and Peter
Fraser of the 71st. Regiment - - -

Humbly Sheweth

That the Memorialists having with the greatest Concern observed the Desertion which at the Commencement of the Campaign prevailed in the part of the said Regiment now with the Army and being Apprehensive that as the same Cause of Discontent subsists, the Evil may Still continue, they consider as their Indispensible Duty to represent to Your Excellency that all the Men belonging to the 71st: Regiment now here are either First Such as were made Prisoners of the Rebels in 1776 on their Way from Great Britain to America & have Since been Exchanged and Secondly the Convalescents and Sick who were Left here when the Regiment went to the Southward.

That as the Former have not been with the Regiment Since April 1776, they have not Since then been cleared with, nor have the Last been Settled with for these twelve Months past.

That the Men's Cloathing & Necessaries are all worn out and expended, And as all the Regimental Stores of this Kind are gone to Georgia, the Memorialists have it not in their Power to Supply the Men with the Necessaries that they are absolutely in want of and that unless the Men are ordered to Join their Regiment So as to have their Accounts cleared and Settled and be furnished with their Cloathing & Necessaries or that Your Excellency will please to order that Satisfaction as to these Matters should be rendered them here they will consider themselves in a more Disagreeable Situation than the Rest of the Army & consequently remain unhappy and discontented.

Dun: Chisholm Cap^m.

Rob^t Hutcheson Cap^t.

H Munro, Cap^t_

Alex^r. Fraser Lieu^t

Peter Fraser Lieu^t

Source and Note: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 233:53, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. Per Ed Brumby the date of the memorial is thought to be between Nov. 26, 1779 and June 5, 1780.

**Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt., listed as Aide de Camp to Hessian Commander,
New York Dec. 2, 1779 – June. 24, 1780**

General and Staff Officers of the Hessian Troops from the 25th. of December 1779 to the 24th. of June 1780.

Lieutenant General, William de Knyphausen Commander [At New York]...
Extraordinary Aide de Camps... { Lieutenant Crammond...

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. by Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Reel 10, p. 4 from TNA, CO5/183, p. 187.



Reproduction 64th Regt. Uniform Button

**General Orders Appointing Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to Board
to Consider Redress of Promotion Dates for 64th Regt. Officers, New York, Dec. 7, 1779**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 7th Dec^r 1779...

The Comm^r in Chief is pleased to order a Board of one General and two Field Officers to assemble tomo^w at 11 o'Clock to consider of the propriety of giving redress to Cap^t Lieu^t [Peter] Russel of 64th Regiment, and the Officers promoted in succession to him in front of Reg^t Rank.

Brig^r Gen^l Stirling President...

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

**Memorial by Brevet-Lt. Colonel Duncan M^cPherson, Capt., 42nd Regt. for the Lt. Colonelcy of
the 1st Battalion, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot, New York, Dec. 13, 1779**

L^t. Col: Duncan Macpherson's Memorial on becoming Lt. Col. of the 71st. Dec^r 13, 1779

To His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton K. B. Commander in Chief &c &c &c.

The Memorial of Lieu^t. Colonel Macpherson Captain in the 42^d. Regiment.

Sheweth

That your Memorialist having formerly preferred to Your Excellency Memorials setting forth his Services &c, he hopes it is unnecessary at present to trouble you with a repetition of them.

the Lieut. Colonelcy of the 71st. Reg^t. being vacant by the death of Lieu^t. Colonel [Hon. John] Maitland, your Memorialist humbly submits to your Excellency's consideration how for twenty years Service, & a numerous family of young Boys intittles him to it.____

Your Memorialist is (and he trusts not improperly) led to point more directly at this Vacancy, as it has happen'd in a national Corps, and that his getting it, will not he flatters himself disoblige, or give offence to the Army.____

May it therefore please Your Excellency to consider the premisses, and appoint Your Memorialist to the Lieu^t. Colonelcy of the 71st. Reg^t. and he, as in duty bound shall ever pray &c &c &c

Dun M^cPherson 42^d
L^t. Colonel

New York 13th
Dec^r. 1779.

Source and Note: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 80:16, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson was unsuccessful at obtaining this promotion.

General Orders Appointing Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt. to a Board to Examine Quality of Soldiers' Necessaries Sent from England, New York, Dec. 15, 1779

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 15th Decem^r 1779...

It having represented to the Commander in Chief that a great part of the necessaries sent out for the use of the Army at the original prices in England are ill fabricated or Damaged, His Excell^y finding his Majesty's beneficent intentions to the soldiers may have been frustrated by some negligence or fraud in Execution of his orders, appoints a Board of three Field Officers to inquire into the State of those Articles above alluded to that he may be able to report thereof for his Majesty's information.

The above Board will be pleased to call for the opinion of such persons as may be able to give them assistance in the matter.

L^t Col. [James] Marsh 43^d Regt – President
Maj^r [Robert] M^cLeroth 64th Reg^t } Members
Maj Graham 42^d Reg^t }

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. "Necessaries" were articles of clothing and personal supplies not included in the annual uniform issueance. The board found the necessaries of poor quality.

Summary of Commendation of Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., as Pay Master from Maj. Gen. John Campbell, British Commander, West Florida, to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Pensacola, West Florida, Dec. 15, 1779

Head Quarters Pensacola. December 15. 1779

Informing him of the efficient conduct of Brigade Major James Campbell as pay-master to the staff and of contingent expenses in West Florida. Transmits the Major's accounts from his (the Major General's) arrival to the 30th June; also from 1st July to 30th Sept. 1779, together with vouchers for those amounts.

Source and Note: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1906, Google Books, p. 72. Capt. Campbell was the principal staff officer to his uncle, Maj. Gen. John Campbell of Strachur.

Advertisement by Former Capt. John M^cIntosh, 42nd Regt., for Claims Against the Estate of his Late Cousin, Capt. Angus M^cIntosh, 2nd Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. New York, Dec. 18, 1779

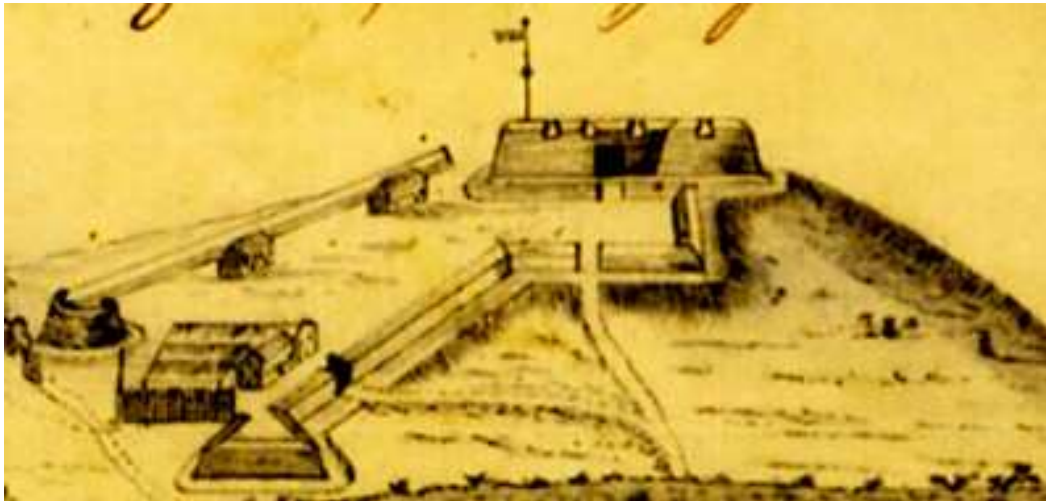
ALL persons having any demands on the late deceased Captain Angus M^cIntosh, Paymaster of the 71st regiment, are desired to give in their accounts to Mr. Lachlan M^cIntosh, Commissary, No. 1078, Water-street, near the Fly market, New-York; and all persons indebted to the deceased Capt. M^cIntosh to give in their accounts and pay the ballance to said Lachlan M^cIntosh. JOHN M^cINTOSH, late Capt. 42d reg. and one of the Executors for the deceased.

Source: *Royal Gazette* (New York), December 18, 1779.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Suicide of Quartermaster Colin Smith, 42nd Regt.,
New York, Dec. 21, 1779**

Tuesday 21st...hear'd to day the Q^r. M^r. Smith shot himself yesterday in the [Regimental] Store, tis supposed on account of some clandestine management on the Virginia expedition –

Source and Note: NRS, *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Dec. 21, 1779. The regiment received a considerable amount of prize money for their share of materials captured during the May 1779 raid on Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va. led by Adm. Sir George Collier.



Fort George, Pensacola, by Henry Heldring

Picture Source: U.S. National Archives and Records Administration, Item No. RP0011

**Summary of Orders by Maj. Gen. John Campbell, Commander, West Florida,
Appointing Maj. John Macdonald (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Command Combined
Maryland and Pennsylvania Loyalist Battalion, Pensacola, West Florida, Dec. 26, 1779**

Head Quarters Pensacola. December 26. 1779

Orders signed by James Campbell, M.B. Uniting into one corps the Pennsylvania and Maryland Loyalists for present service including Arrangements, Rank of officers, &c.

Endorsed by Maj. Gen. Campbell to Sir H. Clinton 10 Feb. 1780.

Source and Note: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1906, Google Books, p. 76. "*James Campbell, M.B.*" was Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt. who served a Major of Brigade to his uncle, Maj. Gen. John Campbell of Strachur.

**Series of Eight Garrison Court Martial Documents for Mr. William Maxwell, Based
on Complaint from Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt., New York, Dec. 27, 1779-Feb. 9, 1780**

1. Request from Capt. Stephen Payne Adye, Dep. Judge Advocate to Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., to Investigate Complaint Against Lt. George Campbell, 42nd Regt., Dec. 27, 1779

New York, Dec^r 27, 1779

Sir,

The enclosed Memorial having been presented to the Commandant [Maj. Gen. James Pattison], and Lieutenant Campbell having also made a Complaint against the Memorialist, I am directed by the General to desire that in order to do Justice to both parties and find out the offending one, you will order strict enquiry to be made into this matter and Report to him thereon in Writing.

I am, Sir &^c

S.P.A

Major Graham
42 Reg^t

2. Letter from Capt. Stephen Payne Adye, Dep. Judge Advocate, to Lts. George Campbell and James Cramond, 42nd Regt., Forwarding Complaint by Mr. William Maxwell, Jan. 7, 1780

New York, January 7, 1780.

Sir,

I am directed by Major Gen^l [James] Pattison to inform you that a counter Complaint against Lieutenant Crammond having been represented to him by that Gentleman, the general, in order to bring the Merits of the dispute to light, and do Justice to both parties, will order it to be investigated on Tuesday next, before the Board of Examination consisting of three Field Officers and the magistrate of Police.

I am, Sir &^c

S.P.A

M^r William Maxwell, Lieut. Crammond, and M^r [James] Weir, Lieut. Campbell, 42 Reg^t

3. Request for Investigation from Capt. Stephen Payne Adye, Dep. Judge Advocate, to Board of Examination, Jan. 11, 1780

New York, January 11, 1780.

Gentlemen,

As in the present situation of Affairs, disputes will occasionally arise between Officers and Citizens, it becomes necessary when we cannot prevent the Evil, to endeavor to remedy it – A matter of this Nature has lately come before the Commandant & the Complaints of the Parties Lieut. Crammond & M^r Maxwell have been Mutual; To do Justice to both, is the General's primary object, and in order to effect this, he is of opinion that he cannot refer the matter to a more competent as well as equitable Body than a Board composed of three Officers of Rank in His Majesty's Army, and the principal magistrates of the City; - He has therefore directed me to signify his desire, that you will take the several Circumstances of the Case under your Consideration & make Report thereon to him.

I have, &^c

S.P.A

To the Board of Examination

4. Notification by Capt. Stephen Payne Adye, Dep. Judge Advocate to Lt. James Cramond of Mr. Maxwell's Release on Bail, Jan. 18, 1780

New York, January 18, 1780

Sir,

Lieut. Col. Pennington and several others having made application to Major Gen^l Pattison for the release of M^r Maxwell upon bail & finding Security for his appearance, the General has directed me to signify his consent to it, provided you have no objection, which he supposes you cannot have, as the Issue of the Court martial must do you every Justice you can wish. I have further to add that the Offence is certainly of a Bailable nature & cannot be Legally refused.

I am, Sir &^c S.P.A

Lieut. Crammond.

5. Letter from Capt. Stephen Payne Adye, Dep. Judge Advocate to Mr. William Maxwell, with Lt. Cramond's Comments on his Proposed Apology, Feb. 1, 1780

New York, February 1, 1780

Sir,

I have shewn your apology to Lieut. Crammond who does not think it satisfactory but has desired me to send you the enclosed. I am at the same time to inform you that the Commandant expects that a proper public apology be made to Lieut. Crammond as directed by the Court Martial, but does not mean to order any particular one to be adopted.

I am, Sir &^c S.P.A

M^r William Maxwell

6. Letter from Capt. Stephen Payne Adye, Dep. Judge Advocate to Lieut. Cramond, Forwarding Copy of Mr. Maxwell's Apology, Feb. 8, 1780

Captain Adye presents his Compliments to Lieut. Crammond, and sends him a Copy of the Opinion of the Court with regard to the apology to be made by M^r Maxwell in the News Papers – another Copy has been sent to M^r Maxwell with directions to publish it in tomorrow's Gazette.

Tuesday

7. Letter from Capt. Stephen Payne Adye, Dep. Judge Advocate to Mr. William Maxwell with Expectations for Publishing his Apology to Lt. Cramond, Feb. 8, 1780

New York, February 8, 1780.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commandant to send you the Opinion of the Police Martial, with regard to the apology to be made to Lieut. Crammond which the General expects to be inserted in M^r Rivington's Gazette tomorrow.

I am, Sir &^c S.P.A

M^r William Maxwell

8. *Royal Gazette* Report of Results of Mr. Maxwell's Court Martial and his Published Apology to Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt., Feb. 9, 1780

The following is the opinion and sentence of a Garrison Court Martial, held for the trial of Mr William Maxwell, inhabitant of this city, upon a charge brought against him by Lieutenant Cramond, 42d regiment, together with, the apology of Mr. Maxwell, in pursuance of the sentence of the said Court.

(COPY)

THE Court having maturely considered the several letters and memorial, in which Lieutenant Cramond has founded his charge; with the evidences produced by the prisoner, to justify the same and his defence: Is of opinion, that that part of the accusation preferred against Lieutenant Cramond, viz. "of bringing dissolute women into his quarters, and retaining them there all night," is totally unsupported by any proof; as is likewise his assertion that "Lieutenant Cramond permitted his servant to treat Mrs. Maxwell with [opp---lous?] speech, and threaten to kick her." As it does not appear, that the ill treatment she received from the servants, ever was complained of to Lieutenant Cramond, or that it ever came to his knowledge. – The Court is further of opinion, that the language of the said letters and memorials is, in many parts, unjustifiably severe. But as it does not appear to the Court, that the prisoner had any

malicious views, either of ruining Lieutenant Cramond's character in the opinion of the world, or his fortune in his future connections with General [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen, but proceeded merely from his having too credulously attended to the reports of servants and taking into consideration what the prisoner has already suffered from imprisonment, DO SENTENCE him to make a public and personal apology to Lieutenant Cramond, for the offence he has been guilty of, on the grand parade, and to publish the same in the newspaper.

With respect to the other complaints preferred in his said memorial and letters, (tho' some of them appear of a frivolous nature) the court is of opinion, that the prisoner has established them by credible evidences:

DO THEREFORE acquit him of every other part of the charge. (Signed)

R. Douglas, Capt. President

JAS. PATTISON

Confirmed. (signed)

Agreeable to the above sentence of the Court Martial, and in order to do every justice to the character of Lieutenant Cramond, as an officer and a gentlemen; I DO, in every particular, in which the Court has found me culpable, acknowledge the offence, and beg Lieutenant Cramond's pardon. WM. MAXWELL.

Sources and Notes: "Letters of General Pattison," *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1875*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1876. pp. 323, 324, 339, 341, 344, 359, 364, and 365; *Royal Gazette* (New York), Feb. 9, 1780, p.3. Maj. Gen. James Pattison was the Commandant of New York City. Hessian Gen. Knyphausen is mentioned in this document because Lt. Cramond had been appointed his "Supernumerary Aid de Camp" on Feb. 4, 1779.

1780

Widow's Pension Approved for Wife of Capt. John Graham, Additional Company, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, 1780

Establishment for the Widows of Officers for the Year 1780...

Regiments	Widows Names	Quality of their Husbands	Pensuns Per Annum...
Fraser's {...	Grisell Graham	Captain	26...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Papers concerning Establishments, Pensions to Widows*, 1780 at WO 24/827, p. 28. Capt. Graham died while serving as a recruiting officer in Scotland.



Detail of *Charles Jenkinson, 1st Earl of Liverpool*, by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from UK National Portrait Gallery

**Summary of Denial from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton,
Commander-in-Chief, North America, for Sgt. Maj. James Rose to be Adjutant of
Provisional 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. in America, London, Jan. 8, 1780**

War Office January 8. 1780,

The list of promotions transmitted in letter of 7th October is approved excepting Serjeant [Major James] Rose to be Adjutant to 2nd battalion of 42^d regiment which appears to be inserted by mistake as that battalion is not now in America.

Source and Note: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1906, Google Books, p. 81. This letter represents the confusion over the two "2nd Battalions" of the 42nd Regt. Sgt. Maj. Rose had been appointed Adjutant of the provisional 2nd Battalion in America and the War Office confused it with the "official" 2nd Battalion being raised in Scotland under Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod. Lord Murray was notified on July 29, 1779 that the King had approved a second battalion for the 42nd Regt.



Detail of Portrait of Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen,

Picture Source; Wikimedia Commons, from Print Collection, Miriam and Ira D.
Wallach Division of Art, Humanities and Social Sciences Library, NY

**Letter from Brevet-Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to Hessian Lt. Gen. Wilhelm
von Knyphausen, Commander of British Forces, New York, Describing Action Against Rebels,
Staten Island, Jan. 15, 1780**

Staten Island Jan^y. 15th 1780

Sir,

I took the Liberty of sending a Note Yesterday Morning by an Orderly Serjeant, wrote with a Pencil on the Field, the Moment I was satisfied the Enemy were coming in force, for your Information. I have now the Honor to report to your Excellency the particular Circumstances of the Rebel Incursion. Being informed at half an Hour after Seven in the Morning by Lieu^t. Col^l. [Abraham Von] Buskirk [Third New Jersey Volunteers] that the Enemy had crossed upon the Ice from Elizabeth Town with Artillery, and that he had abandoned Deckers House in Consequence of Orders I had previously given him if they came with Cannon it not being tenable, and that he was retiring slowly towards the Redoubts, I immediately ordered 300 Men with 2 three Pounders to occupy the Heights on our right in front of the Redoubts, and repaired myself there to reconnoitre the Enemy, ordering at the same time 20 Light Dragoons to observe their Motions on their Approach the Rebels fired three Shot from two Field Pieces, planted behind Decker's House. I observed them advancing them in two Columns one towards the Clove by Housmans, the other by Deckers near Freshwater Pond, the two Columns coming at nearly same Time on each side of

the Pond, the took Possession of the Woody Heights in Front of the Center and left Hand Redoubts, and extending all along them to near the Mouth of the Clove, while another Body of them about 600 Men with 2 Field Pieces was sent to mask the Troops at the Flag Staff and the Road to Richmond and a Body of 200 formed in front upon our Right. Finding my Numbers not sufficient to meet them on the Field, I was forced to content myself with occupying the Grounds near to and in front of the Redoubts and making the best Disposition I could to receive them should they offer to attack us; an armed Brig which lay off the Watering Place was of essential Service to us in covering our Left Flank, & protecting our Hay and Wood Magazines. About 12 OClock the Rebels began to light Fires, and continued in that Position the whole Evening and Night without any Alteration or Attempt upon any of our advanced Parties. A Little after Day break I was informed a Column of the Enemy was advancing on our Right, upon viewing them I found it consisted of about 150 Men who upon the Approach of a small Party I carried with me began to retire, and in half an Hour after the Enemy were discovered going off by Deckers Ferry, a Party of 200 Men were ordered immediately to follow them and 20 Light Dragoons; Lt. Stewart of the Provincial Light Horse who commanded them and Cornet [Thomas] Tucker of the 17th made a gallant Charge on their Rear and took a Serjeant and four Men Prisoners, but our Foot not being able to keep pace with them, nothing more could be done, the Rebels having broke up the Bridge at Deckers Mills so soon as they crossed, and by ten this Morning were all off the Island. They burnt Deckers House and five Wood Boats that lay in the Ice; We have taken a Serjeant & Sixteen Men Prisoners, by them I learn great Numbers of the Rebels were frost-bit and sent off during the Night in Sleighs. The Severity of the Weather to which our Men were exposed all Night without Fires, and the Start the Rebels had got in going off before Day undiscovered, (and which they did in a great Hurry having left a Number of Shovels and Hatchets behind them) made it impossible to annoy them much in their Retreat tho' the Troops showed the greatest desire of coming up with them.

I understand from the Prisoners the Rebel Force consisted of above 3000 Men with 6 Field Pieces and 2 Howitzers under the Command of [William Alexander] Lord Sterling and two other Generals. During their Stay on the Island a Number of the Militia came over from the Jerseys & plundered the Inhabitants very much, as did their Troops.

I have the Honor to be &c.

[Lieutenant General Wilhelm Knyphausen]

Tho^s. Stirling
Brig^r. General

Source: TNA, *Board of Trade and Secretaries of State: America and West Indies, Original Correspondence, Military Dispatches*, 1780 at CO5/100, pp. 59-62. Transcribed by Todd Braisted

**Account by Ens. George Eld, Coldstream Guards, of Tavern Sword Fight
with Ens. Kenneth Callander, 42nd Regt., New York, Jan. 21, 1780**

Jan... 21st. Rode to New York. At twelve at night, entering the Coffee house, I was accosted by L^t Callender of the 42^d Reg^t. (with whom I had no acquaintance), who insolently asked me if I would drink some punch – I declined the offer, on this he observed, “ubi periculum ibi est gloria,” [When risk is, there is fame] and asked me if I wanted a translation – I told him, no, but requested an explanation – on this he drew a small sword – I also drew mine, which was a very short couteau – he perceived the superiority he possessed from the difference of the weapons, which seemed to stimulate his cowardice to the attack which he began by two lunges, which having parried, with all the fury & vigor I possessed I returned by cutting at him, without paying any attention to a guard – he retreated the length of the Coffee house – I had now beat the point of his sword down & intended to have killed him, but was prevented by Capⁿ. [James Pierse] Peerie [15th Regt.] who seized hold of my wrist & arrested the stroke – I told him his interference was unmanly & ungentlemanlike as the contest was not finished – by this time some officers had taken Capⁿ. Callenders sword from him – I declared if any person presumed to touch my sword I would run him thro' the body. Cap^{ns}. Peerie & Callender next morning asked my pardon – I afterwards

was informed that Capⁿ. C. – being an uncommon good swordsman often insulted strangers in a similar manner. – The disgrace he experienced from the contest in some measure cured him.

Source: “Memoranda of Lieutenant-Colonel [George] Eld, of the Coldstream Guards, During his Service in America in the Years 1779 and 1780,” Ed. George B. Chase in *Bulletin Showing Titles of Books Added to the Boston Public Library, January 1892*, Published by the Trustees, Boston, 1892, Google Books, pp. 312-313.



Reproduction 69th Regt. Uniform Button

Promotion Announcement for John Nesmyth (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) to be Ensign in the 69th Regt., London, Jan. 22, 1780

War-Office, January 22, 1780...

69th Regiment of Foot, John Nasmyth Gent, to be Ensign, vice George Legard.

Source: *London Gazette*, Jan. 18-22, 1780, p. 2.

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments by Company and Changes for the Period
June 25 – Dec. 24, 1779 from Musters at New York, Jan. 29, 1780**

[Gen. Lord Murray’s Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Col ^o & Cap ^t
	John Rutherford	Cap ^t Lieu ^t
	James Stirling	Lieu ^t
On Duty with Light Infantry	William Fraser	En ^s
	Ja ^s M ^c Laggan	Chap ⁿ
	Hugh Fraser	Adju ^t
	Colin Smith	Q ^r M ^r Died 20 Decem ^r 1779
	Will ^m Robertson	Surgeon
	Alex ^r Stewart	{ Mates
	Donald Smith	{ ...

[Lt. Col. Stirling’s Company]

On duty as Brigadier General	Thomas Stirling	Lieutenant Colonel
General Sir William Howes Leave	Robert Franklin	} Lieutenants
	Alex ^r Stewart	}
Duty	John Young	Ensign ...

[Maj. Graham’s Company]

	Charles Graham	Major & Captain
Duty	Norman MacLeod	} Lieut ^s
	Gavin Drummond	}
	Alex ^r Home	Ensign ...

[Capt. Smith’s Company]

Transfer ^d to Light Infantry 5 th Dec ^r 79	George Dalrymple	} Captains
Receiv ^d from D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o on Duty	John Smith	}
	Alex ^r McLeod	} Lieutenants
	Alex ^r Innes	} ...

[Lt. Col. M^cPherson’s Company]

Duty	Duncan M ^c Pherson	Cap ^t / Lieu ^t Col ^o
duty	John Robertson	Lieu ^t
duty	Alexander Cumming	
Sick	Kenneth Callender	[Ens] ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

Commission Dated 2 ^d February 79 not joined Since appointment	Charles Grant	}	Captain
	Hugh Fraser	}	Lieutenants
	Henry Graham		
	Alex ^r Grant	}	Ensign ...

[Capt. Anstruther's Company]

On duty	David Anstruther		Captain
Duty as Aide de Camp to Gen ^l Knyphausen	James Crammond	}	Lieu ^{ts}
Transf ^d to Add ^{ls} 28 th Oct ^r 1779	Dougal Campbell	}	
Received from ditto d ^o d ^o d ^o	Alexander M ^c Grigor	}	
On duty	Dougal Campbell		Ensign ...

[Capt. Macdowal's Company]

Resigned 20 th September 1779	John Macintosh	}	Captains
not joined Commission Dated 21 st Ditto d ^o	Hay Macdonugh	}	
	George Campbell	}	Lieutenants
	Hendry David Fraser	}	...

[Grenadier Company – mustered at “East Chester 17th July 1780”]

	John Peebles		Captain
Sick	Alex ^r Grant	}	Lieu ^{ts}
	Robert Rollo	}	
Absent with the Command ^r in Chiefs Leave	Allan M ^c Lean	}	...

[Light Infantry Company – mustered at “Camp near East Chester 17th July 1780”]

Transferred to Batt ⁿ 5 th Dec ^r 1779	John Smith	}	Captains
From D ^o D ^o	George Dalrymple	}	
	Robert Potts	}	Lieu ^{ts}
Duty	James Stewart	}	
Transferred to Majors 25 th August 1779	William McDonald	}	
from D ^o D ^o Duty	William Fraser	}	[Ens.] ...

Source: TNA, War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776 at WO 12/5479.



“Vue du siege de Gibraltar et explosion des batteries flottantes 1782”

Picture Source: Wikipedia

Account of Landing of the 2nd Battalion, 73rd (MacLeod’s) Highland Regt., Commanded by Lt. Col. Hon. George M^cKenzie (Former Capt., 42nd Lt. Inf. Company), Gibraltar, Jan. 29, 1780

This forenoon landed from 4 ships of war, the second battalion of the 73d regiment of 29th. foot, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel *George M^cKenzie*: They were under orders for *Minorca*, but our Governor with the advice of the Admirals, and Field Officers, has detained them here.

Source and Note: *A Journal of the Blockade and Siege of Gibraltar...*, Sgt. Samuel Ancell, 58th Regt., Printed for the Author, Cork, 1793, Google Books p. 29. The Siege of Gibraltar, which began in Sept. 1779, continued until Feb. 3, 1783.

2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Deserter Advertisement Indicates Lt. John Gregor (Former Lt., 1st Battalion), Acting as Battalion Paymaster, Perth, Feb. 5, 1780

DESERTED

From Ayr, about the 10th day of December, from a recruiting party of Captain John Grant’s [Glenmoriston] second battalion, 42d, or Royal Highland regiment.

ALEXANDER MACALISTER, born in the parish of South Knapdale, in the shire of Argyle, had learned the business of a blaster at Glasgow, but had since been employed in driving cattle to some Argyle drover to Carlisle, aged about 27 years, 5 feet 8 inches high, brown hair, brown complexion, grey eyes, had on when he left Ayr the full regimentals of the regiment as a serjeant, had a beating order as a serjeant, which he may think to screen himself by. He carried with him, when he deserted, a small handsome broad sword, and a silver-mounted shoulder-belt. Whoever shall apprehend the above Alexander Macalister, and lodge him in any of his Majesty’s jails in Scotland, shall have THREE GUINEAS reward, over and above what is allowed by act of Parliament, by applying to Captain John Grant at Inverness, or Captain [John MacGregor] Grigor, paymaster of the regiment at Perth.

N. B. If the above Alexander Macalister will surrender himself against the first day of March, he will be pardoned.

Source and Note: *Caledonian Mercury* (Edinburgh), Sat. Feb. 5, 1780, p. 1. John Gregor's official commission date as Capt., 2nd Battalion, under the name John MacGregor, was Mar. 22, 1780.

News Account of Supply Expedition Across the Ice to Staten Island Commanded by Lt. Gavin Drummond, 42nd Regt., New York, Feb. 6-7, 1780

New-York, February 9.

The following is published from Good Authority...

On Sunday last [Feb. 6] the Commissary General sent upwards of eighty sleighs loaded with provisions for the use of the troops on Staten-Island, where they arrived that afternoon, and returned to the city next day, the escort was under the command of Lieut. Drummond of the 42d regiment, consisting of 40 British, and 60 of the Loyal Commissariat Volunteers.

Source: *Royal Gazette* [New York], Feb. 9, 1780, p. 3

Loyalist Samuel Jarvis' Account of Lt. Gavin Drummond, 42nd Regt., Escorting Supply Sleds Across Ice to Staten Island, New York, Feb. 6-7, 1780

That in the Winter of 1779, when the Communication for Vessels was entirely cut off by the Ice between, Staten Island & New York, and no relief could be afforded to the Troops on that Island then in the Utmost want of Provisions; Your Memorialist did with other Officers, under the Authority of the Commander in Chief, Impress, and Load with Pork & Flour near one hundred two Horse Slays,--from the Kings Stores at New York, & had the Honor to Command fifty of the Commissariat Volunteers, with a few British Troops under the Command of Lt. Drummond of the 42nd Regiment as an Escort, the Commander in Chief not thinking proper to trust many of his Troops on so Dangerous a Service, near twelve Miles over the Ice, passing through a part in possession of the Enemy, where they were fired on by some Dragoons but to no effect by this means several Regiments were saved from the Enemy being so Contiguous to a very Considerable body of them then at Elisabeth Town.

Source and Note: Memorial of Loyalist Samuel Jarvis dated Nov. 3, 1785 at TNA, *Audit Office, American Loyalist Claims, Series II* at AO13/114, ff. 536-539 as posted on The Loyalist Institute Website at www.royalprovincial.com.

Promotion Announcement of Lt. John Grant, Northern Fencibles (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Capt. Lieutenant, London, Feb. 8, 1780

War-Office, February 8, 1780...

Northern Regiment of Fencible Men, Captain-Lieutenant John Grant to be Captain, vice John Campbell.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 5-8, 1780, p. 1. This order is for John Grant of Rippachie. Fencible regiments were raised to protect Great Britain from a possible French attack. They could not be sent overseas.



71st Highland Regt. Officer's Button

**Lt. William Nairne, 71st Grenadier Company (Future Capt., Additional Company, 42nd Regt.)
Listed as Prisoner, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Feb. 12, 1780**

Return of Prisoners of War at Lancaster the 12th February 1780

Rank	Names	Officers Regiments...
22 Lieutenants...	William Nairne	71 st Grenadiers...

Source and Note: Lib. of Congress, *Peter Force Papers*, Series IX, Reel 106, p. 14. Lt. Nairne was captured in Gen. Anthony Wayne's attack on Stony Point, July 16, 1779.

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Feb. 15, 1780

War-Office, February 15, 1780...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Hay M^cDowal, from 71st Foot, to be Captain, vice John M^cIntosh. Ditto, Ensign Henry Graham to be Lieutenant, vice _____ [Harry] Munro."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Feb. 12-15, 1780, p. 1. Macdowal's promotion to Capt. was dated Sept. 20, 1779. At the time he was serving in an additional or recruit company of the 71st Regt. in Scotland. Although assigned to the regiment in America, Macdowal never joined the regiment there. He eventually transferred to the 2nd Battalion in 1779 and served in India. See Macdowal's letter below dated Mar. 27, 1780. Lt. Graham was the nephew of Brevet-Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling, Lt. Col. of the 42nd Regt.

Letter from Capt. Stephen Payne Adye, Dep. Judge Advocate to the Magistrates of Police, for Review of Tavern Owner James Weir's Complaints Against Lt. George Campbell, 42nd Regt., New York, Feb. 17, 1780

New York, February 17, 1780

Gentlemen

... James Weir Inhabitant of this City and Tavern Keeper having presented a Memorial to the Commandant, complaining of ill usage from Lieut Campbell of the 42nd Reg^t and the same having been referred by the Gen^l to the Weekly Board of Examination, they recommended that the License granted to Weir should be withdrawn as all charges contained in the said Memorial except that Lieut. Campbell bringing a Guard to apprehend the Complainant appeared to be groundless and litigious, I have therefore to signify to you the Commandant's Order that M^r Weir's Licence be accordingly taken away from him.

I have, &^c
S.P.A

To the Magistrates of Police

Source and Note: "Letters of General Pattison," *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1875*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1876, pp. 368 – 369. Weir advertised his tavern in the *Royal Gazette* on Apr. 24, 1780 as "at the sign of General Wolf, on Murray's Dock" in New York City at the corner of Wall and Front Streets on the East River.

Grisell Graham, Widow of Capt. John Graham, Additional Company, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot (Former Lt., 42nd Regt) Awarded Royal Pension, London, Feb. 23, 1780

George R

Warrant for placing several Widows of Officers on His Whereas several Widows of Officers whose Husbands suffered greatly in Our Service, have Most humbly represented to Us, that they are reduced to extreme want, and pray that We would be graciously pleased to allow unto them such pensions for their Support and Maintenance as are now paid to the Widows of Officers of equal Rank who have been killed or have Died in Our Service. We have

Majesty's Royal Bounty taken their representation into Our Consideration, have thought proper to grant their request. Our Will and Pleasure therefore is that you do pay unto the Several Widows hereunder mentioned, the respective yearly pension against each of their Names set down Viz^t:
pay *P* Annum

£...

Grisell Graham Widow of John Graham late Captain in the 71st. Reg^t. of Foot } 26
Commanded by Lieut: Gen^l: Fraser, from the 18th. of March 1779 }...

Amounting in the whole to the Sum of two Hundred and Six pounds *P* Annum the same to Commence the different times mentioned as above, Inclusive, And to be Continued and paid unto them respectively, in the same manner as other pensions payable by you are paid and issued, which We are graciously pleased to Allow unto them, in Consideration of the Loss of their Several Husbands and their Own Sufferings. And for so doing, this with the Acquittances of the said Widows, or their Assigns, shall be your Warrant and Discharge, Given at Our Court of S^t. James's this 23^d Day of February 1780, In the Twentieth Year of Our Reign.

Our trusty & Welbeloved Henry
Edward Fox Esq^r Receiver and
Paymaster of Our Royal Bounty

By His Majesty's Command,
C. Jenkinson

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-letters, Widows* at WO 4/1023, p. 156.

**Excerpt of Letter from Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling to William Graham of Airth,
Discussing the Campaign and Officer Promotions, Staten Island, Feb. 24, 1780**

Dear Airth

Staten Island Feb^y 24th 1780

...Henry's Commission is not disposed of & you would learn by some of my Letters in Oct^r & Dec^r that he is appointed Lieu^t in the [42nd] Reg^t, bearing date Feb^y last [1779], every attention must be paid to his Education as a Military man, drawing in particular w^t Engineering may be of great use to him in Short every branch of Education except the dead Languages however he should not absolutely forget his Latin since he has got it, Should [Gen.] L^d John [Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.] find him out which I hope he wont as he would be troublesome, He should be let know that Henry belongs to the 1st Battⁿ: in America and that he has leave of Absence from hence and is to join when his leave expires – you would likewise learn of Hay Mcdowals having got a Comp^y in the 42^d by purchase f^m Cap^t [John] McIntosh... I have had the Command here since end of Dec^r, [Rebel Maj. Gen. William Alexander, called] Lord Stirling with 3000 men paid me a visit staid a night & so went back again, it was infernally cold, as has been the whole winter lasted three months complete & kept us confounded alert this being no longer an Island [due to thick ice] & all Washingtons force not 18 miles of me [Maj.] Archy Erskine is here w^t his [22nd] Reg^t we compared our Reumatick complaints every Morning. - I find by a Letter from M^r David Erskine that you are not clear about how our accts stand, I have not my papers wt me, but I think it stands thus Bond for £1300 Interest paid up to Martinmass 1774 Bond for £400 Interest due from Martinmass 1774 so there is Six years interest due on £1700 at Martinmass 1780, besides the £60 Mr Erskine paid to Lt Mcdonald my draught for part of the price of Henry's Commission, his pay I took credit for to 24th Apr. last, after that I shall settle wt Agent & credit you, the remainder of price £100 I do not mean at present to call upon you for if you settle wt Mr D Erskine for me you will credit yourself with Henry's Subⁿ [Subsistence] as Lieut from 25 April 79 at 3sh-6d per diem as I have ordered the Agent to credit you with it
PS March 18th 1780 I find that [Capt.] Pat Graham [42nd Regt., Additional Company] is likely to be Major to the 2^d Battⁿ if so & that there is not a likelihood of going abroad immediately, I am not sure but it will be better to put Henry in to it as he will be high among them and now that I am appointed Brig^r Gene^r I

am separated from the 42^d and have nothing to say to them espe[torn] as Maj^r [Charles] Grah^m. & I are on no good terms however I would have you consult among yourselves and if you chuse that, it is only writing a civil letter to Lord John & mentioning your wish to have him in 2^d Battⁿ & I make no doubt he will agree, if you would rather not, let him remain as he is and I shall take care of him and if he comes out will keep him near myself for some time until he is seasond to his business I have mentioned it to P Graham who you may consult. Adieu My Dear Airth

Kind Love to Annie and your family & believe me yours & theirs
most affectionately
Tho^s Stirling

Source and Notes: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), p. 44 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff.71-72. Lt. Graham was 14 years old at the time of this letter. The 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt. was raised by Gen. Lord John Murray and Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod in 1779-1780 and sailed for South Africa and India in early 1781. That battalion was renumbered the 73rd Highland Regt. in 1786.

Request from Ens. Kenneth Callander, 42nd Regt., to Maj. John Andre, Adj. General, for Leave to Travel to Scotland to Join 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., New York, Feb. 28, 1780

New York February 28th. 1780

Sir,

Brigadier General [Thomas] Stirling and Major [Charles] Graham of the 42^d Regiment having received Advice by the last Pacquet from Europe that [Gen.] Lord John Murray has appointed me eldest Ensign to the second Battalion of the Said Reg^t. now raising at Home; and has wrote for me accordingly; I therefore take the Liberty of requesting the favor of your application to His Excellency the Commander in Chief for leave to join the said Battalion the first opportunity, as my delay in America may prove very detrimental to my Promotion.

I have the Honor to be
Sir, your most hble Servant
Kenneth Callander
Ensign 42^d. Reg^t

Major Andre &c &c &c

[address page]

Kenneth Calendar Ens: 42d Reg.
New York 28th Feby 1780

P: S: It is by Order of General Stirling that I write this Letter - *KC*

Source and Note: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 87: 11, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. Callander did not return to Europe until he retired in July 1781.

***Royal Gazette* Notice of Results of Board of Field Officers and Magistrates of Police Review of Complaint Against Lt. George Campbell, 42nd Regt., New York, Mar. 4, 1780**

THE Garrison of New-York met having heard the opinion of the Board of Field Officers together with the Magistrates of Police that sat on me relative to a complaint raised by James Weir Tavern Keeper in this city, youll be so good as to publish this and the enclosed, that my character may be cleaned up in the eyes of the garrison, I am

Sir, Your humble servant
GEORGE CAMPBELL, Lieut. 42d Regt.

JAMES WEIR, inhabitant and tavern-keeper having presented a Memorial to the Commandant complaining of bad behavior from Lieutenant GEORGE CAMPBELL of the 42d regiment; and the said

memorial having been referred to the Board of Examination consisting of three Field Officers and the Magistrates of Police,---The Board reported as their opinion that Lieut. Campbell had received very improper treatment from the complainant Weir and his wife: therefore recommend that the License granted to Weir should be withdrawn, which opinion the Commandant was pleased to confirm, and to order that Weir's license should be withdrawn accordingly.

Source and Notes: *Royal Gazette* (New York), March 4, 1780, p. 3. Weir advertised his tavern in the *Royal Gazette* on Apr. 24, 1780 as "at the sign of General Wolf, on Murray's Dock" in New York City at the corner of Wall and Front Streets on the East River. The 42nd Regt. was assigned to the garrison of the city of New York during this period.

**Promotion Announcement for Ens. Donald M^cNiven, Western Regt. of Fencible Men
(Future Ens., 42nd Regt.), to be Lieutenant, London, Mar. 7, 1780**

War-Office, March 7, 1780...

Western Regiment of Fencible Men, Ensign Donald M^cNevin to be Lieutenant, vice Godfrey Macneil.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Mar. 4-7, 1780, p. 1. M^cNiven was commissioned Ens. in the 42nd Regt. May 4, 1782.

**Letter from Retired-Maj. James M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson,
Regarding His Son's Commission in the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Perth, Mar. 21, 1780**

Right Hon^{ble} Sir

Permit me to use the freedom of informing you that Lord John Murray about a month ago did a son of mine the honor of appointing him an Ensign in his 2^d. Bat: – A few days ago I waited of His Lordship here and in the course of conversation he was pleased to inform me that as my Son was the last En^s. appointed by him to his 2^d. Bat: that of course he must be the youngest in the Bat: – As it is your province to Settle the rank of the Army may I presume to inform you that my son was for some time a Volunteer in one of the Additional Companys of his Lordship's 1st. Bat: – which in my weak opinion Should intitle him to Rank preferable to those never in the Service or at least equal chance with them – in this I may be wrong but cannot help having an opinion – therefore begs leave to submit the fate of my Son to you Sir – who is the fountain head for Settling these matters – if you are pleased to honor me with a return of this letter – my Direction – late Major 42^d. Reg^t. Glasgow – pardon this presumption – I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect – Right Hon^{ble} Sir

Your Most obed^t & most humble Serv^t

James M^cPherson

Perth 21st March 1780

[WO response outline on reverse]

Sir, I am to ack. &c The Commandant of a New Corps is always allowed to settle the Rank of such of his Ensigns as are not already in the Service, And I should not conceive that your Son can be reckoned to have been in the [illegible: Service?] by being a Volunteer with a Recruiting Company at home – this question however will not be determined by me, but by Lord [Jeffery] Amherst

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: N-W, 1780 at WO 1/1009, p. 323.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of the Marriage of Capt. Charles Grant, 42nd Regt.,
James Island, South Carolina, Mar. 21, 1780**

Tuesday 21st March...

A letter from Cha^s Grant to collect money for him, he says he is married to Miss Hunt. The Lord help him.

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Mar. 21, 1780. Capt. Peebles was serving with the 42nd Grenadier Co. on the Charleston expedition, while the 42nd Regt. remained in New York.

Capt. John Peebles' Account of Promotions in the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., James Island, South Carolina, Mar. 22, 1780

Wednesday 22^d March...

A letter from [Capt.] John Smith...he is disappointed in getting the Majority of the 2^d Battalion [Capt. John] M^cIntosh was appointed & 'tis tho^t [Capt. Patrick] Peter Graham will get it now, what luck some people have...

Source and Notes: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Mar. 22, 1780. Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod, 2nd Bn., wrote on Sept. 27, 1779 that "Captain John Mackintosh of the 42nd is appointed major, and I am desired by Lord John Murray to spur his friends in recruiting for him." However, M^cIntosh did not know he was to be promoted and because he was unable to obtain leave from Lt. Col. Stirling to go home to get married, M^cIntosh retired on Sept. 20, 1779.



Detail of A sketch of the northern parts of New Jersey, 1781, by John Hills

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., Recognized in Orders for His Command of the Raid on Hackensack, New Jersey, New York, Mar. 25, 1780.

Order, Headquarters, New York 25 March 1780

His Excellence Lieutenant General [Wilhelm] Von Knyphausen requests that his approbation be made known in published orders to [Capt. and] Lieutenant Colonel [John] Howard of the [1st Regt. of Foot] Guards, Lieutenant Colonel McPherson of the 42nd Regiment, and the officers and men under their command, for the good conduct on the morning of the 23rd of this month during the fatiguing expedition to Paramus and Hackensack, and although it was not as successful as might have been wished, due to unavoidable circumstances, it still provided honor to the troops...

Source: *Order Book of the Hesse-Cassel Von Mirbach Regiment*, Bruce E Burgoyne, Heritage Books, Westminster (Md.), 2008, pp. 247-248. Lt. Gen. von Knyphausen commanded in New York, while Gen. Sir Henry Clinton was on the Charleston, S.C. expedition. Lt. Col M^cPherson led 300 men, including 100 from the 42nd Regt. on a raid on a rebel post at Hackensack. Capt. David Anstruther, 42nd Regt. was wounded on the raid during a rear guard action.

Promotion and Leave Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, James Island, South Carolina, Mar. 25, 1780

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters James Island 25th March 1780

List of promⁿ receiv'd from the War Office...

44th Regim^t...

John Ritchie Gent, to be Ensign vice [David] Starke promoted /B. C./ } 5th Octo^r 1778...

Promot^s rec^d f^m the War office continued...

42^d Regt

James Spens, Genⁿ to be Ensign vice [Alexander] M^cGregor promoted } 5th June 1778...

Leaves of Absence...

Lieut Robert Franklyn of the 42^d Reg^t 6 months from the Recovery of his Health which has been Certified by his Physician.

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Ens. Ritchie later served as a Lt. in the 42nd Grenadier Co. "B.C." refers to a blank commission. Lord Murray later complained that Lt. Franklin was abusing his leave and urged no extensions be given.

Promotion Recommendation for Capt. Lt. Harry Munro, 1st Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Outside Charleston, South Carolina, Mar. 25, 1780

Return of Commissions Vacant in the 71st Regim^t. with the names of the Officers first for Promotion according to Seniority, likewise Commissions Vacant for Purchase with the names of Officers [for] Purchase and names of Volunteers...

Officers first for Promotion according to Seniority...

Cap^t. Lieu^t. Munro...

Alex^r. M^cDonald
Major 71st Reg^t.

Source: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 89:44, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.



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

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

Seniority Appeal from Capt. Hay Macdowal, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, and Lord Amherst's Responses to Lord John Murray and Capt. Macdowal, Perth and London, Mar. 27 and Apr. 6 and 21, 1780

My Lord,

As I understand Lord Jn^o Murray has wrote your Lordship relative to my rank in the 2^d Batt. 42^d Reg^t. now raising in Scotland, I take the Liberty of Laying my case before you as soon as possible, Confident, your Lordship will not do me that injustice, which Lord Jn^o. Murray would wish to impose upon me.

In September 1779 I purchased a Comp^y. in the 42^d. Regiment at New York, with an idea of going immediately to America, but was ordered here to Join the Second Battalion –

I have been near Six years in the Army, and tho' I have been so unfortunate as never to see service, nothing would make me happier than to be ordered against the Enemies of my King and country –

I am not the first Instance My Lord of a young man who has purchased a Company, being Six years in the Army, and if my good furtune should intitle me to rank as Eldest Captain in the 2^d. Batt. 42^d. Reg^t. I hope Lord Jn^o. Murrays insinuations will have no weight with your Lordship in placing any Lieu^t. above me, as a Captain in this Regiment, which I believe My Lord would be contrary to the rules of the Army –

I beg pardon for troubling your Lordship at present –

Flattering myself with the Idea your Lordship will do me the same Justice, you have always shown to Officers applying to you in similar situations I have the Honor to be My Lord

with the greatest respect y^r Lordships most
obed^t and most Humble Serv^t

Perth March 27th
1780

Hay Macdowall
Cap^t. 42^d. Reg^t.

[Lord Amherst's Response to Lord John Murray]

Sir,

I had the honour to receive your Lordship's letter of the 24th past, with a List of the Officers of the 2^d Battalion of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot under your Lordship's Command enclosed...Captain Hay Macdowal having purchased a Company in America in the 1st Battalion must of course, if posted to the 2^d Battalion, take rank therein from the date of the Commission which he purchased in America.

I have the honour to be

R^t Honble
Lord John Murray

My Lord &c
Amherst

[Lord Amherst's Response to Capt. Macdowal]

Whitehall, 21st April 1780

Sir,

I have received the favour of your Letter regarding your rank as a Captain in the 42^d Reg^t of Foot, and I wrote to Lord John Murray by the return of the Post that brought me your Letter, to tell his Lordship that whether you was posted to his Second Battalion or not, you could not be deprived of the rank which you had purchased in the first Battalion in America, and for which you have received Sir Henry Clinton's Commission.

I am Sir, &c
Amherst

Cap^t Hay Macdowall
of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot
Perth, N^o Britain

Sources: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/161, ff. 499-500, and at WO 34/233, pp. 336 and 417.

Memorial of Brevet-Capt. William Stewart (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Sandown Fort, Approximately April 1780

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Amherst General and Commander in Chief of all
His Majestys Forces in Britain &c. &c. &c –

The Memorial of Lieutenant William Stewart Late of the 42^d Regiment
Humbly Shewith

That your Lordship's Memorialist
Has been an Officer in His Majestys Service upwards of twenty years, was during the last war at the
taking of Martinico and the Havanna

That your Lordship's Memorialist
Served in America under the Command of His Excellency Sir William Howe, was present with the 42^d
Regiment in every material Action until the tenth day of May 1777; when having The Command of the
Picquet Guard (Consisting of Forty men) in the Cantonment of Piscataway in the Jerseys he was attacked
by a Body of Rebels, who endeavoured to Dislodge the Picquet and Break in upon the Cantonments

That towards the Close of the Action your Lordships Memorialist was wounded with a Rifle Ball which
Passed through the Lower part of his thigh and Shattered the Bone, So as utterly to Deprive him of the use
of his Limb. which your Lordship's memorialist only Consider as the Chance of War.

That your Lordship's
Memorialist with all duty and respect begs leave to Submit His Case to your Lordship's most Humane
and Candid Consideration Hoping from his long Services and Sufferings to be Considered not Unworthy
of a Company of Invalids or to be removed from Sandown Fort to a Better of which your Lordship's
memorialist may Enjoy the full Emuluments

And your Lordships Memorialist
as in duty bound Shall every pray

W^m Stewart

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* of WO 34/162 f. 148. Sandown Fort was
on the Isle of Wight in the English Channel about 20 miles from Portsmouth. Stewart was later transferred to an
Independent Co. from Sandown Fort. See the transfer announcement dated July 31, 1781.



Detail of Siegeworks from *A sketch of the operations before Charlestown, the capital of South Carolina, 1780*, by Joseph F. W. Des Barres

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

Capt. John Peebles' Journal Account of the Severe Wound of Lt. Alexander Grant, 42nd Grenadier Company, Siege of Charleston, South Carolina, Apr. 5 – 9, 1780

Wednesday 5th April...The Enemy having found the range & direction fir'd a good many shot & some shells during the night. L^t Grant on the Covering party was struck with a Cannon ball on the back part of the left shoulder which made a very large, but I hope not a dangerous wound...put Grant into a room in the Gen^l Hospital...

Sunday 9th... Grant better...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal*, Apr. 5, 1780. Although the doctors did not expect him to survive, Grant recovered from his wound and continued his service in the regiment.

Letter from Capt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, to Maj. John Andre, Adj. General, Regarding Ensign Seniority, Near Charleston, S. C., Apr. 17, 1780

Gren^r Camp 17th April

D^r. Sir

The Ensigns of the 42^d. Reg^t. Stood thus last year. Ensign Henry Graham 11th. Nov^r. 1777 Alex^r. Grant 18th. March 1778, Will^m. Fraser 3^d. Aug^t. d^o. John Young 3^d. Aug^t. d^o. but I think I hear'd something of Ensign Graham getting a Lieutenancy tho' I do not remember whose it was, nor do I remember whether Fraser or Young took Rank in the Reg^t. being both of the same date.

I suppose they were recommended to Succeed according to seniority.

I am with Respect

D^r. Sir

Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant

Jn^o: Peebles Cap^t. 42^d. Gr^{rs}.

Major Andre

Source: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 93:11, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.

Promotion Justification Sheet for 42nd and 71st Regiments Officers, Charleston, Apr. 18, 1780

Promotions the 18 th : April [1780]			
Vacancies	L ^t Colonel	Major	Captain
1 L ^t Col: [Hon. John] Maitland 25 th Oct ^r	[Alexander] M ^c Donald 25 th Oct ^r 79	[Patrick] Ferguson D ^o . –	[John] Meridith [70 th] D ^o . –
2 Captain [Hamilton] Maxwell }24 th Sep ^r 78			[Robert] Duncanson ^b 12 th Nov ^r 78
3 Captain [Norman] M ^c Leod }25 th			[Harry] Munro ^d 2 ^d Feb ^r : 79
4 Capt ⁿ : John [Æneas] M ^c Intosh 24 th . Aug 79			[John] Robertson ^f 24 th . Aug.
5 L ^t . [Magnus] Murchison 20 th June			
6 Ens ⁿ [Allan] M ^c Intosh 20 th Ju			
7 Ens ⁿ [Henry] Graham [42 nd]			
Cause & Notification of Vacancies	Dates of Appointments Accounted for		
1 Died at Savannah as notified by Major Gen. Prevost. 2 } promoted in Lord M ^c Leods Reg ^t 3 } as notified from the War Office 4 died as per return of the Comm ^d Officer of the Reg ^t . Maj ^r : M ^c Donald 5 } Killed as p ^r . Return of d ^o : 6 } 7 promoted at New York vice Munro	<u>a</u> Date of Maitlands Death as p ^r Return of Majr M ^c Donald. <u>b</u> date of the day after Campbell to whom he would have been improperly made Senior by being appointed in the date of Maxwells Vacancy. Duncanson by being made Senior to Sutherland is redressed in his rank according to a requisition	from home to that Effect. <u>c</u> day after Hewetson the Junior Lieutenant. <u>d</u> . day of his Appointment of Capt ⁿ Lieut. a prior date would have made him Senior to Sutherland who is above him. <u>e</u> day after Robertson who must be Senior being Senior Lieutenant	<u>f</u> date of the Death of M ^c Intosh. <u>g</u> d ^o .__ <u>h</u> . day after Ogilvie his Senior Ensign <u>i</u> day after Cameron <u>k</u> date of the Vacancy no appointment having intervened

Promotions the 18 th : April [1780] [Continued]		
Capt ⁿ Lieut.	Lieut:	Ensign
[James] Ingram [to 33 rd] d ^o .	[Æneas] M ^c Donald [33 rd] d ^o . –	[Ferdinand] Beckwith [33 rd]
[Normand] M ^c Leod ^e 25 th Aug ^t .	W. Fraser [42 nd] D ^o .__	W. Fraser [42 nd] d ^o .__
	[Alexander] Grant ^e [42 nd] 24 th . ug.	[James] Alston [42 nd] d ^o .__
	Wilson ^h 20 th Sep:	Angus Cameron d ^o .__
		Rod ^k . M ^c kenzie ⁱ 21 st Sep
		[David] Sutherland ^k 2 ^d . Feb ^r . 79 [42 nd]
	Enclosed relative papers	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Return of Off^rs. of 71st. recomm^d: for Promⁿ 2 Officers first for promⁿ: by Seniority 3 List of Vacant Commⁿ in 71st. 4 Memorial of Major M^cdonald 5 Captain [John] Peebles [42nd] Letter 6 Memorial of L^t. Robertson 42^d. 7 Memorandum relative to L^t Duncanson 8 Memorial of Lieut Robertson 9 Memorial of Vol. Rod: M^ckenzie 10 Memorial of Angus Cameron 11 Memorial of Major [Charles] Graham [42nd] in favour of L^t. [Normand] M^cLeod. – 12 Memorial of L^t. Duncanson 71st. 13 Letters from Capt. [Hon. Henry] Brod^k: ab^t. the S^r. L^t. 33^d. 14 recommⁿ: of Capt. Campb. infav^r of Vol. Fraser 15 Cert. of Murchisons death. 16 recommendation of Fraser 	

Source: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 93: 18, W. L. Clements Lib., Univ. of Mich.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, Williams's House, South Carolina, Apr. 18, 1780

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters Williams's House 18 April 1780
 The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the follow^g Promotions...

42 ^d Regiment	
Ens ⁿ Alex ^r Grant to be Lieut vice [John] Robertson promoted	24 th Aug 79.
Ens ⁿ W ^m Frazer to be Lieut vice Lud [Normand M ^c Leod] promoted	25 d ^o .
James Ashton [Alston] Volun ^r to be Ens ⁿ vice [Alexander] Grant promoted	24 d ^o .
W ^m Frazier Volun ^r to be Ens ⁿ vice W ^m Frazer D ^o	25 d ^o .
David Sutherland Volunteer to be Ensign vice [Henry] Graham	2 Feb 79...
71 st Regiment...	
Cap ^t Lieu ^t [Harry] Munroe to be Cap ^t [1 st Battn.] vice [Norman] M ^c Leod prom ^d	2 Feb. 1779
Lieu ^t John Robertson from 42 ^d Reg ^t to be Cap ^t [2 nd Battn.] vice [Angus] M ^c Intosh, deceased	} 24 th Aug 1779 }
Lieu ^t Norm ⁿ M ^c Leod from 42 ^d Regiment to be Captain-Lieuten ^t [1 st Bn.] vice [Harry] Munroe Promoted.	} 25 D ^o }...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Capt. Harry Munro was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. He was replacing Capt. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, who had been promoted to Major in the 73rd Regt. Maj. MacLeod had already been promoted again to be Lt. Col. of the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. as of March 1780. MacLeod should not be confused with Lt. Normand MacLeod (Cyprus) of the 42nd Regt. who is also listed in this order to replace Harry Munro as Capt. Lt. in the 71st Regt. The 42nd Regt. arrived off Charleston, on April 18, 1780 as part of a reinforcement Sir Henry Clinton had ordered from New York.



Detail of 1780 Map Showing Siege of Charleston, by George Sproule

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Account by Capt. Peter Russell, 64th Regt., of Rebel Sortie at Charleston, South Carolina, Resulting in Wounding of Capt. Lt. Normand MacLeod, 1st Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Before Charleston, Apr. 25, 1780

Ap^l 25th Wind S. W. a fair day and very hot. About 1 oclock in the Morn^g a most tremendous Fire of Cannon Shells and Musquetry commenced from the Trenches and the Rebel Works and continued about

half an Hour. it proceeded from an Alarm being given by our working Party who were running their Sap to the Ditch, that the Enemy were making a Sortie, but it proceeded no further than their forming behind their first abbatis. an Ensign M^cGregor of the 71st was killed, Cap^t. M^cCloud of the 42^d was wounded, three killed and 15 wounded on this Occasion. It is feared that our Troops in the right Trenches fired on our working Party, mistaking them upon their hurrawing (which was the Signal they were ordered by Gen^l [Henrich Julian von] Kospoth to give on the approach of an Enemy, and retire to their Arms) for the Rebels. The whole Line was under Arms but returned to their Tents about two oclock.”

Source and Note: “The Siege of Charleston; Journal of Captain Peter Russell, December 25, 1779, to May 2, 1780,” in *The American Historical Review*, Vol. IV, No. 3, April, 1899, Google Books, p. 500. Capt. Lt. Norman MacLeod is incorrectly identified in this journal as being in the 42nd Regt. MacLeod had been promoted in orders a week earlier to Capt. Lieutenant of the 1st Bn., 71st Highland Regt.

**Promotion Announcement of Lt. John Spens, Additional Company, 42nd Regt., to be
Capt. Lieutenant, 95th Regt., London, Apr. 29, 1780**

War-office, April 29, 1780.

95th Regiment of foot, Lieutenant-Colonel John Reid, from the Half-Pay of the late 87th Foot is appointed to be Colonel...

*To be Captain-Lieutenant,
Lieutenant John Spens, of 42d Foot...”*

Source and Note: *T London Gazette*, Apr. 25-29, 1780, p. 4. Col. Reid was a former Lt. Col in the 42nd Regt.



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

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from the National Institute of American History and Democracy

**Memorial of Ens. John Young, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief,
North America, to Correct his Rank, Before Charleston, Apr. 30, 1780**

To His Excellency General Sir Henry Clinton K.B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty’s Forces in North America &c^a. &c^a. &c^a.

The Memorial of Ensⁿ. John Young
of the 42^d or Royal Highland Regiment,

Most respectfully sheweth,

That your Excellency having been pleased to promote Ensign William Frazer of the same Regiment to a Lieutenancy, and your Memorialist having always conceived himself an older Ensign than Mr. Frazer begs your Excellency's Indulgence while he lays before you the Pretensions whereon he founds his Claim to Seniority.

He was a Year and six months a Prisoner with the Rebels before he was an Officer; he was then Ten Months a Lieutenant in Allen's Pennsylvania Loyalists, from which your Excellency had the Goodness to remove him at the Suit of Colonel [Thomas] Stirling to an Ensigncy in the 42^d Regiment, a year & nine months since; his Promotion, it is true, bore the same Date with Ensign Frazer's, but from the Circumstance of his longer Service, your memorialist's Name has always been precedent to Ensign Frazer's in the Regimental Returns, in the Roster of the Regiment, and in the List of the Army:

Your Memorialist therefore having heretofore taken Rank of Ensⁿ. Frazer of Consequence expected to have been Promoted before him: Of his Disappointment he means not to complain; but presumes to hope your Excellency will not think him guilty of Arrogance in soliciting a Lieutenancy in some other Regiment of the Line, which your memorialist prays your Excellency to bestow on him.

[John Young]

Camp before Charles Town
30th April 1780

Source: *The Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 95:44, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich., as posted on *The Loyalist Institute Website* at www.royalprovincial.com.

**Description of Severe Illness of Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., by
His Daughter, Mary Murray, London, May 10, 1780**

Wednesday, May 10.—Breakfasted at 9 o'clock. General [Robert] Skene came to see my father while we were at breakfast... My father was out all the forenoon, and dressed to go to Court, but was too late. Several gentlemen of fashion called upon him after they came from Court, but he did not let them in. At four o'clock he went into the dining-room to dinner, and I came soon after, when I found him sitting at table with a basin before him. He was seized with a fit, between appoplectic and paralytic, vomited a great deal, and his eyes were terribly turned.

Source and Notes: *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886. pp. 545-546. Lord Murray's illness was considered so grave, two senior officers assumed he was going to die and each requested the colonelcy of the 42nd Regt. See letters below from Lt. Gen. Lord Adam Gordon, dated May 12th and Maj. Gen. James Grant dated May 20th.



Detail showing the *Cutter Retaliation* (formerly *USS Revenge*.)
from *Revenge in action in the English Channel*, by John P. Benson, circa 1930's

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons from U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph

**Embarkation Listing of Troops on *Cutter Retaliation*, Sailing to Charleston, S. C. Under
Command of Capt. David Anstruther, 42nd Regt., New York, May 9, 1780**

Return of the Officers & Men of the undermentioned Corps, embarked under the Command of Capt ⁿ . Anstruther 42d. Regiment, on board the <i>Retaliation</i> , Capt ⁿ . Cameron, New York 9 th . May 1780. –				
Corps	Officers	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & File
Royal Artillery	..	..	..	1
7 th	..	..	..	3
23 ^d.	..	..	..	1
42 ^d .	1	1	..	15
63 ^d.	..	..	..	4
64 th.	..	..	..	6
71 st.	..	..	..	8
74 th.	..	..	..	1
Hessians	1	..	..	2
Queens Rangers	..	..	..	2
Total	2	1	..	43

Officers names

Captⁿ Anstruther – 42^d

Lieu^t Hartman – Lengerke, Grend^{ts} –

Fred^{ck} Mackenzie

D. A. Genl.

Source and Note: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 97:21, W. L. Clements Lib., Univ. of Mich. Capt. Anstruther had been wounded during Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson's March 22-23 raid on Hackensack, N. J. and was rejoining the 42nd Regt. at Charleston.

Recommendation for Promotions for 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Before Charleston, May 9, 1780

List of Promotions humbly submitted for His Majesty's Approbation in the Army in North America under the Command of General Sir Henry Clinton K.B. 9th May 1780...

42^d Regiment

Ensign Alex^r. Grant, to be Lieu^t. vice [John] Robertson promoted 24th Aug^t. 1779.
Ensign William Fraser, to be Lieu^t. vice [Normand] M^cLeod, promoted 25th d^o.
James Alston, Volunteer, to be Ensign, vice William Fraser promoted 24th ditto.
William Fraser, Volunteer, to be Ensign, vice William Fraser promoted 25th ditto.
David Sutherland, Volunteer, to be Ensign, vice Graham, promoted 2^d Feb^y. 1779...

71st Regiment...

Captain Lieu^t. ____ [Harry] Munro, to be Captain vice [Norman] M^cLeod [of MacLeod] promoted 2^d Feb^y. 1779.
Lieu^t. John Robertson from the 42^d Regiment to be Captain vice [Angus] M^cIntosh deceased 24th Aug^t. 1779.
Lieu^t. Norman M^cLeod, from the 42^d Regiment to be Cap^t. Lieu^t. vice [Harry] Munro, promoted 25th d^o.

H Clinton

Source and Note: Brooklyn Historical Society, *Manuscript Collection Book 42*, folio # 27. Capt. Harry Munro served as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. earlier in the war.



Detail of Portrait of Lord Adam Gordon, by Henri-Pierre Danloux

Picture Source: National Galleries of Scotland, *Scottish National Portrait Gallery* (reproduction for research and educational purposes only)

Request for Colonelcy of the 42nd Regt., by Lt. Gen. Lord Adam Gordon, Col., 26th Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Hansdon near Ware, Hertfordshire, May 12, 1780

Hansdon near Ware. Herts.
Fryday 12th May, 1780

My Lord

My Letters of this morning, describe Lord John Murray, as given over.

The King was pleased, to remove me unask'd from my last, to my present Regiment, upon the Score of it's being a National one.

If Lord John dies, and His Majesty would be so kind as to move me again to the Command of the 42^d (The Royal Highlanders) – I should exteem it a most particular Mark of His Gracious Favour – But, if this should not appear to your Lordship, a proper Request, – I beg, it may go no farther.

I am here, with my Legg still on a Stool, or I should not have troubled Your Lordship with a Letter, on this occasion – Nevertheless, I hope to be ready, to comply with any orders, I may receive from you – Whenever they may arrive. –

With best Wishes – I have the Honour, to remain – My Lord – Your Lordships Most faithfull &
obed^t Servant
Ad: Gordon

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* of WO 34/163 f. 197. Gen. Lord John Murray recovered from his illness and remained Colonel of the 42nd Regt. until his death in Paris on May 26, 1787. Lord Adam Gordon was a younger son of the 2nd Duke of Gordon. Ware, Hertfordshire is about 24 miles north-northwest of London.



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

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Institute of American History and Democracy*

42nd Regt. Casualty List for Siege of Charleston, South Carolina, May 12, 1780

Return of the killed and wounded of the troops under the command of his Excellency Gen. Sir H. Clinton, from their debarkation in South Carolina, the 11th of February, to the surrender of Charlestown, the 12th of May, 1780...BRITISH...

1st battalion light infantry. 8 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 17 rank and file wounded...

1st battalion grenadiers. 1 serjeant, 4 rank and file killed; 2 lieutenants, 1 serjeant, 13 rank and file, wounded.

2d battalion ditto. 10 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 11 rank and file, wounded...

42d. 2 rank and file killed.

OFFICERS *Wounded...*

42d [regiment] Lieutenant [Alexander] Grant...

71st regiment. Captain [Normand] M^cLeod...

H. CLINTON

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, June 19, 1780. The "Capt. M^cLeod" listed in the 71st Regt. was Capt. Lt. Normand MacLeod (Cyprus), who had recently been promoted from the 42nd Regt.

Summary of Letter from Maj. Gen. John Campbell, British Commander, West Florida, to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Regarding Disapproval of Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., as Pay Master, Pensacola, May 13, 1780

Head Quarters Pensacola. May 13, 1780

Contrary to expectations, Pensacola remains still unattacked... Is sorry to learn his disapprobation of the appointment of a paymaster. It is not trifling; the yearly accounts will not fall short of £36,000; thinks Major Campbell not only capable but worthy of confidence and justly merited 10/- [shillings] a day...

Source and Note: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1906, Google Books. pp. 121-122. Capt. Campbell was serving as Major of Brigade to his uncle, Maj. Gen. Campbell of Strachur.

Excerpts of Letter No. 91 from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Reporting the Promotion of Several Colonels to Local Brigadier General, Including Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., Charleston, May 15, 1780

N^o. 91

Charles Town 15th May 1780

My Lord;

I have the Honor to notify to your Lordship that in Consequence of so few General Officers being present with this Army, I found it necessary to appoint Colonels Stirling and [James] Paterson, & Lieutenant Colonel [John] Leland, Brigadier General. Colonel [William] Dalrymple on his Arrival received also that Appointment...

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect. Your Lordships

Most humble Servant

Right Hon^{ble}

H. Clinton

Lord George Germain

Source and Notes: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Reel 6, p. 144 from CO5/99, p. 52. Although he still held the position of Lt. Colonel in the 1st Bn., 42nd Regt., on Feb. 19, 1779 Stirling had been promoted to Aid-de-Camp to King George III which ranked as a Colonel "in the Army."

Recommendation from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, for Ens. Kenneth Callander, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt. to be Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, May 15, 1780

Lord John Murray presents his Comp^{ts} to Lord Amherst and has the honour to send him enclosed, an Extract of Colonel [Norman] MacLeods letter, he rec'd the day after he had the honour of waiting in his Lordship, concerning Lieu^t James Murray whom he hopes his Lordship will recommend to His

Majesty to be continued as Cap^t in his 2^d Battalion, and to have Permanent Rank and half pay incase of being reduced, for his long and faithful Services.

And also that Kenneth Callander Ensign of the first Battⁿ 3^d Aug^t 1778 be appointed Lieut. in the room of Mr William Boyle, which your Lordship did not Approve of, Provided he gets his Quota of Men for a Lieutenancy.

N^o. 40 Duke Street, S^t James's
Monday 15th May 1780.

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers*, WO 34/163, f. 252. Although proposed for an appointment to the 2nd Bn. in Scotland, Ens. Callander was promoted to Lt. in the 1st Bn. in America on Feb. 8, 1781 (effective Dec. 31, 1780) and remained in the 1st Bn. until he retired from the regiment on July 25, 1781.



Detail of Portrait of Gen. Friedrich Adolf Riedesel,
by Johann Heinrich Schröder, c. 1795.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Letter from Brevet-Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to Brunswick Maj. Gen. Friedrich Adolf Riedesel Regarding Brunswick and Hessian Soldiers, Staten Island, New York, May 16, 1780

Staten Island May 16th 1780

Sir,

I have the honour of your Letter, relative to the men belonging to the Brunswick & Hesse Hanau troops in Cap^t [Frederick von] Diemar's Corps

Cap^t Diemar having had previous notice of that arrangement had taken steps for the purpose of sending them to New York before your Letter reached me, when it did I gave orders that the greatest care should be taken to keep them together untill they were delivered to Cap^t Schagenteuffel; four of the Hesse Hanau Soldiers came in from the Rebel side yesterday, who I send with the others.

I have the honour to be, w^t great respect

Sir

Your most obid^t humble Serv^t

Tho^s Stirling

B. Gen^l

M. Gen^l Riedesel

Source and Note: *Thomas Addis Emmet Collection – Lossing's Field Book of Revolution*, from New York Public Library. At the time of this letter Maj. Gen. Riedesel was still officially a prisoner of war until being exchanged in Oct. 1780.



Detail of Portrait of Maj. Gen. James Grant of Ballindalloch

Picture Source: Wikipedia

Request for Colonelcy of the 42nd Regt. from Maj. Gen. James Grant of Ballindalloch, 55th Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, London, May 20, 1780

Sackville Street 20th May 1780.

My Lord

As Lord John Murray, still continues to be dangerously ill, Your Lordship I flatter myself, will excuse the Liberty I take in renewing my Application to your Lordship to move His Majesty to appoint me, to the Command of the 42^d Reg^t in the Event of Lord John Murrays Death.

I have been near forty Years an Officer, and have never missed a Campaign since I came into the Service, I have had the good Fortune to meet with the Approbation of the Gentlemen under whom I have served, and was honoured with a separate Command by your Lordship, when I was the Youngest L^t Col. in the Army.

I believe I may venture to say, that I shall be able from my Situation & Connections, in the Highlands of Scotland, to recruit and put the 42^d Reg^t upon as good & proper a Footing as any Officer in the Kings Army.

I have the Honour to be My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient
& most Humble Servant
James Grant

Lord Amherst

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/163, f. 331. Gen. Lord John Murray recovered from his illness and remained Colonel of the 42nd Regt. until his death in Paris on May 26, 1787. A copy of the letter is also in the privately held Macpherson-Grant family of Ballindalloch Papers at listed at National Register of Archives for Scotland at NRAS771/Bundle 633.

Excerpt of Letter from Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling to William Graham of Airth, Discussing Lt. Henry Graham (son of Airth) and Capt. Hay Macdowal, Staten Island, May 29, 1780

Dear Airth

Staten Island May 29th 1780

I have by the April packet received two of your Letters one w^out date the other of 30th March in which you mention [Lt.] Henry [Graham] being placed at M^r Amous & that you have very good acc^{ts} of him, which I am happy to hear, if he shows any genius for drawing let him apply Closely to it nothing is of greater advantage to a young man in his profession, in my last letters to you & [his sister] M^{rs} [Mary] Campbell I mentioned if you chose you might put him to 2^d Battⁿ [42nd Regt.] as he would be among the Oldest Lieu^{ts} there and would be much attended to by [Maj.] Pat Graham whereas my appointment of Brig Gen^r has divested me of the command of the 42^d nor are we now together, however I left it intirely to yourselves to determine if Henry continues in the first Battⁿ: he will have longer time for his studys & if he come here I should continue to have him near myself for some time at any rate if the 2^d Battⁿ goes to West Indies I would not have him go on there if you have not determined on it before this comes to hand in consequence of my former letters & mentioned him to [Gen.] L^d John [Murray., Col., 42nd Regt.] ...[Capt.] Hay Mcdowal [1st Bn., 42nd Regt.] need not be forced in to 2^d Battⁿ he purchased into the 1st and an application to the Commander in Chief or Secretary at War will settle that - I suppose the Young Laird is very tired of subordnation & Parade duty, remember me to all that family We have just got acct^s of the capture of Charles town the [London] Gazzette acc^t you will have before us, if you keep off a French fleet from anoying us this summer wee Jonathan [nickname for the rebels] will be very sick, but we hear there is one coming, however all our efforts here are vain, it is the fleet now that must decide the contest, beat the French & Spaniards & the Rebels fall w^o them I have been here all this winter nor do I know if I shall not [blot] here this summer we expect [Gen. Sir Henry] S H Clinton from the South ward[torn] will decide our operations here

Adieu My Dear Airth I embrace you, My Dear Annie and the Children with the most cordial affection & ever will be yours & theirs.

faithful Friend & Serv^t
Tho^s Stirling

Source and Notes: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), p. 47 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff.73-74. At this time the Maj. Graham and 42nd Regt. were in South Carolina following the successful Siege of Charleston. Capt. Macdowal accepted his transfer to the 2nd Bn. and after a rank struggle with Gen. Lord John Murray (settled by Commander-in-Chief Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst) was listed as the senior captain of that battalion.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, Williams' House, South Carolina, May 30, 1780

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quar^s Williams's house 30th May 1780...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42^d Regiment:

Ensign [John] Young to be Lieu ^t vice [Alexander] M ^c Leod, kill ^d	15 th May 1780
Volun ^r W ^m Dickinson [Dickson] to be Ens ⁿ vice Young promo ^d	d ^o ...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. MacLeod died when a magazine storing captured weapons blew up in Charleston.

Three-Officer Transaction to Replace Lt. John Spens, 42nd Regt., London, May 30 – June 13, 1780

War-Office, May 30, 1780...

42d Regiment of Foot, James West, Gent. late a Lieutenant in the late 79th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice John Spens.

War-Office, June 3, 1780...

42d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Harris, from Half Pay in the late 122d Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice James West.

War-Office, June 13, 1780...

42d Regiment of Foot, Honourable Lieutenant George Fraser, of 88th Foot, to be Lieutenant vice John Harris.

88th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Harris, of 42d Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Honourable George Fraser.”

Sources and Notes: *London Gazette*, May 27-30, 1780, p. 2; May 30-June 3, 1780, p. 1 and June 10-13, 1780 p. 3. Lt. West and Lt. Harris never actually served with the regiment. These transactions were part of a three part action which resulted in only Lt. Hon. George Fraser actually joining the regiment.

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America Announcing Promotions in 42nd Regt., London, June 7, 1780

W.O. 7th June 1780

Sir

I have the honor to send You inclosed a List of Promotions made in Regiments under Your Command...

...42^d Reg^t

Jams West Gent. late a Lieut^t. in the late 79 Foot to be Lieut^t Vice [John Spens] Spence }
made Captⁿ L^t in 95 Foot } 19th May

L^t Jn^o Harris from half pay in late 122^d Foot to be Lieut^t Vice West, who Exchanges } 26th D^o.

Hon^{bl}. L^t George Fraser of 88th Foot to be Lieut^t Vice Harris who goes into the 88th Foot } 31st ...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters* at WO 4/274, pp. 295- (ff. 148V- 149). Bottom of cover letter cut off in available copy. This three way exchange resulted in only Lt. Hon. George Fraser joining the 42nd Regt.

Request for Commission by Former Lt. William Graham (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Ferrybridge, Yorkshire, June 21, 1780

Ferrybridge, Yorkshire 21st June 1780

[Annotation] 11 Aug' 79

2^d Nov: –

My Lord

Since I had the honor of writing your Lordship from Aberdeen some time ago, I have made all possible inquiry if there was any vacancies in any of the new corps but found they had all filled up, I therefore take the liberty of troubling your lordship again, in order to offer my services to his Majesty, in any rank your Lordship shall please to appoint me to.

I flatter myself that your lordships knowledge of my father Coll. Gordon Graham and my having served ten years will induce you to bestow some mark of your favour upon me, which will be consider'd as an everlasting obligation by he who has the honor to be

My Lord
Your lordships Most obedient and
most humble Servant

William Graham
late Lieut^t 42^d Reg^t

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/164, f. 227. William Graham had requested a new commission several times since selling out while the 42nd Regt. was deployed to America. The War Office and Lord Amherst replied each time that no commission would be granted to an officer who had left the army under those conditions.

King George III's Approval of Promotion of Lt. Harry Munro, 42nd Regt. to be Capt. Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot, London June 22, 1780

Promotions made in the Army in North America under the Command of General Sir Henry Clinton K. B. and Submitted for His Majesty's Approbation in Letters from New York of the 2^d. of April and 20th. July 1779, and which have not received The King's Approbation

71st Regiment...

Capt.Lt. Alexander Sutherland to be Captain Vice Munro, deceased	2 ^d . Feb ^y . 79
Lt. Harry Munro, of 42 ^d . Foot, to be Capt. Lieut: Vice Sutherland	do.

22^d. June 1780 Approved by The King

Amherst

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Letters from Lord Amherst* at WO 34/246, p. 342. Munro's promotion was originally held up to resolve issues with Sutherland's promotion.

Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt. listed as Aide de Camp to Hessian Commander, New York, June 25 – Dec. 24, 1780

General and Staff Officers of the Hessian Troops from the 25th. of June to the 24th. of December 1780

Lieutenant General	William de Knyphausen Commander [At New York]...
Extraordinary Aide de Camps...	{ Lieutenant Crammond...

Source and Note: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. by Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Reel 10, p. 271 from TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State, Military Dispatches* at CO5/183, p. 97.

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America Announcing King George III's Approval of Promotion of Lt. Harry Munro, 42nd Regt., to be Capt. Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot, London, July 4, 1780

W.O. 4th July 1780

Sir

I have rec^d. the honor of y^r. Letter of the 9th. & 13th. May, enclosing the Half Yearly Certificate of the General & Staff Officers within the District under your Command, from June to Dec^r. 1779, & two Lists of Promotions dated 15th. Feb^y. and 9th. May. His Majesty has been pleased to approve of the said Promotions, and also to confirm the Succession in the 71st. Reg^t. specified in the annexed Paper, of which His Majesty had deferred giving his Approbation, until Captain Duncansons Rank was settled.

I have the honor &^c.

General Sir H. Clinton
&^c. &^c. &^c.

C. Jenkinson

[Enclosure]

Succession in [1st Battalion] 71st. Reg^t. submitted for His Majesty's Approbation in Sir Henry Clinton's Letters of the 2^d. April & 20th. July 1779, and which are now approved by His Majesty.

L^t. Alex^r. Sutherland to be Captain Lieut: vice [Charles] Campbell, promoted – 29th dec^r. 1778...

Capt. L^t. Alex^r. Sutherland to be Captain, vice [George] Munro deceased – 2^d. feb^y 1779
 L^t. Harry Munro of 42^d. Foot, to be Capt. L^t. vice Sutherland – d^o.

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters* at WO 4/274, pp. 307-308 (ff. 154V-155).

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments by Company for the Period Dec. 25, 1779- June 24, 1780 from
 Musters at Valentines Hill, New York, July 15, 1780**

[Gen. Lord Murray's Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Col ^o & Cap ^t
	John Rutherford	Cap ^t Lieu ^t
	James Stirling	Lieu ^{ts}
Promoted 25 th Aug ^t 79 Transf ^d to L ^t Infantry D ^o Commission dated d ^o	William Fraser William Fraser	{ En ^s
Absent by Com ^s Off ^r Leave	James M ^c Laggan Hugh Fraser William Robertson Alexander Stewart	Chaplain Adjutant Surgeon { Mates
duty	Donald Smith	{ ...

[Lt. Col. Stirling's Colonel's Company]

On Duty as Brigadier General	Thomas Stirling	Lieutenant Colonel
	Alex ^r Stewart	} Lieutenants
Transferred to Cap ^t Smiths 31 st Jan ^y 1780	Robert Franklin	}
Received from Cap ^t M ^c Dougals D ^o D ^o	Henry David Fraser	}
Promoted 15 th May Transferred to Cap ^t M ^c Dougalls Commission Dated 15 th May 1780	John Young William Dickson	} Ensign }...

[Capt. M^cDougall is actually Capt. Macdowal]

[Maj. Graham's Company]

	Charles Graham	Major & Captain
	Gavin Drummond	} Lieu ^t s
Promoted in 71 Regiment 25 th August 1779	Norman MacLeod	}
Commission dated d ^o 79 transf ^d to L ^t I ^y 31 April 80	William Fraser	}
Received from Light Infantry ditto	William MacDonald	}
Transferred to C ^t M ^c Dowals Comp ^y 1 st April 80	Alex ^r Home	Ensign

[Capt. Smith's Company]

	John Smith	Captain
Transfer ^d to C ^t M ^c Dougals [Macdowal's] Comp ^y 31 st January 1780	Alex ^r McLeod	} Lieu ^{ts}
Rec ^d from Lieut. Col ^{os} 31 st Jan ^y 80 In Europe by Gen ^l Sir W ^m Howes leave since 14 Apr ^l 78	Robert Franklin	}
	Alex ^r Innes	}
Commission Dated 2 ^d Feb ^y 1779	David Sutherland	En ⁿ ...

[Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson's Company]

	Duncan M ^c Pherson	Cap ^t / Lieu ^t Col ^{ol}
	Alex ^r Cumming	[Lieutenant]
Promoted 71 st Reg ^t 24 th Aug ^t 1779	John Robertson	[Lieutenant]
Commission dated D ^o on Duty at New York	Alexander Grant	[Lieutenant]
Duty	Kenneth Callender	[Ensign] ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Captain
	Hugh Fraser	} Lieutenants
In Europe not joined Since appointed 2 ^d Feb ^{ry} 1779	Henry Graham	}
Promoted 24 th August & Transferred 1779	Alex ^r Grant	}
Commission Dated Ditto 1779	James Alston	Ensign

[Capt. Anstruther's Company]

	David Anstruther	Captain
Duty as aide de camp to Gen ^l Knyphausen	James Crammond	} Lieutenants
Duty	Alexander M ^c Grigor	}
	Dougald Campbell	Ensign ...

[Capt. Macdowal's Company]

Not joined since appointed 21 st September 1779	Hay M ^c Dowal	Captain
	George Campbell	} Lieu ^{ts}
Transferred to Lieu ^t Colonels 31 st Jan ^{ry} 1780	Henry David Fraser	}
Received from Cap ^t Smiths 31 st D ^o Killed 15 th May 1780	Alex ^r M ^c Leod	}
Commission Dated 15 th May 1780 received from Lieu ^t Colonels	John Young	}
Received from Majors 28 th March 1780	Alex ^r Home	Ens ⁿ ...

[Grenadier Company –mustered at “East Chester 17th July 1780”]

	John Peebles	Captain
Sick	Alex ^r Grant	} Liet ^{ts}
	Robert Rollo	}
Absent by the Command ^r in Chiefs Leave in Britain	Allan M ^c Lean	}...

Light Infantry Company - musterred at “East Chester 17th July 1780”]

	George Dalrymple	Captain
	Robert Potts	} Lieu ^{ts}
Duty	James Stewart	}
D ^o	William Fraser	}...

Source: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776* at WO 12/5479.

Promotion Announcement for 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers, London, July 18, 1780

War-Office, July 18, 1780...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Alexander Grant to be Lieutenant, vice [John] Robertson.

Ditto, Ensign William Fraser to be Lieutenant, vice Norman M^cLeod.

Ditto, Volunteer James Alston to be Ensign, vice Alexander Grant.

Ditto, Volunteer William Fraser to be Ensign, vice William Fraser.

Ditto, Volunteer David Sutherland to be Ensign, vice Henry Graham.

Ditto, Ensign John Young to be Lieutenant, vice Alexander M^cLeod.

Ditto, Volunteer William Dickson to be Ensign, vice John Young...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Lieutenant Harry Munro, from 42d Foot, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Alexander Sutherland.

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant Harry Munro to be Captain, vice Norman M^cLeod.

Ditto, Lieutenant John Robertson, from 42d Regiment, to be Captain, vice ___ [Angus] Macintosh.

Ditto, Lieutenant Norman M^cLeod, from 42d Regiment, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Harry Munro...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 15, 1780, p. 5. This order includes two Norman MacLeods in the 71st Regt. The first is Capt. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod who is promoted to Maj. of the 73rd Regt. and later becomes Lt. Col. of the 2nd Bn. of the 42nd Regt. The second Normand MacLeod (Cyprus) served during the early part of the war as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. and was wounded at the storming of Fort Washington in 1776.

Sarcastic Runaway Advertisement for Nine-year old Shoemaker's Apprentice

James Rivington Jr. (Future Ens., 42nd Regt.), New York, July 26, 1780

RUN from his apprenticeship, to the shoemaker's trade, JAMES RIVINGTON, jun. son to the notorious James, the royal, alias, lying printer, in New-York. Those who knew the father, need no other description of the son, than to be informed that allowing for age and experience, he is, in low cunning, deceit, lying, and roguery, equal to the sire; and proves, without the marriage knot, that he the *real* offspring, full blooded. It is thought probable this youth, on the rumour of the French fleet, is gone, agreeable to tory policy, to join the American army; that by dividing the family, part of the breed may be saved, even should the property be lost. Whoever takes up the above identical son, shall be weekly entitled to the father's privileged gazette, except those which may happen to contain aberrations from the truth.

N. B. The above is not the BAY COLT.

Source and Note: *New-Jersey Journal*, Vol. II., Number LXXV, July 26, 1780 as shown in *Documents Relating to the Revolutionary History of the State of New Jersey*, Vol. IV, Ed. William Nelson, State Gazette Publishing Co., Trenton, 1914, pp. 525-526. Rivington's father, James Rivington, was the Royal printer in New York and the publisher of the British-friendly *Royal Gazette*. Unknown to the colonists who hated him, he was a member of the *Culper Spy Ring* supplying information on the British forces in New York to the Continental Army. Ens. Rivington was commissioned at age 12 in 1783, but never actively served with the 42nd Regt. After the war he settled in New York and Albany.

**Request for Commission by Former Lt. William Graham (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),
to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces,
Ferrybridge, Yorkshire, July 27, 1780**

Ferrybridge 27th July 1780

My Lord

I wrote your lordship some time ago, praying your lordship would recommend me to his Majesty for any commission your lordship should think proper which letter I imagine your lordship has not rec^d, as I have been waiting in anxious expectation of an answer; an Ensigny in any corps would make me very happy, as my zeal for the service is very great all my family and connections being in it; my only brother is now Major to 1st Battⁿ 42^d in which Reg^t I had the honor of serving ten years, but having been very ill used by my father's trustees was oblig'd to quit the service and come home from America, as I am quite unhappy out of the army life hope lordship will recommend me for an Ensigny which will confer an everlasting obligation on him who has the honor to be

My Lord
Your Lordships
Most obedient
Humble Servant
William Graham
late Lieu^t 42^d Reg^t

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/165, ff. 300 and 300R.

**Incorrect News Account of Death of Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.),
London, Aug. 15, 1780**

LONDON, AUGUST 15...

Letters were received in town by the last packet from New-York, bringing advice of the death of the brave General Stirling, of the 24th regiment, owing to a ball he received in his thigh, which shattered it to atoms in the last excursion into the Jerseys.

Source and Note: *Leeds Intelligencer*, Aug. 22, 1780, p. 1. Although badly wounded in New Jersey, Maj. Gen. Stirling survived his wound and continued to serve until his death in 1808.

Excerpt of Letter No. 99 from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Providing a Field Officer Board's Report of Shoddy Necessaries, Signed by Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., New York, Aug. 15, 1780

N^o. 99

Head Quarters New York
15th. August 1780

My Lord...

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 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]...

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, J [James]. 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 CO5/100, pp. 149-162.

Orders Appointing Ens. George Stuart, 82nd Regt. (Future Lt., 42nd Regt.) to be Assistant to Quarter Master General's Department, New York, Aug. 26, 1780

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 26th Aug 1780...

Lieu^t [William] Cope of 63^d Regiment, Lieu^t [William] Armstrong 17th Regiment and Ensign Stuart 82^d Regiment are app^d Assistants to the Quarter Mas^r Generals Departments in South Carolina, New York and Nova Scotia.

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," Sir Henry Clinton Papers, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. At this time there were two "Ens. Stuarts" in the 82nd Regt. with similar names (George Stuart and George Walker Stuart) and the same date of rank. It is likely Ens. George Stuart, who was later a Lt. in 42nd Regt., was the officer assigned to the quartermaster's department because immediately after his transfer to the 42nd Regt. Stuart was listed in his first regimental muster as assigned as "Assistant to Q^r M^r Gen^l Department." Ens. George Walker Stuart remained in the 82nd Regt.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Alexander Anderson, Regimental Agent Regarding Lt. Alexander Macgregor of Balhaldies, London, Aug. 28, 1780

Kensington Gravel Pitts
Monday 28 Aug^t 1780

M^r Anderson

One of the blank Lieutenanceys [in the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt.] to be filled up with Lieutenant Alex^r MacGregor [1st Bn.] in his proper place 5th June 1778 being one of the four Lieutenants of the Additional companies...

I am S^r Your most humble Serv^t

John Murray

To M^r Alex^r Anderson }
Agent to the 42^d or R.H. Reg^t }

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/126 f. 273. As part of the conditions for approval of the second battalion, the officers and men of the two Additional Companies of the 1st Bn. 42nd Regt. were assigned to the 2nd Bn. on its raising. Kensington Gravel Pits was a suburb of Kensington, about three miles east of Buckingham Palace.

Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 42nd Regt., Appointed Court Martial President, New York, Aug. 31, 1780

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 31st Aug 1780...

A General Court martial to sit at the City Hall in New York on Monday next the 4 Sep^r at ten o'Clock in the morning for the Trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before them.

Lieu^t Colo MacPherson 42^d Reg^t President...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. This example shows how M^cPherson's rank "in the army" gives in seniority outside the 42nd Regt., where he was serving in a Captain's position.

Promotion Announcement of 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Officers, London, Sept. 2, 1780

War-Office, September 2, 1780.

42^d Regiment of Foot; 2^d Battalion, General Lord John Murray is appointed to be Colonel.

Major Norman MacLeod of 73^d Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captain Patrick Graham, of 1st Battalion, to be Major;

To be Captains,

Lieutenant James Murray of late 78th Foot.

Lieutenant John Gregor, of 1st Battalion.

Lieutenant James Drummond, of 66th Foot.

Lieutenant Colin Campbell, of 36th Foot.

Lieutenant Thomas Dalyell, of 32d Foot,
Lieutenant David Lindsay, of 69th Foot.
Lieutenant John Grant [of Glenmoriston], of 1st Foot.

To be Lieutenants,

Ensign James Spens, of 1st Battalion...
Ensign Æneas Eraser, of 73d Foot.
Lieutenant Alexander Dunbar, of Sutherland Fencibles.
Alexander Maitland, Gent.
Allan Robinson, Gent.
John Macleod, Gent.
Alexander Rose, Gent.

To be Ensigns

Volunteer John Murray Robertson
Ensign Alexander Macdonald, from the Dutch Service.
Robert Robertson, Gent.
John Macdonald, Gent.
William White, Gent.
Charles Mac Lean, Gent.
John Macpherson, Gent.
James Stewart, Clerk, to be Chaplain.
Serjeant Robert Leslie, to be Adjutant.
Donald Plowman, Gent. to be Quarter-master.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 1780, p. 1. This 2nd Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. MacLeod is often confused with a provisional 2nd Battalion commanded by then Maj. William Grant established Aug. 1776 in America by splitting the regiment into two smaller battalions in 1776. Major Norman MacLeod of MacLeod was a former Capt. in 71st Regt. and had been held prisoner with Capt. John Smith after being captured by the rebel navy while on the way to America in 1776. Volunteer John Murray Robertson is the illegitimate son of Gen. Lord John Murray. Lt. John Grant (later of Auchindown) of the 1st Bn. Additional Company, was serving in Newfoundland at this time. The officers of the Additional Companies of the 1st Bn. were transferred on paper to the 2nd Bn. in Scotland upon it being raised.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson,
Regarding Commission and Name Change for Capt. John Gregor, Approval for Surg. Thomas
Farquharson, 2nd Battalion., and Complaining of Excessive Leave for
Lt. Robert Franklin, 1st Battalion, London, Sept. 2, 1780**

S^r

I rec^d. from the War Office the Establishment of the 2^d. Battalion, and in it Cap^t. Gregors name is inserted, who was of the Additional Companies, but Since his Commission was out Some years ago, there is an act of Parliament Passed allowing the Clan of Gregors to be called MacGregors, which he Earnestly desired me to put you in mind of before his Commission is Signed, which I hope you will please do accordingly

William Adair Esq^r, having forgot to mention to you the time he Examined & approved of my Surgeon, M^r. Thomas Farquharson, I have wrote to him at Bath, to mention the time which I hope he will receive pay from, as he has been mostly at head-Quarters attending his duty there.

It is above two years ago, Since Lieu^t. Robert Franklin had leave from S^r. W^m. Howe to come to Cork for the recovery of his health, he wrote to me Several times to Apply for further leave from the War Office, which I refused, knowing that he was Sick or Pretended to be so, all the time I was at Dublin, & did no duty there, as he is an intire Stranger in Scotland can be of no use in the recruiting there, and wrote to him Several times to join the Battalion, or to endeavor to Exchange with a Highland Officer, & wrote for S^r. William Montgomery to the Same Effect. he has found means to get leave from the War Office,

without my Applying for it, which I am Assured was out the 12th. of last month, I therefore hope it won't be renewed to him. – for there are three Officers of the 2^d. Battalion who will not get leave to come over, till they are replaced by others. There is Ensign [Alexander] Loraine gone from Cork, another is ordered from Fort George and he is the third.

I have the honour to be
Kensington Gravel } S^r.
Pits 2^d. Sept^r. 1780 – }

Your most humble and most Obedient Servant
John Murray

Hon^{ble}. Ch: Jenkinson Esq^r.

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office In-Letters, 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: H-M, 1780* at WO 1/1008, p. likely 1877 (partially obscured in copy). By two bills in 1633 and 1693, the Parliament of Scotland made the use of the name “*MacGregor*” illegal. Lord Murray is referring to an act of Parliament passed on Nov. 29, 1774 which restored the legal use of the name MacGregor. Capt. Gregor’s commission was issued with his name of MacGregor restored. “*S. William Montgomery*” was the former regimental agent for the 42nd Regt. when stationed in Ireland.



Reproduction 44th Regt. Uniform Button

**Promotion Order for Ens. John Ritchie, 44th Regt. to a Lieutenancy in the 42nd Regt.,
New York, Sept. 6, 1780**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton’s Orders] Head Qrs N Y 6th Sep^t 1780...
The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...
[42nd Regt.]

Ensign Ritchie from 44th Regim^t to be Lieu^t vice [Robert] Rollo, who retires } 6th Sep 1780...

Source and Note: “Orders, 1778-1782,” *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. Ritchie was assigned to the 42nd Grenadier Co. Although this order indicates Rollo retired, he was commissioned Capt. in the Loyalist regiment, the American Legion in Nov. 1780, and served for the remainder of the war.

**Recommendation from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst,
Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty’s Forces, for Former Lt. William Graham,
London, Sept. 5, 1780**

William Graham Esq^r. late a Lieu^t. in the 42^d. or Royal Highland Regiment under my Command, is son of the Late Lieu^t Colonel Gordon Graham, and Brother to Major Charles Graham of my first Battalion, and at Present commanding them in America, to the best of my knowledge is a good Officer, and proper to Serve His Majesty again.

Given under my hand at Kensington Gravel Pits 5th. September 1780
John Murray Gen^l

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/167, f. 89.

**General Orders Transferring Lt. Hon. George Fraser, 88th Regt., into 42nd Regt.
Through Three-Officer Transaction, New York, Sept. 8, 1780**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton’s Orders] Head Qrs N Y 8th Sep^t 1780...

Promo^s Received from the War Office...

	42 ^d Reg ^t	
James West, Gent. late a Lieuten ^t in the 79 th foot to be Lieut ^t vice }		19 th May 1780.
[Lt. John Spens] Spence made Cap ^t Lieu ^t in 95 th foot }		
Lieu ^t John Harris, from half pay in the late 122 ^d Foot to be Lieu ^t }		26 th May 1780
vice West who exchanges }		
Hon. Lieu ^t Geo: Frazier, of the 88 th Foot, to be Lieu ^t vice Harris }		31 May 1780
who goes in the 88 th Foot }		}...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. See notes above for *London Gazette* articles dated May 30 – June 13, 1780.



Fort George, Scotland.

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Request from Capt. Hay Macdowal, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, to Remain Ranked as Eldest Captain in the 2nd Battalion, Fort George, Sept. 9, 1780

My Lord,

I am exceedingly sorry to be again under the necessity of troubling your Lordship, about an affair of the utmost importance to me, I flatter myself, however your Lordship's goodness will readily forgive me – I did myself the honor to write your Lordship some months ago, and then took the liberty to acquaint you, that I had purchased from an Officer in America in Sept^r. last, an additional Comp^y. of 1st Battalion 42^d. Regiment, which Company has since been added to a Second Battalion of that Regiment, and from the date of the Officers Commissions to said Battalion being posterior to mine, I fortunately remain Eldest Captain to it at present.

Last Post I received an order from Lord John Murray to set out to join the First Battalion in America, by the second of October next, as I presume My Lord I belong to this Battalion as Eldest Captain, I humbly lay my case before you, and hope your Lordship will not look on what I have done as presumption, when my rank in the Army is so nearly concerned.

Your Lordships future Instructions shall be pointedly obeyed by me and I have the honor to be
My Lord

Fort George
Sept^r. 9th. 1780

with the greatest respect
Your Lordships most obed^t Humble Serv^t
Hay Macdowal
Cap^t. 42^d. Reg^t.

Source and Notes: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/167 ff. 144-145. Capt. Macdowal is incorrect when he says he purchased an “*additional Comp^y*” which was transferred to the 2nd Battalion. Instead he purchased Capt. John M^cIntosh’s line company in the 1st Bn. in America. He was likely confused by Lord Murray’s order for Capt. M^cIntosh to come home to command an additional company, which was resisted by Lt. Col. Stirling. Lord John Murray’s response is shown below, dated Oct. 19, 1780. Fort George guards the entrance to Beauy Firth, about thirteen miles northeast of Inverness.

**Excerpt of Letter to Maj. John Andre, Adj. General, from Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt.,
Aide-de-Camp to Hessian Lt. Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen, with Rebel Intelligence,
New York, Sept. 12, 1780**

Morris House Sep^r. 12th: 1780.

Sir,

The following intelligence was communicated to me by two Deserters from the Rebel Army, who arrived at this post in the forenoon, having left Gen^l Washington’s camp some few hours before:

The Rebel Army is now encamped on the Heights between the New Bridge & Hackinsack in two lines, with the front towards Paulus’ Hook and the North River. M^r. Washington and his Suite are also encamped, in the rear of the Army, whose out Posts are at the New Bridge, and along the Hackinsack River; with a Piquet at the Liberty Pole...

I have the honor to be with real attachment

Sir

Your most obed^t humble Serv^t
J: Cramond A. D. C.

Major Andre
Adj^t. Gen^l. &^c.

N.B. The Bridge master has communicated the Comm^r. in Chiefs pleasure requesting the pontoons to Gen^l. Knyphausen, who will give orders in consequence – J. C.

Source: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 123:1, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.

**Promotion Order for Volunteer William Fraser to be Ensign in the 42nd Regt.,
New York, Sept. 13, 1780**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton’s Orders] Head Qrs N Y 13th Septem^r 1780...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions.

42nd Reg^t:

Volun^r W^m Fraser, to be Ensign by purchase vice [Alexander] Home who retires} 13th Feb 1780...

Source and Note: “Orders, 1778-1782,” *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Fraser’s promotion is listed in the annotated War Office copy of the annual Army List for 1780 (WO 65.30, f. 108) as “13 Sept 80.” Ens. Fraser was the son of Lt. and Adjutant Hugh Fraser.

**Account of Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling’s Wound by Capt. and Lt. Col. James Stewart, 1st Regt. of
Foot Guards to his Father, Alexander, Lord Blantyre, Laurel Hill, New York, Sept. 23, 1780**

Laurel Hill Lines

23rd September [1780]

My Dear Lord...

I was yesterday in [New] York to see Poor General Stirling whose wound is healing, but notwithstanding the Surgeons are afraid that he will not have strength enough of constitution to get through. He has already suffered beyond description, having lain 4 months in one position without having been able to move, and that too in the very hottest weather, which has reduced him so low, that his Life is now in Danger from Weakness.

I saw Major [Archibald] Erskine [22nd Regt., former Capt., 42nd Regt.] who is in good health and at present Quartered at [New] York. He joins with Poor Gen^l Stirling in offering kind Complements to you all....”

Source and Note: “Letters from America, 1780 and 1781,” by Kenneth Charles Corsair, in the *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*, Vol. 20, 1941, pp. 131-132. Laurel Hill was part of the Manhattan Island defenses and was to the east of the Fort Knyphausen (formerly Fort Washington), along the Harlem River. Stirling was shot in the leg June 18th while leading the van of Lt. Gen. Knyphausen’s column into New Jersey.



Reproduction 71st Highland Regt. Uniform Button

**Prisoner of War Lt. William Nairne, 71st Grenadier Company
(Future Capt., 42nd Additional Company), Exchanged, New York, Nov. 1780**

Officers Prisoners of War, Stationed at Lancaster the 24th Sept^r 1780

Lieutenants... William Nairne 71st Grenadiers d^o [exchanged Nov^r 1780]...

Source: Lib. of Congress, *Peter Force Papers*, Series IX, Reel 106, pp. 309-310. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

**Promotion Announcement of Maj. Patrick Graham, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt.
(Former Capt., Additional Company), to be Major in the Army, London, Sept. 30, 1780**

War-Office, September 30, 1780...

To be Majors in the Army.

Major Patrick Graham, of 42d Foot. October 11, 1779...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 26, 1780 p. 6. Having previously served as a Lt. in the Regt. in America, and a Captain of an additional (recruiting) company, Maj. Graham was serving in the 2nd Bn. in Scotland.

**Lt. John Ritchie, 42nd Grenadier Company, and Ens. William Dixon, 42nd Regt., on List of Officers
Desiring to Purchase Promotions, New York, Oct. 1, 1780**

Return of Officers in the following Corps, desirous to Purchase 1 st October 1780				
Rank	Names	Regim ^{es} .	Date	Remarks...
Majors...				
Captains...				
Lieutenants...	{ Ritchie	42 nd .	6 th . Sept ^r . 1780	1 st Com ⁿ 1779...
Ensigns ...	{ Dickson	42 nd .	15 th . May 1780	

Fred^k. Mackenzie
D. A. Genl.

Source and Note: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 125:3, W. L. Clements Lib., Univ. of Mich. Ens. Ritchie had just been promoted to Lt. on Sept. 6 just 24 days earlier. He obtained a Captaincy in the 37th Regt. in May 1781.

**Excerpt of List of Pending Personnel Actions Maintained by Capt. Frederick Mackenzie,
Deputy Adj. General, Approximate date 1780-1781**

Memorials and Recommendations to be attended to

Regiments	Memorials Names	Memorialists applications
70 th [actually 71 st]...	Cap ^t . Hen. [Harry] Munro	To sell out
42 ^d	Gen. [Thomas] Stirling	notifying the death of Lt. [Allan] M ^c Lean 24 th May 1780...
42 ^d	Lt. [James] Crammond	for promotion recommended by the Margrave of Baden to the King...
42 ^d	Gen ^l . Stirling	for Ens. [Dugald] Campbell to be Lieutenant vice [Allan] M ^c Lean drowned and Adjut ^t [James] Rose of the 2 ^d Batt ⁿ . to be Ens ⁿ ...

Source and Note: *Frederick Mackenzie Papers*, transcribed by Todd Braisted, Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. The report is undated, but is after Sept. 1780. Near the end of the list is a recommendation from Lord Cornwallis for the succession of Capt. Cotton, 33rd Regt. Cotton died of Wounds from Camden on 30 Sept. 1780. Capt. Munro was a former Lt. in the 42nd Regt. who was promoted into the 71st Highlanders. He retired from the 71st Regt. on Dec. 1, 1781. His entry is located on the list between entries for Major M^cArthur and Lt. Wellington, both of the 71st Regt. Ens. Dugald Campbell is one of three Dugald Campbells who served as subalterns. This Lt. Campbell went out on Half-pay at the end of the war and settled in Canada. Lt. Cramond was a Lieutenant in the service of the Margrave of Baden (in southwestern Germany) before he joined the 42nd Regt.



Armorial Bearings of Stirling of Ardoch

Picture Source: *The Stirlings of Keir and Their Family Papers*,
William Fraser, privately Published, Edinburgh, 1858, p. 126.

**Account of Brevet-Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling's Wound by Maj. Archibald Erskine, 22nd Regt.
(Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), to Gen. Stirling's Brother, Sir William Stirling of Ardoch,**

New York, Oct. 9, 1780

N. York 9th Oct^r 1780

My D^r Sir William

The Packet has been so long under sailing orders that the letter I have wrote to L^y Stirling will be of an old date before she receives it; however as the Mail will not be shut 'till Even^s I think it highly incumbent on me to take the latest Moment of informing you with the worthy Generals situation; & it is with infinite concern I must acquaint you that the appearance of his recovery are rather unpromising & unfavourable – From my own feelings I can easily judge those of a Brother on this information; but it would be exceedingly improper & culpable in one to buoy you up with the uncertain hopes of his recovery, by endeavouring to conceal his real danger – The truth is that his inflammation is getting higher, & the Surgeons told me yesterday that they think his cure almost impracticable unless he suffers amputation & that he still has strength sufficient for undergoing it, & therefore begd of Maj^r [John] Small [84th Regt.] & me to speak to him on this head – It was a necessary but trying office, & impossible to be told him in direct terms – we therefore just slightly mentioned to him some surprising instances of recoveries effected by amputation, & begd of him as his cure was so tedious to ask the opinions of the Surgeons who attended him on his own case; but this he would by no means consent to & gave us to understand that nothing could alter the determined resolution he had taken from the first, of never suffering an operation to be performed on him, let the Surgeons opinion be what it would; – from several other things he said, we found his resolution too firm to be altered by any persuasions of ours, & therefore could not possibly urge the request further – Altho he never lets fall the least desponding word, yet I can see how ardently he wishes a short duration to the pain & misery he is in, & which he has all along bore with astonishing fortitude – I have always looked upon it as a most fortunate event, tho a painful task, that it has been in my power to attend him during his whole illness, & it added to the pain I feel on his account, that I should so often be the person thro' whom such unwelcome news is conveyed to my friends – I beg my kindest Comp^{ts} to L^d Stirling & the young ladies, & you may depend on it that I shall omit no opportunity of writing to you – remember me to M^{rs} Campbell &c &c &c believe me to be

D^r Sir Will^m

Your most aff^t humble Serv^t

Arch Erskine

Source and Note: NRS, *Papers of the Ogilvy family, Earls of Seafield (Seafield Papers)* at GD24/1/458. Maj. Erskine began the American war as a Capt. in the 42nd Regt. The "worthy Generals situation" being discussed is the June 18, 1780 shooting of Brevet-Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col. of the 42nd Regt.). Stirling's brigade was leading the British column when he was shot in the thigh in New Jersey on that date. Lady Stirling was Maj. Erskine's sister, Christian.



Fort St. George, Madras India circa 1754, by Jan Van Ryne

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons.

Excerpt of Letter from Maj. George MacKenzie (Former Lt., 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), to William Sutherland of Skibo, Regarding the 1st Battalion, 73rd (MacLeod's) Highland Regt., Fort St. George, Madras (now Chennai), India, Oct. 12, 1780

12th October, 1780.

My Dear Sir,

Should this work its way across the Muckle Ferry it will give pleasure to my dear Jenny, and all our other good friends to hear that Christy [MacKenzie's wife Christina Munro] and her two little ones and me are well and have kept perfect good health since we arrived in this country. I wrote you in the month of March last by the Fleet in which Sir. Thomas Rumbold went home. I hope by this time you may have received it, and this goes by Colonel Hay who is married to General Mann's sister, and goes home with his wife in a Danish ship, the safest conveyance of any in the present state of affairs. We have not had a scratch of a pen from Europe since the day we sailed, excepting one letter from Anny by Jack Gorry, and two short lines from George by the same ship that arrived in June last.

There are two ships now here that left Portsmouth the end of last March, and its a cruel disappointment that we had not a single line by any of them. Most of the people in the North and indeed many who should know better, lose their good intentions to their friends in this part of the world, by trusting their letters to acquaintances, or private passengers; its a hundred to one that any letter by a private hand ever is delivered, but if they are put into the Company's packets in the India House, there is no instance of letters being lost, if the ship is not lost, or taken. This I wish all my friends to know, that we may not any time be deprived by any accident of the pleasure we would have to hear of our friends.

By the time this comes to your hand, the whole nation will be ringing with the unexpected commotions that have happened in this part of the British Empire, since the last ships went for England. The Hon^{ble} [East India] Company having for some time been engaged in an expensive and ruinous war against the Marrahtos upon the Malaber coast [southwestern India], lay sleeping in this settlement in a state of perfect security, and drained themselves of men and money, without considering or suggesting an idea that there was a possibility of attacking the Carnatic. The Nabob, Hyder-Alley a great and powerful Prince and the ablest general that ever appeared in a black skin, very soon discovered their weakness and took advantage of the situation. He marched into the Camatic with an army of one hundred thousand horse, and thirty thousand infantry with a proportionable train of artillery; and so infatuated were the

despicable counsel of this state, that they would not believe any information that was brought them, or take any measures to make head against him, until he flourished his sword at the gates of Madras, burnt and destroyed the whole country around, and slashed down hundreds of the wretched inhabitants almost under the muzzles of their guns; They at last upon the 24th. July issued orders for their army to assemble, and take the field, but the army was so detached in small bodies, in distant parts of the country, that was over-run with the enemy, that it was impossible to get them together, however, about the 20th of August, they were able to join to our regiment 500 Europeans, 4000 Sepoys and a corps of Artillery of 30 field pieces, this was the whole strength of the Carnatic Army, to be opposed against so formidable an enemy, excepting a detachment of four Regiments of Sepoys each 500 men, 200 Europeans and 10 guns that were in an interior part of the country under command of a gallant and experienced officer Colonel [William] Baillie from near Inverness, but he was so hemmed in by the Enemy that he could not move. The little Army being at last formed at our old quarters, Poonamalee. Hyder with a considerable body of his army presented himself before us, but finding we were strongly posted, he marched off again and laid regular siege to Arcott the Capital of the Carnatic, where our Nabob has all his wealth, and the principal supplies for supporting a war in the country. The Council hitherto treated his Incursions with a seeming contempt, but now they became seriously alarmed, and offered the command of their little army to Lord Macleod, with orders to go immediately to relieve Arcott. He immediately wrote them a letter (that you may probably see in the papers) which would do honor to the King of Prussia; he explained to them the absurdity of sending out such a small force against such immense multitudes, pointed out a plan without risk, or hazard to form a junction of their troops (*happy were it for this country had they adopted it*) and told them how soon he could get them formed, he would be proud to take the command of them and would answer for the event of the war, but if they did not act upon reasonable principles, he would do his duty at the head of his own Regiment and they might give the command to whom they pleased.

To which General [Sir Hector] Munro replied – he had no ideal of a man starting difficulties at such a critical period, and that he in person would go and take the command, and never return to Madras whilst Hyder-Alley had a foot of ground on the face of God's creation. He accordingly marched us off on the 25th. August and orders were at the same time sent to Colonel Baillie to march and form a junction with us at a place called Conjuveram. This opened the first scene of the tragedy of blunders, the operations of the first day were sufficient to convince every man in the Line capable of forming an opinion that we were led by a blockhead, not master of the common sense necessary for a ploughman and short of the Military skill that would be expected of a Corporal. I am sorry to suggest so mean an idea of a man on whom blind fortune by some accident threw some unmerited fame, but the fatal sequel has too clearly proven his insignificance. In the course of four days we got to the appointed place of rendezvous. Hyder hearing of our approach relinquished his design upon Arcott, and appeared in amazing force close in our front the morning of the 30th. Our General who was to have razed Hyder off the face of the earth, was all of a sudden stupified, confounded and in the most distracted state of confusion. He could neither make a disposition to attack the enemy, or to defend himself, but the troops kept up a good countenance, and wished to be led on to the attack, though the enemy appeared at a moderate computation to be twenty to one.

In this state of confusion, our small Army appearing more like a mob than regular troops, [Col. John Mackenzie] Lord Macleod [73rd Regt.] (whose opinion was never asked) went up to the General and told him it was highly necessary to make some disposition, as the enemy from their movements, must have in view to attempt something at the same time pointed out a neglect in the order of the enemy, where they could be attacked with great advantage, but no counsel, no advice, could drive us to take one proper step, the happy moment was lost, and you know the old adage, Opportunity lost is never to be regained. We were kept all day standing to our arms, broiling under the scorching rays of the most powerful sun ever felt by Europeans in this climate until upwards of one hundred of our best men were knocked down by it, and rendered useless to the service. Towards evening we took post, and next morning found ourselves completely surrounded by the enemy, without a foot of ground to feed out cattle, or any communication open to procure any supplies of any kind whatever; in this situation one of Colonel

Baillies Sepoys found means to get into our camp with information, that he was within 17 miles of us in the very same situation with ourselves.

The day following we heard very smart firing, and at night another of Baillie's people came in, with the accounts that he had been attacked in a very brisk manner, hitherto unknown from Black troops, but that he had repulsed them with considerable loss on their side, but that he dreaded the next attack as his ammunition was nearly expended. This would appear to any man but our General a critical moment, when something was to be attempted at all hazards; but he took to the 8th. September to consider of it, when he made a detachment of 15 companies of Grenadiers, the flower of our army, and sent them to reinforce Baillie. The dividing so small a body as ours, when the whole could have been moved with equal facility, was a measure so contrary to every rule of War, and common sense, that every man amongst us, immediately gave themselves up for lost, and nothing but the Providence of God, and the good management of Lord Macleod (who at last took upon himself to act contrary to orders) could have saved a single man of us. How soon the enemy discovered we had made the detachment, they instantly bent their whole force against Baillie, and attacked him within seven miles of our lines, at 1 o'clock in the morning [Sept. 10, 1780 at Pollilur]; the action was continued very hot on both sides till ten o'clock, and Baillie made a most gallant defence and repulsed the enemy three different times; but one fatal shot blew up all his ammunition upon which his black troops were panic-struck, broke and gave way; the enemy observed the confusion and poured in all their cavalry. The Europeans stood firm, without a shot to fire and with their bayonets kept them at bay, until they brought artillery to bear upon them, finding no appearance of support, they charged into the heart of the enemy's lines, til the last man was cut down and not a single man remained to tell the story, excepting one Artillery man, belonging to the Company and one man of our Regiment, who were left amongst the dead; and upon reviving their spirits, they by a mere chance made their way to us. In this fatal affair we lost our grenadiers and Light company complete, amongst them your friend poor Gunn who had he been spared would have been a credit to his connections. The other officers of our Regiment are Cap^t. Baird. Lieu^t. John Lindsay, who was in my Company, Lieu^t. Alex. Geddes Mackenzie – Castle Leod – and Lieu^t. Melville Strathay's cousin, Captain Gilchrist was killed by the sun, and Lieu^t. Alexander Mackenzie son of Dundonald is shot through the leg, but in our possession and will recover, had we moved to their assistance upon hearing the action begin, there is no doubt but we would have prevented this fatal blow, but the same stupidity that directed all our blundering measures, dallyed time till 7 o'clock, when we marched to their support, but before we got within a mile of them, all was over, and in place of our friends, we found ourselves in the heart of the victorious army, who being flushed with victory, pressed very daringly upon us; some of our wounded Sepoys gave us the fatal news, which was kept secret for fear of intimidating our little band. We immediately put about, with the enemy in force in our front, rear, and both flunks, they instantly perceived our flight, and Hyder spirited up his people by declaring he would that night put an end to the British Empire in the East, but we had well served Artillery, and plenty of ammunition which kept their horse at a respectful distance and their Infantry and Artillery were not able to come up with us in machinery. We continued our march or rather our flight for 32 hours, without a halt or any refreshment, and at last brought the poor worn-out remains of our army under the guns of this fort, where we are now in Camp. After losing every article belonging to us, excepting the arms we had in our hands, thus ended the most shameful campaign that was ever attempted by a British General in any quarter of The Globe. I declare too I have no personal antipathy to the man, nor do I write from pique or prejudice. but facts all consistent with my own knowledge nor do I want to press all his infamy, tho' I tell facts to my friends. There are too many to expose him, that will be upon no reserve, for he is universally despised and detested here, and not a single merit or virtue allowed him, but they believe he is a simple honest man that would not defraud his neighbors. What is to be done now? I know not, for we have neither men nor money, but we have one of the strongest garrisons in the world, unless bribery or corruption prevails all the Powers in the East cannot take it.

The principal part of our Black troops, called Sepoys abandoned us, and ran to the Enemy, looking upon us as lost.

Lord Macleod sent a flag of truce with a letter to Hyder, to know if any of the King's officers or men had been taken in life, and desiring they might be supplied with everything they asked which he pledged his honor to pay in any place appointed, but his answer was so concise, we could make little out of it, only that Colonel Baillie was wounded and a prisoner, that Colonel Fletcher second in command was killed on the field of battle, and all the prisoners would be taken care of, but we have twice heard that Captain [David] Baird, [Lt. Hon. John] Lindsay and [Lt. Phillip] Melville were all wounded, but taken in life out of the field. Jack Gorry was also wounded, and taken in life, but my cousins Geddes [Mackenzie] and [Lt. William] Gunn fell in the field. This is all we have been able to learn concerning them.

By this time Jenny can easily figure poor Christy's situation, when she saw me return as black as any crocke in Strath Brora, without a dog's meal of carrion upon me; but she is now making me fat with her good things, and if I could only get one month at your sheppors and goat-whey, I could yet be able to show my tanned face to Hyder. All the connexions of the poor fellows that carne with me, will upon hearing of a letter from me, be expecting to hear of their friends, am I wish to gratify them, William Sutherland, Cambuscoy's friend, is very well and with me here, but John Mackay, who came along with him from Strath Fleet, is lost with the Light Infantry. Another William Sutherland from Strath Brora recommended to me by Carrol is a very clever fellow, and a Sergent in my Company, and a third William from Strath rilly who brought a wife with him, is lost with the Grenadiers, widow Macleod's two sons, Malcolm and Innes are very well, but James Iawel from Mr. Polson and George Mackintosh from Lith are both dead. As is a fine handsome fellow Alex. Mackay from Gends, Robert Bruce from Navidale, wounded but will recover, this is all the Casualties amongst my Sutherland men.

Since my last, George Sutherland, the Mayor's son, is very well, and grown amazingly stout, Mr. Duncan's son was very well at Bengal by the last accounts, and all the rest of our gentlemen that I have not mentioned, perfectly well.

I have just found out the company is making out a private despatch to be sent home by the King's ship, and if I can get this in, you will upon receipt of it acquaint all our friends as I shall not be able to get more than one letter put in.

Mind us with affection to all friends, much do I long to get among them again, out of this damned burning climate, where I hope now a couple more years will put an end to our tour of it, but I much suspect not one of us will feather our caps out here, unless one lucky hit against an enemy does it. As King's troops can scarcely live upon their allowance in this country, it will surprise you when I tell you that I can scarcely make both ends meet now, and I receive about thirty pounds sterling a month, over and above my British pay, but you may now be tired of Indian affairs, so shall only add our love and best wishes to you, dear Jenny and the children, and to all our other friends who wish us well.

I am sincerely, My dear Sir,

Fort Saint George
12 October 1780.

Your affectionate and humble servant,
(Signed) George Mackenzie
73rd. or. Macleod's Highd^{rs}.

Addressed to William Sutherland, Esq^{re}.
Skeibo by Dornoch North Britain.

Source and Note: "Letter Written by Colonel George MacKenzie, With a Short Account of His Descendants" by Alexander W. Mackenzie in *The "Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly*, 1905, Vol. VII, "Old Northwest" Genealogical Society, Columbus (Ohio), Jan. 1905, Google Books, pp. 33-38. The "*Muckle Ferry*" (also Meikle Ferry) crossed the Dornoch Firth about five miles southwest of Dornoch. The 73rd Highland Regt. (MacLeod's - was raised by Col. John Mackenzie, Lord MacLeod, eldest son of the Earl of Cormarty. The regiment was later re-named the 71st Regt. and is not the same 73rd Regiment renamed in 1786 from the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.

**Letter from Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces,
to Capt. Hay Macdowal, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Regarding Assignment of Officers,
London, Oct. 13, 1780**

Whitehall, 13th October 1780

Sir,

I have received the favour of your Letter of the 9th past, and have sent a Copy of it to Lord John Murray, who I hope will lay down some proper rule by which the Officers of His Regiment may know, to which Battalion they belong.

I am Sir &c

Capt. Hay Macdowal of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot
Fort George, N^o. Britain

Amherst

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/235, f. 180. Capt. Macdowal had been promoted into the 1st Bn., 42nd Regt. in America, but had not ever joined that battalion, and had been transferred to the new 2nd Bn. in Scotland. Lord Murray did not want Macdowal to be the senior captain due to his lack of combat experience.

Explanation by Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Regarding Capt. Hay Macdowal's Seniority, Banner Cross, Oct. 19, 1780

Banner Cross 19th October 1780

My Lord

I had the honour of your Lordships letter, enclosing a copy of Cap^t Hay Macdowalls letter, the circumstances are as follows.

Cap^t John M^cIntosh was appointed by me to Succeed Captain [Alexander] Donaldson Preferred to the Additional Company in Scotland, which I ordered him by Several letters to join, some of them Miscarried, he Answered one and said, he could not come over without the Secretary at War's leave, which I wrote to the Secretary at War off. in answer to which he said "I beg you will continue to make such arrangements in the Officers of your additional companies of your Reg^t, as you shall judge best for the benefit of the Recruiting Duty, agreeable to Lord Barringtons letter to your Lordship of the 14th February 1776. As I do not find that my predecessor wrote to S^t William Howe on this Matter, I conceive it is Unnecessary for me to trouble S^t Henry Clinton with a letter on the Subject"

Cap^t John M^cIntosh wrote me he had sold his company in America, as he could not get leave to come over without it, and had particular Business to do in Scotland, which was his Marriage, which he has since done.

M^r Macdowall came to me, who was Lieu^t in the Additional of the 71st; last winter at Pitnacrie Lodge, and Said he had purchased Cap^t M^cIntosh's Company, & that he wanted to go over immediately to join his company in America, I gave him for Answer that he should continue at Perth where there was a great Number of men, & most of the Officers Recruiting, and also told him that he should join the first Battalion this year, which I gave orders to my Lieu^t Colonel that Cap^t Hay Macdowall was to Sett out for Fort George the second October in order to join the first Battalion which he accordingly gave him, And I ordered some time ago, an old officer Cap^t Charles Grant, (unless there was a Younger Cap^t made abroad), who is a Highlander to come over in his place from America.

My reasons were, I thought it was for His Majesty's Service, that an old Officer who had served Several Campaigns Should be the Eldest Captain, of the 2^d Battalion and not a Young Officer who had never been abroad, or Served one Campaign and to take rank of three old officers in the 2^d Battalion who had served long, which they represented to me when in Scotland, as it would be a hardship on them, if he was not removed, which I promised should be done to make them easy. And as I had a Young Lieu^t Co^l [Norman MacLeod of MacLeod] & Major [Patrick Graham], thought it not for His Majesty's Service, to have so young an officer to be Eldest Cap^t and the Battalion might soon to be ordered abroad, and I imagined I had power to change him, and he has no connections in the Highlands, and consequently not proper for Recruiting.

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

And as your Lordship write I have no additional Companies the Officers as you think cannot be liable to any change, without their immediate request, or consent thereto; I shall with pleasure obey all your Lordships commands, as is my Duty, and be ready to countermand the orders I have given to America & to Cap^t Macdowall as soon as your Lordship Signify's your orders to me,

I am sorry to be so Prolisce but I could not well make it shorter, considering the copy of the Letter your Lordship sent me enclosed.

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient and most Humble Servant

John Murray

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

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/168, ff. 273-274. Lord Amherst ruled in favor of Capt. Macdowall indicating his commission date in the 2nd Battalion was the same as his commission in the 1st Battalion granted by Gen. Clinton in America.



Lt. Gen. John Campbell of Strachur

Picture Source: Wikipedia by Hunting

Summary of Approval by Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Maj. Gen. John Campbell, British Commander, West Florida, for Maj. John Macdonald (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) to Command Combined Pennsylvania and Maryland Loyalist Battalion at Pensacola, New York, Oct. 21, 1780

New York October 21. 1780,

Receipt of dispatches...Withholds consent to the union of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Loyalists on account of injury done to the commanding and other officers...Suggests application to Mr. Rigby for a Deputy Pay Master to the troops in West Florida, and has no doubt his recommendation of Maj. Campbell will have due weight ...Appointment of Maj. McDonald is right. ..

Source and Note: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, Historical Manuscripts Commission, His Majesty's Stationary Office, London, 1906, Google Books, p. 193. Maj. Gen. Campbell was the commander of British West Florida at Pensacola. "*Maj. Campbell*" is Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt. who was Major of Brigade to his uncle Maj. Gen. Campbell. "*Maj. McDonald*" is retired Lt. John Macdonald (42nd Regt.), who was appointed Maj. of the Maryland Loyalists and who was acting commander of the combined battalion made up of two under strength Loyalist battalions from Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Brevet-Quartermaster Hector M^cLean, 2nd (Provisional) Battalion, 42nd Regt. Promoted to Quartermaster, 1st Battalion, 42nd Regt., New York, Oct. 25, 1780

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs N Y 25th Octo 1780...
The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions
42^d Reg^t

Serjeant Hector M^cLean, to be Q^r mas^r vice [Colin] Smith, deceased. } 21st Dec^r 1779...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Sgt. M^cLean had been appointed to be quartermaster of the 2nd Bn. (in America) on Nov. 22, 1778. This order gives him the permanent position of quartermaster to the battalion in America.



Interior of Barracks at Berwick circa 1799

Picture Source: *The History of Berwick Upon Tweed*, John Fuller, M. D., Printed for Bell & Bradfute, Edinburgh, 1799, Google Books, following p. 174.

**Request for the Governorship of Berwick from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Banner Cross, Oct. 28, 1780**

My Lord

I Had the Honour to Receive your Lordships letter of the 19th. of October.

I Presume your Lordship has laid before the King My Humble Application, for a Government when it should become Vacant.

I am now Assured the Government of Berwick is vacant I flatter my self His Majesty Will be Graciously pleased to Confer that Government on Me

I have the Honour to be

My Lord

Banner Cross
October 28 1780

Your Lordships most obedient and most Humble Servant
John Murray

Right Hon^{ble} Lord Amherst &c &c &c.

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* to WO 34/168 f. 399. Lord Murray is referring to the position of Governor of the Fort at Berwick-upon-Tweed on the English-Scottish border. Contrary to Lord Murray's request, the Government of Berwick was given to Maj. Gen. John Vaughan.

**Excerpt of Letter from Sir William Stirling of Ardoch (Brother of Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling)
to William Graham of Airth Reporting the Status of the General's Severe Leg Wound,
Ardoch, Nov. 25, 1780**

Ardoch 25 Nov 1780

My Dear Sir

My Sister: Having a letter wrote by my Brother [Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling] you may believe is a great Comfort it is no wonder than he dreads some splinters coming from the Bone these Symptoms must be Alarming as in that Event a great deal of Incisions will be necessary when he must be attended with pain and god knows he has Suffer'd much to save his Leg which I wish he had agreed to have had Amputated and might have been well before now - Mr Stirling of Keir had a letter from [Maj.] Archie Erskine [22nd Regt.] from New York dated 9th Octb^r wherein he says my Brother was greatly reduced with his Sufferings... Lady Stirling and young folks join in kind Love to my Sister you and yours I ever Am

My Dear Sir Most Affectionately yours

Will^m Stirling

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 49-50 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff.16-17. On June 6, 1780, Brig. Gen Stirling was badly wounded when he was shot in the leg while leading the advance of Hessian Lt. Gen. von Knyphausen expedition against the rebels in New Jersey and would not take the field for the remainder of the American war.

Extract of 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. Strength Report Showing Absent Officers Including Lts. John Grant, Dugald Campbell, James Spens and Alexander MacGregor, Formerly of the 1st Battalion, Perth, Dec. 1, 1780

Monthly Return of the 2nd. Battalion of the 42nd. (or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Commanded by the Right Honourable General Lord John Murray Perth 1st December 1780...

Rank and Names	By whose leave	
Lieu ^t . Colonel Norman Macleod	Commander in Chief	5 Serjeants at Newfoundland
Captain Thomas Dalzell	Under orders to Join	1 Drummer at Ditto
Lieu ^t . John Grant	} At Newfoundland	2 Serjeants Sick at Queensferry
Lieu ^t . Dugal Campbell		}	2 d^{o}. on Command at Ditto
Lieu ^t . James Spens	on Command at Queensferry	1 Drummer Sick at Ditto
Ensign John Murray Robertson	} Under orders to Join	<i>NB. one Lieut. & One Ensign not yet Recommended</i> <i>John Murray</i>
Ensign John Macdonald		

[table continued]

Vacant officers and by what means...

NB.30 Contingent Men not Included in the above Strength

Lieu^t. Alex^r. M^cGregor transferred to the 1st Battalion

Lieu^t. William Boyle not accepted

Ensign John Stewart Dead at New York

The Rank and File Recruiting and on Furlough are under orders to Join

Patrick Graham Major 2^d Battⁿ.

Roy^l Highlanders –

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers* at WO 34/170, f. 119. Although Vol. and Sgt. John Stewart had been reported dead Mar. 11, 1780, he had actually been taken prisoner by the rebels. He died in New York after escaping from rebels Jan. 10, 1781.



Dublin Castle, Ireland, 2009

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, by Donaldytong

**Letter from Lt. John Farquharson, 77th (Atholl) Highland Regt. to Mr. George Farquhar,
Regarding Misbehavior of Capt. Lord William Murray (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.),
Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 2, 1780**

Dublin, 2 Dec. 1780.

My Dear Sir,

In my last letter to you I wished to prepare you for what I then feared might happen to Lord William.

His Lordship most unfortunately lately happened to have the Castle Guard when some officers of the 36th Reg^t, now in Barracks here, occasioned a Riot at a Gaming-house of very bad character. The officers upon being worsted by the Watch, who came to the relief of the people of the house, denounced vengeance and went away. Informations are sworn to and lodged that they went to L^d William's Guard and immediately returned accompanied by Lord William and some soldiers. The windows of the house were soon broke, the furniture destroyed, and a great tumult ensued. The consequence was that the Watch gathered from all quarters, headed by some magistrates, and the officers were worsted and much hurt. The two officers of the 36th Reg^t were instantly sent to Newgate, and there remain. They are to be tried by the "Whiteboy Act" for gutting houses, &^c, and I am told that no Bail will be accepted of for them, their case being Felony.

Some days ago I bribed one of the clerks in the Crown Office to shew me the Information lodged, and there the story is told much to the same purpose as I have given it to you, and L^d W^m is charged as being accessory, under the name of William Murray, commonly called L^d William Murray.

This is the story told against him; but his own account is that the Townspeople and the officers of the 36th had a dispute, and he went there to make up matters, and try to get the officers brought out of the scrape.

I know that there may be much in this last account, and that the first one may not be strictly true, as such folks as those concerned here will swear anything. Yet, L^d William was there, absent from his guard, contrary to the orders he received. Soldiers, too, were concerned, and the presumption is, that his influence with them might have prevented the mischief.

For all these reasons his friends here, and even the commander-in-chief, for the time wish to have him out of the way. He is therefore sent to Scotland, and has promised to go directly to you. I hope you will find somebody to go with him to Dunkeld, and for God's sake see to give the thing the best gloss you can to his friends. We give it out here that a near relation of his is dangerously ill!

I am, &c, &c,

John Farquharson.

Source and Notes: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. IV, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, pp. 81-83. At this time, Capt. Lord Murray was 18-years of age. Lord William never rejoined the 77th Regt., although he remained assigned to the regiment until it was disbanded after the American war. He remained for a time in England with Duchess Strange, before applying to serve in India. His transfer to India was approved and he sailed for that location in 1783.

Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Forwarding Recommendation Letter from Adm. Richard Edwards, Governor of Newfoundland, Regarding Lt. John Grant, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., London, Dec. 6, 1780

W. O. 6th Dec^r 1780

My Lord,

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

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

I am &c

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

C: Jenkinson

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, Nov. 1780-Mar. 1781 at WO 4/112, p. 68. The recommendation letter from Adm. Edwards has not been located. Lt. Grant (later of Auchindown) had been commanding the 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt. in Newfoundland since 1778. Upon the approval of the 2nd Bn., 42nd Regt, Grant and the other officers in Newfoundland were transferred on paper to the new battalion under the command of Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of Macleod.



Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling by Benjamin Marshall

Picture Source: The Black Watch Castle and Museum

Letter from Quarter Master General William Dalrymple to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, with Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Recommendation for Promotion of Brevet-Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to Maj. General, London, Dec. 7, 1780

7 December, London

My Lord,

I am commanded by his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton to submit to your lordships consideration his wishes for some alterations in the staff as well as the military departments of the army serving in North America. The general begs leave to represent the necessity of giving additional rank to the superior officers of the British in order to prevent the German officers of younger dates arriving at higher situations, their promotions being more rapid. He humbly proposes that the major-generals Robertson and Philips be employed as lieutenant-generals and that the brigadiers including Sterling be employed as major-generals..."

Source and Note: TNA, *Board of Trade and Secretary of State: America and West Indies, Military Dispatches at CO5/100, f. 307*. Published in *Documents of the American Revolution 1770-1783 (Colonial Office Series)*, Vol. XVIII, Transcripts 1780, Ed. K. G. Davies, Irish University Press, Dublin, 1978, p. 250. Dalrymple was in London carrying dispatches from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton. Brevet-Brig. Gen. Stirling was still bedridden from his leg wound earlier that year.

Parliament Record of Payment to Wife of Capt. John Graham, Additional Company, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Dec. 8, 1780

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

Dates of Warrant...

1780...

Dec. 8. To Mrs. Grizie Graham, in consideration of losses sustained by her late husband, Captain John Graham of the 71st regiment of foot

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Source: *Parliamentary Register; or, History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons*, Vol. II., Great Britain Parliament, London 1793, p. 177.

Endorsement of Maj. Archibald Erskine, 22nd Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) by Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, New York, Dec. 16, 1780

New York Dec^r 16th 1780

...Major Erskine, of the 22^d Regiment who has requested my permission to return to Europe on his Private Affairs, will have the honor of carrying my Dispatches, I beg leave to recommend him to your Lordship...

Source and Note: TNA, *Board of Trade and Secretary of State: America and West Indie, Military Dispatches at CO5/101, p. 19*. Maj. Archibald Erskine began the war as a Captain in the 42nd Regt. and his sister Christian was married to Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling's brother Sir William Stirling of Ardoch.

Copy of Letter from Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Regarding Need for Additional Officers, London, Dec. 18, 1780

London. Devonshire Street
Dec^r. 18th. 1780 –

Copy Letter from Lieu^t Coll. MacLeod, 2^d. Battⁿ. R. Highland or 42^d. Reg^t to Lord John Murray,
respecting the great deficiency of officers in the said battalion likely to happen on their embarkation –

My Lord.

Your Lordship's agent informed me yesterday that he had sent to your house the intimation from the War Office to your second battⁿ. to hold itself in readiness to embark for foreign service: & I can understand, from the time limited for the preparation of Camp equipage, &^c that we shall depart very soon. This obliges me to represent the State of battⁿ. once more with regard to Officers: & to entreat you to take the proper steps that it may be sent out with a sufficient number to do the duty. – M^r Boyle, whom your L^dship first recommended for a Lieu^t did not accept which Lieu^{cy} is still vacant. M^r. John Stewart, approved of as Ensign, died at New York, before he knew of his appointment: still vacant: Ensign John Murray Robinson, your L^dship intends to ask King's leave of absence for: Ensign W^m White is too young to be fit for service: & besides is now so ill that his parents have wrote me he is totally incapable of joining: Ensign Rob^t Robertson is represented in the same condition: & Ensign John MacDonald, wishes, as I told your Lordship the other day to sell out.

Lieu^t [Alexander] Macgregor, turned over with the add^l companies of the 1st battⁿ to the 2^d, has joined the 1st in America: Lieu^{ts} [John] Grant & [Dougal] Campbell are in N. Foundland: these last three officers may be considered as the proportion belonging to the detach^t in N. Foundland. – I submit it to your Lordship that it would be proper, immediately to recommend in the room of Boyle & Stuart: you are the best judge of these gentlemen who want to stay at home: & I should think myself obliged if you recommend my promising Brother in law Volunteer K. Mackenzie to M^cDonald's Ensigncy, which I will purchase for him. Your Lordship knows you have long promised to recommend this young gentleman, for whom I would have made other interest, if I had not wished to have him in the same Reg^t with myself.

I have the honour to be My L^d your Lordship's

Most obed & most hu^{le} Ser^t

Norman MacLeod

Lieu^t Col^l – 2^d Bⁿ R. H.

or 42^d. Reg^t

Source and Note; TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/170, f. 266. The two additional or recruiting companies, one of which was serving in Newfoundland, were transferred to the 2nd battalion when it was formed.

**Deputy Quartermaster Gen. Archibald Robertson Records Departure of Maj. Archibald Erskine,
22nd Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.) for England, New York, Dec. 21, 1780**

December 21st *Swift* Packet and Major Erskine sail'd for England.

Source: *Archibald Robertson, Lieutenant-General Royal Engineers, His Diaries and Sketches in America*, Ed. Harry Miller Lydenberg, New York Public Library, New York, 1930, p. 242.

**Retirement Announcement for Capt. Alexander Munro, 83rd Regt., or Royal Glasgow Volunteers
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Dec. 23, 1780**

War-Office, December 23, 1780...

83d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant James Clarke to be Captain, vice Alexander Munro.

Source: *London Gazette*, Dec. 19-23, 1780, p. 2.

**Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt. listed as Aid de Camp to Hessian Commander,
New York, Dec. 25, 1780 – June. 24, 1781**

General and Staff Officers of the Hessian Troops from the 25th Decem^r 1780. to 24th. June 1781

Lieutenant -General William de Knyphausen Commander [At New York]...
Extraordinary Aid de Camps... { Lieutenant Crammond...}

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. by Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Reel 10, p. 274 from TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State, Military Dispatches* at CO5/183, p. 387.

**42nd Regt. Officer Assignments by Company and Changes for the Period June 25 – Dec. 24, 1780
from Musters at New York, Dec. 28, 1780**

[Gen. Lord Murray's Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Colonel & Captain
	John Rutherford	Cap ^t Lieu ^t
	James Stirling	Lieu ^{ts}
Received from C ^t Grants 16 July 80	James Alston	[Ensign]
Transferred to C ^t Grants 16 July 80	William Fraser	[Ensign]
Commander in Chiefs Leave	James M ^c Laggan	Chaplain
	Hugh Fraser	Adjutant
Commission dated 21 st Dec ^r 79	Hector McLean	Q ^r M ^r
	William Robertson	Surgeon
	Alexander Stewart	{ Mates
	Donald Smith	{ ...

[Lt. Col. Stirling's Company]

On Duty as Brigadier General	Thomas Stirling	Lieutenant Colonel
	Alex ^r Stewart }	Lieutenants
Received from Cap ^t M ^c Dowalls 16 th July	John Young }	
Transferred to [Lt. Col.] Cap ^t M ^c Phersons D ^o	Henry David Fraser }	
	William Dickson }	Ensign...

[Maj. Graham's Company]

	Charles Graham	Major & Captain
	Gavin Drummond }	Lieut ^s
	William MacDonald }	...

[Capt. Smith's Company]

	John Smith	Captain
In Europe by Gen ^l Sir W ^m Howes leave since 14 Apr ^l 78	Robert Franklin }	Lieu ^{ts}
	Alex ^r Innes }	
	David Sutherland }	En ⁿ ...

[Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson's Company]

	Duncan M ^c Pherson	Cap ^t
	Alex ^r Cumming }	Lieu ^{ts}
Received from Lieu ^t Colonels Comp ^y 16 July 1780	Henry D. Fraser }	
Transferred to Cap ^t Grants Co ^y D ^o D ^o	Alex ^r Grant }	
	Kenneth Callender	[Ensign] ...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

	Charles Grant	Cap ^t
	Hugh Fraser	} Lieu ^{ts}
Received from C ^t Macphersons 16 July 1780	Alex ^t Grant	}
Transferred to Cap ^t Ans ^{tr} D ^o D ^o	Henry Graham	}
Received from Colonels D ^o D ^o	William Fraser	} Ens ⁿ
Transferred to Colonels D ^o D ^o	James Alston	} ...

[Capt. Anstruther's Company]

	David Anstruther	Captain
Duty as Aide D. Camp to Lieu ^t General Knyphausen	James Cramond	} Lieutenants
Transfer ^d to Captain Macdowals Comp ^y 16 July 1780	Alexander Macgregor	}
Received from Captain Grants Comp ^y d ^o In Europe	Henry Graham	}
not Join ^d Since appointed 2 ^d Feb ^y 79	Dougald Campbell	Ensign ...

[Capt. Macdowal's Company]

Not joined Since Appointed 21 st Septem ^r 1779	Hay MacDowal	Captain
Received f ^m C ^t Anstruther Co ^y 16 th July 1780	Alexander MacGregor	} Lieutenants
Transfer ^d to Lieu ^t Col's Comp ^y Ditto ditto	John Young	}
	George Campbell	}
Resigned 13 th September 1780	Alexander Hume	} Ensigns
Commission Dated 13 th September 80 Sick	William Fraser	}...

[Grenadier Company – muster at “New Town L. Island 8th Feb^y 1781”]

	John Peebles	Captain
	Alex ^t Grant	} Liet ^{ts}
Retires 6 th Sept ^r 1780	Robert Rollo	}
Abs ^t by the Command ^r In Chiefs Leave in Britain	Allan M ^c Lean	}
Purchas ^d 6 th Sept ^r 1780	John Ritchie	} ...

[Light Infantry Company - muster at “Long Island 31 Janry 1781”]

	George Dalrymple	Captain
	Robert Potts	} Lieu ^{ts}
Duty	James Stewart	}
D ^o	William Fraser	}...

Source: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776* at WO 12/5479.

1781

Widow's Pension Establishment for Wife of Capt. John Graham, 1st Additional Company, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, 1781

Establishment for the Widows of Officers for the Year 1781.

Rec^d. into the Office 19 Feb^y 1783

Regiments	Widows Names	Quality of their Husbands	Pensums Per Annum...
Fraser's {...	Grisell Graham	Captain	26...

Source: TNA, *War Office: Papers concerning Establishments, Pensions to Widows, 1781* at WO 24/828, p. 28.



Maj. Gen. William Phillips

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons: U. S. Nat. Archives Identifier: 530958

Excerpt of Strength Report for Maj. Gen. William Phillips Command, Including the 42nd Regt. and Absent 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Jan. 1, 1781

State of the Corps under the Command of Major General [William] Phillips – New York 1st January 1781

Battalions & Corps	Officers present										
	Commission						Staff				
	Colonels	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Chaplains	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Surgeons	Mates
1 st . Battalion British Light Infantry	..	1	1	8	12	1	..	1	1	2	..
2 nd . ditto ditto	6	10	1	..	1	1	1	1
1 st . Battalion British Grenadiers	..	2	..	7	17	..	..	1	1	2	..
2 nd . ditto ditto	..	1	1	6	10	..	..	1	1	1	1
42 nd . Regiment	1	5	12	7	..	2	1	1	2
Total	..	4	3	32	61	9	..	6	5	7	4...

Names and rank of Officers Absent...

1st. Battⁿ. { Lieut^s... {[William] Fraser 42nd Engineers Department
 L^t. Infantry { ...

1st Battⁿ { ... Lieu^t [Allan] M^cLean 42nd Absent by leave
 Grenadiers { ...

{Lieu^t Col^o [Thomas] Stirling On duty as Brig Gen^l.

42 nd Reg ^t	{ Capt ⁿ . [Hay] M ^c Dowell	not yet joined
	{ [James] Crammond	Aid de Camp to L ^t . Gen ^l . Knyphausen
	{ Lieut ^s { [Robert] Franklin	Absent by leave
	{ Henry Graham	Not yet joined
	{ Chaplain James M ^c Laggan	Absent by leave
	N. B. One Ensign Vacant	

Source: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 138:7, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.

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

W. O. 2^d Jan^y 1781

Gentlemen,

Gen^l S^r H Clinton having represented that a Number of Officers belonging to the Reg^{ts} under his Command and at present in Great Britain or Scotland having had his leave of Absence, the term of which have in General expired, and Sir Henry having desired that the said Officers may be all ordered to return to their Duty as the Service requires their immediate attendance in America, I am to desire You will without delay write to all the Off^s. of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot who have had leaves of Absence from Sir Henry Clinton, acquainting them, It is H. M. P. that they do take the earliest Opportunity to join their Reg^{ts} unless they the leave granted by the Gen^l has been since extended by His Majesty.

I am &c

Mess^{rs} Anderson & Richardson

C: Jenkinson

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

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, Nov. 1780-Mar. 1781 at WO 4/112, p. 179 (f. 88). "H. M. P." is an abbreviation for His Majesty's Pleasure.

**Maj. Charles Graham, Commanding, 42nd or Royal Highland Regt., Describes his 1779
Command of Post at Stoney Point at Court-Martial of Lt. Col. Henry Johnson, 17th Regt.,
New York, Jan. 2, 1781**

...Major Charles Graham of the 42nd Reg^t of Foot, being duly sworn, was Examined.

Q. By L^t. Col. [Henry] Johnson [17th Regt.] As You Commanded at Stoney Point after that Post was repossessed by the British Troops, can you from your knowledge of the Ground & Works say, Whether the Plan now produced before the Court is a just One?

A. I can't possibly say that it is a just Plan, but it appears as exact a representation of the Works thrown up as I can recollect; there were some trous de Loups under the Block House at the barrier on the left of the Works, which I do not Observe to be inserted in the Plan.

Q. Can you describe the State of the Works, as laid down in the Plan from the Retaking Possession of Stoney point to the time of your quitting it?

A. Brig^r. Gen^l. [Thomas] Sterling's Brigade Retook Possession of Stoney Point about the 21st or 22^d of July & found the Works dismantled & the Abbatis torn up, & the Platforms destroyed; that we immediately began upon the defence of the Post, first by carrying as Abbatis round the Table of the Hill, & then erecting the enclosed Work, with Six Block Houses, as delineated in the Plan; that the Work upon the Table of the Hill being enclosed, a Block house was built in front upon a Know where there had latterly been a fleche.

Q. What time did it take to enclose the Work before the Block House in front was began?

A. I cannot exactly recollect; but I know that it was enclosed before Brig^r Gen^l. Sterling left the Post, which was in about Six or Seven Weeks afterwards, when I was left to Command there.

Q. What Number of Men were left at Stoney Point under your Command, upon Gen^l. Sterling & his Brigade leaving it?

A. Including Pioneers & Batteaux Men (to whom we gave Arms from the Sick of the Garrison, as also Assigned Alarm Posts) about 1200 Men, between the Posts of Stoney & Verplank's Point; the Number at the former was sometimes varied, but generally consisted of 5 or 600 Men.

Source and Notes: TNA, Court of Inquiry of Lt. Col. Henry Johnston, 17th Regt., *Judge Advocate General's Office: Court Martial Proceedings* at WO71/93, pp. 1-137 as transcribed in *The Enterprise in Contemplation: the Midnight Assault of Stony Point*, Don Loprieno, Heritage Books, Berwyn Heights, MD, 2004, pp. 301-302. Lt. Col. Henry Johnson, 17th Regt. was in command of the Post at Stony Point when it was taken in a night attack by forces under the command of Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne on the night of July 15-16, 1779. Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling was also the Lt. Col. of the 42nd Highlanders. The 42nd Highlanders were part of the garrison of Stony Point from July 19-Oct. 23, 1779. (Merriam-Webster Dictionary: *Trou de loup*: a pit in the form of an inverted cone or pyramid having a pointed stake in the middle and forming one of a group constructed as an obstacle to the movements of an enemy. Plural: *Trous de loup*. Literally: "wolf hole." Source:merriam-webster.com/dictionary/trou-de-loup.)

Letter from Maj. Patrick Graham, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former Capt., Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), to Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Announcing Arrival of 2nd Battalion at Gravesend, and Lord Amherst's Response, Jan. 3, 1781

Gravesend 3^d January 1781

My Lord,

I take the earliest opportunity by express to inform your Lordship of the safe arrival of the 2^d battalion of the 42^d Reg^t of Royall Highlanders in the river Thames opposite to Gravesend

I have the honor to be with profound Respect

My Lord

The Right Hon^{ble}
Lord Amherst

Your Lordships Most Obedient & Most humble Servant
Patrick Graham Major
2^d Battⁿ Roy^l Highlanders

[Lord Amherst's response]

Whitehall, 3^d Jan^y 1781

Sir

I have received the favour of your Letter of this date. You will receive an Order, by the return of the Express, for Disembarking the Battalion, and Marching them into Chatham Barracks, from whence they are to March on Friday [Jan. 5], toward Portsmouth. –

I am Sir, &c

Major Graham, of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot
at Gravesend

Amherst

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers, Miscellaneous letters to Lord Amherst*, Jan. 1781, WO 34/171, f. 65 and WO 34/ 236, f. 10. The 2nd Bn. had sailed to Gravesend to join a secret expedition headed to South Africa, before heading on to India. Gravesend is a port city on the south bank of the River Thames, about 25 miles east of London. Portsmouth is a port located about 100 miles southwest of Gravesend on the English Channel.

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

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

Princes Street

Lothbury 4 Janry 1781.

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous letters* at WO 34/171, f. 71. Lt. Franklin had been granted leave from America in 1778 to recover from his illness. Lord John Murray notified the War Office he thought Franklin was malingering. Franklin returned to America later that year.

Recommendation from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, for an Independent Company for Lt. Robert Franklin, and Lord Amherst's Denial, London, Jan. 6 and 8, 1781

6th. January 1781

My Lord,

Lieutenant Robert Franklyn of the 1st. Battⁿ of my Regiment, who is now in Ireland by His Majesty's Leave for the recovery of his Health, is willing to raise an Independent Company upon the Terms allowed to other Officers of the same Rank.

Request Your Lordship to lay Lieutenant Franklyn's Offer before the King; and have the Honor to be

My Lord

Right Honble
Lord Amherst
&c. &c. &c.

Your Lordship's most obedient and most humble Servant
John Murray

[Lord Amherst's denial]

Whitehall, 8th Jan^y. 1781

My Lord,

I have had the honour to receive your Lordship's Letter of the 6th inst. I should be very glad to pay attention to your recommendation of Lt. Franklyn, but as he belongs to your Lordship's Battⁿ which is in America he is not eligible to raise an Independent Company. The King does not approve of those Comp^s being raised by Officers who are either with their Reg^{ts} abroad, or whose Duty requires they should be abroad.

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

R^t Honble Lord John Murray

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers* at WO 34/171, f. 112 and response at WO 34/23, f. 25. Lord Murray had tried to get rid of Lt. Franklin, the only Irish officer in the regiment since the beginning of the war.

Newspaper Advertisement Regarding Payment of Bills for Capt. Lord William Murray, 77th Regt. or Atholl Highlanders (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), London, Jan. 9, 1781

Bills of Exchange

ALL Persons who are Holders of any Bills of Exchange, drawn by Lord William Murray on her Grace the Dutchess of Athol, are desired to send an Account thereof, or apply with the same, to Mr. Pryer, of Northumberland-street, Strand

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 9, 1781, p. 4. A Bill of Exchange is similar to a modern bank check, but can be drawn upon a third person. In this case Lord Murray was drawing on his mother's accounts to pay his debts.



Reproduction 44th Regt. Uniform Button

Promotion Announcements 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 9. 1781

War-Office, January 9, 1781...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Ritchie, from 44th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Rollo. Ditto, Volunteer William Fraser to be Ensign, vice Alexander Home.

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Jan. 9, 1781 p. 2. There were three William Frasers serving as subalterns in the regiment during this period. The reader is referred to App. A, Officer Biographies to differentiate among the three officers.

Note by Capt. John Robertson, 2nd Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) on Company Account Sheet for Deceased Capt. Angus Macintosh, 2nd Battalion, 71st Regt., Winnsboro, South Carolina, Jan. 12, 1781

D^r. Captain Angus Macintosh late of the (71 foot) in Acc^t. with his Company C^r...

Att Winsburgh the 12th day of January 1781 Then received the above Sum of Five hundred and Fifty five pounds, three Shillings, and eleven pence, three fourths of a penny Sterling (from Captⁿ. Æneas Mackintosh of the 2^d Battⁿ 71st Reg^t (being the Ballance due by the deceased Cap^t Angus Macintosh of the same Reg^t to his Company,) in full of all demands, which I as Captain of said Company had against him for Subsistence and Royal Bounty for the effective Strength on the 24th of June 1779 As Also for Subs^{ce} & Royal Bounty to Prisoners from their last Settlements to the said period of 24th June 1779 as witness my hand this 12th day of Jan^y 1781

John Robertson Cap^m 71st Reg^t

Source and Note: NRS, *Letters concerning Capt. Angus McIntosh, 71st Highlands, Kyllachy, 1769-1784* at GD1238/48/11. This document shows Capt. Robertson served with the 2nd Bn., 71st Regt in South Carolina. Winnboro is located about 140 miles northwest of Charleston, and about 33 miles northwest of Camden, S.C.

Parliament Record of Payment to Wife of Lt. Harry Gilchrist, 42nd Grenadier Company, Died of Wounds, Battle of Monmouth; London, Jan. 15, 1781.

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

Dates of Warrant...

1781... Jan...

15. To Mrs. Margaret Gilchrist, in consideration of her husband being killed in North America, the 28th June 1778

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Source and Note: *Parliamentary Register; or, History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons*, Vol. II., Great Britain Parliament, London 1793, p. 133. Lt. Gilchrist was severely wounded and captured on the date shown in the Warrant, but actually died Aug. 26, 1778

Commander in Chief Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst's Response to Maj. Patrick Graham, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. (Former, Capt. Additional Company, 1st Battalion) Regarding Absence of Capt. John M^cGregor (Former, Lt., Additional Company, 1st Battalion), Whitehall, London, Jan. 16, 1781

Whitehall, 16th. Jan^y. 1781_

Sir,

I have received the favour of your Letter regarding Captain M^cGregor. The Service the Reg^t. is going on will not admit of any Officer being absent, and the Climate to which they are going may probably be the best that could be prescribed for Captain M^cGregor; but if he is not able to go, his Case, and the reasons of that inability must be Stated, and Certified by some Physical Persons who have attended him.

I have written Lord John Murray to desire he will not lose a moment in completing the Number of his Subalterns, and in ordering all his Officers – immediately to Join.

I have the honour to be Sir, &c
Amherst

Major Graham
of the 42^d. Reg^t. of Foot

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers. Miscellaneous Letters from Lord Amherst* at WO 34/236, p. 425.



Cork Grand Parade, c. 1831

Picture Source: *Ireland Illustrated from Original Drawings*, G. N. Wright, H. Fisher, Son and Jackson, London, 1831, Google Books, after p. 75

Request from Lt. Robert Franklin, 42nd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, to Reconsider Allowing Him to Raise Independent Company, and Complaining of His Treatment as a Non-Highlander in the Regiment and the War Office Denial, Cork, Ireland and London, Jan. 20 and Feb. 3, 1781

Corke 20th Jany 1781

Sir

I have the honor of both your letters the latter of the [illegible] for which I so very sincerely Return you my most hearty thanks – and being at a loss Expecting part of your first letter wherein you mention that I can't come under the description of an Officer to raise an Independent Company in

England – I would Request to know in what manner that I may have it Removed (if possible I may say I fancy that Lord John Murray will Recommend me from my Services as well as my not a Native of North Britain will be the Cause for his Lordship wishing to provide for me out of his own regiment, therefore with my Colonel’s Recommendation & the Regiment being on Service & I having Served with them until partly disabled, I would hope to Reach the Commander in Chiefs feelings if Represented by you and added to all those, my being in a National Corps & I not a Native of NBritain from which Consideration I have Suffer’d most dreadfull as well as glaring Injustices – with very Sincere & gratefull wishes for your welfare I have the honor to be with great Respect

Your [illegible] most Obedient & very humble Servant *Rob Franklin*

[War Office response]

Whitehall, 3^d Feb^{ry} 1781

Sir,

I have received the favour of your Letter of the 20th past. Lord Amherst has not recommended any Officer to the King to raise an Independent Company who belongs to a Regiment abroad /unless he is of the Additi^l Companies/ or whose Duty requires he should be abroad, By which rule you are not Eligible here; But I would advise you to make Application for one of the Companies which are to be raised in Ireland. Lord John Murray has proposed you to raise a Company and has been informed by Lord Amherst of the objection to your being recommended for one of those to be raised in England.

Lt. Rob^t Franklin
of the 42^d Reg^t of Foot

I am, Sir, &c
Leo^d Morse

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/171, f. 361 and WO 34/236 f. 117. Lt. Franklin was a native of Ireland. North Britain was a common name for Scotland during this period.

Embarkation Return of the 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Portsmouth, with Absent Former 1st Battalion Officers, Portsmouth, England, Jan. 20-22, 1781

Return of Officers, Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers and Pipers, Private Men Women and Children of the 2nd Battalion of the 42nd Regiment Commanded by the Right Honorable General Lord John Murray and Embark’d at Portsmouth the 20th and 22nd January 1781...

Rank and Name of Absent Officers
Captain John MacGregor
Lieutenant John Grant
Lieutenant Dougal Campbell
Lieutenant Alexander MacGregor

By whose leave...
Sick on Shore...
} At Newfoundland
}
At New York...

*Patrick Graham Major 2^d Battⁿ 42^d
Regiment of Royall High^{drs}*

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers, Miscellaneous letters to Lord Amherst*, Jan. 1781 at WO 34/171 (folio not stamped). When the 2nd Bn. was formed in 1779, the two additional companies were transferred from the regiment to the 2nd Bn. to form the base of the new battalion. One of those companies had been stationed in Newfoundland under Lt. John Grant since 1778. Capt. MacGregor was previously listed as Lt. Gregor in the Additional Companies. His actual name, MacGregor, had been outlawed when he received his Lieutenancy.

General Orders Seconding Lt. John Young, 42nd Regt., to the Quarter Master General’s Department, New York, Jan. 26, 1781

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton’s Orders] Head Qrs N Y 26th Janu^y 1781...
Lieu^t Young, 42^d Regiment, is appointed an Assistant in the Quarter Master Gen^s Department...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. Young still retained his commission in the 42nd Regt. while on temporary duty in the QMG department.

**Account of Arrival of Maj. Archibald Erskine, 22nd Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.)
at War Office with Dispatches, London, Jan. 27, 1781**

From the London Papers, Jan. 27.

LONDON.

On Thursday morning [Jan. 25] Major [Archibald] Erskine arrived at Lord Geo. Germain's office, with dispatches for his Lordship from his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton; they come down so late as the 23d of December...

Source: *Caledonian Mercury*, Edinburgh, Jan. 31, 1781, p. 2.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Feb. 8, 1781

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs NY 8th Febru^y 1781...

His Excellency the commander in chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42^d Regiment

Capt ⁿ Lieu ^t [John] Rutherford, to be Captain vice	} 31 st Dec ^r 1780.
[Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan] M ^c Pherson prom ^d in 71 Regim ^t	}
Lieu ^t Robert Potts, to be Captain Lt vice Rutherford, promoted	} d ^o .
Ensign Ken th Calender to be Lieutenant vice Potts, promoted	} d ^o .
Volunteer Will ^m Edmonstone, to be Ensign vice Calender promoted	} d ^o ...
71 st Regiment...	
Brevet L ^t Colo: [Duncan] M ^c Pherson, from 42 ^d Regiment to be Major	} 31 st Dec 1780.
vice [Patrick] Ferguson, kill'd	}...
Cap ^t L ^t Norman M ^c Leod, to be Capt ⁿ vice Charles Campbell, killd	} d ^o . [18 th Sep 1780]...

82^d Regiment...

Ens ⁿ Geo: Walker Stuart, to be Lieutenant, vice [Lt. John] Snodgrass, drowned	} [18 th Sep 80]...
Ensign Geo: Stuart to be Lieutenant by purch vice [John] Graham, who retires	} d ^o ...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Capt. Normand MacLeod of the 71st Regt. was formerly a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. The two George Stuarts in this order can be confusing. Lt. George Walker Stuart remained in the 82nd Regt. Lt. George Stuart later transferred to the 42nd Regt. in Sept. 1781.

Request for Colonelcy of 42nd Regt. by Col. Francis Grant, 63rd Regt., to Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief, His Majesty's Forces, Windmill Hill, Hampshire, Feb. 8, 1781

Windmill Hill Feb^r 8th 1781

My Lord

I am informed that Lord John Murray is so reduced, that it is not expected, he can live long. Permit me to entreat the favor, that your Lordship, will do me the honor, to recommend me, to his Majesty, to Succeed him. I wou'd not, be so premature, in addressing your Lordship, but from a knowledge that there are, a great many Candidates. I flatter myself as I served in the 42^d: or Royal Highland Reg^t: from the first establishment, of that Corps, 'till the end of last war, and having for many years, been L^t: Colonel to it, and constantly attended my duty, now indulge me, in this request, being naturally ambitious, of Commanding a Reg^t: in which I spent, the greatest part of my Life. Your Lordships friendly assistance, on this occasion, will confer, a singular obligation upon him, who has the honor To be, My Lord

Your Lordship's Most Obedient & Most hum^{ble} Servant

Francis Grant

A frequent attack of the Gravel
Prevents me, from paying my Duty
To His Majesty, so often, as I would
Incline to do

Lord Amherst

Source and Note: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO 34/172, f. 126. Gen. Lord John Murray recovered from his illness and remained Colonel of the 42nd Regt. until his death in Paris on May 26, 1787. Col. Grant was a previous Lt. Colonel of the 42nd Regt. during the French & Indian War. Wilton Hill, Hampshire is about 52 miles southwest of London.

**Retirement Announcement for Maj. Alexander Donaldson, 76th Regt. of
(Highland) Foot (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), New York, Feb. 9, 1781**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs NY 9th Feb^y 1781...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

76th Regim^t

Hon. Cap^t Fran^s Needham from 17th Drag^s to be Major vice [Alexander] } 10th Aug 1780...
Donaldson, who retires } }

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. At the beginning of the war Maj. Alexander Donaldson was the commander of the 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt. on the Recruiting Service in Scotland. He retired from the 76th Regt. (MacDonald's Highlanders) due to medical reasons.



Reproduction 84th Highland Regt. Uniform Button

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Lachlan M^cLean, 84th Regt., or Royal Highland Emigrants to Capt.
Murdoch M^cLaine, 2nd Battalion, 84th Regt., Regarding Intended Visit with Capt. Normand
M^cLeod, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), at Charleston;
Monks Corner, South Carolina, Feb. 14, 1781**

Camp near Monks corner
February 14th 1781

Dear Sir...

Be so good as give my Compliments to Cap^t. M^cLeod of the 71st Reg^t. tell him I am very Sorry I did not see him the Day he came to town...

Believe me to be D^r. Sir yours

Sincerely

Lachⁿ. M^cLean...

Cap^t. Murdoch M^cLaine 2^d Battⁿ.
84th Reg^t. No. 91 Meeting Street
Charlestown...

Source and Note: NRS, *Maclaine of Lochbuie Muniments* at GD.174/2156. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. The annotated War office copy of the annual Army List for 1781 shows a Lt. Lachlan McLean in both battalions with the same date of rank of Jul. 14, 1775.

Power of Attorney Issued by Brevet-Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to Alexander Anderson, Esq., Regimental Agent, New York, Feb. 18, 1781

Tho ^s Stirling Esq ^r . To A. Anderson Esq ^r .	Know all Men by these Presents that <u>I Thomas Stirling</u> Aid de Camp to the King Have made ordained constituted & appointed And do hereby make constitute & appoint Alex ^r . Anderson Esq ^r . of the County of Middlesex my true & lawful Attorney & Agent for me & in my name to ask demand & receive of from the Right Honorable Rich ^d . Rigby Paym ^r . Gen ^l . of His Majesty's Forces or of & from the Paym ^r . Gen ^l . for the time being or whomever the payment thereof doth shall or may concern All such Pay that now is or shall hereafter grow due & payable unto me as Aid de camp to the King aforesaid or any other Pay on account whatsoever & upon receipt thereof of any part thereof to give such acquittances & discharges as may be necessary & to do all other lawful Acts matters & things in as full & ample manner & Form as I myself might or could do if personally present. Giving & by these Presents granting unto my s ^d . Attorney my full right Power & Authority in all respects in & about the Premes In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 18 th day of Feb ^y . 1781
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Signed Sealed & delivered
(being first duly Stampd) in
the Presence of us

Tho^s. Stirling TS

A [Alexander] Stewart Lieut 42^d Reg^t.
Hugh Fraser Lieut 42^d Reg^t

Ent ^d . in the Offices	} Lord Carrdiff's 26 th May	} 1781
of the Auditor	} Lord Sonder's 31 st May	}

Source: TNA, *Records of the Paymaster General's Office, Letters and powers of attorney, entry books* at PMG 14/110, p. 411.

News Account of the Officers of the 95th Regt. Issuing a Memorial Objecting in Part to the Selection of a Junior Officer over Capt. Lt. James Spens, (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) for a Company by Maj. Gen. John Reid, Col., 95th Regt., Island of Jersey, Feb. 20, 1781

A MILITARY CASE

Received from JERSEY, dated the 6th of March, 1781.

WHEN Lieut. Col. the Baron de Rulcourt effected his *peaceable* landing with six hundred French troops upon the Isle of Jersey, upon the 6th of January last, in that winter season when the King's leave of absence is customarily extended to a certain proportion of officers from each corps, and there were accordingly absent from that garrison, 2 Colonels, 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 2 Majors, 1 Brigadier Major, 8 Captains, and 13 Subaltern Officers; a Majority fell vacant in the 95th regiment by the loss of the gallant Major [Francis] Pierson. The Colonel of the 95th regiment, who was himself among the absentees, and then ordered to his post, arrived their time enough to write an ingenious letter; and the Royal Gazette soon proclaimed the second Captain [James Corbett] of his regiment to be Major over the oldest captain [James Christie]; and the second Lieutenant [Gilbert Waugh] of his regiment to be Captain over both the Captain Lieutenant [James Spens] and the oldest Lieutenant [Eyre Evans Crowe].

This phenomenon was affected to be accounted for by alledging, that the three seniors of each rank were not present at the bloody battle, but it so happened, that the second lieutenant who was thus made to supercede both the Captain Lieutenant, and eldest Lieutenant, was absent also.

The following we are assures is an authentic copy of a Memorial transmitted from the Island of Jersey.

“To the Right Honourable General Lord [Jeffrey] Amherst, &c. &c. &c.

“The Memorial of the subscribing Officers of the 95th regiment of foot.

“Sheweth,

Jersey, Feb. 20, 1781.

“That it is represented to the Memorialists, under the strongest marks of authenticity, that your Lordship has been induced to recommend Lieutenant General [Gilbert] Waugh to his Majesty for the vacant company in the said regiment, in case of a promotion.

“That they humbly conceive it to be in consequence of the absence of captain Lieutenant John Spens from the action of St. Hilier’s, on the 6th of Jan. last; or, of his merits as an officer, not having been represented by his Colonel to your Lordship.

“Thus they beg leave to inform your Lordship, that Lieutenant Gilbert Waugh was likewise absent, being in Guernsey at that time.

“That Captain-Lieutenant Spens has served in the 42d regiment four campaigns in America, where he had the honour to receive in public orders, Lieutenant-General Sir William Howe’s thanks for his conduct; and that he is now absent on the recruiting service.

“The memorialists therefore pray your Lordship to move the King, that the promotion may take its usual course.

Signed by every Officer present with the regiment, except the Colonel.

Source and Notes: *Dublin Evening Post*, Mar. 31, 1781, p. 4. Capt. Lt. Spens was promoted to Captain in the 95th Regt. on Oct. 20, 1782. Lt. Waugh exchanged to the 73rd Regt. on Jan. 31, 1781 and coincidentally was later killed in a duel with another former lieutenant of the 42nd Regt., Lord William Murray.

Excerpt of Letter from Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling to William Graham of Airth, Discussing His Continued Severe Leg Pain and Officer Promotions, New York, Mar. 21, 1781

My Dear Airth,

New York March 21st 1781

I am to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 29th Aug, 1st 24th & 29th Nov^r, and my Niece Ann’s by the Alloa ship, the kind and oblidging regret you express for my situation is very consolotary, & likewise that of all my acquaintance I must make an apology for answering all your Letters in one, the low state I am in not permitting me to write to each of you, nor should I at this time wrote at all had I not feared my friends might have heard of my late illness & not hearing from my self might have been alarmed I was seized beginning of this month w^t a shivering which after lasting some hours was succeeded by a fever which lasted ten days attended w^t a violent pain in my leg & inflammation at my Ankle this was strapped & poulticed which brought on an abscess and the knife again employed to lay it open this gave some relief & the fever abating, I am now much easier but it has left behind a languor, which I have not experienced since my first getting the Wound, in short there was a total inanity of thought & every thing else and I was convinced myself nature was exhausted & a very few days would put a period to my sufferings, but it has pleased god to prolong my stay, I hope for some good purpose, but I wish my friends not to allow their anxiety for me to bear too heavy upon them, they ought to have been accustomed to look upon me as lost to them & indeed if it was natural to wish the death of one they love they ought rather to wish one out of this World than in it, for miserable are my days & little better will the remainder be in settling my affairs I was too ill to attend to particulars, ‘tho my attorney said I was of sound disposing mind, by that means you was omitted as an executor which I fully intended & told him but is of little consequence as the Compliment is the same as my affairs will be easily executed, and if I live I may probably make a new one or add a Codicil to put you in as to [Lt.] Henrys [Graham, son of Airth] affairs they are now quite settled... you will keep Henry close at his Studys till I come over, you

hear from me, or of my poor man he suffers in my misfortune as much as any body, as I had formed sound schemes for his advantage, but he must do the best he can Will^m Edmonstone [son of John Edmonstone of Campus Wallace] has got a commission in 42^d dated 31st Dec^r 80 and I hope will do well, I have recommended him to some of the staid brother Subalterns to look after him, and I gave him a very severe lecture this day about œconomy as I suspect him a little thoughtless that way & let him know he is not to expect a Shill^s from [torn] father but must live on his pay, I have given him £12 o[torn] the 20 his Father allowed him till he got a commi[torn]... Adieu it has cost me two bumpers of Madeira to get through this, Love to M D^r Annie & Bairns God bless you all

T. Stirling

Pray write to [his brother, William Stirling of] Ardoch & [his widowed sister, Mrs. Mary Campbell] Lochlane on receipt of this as I write to none but you T S

Source: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 54-55 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 75-76.

Capt. Harry Munro and Capt. Lt. Normand M^cLeod, 1st Battalion, 71st Regt. of (Highland) Foot (Former Lts. 42nd Regt.), Assigned to Court-Martial, Charleston, Mar. 28-31, 1781

At a General Court Martial held at Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina on Wednesday the 28th day of March 1781 and continued by Adjournment, to Saturday the 31st day of March 1781, by Virtue of a Warrant bearing date the 24th day of March 1781 from His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, General & Commander in Chief of All His Majesty's Forces within the Colonies laying upon the Atlantic Ocean from Nova Scotia to West Florida inclusive &c. &c. &c.

Major Archibald M ^c Arthur	1 st Batt ⁿ . 71 st Regiment	President
Major [Timothy] Newmarsh	7 th Foot	
Major [James] Grant	K. A. [King's American] Regiment	
Major [John] Carden	P. W. A. [Prince of Wales' American] Reg ^t .	
Cap ^t . [Murdoch] M ^c Lean	2 ^d B ⁿ . 84 th Regiment	
Cap ^t . [Æneas] M ^c Intosh	2 ^d Batt ⁿ . 71 st Reg ^t .	
Cap ^t . [James] Bain	1 st B ⁿ . 60 th Reg ^t .	
Cap ^t . [John Kennedy] Strong	64 th Regim ^t .	
Cap ^t . H. Munro	1 st B ⁿ . 71 st Reg ^t .	
Cap ^t . Hugh Campbell	1 st B ⁿ . 71 st Reg ^t .	
Cap ^t . M ^c Leod	1 st B ⁿ . 71 st Reg ^t .	
Capt. [Jacob] James	British Legion	
Capt. [Donald] M ^c Pherson	British Legion	

Captⁿ. John Blucke of His Majesty's 23^d Reg^t. of Foot Deputy Judge Advocate.

The President Members & Deputy Judge Advocate being duly Sworn.

Lieutenant Anthony Allaire of the Loyal American Regiment was brought Prisoner before the Court, and Accused of the Willfull Murder of Ensⁿ. Robert Keating of the Prince of Wales American Regiment on the 24th day of March 1781...

Source: TNA, Judge Advocate General's Office: Court Martial Proceedings at WO71/ 93, pp. 287-311. Transcribed by Todd Braisted and posted on the website of *The On-Line Institute for Advanced Loyalist Studies* at royalprovincial.com. This courtmartial took place about ten weeks after the battle of Cowpens, where the officers of the 1st Bn., 71st Regt. were taken captive. Capt. Munro and Capt. Lt. M^cLeod did not take part in the battle. Maj. M^cArthur was known to have been captured at Cowpens and was soon paroled.

**Wedding Announcement in Scotland for Maj. Archibald Erskine, 22nd Regt.
(Former Capt., 42nd Regt.), and Margaret Maitland, Edinburgh, Apr. 7, 1781**

Marriages... 7. Major Archibald Erskine to Mrs Ogilvy, widow of Charles Ogilvy, Esq; and niece to the Earl of Lauderdale.

Source: *Scots Magazine*, April 1781, p. 223.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, Apr. 5, 1781

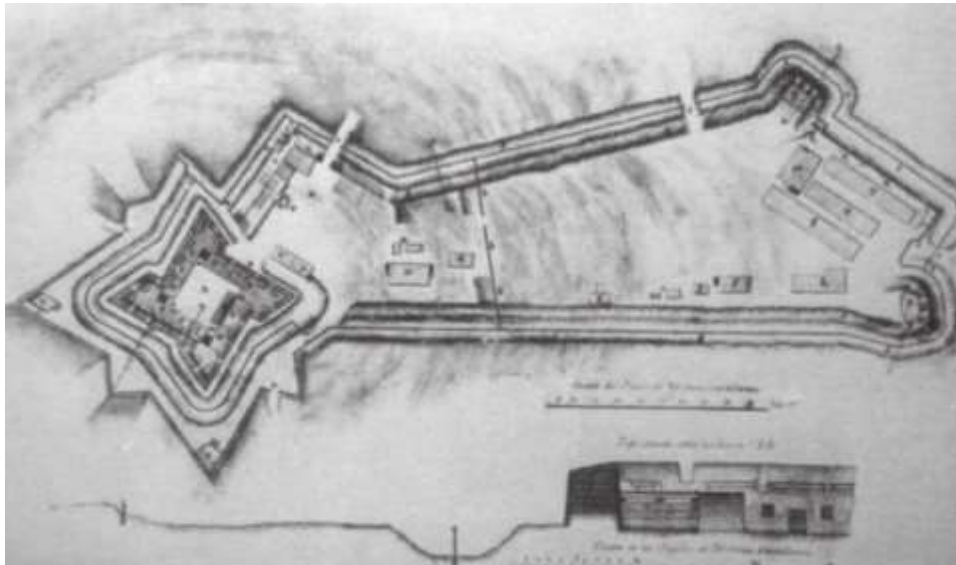
[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs N York 5th April 1781...

His Excellency the Com^r in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

42^d Reg^t

Ensign Dougall Campbell, to be Lieu^t vice [Allan] M^cLean drowned } 1st Jan 1781
Volunteer [Sgt. Maj. James] Rose, to be Ensign vice Campbell prom^d } 1st d^o...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. M^cLean was returning to Britain due to illness when his ship went down. Capt. Peebles' journal documents that he later received information that Lt. M^cLean's ship sunk, but that M^cLean was picked up as the ship was sinking and carried to Lisbon, Portugal. There is no indication, however, that M^cLean ever returned to the regiment and his rescue cannot be confirmed. There are three Dugald Campbells who served as subalterns in the regt. during the war. The reader is referred to the officer biographies to differentiate among these officers. James Rose was Sergeant Major of the regiment when he was promoted to Brevet-Adjutant of the provisional 2nd Battalion in America in Aug. 1779.



Plan of Fort George, Pensacola circa 1778

[Source: "A plan of Pensacola and its environs in its present state, from an actual survey in 1778," Joseph Purcell, Library of Congress, Maps of North America, 1750-1789.]

**News Account of Sortie led by Maj. John Macdonald, Maryland Loyalist Battalion
(Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), During Siege of Pensacola, West Florida, May 6, 1781**

EXTRACTS from REBEL PAPERS.
CHARLESTON, June 10...

Yesterday arrived a cartel ship from Pensacola, in which came passengers the Hon. Peter Chester, Esq; Governor of west Florida, and sundry other officers belonging to that garrison. We have been favoured with the following account of the siege of that place... A number of sallies were made after that of the 12th of April by the besieged, in which the enemy always suffered considerably, but none of consequence until the 6th of May, when 100 men commanded by Major M^cDonald, about twelve o'clock with fixed bayonets attacked and drove 8 or 900 of them from their works which they had advanced within 600 yards of our outer redoubt, made one Captain, two subalterns, and four privates prisoners, killed three officers, and about 50 men, spiked five pieces of cannon, and set fire to their works, with the loss of only one serjeant killed, and two privates wounded...

Source: *Royal Gazette*, (New York), July 21, 1781.

Promotion Orders for 42nd Regt. Officers, New York, May 9, 1781

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 9th May 1781...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions...

	37 th Reg ^t	
Lieuten ^t John Ritchie from 42 nd Regiment to be Captain by purchase vice		} 28 th Ap ^l 1781.
[Henry] Savage promo ^d in the 16 th Regiment.		}
	42 ^d Reg ^t	
En ⁿ W ^m Dickson to Lieutenant by Purchase vice [John] Ritchie promo ^d 37 th		} d ^o
Regim ^t		
A blank Commission for an Ensigny by Purchase, vice Dickson, promoted		} d ^o ...

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

Excerpt of London Newspaper Publication of Maj. of Brigade James Campbell's Listing of Captured Officers and Men at Fort George, Pensacola, West Florida, May 10, 1781

General State of the Forces composing the Garrison of Fort George, and its adjoining works, on their surrender by Capitulation to the Arms of Spain, the 10th of May 1781

ROYAL ARTILLERY...

Total – 32
Civil branch of the Ordnance...
Total – 73

ROYAL NAVY...

Total 149

STAFF

Major-General John Campbell
Captain John Peter Addenbrooke, 54th Regiment of Foot, Aid de Camp
Lieutenant Hugh Mackay Gordon, 16th Regiment of Foot } Extra ditto
Captain-Lieutenant Henry Fielding, 3d Regiment of Waldeck }
Captain James Campbell, 42d Regiment of Foot, Major of Brigade...

HOSPITAL STAFF...

APPENDAGES TO THE STAFF...

State of the Infantry Corps and dismounted Dragoons, composing the Garrison of Fort George, and its adjoining Works, on the Surrender by Capitulation to the Arms of Spain, the 10th of May, 1781.

Fit for Duty...

Total, Commissioned Officers, 30 – Staff. 20 – Officers Servants, not Soldiers, 7 Royal Artillery 10 – Serjeants, 43 – Corporals, 38 – Drummers and Fifers, 31 – Privates 466.

Total Wounded. 1 Captain – 1 Lieutenant – 3 Corporals 1 Drummer and Fifer; 1 Sergeant, 21 Privates.
Total Sick and Invalids; 1 Serjeant, 21 privates.

JAMES CAMPBELL, Major of Brigade

Source and Note: *Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser*, Oct. 15, 1781, p. 2. Although not listed by name, Maj. John Macdonald, Maryland Loyalist Battalion (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) was also captured.

**Excerpt of Letter from John Wilson to William Graham of Airth Describing
Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling's Condition, New York, May 15, 1781**

New York ye 15th: May 1781

Sir/ I wrote you from London of Sailing for New:York and that I should deliver the letters you sent to my charge. Immediately on my arrivall called at Generall Stirling's House and left the letters; but he was then much distressed with an inflammation in his thigh, (where he received the wound) and not in a situation to see any person – In two days after he gott better and sent his Servant desireing I would call and inform him the news from Britain; (as we were the only vessell that had arrived for severall weeks) I accordingly waited on him and took a Parcell of the latest news papers, with me and gave what other information had occurred on our passage of seeing a French Fleet and after falling in with the British: to the Admirall of which we gave information of the other: at that period it was news of importance in this place. – The Generall treated me with the greatest Civility (though totally unaquainted and had no other Bussiness or introduction than being the bearer of your Letters) and desired me to call upon him from time to time at my conveniency. – This I occassionally did and was glad to see hopes of recovering though at times he had relapssed, oweing to inflamations that arose from the Shattered Bones looping: and to make way for discharging them, large and deep Orifices were obliged to be kept open, which occassioned violent pain as well as inflamations. However I have now the pleasure to inform you that the only troublesome is taken out and he is getting better fast: - so much, that with the help of his Servants and sticks he moves round the room – My best thanks is due to you for the opportunity I had of waiteing on Generall Stirling, and I not only experienced Civility but Friendship. – Freights for Vessells being dull here, and danger of an imbargo, made me anxious to get the Vessell imploy'd by Government and hearing one was wanted for the Ordnance service called on the Commanding officer of that department, to treat for freight but did not gett settled, and at that time others were offering, which made it doubtfull, if I should gett the imploy. – Having that day waited on Generall Stirling, and told him what was passing: amongst the rest my wishing to gett the Vessell imploy'd by Government and the application I had made – The Generall readilly offered to recommend me to the commanding officer in the way I should point out; on which I beg'd the favour he would signifie his wish that I had a preference in case the Vessell answered their purpose: which was immediately granted and a line given me to Collⁿ. Martin in terms that had the desired effect; as I very soon after gott the Ship engaged in that Service, which am hopefull will turn out to advantage – I hope by next pacquett you will hear of the Generall being gott so much better as to move about with a little assistance by which he will soon recover his strength. For all the pain & Torture he has undergone by probing and extracting the shattered Bones. he still retains a Chearfull, Healthy & sound look a proof that he has been blessed with a strong Constitution and good spirits - No No meteriall news in this place but what you will see in the publick prints, or should communicate it - Our Troops in the Carolina's and Virginia are making rapid conquests, and if more troops come out as are expected, its to be hoped, more will be done this season than any hithertoo. Excuse this freedom of writeing you and if any thing is wanted in this quarter that I can be of the least service in should be happy to receive your commands,

I am with the greatest Respect Sir/ your most obed^{nt}. & very Humb^l. Serv^t.

John Wilson

26th May 1781

PS. Since writeing the above have at diff^t times called on the Generall and have the pleasure to inform you he is now moveing about with Crutches & going to his garden without Assistance

JW

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. 57-58 from NLS,
Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS 10925, ff.1-2 56.

**General Orders Appointing Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 2nd Battalion, 71st (Fraser's)
Highland Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), to be President of a Board of Enquiry,
New York, May 23, 1781**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 23^d May 1781...
A Court of Enquiry consisting of Five Field Officers, to assemble at 10 o'Clock tomorrow
Morning at the City hall in New York, to examine into such matters as shall be laid before it.
Lieu^t Colo M^cPherson, 71st President...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of
Mich. Lt. Col. M^cPherson had not yet joined his new regiment in the southern colonies after his promotion to Major of
the 2nd Bn., 71st Highlanders on Feb. 8, 1781 (effective Dec. 31, 1780).

**Excerpt of Letter from Brig. Gen. Thomas Stirling to His Sister, Anne Graham,
Discussing the Status of His Recovery and News of Officers, New York, June 6, 1781**

[addressed] M^{rs} Graham of Airth
by Falkirk
N B [North Britain, *i. e.* Scotland]

New York June 6th 1781
this fatal day 12 Month I got my wound

It is always with great pleasure I receive any account of my Dear Sisters welfare and her family, which
your Letter of 2^d Feb^y gave me... your prayers & good wishes for my recovery have been heard, as I am
now quite well in my health and my wounds closed without any appearance of more bones coming away,
and was it not for the pain in my knee when it is the least improperly moved which prevents my bearing
the fatigue of a sea Voyage and the jolting of a carriage, I should I believe have been tempted to have
gone home in a fleet now under orders for sailing, I hop about on my Crutches in the house & back yard
but have not ventured on the Street yet... if [her son, Lt.] Henry [Graham, 42nd Regt.] is improving at his
studys let him continue if not you may take him home, he will probably be obliged to join the Reg^t next
spring – [Ens.] William Edmonstone is well but I am afraid he is Idly inclined, I gave him some
reprimands for which he has not been near me these three weeks, I got him in to a Sober & Economical
Mess where he may live upon his pay but I fear he goes too much to punch houses at Night ... I wrote all
my friends by [Maj.] Archy Erskine [22nd Regt.] who I suppose is on his way back by this time I am
afraid our March packet f^m England is taken by which means all our Letters are lost the Feb^y packet only
arrived a fortnight ago however we daily look for the April one - Tell [his sister] M^{rs} [Mary] Campbell I
shall write her by the Packet in answer to hers of 31st Jan^y: I have no news to write you as no operations
are carried on from this place, [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis is our active General and his
manoeuvres you will know as soon as we as his dispatches go straight home... Adieu, My Dear Annie,
affectionate Love to Airth & the young folks, & kindest Compliments to all at Lochlane, Ardoch, Keir,
Boness, Edin^f &^c and believe

ever yours most truly
T S

Source: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*,
Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 58-59 from NLS,
Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at ACC 12290-1-3/2.



Reproduction 22nd Regt. Officer's Uniform Button

**Retirement Announcement for Maj. Archibald Erskine, 22nd Regt. (Former Capt., 42nd Regt.),
New York, July 7, 1781**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 7th July 1781

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions
22nd Reg^t

Captain Henry Lysaght from 63^d Regiment to be Major by purchase vice [Archibald] Erskine,
who retires } 30th April 1781...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Maj. Erskine was in Great Britain at the time of his retirement.

Promotion Announcement, 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers, London, July 7, 1781

War-Office, July 7, 1781 ...

42d Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant John Rutherford to be Captain, vice Duncan M^cPherson.

Ditto, Lieutenant Robert Potts to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Rutherford.

Ditto, Ensign Kenneth Calendar to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Potts.

Ditto, William Edmonstone, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Kenneth Calendar...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Duncan M^cPherson, from 42d Regiment, to be Major, vice Patrick Ferguson.

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant Norman M^cLeod to be Captain, vice Charles Campbell...

76th Regiment of Foot. Hon. Captain Francis Needham, from 17th Dragoons, to be Major, vice Alexander Donaldson...

82d Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Ensign George Stewart to be Lieutenant, vice John Graham..."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 3, 1781 pp. 2-3. Capt. Normand MacLeod (Cyprus) of the 1st Bn., 71st Highland Regt. previously served as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. Maj. Alexander Donaldson, 76th Highland Regt., who retires in this order, previously served as a Capt. of the 1st Additional Company, 42nd Regt. in Scotland. Ens. George Stewart, 82nd Regt., was later promoted to Lt. in the 42nd Regt. effective Sept. 1, 1781.

42nd Regt. Officer Assignments by Company and Changes for the Period Dec. 25, 1780 – June 24, 1781 from Musters at Camp near Greenwich, New York, July 9, 1781

[Gen. Lord Murray's Company]

...Kings Leave	General Lord John Murray	Co ^l & Captain
Promoted 31 st decem ^r	Transferred to C ^t Macphersons 1780	d ^o John Rutherford } Cap ^t Lieu ^t
Commission dated d ^o	T ^d from C ^t Dalrymples d ^o	Robert Potts } Lieu ^t
		James Stirling } En ^s
		James Alston }

Commander in Chiefs leave	James M'Laggan	Chaplain
	Hugh Fraser	Adjutant
	Hector M'Lean	Quarter M ^r
duty	William Robertson	Surgeon
d ^o	Alexander Stewart	{ Mates
	Donald Smith	{ ...

[Lt. Col. Stirling's Company]

On Duty as Brigadier General	Thomas Stirling	Lieutenant Colonel
	Alex ^r Stewart	} Lieutenants
On Duty as assistant to Quarter Master Generals Department	John Young	}
Promoted 28 th April 1781 Transferred to Cap ^t Peebles	William Dickson	} Ensigns
Received from Cap ^t Rutherfords 28 th April 1781	William Edmonston	} ...

[Maj. Graham's Company]

	Charles Graham	Major & Captain
	Gavin Drummond	} Lieut ^s
Transf ^d to C ^t MacDowals 7 th Feb ^y 1781	W ^m MacDonald	}
Rec ^d f ^m C ^t Rutherfords ditto	Hen ^y D ^d Fraser	}
Rec ^d f ^m C ^t Grants 2 ^d Jan ^y 81	James Rose	En ^{sn} ...

[Capt. Smith's Company]

	John Smith	Captain
Transferred to Cap ^t M'Dowals Co ^y 23 rd June 1781	Robert Franklin	} Lieutenants
	Alex ^r Innes	}
Received from Captain M'Dowals Co ^y 23 rd June 1781	Geo: Campbell	}
	David Sutherland	Ensign...

[Capt. Grant's Company]

		Charles Grant	Cap ^t
		Hugh Fraser	} Lieut ^s
		Henry Graham	}
Received from Cap ^t Anstruthers Company 7 th February 81			
In Europe not joined since appointment 2 nd Feb ^y 1779			
Transferred to C ^t Anstruthers Company d ^o d ^o		Alexander Grant	}
d ^o d ^o 29 th December 1780		William Fraser	} Ens ^s
Received from d ^o d ^o Promoted 1 st Jan ^y 1781 to Cap ^t Peebles	Ditto	Dougal Campbell	}
Commission dated d ^o Transferr ^d to Majors 2 nd January 1781		James Rose	}
d ^o d ^o 25 th August 1778		Alexander Loraine}	...

[Note: Succession Book shows Ens. Loraine's commission is actually dated Nov. 8 1778]

[Capt. Anstruther's Company]

	David Anstruther	Captain
Duty as Aide de Camp to Lieutenant General Knyphausen	James Cramond	} Lieutenants
Received from Cap ^t Grants Com ^y 7 th February 1781	Alex ^r Grant	}
Transfer ^d to d ^o d ^o d ^o d ^o d ^o	Henry Graham	}
Received from d ^o d ^o 29 th December 1780	William Fraser	} Ensigns
Transfer ^d to d ^o d ^o d ^o d ^o d ^o	Dougald Campbell	} ...

[Capt. Macdowal's Company]

Not joined Since appointed 21 st Sept ^r 1779	Hay M'dowal	Captain
Received f ^m C ^t Smiths Co ^y 25 th June 1781	Robert Franklin	} Lieutenants
Transferred to ditto ditto	George Campbell	}
Received from Majors Company 7 th Feb ^y ditto	William M'Donald	}
Transfer ^d to Cap ^t Rutherfords Co ^y ditto ditto	Alexander M'Gregor	}
	Sick William Fraser	Ensign...

[Capt. Rutherford's Company]

Promoted in 71 st Reg ^t 31 st Decem ^r 1780	Duncan M ^c Pherson	} Cap ^{ts}
Commission dated d ^o Rec ^d from Colonels Co ^y d ^o d ^o	John Rutherford	}
	Alex ^r Cumming	} Lieu ^{ts}
Transferred to Majors Company 7 th February 1781	Henry D. Fraser	}
Rec ^d from Cap ^t M ['] Dowals Company d ^o in Europe by C ^m in Chiefs leave	Alex ^r M Gregor	}
Promoted 31 st December 1781 transferred to C ^t Dalrymples 1 st Jan ^{ry} 1781	Kenneth Callender	} En ^s
Commission dated d ^o d ^o to Lieu ^t Colonels Co ^y 28 th Ap ^l d ^o	William Edmonston	}...

[Grenadier Company – mustered at “*Camp Near Brooklyn 11th July 1781*”]

	John Peebles	Captain
	Alex ^r Grant	} Liet ^{ts}
Promoted in the 37 th Reg ^t 28 th Ap ^l 1781	John Ritchie	}
Received from L ^t Colonels 29 th Ap ^l 1781	William Dickson	}
Dead 1 st Jan ^{ry} 1781	Allan M ^c Lean	}
Rec ^d from Cap ^t Grants 2 ^d Jan ^{ry} 1781	Duty	Dougal Campbell } ...

[Light Infantry Company - muster taken at “*Powles Hook 28th July 1783*” after Company returned from prison camp after Yorktown.]

In Europe Sir Henry Clinton’s leave	{	George Dalrymple	Captain
	{	James Stewart	} Lieutenants
trans ^d to Col ^s Comp ^y 17 th May 1783		Will ^m Fraser	}
Promoted 31 st Dec ^r 80 trans ^d to Col ^s Comp ^y		Rob ^t Potts	}
Commission D ^o rec ^d from Cap ^t Rutherfords, retired 15 th July 81		Kenneth Callender	}

Source: TNA, *War Office, General Muster Books and Pay Lists, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1st Bn., 1759 – 1776* at WO 12/5479.



Detail from Caricature of Lt. Gen. Hon. Alexander Leslie, Col. 9th Regt.

Source: *A Series of Original Portraits and Caricature Etchings*, Vol. II, Part. I, John Kay, Hugh Paton, Carver and Gilder, Edinburgh, 1838, No. XXVII, Google Books, p. 78

Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Gen. Hon. Alexander Leslie, to Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis, Discusses Arrival of Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, 71st (Fraser’s) Highland Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Portsmouth, Virginia, July 12, 1781

Portsmouth 12th July 1781-

My Lord

The Charon and her Convoy all arrived, only [missing] a horse Vessel that has the Baggage of the Regiment de Bose on Board; and 100 Saddles for the Legion - Col. M^cPherson will explain to your Lordship all particulars ...

I have the honour to be My Lord
Y^r most Obed^t humb^l Serv^t
A Leslie

Source and Note: TNA, *Charles Cornwallis Papers* at PRO 30/11, v. 6, ff. 284-285v. McPherson, who was carrying dispatches from Sir Henry Clinton, likely sailed on the 14-gun sloop *HMS Loyalist* which was a part of *HMS Charon*'s fleet.



Detail of Miniature Portrait of Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt.

Picture Source: Courtesy of *Historical Antique Arms*

Excerpt of Letter from Maj. Gen. John Campbell, Late Commander, British Forces in West Florida, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Describing Detention of Major of Brigade and Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., New York, July 21, 1781

New York 21 July 1781

My Lord,

The want of opportunity prevented my dispatches being transmitted to your Lordship as soon as I could have wished, and my arrival here on the 14th instant affords me sufficient time to report the arrival of all the cartel vessels except one (for which I am under some apprehension) and the particular transactions which happened since the period of my last letter...

The attack of the fort at the Natchez being the principal reason assigned by [Spanish] General [Bernardo de] Galvez for the detention of Captain [Robert] Deans [*HMS Mentor*] of the Royal Navy and Major Campbell, my secretary, who since the commencement of my command in West Florida has had the adjusting of all public accounts and papers; and as his detention will prevent the final settlement of my accounts, I beg leave to request your Lordship's interference in demanding the immediate releasement of these gentlemen, in particular Major Campbell to whom I am much indebted for his abilities and unremitting attention to the good of His Majesty's service...

Signed

Source and Note: *Documents of the American Revolution 1770-1783 R, Volume XX, Transcripts 1781*, Ed. K. G. Davies, Irish University Press, Dublin, 1977, pp. 194-195 from TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State, America and West Indies, Original Correspondence, West Florida, Dispatches* at CO5/597, f. 375. Capt. Campbell was the nephew of Gen. Campbell.

Lt. William Stewart, Captain, Sandown Port (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) Appointed Captain in the Army, London, July 21, 1781

War-Office, July 21 [1781]...

Capt. William Stewart, of Sandown port, to be Captain in the army.

Source and Notes: *The Scots Magazine*, Aug. 1781, p. 448. Capt. William Stewart of the Invalids was serving as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. when he was badly wounded in the thigh at Piscataway, N.J. on May 10, 1777. Sandown Port was located on the Isle of Wight. The commander of the fort was called captain, although Stewart was still a lieutenant. The Army Lists showed Stewart's promotion as July 4, 1781.

Excerpt of Letter No. 135 from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Concerning the Spanish Army Holding Capt. James Campbell. 42nd Regt., as a Hostage, New York, July 25, 1781

N^o. 135

New York 25th July 1781

My Lord...

As Lieutenant General [John] Campbell's Aid de Camp, Lieutenant [Hugh Mackay] Gordon of the 16th regiment of Foot, goes to England in the Packet, and will have the Honor to deliver to your Lordship from that General Officer a full Account of the Surrender of Pensacola & the British Possessions in West Florida to the Arms of Spain, I shall have no Occasion to trouble you any further on that Subject, than to lament that I had it not in my Power to prevent this Misfortune, and that [Vice Adm.] Sir Peter Parker & [Maj.] General [John] Dalling did not find it expedient to Succor that Post. It will also be unnecessary for me to say any thing in Praise of the very gallant Defence made by General Campbell with his small Garrison against so formidable an Armament; as I should thereby only anticipate the just Sense I am persuaded Your Lordship will entertain of it, when you read his Dispatches. It may be, however proper to observe, that I think Major of Brigade Campbell has been very improperly detained as a Hostage by the Spanish General [Bernardo de] Galvez: And as General Campbell has mentioned to me, that he is exceedingly anxious to be joined by that Officer, without whose Assistance he cannot adjust his Papers and Accounts, being Secretary to himself and Paymaster to the troops in West Florida. I beg leave to request Your Lordship will endeavor to procure his Releasement and Exchange as soon as possible...

I have the Honor to be With the greatest Respect

Your Lordships Most obedient & most humble Servant

Right Honorable

H Clinton

Lord George Germain

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 7, pp. 607-613 from TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State, America and West Indies, Original Correspondence, West Florida, Military Dispatches* at CO5/103, pp. 42-56. Maj. Gen. Dalling was the Governor of Jamaica.

Promotion Orders for Ens. Alexander Lorraine, 42nd Regt. to be Lieutenant, New York, July 26, 1781

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 26th July 1781...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotion

42nd Regiment

Ensign [Alexander] Lorraine to be Lieutenant by pur^{cc} vice [Lt. Kenneth] } 1781.

Callander, who retires } 25th July

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

Promotion Announcement for Brevet-Capt. William Stewart, Sandown Port (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Captain, Independent Company of Invalids, London, July 31, 1781

War-Office, July 31, 1781...

Captain William Stewart of Sandown Port, to be Captain of an Independent Company of Invalids, vice Thomas Northey.

Captain Thomas Northey, of the Invalids, to be Captain of Sandown Port, vice William Stewart...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, July 28-31, 1781, p. 1. Captain William Stewart of the Invalids was serving as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. when he was badly wounded in the thigh at Piscataway, N.J. on May 10, 1777. See Stewart's request for transfer above dated Apr. 1780. Stewart's new invalid company was likely stationed on the island of Guernsey, near the coast of France.



Detail of Portrait of Adm. François Joseph Paul, Marquis de Grasse Tilly (1722-1788)

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons.

Excerpt of Letter from Brevet-Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) to David Erskine, Clerk to the Signet (Edinburgh), Describing Intentions to Return to Britain, New York, Aug. 15, 1781

I am uncertain as to the time when I shall leave this country, as I must wait for a fleet sailing for London, as the packets are not safe, inconvenient and the land journey from Falmouth more than I could bear. A fleet will, it is thought, sail end of next month which I shall take the advantage of, if [French Adm. François-Joseph] Mons. [Comte] de Grasse does not shut us up, which they threaten from the rebel camp. A reinforcement of 2-3,000 German recruits arrived here lately which makes us a little more respectable and may enable S.H. [Gen. Sir Henry] Clinton to look our foes at the White Plains in the face, who wait only the arrival of the French fleet off the Hook to attack N. York.

Source and Note: *Steven Walske Collection of North American Blockade Run Mail*, Robert A Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. David Erskine, Clerk to the Signet, was the older half-brother of Capt. Archibald Erskine, 42nd Regt.) and the son of Professor John Erskine of Carnock and Cardross.

General Orders Replacing Spanish Hostage Capt. James Campbell, 42nd Regt., as Major of Brigade, New York, Aug. 21, 1781

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 21st Aug 1781

Captain [Thomas] Thompson of the 57th Regiment, is appointed to act as Major of Brigade to the Troops arrived from Pensacola, under the Command of Lieutenant General [John] Campbell, 'till the Return of Brigade Major Campbell...

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Maj. of Brigade Campbell was being held as a Hostage by the Spanish Army after the surrender of Pensacola in May 1781 because of an insurrection against Spanish forces at Natchez. He was held until Dec. 1783. The story of his lengthy captivity is provided in this volume in App. E: Capt. James Campbell, Hostage of the Spanish Army.

**General Orders Appointing Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt., Court Martial President,
New York, Aug. 27, 1781**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Morning Orders 27th August 1781...
After Orders

A General Court Martial consisting of three Field officers, and 12 Captains, to assemble at the City hall in New York, on Wednesday next the 29th Ins^t at 10 o'Clock in the Morning, for the trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it. Maj^r Graham 42nd Regiment President...

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



St Pauls, Manhattan, New York, 2008 by Dmadeo

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons.

Announcement of Death of Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt., New York, Aug. 30, 1781

NEW-YORK, September 1... Died, early on Thursday morning [Aug. 30], after an illness of eight days. Lieut. James Crammond of His Majesty's XLII^d regiment, Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency [Hessian] General [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen. The natural and acquired talents of this Gentleman rendered him an ornament to society and an honor to his profession.

His remains were conducted the same evening to St. Paul's, attended by the Officers of the Garrison, and interred with Military Honors.

Source: *Royal Gazette* (New York), Sept. 1, 1781.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Death of Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt., New York,
Aug. 30, 1781**

Thursday 30th. Aug^t. 1781...

Lieu^t. Crammond died this morning at 5 o'clock of a bilious fever, six days ill. & was interr'd at 6 in the even^g. in S^t. Pauls Church yard with the usual form, & a very long procession of officers of the Army. he was a very much accomplish'd young man but with a pride a Vanity & a temper that prevented his being liked in the Reg^t. or esteem'd in the army he was Aid de Camp to [Hessian] Gen^l. [Wilhelm von] Knyphausen eldest L^t. in the 42^d. aged 26

Source: *Peebles' Notebooks*, Aug. 30, 1781.



Yorktown, Mid-18th Century

Picture Source: National Park Service

Letter from Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan M^cPherson, Major, 2nd Battalion, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Reporting Situation at Yorktown, Virginia, Aug. 31, 1781

Camp Yorktown 31st Aug^t 1781
8 o'Clock at night

Dear Sir

I am this moment informed that a small Boat is this night to be dispatched for New York to acquaint the Commander in Chief of the arrival of twenty five french Ships of War in the Bay the day before yesterday – Three of them are anchored in our view – They drove in our Cruisers & took the [14-gun] Loyalist Sloop of War, after a most obstinate Battle with two of their Frigates for two hours, in which, the Loyalist lost her Main: Mast by the Board, & her fore & mizen top masts – Captain [Richard] Williams's gallant defense gave sufficient time to the [28-gun] Guadeloup that was on her way to Charlestown, the [18-gun sloop] Bonetta, & three or four small vessels to get in here – The last dispatch Scooner from New York was one of them – had she been an hour later she must have fallen into the hands of the French. We have not as yet heard the loss of men on board the Loyalist – Its supposed to be very great, from the shatter'd Situation she was seen in by Captain [Hugh] Robinson of the Guadaloup

The most distant prospect of your receiving my acknowledgement of your agreeable favor of the 8th instant coming to hand I would not omit – Nothing but hard Labour goes on here at present in constructing & making Batteries toward the River, & Redoubts towards the Land – The troops are in perfect health & high Spirits & if our Enemies are polite enough to give us three day's grace, we shall be

able to receive the [Adm. François-Joseph] Count d' Grass & his friend the [Gilbert du Motier] Marquiss [de Lafayette] in a proper manner.

Captain Lawrence Campbell [2nd Batt. 71st Regt.] /to whose company Munro belonged/ is at Charlestown, & untill he joins there is no possibility of settling his Acct^s; however youll be pleased to send me by the first opportunity a note on the charge Munro himself makes against the Reg^t. – Will you be kind enough to Inquire of Captain [Peter] Macpherson of the Pioneers what he has done with my bay Stallion if he has sold him please receive the Cash –

My friends to the Northward /except yourself/ I believe have totally foregot me – pray tell Fraser of ours, [John] Macpherson of the 82^d Scott & all the lads of the Ciltice [Celtic?] Band so –

Unfortunate^y – The dispatch Boat I'm told sailed half an hour ago – No help for it – I shall be more attentive to the next Conveyance, by which, I shall send this, with anything else that may occur – ½ an hour past 9 o'Clock Night The 2^d Sept^r Three french Frigates join the Ships at the entrance of the River so that the Blockade by Water is complete

The Army still hard at Work & now formed into two Lines with a Reserve, & encamp on the Ground which we are to maintain to the last – The 2^d L. Infantry the 71st, 80th & 2^d Anspach for the first Line – 1st L. Infantry The Brigade of Guards, 76th & 1st Anspach make the 2^d Line & the 33^d & The Reg^t D' Bose compose the Reserve –

The 17th, 23^d, 43^d, with some provincial Corps, Merchants & Inhabitants embodied into Companies occupy the redoubts near the Town – The Seaman all the Batteries

The Hereditary Prince's Reg^t, the Q. Rangers, Yaugers, & some convalescents are strongly fortified at Glochester directly opposite to us –

We most heartily dispise in our present situation the united force of the Yankees & the emaciated west Indiamen lately landed, our position being naturally so strong, & assisted with the greatest skill by Art, a fine train of Artillery well manned – The Enemy are incamped nine Miles from – two miles below Williamsburg – It's my own opinion they are not inforce – 6th The french Ships gon off

My best wishes attend you & yours Jalurse 'am

Yorktown Lines
in Camp 9th Aug^t [actually Sept.]1781

Very sincerely Yours
Dun M^cPherson

Source and Note: Letter from Duncan M^cPherson to Unknown, Aug. 31, 1781, with Partial Copy, *George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799: Series 4. General Correspondence. 1697-1799, p. 772.* The document has been subsequently marked "Enclosed in 1781 Se 24, Gist to GW." That annotation refers to a letter from Gen. Mordecai Gist of Maryland to Gen. George Washington dated Sept. 24, 1781 that describes how M^cPherson's letter fell into American hands. Gist wrote: "The enclosed papers were taken in a Dispatch Boat from Lord Cornwallis by the Brig Sea Nymph of Phil^a the 10th Ins^t off Cape Charles, and were brought here last night. I have the honor to forward them to Your Excellency's information...M Gist". The enclosure to Gist's letter is marked "from General Gist – inclosing intercepted Letters from Lord Cornwallis to Gen^l Clinton N.B. some of the Originals of Intercepted Letters sent to Count de Grasse" Reference: Letter from Mordecai Gist to George Washington, September 24, 1781, *George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799: Series 4. General Correspondence. 1697-1799, pp 134-135.* Duncan M^cPherson served as a Capt., Brevet-Maj. and Brevet-Lt. Col. in the 42nd Regt. until 1781.

Exchange Document for Prisoner of War Lt. William Nairn, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Future Capt., Additional Company, 42nd Regt.), Staten Island, Sept. 3, 1781

An Exchange of British & German Officers of the Troops of the Convention, & Prisoners of War against & for a Number of Americans Officers Rank for Rank and by Composition – Staten Island 3^d Sep^r. 1781...

Corps	Rank & Names...
Prisoners of War...	
71 st	Lieu ^t . Nairn 6...

Sep^r. 3^d. 1781 Staten Island

The foregoing Exchanges are Ratified and Confirmed and the respective officers therein named are a Liberty to enter into a full Activity of Service

Ab^m Skinner
Com^y. Gen^l. Pris^{rs}.

New York 11th Sep^r. 1781 I do Certify that the within & above is a true Copy –

Jos. Loring
Com. Gen^l. Pris^s –

Source and Notes: TNA, *Secretary at War, in-letters and reports* at WO 40/2. The letter was also printed in *London Gazette*, Nov. 17-20, 1781, p. 1. Lt. Nairn was captured for a second time in June 1781 while carrying dispatches from Sir Henry Clinton to Lord Cornwallis in Virginia. The number 6 by his name refers to the exchange value meaning a lieutenant was the “equivalent” to six private soldiers. Capt. Nairn’s company in Scotland was transferred to the 1st Bn., 42nd Regt. on Jan. 21, 1783.

Runaway Slave Announcement by Capt. Charles Grant, 42nd Regt., Newtown, Sept. 5, 1781

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD. Run away from the Subscriber, Captain Charles Grant, of the 42d, or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, a negro man named TOM, about 27 years of age five feet five or six inches high, thick and well made, has a cut in his forehead. Whoever brings the said negro man TOM, to Captain Grant, or Mr. Hunt, at Newtown, Long-Island, or gives information where he can be found, shall have the above reward.

All Masters of vessels and others are forewarned to harbour or conceal the said negro man, as they may expect to answer for the same.

Source and Note: *e Royal Gazette* (New York), September 5, 1781. Mr. Hunt is likely Grant’s father-in-law.



Reproduction 64th Regt. Uniform Button

Casualty Report Includes Lt. James Graham, 64th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), Wounded, Eutaw Springs, South Carolina, Sept. 8, 1781

Return of the Killed, Wounded & Missing, at the Eutaw’s. 8th Sep: 1781...

Names of Officers Killed, Wounded & Missing...

64th Regiment Lieu^t. Graham Wounded

Source and Note: TNA, *Colonial Office, Military despatches*, 1781-1782 at CO 5/104 and *Frederick Mackenzie Papers*, Vol. II, W. L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich., pp. 651-652 (Transcribed by Todd Braisted). A later memorial indicated Graham was shot through the body and was not expected to recover. Graham survived the war and settled in Charleston, S. C.

Records of 1st Light Infantry Battalion Sutler Include Item for Lt. James Stewart, 42nd Lt. Infantry Company, Yorktown, Virginia, Sept. 8, 1778

Bills with M^r Master & Inglis Sept^r 8th 1781

Date 1781	By whom drawn	On whom drawn	Stirling		
			£	Sh	D...
Aug ^t 22	L ^t Stuart 42 ^d LI	Cap ^t Rutherford 42 ^d	21		

Source: NRS, *Inglis Papers, Bundle of miscellaneous papers belonging to John Inglis, 1778-1802* at GD1/46/21/7 f. 1

Promotion Announcement for Former 42nd Regt. Lt. James West, London, Sept. 11, 1781

War-Office, September 11, 1781...

75th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant James West, from Half Pay in the late 122d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Wilson."

Source: *London Gazette*, Sept. 8-11, 1781, p. 1. Lt. West was briefly assigned to the 42nd Regt. on paper as part of a three-way promotion transaction.

Memorandum for the Sale of Lt. James Cramond's Effects, New York, Sept. 14, 1781

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head QR New York 14th Sept 1781...

Memorandum: To be sold tomorrow at the Coffee house Bridge at 12 o'clock two very Valuable Horses of the Late Lieutenant [James] Crammond of the 42^d Regiment.

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. James Cramond, 42nd Regt., was an aide de camp to Hessian Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen when he died on Aug. 30, 1781.

Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson Reporting on Brevet-Brigadier Gen. Thomas Stirling's Health and Complaining of Lack of Reporting from Maj. Charles Graham, Commanding, 42nd Regt., and the War Office's and Lord Murray's Responses, Banner Cross, Sept. 15 and 24, 1781 and London Sept. 20, 1781

Bannercross 15th. Sept^r. 1781

S^r.

I have rec^d a letter from Brigadier [Thomas] Stirling (my Lieu^t. Colonel) dated New York 1st July last, that he is now intirely out of danger the wound not quite healed up, & no indication of the bone come away, which I am glad of, as I believe him to be a very good Officer.

I have wrote to Major Charles Graham who has Commanded the first Battalion of my Regiment above a year ago, and desired him at different times, to send me Monthly returns of my first Battalion, and what Arms and accoutrements were lost in Service and otherwise, or if he could not do it, to mention in his letters to me, which I desired every Opportunity, the Numbers that then were, and other Extraordinary's, but have not had any Answer from him to my different letters, and imagined they could not all have miscarried.

I have wrote to him again the 10th. Inst^t: of it. & that I should be under the disagreeable Necessity of troubling you with his neglect; in not writing according to my orders, & sending returns, which I am sorry to do, but I believe you'l observe the Necissity of my knowing it.

I also in my last letter desired to know, how the regiment was Supplied with a Preacher, in the Gallic, [word hidden in binding] language, Since M^r [Chap. James] M^cLagan left the Regiment to go to Scotland where he now remains, as it is very necessary to have a proper person to do duty with a Highland Corps, in that Language which I have ever taken care to provide since I commanded it years ago.

I have the honour to be

S^r. Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

John Murray

Hon^{ble}. Charles Jenkinson Esq^r.
His Majesty's Secretary at War.

[War Office response]

W.O. 20th Septem^r: 1781

My Lord,

I have the Honour to ack: the rec^t: of Your Lordship's Letter of the 15th: instant.

I need not acquaint your Lordship that a Colonel of a Reg^t: is fully empowered to give such Regimental Orders as he shall think requisite for the carrying on of His Majesty's Service, & to enforce the Obedience of them without the necessity of any Interference of Office. As it is so late as the 15th: inst. that You signified to Major Graham your Intention of acquainting the S. at W. with his neglect, I am not without hopes that Your Lordship will soon receive such an Answer from the Major, as may be entirely satisfactory to you, & under any further Application unnecessary.

I have the honour, &c^a:

Gen^l. Lord John Murray

C. Jenkinson

[Lord Murray's reponse to the War Office]

S^r.

I had the honour of your letter in answer to mine of the 20th. Instant, this day, I believ'd before. I was impowered to give Regimental orders to my Regiment, which I wrote him several times before off ; but had no Answer, shall send your letter and a Duplicate of mine, by a Safe hand, and acquaint you with his Answer, if I don't get the returns desired.

I have the honour to be

S^r.

Bannercross 24th Sept^r. 1781

Your most Obedient and Most humble Servant

John Murray

The Right Hon^{ble}. Charles Jenkinson Esq^r
His Majestys Secretary at War

Sources: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence*: b. Series II: M-P, 1781 at WO 1/1012, pp. 41 and 45, and *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters*, June – Oct. 1781 at WO 4/114, pp. 380 (f. 190).



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**General Orders Announcing Transfer of Lt. George Stewart, 82nd Regt., to the 42nd Regt.,
New York, Sept. 21, 1781**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters, New York 21st Sept 1781

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

42^d Regt.

Lieut Geo Stewart from 82^d Regiment to be Lieutenant vice

} 1 Sep 1781...

[Lt. James] Crammond Dead

}...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. There was another officer in the 82nd Regt. named George Walker Stewart who can be easily confused with this officer.

Promotion Announcement, 42nd Regt. Officers and Former Officers, London, Sept. 29, 1781

War-Office, September 29, 1781...

22d Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Henry Lysaght, from 63d Regiment to be Major, vice Archibald Erskine...

37th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Ritchie, from 42d Regiment, is appointed to be Captain, vice Henry Savage...

42d Regiment of Foot, Ensign William Dickson to be Lieutenant, vice John Ritchie.

Ditto, Ensign Alexander Lorraine to be Lieutenant, vice Kenneth Callendar...

71st Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Lieutenant Thomas Fraser to be Captain, vice John Robertson ...

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Sept. 29, 1781 p. 1. Maj. Archibald Erskine, who retires by this order, was previously a Capt. in the 42nd Regt. Capt. John Robertson, 71st Regt., who retires by this order, was a former Lt. in 42nd Regt.

**General Order Announcing Court Martial Results for Ens. David Sutherland, 42nd Regt.,
New York, Oct. 13, 1781**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 13th Oct^r 1781...

Ensign David Sutherland of the 42^d Reg^t tried by the General Court Martial of which Maj^r [John] Breese of the 54th Regiment is President accused by the Subalterns of the same Regiment of having acted in a manner unbecoming the character of an Officer and Gentleman.

The Court having considered the Evidence in Support of the accusation together with the Prisoners defence is of the opinion that the Prisoner, Ensign David Sutherland is not guilty of the Charges brought against him and therefore acquit him.

The Court is further of opinion that from the Information the Subalterns of the 42nd Regt had received suspecting Ensⁿ Sutherland and the steps they took in consequence of such Information that, they the Subalterns of the 42^d Regim^t acted in a manner highly Justifiable & Proper. The Commander in Chief is pleased to approve of the above sentence and orders Ensⁿ Sutherland to be released from his arrest...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. The record of the general court martial of Ens. Sutherland is provided in this volume in App. F, Court Martial of Ens. David Sutherland. Sutherland was court-martialed because a civilian charged him with perjury and insulted him. The subalterns in the regiment refused to do duty with him, until the stain on the regiment's honor was removed. Accordingly Maj. Charles Graham brought Sutherland to a court-martial to resolve the issue.



The French Storming Redoubt 9 during the Siege of Yorktown, by Onfroy de Breville, 1900

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpt of Account by Officer of French Royal Deuxponts Regt. of Escape of Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan McPherson, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Redoubt 9, Yorktown, Virginia, Oct. 14, 1781

...and I advanced in the greatest silence; at a hundred and twenty or thirty paces, we were discovered; and the Hessian soldier who was stationed as a sentinel on the parapet, cried out "Werda"? (Who comes there ?) * to which we did not reply, but hastened our steps...

[Footnote by Deux-ponts] * The English officers taken in the redoubt have told me since, that the moment we were discovered was seized by the English commander, named MacPherson, and by thirty men, to save themselves ignominiously.

Source and Note: *My Campaigns in America, A Journal Kept by Count William De Duex-Ponts, 1780-1781*, Trans. and Ed. by Samuel Abbott Green, J. K. Wiggin and Wm. Parsons Lunt, Boston, 1868, p. 145. Brev.-Lt. Col McPherson was the commander of Redoubt 9.

Excerpt of French Commander's Account of Taking of Redoubt 9, and Escape of Brevet-Lt. Col. Duncan McPherson, 71st (Fraser's) Highland Regt. (Former Brevet-Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.), Yorktown, Virginia, Oct. 14, 1781

In the Trenches, 14th -15th October, 1783. [1781]

General [Count de Rochambeau]: — General Washington having approved, last evening in the trenches, of the disposition which I had made, and of my instructions given to the Marquis de Lafayette,

to General Steuben, as well as to MM. des Deuxponts, de L'Estrade, and de Rostaing for the attack on the two redoubts on the left of the enemy, which you have prescribed for me to carry... The two redoubts were attacked and carried nearly the same time... The Count William des Deuxponts, who commanded four hundred grenadiers or chasseurs, whom I had intended for the attack on the grand redoubt, marched there, as well as M. de L'Estrade, lieutenant- colonel of the Gatinois, whom I had placed under his orders and in his advance guard, with so much order and firmness, that they were not six minutes in making themselves masters of this redoubt, and in manning it. They went in, both of them, with the first grenadiers, after they had cut a passage, with axe in hand, through the abatis in the ditch, and through the fraises of this work. A hundred and forty men who defended it, and who kept up a very sharp fire of musketry, were killed or captured. Some of them escaped, among whom Colonel MacPherson is supposed to be...

I have the honor to be, with the most respectful attachment, general,
Your very humble and very obedient servant,
[Baron de] Viomesnil.

Source and Note: *My Campaigns in America, A Journal Kept by Count William De Duex-Ponts, 1780-1781*, Trans. and Ed. by Samuel Abbott Green, J. K. Wiggin and Wm. Parsons Lunt, Boston, 1868, pp. 157-158. Brev.-Lt. Col McPherson was the commander of Redoubt 9.

Capt. Robert Rollo, American Legion (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.) is Witness to Codicil to Will of Thomas Charles Williams, Merchant, New York, Oct. 14, 1781

New York, Octob^r. 14, 1781.

As I am now about going again to Virginia and the Term of Life is uncertain do make this Codicil to my last will and Testament as I have great property at Risque on the Seige at York Town and may be lost do make this further provision for my beloved wife Sarah Williams. She to have her home in Philadelphia and £1000 before any division, etc.

Witness: Bartlee Smith, City and Province of New York, 26 August, 1782,
Before Cory Ludlow, Surrogate, attestation of Robert Rollo, Captain of his Majesty's American Legion as to himself and other two witnesses Abraham L. Smith and Ebenezer Putnam...

Source and Note: "New York Gleanings in England", Contributed by Lothrop Withington, in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. XXXV, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York, 1904, Google Books, p. 271. After Maj. Gen. Benedict Arnold left the Rebel service he was commissioned to lead a joint infantry-cavalry Loyalist regiment called the American Legion.

Advertisement for Sale of Ensigny in the 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Oct. 19, 1781

Two ENSIGNCIES TO BE SOLD.

ONE in the 42d Regiment of foot commanded by Lord John Murray; the other in the 76th regiment commanded by Lieut. Col-commandant John Macdonnell. Both Regiments are in America. For particulars apply to Mr. Robert Steel in No. 7, Tokenhamyard, London, and George Todwriter in Edinburgh.

Source: *Edinburgh Advertiser*, Oct. 19, 1781, p. 262.



Surrender of Lord Cornwallis, by John Trumbull

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

42nd Regt. Officers on Manifest of Transport *Lord Mulgrave* Following Surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, Oct. 1781

Officers and Servants to go on Board the Lord Mulgrave Transport Oct. 1781

	Reg ^t ...	Serv ^{ts}	Soldiers...
<u>Light Infantry</u>			
Captain... [George] Dalrymple	42d		2...
Lieutenant... [James] Stewart	42d		1...
<u>71st Reg^t</u>			
Lieu ^t Colonel [Duncan] Macpherson			2...
<u>Lord Mulgrave 320 Tons Burthen</u>			
Andrew Easterby Master			
50 Seamen			

Source and Note: National Archives, *Revolutionary War, Miscellaneous Numbered Records*, No. 31591. Capt. Dalrymple and Lt. Stewart were the officers of the 42nd Lt. Infantry Company assigned to the 1st Lt. Infantry Bn. which was part of the force surrendered at Yorktown. The *Lord Mulgrave* transport was carrying paroled British officers following Lord Cornwallis' surrender, when it was feared lost. The ship ended up in Charleston and the officers made their way to New York by another ship. Brevet-Lt. Col. M^cPherson, 71st Regt., had previously served in the 42nd Regt. until the beginning of 1781.

General Orders Directing Lt. John Grant (later of Achindoun), 42nd Additional Company, with Troops from Newfoundland, to Land and do Duty in Brooklyn, New York, Oct. 31, 1781

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Qrs New York 31st Octo^r 1781

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

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, Vol. 266, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich. Lt. John Grant (later of Auchindown) had taken the 2nd Additional Company to Newfoundland in 1778 with two companies of the 71st Additional to reinforce the island. The troops, who had been assigned on paper to the 2nd Battalion in Scotland, were later ordered to join the 1st Battalion in New York and Lt. Grant was ordered to Scotland to join the 2nd Battalion under Lt. Col. Norman MacLeod of MacLeod.

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

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

Cap^t John MacGregor, now at Inverness.

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

Lieut^t Alex^r MacGregor, now at Stirling

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

Ensign Rob^t Robertson, now at Lude Athol Perthshire

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

Both too young to Join when the Regiment Embarked

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

Source and Note: TNA, War Office: *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief: Papers*, WO 34/189, f. 218. Capt. MacGregor was known in the 1st Battalion as Lt. Gregor. His correct name was used when his Captain's commission was issued in the 2nd Bn. Capt. MacGregor and Lt. Macgregor were both assigned to additional companies of the 1st Bn., 42nd Regt. in Scotland and were transferred to the 2nd Bn. on its raising.

**Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col.,
42nd Regt. to Order his Officers in Great Britain to Begin Recruiting, London, Nov. 10, 1781**

W. O. 10th. Novem^r 1781

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the rec^t. of y^r. L^{ps}. [Lordships] L^r. of 7th. instant, and to acquaint you that if there are any Officers of the Royal Highlanders in Great Britain, you should immediately order them to exert themselves in Recruiting for the Regiment. – The allowances for that purpose are fixed by His Majesty's Regulations, and I conceive that the Non Effective Funds of the two Batt^{ns}. are very adequate to the supply of them.

I have the honor &^{ca}

C: Jenkinson

R^t Honble Lord John Murray

&^{ca} &^{ca} &^{ca}

Banner Cross near Sheffield

Sources: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, June – Oct. 1781* at WO 4/115, p. 145.



Reproduction 5th Regt. Uniform Button

Promotion Announcement for Lt. Thomas Lyttelton, 5th Regt. (Former Lt., 42nd Regt.), to be Captain, London, Nov. 1781

Commissions signed by his Majesty for the Army in Ireland...

5th foot: Lieut. Thomas Lyttelton to be Captain, vice Lt-Col. Anthony Hassam [Haslam]; by purchase.

Source and Note: *Scots Magazine*, Nov. 1781, pp. 615-616. Capt. Lyttelton's date of rank was Sept. 1, 1781.

Capt. John Peebles' Request to Brevet-Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) for Approval of Lt. William Dickson to Purchase the 42nd Grenadier Company, New York, Nov. 20, 1781

Sir

Being desirous to quit the Army & go home for the same reasons I mention^d to you last year, I hope you will have no objection to Lieut: Dicksons purchasing my Company, he being the only L^t in the Reg^t that I know of for purchase...

Source and Note: NRS, *Peebles' Journal*, Nov. 20, 1781. Lt. Dickson was not approved for the purchase of the company until after Maj. Gen. Stirling left America for Britain.

General Order Appointing Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt. to Board of Enquiry, New York, Dec. 1, 1781

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 1st Decem^r 1781

A Board of inquiry of three Field Officers to assemble tomorrow at Twelve O'Clock at the City Hall to examine such matters as shall be brought before them.

Major Graham 42nd, Maj^r [Charles] Brownlow [57th Regt.] Grenad^{rs}, Major [Stephen] Bromfield 40th for the above Duty.

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



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

Picture Source: The Black Watch Castle & Museum

Endorsement of Brevet-Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling (Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.) by Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, New York, Dec. 5, 1781

New York December 5th 1781

My Lord,

Major General Stirling, who will have the honor to deliver this Letter to your Lordship, being now so much recovered of the very severe Wounds he received in Jersey, previous to my return from Charlestown in June 1780, as to take Advantage of the present Opportunity of returning to Europe, in the hopes of deriving benefit from the Bath Waters, and his native Air; I cannot suffer an Officer of his Merit to leave this Country without expressing to your Lordship my entire Approbation of his Services since I have had the honor to Command this Army, and the sincere regret I feel for the Occasion which deprives me of his very able Assistance

I have the honor to be

With the greatest Respect,

Your Lordships Most obedient and Most humble Servant

H Clinton

Right Honorable
Lord George Germain

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office, Correspondence, Secretary of State, Military dispatches*, 1781-1782 at CO 5/104, p. 154.

**Letter from Chap. James M^cLagan, 42nd Regt., to Col. James Murray, 77th (Atholl) Highland Regt.,
Regarding Unsuccessful Search for Pipers, Blair Atholl, Scotland, Dec. 10, 1781**

Blair Atholl, Dec. 10, 1781.

Sir,

According to promise I wrote next morning to M^r M^cQueen in Sky to look out for Pipers for your Regiment. Within these few days I had his answer dated on a day not mentioned in Nov^r last. He says that he would cheerfully do any thing of that nature in his power for you, on account of what he formerly heard and now hears. That he deferred answering me till a meeting happened in Portree, at which were men from all parts of the Island. That things however are greatly changed there. The M^cArthurs and M^cCrimons are all gone, excepting one old man of the latter, who has something from M^cLeod, and no others have succeeded them. He mentions one boy, but says he is good for nothing. A Gentleman from North Uist tells me that a few pipers still remain among them, but that they are so saucy that there is no speaking to them on those terms. Mr M^cNicol in Lismore assures me there are none such to be had among them. I am not a little mortified to find myself unable to do that much for my best Benefactor. Unless one of them cast up, as it were by accident, I do not know further where to look for them. The most are engaged. . . .

Your most obliged, most humble & most ob^t Servant
James M^cLagan.

Source: *Chronicles of the Atholl and Tullibardine Families*, Vol. IV, Ed. John, Seventh Duke of Atholl, K. T., Ballantyne, Press, Edinburgh, 1908, p. 89.



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**Promotion Announcement for Ens. John Nesmyth, 69th Regt.
(Future Lt. 42nd Regt.), to be Lieutenant, London, Dec. 22, 1781**

War-Office, December 22, 1781...

69th Regiment of Foot...

Ditto, Ensign John Naesmyth to be Lieutenant, Vice Paul Colville Castleman."

Source and Note: *London Gazette*, Dec. 18-22, 1781, pp. 1-2. Ens. John Nesmyth later served as a Lt. in the 42nd Regt. Nesmyth's date of rank was May 14, 1781.

**General Order Appointing Maj. Charles Graham, 42nd Regt. to Board of Enquiry,
New York, Dec. 31, 1781**

[Gen. Sir Henry Clinton's Orders] Head Quarters New York 31st Dec^r 1781

A Board of Enquiry consisting of three Field Officers, to assemble at the City Hall on Wednesday the 2^d of January next at ten o'Clock in the morning to examine into such matters as shall be laid before it.

Majors [David] Ferguson 71st Graham 42nd and [Stephen] Bromfield of the 40th Regiment for this Duty.

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

**Former Brevet-Maj. James M^cPherson and Capt. John M^cIntosh, Late of the 42nd Regt.
Offer to Raise Independent Companies, London, Undated, Approx. 1781**

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General List of Persons who have offered to raise Independent Companies.

[Lord Amherst's Note]

The nine Lieutenants who are agreably to the Rules are approved by The King to raise Independent Companys.

Lieutenants who have desired to raise Ind^t Companies...

John M^cIntosh... late of the 42^d. F...

James M^cPherson late of 42^d. F...

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Baron Jeffrey Amherst Papers, Miscellaneous Documents*, WO 34/187, f. 330. Based on Lord Amherst's note it is not likely the former 42nd Regt. offers were selected.