Fort To Ashend,
1st October 1798.

Parole

Trepassey.

General Order.

No persons except officers or others belonging to the Garrison to be admitted into or remain in any of the Forts after sunset. Officers servants coming with messages may enter the Forts, but must be carried immediately to the Officer of the Guard.

The Gates of the Garrison to be shut at sunset, and the wicket only left open, after which, no non-commissioned officer or soldier is to absent himself from the fort without leave from the Governor or Officer for the time being, next in command. This leave not to exceed the firing of the evening gun. The name of the man obtaining the above leave is to be taken in writing by the Officer of the Guard, and reported to the Governor the succeeding morning.

By Command of the Governor,

(Signed) Jas. P. Rance.
Fort Tewshend,  
1st October 1708.

Gentlemen,

As His Majesty's Ships must not be wantonly detained in port at a time when they should be actively employed either in the protection of the Trade or in the annoyance of the enemy, I desire that you will assemble immediately, and make known to me within the space of 48 hours, whether you are desirous of having a convoy for the Coast of Portugal, as also the time you wish the said Convoy to proceed to sea. I must insist on your coming to a speedy determination on this point, in order that I may be enabled to give timely notification of the consequent arrangements to the Outharbour.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

The Principal Merchants,

St. John's.
Fort Townsend,
1st October 1798.

Garrison Order.

The Troops on the Garrison to parade on the exercising ground at eight o'clock this morning. The sentence of the Court Martial on Jeremiah Dardau & eaman belonging to His Majesty's Ship Mercury to be read to the Troops and afterwards placed at the Garrison Gates.

By Command of the Governor,

(Sgd) Jas. P. Randolph.
Fort Townsend,
1st October 1798.

Gentlemen,

As I am truly anxious the effects produced last winter from the monies subscribed for the use of the Charitable Fund, you will oblige me much by giving me some general information on the subject.

I am &c.,
(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

The Committee
of the Charitable Fund,

St. John's.
Fort Townsend,
1st October 1793.

Gentlemen,

That I may be enabled to make proper arrangements both for the protection of your trade and the annoyance of the enemy, I desire that you will let me know as speedily as possible at what periods you desire two convoys for England, and a second for the Coast of Portugal.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

The Principal Merchants,

St. John's.
By the Honourable William Waldegrave Governor
and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of
Newfoundland.

Whereas I have thought proper to order a General
Court Martial to be assembled on the 3rd instant
for the trial of Richard Wilson Private belonging to
His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment for
desertion: and whereas His Majesty by Commission
under his Sign manual dated the 15th day of May last
has been pleased to empower me in default of a
person appointed by His Majesty, or deputed by the
Judge Advocate General of His Forces, or during
the illness or occasional absence of the person so
appointed or deputed, to nominate and appoint a fit
person from time to time, for executing the Office
of Judge Advocate, at any such Court Martial for the
more orderly proceedings of the same.

I do hereby appoint you to execute the
Office of Judge Advocate at the Court martial above-
mentioned. For so doing this shall be your Efficient Warrant.

Given under my hand at Fort To nshead, St.
John's Newfoundland, the first day of October 1798.

By Command of the Governor,

(Se) J. Parver,

Mr. Jas. P. Rance.

for Secretary.
St. John's,
1st October 1798.

Sir,

I this day received your letter of the 27th ultimo signifying that His Excellency the Governor has in charge £6,000 in dollars for the payment of the Troops in this Island, and that His Excellency was instructed to issue on the 30th of each month about £1,000 as the net subsistence for one month for the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor that the Royal Newfoundland Regiment except the detachment at Placentia and a Party absent in quest of deserters, have been paid in Bills drawn upon the Regimental Agent, up to the 31st of last month, that no payments have been made nor Bills drawn on account of the subsistence of the Regiment from the 25th September to 24th instant, the sum therefore wanted for the current month will amount to about £650 which would have been drawn for on the 25th of September as is customary in other regiments if specie could have been procured.

I beg leave further to observe that if His Excellency will have the goodness to order the above sum, or any part of it, to be issued immediately, it would enable the Officers Commanding Companies to pay their men weekly instead of settling monthly and
and paying them with orders upon merchants as we have for want of cash been very often obliged to do.

I am &c.,

(8d) D. Darling, Captain.

Acting Paymaster R.N.R.

Jap P. Range Esq.
Fort Townshend,

1st October 1798.

Sir,

You will be pleased to inform me as Pay-master and Adjutant of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, what advantages may arise to Government from my having brought to this Island £6,300 for the payment of His Majesty's Troops as also, how far this measure will be advantageous to the Troops themselves and whether in your opinion it will not greatly tend to preserve peace and quietness in the Regiment.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldesgrave.

Captain Darling

Paymaster R. R.
St. John's,
1st October 1798.

Sir,

Agreeable to His Excellency the Governor's desire we have in conjunction with the Reverend Mr. Harries inspected the grounds adjacent to the Church and having called to our assistance Mr. George Hutchings, James Winter, James Gill, Thomas Wakham and Michael Little all of whom are old and respectable inhabitants of this town, and who all concur in opinion with us that the most eligible spot to be appropriated as an addition to the present burial ground, will be that declivity on the south west side of the area leading from the main road to the Church, now in possession of Mr. Timothy Ryan, Mr. Lawrence Bovey, and Mr. William Masters part covered by flake, and part in cultivation of a garden - a plan of which is herewith sent and for His Excellency's further information.

We have &c.,

(Sd) Jon. Ogden.

Sec. Williams.

Archd. Buchanan.

Fred. Warren.

J.P. Rance Esq.
Fort William,
1st October 1798.

Sir,

In consequence of a message I sent to Lieutenant Bullock of His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment under my command, ordering him to prepare himself for trial, he has sent me in the resignation of his Commission, which in consideration of himself and family, I shall have no objection on my part to accept of.

I have &c.,

(Sgd) Thos. Skinner.
Colonel Royal Newfoundland Regt.
Senior Officer of His Majesty's Land Forces.

The Honourable
Vice Admiral Waldegrave.
Governor &c. &c.
St. John's, Newfoundland.
2nd October 1798.

Sir,

I have this day been honoured with Your Excellency's letter of the 1st instant, desiring to be informed what advantages may arise to Government by your Excellency's having brought £6000 for the Payment of His Majesty's Troops as also how far that measure may be advantageous to the Soldiers, and whether it will not tend to preserve peace and quietness in the Regiment.

In answer to the first part of the letter I beg to observe that the advantage arising to Government will be in keeping it out of the power of the merchants to charge a premium for discounting the Bills drawn upon the Regimental Agent.

The measure will prove particularly advantageous to the Troops themselves, because these men who had balances due to them at the end of every month, were generally paid a very small part in cash, and the remainder with orders from the Officers paying Companies, upon the merchants, for which orders they frequently were obliged to take up goods often of little or no use to them, or to receive small bills drawn by the merchants upon their correspondents in England, Scotland or Ireland. Those bills other merchants or shopkeepers would some times discount and charge the men from five to ten per cent. although they took part in goods. Those circumstances have
have been the cause of much murmuring and discontent.

I am clearly of opinion that nothing would have kept
the men so peaceable as they have been, but their being
acquainted very early in the spring that Your
Excellency had procured specie, and was bringing it
out for their future payment.

I have further to observe that advertisements
were posted up in this Town signifying that cash was
wanted for the payment of the Regiment that the bills
were to be drawn on the Regimental Agent in London at
Thirty days sight, and requesting those persons who
were willing to supply any part, to send their pro-
posals in writing, and none were made. One merchant
made a verbal offer of £400 for a premium of five per-
cent. another of £500 if I would receive dollars at
five shillings each, this appeared so enormous that
I could not think myself authorised to accept either,
as it would have stamped our bills at so much under
value, and would perhaps in a short time have obliged
us to allow a discount upon the bills when offered in
payment for such necessaries as we take up from time
to time for soldiers use.

I have &c.

( sd) D. Darling, Captain.

The Hon. Wm. Waldegarey,
Acting Paymaster R.N.R.

Govr. & Commander in Chief,

Newfoundland.
St. John's,
3rd October 1798.

Sir,

I have before me the honour of Your Excellency's letter of 28th ulto. informing me that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury had signified the necessity of your certificate of the amount of Fees received in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and also that no part thereof was paid to or received by the Chief Justice, and that as judged it expedient to make known to me this circumstance, that the amount of fees so received may be kept in a faithful and correct manner, so as to enable me to sign a declaration before you (agreeable to the instructions received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for that purpose) that I derive no profit or emolument from fees paid into the Supreme Court, that the payment of my salary as Chief Justice may not be retarded owing to the deficiency of your certificate.

I beg leave to assure Your Excellency of my particular attention thereto and that I shall be careful to have the accounts kept so clear and correct as to be able at the shortest notice to conform to your directions.

I have as,

(Sd) Richard Neath,
Chief Justice.

His Excellency

The Governor,

Ac. Ac. Ac.
PROCLAMATION.

By the Honourable William Waldegrave Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland.

Whereas His Majesty hath been graciously pleased in consequence of my representation of the many inconveniences which the Poor of the Island of Newfoundland experienced owing to the want of a Copper coin, to direct that the sum of one thousand pounds sterling in copper coin of Great Britain in pieces of a penny and two pence value, should be circulated in the said Island in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Troops and lower classes of the people have hitherto laboured under.

I do hereby order and direct that the Copper Coin aforesaid pass current in the district of St. John's and in every other district for the benefit of His Majesty's subjects in general residing in the said Island. And I do likewise strictly forbid any person or persons interrupting in any way whatsoever the circulation of such copper coin, under pain of His Majesty's highest displeasure.

Given under my Hand at Fort Townsend, St. John's, Newfoundland the 2nd October 1798.

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

By Command of the Governor,

(Sd) Jas. P. Fance.
Fort Townshend,

2nd October 1796.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Governor to desire that you will not remove the house belonging to Thomas Nevan until further orders.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Jas. P. Racco.

Henry Phillips Esq.
High Sheriff.
Fort Townshend,
3 October 1798.

Garrison Order.

A general Court martial to be assembled tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in Fort Townshend, for the trial of Richard Wilson, Private of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment for desertion.

Detail for this duty.
Colonel Thomas Skinner, Royal Newfoundland Regiment President.
Royal Artillery 1 Field Officer, 1 Subaltern.
Marines 1 Field Officer, 2 Subalterns.
Royal Fld. Regt. 5 Captains, 2 Subalterns.

The dates of the Officers Commissions to be sent immediately to Mr. Rance, who is appointed by me to officiate as Judge Advocate.

(Signed - Waldegrave.)
St. John's, Newfoundland.

2 October 1798.

Sir,

We had the honour to receive your Excellency's letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Principal Merchants of this place. The Trade having met on the business, the following periods are deemed the most convenient for the convey to sail. The first for England the twentieth of November. The last the twentieth of December, and the second for the Coast of Portugal the tenth December.

We beg due submission to suggest to Your Excellency that a third Convey for the Coast of Portugal would be of great advantage to the Trade in general.

I am &c.

(Sd) John Bell,
Chairman.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Fort Townshend,

3rd October 1798.

Gentlemen,

I have to request that you will be pleased to inform me how far, according to your opinion, it will prove beneficial and advantageous to the lower classes of Inhabitants of this Island, the circulating among them L1,000 in new Copper coins of Great Britain, and whether or not the same or a lesser sum should be brought to the Island next year. For my own part I cannot help thinking that much or it will be quickly carried from the Town of St. John's as mere pocket pieces or as presents, and that even some of it will be frequently taken to the Island of St. John's and America for the same purposes. At all events, I should apprehend that the sum of L500 of this coin should be brought hither the ensuing season, but this opinion I submit to your superior local knowledge.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

His Majesty's Chief Justice
and the magistrates of
St. John's.
St. John's,
3rd October 1798.

Sir,

Having at sundry times received from the Army Hospital Department, upwards of one hundred and fifty sets of bedding, nine large chests, six large and twelve small casks and some large and smaller jars containing sundry medicines, Hospital Stores and Utensils, Rice, Barley, Oatmeal, Oil Olive &c. for the use of the Forces in this Island all which have been consigned to my charge, and for which I am made responsible to the Surgeon General of His Majesty's Land Forces. I have therefore taken the liberty of requesting that Your Excellency will be pleased to allot some place for their lodgment, and security against the severity of the winter, and security which place may also serve as the general dispensing of the Garrison, and as a place of issues to the different Departments who may demand medicines or Hospital stores, and also as a place for dispensing of medicines to families or individuals belonging to the Garrison or Staff, where my assistance or attendance is required.

I have &c.,
(Sd) Jno. Ogden.

Surgeon to the Forces &c.

His Excellency

The Governor.

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townsend,
3rd October 1798.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date requesting to have convoys to sail for England on the 20th November, and the 20th December, as also another for the Coast of Portugal on the 10th December I have only to say that your request shall be complied with.

As to your suggesting of a fourth Convey this year for the Coast of Portugal it is equally unreasonable and unprecedented, and cannot be attended to. Should you, however, wish for a Convey for the Coast of Portugal about the 20th June next and will petition me for the same, I will take care to lay it before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

The Principal Merchants,
St. John's.
Fort Townsend,
3 October 1798.

The Subaltern Officers of the New-
foundland Regiment having had the honour of receiving His Majesty's Commissions, for which they feel themselves very much indebted to Your Excellency—beg leave to offer their most grateful acknowledgments for Your Excellency's attention to them, and hope that their conduct may merit a continuance of Your Excellency's approbation.

The Honourable

William Waldegrave,
Governor and Commander in Chief.

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townshend,
3rd October 1798.

Gentlemen,

I was this day favoured with your very polite letter expressive of your grateful acknowledg-
ment of my exertions relative to the obtaining
Commissions from His Majesty for the Subalterns of
the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I can only say in return gentlemen that it has ever been both my wish and study to do justice
and give satisfaction to all serving persons under
my command, and when these efforts have met with
success and are felt accordingly, my pleasure has
increased in portion.

Be assured gentlemen that it will ever be my
anxious desire to promote your interests so long
as I can do it consistent with the post I have at
present the honor to hold.

I am &c.,

(End) Wm. Waldgrave.

The Subaltern Officers
of His Majesty's
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Fort Townshend,
4th October 1798.

The sentence of the General Court Martial held yesterday on James Wilson, Private of His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment is approved; nevertheless in consideration of his long confinement and the injury that his health hath sustained in consequence thereof, and of this General Court Martial being the first held at Newfoundland the Prisoner is pardoned. The Prisoner Edward Newlan is likewise pardoned in consideration of his long confinement and may return to his duty.

The Commander in Chief trusts that this leniency will not be mistaken by the Troops under his command as they may be assured that no crime whatsoever of the sort will be hereafter pardoned by him.

As the Troops must now be acquainted that the crime of desertion is liable to be punished by immediate death, the Commander in Chief trusts that this consideration will be sufficiently weighed in the minds of the troops serving in Newfoundland, and that they will conduct themselves accordingly.

Whilst the Commander in Chief is holding out to the Troops his determination to punish with the utmost severity every infraction of the Articles of War (without which salutary discipline, all those who are capable of thinking must know, that nothing but
but anarchy and confusion can arise, and consequently that the Island will no longer be in a state to repel an enemy) nevertheless it is his hope that the Troops have sufficient gratitude to recollect the many favours and indulgences which they have received from his hands, and among these that of his having procured for them not only their pay in money, but this also in coins that will enable them to make many little savings, and add to their comforts of their families in a variety of shapes. They will now have the power to go to the baker and purchase a loaf for 1d. or 2d. with the money in their hands without being compelled to squander the change due to them in unnecessary articles. The difficulties the Commander in Chief hath met with to obtain this indulgence to the Troops and lower class of Inhabitants have been great, he trusts therefore that he shall meet with a grateful return; that is, sobriety, orderly behaviour, and the strictest attention on the part of the Troops to their duty. So long as they continue this kind of conduct, they will ever find a steady friend in their present Commander in Chief, but should they be so ungrateful and such enemies to their own interests as to pursue an opposite behaviour, they must look to their own unthinking proceedings for the consequences.

(Sgd) Jas. F. Rance.
Fort Townshend,  
5th October 1797.

General Order.

The Commander in Chief hereby makes known to the Troops under his command that General Prescott had the honour to receive from His Majesty about the middle of June last a new Commission as Commander in Chief of the Forces in North America in which Commission the Island of Newfoundland is purposely omitted, consequently the Troops in this Island can have no superior officer to look to but the Governor, until His Majesty shall think proper to supersede him in this command.

This point being now settled, the Commander in Chief directs that the Commandant will, henceforth, take upon himself the detail of Garrison duty, in the same manner as was practiced during Lieutenant General Gobleby's residence in the Island.

By Command of the Governor,

(Sd) "as. P. Range."
Fort Townsend,
3rd October 1798.

After General Order.

Whereas Colonel Skinner has signified to the Commander in Chief that Lieutenant Bullock of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment hath thought proper to deliver in to him his resignation, the Troops are hereby instructed that they are no longer to consider the said Mr. Bullock as an Officer belonging to His Majesty's service.

By Command of the Governor,

(Sd) Jas. F. Range.
Fort Townshend,
4th October 1798.

Sir,

Your Excellency having been pleased to inform me that you have brought out cash for paying the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and as I find the greatest difficulty in procuring money to pay the Company of Royal Artillery under my Command,

I have therefore to request Your Excellency will have the goodness to spare four months pay for my detachment amounting to £540. 13. 7 for which I can give bills at forty days sight drawn on the Agent of our Regiment, these bills may be negotiated by the Paymaster when cash is more current as you may judge proper.

I am more solicitous on this occasion, as it may create a jealousy if the Royal Newfoundland Regiment receive their pay in specie, which I find out of my power to procure, at this particular time of scarcity.

I have &c.,

(Signed) Thos. R. Charlton,

Lieutenant Colonel.

His Excellency

Commanding Royal Artillery.

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave.
Fort Townsend,
4th October 1792.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this day's date, stating that you find the greatest difficulty in procuring money to pay the Company of Royal Artillery under your command, and therefore requesting me to supply you with four months pay for your detachment, amounting to £540. 17. 7. out of the money His Majesty hath been pleased to send hither for the payment of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. I should derive much satisfaction from forwarding your wishes in this instance, but as the instructions on this head, which I have had the honour to receive from His Majesty, do not allow of my extending a supply of cash for the above purpose beyond one month's exact subsistence for the Regiment, I do not conceive myself empowered to ajew a preference to the Artillery. I will most willingly order you to be immediately furnished with one month's pay, for your detachment, and will continue to do so until my departure, when the remains of the money in my charge will be delivered into that of Colonel Skinner, accompanied with my directions to furnish you with such portion of the sum of £540. 17. 7 monthly, as you may demand for the payment of your detachment, until the full amount of that sum be received by you on that account.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

To

Lieut. Colonel Charleton.
St. John's,

4th October 1798.

Sir,

I beg leave to request Your Excellency's permission to send home Sergeant Robert Lomax belonging to my Company in the Second Battalion Royal Artillery as he is judged unfit for any further service. The Surgeon's certificate is herewith enclosed.

I have the honor,

(Sd) Thos. R. Charleton.

Commanding Royal Artillery.

His Excellency

The Hon. William Weldegrave
The before alluded Certificate sets forth that Sergeant Lemax has for near six months been afflicted with obstinate rheumatic pains in his shoulders, arms &c., and that his eyesight fails him particularly in the night, so much as to prevent him from going the Rounds, visiting Sentinels &c., and that upon the whole appears to be nearly worn out in the service and that a change of climate might prove to him of material service.

(D) Jno. Ogden, Ord. Surgeon.
Received a letter dated the 4th October 1798 from Messrs. John and Thomas Williams setting forth the inconveniences they labour under for want of a store and dwelling house under the same roof on the premises which they occupy, and soliciting my permission to erect the same. The answer thereto is entered in records of 8th October.
Bonacista,

2nd October 1798.

Sir,

I beg you will be pleased to acquaint His Excellency the Governor, that no trials, or suits at law which the magistrates here are competent to take cognizance of have occurred since his departure from this country last year.

I am &c.,

(Sd) J. Bland.

Jas. F. Lance Esq.
St. John's, Nfld.

5th October 1798.

Sir,

We sent for your inspection the book in which you will see our adopted plan for the distribution of the money collected for the relief of the Poor, their names, what each received and when.

We have further now to observe sir, that so convinced are we of the goodness and utility of this fund, that we consider it as providentially happening last year, particularly, when provisions and every article of life were very scarce, and each bearing a price unusually high, so as in great measure to defeat the exertions of the industrious poor.

To them and in their names, we here beg leave to offer you, our most sincere thanks for suggesting and forming this benevolent Institution, requesting at the same time Your Excellency's patronage and assistance, in order to make it permanent and we have to assure you, sir, that to the utmost of our power we will forward those your seigns which are so truly laudable.

We have &c.

(Sd) John Hawries, George Hutchings, James O'Donel
Rd. Reed. Geo. Cadet, Alex. Cormack,

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave.
St. John's,
8th October 1798.

Sir,

Previous to Your Excellency's Proclamation I had purchased part of the old Church with an intention of converting it into a Store House to hold vegetables for my family and fodder to support livestock, during the winter season, which from the nature of the office His Majesty has honoured me with, I am in general obliged to pass in this country.

I therefore beg leave to solicit Your Excellency's permission, to have it erected in a garden I at present occupy, behind the Hospital of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, a spot nearly three hundred yards from the waterside, and in such a situation as cannot in any degree impede the prosecution of the Fishing.

I have Ao.

(Sd) Wm. J. Buxton,
Commissary of Revisions.

His Excellency

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave,
Governor and Commander in Chief.

Ac. Ac. Ac.
Fort Townshend,

6 October 1798.

Sir,

I think it necessary to acquaint you that you are not upon any pretext whatsoever, to give Grants of Land to any person who may apply to you for that purpose, and if after this letters reaching your hands you presume to depart from the instructions herein contained, you will thereby expose your conduct to my entire disapprobation.

I am &c.,

(Sgd) Wm. Waldegrave.

To

The Custos Rotulorum,

of Ferryland, Tr nity and Harbour Grace.
October 6th 1796.

Received a Letter dated yesterday from Captain James MacBraire representing how very much he considered himself indebted to my exertions for having received His Majesty's Commission appointing him Captain of the King's Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Fort Townsend,

6th October 1788.

Sir,

I beg you will be pleased to inform me what advantages may arise to Government in your opinion from my having brought to this Island £6,000 in silver for the payment of His Majesty's Troops as also how far this measure will be advantageous to the Troops themselves, and tend to the preservation of tranquility and good order among them.

I must further beg that you will be pleased to state to me your ideas of the benefits likely to accrue to the Troops in Newfoundland from the circulation of £1000 in a new Copper coin of Great Britain of pieces of a penny and twopence value, in the Town of St. John's, and whether you conceive a repetition of this measure annually would produce the most favourable effects among them.

I am as,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Colonel Skipper.
St. John's, Nfld.

6 October 1788.

Sir,

We have received the honour of Your Excellency's letter of the 3rd instant desiring to be informed how far according to our opinions it will prove beneficial and advantageous to the lower classes of inhabitants of this Island, the circulating among them £1000 of the new copper coin of Great Britain; and whether or not the same or a lesser sum should be brought to the Island next year.

We join in opinion with Your Excellency that much of it will be carried from this Town as mere pocket pieces, or as presents and that even some of it will be taken to the Island of St. John's and America for the same purposes, and that the sum of £500 more of this coin will therefore be beneficial to the inhabitants the ensuing season. As also £1000 in small silver coins viz. Half Crowns, shillings and sixpences, but although there is no doubt the inhabitants will be very thankful for this last indulgence yet as we have reason to apprehend that these silver coins would find their way to the Continent of America, and other places, we think it would answer the best of purposes for it to be a new coin calculated
to be kept in the Island, and of such intrinsic value as to offer no temptation for carrying it away.

We have &c.,

(Sd) Richard Keath, Chief Justice.
J. Ogden,
Geo. Williams.
Arch. B. Chanon.

His Excellency

The Governor.

&c. &c. &c.
We, the noncommissioned Officers Drummers and Privates of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment fully sensible of Your Excellency's benevolent wishes to assist all those under your command, beg leave to return you our most heartfelt thanks for the comforts we shall experience by your bringing for our payment money in small coinage which was never known in this place before, not even indeed sufficient somey of any kind owing to its great scarcity.

Instead as we were before obliged to do, to run in debt with the Shopkeepers (if they would trust us) and giving an order on our officer, we now have the pleasing prospect before us of being able to purchase the necessary articles of life, which by paying for them immediately in money will prove a very considerable saving to our families, and render the promoter of this general good ever dear to their remembrance.

We hope also that we shall not by an improper use of this money show ourselves unworthy of Your Excellency's benevolent attention to us.

We shall not longer intrude but to express our hopes that the happiness Your Excellency merits may always be your portion.

Signed at the request and on behalf of the noncommissioned officers drummers and privates of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at St. John's the 6th day of October 1792. (Sd) Wm. Armstrong.  
Sgt. Major R.N.R.
The noncommissioned officers of His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment appeared before the Government House in Fort Townshend and delivered to the Governor he address above written.

The Governor returned them a verbal answer in person.
Fort Townshend,

7 October 1798.

Sir,

I think it necessary to acquaint you that you are not upon any pretext whatever to give grants of land to any persons applying to you for that purpose at any of the cutharbour[s], bays or Creeks you may occasionally resort to in the Island of Newfoundland.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

To

Captain Schomberg,

Rambler.
Fort Townshend,

7th October 1798.

Sir,

Unless any unforeseen accident should take place to prevent it, I shall despatch a vessel for England the end of this week. She can take no convoy but letters will be taken due care of. I beg you will make this circumstance as public as possible.

I am &c.,

(signed) Rm. Waldegrave.

Rd. Reath Esq.

Collector of the Customs,

St. John's.
Fort Townshend,
7th October 1798.

SIR,

It is with infinite concern and astonishment that I learnt from Captain Warren the most becoming and scandalous behaviour of the Revd. Mr. Evans at Placentia. Captain Warren saw too much of this himself; but he gives you Mr. Bollard and Mr. Hanray as his authors concerning the still more shocking behaviour of Mr. Evans. How you as Commanding Officer of the Garrison can have been so long silent on this head is a matter that perhaps you can better explain than I can account for. I am however sorry to observe as the case now stands it does not impress my mind with a very favourable opinion respecting your ideas of military discipline or love of order in Civil Society. As I consider this breach of duty on your part to have arisen from a mistaken lenity, I shall pass it over, nevertheless I desire that you will make known to me immediately the most glaring particulars of Mr. Evan's irregular conduct. You must let me have an explicit answer as soon as possible.

I am &c.,

Capt. de Cortlandt, (Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Placentia.
Barrack Office,
St. John 's, Nfd.
8 October 1798.

Sir,

I beg to acquaint Your Excellency that I have this day had an offer of six hundred hogsheads of Sidney Coals at 5.6 per hd. which is 1.6 per hd. under the current price at present, and as there is an additional duty of 4d. per hgd. laid on that article at Sydney, it is very probable that the price next year will be higher than the present, which I think a great inducement to make the purchase, notwithstanding there is sufficient quantity laid in store, to last till the 20th day of May next ensuing.

I therefore think it my duty to submit this matter to your consideration.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Robert Bollard,
Acting Barrack Master.

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave
Governor & Commander in Chief.
To the Honourable William Caldegrave,  
Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the  
Island of Newfoundland &c.  
Sir,

I am requested by the merchants to whose names you have annexed to wait on Your Excellency and pray that you will be so good as to detain the first convoy for Portugal until the twentieth instant. The weather for two days back has not favoured their shipping fish from off the bellmoores and the want of advices from England for a length of time before Your Excellency's arrival prevented them from storing.

Therefore they hope Your Excellency will consider their situation and allow them the time to enable the vessels now lading to benefit the protection you have granted them.

I am &c.,

(Sd) David Brien.

St. John's, Nfld.

October 8th 1798.
St. John's, Nfld.
8th October 1768.

Sir,

We, the noncommissioned Officers and Gunners of the Royal Regiment of Artillery at this place, highly sensible of Your Excellency's benevolent intentions in bringing out the copper coin, for the benefit of the Troops and the great advantages that we shall derive from the same, beg leave to return you our sincere thanks, and also to assure you that we shall at all times endeavour to conduct ourselves with that propriety so as to merit your good opinion.

That Your Excellency may long enjoy an interrupted state of health and happiness is our earnest wishes, and that your merit may meet its due reward.

Signed in behalf of the noncommissioned Officers and Gunners of the Royal Artillery.

(Sd) Robert Lomax,
Sergt Major.

John Wilson, Corporal.

Wm. Teeris, Corporal.

His Excellency

James Anderson, Bombdr.

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave.

Ac. Ac. Ac.
Fort Townshend,
8th October 1798.

Gentlemen,

In consequence of your application of this day's date, for the detention of the first Convoy for Portugal until the 20th instant owing to the weather for these two days having been so unfavourable to your shipping fish from off the flaxes, and in consequence of the very precarious state of affairs in Europe, I will forward your wishes by directing the Convoy to sail at the period you request, but I beg you to understand that no consideration shall prompt me to delay its departure after the 20th day of this month.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

David Brier Esq.

for the Merchants of St. John's.
Custom House,
St. John's,
8th October 1798.

Sir,

I have received the honour of Your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date, desiring me to make known to the public your intention of sending a vessel to England about the end of this week which shall immediately be attended to.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Richard Roath,
Collector.

His Excellency

The Governor,
&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townshend,

8th October 1798.

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the 4th instant representing the many inconveniences you experience for the want of a Store House and Dwelling upon the ground you at present occupy for the purpose of carrying on the Fishery, and requesting my permission to erect such a building. I have caused the ground in question to be examined by the Senior Magistrates of this district, and as they have reported to me that your making the erection you solicited cannot prove prejudicial to the Fishery, you have my sanction for so doing the said.

I must beg you to remember that I permit you to build this store and dwelling house for the purpose of carrying on the Fishery and no other.

I am &c.,

Fort Townshend,

8th October 1798.

Sir,

I have this moment received your letter of this day's date acquainting me that you this morning had an offer of six hundred hogsheads of Sydney coals at 5.6. per hhd. 1.6. per hga. under the current price at present) and representing the great probability that the price next year will be higher and for these reasons begging my permission to purchase the six hundred hogsheads of coals above alluded to; in reply thereto I have to inform you that you have my sanction for so doing, provided you consider the measure more advantageous to Government than the burning of wood instead of Coals.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Solly Esq.

Robert Bollard Esq.
Fort Townshend,
6th October 1798.

Sir,

I beg leave to return Your Excellency my most sincere thanks for your complying with my request in sparing four months pay for the Company of Royal Artillery under my command without which it would have been impossible to have paid them the present month in cash, even if a premium had been offered, which I have at all times endeavoured to avoid in consequence of which I should have been obliged to have settled with the Company, by giving small bills greatly to their advantage, which is a mode of payment I have not yet adopted as those bills are seldom discounted at less than 10 per cent. and to which that the soldier would have been obliged to have taken goods as well as money in return this difficulty will now be entirely removed, by the supply of cash that our excellency has brought out, for the payment of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, and will be of the utmost advantage to the different departments as it will be the means of removing any further difficulties in procuring cash for bills, and in all probability when the merchants make their remittances that a premium may be obtained in favour of Government, if money is brought yearly on the above account.

It may be proper to mention that in the
month of November, I am obliged to draw for at least seven months pay in advance, not being able to procure cash during the winter, on any other terms, in order that the merchants may have an opportunity to send my bills home by the last ships, the amount of which is not less than 6,000l notwithstanding which I am in great distress for cash, as the people in whose favour the bills are drawn, seldom are able to collect it, in time for payment, at the same time I run considerable risk in case of failure, which may be attended with serious consequences to myself, this can no longer be the case when there is plenty of cash in circulation.

I have Ac.,

(Signed) Thos. R. Charleston,
Lt. Col.
Commanding R. Artillery.

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave,
Governor and Commander in Chief.

Ac. Ac. Ac.
These are to certify whom it may concern that John Bowden Master of the ship called the Lovell of two hundred and twelve tons burthen, British Plantation built, mounting six six pound guns on her main deck and an equal number of the same calibre on the quarter deck with two swivels and also two swivels on her forecastle, belonging to Topsham in Devonshire owned by Daniel Pernell of that place, Merchant, the number of men intended to be put on board her amounting to fifteen in number, appeared before me and made application for a Commission or Letter of Marque for the vessel above described, but from my not being empowered by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to issue Letters of Marque, I decline complying with his request.
October 8th 1708.

Received a letter from Lieut. Gethings of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment soliciting my permission for leave of absence to go to Bonavista on particular business for a short time.

(Signed) Mr. Waldegrave.
Fort William,

8th October 1798.

Sir,

Captain Hierlihy of His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment under my command, having been confined by illness the greatest part of the summer, has applied to me for a few months leave of absence for the benefit of his health.

If Your Excellency approved of it, I have no objection to grant him six months leave of absence.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Thos. Skinner, Colonel
Royal Nfld. Regiment.

The Honourable
Vice Admiral Waldegrave,
Governor and Commander in Chief.

&c. &c. &c.
St. John's,
8th October 1798.

Sir,

In addition to the letter I had the honour of addressing to Your Excellency on the 5th instant, I beg leave to inform you, that the Garden in which I requested permission to erect a part of the old Church I had purchased, is part of the premises known by the name of Cockran's plantation, consisting of a Tenement (generally called Hopkins's Tenement) now occupied as an Hospital to the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, a garden in front, and the garden in question behind the house; the whole enclosed with a strong picketed fence, except a part of the front where there are two small tenements now nearly in ruins, which I have held upwards of two years, on a lease of thirty one years, and which I should wish permission to have rebuilt and made my residence, but for the continuance of the war.

I have &c.,

J. W. Egres,
Commissary of Provisions.

His Excellency
The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave,
Governor and Commander in Chief,

&c. &c.  &c.
Fort Townsend,
9th October 1798.

Parole——-Italy.

Garrison Order.

A return to be made to the Governor of the number of Bomb Proofs occupied at present, and the Stores contained in them.

By Command of the Governor.

Jas. P. Rance.
Fort Townsend,
9th October 1797.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. representing that you have purchased part of the old Church, with an intention of converting it into a Store House to hold vegetables for your family, and fodder to support Live Stock during the winter season, and therefore soliciting my permission to have it erected in a garden you at present occupy behind the Hospital of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment: In answer thereto I have to acquaint you that you have my sanction to build a store house on the ground abovementioned, provided its situation will not in any way impede the carrying on the Fishery.

I am &c.,
(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

W. J. Erres Esq.
Fort Townsend,
9th October 1798.

Non-commissioned Officers and Gunners of the detachment of Royal Artillery.

I have received and perused with much satisfaction your letter of yesterday's date -- expressing your gratitude for my having brought to the Island for the benefit of the Troops, and signifying the great advantages likely to result to you from this measure.

In reply to which I only say, that so long as you continue strictly attentive to your duty and conduct yourselves with propriety in the full sense of the word, so long shall no endeavours on my part be wanting to promote your welfare comfort and happiness.

(Signed) Wm. Waldegrave.
Fort Townsend,
9th October 1798.

Sir,

Mr. Street of Trinity, Agent to Mr. Street merchant having represented to my Surrogate the proceedings contained in the accompanying enclosures, and as these proceedings are a direct infraction of the Orders that you received from me on the subject of recruiting dated the 28th day of last August, I desire that you will immediately transmit to me a copy of the instructions issued by you to Lieut. Labreton and Ensign Waloë when directed by you in October last to seek recruits for your regiment, as should they have acted contrary thereto, they must answer the consequences.

I am etc.

(Signed) Wm. Waldegrave.

Colonel Thomas Skinner.
October 9th.

Received a Letter from the Reverend Mr. Glencoe of Trinity dated October 1st 1798 transmitting a List of the Inhabitants residing in the several Harbours in that Day.
Fort Townsend,  
8th October 1798.

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that you have my permission to grant the leave of absence to Captain John Hielthy of His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment under your command requested in your letter to me of yesterday's date; as also the leave solicited by Lieut. Gettings of the same Regiment.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Colonel Skinner,

R.E.R.
Fort William,
1st October 1798.

Sir,

In answer to Your Excellency's letter of the 6th instant, I beg to inform you that your having brought L6,000 in silver to this island, for the Regiment of His Majesty's Troops will be very advantageous to Government if it had not been done cash could not have been procured; For instance, this summer the Paymaster advertised for money and had only two offers; one for furnishing five hundred pounds worth of Dollars, provided he could take them at five shillings each - the other was an offer of one hundred pounds at a premium of five per cent.

The Troops being paid their subsistence in money, will be advantageous to them in a variety of shapes, they will be enabled to purchase the necessaries they want, infinitely cheaper, than they otherwise could. I have known sixpence per gallon difference on molasses, between cash and an order and other articles in proportion.

I do not believe during the last six months, the Regiment was paid more than ten pounds per Company each month, and it was with very great difficulty that sum could be procured which, most assuredly, sir, the soldiers had great reason to complain of, as a hardship. Thank God that is now obviated and the men who heretofore when they had
an order on a merchant or Shopkeeper, were obliged perhaps to take up the amount of it in unnecessary Articles, will now be enabled to purchase both what they want, and from whom they please.

The L1,000 in copper coin, is perhaps one of the best things which could happen to the Regiment, and also to the public in general, at the same time it is impossible to state correctly all the advantages it will produce. At present, I have the highest satisfaction in acquainting you, it has raised the spirits of the Troops exceedingly indeed.

For the last three or four years L3,000 is the extent of the circulating cash here; large sums are usually sent from hence to different parts, and I have no doubt that in twelve months time not more than one half of the sum you brought to this place will remain in it.

I therefore sincerely trust Government will continue to send us Supplies L10,000 would not be too large for the constant circulation of this town.

Each of the silver and some of the copper Coin, will find its way to the Catpers, where it will be found very useful and will not return here, and I believe I may add, if money is sent out annually in a few years Government Bills will bear a premium.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Thos. Skinner.

His Ex.- The Governor. Colonel Ryl. Nfld Regt.
Fort William,

9th October 1798.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, I this day have signed the discharge of the late Prisoner Richard Wilson, as I thought him a disgrace to His Majesty's Regiment under my Command.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Thos. Skinner.

Colonel Royal Nfld Regt.

The Hon. Vice Admiral Waldegrave,

Governor and Commander in Chief.
9th October 1798.

SIR,

I was derived of my quarters by the Fire that happened in Fort William last winter, at present I cast expect any, nor is there a comfortable lodging to be had in town, and as I expect Mrs. Macbraire this fall, I shall esteem it a particular favour if Your Excellency will permit me to build a dwelling house with two chimneys on a lot of ground which I have taken from the widow Denton, lately occupied by John Sawyer, and situate on the west side of the King's Road.

I have &c.,

(Sq) Jas. Macbraire.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Notice is hereby given that any person desirous

of exchanging dollars for the copper coin of Great

Britain of pieces of two pence and a penny value

brought to this Island for circulation in His

majesty's Ship Agincourt may be accommodated by

application at this office. These pieces will be,

exchanged for any number of dollars not less

than four, on twenty four hours notice being

previously given, but it must be understood that the

copper coin is not to be taken off the Island.

Secretary's Office.
October 9, 1796.

Received a memorial from Patrick Ryan, dates as above, setting forth his having purchased an American schooner, prize to His Majesty’s Sloop Sjark, taken in an illicit trade on the Western Coast of this Island, and informing me of her being warranted with a British register, and finding it necessary to make some alterations in her, was not ready to apply for a register until after my arrival, when he was informed by the Collector that it could not be granted, and observed, that repeated applications have since been made to him by Captain Warren, but without the desired effect, and therefore soliciting me to take his case into consideration, and that if it was not lawful to grant a register for the vessel, that I would order the money that he had paid for her to be refunded, with the charges incurred in altering and repairing her. 

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.
Custom House,
St. John's,
10 October 1798.

Sir,

I have the honour of Your Excellency's letter enclosing the memorial of Mr. Patrick Ryan the Purchaser of a foreign built schooner seized by Captain Warren of His Majesty's Ship Shark for illicit trade.

I observe the memorialist sets forth that the vessel was warranted to him as entitled to the privileges of a British ship, and concluded upon his application at this office he should obtain a Register.

She is in every respect a foreign bottom and I know of no Revenue law that can make her otherwise. I conceive therefore that she ought to be sold as such, and if by any circumstance the parties have mistaken the business, that it should as soon as possible be rectified.

I arrived here on the 27th altimine and took pains immediately to inform every person concerned in this business, that neither Your Excellency or the Collector and Comptroller, could legally put their signatures to a Register for the vessel in question, and it is a point of duty I hold the highest importance both to Your Excellency and myself to be cautious about.

I have &c.,

His Excellency the Governor. (Sd) R. Roath, Collector.
Fort Townsend,
10 October 1698.

Sir,

The accompanying memorial has this instant been delivered me by the memorialist, and I must beg that you will be pleased to report to me your ideas thereon, returning the ensaure with your answer.

I am &c.,

(Sgd) Wm. Waldegrave.

R. Routh Esq.

Collector of the Customs.
October 10th 1798.

Appointed John Bland Esq. Surrogate for the district of Bonavista; as also the Reverend Mr. Barries Magistrate for the district of St. John's.
Fort Townsend,  
11 October 1798.

Madam,

I have received your Petition, setting forth that the lease of the house you at present possess is nearly expired, and therefore requesting my permission to rebuild the same. I do hereby grant you my sanction for so doing, the Magistrates of this District having by my directions examined the premises, and reported to me that your rebuilding the house thereon cannot prove prejudicial to the fishery.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Mrs. Margaret Little,
St. John's.
Fort William,

11 October 1798.

Sir,

In obedience to your Orders of yesterday I enclose the instructions issued by me to Ensign Welsh, dated May 9th 1798. The reason for ending him at so late a period was my having received intelligence of a number of young men arriving in this Island from Europe who could not obtain employment.

Lieut. LeBreton is at present on command, in search of deserters, therefore it will not be in my power to send his instructions till his return.

I have Ac.

(Se) Thos. Skinner.

Colonel Royal Mld regiment.

His Excellency

The Governor,

Ac. Ac. Ac.
St. John's,
May 9th 1748.

Sir,

You are to proceed as soon as wind and weather permits, to such harbours in this Island as you may judge most likely to procure recruits for the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

You will be allowed for each approved recruit five guineas, on producing them at Headquarters.

Although I could wish you to be here early in June next, I do not limit your time till the 22nd or 23rd of that month when it is absolutely necessary for you with your party to be present.

Should you meet with Lieut. Lebron's party, you will give them a passage back to this place, (but she are not to interfere with your proposed destination or intentions otherwise).

You will be particularly careful to make the Magistrates acquainted with your proceedings and consult them on all occasions, as they are all well wishers to the service of the Crown.

(Sd) Thos. Skinner,
Colonel Royal Newfoundland Regiment,

Commandant.

Ensign Walsh, R.N.R.
Fort Townsend,

11 October 1798.

Sir,

Your letter of this day's date has this moment reached my hands. It gives me much concern to say that its contents are by no means satisfactory, or such as might reasonably be expected from an officer in your rank and standing in His Majesty's service.

The reasons you assign for sending Ensign Welch to recruit at so unreasonable a pecuniary, at first sight carry with them a certain degree of plausibility, but your orders in consequence are far from being consonant. They should have been if possible stronger and clearer and more explicit than those which you received from me on the subject dated the 28th August 1797, instead of this, they at most contain but one single instruction that you received from me, and even that is but in part, and so hurried over that it might nearly as well have been altogether omitted. Even this solitary garbled instruction I have strong reasons to believe has not been by any means strictly, if in any degree, complied with. If it has, produce me the certificates from the magistrates according to my order. I am precluded from making an enquiry into the conduct of Ensign Welch on this occasion, as it cannot be done without committing his Colonel, and proving that
he (the Colonel) has disobeyed my orders. This
language may appear harsh, but when I find my own con-
duct brought in question in consequence of your
neglect and inattention to my instructions, I have
certainly a right to complain.

You astonish me by saying that you cannot
send me a copy of your instructions to Lieut. Lebréton
because that officer is now absent. Did any officer
before in the whole world ever think of making so
frivolous an excuse? And can any such be admitted by
a Commanding Officer who has the slightest knowl-
edge of the service? I will grant that in certain moments
Officers may give important written orders without
having time to take copies of them, but mine were
delivered you in August 1787, and it must have been
at least eight months subsequent before Lieut. Le
Bréton quitted St. John's for that purpose of
recruiting, consequently you can have no plea of
excuse whatever for not being duly prepared. But I
take for granted your orders to Lieut Lebréton bore
as little resemblance to those which you received
from me, as did the instructions which you gave to
Ensign Welch.

You have by your proceedings on this
occasion, exposed me to the accusation of being an
ignorant or unjust Commander in Chief, and you have
laid yourself equally open to the penalties of a
military and Civil Court, as you cannot but be
acquainted with the event which must follow, should
you
you be summoned to appear before either.

As the injured parties are so generous as to forgive the past, I trust that nothing of the kind will happen in future. It is my intention to write to Mr. Street on the subject, and to thank him for the part he has acted in this most unwarrantable and unpleasant business, at the same time assuring him to put the laws in full force to give him redress, and that he may rely that my part as Commander in Chief shall not be forgotten.

As you seem to be uncertain as to the nature of the orders under which Lieut. LeBreton is now acting, I recommend you to send him an exact copy of mine to you of the 28th August 1797, as should they be infracted the person so offending must look to the consequences.

I am Ac.,

Colonel Thomas Skinner,

R.R.R.
Fort Townshend,
11 October 1798.

Sir,

I have learnt from Captain Warren with no less pain than displeasure the late very unwarrantable proceedings of Lieut. LeBreton and Ensign Welch of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in your District.

I am much obliged to you for the handsome manner in which you have acted on this occasion. I trust that the measures I have taken in consequence of this affair will leave you no risk of a similar repetition, but should I be mistaken you have only to make known to me the particulars, when I flatter myself you will find me not unworthy the trust that His Majesty has been pleased to repose in me.

I am etc.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

These Street, Esq.

Trinity.

P.S. I request you will be pleased to communicate the contents of this letter to the merchants of Trinity.
October 11, 1798.

Received a Petition from Henry Radford, setting forth that he has been to a great expense in building of stages and flakes &c., and also the inconvenience he labours under for want of a fish store, to secure fish &c. from the inclemency of the weather, therefore requests my permission to build a fish house on his fishing room situate at River Head.
Fort Townsend  
11 October 1798.

Sir,

I have this day received your Petition setting forth that you carry on the Fishery in his Harbour and for which purpose you have incurred great expense in building flake[s] &c. stating also the inconvenience you experience for want of a Fish House or Store to secure your fish, and therefore requesting my permission to erect a Fish House on your fishing room situate at the River Head, I do hereby grant you my sanction for building a Fish House in the situation described, but you are to consider my compliance with your request in no other light than that of tending to promote the prosecution of the Fishery.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Mr. Henry Radford.
St. John's,

11 October 1768.

Harry Folkes Edgell, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Plato, was this day appointed Surrogate and Magistrate for the Island of Newfoundland.

By Command of the Governor.

Jonathan Ogden Esq. was this day appointed Magistrate for the Island of Newfoundland and Keeper of the Records for the district of St. John's.

By Command of the Governor.
St. John's,
11 October 1788.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of this day's date, and beg leave to inform you, the beoms were placed at the entrance of the harbour by Captain Warren of His Majesty's Sloop Shark, that from the violence of the sea and wind, the iron links at the end of spars were broken, that some of them were driven to sea, two of which were taken up by a fishing boat, and another which I suppose has since broken adrift, I this day found at the lower part of the harbour and secured. The only expense I have incurred during the time of my having charge of the Naval Stores at this place, amounts to LI.5.0.

I have Ac.

(Sd) Wm. Thos. Skinner.

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave,

Governor and Commander in Chief,
Ac. Ac. Ac.
Notice is hereby given that the first Convey for the Coast of Portugal, will be dispatched from St. John's on the 21st day of this month instead of the 12th instant.

Fort Townsend,

11 October 1798.
St. John's,

11 October 1798.

Sir,

I have received the honour of Your Excellency's letter of the 22nd ultimo informing me that His Grace the Duke of Portland had signified to you by his letter of the 13th June His Majesty's pleasure that the Chief Justice of Newfoundland should continually reside within the settlement excepting in cases where he shall receive His Majesty's permission through one of His Principal Secretaries of State, or the permission of the Governor to absent himself from his duty for a certain time to be specified in such permission which you had thought proper to communicate for my guidance.

I take the earliest opportunity of replying thereto, and trust that under the pressure of my affairs I shall be favoured with Your Excellency's particular attention, and in soliciting your indulgence to return to England late in the season when the business terminates, permit me to assure Your Excellency it is a favour on which the welfare of my family and private affairs are depending.

I was appointed Chief Justice on the 23rd of June two days previous to your intended sailing from England had the wind been favourable. I set off the following day to embark at Portsmouth, and although we were long detained there I had no opportunity
opportunity of attending to any private business whatever, or of making any arrangement towards the removal of my family to this Island, which I propose doing the ensuing winter, and will resume my post here by the spring convoy.

I have &c.

(Sd) Richard Roath,
Chief Justice.

His Excellency
The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave,
Governor of Newfoundland.

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townshend,
13 October 1798.

Sir,

In reply to your request of the 10th inst. setting forth your reasons for requesting my permission to depart for England late in the season when the business terminates, to return either by the spring convoy, I can only say that your request appears to be so very just, that I should hope His Majesty's Secretary of State will not be displeased at my granting you this permission notwithstanding I confess that by all I have learnt since my arrival here, I am more fully convinced than ever of the necessity of His Majesty's Chief Justice residing in the Island during the winter.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

R. Reath Esq.
Fort Townshend,

12 October 1798.

Sir,

In reply to your memorial of the 9th inst. I have to acquaint you that I have communicated to the Collector of the Customs of this Island your application for a register for the Deborah schooner, and he has informed me officially that a register for that vessel cannot be legally granted.

With respect to your request that I will order the money you have paid for the Deborah to be refunded, with the charges incurred in altering and repairing her, I must assure you, that it is utterly out of my power to give such orders, neither do I conceive that you can derive any redress but by His Majesty's Council.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldgrave.

Mr. Patrick Ryan,

Merchant,

St. John's.
Fort Townsend,  
13 October 1798.

Sir,

Captain Warren of His Majesty's Sloop Shark having represented to me, that Messrs. Street and Way of Trinity, had complained to him of their having suffered much inconvenience and a risk of considerable loss by Ensign Welch and Lieut. LeBreton's having enlisted their servants in the months of May and June last, I have to request that you will be pleased to inform me whether this was done under your sanction. Colonel Skinner has informed me by letter of yesterday's date, that the above officers had his positive directions to be particularly careful to make the magistrates acquainted with their proceedings and consult them on all occasions. I must beg to know from you how far this instruction has been complied with by Lieut. LeBreton and Ensign Welch in regard to the enlisting the servants of Messrs Way and Street. And I must further desire that you will cause Messrs. Way and Street to state to you in writing the injuries they have and might have sustained from their having had their servants enlisted as above stated. You must give me also your opinion how far such proceedings if tolerated, might prove injurious to the Fishery and Trade of this Island. This is a question of much serious import you
you will therefore enquire strictly into the matter, and after weighing it thoroughly, you will make your report to me accordingly.

I am &c.

George Whittle Esq.
Fort Townshend,  
13 October 1768.

Sir,

As I do not observe in your accounts relative to the Supreme Court any statement of fees arising from the probates of wills, and as I am of opinion that these fees are as necessarily to be accounted for as any other whatsoever appertaining thereto, I desire you will explain this point to me for the information of His Majesty's Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

You will at all events please to furnish me with a correct list of the probates taken out during the time of the late Chief Justice, and the Fees he received thereby, that I may be enabled to lay the same before the Treasury Board, that their Lordships may give me such Instructions thereon as they may judge proper.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldgrave.

R. Phillips Esq.
High Sheriff.
Fort Townsend,  
13 October 1798.  

Sir,  

I am commanded by the Governor to desire that you will be pleased to send by the 20th day of this month such letters requiring answers as you may have occasion to address to him on His Majesty's service, and those which do not require written answers to be forwarded to His Excellency by the 21st instant.  

I am &c.  

R. Roath Esq.  
Collector of the Customs.  
St. John's.  

October 17, 1798. The above letter was written to Colonel Skinner Mr. Bellard Acting Barrack Master, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Eppes and Messrs Newman & Co.
Fort Townsend,  
15 October 1798.

Sir,

His Majesty having been pleased to withdraw the command of His Troops serving in the Island of Newfoundland from General Prescott Commander in Chief of the Forces in North America, you are consequently to look to me alone as your Commanding Officer, and as your presence here is much wanted I desire that you will lose no time in repairing to your post.

I am &c.,

(Sgd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Major Thos. Aldridge,

R.N.R.

Halifax.
Placentia,

13 October 1798.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of the 7th inst. and feel much concerned that any part of my conduct as Commanding Officer of the Garrison of Placentia should have merited from you such severe reproofs, but beg leave to submit to Your Excellency the following statement of the situation of the Revd. Mr. Evans at Placentia.

That gentleman was sent out by the Society as a missionary for that district, as such I conceived I had no control over his conduct whatsoever, except merely as an individual, at that place, therefore I judged it might have been deemed officious in me to interfere in a matter that concerned the Parishioners only.

This being his original and principal appointment, although since his arrival at Placentia the Officer Commanding in the Island has favoured him with the appointment of Acting Chaplain to that Garrison, by which he was in a certain degree brought under the cognizance of the Officer Commanding there, and as his conduct in many instances had been very flagrant, I made no doubt and was led to believe that the inhabitants themselves would make their formal representations to the Society, by which means he would
would be removed without taking upon me the disagreeable task of being a principal in the ruin of a man who had promised me most faithfully to alter his conduct and who had a large family that must necessarily be involved in his disgrace and be reduced to inevitable misery and distress all which must have lain very heavy upon my mind had I taken the steps that strict duty perhaps would have dictated. These considerations were the real motives of my being silent on this most disagreeable subject and will I hope so far operate on your mind as to induce you to spare me the painful task of going into any particular details of his conduct by permitting me to say generally that it has been such as to render him entirely unworthy of the situation he holds as acting Chaplain to that Garrison. I hope that this explanation may remove any unfavourable impressions you may have on my conduct respecting this unfortunate man.

I have &c.

(Sd) P.V. Gotlandt.

His Excellency

The Hon. Wm. Waldgrave.

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townsend,  
14 October 1798.

Gentlemen,

I enclose you a list of the money raised from the Captains and Officers of the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under my command towards the contributions to the Charitable Fund for the relief of the Poor of Newfoundland, amounting to £55. 16. and which will be deposited into your hands by my secretary on application being made to him for that purpose.

I am Ac.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

The Committee of the Charitable Fund,

St. John's.
St. John’s, Newfoundland.
14 October 1798.

Sir,

Having for some time been Attorney for the Property in Newfoundland of the daughters (heirs) of the late Colonel Williams of the Royal Artillery, who now reside at Woolwich and who have a house on the King’s Road opposite the Custom House, now in occupation of Wm. Middleton, which is in such a state of decay, as scarcely by report of the carpenter to be repairable.

Therefore on behalf of those ladies I have taken the liberty of requesting permission of Your Excellency either to give the present house a thorough repair or if that should be deemed entirely unadvisable after survey, to form a new one out of the old materials of nearly the same dimensions and on the same lot of ground which is about seventy feet in front and between fifty and sixty in depth.

And have the honour to be on behalf of Miss Eliza and Miss Ann Williams

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) Jon. Ogden.

His Excellency

The Governor.

P.S. If permission should be granted, such outhouses as may be necessary I hope will not be objected to.
St. John's,
14 October 1798.

Sir,

Captain Cortlandt's Company being nearly
three years at Placentia, I wish much for the good of
the service to have them relieved; if Your
Excellency could spare the sloop Trepassey for that
purpose it would save a considerable sum to Govern-
ment.

I have &c.,

(Signed) Thos. Skinner.

Colonel Royal Mil. Regiment.

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave,
Governor and Commander in Chief.

&c. &c. &c.
St. John's,
14 October 1798.

Sir,

I have this morning received the favour of Your Excellency's letter of the 12th instant granting me your permission to return to England late in the season when the business of the country terminates.

Permit me to return you my sincere acknowledgments for this favour—so important to my private concerns.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Richard Reath,
Chief Justice.

His Excellency
The Governor
&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townsend,
14 October 1798.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this day's date requesting me to allow the Trepassay to proceed to Placentia for the purpose of relieving the Company of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment stationed at that place, I must acquaint you that the season being so far advanced I cannot comply with your request, as the Trepassay cannot perform this service without a Lieutenant from the Agincourt being ordered on board her for the purpose.

I am As.

(5d) Wm. Waldegrave.

To

Colonel Thomas Skinner,

R.N.R.
Shark, St. John's Harbour,
14 October 1798.

Sir,

The Custom House having given me the trouble to prosecute the American schooner Deborah, for illicit trade, and having incurred certain expenses thereby: I think it my duty to acquaint Your Excellency with the King's moiety arising from her, as by _sc. 9 Char. 32 Sec. 4. it appears probable His Majesty will be graciously pleased to order the whole, or such part of the moiety to the seizing officers as will defray the expenses incurred by the prosecution.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Fred. Warren.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Fort Townsend,
14 October 1798.

Sir,

Having this instant received the accompanying enclosure from Captain Warren of His Majesty's Sloop Shark, I must request that you will be pleased to communicate to me your opinion thereon.

I am &c.,

(Sgd) Wm. Aldegrave.

R. Routh Esq.,

Collector of the Customs.
Custom House,
St. John's,
14th October 1768.

Sir,

In conformity to your request communicated to me this morning by Mr. Secretary Rance, I transmit Your Excellency the enclosed extract of an Act of Parliament passed in the 4th Year of His Majesty's reign, respecting the King's Society of Seizures made at Sea by Officers Commanding His Majesty's Ships and Vessels.

I have &c.,

(Signed) Richard Reath,
Collector.

His Excellency

The Governor,

As. As. As.
Fort Townsend,
15 October 1792.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date setting forth your reasons for requesting me to receive His Majesty's moiety of the capture of the Deborah American schooner taken by you on the 30th day of July last, I have only to say that on referring to the Act of Parliament on which you ground your demand, I can discover no reason for your so doing on the contrary the Act 4. Sec. 3. Chap. 15 Sec. 42 clearly directs you to pay the moiety in question into the hands of the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at this Island, I therefore must not only decline complying with your request, but desire that you will pay the above moiety into the hands of the Collector, first deducting the charges of prosecution from the gross amount. Should it be His Majesty's pleasure to grant to the Captors of the Deborah the whole of the nett proceeds of the sale, the moiety not paid to the Collector may be readily refunded from the Customs.

I am &c.,

(Sgd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Captain Warren,
Shark.
St. John's,

10 October 1758.

SIR,

His Majesty's service requiring me to be ordered from England at a very early period, and at a very short notice, at a time I was taking steps to remove my family to this country, and which I was prevented carrying into effect only by that order.

I beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that it is of the utmost consequence to my private concerns to have my family removed here, and to solicit your permission to return to England at the close of this year for the purpose of bringing them out.

I have Ac.

(Sd) N. J. ERRIS.

His Excellency

The Honourable Wm. Waldegrave.

Governor and Commander in Chief.

Ac. Ac. Ac.
Fort Townsend,
15 October 1798.

Sir,

You have my permission to go to England at the close of the year for the purpose of bringing out your family to this island, as set forth in your letter of this day's date, but you must return to your post by the next spring convoy.

I am &c.,

(Sd) w. Waldegrave.

Captain Erres,

Commissary of Provisions.
October 15th 1798.

Received a Memorial from Mr. Patrick Ryan setting forth the great injury he shall experience by losing possession of the Flats adjoining the Church together with his kitchen gardens for the purpose of making the same into a burial place, and soliciting me to take the circumstance into my consideration, as he humbly hopes the plan may not be carried into effect.
Fort Townsend,

15th October 1798.

Sir,

In reply to your memorial of this day's date I have first to say, that having directed the magistrates of St. John's in conjunction with the Revd Mr. Harris to examine the grounds contiguous to the Church in order to form a proper Christian Burial Ground, they have in conformity to these directions examined the situation, and made their report to me thereon.

I am sorry to find by your petition that you are likely to suffer so much inconvenience from the arrangement that must now necessarily take place respecting the new Burial Ground, but as the ease and comfort of individuals must ever give way to the good of the community, you certainly have no just cause of complaint. Were it not for such partial sacrifices not a single canal and scarce any of the roads made within these last fifty years in England could have been completed, as probably two-thirds of the proprietors of the lands that have been thus intersected would have opposed the measure had they had the power of so doing. I hope you will not object to meet my wishes on this occasion, and more particularly, as your compliance herein will prevent the necessity of my taking
taking such steps as will compel you to relinquish your possession on far less advantageous terms to yourself than those now offered, which are the just value of the land, to be paid you, in addition to which will be added a grant to hold an equal space of ground elsewhere, that is, as near to the Town of St. John's as may be granted, without detriment to Government or the fisheries.

I am as,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Sr. Patrick Ryan.
St. John's,

15 October 1798.

SIR,

In obedience to your order I have taken a list of the Administrations that have been granted from the Supreme Court, which I now do myself the honour to enclose.

I have &c.,

(Sd) H. Phillips,

Sheriff.

The Hon. Wm. Waldgrave.

Total amount of Administrations granted  £16083.

Total amount of fees received- 240.5.10.
St. John's, 
16th October 1798.

Sir,

As this is the usual time of granting the yearly licenses for Public Houses, the magistrates wish to be informed whether Your Excellency has any special directions to communicate concerning them, and to know of any person of a good character and properly recommended may be permitted to enjoy that privilege and what number of them shall be subject to pay the usual allowance of 40 shillings to the Justices, and whether the Justices shall retain as heretofore the custom from the Licenses 4 shillings per diem for six days, in each Quarter Sessions, as well as the 40 shillings and to whom the balance shall be paid, and whether the Clerk of the Peace may be paid the annual salary of ten guineas for taking the number of inhabitants, from the License money, and if he may be allowed his usual fee of £6 for his trouble in drawing out each license and Bond, although they should exceed 24.

As we conceive the License money to be a kind of local revenue raised in this district, and entirely at the disposal of the Governor, without being involved in the business of fees in the Supreme Court or of Fines and Forfeitures to the King in the Court of Sessions as well as in the Court, We would recommend that when the Public Debt
is liquidated, if no special appropriation has been made by Government, that the balance of the License money of each year shall be allotted to defray the necessary expenses incurred in the district where it is raised, such as repairing of bridges, keeping in good order the public streets, removing of public nuisances, paying the passage home of such paupers as are real objects of charity, or whose families may become a burden upon the district, or of sending out of the country felons or other dangerous or disorderly persons who cannot find sufficient security for their good behaviour; all which with due respect we submit to Your Excellency's consideration.

We Have No.,

(Sd) Jon. Ogden.

Sec. Williams.

Arch. Buchanan.

His Excellency

The Governor.
St. John's,
16th October 1798.

Sir,

I was honoured with Your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date, and cannot but acknowledge the justness of your remarks respecting the place fixed on for a burial ground, to hesitate to meet Your Excellency's wishes on this occasion would be highly improper, particularly when your instructions are conveyed in so kind a manner. I have therefore to inform Your Excellency of my compliance with any arrangement necessary for the public good, sensible at the same time, that due regard will be paid by Your Excellency to the interest of an individual, who will doubtless be a sufferer on this occasion. I have now only to beg Your Excellency will allow me, to name one of the gentlemen who may be appointed to value the place and also hope the ground you promise to give me a grant of, will be as convenient to the premises as possible.

Particular business requiring my presence in Placentia Bay, and being now ready to sail for thence, it would be doing me a great favour if Your Excellency could without inconvenience, have this affair settled in the course of tomorrow.

I have &c.,
(Sd) Patrick Ryan.

His Excellency

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave,
Fort Townshend,
16 October 1798.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of this day's date, I have to acquaint you, that any person of a good character and properly recommended may be permitted to enjoy the privilege of a license for a Public House, and as the accounts of the district are liquidated, I see no objection to the whole number being subject to pay the usual allowance of 40 shillings to the Magistrates, and with regard to the other fees arising from Licences to the Clerk of the Peace, I cannot discover any necessity for making any alteration therein, you will therefore be governed in this particular by the Customs which have hitherto prevailed, neither can I object to your retaining from the License 4 shillings per diem for six days in each quarter sessions, as well as the 40 shillings and the balance thereof to be paid into my hands on the 30th October in each year.

I am sorry that I cannot accede to your proposal of withdrawing the license money from the Fees taken in the Supreme Court, as the instructions I have had the honour to receive from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, point out the services to which I am to appropriate every description of Fees and License money.

I am given to understand that a practice exists
exists of several persons within the town of St. John's and its vicinity, selling spirituous liquors without a license, or any sort of permission from that purpose, and as I cannot but feel desirous of suppressing a practice likely to produce every ill effect among the Seamen of His majesty's Ships and vessels under my command, I desire you will pay particular attention to forward my design by notifying in a public manner that any person giving information of such unlawful practices (by which means the offender shall be convicted of and fined for the said offence) shall receive a moiety of the fine so levied, provided you see no reasonable objection thereto.

I am Ac.

(Sd) Wm. Waldgrave.

The magistrates of
St. John's.
St. John's,

16th October 1798.

Sir, 

As we deem it an essential part of our duty to point out to Your Excellency whatsoever may tend to the public good or welfare of this Island, so on the other hand we shall accuse ourselves of remissness were we not with freedom to represent the evils that might accrue, from any public measures already adopted, tending to the prejudice of the community in general; but more especially, if they should in any degree be detrimental to the Fishery. Failing thus we have taken a liberty which we trust your candour will excuse, in communicating our sentiments upon the late Proclamation concerning disters and buildings. Disters in this country, are a class of men who many years since have come under the notice of Government as a set of people of bad morals, idle, dissipated, squandering their summers earnings in public houses the winter, to the prejudice of good order and introduction of evil habits in civil society. They have also in another point of view, incurred the censure of Government by remaining in the country during the winter season, contrary to Act of Parliament, by which one great object of the Legislature may be defeated, by being deprived of the service of these men for the Royal Navy, when sudden emergencies may occur, and when consequently, they may be made most useful to their country.
country.

All which have drawn from Government various regulations concerning them, particularly that they should be compelled to quit the country and return home at the end of every fishing season. However just and necessary these regulations might have been in time of peace, and however requisite it was to prohibit and lay severe restrictions upon people remaining in this country the winter, yet we have no hesitation in saying, that circumstances are so changed, from the difficulty during the time of war, of crossing in safety the Atlantic that the yearly importation of men for the fisheries, bears no proportion to what it did before the war, for which reason the fishery has been mostly carried on by persons who have been resident the winter, particularly the seal fishery, which when successful, has even proved more lucrative than the Cod fishery, not to mention the impossibility of carrying on the Western fishery if our dependence rests only upon those, who shall be brought out from England, or Ireland, as the season is so far advanced before they can arrive, that from a fifth to a third part of it elapsed before they can be ready to commence their voyage.

Another evil may arise from too severe a prohibition, which would be, their emigrating to Nova Scotia, or the United States, if they saw there could be
be no asylum for them here the winter, to which
they seem in general and at all times much disposed.
Another insurmountable obstacle to the sending them
home to the country to which they belong is the
absolute want of passage vessels as the far greater
number of the vessels which come out in the spring
and summer season from England, Scotland and Ireland,
instead of returning to either of these places are
laden for and proceed to market.

And we would here also take the opportunity of
suggesting to Your Excellency the propriety of
enabling and obliging the master by Act of Par-
liament to stop from their servants wages a greater
sum than Forty shillings, that being at present
insufficient to procure them a passage home.

Having fairly stated to Your Excellency
the impossibility of a full compliance with the
Proclamation, or Acts of Parliament relative to this
subject, at the present time, and the detriment it
would be could it be complied with, to the Seal and
Western Fishery in particular, and to the Bank
Fishery in general, permit us to lay before you
some regulations, that we think would be the means of
sending many home; of preventing others by a re-
 laxation from the severity of the law, from emigrating
to Nova Scotia or the States, and at the same time
would not lose sight of the spirit and intention of
the Acts and Proclamation in question; which is,

that
that is that every servant who shall reside in the Island during the winter shall be compelled to give in his name to the Court of Sessions—his age—where born—when last arrived in the country—to whom shipped the last season—for what wages; the balance received at the last settlement, to whom shipped the winter, and if not ship, how he means to employ himself for the good of the fishery and where his intended habitation. By which means we should have a check upon them at all times; prevent those remaining in the country who had not a sufficient support wheresoever and at the same time enable the magistrates to send those away, who shall be of notorious bad characters, and in case of public danger, those that remain, may the more easily be called upon to render their services if required.

As to the prohibitions upon buildings, we would only propose in order to prevent the inconvenience arising to the fishery from too great a restraint in that respect, particularly in the spring of the year, before the arrival of the Governor, that when any person wishes to erect a Store House, Cook Room, or any other building merely for the use of the fishery, that notice thereof be given to the Court of Sessions, describing the spot upon which they wish to build; the dimensions of the building, the particular uses and purposes of such part of it, and if after the inspection of the Court, they shall judge it absolutely necessary for the good of the fishery, they
they may be empowered to give an order to the Sheriff
not to molest them; making a particular return to the
Governor immediately upon his arrival what has been
done in the premises.

We have Ac.
(Sd) Jon. Ogden.
Geo. Williams.
Arch. Buchanan.
Fredk. Warren.

His Excellency
The Governor,
Ac. Ac. Ac.
Fort Townshend,
16 October 1798.

Sir,

I lament much that you should have occasion to apply for leave of absence for the ensuing winter on account of Mrs. Skinner's bad state of health, at the same time I cannot but acquiesce in your wish, and therefore should the same unfortunate cause exist after Major Aldridge's return to Newfoundland, you will have my permission for six months leave of absence from the day you proceed from this Island. In the event of your making use of the permission, you will of course advert to the late General Order which has been communicated to you, by which all officers whose Corps are on Foreign Stations are instructed to report their arrival to the Duke of York, and lay before him their reasons for applying to leave their Regiment.

Before I close my letter I judge it necessary to explain to you that in case Major Aldridge's arrival at St. John's should not be effected until the month of December, that the above leave of absence granted you for six months, must necessarily become curtailed, as your attendance at your post cannot possibly be dispensed with beyond the arrival of the next spring convoy.

I am &c.,

Colonel Skinner,

(Se) Wm. Waldegrave.

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townsend,
17 October 1798.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of yesterday’s date, I shall first premise that so far from feeling offended at the freedom with which you have offered your opinions respecting my late -- Proclamation concerning Diesers and buildings, that on the contrary I admire your candour and applaud your motive. In order to convince you of the sincerity of what I now say, you will see that I shall lose no time in profiting by your suggestions, and fulfilling your wishes so far as is in my power, without openly counteracting those laws which the wisdom of our Legislature hath framed for the general welfare of this fishery and the increase of seamen for His Majesty’s Navy.

I agree with you perfectly in opinion that our present laws respecting the fishery are far more calculated for times of peace than those of war, we must therefore endeavour to modify them where they bear too heavy, without abandoning them entirely, so that they may not be considered as obsolete, when better times may need their being more strongly enforced.

A certain number of dieters are now become a sort of necessary appendage to this fishery, particularly that of the Seal, which can be carried on by the
the residents alone, as the early season of its
commencement precludes all persons arriving from
Europe from being partakers of it. This infraction
therefore of our laws must be tolerated, nevertheless
it must, if possible, be so managed as to prevent
any abuse of such indulgence. I have learnt since
the issuing my late proclamation res sting
Disters, that the misery of the poor is so great,
that they are but too willing already to fly to the
States of America, this therefore is an additional
reason for not pushing them too closely until this
Island and its trade shall see harder times. Your
suggestion relating to enabling and obliging masters
by Act of Parliament to stop from their servants
wages a greater sum than forty shillings as passage
money is what I should willingly adopt, had I the
power of so doing, but this measure I proposed last
year to his Majesty's Secretary of State, and it,
though a approved, was opposed, and thrown out by
the Poole merchants for reasons best known to them-
selves.

If these servants must remain here during
the winter, (which appears to be an unavoidable
circumstance) I think it would be difficult to
deize a better plan that the one you have suggested.
This, though in some measure tolerating what our
laws forbid, nevertheless will prevent in great
measure, its abuse, and upon the whole, perhaps,
produce a more salutary effect than the carrying the
rigour of the law into execution; could it be
effected, but I am of opinion that this salutary
regulation may be extended still farther, that is,
that the diaters should also be included in the
description of persons delivered into the Court of
Sessions as above proposed. You are therefore hereby
enjoined to compel each servant residing in the
Island during the winter to give in his name to the
Court of Sessions, his age, where born, when last
arrived in the country, to whom shipt the last season
for what wages, the balance received at the last
settlement, to whom shipt the winter, and if not shipt
how he means to employ himself for the good of the
fishery, and where his intended habitation.

You are also to compel all those who, con-
trary to law have remained in the country, and
having no families, and being not hired as sister
servants, or otherwise employed in the good of the
fishery, to give in their names and place of abode,
and in default thereof, you are to levy fines on them
otherwise punish them as you may think proper to
direct.

As to my Proclamation against buildings, it
never was my intention to put it into full force, but
meant only to shew them at once that I would no
longer tolerate the abuses that were daily making
in this particular. So far from being desirous to
injure
injure the fishery, my proclamation had no other view than giving it every support, by not suffering encroachments to be made as heretofore, and no longer permitting gardens and dwellings to occupy the spaces originally destined for flake, store houses, cock rooms &c.

In order to remove every inconvenience and unpleasant idea on this head, you have my permission to notify that when any person wishes to erect a Store House, Cock Room, or any other Building solely for the use of the Fishery, that notice thereof be given to the Court of Sessions, describing the spot upon which they wish to set the dimensions of the buildings, the particular uses and purposes of each part of it, and if after the inspection of the Court, you shall judge it absolutely necessary for the good of the fishery, you are hereby empowered to order the Sheriff not to molest him, you are to make a particular return to me immediately upon my arrival of all that has been done in the premises respecting buildings during my absence.

I am 

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

The magistrates

of St. John's.
Harbor Grace,

6th October 1798.

Sir,

In obedience to Your Excellency's desire, I beg leave to state to you the motives which induced me to request permission from the Society to visit England this fall.

I received in the Spring of the year— the melancholy intelligence of the death of my father, and brother, accompanied by the earnest solicitations of my friends for my returning to England. They inform me that my presence there is absolutely requisite to adjust the derangement of the affairs of the family, consequent upon such distressing occasions. I could make no decisive reply to my friends desires until I had received an answer from the Society; and as the business has been referred to Your Excellency, by whose decision I am to abide, I trust the reasons I have stated will have sufficient weight to justify my claim to the indulgence of the Society, and to meet the approbation of Your Excellency.

I have &c.,

(Ed) G.C. Jenner.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Fort Townsend,
17 October 1798.

The Governor makes known to all whom it may concern, that the following sums have been subscribed by His Majesty's Squadron for the relief of the poor of this district. He trusts that so liberal an example from persons wholly unconnected with the interior concerns of this Island, will be felt by the Inhabitants as it ought, and followed accordingly.

**Governor** 20.0.0.
**Captain Bligh** 2.12.6.
**Captain Sotherton** 2.12.6.
**Captain Graves** 5.8.0.
**Captain Schomberg, officers** 8.0.0.
**Captain Rogers** 2.2.0.
**Captain Blac kwood and officers** 8.0.0.
**Agincourts Sandroom** 5.0.0.
**Mr. Rance** 2.12.6.
**Captain Warren, Officers** 2.12.6.

55. 17. 0.

By Command of the Governor,

(Signed) Jas. P. Rance.
St. John's,

18th October 1798.

Sir,

I had the honour to address Your Excellency last year respecting some ground which had been ordered to be surveyed with an intention to be given to the Reverend Mr. O'Donel as it was no longer thought necessary for Government use, he with the sanction of the Engineer made the application to Your Excellency not knowing as I imagine there was a prior claim, which when he understood he apologised to me and relinquished his desire to obtain it.

In consequence of my not being favoured with an answer I expected Your Excellency had given some directions to Colonel Skinner concerning it, to whom I applied. I again in duty to three children whose father's property it was by purchase from the Reverend Edward Lanyman, request Your Excellency to take it into consideration, and as no objection was made against the Reverend Gentleman's obtaining Your Excellency's permission to enclose it but its being private property, I hope Your Excellency's humanity will not admit of any to be made against the original proprietors as no recompense has ever been made for the same. I have taken the liberty to enclose the Bill of Sale for your inspection.

I have the honour

(Sd) A. Williams.

His Excellency

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave.
Fort Townsend,  
18th October 1798.

Madam,

In reply to your letter of this day’s date, I have to say that on my arrival here last year I was informed that Governor Sir James Wallace had directed that the fences of a lot of ground which had been enclosed by Mr. O'Donel should be thrown down, and the spot appropriated to the use of a garden for himself. As I did not think the ground necessary for the Governor’s garden, I offered it to Mr. O'Donel as a recompense for the loss that he had sustained by the destruction of his fence. On this design being made public, you claimed the spot in question as your property. To this I gave no answer because it ought to have been claimed during the time that Mr. O'Donel was employed in erecting his fence. I desisted from giving the grant to the above gentleman, not wishing to contest the point; but as during the last winter I received fresh instructions relative to granting lands in this Island and suffering fences to be erected, I am sorry that I cannot comply with your request of making the enclosures as stated in your letter.

At the time that Mr. O'Donel was at the trouble and expense of enclosing the ground you now claim, he also cleared it of stones &c. which plainly proves it was not in your occupation and probably had
had never been so, at all events it had been wholly abandoned and consequently I cannot consider it as private property.

I am As,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Mrs. A. Williams.
Fort Townshend,
18th October 1798.

My Lord,

In the letter with which I was honoured by Your Grace, dated May 16th 1797, you are pleased to tell me that you see no objection to my — instituting Surrogate Courts in the different parts of the Island of Newfoundland, if absolutely necessary, or to my appointing Surrogates and proper officers with suitable salaries, proportionately lower than those allowed to the Supreme Court, and that I must draw on the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for the payment thereof, in the same manner as the expenses incidental to the Supreme Court. I have the honour to inform Your Grace that some of these Courts have been long since instituted, nevertheless the Surrogates and their Clerks have hitherto remained without salaries although the Act provides for the same. This is undoubtedly a great hardship on those bearing the labouring part, therefore it gives me great satisfaction to find Your Grace directing me to do that which I must otherwise have applied for. However, as I wish to avoid putting Government to any greater expense than is absolutely necessary, I shall delay announcing the above salaries until I have Your Grace's sanction for so doing, not meaning that they should commence until the 20th day of October.
October being the time I have fixed for settling the annual accounts of the Island.

The Surrogates at present in the districts are but three in number, besides these, are the Navy Captains who reside here in winter, and sail round the Island in summer, for the purpose of holding Surrogate Courts. As their pay is small, their expenses great, and the service they are employed on is frequently no less unpleasant than laborious, I trust that Your Grace will in common justice suffer their appointments to be the same as those of the other surrogates. In truth I know nothing that can compensate for the disagreeable life they are compelled to lead during the winter, and their summer employment deprives them of every chance of prize money.

The salaries I shall beg leave to propose to Your Grace are £50 per annum to the Surrogate and £10 for a Clerk with an addition of £5 for stationery. I flatter myself Your Grace will agree with me in thinking that it is impossible to make these salaries cess, and in fact nothing but the enormous expense under which Great Britain now labours, would have induced me to propose so small a sum.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

His Grace

The Duke of Portland.
Fort Townshend,

18th October 1792.

My Lord,

I must beg leave to state to your Grace that I find on a strict examination of the Sheriff of this Island’s accounts, that no mention is made of the Fees arising from the Probates of Wills. On enquiring of him the cause of this omission, he informed me that the late Chief Justice considered these fees as fees not to be accounted for in the Supreme Court, in short as his own right and property. As the Act 32 Geo. 3. Cap. 46 plainly points out that His Majesty’s Chief Justice in the Island of Newfoundland shall have a fixed salary in lieu of all profits and emoluments whatsoever, I conceived that the above fees were by no means intended by Government as a dossour to the Chief Justice, consequently that he should be compelled to refund the sums thus obtained and the more especially as they will be found to be by the enclosed account far from inconsiderable. The Sheriff further informed me that Mr. Coke considered himself as entitled to the above Fees as he derived his power to grant administration of the effects of intestates, and the probates of Wills, from a Commission or instrument separate from that of Chief Justice, but even admitting this, I do not hold his plea to be good, for it is to his office of Chief Justice that
he owes this very commission or instrument to which he alludes, consequently his salary of £300 per annum must do away every claim to the fees in question. At all events, I feel that I am doing my duty and obeying your Grace's instructions, by unfolding this transaction, it therefore now remains with Your Grace to settle the business as you judge proper.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

His Grace

The Duke of Portland.
Fort William,

18 October 1798.

Sir,

I have the honour to lay before you a letter I have received from Captain Cortlandt requesting Your Excellency's leave of absence for six months, likewise a letter from Captain Darling relative to the rank of the Officers of His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment. I have at the same time to request your permission to send Ensign Desbrisay to Halifax for a few months.

I am &c.,

(Se) Thos. Skinner,

Col. Royal Nfld. Regiment.

His Excellency

The Governor and

Commander in Chief.
St. John's,

17th October 1798.

Sir,

I have to request you will be so obliging as to apply to His Excellency the Commander in Chief for six months leave of absence for me on my private affairs.

I have &c.,

(Signed) Ph. Van Cortlandt.

Colonel Thos. Skinner.
St. John's,

18 October 1797.

Sir,

I am desired by the Officers of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment to apply to you to know if it is necessary to revoke the Garrison after orders of 28th May last in consequence of their having received commissions to take rank in His Majesty's Army during the establishment of said Corps.

I am Ac.

(Sgd) D. Darling, Capt.
and Adjutant R.N.R.

Colonel Skinner,

Commanding R.N.R.
St. John's,

18th October 1798.

Sir,

Agreeable to Your Excellency's Proclamation last year, recommending a subscription for the relief of the Poor in this Island- I beg leave to inform you that I staked one shilling out of every ten pounds wages of the servants employed in our Fishery, which sum I intend again to stop this year.

Many of the inhabitants of Fermeuse with large families will be much distressed this winter, I have therefore to request Your Excellency will be pleased to allow such money as may be collected in Fermeuse to be applied for the relief of the Poor in that Harbour.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Henry Hunt.

His Excellency
The Honble. Wm. Waldgrave.

&c. &c. &c.
St. John's,
18th October 1792.

Sir,

I am possessed of some houses in this town which belonged to my father, one of them situated in Magitty Cove, on the road leading to the farm occupied by Lieut. Colonel Charleton, was bought by my father about twenty years ago from Colonel Ord of the Royal Artillery. This house being old and very much decayed I have partly taken down and rebuilt and am extremely distressed to find I have acted improperly in so doing without having obtained Your Excellency's permission. I have no excuse to make but that I was ignorant that this step ought to have been taken by me. I have now therefore to request Your Excellency will permit me to finish this house.

I have &c.,

(Sd) J. Pitts,
Captain R.E.R.

His Excellency

The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave,
Governor & Commander in Chief.

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Tounshend,  
18 October 1798.

Sir,

I cannot but express my surprise at Captain Cortlandt's request for ten months' leave of absence from His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment under your command as I am of opinion that a similar request during war time has scarcely ever been made. An additional reason for my not meeting Captain Cortlandt's wishes on this point is, that Captains Erques and Hurlihy have already obtained my permission to absent themselves from their duty.

Being ignorant of the contents of the Garrison after orders of the 25th May last I can give no answer to your reference on that subject.

With regard to your sending Ensign Debrisay to Halifax for a few months, I shall not hesitate to comply with your request so long as you are satisfied that his presence with the Regiment can be dispensed with.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Colonel Thos. Skipper.
Fort Townsend,

19 October 1798,

sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I must inform you that I much approve your plan of distributing the money raised in Fermanagh for the benefit of the poor. It is perfectly just and equitable and what nobody in reason can object to.

I am &c.,

(signed) Wm. Waldegrave.

Henry Hunt Esq.
By the Honourable William Waldegrave,
Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
the Island of Newfoundland &c.

Whereas the land possessed by the Persons
named in the margin contiguous to the Church at this
place is necessary for the enlargement of the burial
Ground; and as it is intended to be appropriated to
that purpose, and a proper compensation to be made
the proprietors thereof;

You are hereby required and
directed to strictly survey the land abovementioned,
and to report to me what in your opinion appears a
just and reasonable estimate of the same.

Given under my hand at Fort Townsend this
19th October 1798.

(Sd) Jas. P. Rance.

To Wm. Carter Esq.
Judge of the Admiralty,
and Messrs. Geo. Hutchings Snr.
J. Gill, James Winter Snr.
and Hunter.
Fort Townsend,

20th October 1798.

Nicholas Powell.

I am ordered by the Governor to acquaint you that you have his permission to erect a Fish Room on the piece of ground described in your petition of the 15th day of August 1797.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Jas. P. Range.

To

Nicholas Powell,
Fisherman,

Quidi vidi.
St. John's, Newfoundland.

20th October 1798.

Sir,

I beg leave to represent to your Excellency that when the Supreme Court was first established Sir Richard King and the then Chief Justice John Reeves Esq. thought proper to give me about one half of the amount of the money received for the writs; and that the late Chief Justice D'Ewes Coke Esq. reduced my fees about one fifth part, under an idea, that the Publick Debt of the District would by that means be liquidated the sooner. This has borne hard on me, and operates to my disadvantage, about sixty or seventy pounds, which I hope Your Excellency will have the goodness to permit me to surcharge the Supreme Court Account with.

I beg leave further to observe to Your Excellency, that every year since I have had the honour of being Sheriff I have constantly been in advance, for the expenses of the District agreeably to the statement as at foot, the interest and common commission upon which, amount to Three hundred and fifty three pounds nine shillings and ten pence, not one farthing of which has charged in my accounts.

I take the liberty therefore of submitting to Your Excellency this particular hardship, that has attended my situation, and doubt not but it will meet
meet with your consideration, and that you will have
the goodness to allow me, in some measure, to be
compensated for so heavy a loss.

I have so,

(Sd) Henry Phillips.

The Honourable

William Waldegrave.
St. John's,

20th October 1798.

Sir,

There having been upwards of fourteen years past, an allowance of one room's fuel for the Garrison Dispensary (independent of every Regimental concern) where medicines are made up dispensed or issued for the Officers, Officers' wives and families, and to the Staff of the Garrison by the Garrison Surgeon, and as upon enquiry from the barrack master I find that allowance is not attended to, in the new Regulations, I should suppose for want of knowing the necessity of it. I am to take the liberty of requesting that Your Excellency will be pleased to order that allowance to be continued as heretofore.

We have &c.,

(Sd) Jon. Ogden.

Garrison Surgeon.

His Excellency

The Governor.
St. John's, Newfoundland.

20th October 1798.

Sir,

I beg Your Excellency's permission to put a new fence round that part of the ground belonging to me, mentioned in the enclosed grant and to build a small house thereon, for a servant to dwell in, to take care of the fence and produce of the said premises.

I have Ac.

(Sd) Robert Bolland.

His Excellency

The Honble. Wm. Waldegrave.

Governor & Commander in Chief.

Ac. Ac. Ac.
Fort Townsend,
20th October 1798.

Sir,

Having received the accompanying enclosure from the Garrison Surgeon, I desire you will issue him the usual allowances for the dispensary, bearing a retrospect from the day of his arrival at this place, and that you will transmit a copy of this letter to the barracks master general as a voucher for your having so done.

I am Ac.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Robert Bollard Esq.
Ac. Ac. Ac.
U, Richard Reuth, Chief Justice of the Island of Newfoundland do hereby declare that the whole amount of the Fees received in the Supreme Court of the said Island from the 21st day of October 1797 to the 20th day of October following, does not exceed the sum of Sixty five pounds, fifteen shillings and eleven pence, and that no part thereof was paid to or received by me, or any person on my account; or that I derive the smallest benefit or advantage from the Fees received in such Supreme Court.

Given under my hand at Fort Townshend, Saint John's, Newfoundland, the 20th day of October 1798.

(Sd) Richard Reuth
Chief Justice.
Received the twentieth day of October 1798 from The Honourable William Waldegrave Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland the sum of One hundred and twenty seven pounds fifteen shillings and eleven pence sterling being the balance of the district of St. John's accounts examined and approved up to the date hereof by the magistrates of this district; for which I have signed two receipts of the same tenor and date.

(Sgd) Henry Phillips,
High Sheriff.
Received the twentieth day of October 1798 from the Honourable William Waldegrave Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland, the sum of seventy three pounds and ten shillings sterling, being the amount of the difference of the fees I formerly received for the writs issued from the Supreme Court while John Reeves Esq was Chief Justice of this Island, and the fees I was directed to receive (a deduction of one-fifth part) by Mr. Chief Justice Coke his successor.

Henry Phillips,
High Sheriff.
Received the twentieth day of October 1798
from the Honourable William Waldegrave Governor and
Commander in Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland the sum of ninety eight pounds, twelve
shillings and seven pence, th' es farthings sterling,
being the amount of my salary at the rate of L300 per
annum, as Chief Justice of the said Island, from the
3rd day of June 1798 to the date hereof; for which I
have signed these receipts of this tenor and date.

(Sd) Richard Routh,
Chief Justice.
Received the twentieth day of October 1798
from the Honourable William Waldegrave Governor and
Commander in Chief in and over the Island of
Newfoundland the sum of Five Pounds sterling, being
the account of my services to His majesty by acting
as Clerk to the Surrogate Court at Harbour Grace in
the said Island, for which I have signed two
receipts of the same tenor and date.

(Sd) Lionel Chancey.
Fort Townshend,
20th October 1798.

my Lord,

I do myself the honour to acquaint your Grace that I have paid the salaries of the Chief Justice of Newfoundland and of the respective officers of the Supreme Court of Judicature in this Island, up to the present day, as will appear by the accompanying vouchers.

I have also in conformity to your Grace's instructions, contained in your letter of the 16th day of last May, settled the accounts of the district of St. John's the balance whereof amounted to £366, 14s. I appropriated the Fees stated to have been received in the Supreme Court by the Chief Justice's declaration marked B. to the part payment of the debt of the District, agreeably to Your Grace's directions signified to me in the letter above alluded to.

I have &c.,

(sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

His Grace

The Duke of Portland.
Fort Townsend,

20th October 1795.

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Lords Commissioners of His majesty's Treasury that I have this day drawn a Bill on Their Lordships in favour of Richard North Esquire for L514. 3. 4 and the services to which this sum together with the L52. 6. 0. paid into my hands by the Magistrates of St. John's was appropriated, will appear in the accompanying Account Current marked A.

The enclosure marked B is the declaration ordered by the Duke of Portland to be made in my presence by the Chief Justice of Newfound-land. The Fees received in the Supreme Court as therein specified, were applied towards the payment of the debt of the district of St. John's, conformably to the instructions I have had the honour to receive from His majesty's Principal Secretary of State.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

George Ross Esq.

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townsend,  
20th October 1798.

Thirty days after sight please to pay this my first of Exchange (second and third of the same tenor and date unpaid) to Richard South Esquire or Order, the sum of Three Hundred and fourteen pounds, eight shillings and four pence three farthings sterling, being the amount of the salaries due to the officers of the Supreme Court of Judicature in the Island of Newfoundland, as more particularly appears in my letter of this day's date.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

To

The Right Honourable

The Lords Commissioners of

His Majesty's Treasury.
Fort Townsend.
21st October 1799.

Gentlemen,

I informed you by letter the 14th inst. that the Officers of his Squadron had subscribed £55. 17. to be placed in the Charitable Fund.

So like an contribution by persons wholly unconnected with the interior of this Island, appears to me to merit at least some acknowledgment, but I am sorry to observe that my letter still remains unanswered, how far such neglect is conversant even with the laws of common civility. I leave it to the reflection of those whom, hitherto, perhaps may have thought it to be so.

As the money subscribed by the Squadron for the above purpose will be forthcoming when called for, I have to request, in the name of the Squadron, that it may be disposed of as soon as possible in the purchase of provisions and such other necessaries for the use of the Poor, as may seem most advisable to you; why, indeed the whole purchase should not be made before these articles rise in price. I know not, but I confess I cannot but be of opinion that the poor are greatly injured by this unnecessary delay.

I am &c.,

The Committee
of the Charitable Fund.
Fort Townsend, 21st October 1798.

Granted permission to Harret Anting to build either one or two chimneys to a house described in the Petition for that purpose.

(Signed) Wm. Walsegave.
Great St. Lawrence,
13th October 1798.

Sir,

The enclosed is an account of sundries supplied John Rose a deserter and John Verges who comes to you to enter into His Majesty's service, the former is a man who deserted from the Royal Artillery, and she came and gave himself up to me. This day passed by two of His Majesty's ships supposed to be the Venus and Rambler, to which I sent off a Pilot who they took with them.

I beg leave to inform Your Excellency that the man who comes to you to enter, has been very ill-treated by his master (Michael Conner) in the presence of this deserter who has been some time harboured by Connors. I desired him to lay his complaint before you.

I have Rc.

(Sd) Pierce Ferrisbell.

The Hon. W. Waldegrave,
Governor &c. &c.

The amount of the above account was L2.3.0.
Fort Townsend,
21st October 1798.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Governor to signify to you that you have his permission to finish building the House described in your letter of the 18th instant.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Jas. P. Rance.

Captain Pitts,
Royal Mfd. Regiment.
Fort Townsend,
21st October 1798.

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that you have my permission for six months leave of absence from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment for the recovery of your health as signified to me in Colonel Skinner's letter of the 8th inst.

I am &c.,

(Signed) Wm. Waldegrave.

Captain J. Hierlihy,
Royal Wld. Regiment.
Fort Townshend,
21st October 1798.

Sir,

The Governor commands me to express to you his surprise at your having so long omitted to transmit him the copies of the papers, required by his letter of the 27th of last month; and as His Excellency will shortly depart from St. John's, he directs me to add, that you are to instantly forward to him the vouchers ordered to be sent for his inspection in the letter above alluded to.

I am &c.,

(Sd) JAS. P. RANCE.

Wm. J. Eppes, Esq.
Commissary of Provisions.
Fort Townshend,
21st October 1798.

Sir,

I have this instant received your letter of this day's date acquainting me that in consequence of the one you enclosed from Captain Tremlett of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, under your command, you had ordered Sergeant Pendergast into confinement, and desire that you will be pleased to order a Court of Enquiry on his conduct.

I am Ac.

(S) Wm. Waldegrave.

Colonel Thomas Skinner

Ac. Ac Ac.
Fort Townshend,

21st October 1796.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a letter I this day received from Captain Tremlett, and to ac- quaint Your Excellency in consequence of it, I have. ordered Sergeant Prendergast to be confined.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Thos. Skinner.

Colonel N. Nfld. Regiment.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Ferryland,  
17 October 1798.

Sir,

Your Excellency's letter of the 6th Octr.

I received yesterday evening with the Proclamation. I will, in obedience to Your Excellency's commands, send copies to every harbour in this district, to be put up at the most accustomed place in each harbor.

Your Excellency's letter of the 21st October 1797, I have paid the utmost attention to Your Excellency's orders and commands.

I thought it my duty to acquaint Your Excellency of the premises in Renews which is unoccurred this year. I would not presume to give any leave or permission to any person to occupy the whole or any part of the premises in Renews, which was Thomas Pennell's.

I will not give any grant or certificate to any person. I will pay implicit obedience to Your Excellency's commands as in your letters of the 21st October 1797 and October 6th 1798.

I remain Ac.

(8) Robert Carter.

His Excellency
The Governor.
Fort Townshend,

32 October 1798.

Sir,

Sir,

Colonel Skinner having by letter of the 18th instant requested my permission to send you to Halifax for a few months, I have no objection to comply with such request, but you are to return to this place before the close of the month of April next.

I am &c.,

(Signed) Wm. Waldegrave.

Ensign Debrisay,

R. Nfld. Regt.
St. John's, Newfoundland.
23rd October 1798.

Sir,

In obedience to Your Excellency's order of the 18th instant, directing us to survey the land possessed by Mr. Patrick Ryan at St. John's contiguous to the Church, and to report to you what in our opinion appears a just and reasonable estimate of the same.

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency, that after strictly surveying the land abovementioned, we are of opinion that eighty four pounds is a sufficient compensation to the proprietor or proprietors thereof.

We are Ac.

(Sd) W. Carter.
Pat. Hunter.
Geo. Hutchings.
Jas. Gill.
Jas. Winter.

His Excellency

The Governor.
We, the Subscribers having by an Order to us directed, dated the 18th instant from His Excellency the Honourable William Maldegrave, Governor and Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c. to survey and estimate the Land proposed by Mr. Patrick Ryan of St. John's contiguous to the Church yard which is intended to be appropriated for the enlargement of the burial ground and having reported eighty four pounds a full compensation to the proprietor or proprietors thereof, do also give it as our opinion that an abatement of twelve pounds annually during the term Mr. Patrick Ryan holds in the premises ought to be allowed him, as a compensation for the loss he will sustain thereby.

Given under our hands this 23rd October 1798 at St. John's, Newfoundland.

Geo. Hutchings.

Jas. Winter.

Jas. Gill.

W. Carter.

Patrick Hunter.
St. John’s,
22nd October 1798.

Sir,

We received Your Excellency’s letter of the 21st instant and are extremely concerned that you should think us either negligent or ungrateful. The very liberal contributions from Your Excellency and the Officers of your squadron, speak for themselves, anything we could say on the occasion would fall very short of our feelings, and we may add the feelings of the poor creatures who they relieve. If any inattention has happened in not immediately replying to Your Excellency’s letter of the 14th instant it was owing to a misconception of the necessity of doing so, till the subscription by the inhabitants was completed.

We can assure Your Excellency that the poor as you imagine have not been injured from the delay of purchasing provisions for the ensuing winter, we have already procured the articles we thought might advance in prices, and only delayed those which probably may fall in value.

We are &c.,

John Harries.
Richard Reed.

His Excellency

Alex. Cormack.

The Governor.
To His Excellency the Honourable William
Walcotgrave Governor and Commander in Chief in and
over the Island of Newfoundland &c. &c.

The Memorial of David Duggan Shews that
Your Memorialist being quartered in Fort William and
acting Surgeon to the Royal Newfoundland Regiment
that in the night of the 23rd March last a fire broke
out in a Room adjacent to his, your Memorialists
quarters, which burnt with such rapidity that before
he could possibly have removed his medicines and
property of all kinds they were consumed; that he
conceived his loss to be as near as possibly he can
ascertain, the sum of £140. 7. 6. as per particulars
thereof in the annexed list, and therefore he most
humbly hopes that Your Excellency will have the good-
ness to take the same into your consideration and cause
such reparation to be made him for the loss he so
sustained, as to Your Excellency shall seem meet,
and he will as in duty bound ever pray.

(Sd) David Duggan.

Dated St. John's,
22 October 1793,

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I do hereby certify that I was personally present when the fire happened mentioned in the memorial of mr. Doggin, and that the flames were so rapid as to render it out of the power of any person to save their property— and that I verily believe that in the event of the fire he has lost—in wearing apparel, medicines, books, Instruments &c. to the amount stated in his memorial.

(Sd) Thos Skinner.

Colonel,

Commandant.

St. John's,

22nd October 1798.
Fort Townshend,
22 October 1768.

My Lord,

The enclosures which I have now the honour to lay before Your Grace will I trust sufficiently evince the truth of what I last stated respecting the benefits that must arise to the Troops from the importation of Rape is into this Island. The copper coin has been received with a joy not easily to be expressed and its utility is too obvious to render any remarks of mine on the subject necessary. I must however take the liberty to point out one advantage that I am confident will give Your Grace the highest satisfaction. It is this. Previous to the arrival of the copper coin, not a Baker's shop in the town of St. John's, furnished bread at a lower rate than 6d. At present loaves of one penny and twopence are to be purchased everywhere. Judge, my Lord from this circumstance, how many men, women and children now obtain a good breakfast, who, perhaps, before the importation of the copper scarce ever tasted a bit of bread in the whole twenty four hours. From the best enquiries I have been enabled to make on the subject both of the silver and copper coin, lately imported into this Island, near one half of it will be exported before the end of July, and the remainder of it will be kpt up as much as possible by the Merchants. Should Government, however as I flatter
flatter myself it will, think it advisable to furnish me with six or seven thousand pounds to be brought hither next summer, a considerable sum must then circulate in spite of every effort of the merchant to suppress it. That the merchants and dealers should endeavour to do this must not surprise Your Grace, when you come to reflect that every small article has heretofore been charged cent per cent, may be because there was no medium chance to split the difference. For example a comb that cost sixpence in England was here sold for one shilling, owing to the shopkeepers having no chance to offer in return. I must heartily concur in opinion with His Majesty's Chief Justice and the Justices of St. John's that could a smaller silver coin than the Spanish dollar be introduced into this Island, that it would be most salutary news be. The objections started by these gentlemen to the introduction of half crowns, shillings and sixpences, appear to me very just, but a still more forcible one strikes me, and this is, that we should be ever run with base coin from Great Britain, which, among other mischiefs, would involve us in perpetual disputes with the Troops. I should apprehend that the lessening the intrinsic value of the prepared new small silver coins, would pay the charges of the coining, and the exportation. These coins being confined to the Island could be no hardship on those who may wish to leave it, as they
might be exchanged either for copper or bills, should the quantity be such which is highly improbable, as to require it. It would be trespassing too much on Your Grace’s time were I to enter into a farther detail of this business, I have therefore only to request that you will have the goodness to let the whole of this correspondence be laid before the Lords of the Committee of Trade, and that I myself may be examined thereof, if necessary.

I have &c.,

(Signed) Wm. Waldegrave.

His Grace the
Duke of Portland.

&c. &c. &c.
Commissary's Office,
St. John's,
22 October 1798.

Sir,

I have this instant received your letter of yesterday's date; the cause of my not sooner sending the papers required by your letter of the 27th of September was from a wish that they should accompany the other papers required by his Excellency a few days previous to his departure; which cannot be complete until the survey I requested has taken place, when they shall be immediately transmitted. Copies of the vouchers for the purchase of provisions since His Excellency's departure last year shall be sent to you this evening. As there has been no survey on provisions since that period, of course I have no report and I have not found it necessary to advertise for horses and carriages.

I have &c.,

(Signed) W. J. Eppers.
Commissary of Provisions.

 Jas. P. Race Esq.
St. John’s,

22 October, 1798.

Sir,

After the business of the Naval Office has been closed for this season, I have to request Your Excellency will be pleased to grant me leave of absence from this Island for six months, as no business in my department usually occurs during that period.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Archd. Buchanan.

His Excellency

The Governor.
St. John's,

23rd October 1798.

Sir,

Mrs. Reed has desired me to shew you Doctor Morice's letter, in which he entices the Society's gratitude of four hundred pounds to the inhabitants of St. John's, for the purpose of rebuilding the Church, what relates to that business I have beg leave to lay before Your Excellency in the following extracts from the aforesaid letter.

'To your short letter of the 21st January 1795 brought by your friend Colonel Skinner, I am enabled to give a short but satisfactory answer; as far as regards the Church at St. John's, by a most liberal resolution of the Society, at their meeting on Friday last, to grant £400 towards the rebuilding of it, which with His Majesty's donation, last year of 200 guineas, and the contributions from the inhabitants of Newfoundland, will be sufficient to accomplish so desirable a work. Colonel Skinner will settle with you the plan for the building, and the mode of payment of this £400 which is not to be at one draft, but by different drafts at different periods, according to the progress of the work.

I have &c.,

(Sd) J. Barriss.

The Hon. urable

Wm. Waldegrave.
Fort William,
23rd October 1758.

Sir,

A deserter from Lieut. Colonel Charleton's Company of the Royal Regiment of Artillery of the name of John Rose, has been sent round by some conveyance from one of the outposts to the Westward, and is now confined in the main guard. As I have received very particular orders from Lieutenant General His Royal Highness Prince Edward concerning this man, I enclose them for Your Excellency's information, and beg to receive your orders what steps I shall take concerning him. I am informed he surrendered himself to a magic rate at St. Lawrence on the 3rd instant.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Thos. Skinner,
Colonel Royal Mld. Regiment.

His Excellcy by

The Governor.
Extract of a letter from Lieut. General His Royal Highness Prince Edward, dated July 6th 1798 to Colonel Skinner.

Lieut. Colonel Wetherall having informed me that there is reason to suppose a Ruffian of the name of Rose, a Frenchman, who entered into my regiment from the 67th at Gibraltar, afterwards deserted at Quebec, and after being re-taken was convicted of having endeavoured to excite mutiny and disaffection in the Corps, for which he was sentenced transportation for life, had deserted from the Regiment in the East or West Indies, to which he had been turned over, pursuant to his sentence, had found his way to Newfoundland, and there enlisted in Brevet Lieut. Colonel Charleston's Company of the Royal Artillery, from which he had again deserted and been heard of at Placentia.

I have to request that the most strenuous exertions may be made, and no expense spared to take up this dangerous man, in order that he may be brought to due punishment for his repeated and aggravated crimes. Should you be successful in taking him you will send him by the first opportunity to this, under the care of a trusty officer, with an ample and sufficient guard to prevent the possibility of his even attempting to make his escape; together with all evidence that can be collected, and that may be necessary to prosecute him before a Court martial.
Fort Townshend,
23rd October 1782.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this day's date acquainting me that John Rose a deserter from Lieut. Colonel Charlton's Company of Artillery, has been sent round by some conveyance from one of the Outposts to the Westward, and is now confined in the main Guard, and enclosing an extract of a letter from Lieut. General His Royal Highness Prince Edward dated July 6th relative to the prisoner.

I must first express to you, that I think it rather singular that you should have so long delayed laying before me the above notification, when you well knew that the 26th instant was the day fixed for my sailing for England.

With respect to the very particular orders that you have received from His Royal Highness Prince Edward concerning the deserter John Rose, I have two observations to make, first; that when His Royal Highness sent you his letter of the 26th July last, he considered the Troops serving in this Island as being under his command—secondly— that His Royal Highness was unacquainted with His Majesty having granted a Warrant for holding General Courts martial in the Island of Newfoundland.

I have now further to observe that as His Majesty
majesty hath been pleased to grant a warrant for the holding General Courts martial in this Island, I can see no reason for sending the Prisoner John Rose to Halifax in order to be tried for deserting from a Corps of Artillery now doing duty in this Garrison I shall therefore direct that he may be tried for the said offence immediately.

You conclude with saying that you have been informed that the Prisoner surrendered himself up to a magistrate at St. Lawrence on the 3rd inst. Unless the most positive proof can be brought of this circumstance, it can avail nothing. But even allowing it could be fully proved, this, I apprehend, ought to have no weight with the Court, as the promise of pardon by Proclamation to this effect has long since elapsed. Another circumstance which must be strongly adverted to on this occasion is, the consideration of whether any party of soldiers were in the district in quest of deserters, at the period of the prisoner's supposed surrender, as in this case it is natural to conjecture that he delivered himself up from finding his escape from the Island impossible. All these points will, no doubt, be taken into consideration by the Court, and have their due weight.

I am &c.,

(sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

G. Lenes Skinner.

Ac. Ac. Ac.
St. John's,
23rd October 1797.

Sir,

I have to request Your Excellency will be pleased to order a General Court martial for the trial of Second Cornet John Rose of the Royal Artillery, who deserted from my Company on the 10th day of September 1797.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Thos. R. Charleton.
Lieut. Colonel Commanding
Royal Artillery.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Fort Townshend,
23rd October 1792.

Garrison Order.

A General Court martial to assemble in Fort Townshend tomorrow morning at ten o'clock for the tryal of such Persons as may be brought before it. The dates of the Officers' Commissions to be sent to Mr. Rance who is appointed by me to officiate as Judge Advocate.
Fort William,
23rd October 1799

Sir,

I have to apologise to your Excellency for not reporting Laurence Beunars, Private of His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment under my command apprehended by Lieut. Lebraton, and brought round to this Harbour, in His Majesty's Ship Venus for desertion, it was my intention so to have done but the writing the extract of Prince Edward's letter made it escape my attention at that period.

I have &c.,

(Ed) Thos. Skinner.

Colonel Royal Nfld. Regiment.

His Excellency

The Governor,

&c. &c. &c.
Ft. Townshend,

23rd October 1798.

Sir,

I have it in command from the Governor to signify to you his permission to put a new Fence round that part of the ground mentioned in the Grant you transmitted His Excellency and to build a small house thereon.

The Grant alluded to I enclose herewith.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Jas. P. Rance.

Robert Ballard Esq.
To His Excellency the Honourable W. Waldegrave, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland &c. &c.

The memorial of Henry Phillips, High Sheriff of the said Island sheweth—

That when the Supreme Court of Judicature was first established, His Excellency Sir Richard King, who was then Governor, together with Chief Justice Reeves, authorised your memorialist to receive for his fees, about one half the amount of very writ issued, which he continued to enjoy, until the year 1795, when the late Chief Justice Coke reduced it one fifth, which has been very hard upon him, and as it has been invariably his conduct to exert himself in the execution of his duty, he hopes that Your Excellency will have the goodness to permit him to charge his loss on three hundred and sixty seven pounds, ten shillings, being the amount of the writ money from that period to the present, one fifth of which amounts to seventy three pounds, ten shillings which will place him in his former situation as intended by Sir Richard King and Chief Justice Reeves for which your memorialist will be respectfully thankfull.

Henry Phillips,

H. Sheriff.

St. John's,

3rd October 1798.
St. John's,
23rd October, 1792.

Sir,

Your Excellency having been pleased to order my flake and kitchen garden to be taken for a new Burial Ground, which order I have most cheerfully complied with, same time Your Excellency promised to grant me a piece of ground, as convenient as possibly, say be to the Town, beg leave to remind Your Excellency of the promise and point out a piece on the right side of the Road between the Lime kiln and Fort William; this piece of ground or any other convenient spot Your Excellency may be pleased to grant will be very thankfully received by Your Excellency's most obedient and very humble servant,

(Sd) Joseph Ryan.

His Excellency

The Governor.
St. John's,
23rd October 1798.

Sir,

This moment I had the honour to receive Your Excellency's reply to my letters; had the bill of sale of which this ground is only a part, been returned, I should not have troubled Your Excellency any further at this period, but give me leave to remark that Mr. O'Donel did not make the enclosure, but got it fenced and tilled by some soldiers (therefore could have been at no expense) which indeed was not the first time of its being taken in, in the same kind of way, and as often laid waste by application from Mr. Livingstone to the Commanding Officer. This with the report of survey and bill of sale, I have to hope will remove any doubt which Your Excellency may have of its never being in the occupation of my late sband, I request you will grant me permission or some person for me to wait on Your Excellency at any time you will condescend to appoint, to relate the business and circumstances which you seem not informed of.

I have &c.,

(Sd) A. Williams.

His Excellency
The Governor.
Fort Townsend,
23rd October 1788.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of this day's date has removed from my mind every unpleasant sensation that your silence respecting my last letter had given me.

It gives me much pleasure to learn from you that the poor have not been injured from the delay of purchasing provisions for the ensuing winter, as their enormous rise last year, had given me much anxiety on the subject.

I am persuaded that your zeal and attention to the affairs of the committee will merit the thanks of the community, and I most beg you will be pleased to accept mine as one of that number.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

The Committee of the Charitable Fund.
St. John's,  
23rd October 1792.

Sir,

I beg leave to return Your Excellency Mr. Phillips, the High Sheriff's Memorial, and have great satisfaction in assuring you that I see no cause why he should be deprived of any part of the Fees of his office agreeably to the arrangement of Sir Richard King and Chief Justice Reeves in the year 1791, when the Court was first established.

Mr. Phillips is certainly a very vigilant officer; and I take the liberty of recommending the prayer of his memorial.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Richard Roach,

Chief Justice.

His Excellency

The Governor.
St. John's,  
24th October 1798.  

Sir,

In making up the accounts of the Supreme Court, I beg leave to represent to Your Excellency, that the Clerk's salary from 20 October 1797 to the 20th October instant, Forty Pounds, as also the expenses of stationery during that period Five Pounds, has in the survey of business been omitted.

I have &c.,

(Sgd) Henry Phillips,

High Sheriff.

His Excellency  
The Governor.
Fort Townsend,

24th October 1798.

General Order.

The Proceedings of the General Court martial at which Colonel Thomas Skinner this day presided, is approved; and the Court dissolved.
Fort Townshend,
24th October, 1793.

General Order.

Whereas at a General Court Martial held at Fort Townshend this day, Second Gunner John Rose of Lieut. Colonel Charleston's Company of Artillery was tried for Desertion, and sentenced to receive a thousand lashes, and to be transported for his natural life to a Foreign Plantation there to serve as a Soldier. The Commander in Chief directs that the first part of such sentence be put in execution as soon after his departure as the Commandant may judge proper, and that afterwards the Prisoner be sent on board His Majesty's Ship Venus for the purpose of being conveyed to the Savoy Prison.

(Signed) Wm. Waldegrave.
Fort Townshend,

24th October 1798.

General Order.

Whereas a Court of Enquiry was held on the 22nd instant on Sergeant William Frendergast of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, confined for using expressions to some of the noncommissioned Officers and Privates of the Regiment to which he belongs, tending to excite mutiny and discontent, and as it appears clearly by the said enquiry that the prisoner did, at various times, make use of very improper language and such as might really intime have occasioned discontent among his fellowsoldiers, he would undoubtedly merit being brought to a Court martial and suffering the heavy penalty which the law awards to so heinous a crime, were it not for other circumstances which seem strongly to indicate that the prisoner had no real evil intention. The Commander in Chief is convinced that the prisoner meant no more than to obtain quiet and simple redress but that he from ignorance, not design, pursued a very improper mode to attain this end. From these considerations the Commander in Chief is willing to pardon the said offence, trusting however that his lenity may not be so far mistaken by the troops under his command, as to tempt them to make the like trials in future, as should this happen he now declares that such offence shall
shall be punished with the utmost severity of the law.
The Commander in Chief understanding that Sergeant
William Prendergast has been led into error in the
first instance by a misconception of the wording of an
order respecting Garrison Hospital stoppages, and in
the next from being ignorant of the contents of a
letter from the Secretary at War dated the 12th June
1797, and as this misconception of the order relative
to Garrison Hospital Stoppages and want of knowledge
of the contents of the above letter from the Secretary
at War, may have likewise led other soldiers of the
Regiment into error, the Commander in Chief will
explain the first, and make known the second in order
that every instance to ignorance on the part of the
soldiers may be done away. Should any soldier after
this full explanation presume to murmur, or attempt
to stir up discontent in the Regiment he must take the
consequences. The Commander in Chief first thinks
it necessary to recall to the minds of the Troops
under his command an indulgence granted by him to
them, which no other of His Majesty's Regiments
on Foreign Service at present enjoys; he moreover
declares that as this indulgence has been granted to
the Troops under his command contrary to the original
orders from Halifax he will, on the very first report
of a murmur on their parts, rescind his own order;
and put into execution the original one in lieu. The
order from His Royal Highness Prince Edward is as
follows-
follows: 'His Royal Highness thinks it necessary to recommend to the peculiar attention of the Commanding Officers of the Corps to see that the additional pay granted by His Majesty, is without the smallest deduction applies to the purposes of providing the soldiers with such a proportion of fresh meat, fish, vegetables &c. as will in addition to his ration, amply supply him with two comfortable meals per day. Such he conceives to be His Majesty's gracious intention, and he trusts that such pointed attention will be paid to the execution of this order that he will at no time have occasion to repeat it.'

Your present Commander in Chief conceiving it more suitable to the peculiar situation of this Island, and that it would be far more satisfactory to the Troops under his command took upon himself not to stop this additional pay as above ordered, but directed that it should be paid to the soldiers to enable them to lay the money out more advantageously, for their families. When this favour was first granted by the Commander in Chief, the Troops were highly grateful, they cannot therefore forget so singular an indulgence without being guilty of the basest ingratitude.

The Commander in Chief will now explain the Garrison Order of the 18th January. He has carefully examined and compared it with the original order and finds it to be perfectly correct. This order states 'that in consequence of the regulations of the 28th
May last the hospital stoppages for the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of His Majesty's Land Forces should be at the rate of 6d. per diem on Foreign stations. How any person can be so ignorant as to suppose that soldiers were to be paid by Government for any additional expense they might bring on it, it is difficult to conceive, and yet this appears to have been the case. The true meaning of the order is, that as Government is put to considerable expense by the establishment of Garrison Hospitals, it naturally seeks to lessen that expense by all fair and just means, and surely this could not be more effectually put into practice than by stopping an adequate sum from the Troops who are to derive the benefit of it. This at present can have no effect on the Troops in this Island, there being no Garrison Hospital established. This explanation is so clear, that it is impossible for it to be mistaken, therefore no more will be said on the subject.

The letter from the Secretary at War dated 12th June 1787 above alluded to, is as follows:

War Office, 12 June 1787.

Sir,

I send enclosed herewith some printed copies of the orders given by Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of York relative to an addition which His Majesty has been pleased to make to the pay and allowances of each non-commissioned officer

Trumpeter
Trumpeter Drummer and Private man of the Cavalry
and Infantry stationed at home.

His Majesty has at the same time been
generously pleased to grant the like nett additions
to the pay and allowances of the Troops serving abroad,
namely, two pence a day to the pay and allowances
of each Trumpeter, Drummer, Fifer and Private man,
two pence half penny a day to the pay of each corporal
and three pence a day to the pay of each Serjeant.

I am further to acquaint Your Royal Highness
that the like rates of pay will be borne on the
establishment of Corps serving abroad as of those at
home, according to the annexed state; and that in
situations abroad where the men find their provisions
at their own expense they are to receive their pay
without deduction according to these rates, but in
situations where they receive rations of provisions
at the public expense, which is the case of the Troops
under Your Royal Highness's command, a stoppage of
seven pence halfpenny a day is to be made from the pay
of each Serjeant, Corporal, Trumpeter and Private
man of the Dragoons, and sixpence farthing a day
from the pay of each Serjeant, Corporal and Drummer,
and sixpence a day from the pay of each private man
of Foot, by which regulation there will remain to
the soldiers victualled by the public, the respective
nett additions of pay before specified, over and above
what they received at the old rates of pay and allow-
ances.
allowances when the stoppages were twopence halfpenny a day per man.

I am As.,

(Sd) Frederick Augustus Wetherall

Lieut. General

His Royal Highnesse
Prince Edward K.G.

Halifax Nova Scotia. A true copy,

W. Waldegrave.

The whole of the supposed grievances being now fully and clearly explained, the Commander in Chief trusts that nothing further will be said on the subject by the troops under his command, but should any non-commissioned officer, or Private be so unthinking or so daring as to show further signs of discontent or dissatisfaction, either by words or deeds, they may rely on meeting their due punishment.

(Sd) Jas. F. Rance.
Fort Townsend,  
24th October 1798. 

Madam, 

The Governor orders me to assure you that it was through mistake that the accompanying enclosure was not returned to you sooner. 

His Excellency commands me to add that he still entertains the same opinion relative to the land you claim, and therefore cannot comply with the request contained in your letter of yesterday's date. 

I am Ac., 

(Sd) Jas. P. Rance. 

Mrs. A. Williams, 
St. John's.
St. John's, Nfld.
24th October 1798.

Sir,

I beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that during the time I have had the honour of being High Sheriff of this Island, my fees for serving the Writs issued from His Majesty's Supreme Court, has, on an average, been £170 per annum, and as I derive no advantage for receiving the Fines and Forfeitures levied in the Supreme Court and Court of Sessions, nor for paying the disbursements of the district, and keeping the accounts—which is attended with a vast deal of trouble and expense.

I flatter myself that in submitting to Your Excellency's consideration the pay of ten shillings per day for my salary in lieu of these fees, I shall not in any respect overrate my time, and that the same will meet with your approbation.

I have &c.,

(Sgd) "Henry Phillips,
High Sheriff.

The Honourable

Wm. Waldegrave.

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townsend,
26th October 1798.

General Order.

Captain John Hickey having obtained the Commander in Chief's permission for six months leave of absence for the recovery of his health, Captain D. Darling to officiate as Fort Major until his return.

By Command of the Governor,

Jas. P. Rance.
Fort Townshend,
25th October 1798.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th day of this month, requesting his permission to make some necessary repairs to the House on the King's Road, belonging to the Warren daughters heirs of the late Colonel Williams of the Royal Artillery, for whom you are Attorney, and also requesting permission to erect such outhouses as may be necessary, and I am ordered to signify to you His Excellency's compliance with your request— it is to be understood that any enlargement of the proposed building must not be detrimental to the Road.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Jas. P. Rance.

Jonathan Ogden, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townsend, 
25th October 1798.

Sir,

Herewith I transmit you His Majesty's warrant for assembling General Courts martial in this Island, the receipt whereof I beg you will be pleased to acknowledge.

I am as,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

To

Colonel Thomas Skinner
Royal Nfld. Regiment.
Fort William,

30th October 1798.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of His Majesty's Warrant for assembling General Courts martial in this Island, transmitted to me by Your Excellency this day.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Thos. Skinner,
Col. Royal Mld. Regiment.

The Hon.
W. Waldegrave,

Commander in Chief,

&c. &c. &c.
Fort Townsend,
25th October 1798.

Sir,

Mr. Pierce Forristall, magistrate for the district of St. Lawrence, having transmitted the Governor an account, amounting to L2. S. 10 of articles furnished by Messrs. Robert Newman and Company to a deserter lately a prisoner from that place— I have it in command from His Excellency to direct you to pay the same out of the moneys from the Writs lately issued from the Supreme Court, and to procure proper vouchers thereof.

I am &c.,

(Sc) Jas. P. Range.

Henry Phillips Esq.
Fort Townsend,

25th October 1798.

Sir,

I enclose you herewith the private signals established between the Squadrons of His Majesty's ships and vessels under my command, and the Forts on the Coast of this Island, a copy whereof you will be pleased to furnish the Officers Commanding the Batteries.

I am as,

(Sgd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Colonel Thomas Skinner,
Commandant.
Fort Townshend,
26 October 1788.

Sir,

As I find that the capsterns for the purpose of heaving up the Chain for the defence of this harbour, cannot be removed into store without destroying the masonry, which has been built at considerable expense, I have to request that you will be pleased to cause two sheds to be erected over them for their preservation, as should they not be protected from the inclemency of the weather they must soon fall into decay. I must beg that this work may be executed in the plainest and most convenient manner.

I am etc.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Colonel Thomas Skinner,
Commandant.
Fort Townshend,

25th October 1798.

SIR,

I beg leave to acquaint you that dollars to the amount of Four thousand two hundred and ninety eight rounds three shillings and sixpence sterling estimating the dollar at 4 and 6 each is remaining in my Secretary's charge, I therefore desire that you will be pleased to receive that sum from him, and appropriate the same to the payment of the nett subsistence of His Majesty's Royal Newfoundland Regiment, under your command, for which purpose the dollars were forwarded to this Island. I have further to desire that you will be pleased to receive the remains of the copper coins, and grant proper receipts for the amount.

I am &c.,

(\textit{gd}) Wm. Waldgrave.

Colonel Thomas Skinner,

Commandant.
St. John's,
25th October 1798.

Sir,

According to Your Excellency's directions requiring us to strictly survey and estimate a piece of ground possessed by Lawrence Bovey of St. John's and owned by Thomas Babb Esq. of Newton Abbott—coniguous to the churchyard, and which is intended to be appropriated for the purpose of a burial ground, and having desired us to report what appears a just and reasonable compensation for the same, we beg leave to inform Your Excellency that we have strictly surveyed the aforementioned ground, and find the same has been usually set at the Annual Rent of Fourteen pounds sterling, therefore are of opinion the Proprietor or Proprietors should be paid seven years purchase; to say the sum of Ninety eight pounds sterling.

We are &c.,

W. Carter.

P.Mt. Hunter.

Geo. Hutchings.

Jas. Gill.

Jas. Winter.

Hon. W. Waldegrave,
Governor, &c. &c.
Received the 25th day of October 1798 from Mr. James F. Rance the sum of fifty five pounds seventeen shillings, being the amount of the subscription to the Charitable fund by the Squadron of His majesty's ships and vessels under the command of the Honourable Vice Admiral Waldegrave.

Richard Reed.
Received the 15th day of October 1798 from
the Honourable Wm. Waldegrave, Governor of Newfound-
land, the sum of two hundred and thirty four pounds
thirteen shillings and two pence sterling, by two
hills on Caleb Clapham Esq. of Duke Street,
Westminster, being the balance of the sum of four
hundred pounds granted by the Society for the propa-
gation the the Gospel in Foreign parts, towards the
building of a New Church at St. John's, in the said
Island. Received also from the Honourable Governor
Waldegrave a Receipt signed by Nosuc for the sum of
£165. 6. 10 being the amount of materials furnished
by him (Nosuc) for the building the Church as
appeared by account thereof, therunto annexed.

(Sd) Richard Reed
St. John's, Nfld.

25th October 1798.

At sixty days sight please to pay this my first of Exchange (second and third of the same tenor and date unpaid) to Richard Reed Esq or Order, the sum of L374. 15. 3 and place the same, as per advice from

Your most obedient servant.

(Sd) WM. Waldegrave.

Caleb Clarham Esq.

Treasurer to the Society for
the Propagation of the Gospel
in Foreign Parts.

Duke Street,

Westminster.
Fort Townshend,

25th October 1798.

Gentlemen,

At thirty days after sight please to pay this my first of exchange second and third of the same tenor and date unpaid) to Richard Reed Esq or order, the sum of Five hundred pounds sterling and place the same as per advice from

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Messrs. Drummonds,

Charing Cross,

London.
Received the 25th day of October 1798 from the Honourable William Waldegrave, Governor of Newfoundland, the sum of five hundred pounds sterling being the amount of the sum paid into his hands by His Majesty for building a new Church at St. John's, in the said Island. I have signed two receipts of the same tenor and date.

Richard Reed.
St. John's, Newfoundland.
36th October 1768.

Sir,

We take the liberty of requesting Your Excellency to accept our warmest thanks for the favours you have shown us during the time we have had the honour of being under your command; we feel equally obliged to Your Excellency for the advantages the soldiers will derive from what you have done on their behalf, and beg leave to assure you that we shall always consider it as our first duty to render every justice to the soldiers under our command, to enable them to receive the full advantages Your Excellency has so benevolently obtained for them.

We have Ac.,

(Sd) Thomas Skinner, Col.
Nine Captains.
Seven Lieutenants and
One Ensign of the R. Nfld.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Ac. Ac. Ac.
Fort Townsend,  
25th October 1768.  

Gentlemen,  

I feel infinitely happy in having been the means of rendering the situation of the soldiers under your command and comfortable, and I am convinced that it will be the highest of your ambition to second my efforts in every respect that may tend to this purpose, as well as that of preserving good order and discipline in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  

I have au.,  

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.  

The Officers of the  
Royal Nfld. Regiment.
Port Townsend,

25th October 1798.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant soliciting my permission to proceed to England so soon as your business for this season shall have terminated, in reply thereto I beg leave to acquaint you, that you have my sanction for six months leave of absence from the day of your departure from St. John's.

I am &c.,

(Sgd) Wm. Waldegrave.

A. Buchanan Esq.

&c. &c. &c.
By the Honourable W. Waldegrave Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and the Islands adjacent.

Whereas, John Hunter, Private of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment under your command, having served as a shipwright on board several of His Majesty's ships and vessels, and being desirous of re-entering the Navy;

I request you will be pleased to order him to be discharged into the Agincourt, conformably to his request.

Given under my hand at Fort Townshend, St. John's, Newfoundland, the 26th day of October 1798.

To Colonel Thomas Skinner,
Royal Nfld. Regt.

By Command of the Governor,

(Sd) Jas. F. Rance.
Fort Townsend,

26th October 1798.

Sir,

John Weston having apprehended two seamen deserters from His Majesty's Ship Latona, I am commanded by the Governor to desire that you will be pleased to pay him forty shillings for the same, out of the monies which will arise from the Writs lately issued from the Supreme Court.

I am Ac.,

(Sd) "as. P. Range.

To Phillips Esq.
Received the twenty sixth day of September 1798 from James P. Rance (Secretary to the Honourable William Waldegrave, Governor of the Island of Newfoundland) the sum of two hundred pounds sterling in copper coin in pieces of 3d. and a penny value as part of the monthly subsistence of Colonel Skinner's Corps, to which I am Paymaster. I have signed two receipts of this tenor and date.

D. Darling, Capt. R.N.R.
Received the twenty sixth day of September 1798 from James P. Rance, Secretary to the Hamble.
W. Waldegrave, Governor of the Island of Newfoundland three thousand five hundred dollars and a quarter, which estimating the Dollar at Four shillings and sixpence sterling each, amounts to the sum of Seven hundred and eighty seven pounds, eleven shillings and one pennyhalfpenny sterling the whole of which sum is to be appropriated by me to the payment of the nett monthly subsistence of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, to which corps I am acting Paymaster. I have signed two receipts of the same tenor and date.

D. Darling,

Captain R. Nfld. "agt."
We, whose names are hereunto subscribed do hereby certify upon oath that we, at the order of the Honourable William Malcolm, Governor of Newfoundland, have taken a strict careful and impartial survey of His Majesty's Victualling Stores at this place, and find them as follows:

PORK, Twelve thousand one hundred and eighty pounds, in three thousand and forty-six pieces of which thirty-three pieces are serviceable, and three thousand and twelve pieces unfit for men to eat, three hundred and fifty-three hooks in eighteen tiers and thirty-two barrels.

FLOUR, Fifty-two thousand, eight hundred and thirty-six pounds, in one hundred and thirty-eight tiers and thirty-three barrels unfit for men to eat.

BUTTER, One thousand and twenty-five pounds in fifteen barrels, totally unfit for men to eat.

BEEF—One thousand and forty-eight pounds in two tiers and two barrels, say in one hundred and thirty-one pieces, totally unfit for men to eat.

PEASE, One thousand six hundred and forty gellers, in forty-one casks, totally unfit for men to eat.

The Pork we find to be rotten, rusty, and unfit for men to eat, owing to its being old and long shipped.

The Flour we find to be musty, sour, and
unfit for men to eat, owing to its being old, and a part appears formerly to have been damaged with salt water.

The Butter we find to be rancid, and unfit for men to eat, owing to its being old and originally of a bad quality.

The Beef we find to be stinking and unfit for men to eat; owing to its being old.

The Pease we find to be musty and damaged by salt water, totally unfit for men to eat.

The Flour is said to be received from England in the transports Tristan in July 1797, Thos. Parkinson, Master, and Kitty Nicholas, Dixon Master in May 1798.

The Pork, Beef, Butter and Pease are said to be received by the Transport Kitty, Nicholas Dixon, Master in May 182.

Philip V. Cortlandt, Capt.
John Hosier, Ensign.
Thomas Dyer, Ensign.
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Commissary's Office,
St. John's, Nfld.
23 October 1798.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to transmit annually to their Lordships with Your Excellency's approbation, an estimate of provisions necessary for the consumption of the ensuing year. Herewith I have the honour of sending you an account of provisions remaining in His Majesty's Victualling stores by which Your Excellency will perceive that there is such a quantity on hand as to render any supply for the ensuing year unnecessary, provided we could count on the present provisions holding good to the period to which they ought to last. But I cannot help believing that a very large proportion of the flour will be rejected by the Bakers for the Troops, and that it will be ultimately condemned, the only means of obviating which in my opinion will be from time to time to purchase small quantities of good American flour to mix with our present supply, and though this will swell the quantity of flour out of all proportion to the other provisions, yet in the end it will be a means of saving a great part of the present stock from condemnation; and I beg leave to suggest to Your Excellency that I am convinced from the experience of eight years as Commissary, that
that drawing all our future supplies of Flour from the United States of America, would be a very considerable saving to Government. I further presume to represent to Your Excellency, that the want of commodious stores has a great tendency to injure the provisions, by preventing the possibility of inspecting them so minutely as they require; this inconvenience has been felt by the large quantity in store, the expenditures having been greatly lessened by the Volunteers ceasing to draw rations. This representation has been protracted by waiting for the termination of the last survey, without which the present return would have been incomplete.

I have &c.,

(Ed) WJerres,
Commissary.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Agincourt, St. John's,
36th October 1798.

Gentlemen,

I have it in command from the Governor to esquire of you on what grounds you report certain provisions, mentioned in your report of the survey taken yesterday, as having been brought to St. John's, in the Kitty or Triton transports, and whether this information can be confirmed on oath if required.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Jas. P. Rance.

Captain V. Cortlandt.

Ensigns Dyer and Mossler

Royal Newfound Land "rgt."
Fort Townsend,

26th October 1798.

Sir,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to us of this day's date, stating that you have it in command from the Governor to enquire of us what grounds we report certain provisions, mentioned in our report of the survey taken yesterday, as having been brought to St. John's in the Kitty and Triton transports, and whether this information can be confirmed on oath, if possible.

In reply we have to state for the Governors information, that we were informed by Mr. Eyres and his Clerk Mr. George Winter, that the provisions were received in these vessels and in reply to the last enquiry we now enclose a letter which we have received from Mr. Eyres, informing us that Mr. George Winter is ready (if required) to declare on oath that the provisions surveyed by us yesterday, were received from the Kitty and Triton transport victuallers.

We have &c.,

P.V. Cottlandt, Captain.
John Mesier Ensign.
Thomas Owte, Ensign.

J.P. Range Esq.
Commissary's Office,
St. John's,
26th October 1798.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of this date, I have to inform you that Mr. G. Winter Clerk to the Commissary is ready if required to declare on oath that the provisions surveyed by you yesterday, were received from the Triton and Kitty Transports, the former of which arrived in July 1797 and the latter in May last.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. J. Erres.

Commissary of Provisions.

To

Captain V. Curtlandt,
Ensigns Hosier a d Dwyer.

Royal Nfld. Regiment.
By the Honourable W. Waldegrave, Governor and 
Commander in Chief, in and over the Island of 
Newfoundland and the Islands adjacent.

Whereas at a survey held on provisions at 
His Majesty's Victualling store at this place,
the several articles mentioned on the other side
were occasioned the like to be sold publicly, under
the direction of the Surveyors.
You will hereunto receive a warrant from the 
Vendue masters of the Island of Newfoundland,
empowering you to act in his behalf at the sale
abovementioned, and you are to be careful in the
performance of this duty, that you cause the iron
heeps and casks to be sold together with the articles
contained in them, the amount whereof you are to
deliver to the Commissary of Provisions, to be by him
placed to the credit of Government.

Given under my hand at Fort Townsend, the 26th
day of October 1798.

H. Phillips Esq.

Ac. Ac. Ac.

by Command of the Governor,
(Sd) Jas. P. Rance.
Port Townsend,

26th October 1798.

Gentlemen,

I am commanded by the Governor to transmit to you the accompanying order for the disposal of the Provisions surveyed by you at His Majesty's Victualling Store at this place. Although this order states that the sale of the provisions shall be conducted under your directions, still His Excellency cannot help communicating to you his ideas of the mode proper to be pursued, as the most beneficial to His Majesty. As the Merchants of St. John's are the only persons who can possibly become purchasers of large lots of each species of these provisions, it is recommended by His Excellency to be sold in small quantities, by which measure the lower class of the inhabitants will have a fair opportunity of buying such parts thereof, as they may deem most essential to their maintenance during the ensuing winter.

I am ordered to inform you that Mr. Denry Phillips has obtained the Governor's Order for officiating as Deputy Venture Master at the above public sale, you will therefore consider this notification to be sufficient for his acting in that capacity.

His Excellency commands me to add that in speaking of small lots he means that not more than one
one cask of each article should constitute such lot.

I am &c.,

(Sgd) Jas. P. Range.

To

Captain Cortlandt,
Ensigs Hosier and Dwyer.
Royal Bfld. Regiment.
By the Honourable W. Waldegrave, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland. Sc. Ac. Ac.

Whereas it appears by the Report of Survey transmitted herewith, that the Provisions therein contained are damaged and unfit for men to eat.

I do hereby direct you to cause the said damaged provisions to be sold publicly, by the Commissary under your directions, for the best price that can be gotten for the same. The said Commissary to receive the amount and charge the same to the credit of Government.

Given under my hand at Fort Townshend, St. John's, Newfoundland, the 26th October 1792.

(Sgd) Wm. Waldegrave.

To

Capt. P.V. Cortlandt,
Ensigns Hosier and Dwyer,
Royal Nfld. Regiment.

by Command of the Governor,
(Sgd) Jas. F. Rams. 
St. John's,

26th October 1793.

Sir,

We had the honour to receive last evening your letter of the 25th October, ith its enclosures, in consequence of which we have wrote to Mr. 'Henry Phillips, directing him to affix Public advertisements, and also for the Bell man to publish that Thursday next the provisions condemned by us will be sold by him in very small lots, on the King's Beach—and that he is to take as payment, cash, small bills, or good orders.

We think no more than a barrel of Pork or Beef should be put up in a lot—and that the Casks of Butter may be cut in two and half a cask sold in a lot for the Pork and Butter, be it ever so bad, can be used by the Poor in making soap.

The Pease we wish to have sold Two bushels in a lot as in that case it may be used to feed Pigs and Poultry, is fit for nothing else. Our reasons for delaying the sale so long are, that Bills and Cash will be more in circulation at that time, than at present, and to enable every poor person to be sufficiently informed of the intended sale, that they may be provided accordingly.

We have etc.,

P.V. Cortlandt, Captain.

John Hazier, Ensign.

Thos. Dwyer, Ensign.

Royal Nfld. Regiment.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Agincourt,  
30th October 1798.

Sir,  

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, together with the enclosure therein contained, copies of which I shall lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on my arrival in England.

I am &c.,  

(Signed) Mr. Waldgrave.

W.J. Bryes Esq.
Agincourt,
St. John's,
26th October 1798.

Sir,

The Officers who held a survey yesterday on the damaged provisions in His Majesty's victualling store at this place, having transmitted to me your letter of this day's date, informing them that Mr. George Winter your Clerk is ready if required to declare on oath that the provisions surveyed yesterday were received from the Triton and Nitty transports Victuallers, and as I do not conceive that while you are on the spot at the arrival of provisions that your Clerk alone should be permitted to take the accounts thereof, I must beg that both yourself and Mr. Winter may make affidavit to the reception of the provisions yesterday condemned for survey, provided you have no objection to the measure.

In case the wind should be favourable for my departure tomorrow, I will order a boat at Brown's wharf at half past seven to bring yourself and clerk on board the Ahiscourt for the above purpose; but if unfavourable, a boat will be ready for you at that wharf at 10 o'clock.

I am Ac.

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

W.J. Eres Esq.

Commissary of Provisions.
Commissary's Office,

St. John's,

25th October 1798.

Sir,

In obedience to Your Excellency's letter of this date, I have to inform you that I shall be ready with my Clerk to take the affidavit required on board the Agincourt.

I have &c.,

(Sd) W.J. Erpes.

His Excellency

The Governor.
At a survey held on provisions at His Majesty's Victualling store at St. John's, Nfld. on the twenty-fifth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, the following articles were reported unfit for men to eat:

- Pork, 3012 pieces
- Flour 52, 856 pounds
- Butter, 1025 pounds
- Beef, 131 pieces
- Pease, 1040 gallons

and the articles above written are reported to have been received at His Majesty's said Victualling Store from the Triton transport in July 1797, and the Kitty transport in May 1798. We, William Isham Eppes Commissary of Provisions, and George Winter his Clerk do jointly and severally solemnly swear, that the aforesaid provisions were actually received at the times and in the manner beforementioned.

W. I. Eppes.
Geo. Winter.

Sworn before me at St. John's the 27th October 1798 in the presence of the Governor.

Jona. Ogden, J.P.
Fort Townsend,

25th October 1798.

Sir,

As I intend embarking this day at two o'clock I desire you will take charge of the Government House and Furniture.

You are to permit Captain Edgell to reside in the House during the winter months, and for the time he shall possess the same you are to furnish a proportion of fuel for three rooms, the kitchen included, to which you will add one room's allowance of fuel from the day of my departure until fires may be no longer necessary, the House having very materially suffered last winter from damp.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Robert Bollard Esq.
Agincourt,
St. John's,
27th October 1798.

Sir,

The copper coin sent to Newfoundland by directions of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, having been circulated in this Island, except L150 delivered to Colonel Thos. Skipper for the payment of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, you will herewith receive an account current thereof; as likewise the Bills of Exchange therein mentioned.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Chas. Long Esq.

Ac. Ac. Ac.
Agincourt, at Sea,
20th October 1767.

My Lord,

Hereewith I have the honour to lay before Your Grace for the inspection of the Board of Control a survey held the 20th day of this month on His Majesty's Victualling stores at St. John's. Although I by no means charge any with malpractices or even neglect relative to the state in which the above provisions appear to have been found, yet I confess it seems to me to be highly necessary that the affair should be most rigidly scrutinised by the Board of Control. It is true that the Provisions in question were shipped long ago for Newfoundland, nevertheless, when we come to consider the enormous quantity that has been found unfit for men to eat, it leaves strong suspicions that either the provisions were originally bad, or improperly stowed on board the Transports that carried them to the Island, or were not taken due care of since landed at St. John's. The report of survey was delivered to me only on the day of my embarking for England, although the order for the survey was given the day following on which it was applied for. It may not perhaps be an unworthy enquiry why these provisions were not surveyed or examined in May last, had this been done the few pieces of rotten meat that might have been then found would have been separated from the good.
in which case I am firmly of opinion that some hundreds of pounds would have been saved to Government. I gave it last year as my opinion to the Board of Control that so long as Government directs of sufferers condemned provisions to be sold in the Island of Newfoundland, so long will the quantity of Provisions condemned be found to be enormous. The Board was pleased to think that the sale of such provisions will be a considerable saving to Government, therefore I have directed the sale of the late condemned provisions to be made in such a manner as I believe to be best calculated to second the above economical design. I must acknowledge that I have great hopes that this new mode will be found to answer, should it not, I am confident some other will.

As the report of survey, speaking of the condemned, provisions, says, "said to have been received from England in the Transports Triton in July 1797 and Kitty in May 1797 and as this expression appeared to me rather vague, (the more especially as during the absence of the Commissary last winter, such provisions were purchased by his Deputy a merchant residing and selling provisions in the town of St. John's, I demanded of the Commissary by letter whether this assertion could be maintained on oath. In consequence of this demand, both the Commissary and his Clerk have sworn in my presence to the
the fact. Nothing further consequently could be said on the subject. On my arrival at St. John’s, September 27th I directed the Commissary to send me immediately copies of the Vouchers of such provisions as had been purchased by him, in order that I might fully investigate them, nevertheless they were not forwarded until the 24th October at night, supposing that I was to sail on the following day for England. This unforeseen delay on the part of the Commissary left me no time to examine his accounts, having arranged my departure for the 28th I embarked on that day and sailed on the 27th. What made me less solicitous to enquire closely into this business was, that the Commissary has my permission to pass the winter in England for the purpose of carrying out his family to St. John’s by the next spring convoy, the Board of Control will therefore have the opportunity to go as deeply into this matter as it may deem necessary.

I am well aware that Your Grace has not leisure to examine details of this kind, but I am confident that you will no be less surprised and shocked than myself, when you hear that on examining 30477 pieces of Pork, that only 32 pieces should have been found fit for men to eat. That 82,836 pounds of flour, 1025 pounds of butter, 181 pieces of beef and 1640 gallons of Pease have been utterly spoiled, estimating the value of these provisions, according to
to the prices paid by Government for them last winter at St. John's, the sum will be found to be nearly £1456.

Where the blame lies I cannot presume to say but that blame lies somewhere is past a doubt, and this the Board of Control will probably soon discover.

As Captain Cartland (one of the Officers of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment employed on the late survey of provisions, informed me that he heard a person present at the condemnation of the provisions, say that he thought they would produce by sale two or three hundred pounds, I have in consequence given directions for the sale. I hope these will be found well devised to check any intended monopoly, and at the same time such as may ben fit the poor. The result of this sale will serve in a great measure to ascertain the state of the provisions at the time of their condemnation by survey, a matter of no trifling importance.

Before I quit the subject of provisions, I think it necessary to observe to Your Grace that it appears to me on looking over the Commissary's accounts of last winter, that provisions both fresh and salt were unnecessarily purchased at St. John's, Newfoundland. In this conjecture I very possibly may be mistaken as I had not leisure previous to my sailing to enquire into these accounts, and having no papers at present by me to shew the quantity of provisions carried
carried out to St. John's last spring in the kitty transport, it is impossible for me to speak to this point with any degree of certainty, at all events the subject requires further investigation.

I have &c.,

(Signed Wm. Waldegrave.

His Grace

The Duke of Portland.

&c. &c. &c.
Trinity,

19th October 1798.

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, cautioning me against giving grants of land on the application of any person for that purpose.

I am these anxious to embrace this opportunity to inform Your Excellency that I never encouraged or gave leave to any person or persons whatever my permission to enclose a vacant spot of ground of the smallest extent—nor did I ever entertain the most distant thought of furnishing them with grants, to hold what I conceived I had no authority to dispose of; to incur your disapprobation in any instance would give me inexpressible concern, but on the contrary to merit your good opinion, the greatest pleasure. I therefore solicit leave to assure Your Excellency that I shall on all occasions make it my constant study to preserve the latter and avoid the former; and with this assurance, I beg leave to subscribe myself with all due deference and respect

Your Excellency's most obedient servant—

(Signed) John Clinch.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Trinity,

20th October 1796.

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your favour on the 13th instant, respecting the representation made by Messrs. Way and Street to Captain Warner of His Majesty's slop Shark, setting forth the inconveniences and a risk of considerable loss sustained by them in consequence of ensign Welch and Lieut. LeBreton having enlisted their servants in the months of May and June last.

I request leave to inform Your Excellency that neither of those officers had my sanction for enlisting men at the season of the year aforesaid. On the contrary I was very much averse to such proceedings and informed Lieut. LeBreton and should have done the same by ensign Welch had he called on me that I thought it a very improper time for raising recruits, and if persisted in, the Fishery must suffer very considerably by such measures. I was given to understand by Lieut. LeBreton that Colonel Skinner wished to complete the Regiment as soon as possible; that he was under the necessity of obeying his orders; and that he was sent on the retaing service for that purpose. I therefore conceived he had on his part sufficient authority for so doing, but I beg leave to say I never received the least information from Lieut. LeBreton or ensign Welch of their having received
received positive instructions from Colonel Skinner to consult the Magistrates on all occasions consequently neither of those Officers complied with such injunctions in regard to the enlisting the servants of Messrs. Way and Street.

To accompany this I have sent Mr. Way's statement of the damages he has sustained and as Mr. Street is now at St. John's I suppose he will represent the business to you in every particular.

Agreeable to your request I beg leave to inform Your Excellency that I have made particular enquiry and consulted the several merchants here, how far such proceedings if tolerated might prove injurious to the Fishery and Trade of this Island, and after weighing the result of the conferences had with those gentlemen, in my own mind, I beg leave to lay before Your Excellency the following particulars. The Merchants and Bootkeepers trading to and residing in this part of the Island, in order to carry on the Fishery are under the unavoidable necessity of shipping a certain number of servants in the autumn, who are engaged in different employments during the winter months, some in catching seals in nets, while others are building boats or providing timber for stages, flaks, and other necessary repairs for their rooms. As the Spring advances most of these servants are employed killing seals on the drift ice, which generally commences about the 26th or 30th March.
March. Now as these servants are supplied at a considerable expense, more than is adequate to the labour they can perform (some few excepted) in the months of November, December, January and February, and during these months are supplied with many necessaries from their masters for their own private use, to be accounted for out of their summer’s wages, consequently if they are taken from their service when the winter months are elapsed, such advances must be lost to their employers, together with the advantages that might be expected from their labour in the spring, and more particularly during the cod fishery, exclusive of the disappointment occasioned thereby. In all communities a number of unprincipled persons are always to be found, those of that class if suffered would run out of their wages as fast as possible; and be the first to grasp at every opportunity that may offer to disappoint their employers, and cheat them of what they have taken up on credit, especially when tempted by the irresistible charms of money, a bowl of grog, and fair speeches—

From this statement of the business I beg leave to offer it as my opinion that if the recruiting service is tolerated, and the servants upon every trifling pretence are allowed to leave their service at or before the commencement of the fishery season, I conceive such measures cannot fail of
of proving highly injurious to the Fishery and Trade of this Island.

Submitting the whole to Your Excellency's wiser judgment, I beg leave to subscribe myself Your Excellency's obedient servant.

(Signed) George Whittle.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Placentia,
November 7th 1798.

Sir,

I had the honour of receiving Your Excellency's letter of the 27th of September informing me that I had your permission to occupy the vacant quarters here.

I beg leave to return you my most grateful thanks for your kind attention.

I have the

(S) John Evans.

His Excellency
The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave.
Placentia,
7th November 1798.

Sir,

On my return here from Fortune Bay on the 28th October I had the honour of receiving Your Excellency's letter of the 27th of September. On enquiry I found that no letter from me could reach St. John's before your departure for Europe after that date.

It gives me great anxiety that I should have been absent both the last and present year when your letters to me came to Placentia; which prevented my returning an answer in time to be received by you in this country; when you are made acquainted with the cause of my absence I humbly hope you will excuse the seeming inattention. I every year, some time in the summer, visit the different harbours in this district, and this year on the repeated solicitations of many of the inhabitants, went into Fortune Bay, its extent together with other unavoidable delays made my return here much later than I expected. In going from one harbour to another I am under the necessity of embracing such opportunities as may offer, which makes the time of my return so precarious. The uncertainty of the place I may be at, makes it also highly improper to forward any letter of consequence to me, as I might by that means never receive it. These reasons I hope will fully shew the cause of our receiving no letter from me when
when in this Island; together with my letter of this year to Dr. Morice I have inclosed copies of letters written in 1796 and 1797. I can account for the loss of some of the letters I wrote to the Society, as I have certain information that the vessels I wrote by were either lost or taken by the enemy. No others have miscarried I cannot possibly apprehend, unless they were wilfully detained, a practice I believe quite common. With sincere wishes for your safe return to England, I have the honour to be with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant

(Sd) John Evans.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Agincourt,
Spithead,
13th November 1798.

My Lord,

I beg leave to have the honour of laying before Your Grace the accompanying papers for your inspection.

As the Chief Justice agreed perfectly with me in opinion that his predecessor was by no means justifiable in stopping the Sheriff's fees in order to expedite the liquidation of the district debt, I have complied with the prayer set forth in the Sheriff's memorial. This I have the more readily accorded aforesaid by Your Grace's instructions to me the Sheriff is no longer to receive any fees, but in lieu thereof such compensation as I shall judge necessary for his trouble; as I should apprehend that it would be far more eligible in every respect, and certainly more pleasing to all parties, to make this compensation a settled salary I must beg leave to offer it as my opinion to Your Grace, that I consider the sum of ten shillings per diem as not more than adequate to the Sheriff's present fees, his risk in advancing money, and the trouble attending his office.

I can with pleasure add, that from a strict examination of the Sheriff's accounts, and his general conduct and character I have every reason
to believe him to be a very diligent civil officer
and honest man.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

His Grace
The Duke of Portland,
&c. &c. &c.
Portland Place,

18 November 1793.

Sir,

I am sorry to find myself under the very unpleasant necessity of requesting you to lay before the Society the accompanying letters.

Mr. Evans left Placentia before he could have received my letter of the 27th September which in some measure accounts for its remaining unanswered. It was generally supposed at Placentia that Mr. Evans did not intend returning to that place, and by some it was conjectured that he meant to leave the Island entirely; the last I heard of him, was his being at one of the harbours on the Western Coast.

What makes this case truly lamentable is, that Mr. Evans has left behind him at Placentia a wife and six children. The conduct of Mr. Evans has been such, as renders it utterly impossible for him to remain at Newfoundland as a missionary, but I cannot conclude this letter without strongly soliciting the Society to take into its consideration, the distressed situation of his wretched wife and children.

I am &c.,
(Sd) W. Waldegrave.

The Revd. Dr. Mericq,

&c. &c. &c.
Newfoundland,
20 November 1798.

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose the terms on which Mr. Bovey relinquis has his right as tenant to Mr. Babb, the Proprietor of the ground contiguous to the Church yard, which has, in consequence of your order of the 23rd of October last, been surveyed and estimated for the purpose of enlarging the burial ground.

It appears that Bovey has received for the aforementioned ground, the sum of Fourteen pounds annually, and there are ten years of his lease unexpired.

On this business I have consulted Mr. Ogden and Mr. Harries who are of opinion Mr. Bovey's demand is by no means unreasonable, and I trust this document, with the Surveyors report, will be found sufficient to effect a settlement in England with Mr. Babb to your satisfaction.

I have &c.

(Sd) W. Carter.

His Excellency

The Governor.
Whereas a part of the Premises rented by me of Thomas Babb, of Sexton Abbot, in the County of Devi, consisting of a small Flase in front, and garden in the rear, tentigious to the Church yard of St. John's having been surveyed by order of the Honourable William Waidegrave Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-land for the enlargement of the burial ground, which flase and garden aforesaid has been leased at the sum of thirtee pounds annuallly.

I do hereby acknowledge myself fully satisfied on receiving the sum of Fifty pounds, being deemed by me a full compensation for the unexpired term of ten years which I have on the said premises, and on receipt thereof I do hereby quit all claim or demand on the aforesaid Thomas Babb the proprietor, or any other person or persons whatsoever.

Witness my hand in St. John's, this 19th day of November 1798.

Lawrence Bovey.

Witness

Jno. Williams.
St. John's, Nfld.

22nd November 1795.

Sir,

I beg leave to inform Your Excellency that I have disposed of the condemned provisions, sales of which I now do myself the honour to enclose. Meat proceeds say Four hundred and three pounds, eight shillings; have in conformity with your orders to me, accounted for with William I. Eyres Esq. Commissary At feet we have the current price of Beef, Pork, Flour and Butter when my auction took place.

I have &c.

Henry Phillips.

His Excellency the Governor.


Beef per barrel 80 shillings.

do. Tierce. 120 shillings.

Pork barrel 90 shillings.

do Tierce 130 shillings.

Butter per lb. 12d.

Flour per barrel 80 shillings.

do. per tierce 82 shillings.
St. John's,
20 November 1697.

Sir,

Major Aldridge having returned to this place and the faculty judging it absolutely necessary for the preservation of Mrs. Skinner's life to remove her to a milder climate, I shall make use of Your Excellency's leave and go with her to Lisbon, when that Convoy sails.

I have &c.

(Sgd) Thos. Skinner,
Colonel Royal Nfld. Regt.

His Excellency

The Hon. W. Waldegrave,
Governor and Commander in Chief.
Harbour Grace,
1st December 1798.

May it please your Excellency,

I have taken the liberty of addressing Your Excellency in a few lines, respecting my private concerns, which I hope you will excuse.

The purport of which is to observe to Your Excellency that since I was honoured with the Commission of a Magistrate and Surrogate for the district of Concepcion Bay, I have laboured under many inconveniences, as it has subjected me to much loss of time and to many expenses, by being obliged to pay the officers and other charges attending the due execution of my office.

Indeed, sir, if I ought without vanity be permitted to speak of myself, I have truly in the long course of my acting in a public capacity (say forty-five years) disinterestedly studied and laboured to promote the common good, I have been zealous in my service to the Government, and thereby neglected embracing the several advantages that had incidently offered in the course of that time; which if I had done, would have secured me a comfortable competence in the decline of life.

The great reliance I have in Your Excellency's humanity and goodness, induces me to request (and indeed to cherish the hope) that you will be pleased to use your influence in obtaining for me some compensation for my long services, and which I presume might be effectually done, by annexing
a salary or some permanent consideration to the
office of magistrate or surrogate as Your
Excellency may deem most proper.

I have Ac.

(3d) Chas. Garland.

His Excellency

The Hon. Wm. Waldo Pave.

Governor and Commander in Chief.
Portland Place,  
8th December 1798. 

My Lord, 

I beg leave to have the honour to state to Your Grace that Dr. J. Ogden, the present Custos of the Town of St. John's and magistrate over all the Island of Newfoundland, hath exercised the office of magistrate for many years, to the great satisfaction of all the Inhabitants. 

The assistance that I received from this Gentleman during the last season, was such as demands my warmest acknowledgments, as without it I should on many occasions have been greatly embarrassed. Scarcely a day passed that I did not find myself under a necessity of sending for him to enquire into the ancient usages of the Island, the character in individuals &c. and I never had once reason to be dissatisfied with the result of these enquiries. 

Dr. Ogden's Private practice as a Physician and Surgeon, brought him in an income of L200 per annum at least, but this he has nearly sacrificed to attend to his duties as a magistrate. His fees as a magistrate do not exceed L20 per annum one fourth of which he annually subscribes to the new charitable fund lately established at St. John's. His good sense, integrity, justice and humanity, added to his local knowledge of Newfoundland, have long since gained him the goodwill and esteem of all ranks and descriptions of persons in the Island. All these points
points considered, leaves me to hope that Your Grace will not deem it an unreasonable request should I apply to you to grant him a salary of £150 per annum either as Custos and Magistrate over all the Island (a post which gives him very additional trouble) or by any other title Your Grace may think more proper. This salary may be paid as that of the Chief Justice's that is, from the sums arising from fees, fines and forfeitures that are, since the late wise regulations, paid into the hands of the Governor.

Dr. Ogden has been peculiarly unfortunate in his private affairs of late. The year before last he was captured by a French Privateer on his passage with his wife to Newfoundland, when he lost everything that he had on board and last year on his arrival at St. John's he found that his house had been just burnt down to the ground, without a single article of furniture being saved.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

His Grace

The Duke of Portland

&c. &c. &c.
Portland Place,
13 December 1798.

Sir,

I beg leave to represent to you that the L6000 worth of Dollars conveyed to Newfoundland in the Agincourt, for the payment of His Majesty's Troops serving in that Island, was delivered in charge of my Secretary, and by him paid to the Colonel and Paymaster of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, as appears by the vouchers already transmitted to you. I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to grant him the usual commission of 2 1-3 per cent. for the trouble he experienced in the performance of the above service.

I am.

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

The Right Honourable
Thomas Steele,
Ac. Ac. Ac.
Portland Place,
15 December 1798.

Sir,

I beg you will be pleased to represent to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury that the thousand pounds worth of copper coin sent to Newfoundland on board the Agincourt, was given in charge of my Secretary, and as he experienced much trouble in circulating the above money, I trust their Lordships will be pleased to grant him the usual commission of two and a half per cent. I judge it proper to remark that the whole of the copper coin was in circulation at St. John's previous to my departure from that place, except £150 which was reserved for the next payment of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, but I must also remark that the circulation was not affected without much difficulty written notices having been fixed in the most public parts of the town, offering copper coin in change of any sum even so low as four dollars, without a single application being made at the Secretary's Office for that purpose.

I am Ac.

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Chas. Long Esq.
Treasury Chambers,
14th December 1798.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated Fort Townshend, Newfoundland 27th October last enclosing an account current of the distribution of the copper coins sent to that place by the directions of this Board with the receipts of the paymaster of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment for the sum of two hundred pounds and two hundred pounds—of Colonel Skinner, Commandant of the St. John's Regiment for £150 delivered to them, and also Bills of Exchange for the sums of £200-£3200 and £50 distributed to other persons.

I am &c.,

Chas. Long.

His Excellency
The Hon. Wm. Waldegrave.

&c.  &c.  &c.
Treasury Chambers,
14th December 1798.

Sir,

Having laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury a Report of the Comptrollers of Army Accounts dated 20th November last, on a letter from Mr. Commissary Eyres advising of Bills drawn by Mr. Cormack acting Commissary at Newfoundland for £305 for provisions purchased for the Troops there, and transmitting vouchers for the same—wherein the Comptrollers state that the whole of the said purchases do not appear to have been made in conformity to an order from Colonel Skipper the Commandant, I am commanded by their Lordships to transmit the said papers to you, and to request you will state your opinion as to the propriety of the said purchases having been made.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Chas. Long.

His Excellency

The Hon. W. Waldegrave.
St. John's, Nfld.

20 May 1798.

My Lords,

Herewith I have the honour of transmitting to you, Vouchers for the purchase of provisions by Alexander Cormack Esq. Acting Commissary of Provisions, for the use of His Majesty's Troops in this Island, in conformity to an order from Colonel Skinner, Commandant.

These purchases were made before my arrival in this Island the present year; and consequently could not be regulated by the third article of the Instructions. I had the honour of receiving from Your Lordships at Falmouth, the receipt of which I from thence acknowledged, but I have carefully examined into this transaction, which I find perfectly just and correct, and I trust the Bills drawn by Mr. Cormack on Your Lordships for this service, will meet your attention.

I have &c.,

(Sd) W.J. Erres.

Commissary of provisions.

The Right Honourable

The Lords Commissioners

of His Majesty's Treasury.
Comptroller's Office,
20 November 1798.

My Lords,

Mr. Long having by Your Lordships commands on the 17th instant, referred to us for our opinion and report thereon, a letter from Mr. Commissary Erres, dated St. John's, Newfoundland 20th May 1798 advising of bills drawn by Mr. Cormack, Acting Commissary there, for £255 for provisions purchased by him for the use of His Majesty's Troops in that Island, and transmitting vouchers for the same.

We have investigated the said papers, and find that the purchases in payment for which the said bills are drawn are as follows, viz:-

- Pot 36,000 lbs. £1980.
- Flour 41,260 477, 10.
- Butter 4,228 lbs. 208. 8.
- Pease 300 bushels 100. 0.0.
- Fish 368 quintals 294. 8.
- Potatis 400 barrels 210. 0.0.

which purchases appear to have been made in the months of January, April and May 1798.

We further find that the whole of the said purchases do not appear to have been made in conformity to an order from Colonel Skinner, Commandant, as stated in Mr. Erres' letter-

Colonel Skinner's letter dated 10th January 1798 authorising the purchase of no other supplies than
than Fish and Potatoes sufficient to last the Troops one month, which articles do not appear to have been purchased till the May following, and such a proportion of the best flour as would enable the Bakers to make good and wholesome Bread for the Troops, Mr. Cormack having represented the bad quality of the Flour then in His Majesty's stores.

It appears that a complete supply of all sorts of provisions for 1500 persons was provided for Newfoundland in the year 1787, for the service of the present year which provisions were shipped on board the Triton and the Kitty: the former of which arrived safe under the convoy of Admiral Waldegrave in 1787 but the Kitty having received considerable damage was obliged to return to Plymouth, from whence she sailed for Newfoundland early in the present year.

From the above statement we submit that the purchases made by Mr. Cormack of Peck, butter and Pease appear to have been so made, without any authority from the Commandant, and necessity of making such purchases appears doubtful.

Subject to these observations we report to Your Lordships that we have examined the vouchers for the purchases and find them regular, and the rates are attested by merchants on the spot, to be at the lowest market prices. The computations have also been checked.
checked and found correct, the whole amounting as stated to £2,333, being the hole of the bills drawn.

We have &c.

John Dick.

Jno. M. Leake.

The Right Honourable

The Lords Commissioners of

His Majesty's Treasury.
Portland Place,
13 December 1798.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, transmitting me a Report of the Comptrollers of Army Accounts on a letter from Mr. Commissary Evans, advising of bills drawn by Mr. Cormack, acting Commissary at Newfoundland, for £3,355 for provisions purchased for the Troops there, and requesting me to state my opinion as to the propriety of the said purchases having been made.

I must first beg leave to observe that I had the honour to address a letter to His Grace the Duke of Portland on the 30th October last in which I offered as an opinion, that provisions had been unnecessarily purchased for the garrison of St. John's during the last winter. I by no means presume to take upon myself to say that the above measure was absolutely unnecessary. I only say that it appeared to me to be so, and from this plain reason: The Garrison of St. John's is directed to be constantly completed to twelve months. Provisions and no more. The return of remaining provisions in store for the use of His Majesty's Troops at St. John's was delivered to me by the Commissary the night preceding my sailing for England, consequently I had not leisure at such a moment, to examine its contents. When this opportunity offered itself, I confess that it was not without
without some degree of surprise that I beheld by the Commissary's return, that the Garrison of St. John's was furnished with a proportion of

- Beef for 24 months
- Pork for 21 "
- Fleur for 21 1,2 months.
- Butter for 14 q-2 months.
- Pease for 14 1-2 months
- Hibe for 12 months

whilst the general order for victualling the Garrison is limited to twelve months provisions only.

What rendered my astonishment still greater was that this return of provisions was made me twelve hours subsequent to the condemnation of so large a proportion of Pork, Beef, Fleur, Pease &c. as induced me to represent the case to His Grace the Duke of Portland, as an object meriting the strictest enquiry. This letter is dated the 29th October last, and I have to request that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury will do me the honour to examine its contents. If their Lordships will be pleased to direct that the above condemned provisions be added to the return of provisions before mentioned and from these deduct twelve months provisions for the Garrison, they will then be enabled in some measure, to judge of the necessity of the purchases made by the deputy Commissary in the month of April last. At the time the above purchases were made it
must have been known at St. John's that the kitty was on her passage for Newfoundland with provisions for the Garrison, therefore under such circumstances it is for their Lordships to determine on the propriety of the measure in question. It is necessary here to observe that Provisions ever carry a high price in Newfoundland during the spring, and that this decreased with the arrival of the provision vessels. In the month of April the Deputy Commissary made his purchase of Pork at 6 and 7 L per barrel, had he delayed his purchases until the month of June, admitting the non-arrival of the kitty which reached St. John's in May) the same Pork would probably have not exceeded at most 15 per barrel. As their Lordships seem desirous to give this business a close and minute investigation, I must beg leave to say that they cannot examine a more proper person on this occasion than Captain Warren of His Majesty's Sloop Shark, he is a most sensible, intelligent officer, on whose energy and integrity their Lordships may place the fullest reliance. Captain Warren not only passed the sister at St. John's, but was applied to by Colonel Skinner to assist him in procuring provisions for the Garrison. Captain Warren with a zeal and activity that did equal honour to him as an officer and a seaman, was making every possible exertion to get his stores in readiness for the occasion, but before this was perfectly completed Colonel Skinner thanked
thanked him, but said he had no further need of his assistance.

I shall now take the liberty to subjoin for their Lordships inspection, the copy of an Order from Colonel Skinner to the Deputy Commissary, by which it will appear that the latter was authorised to purchase pork, though not Butter and Pease. I mention this circumstance, as the Comptrollers of Army Accounts seem to be ignorant of it.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.

Chas. Long Esq.

&c. &c. &c.
Whitehall,  
16th August 1798.

Sir,

I send you enclosed copies of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament to prevent the exportation of base Copper Coin or base foreign coin to His majesty's Colonies in the West Indies and North America, which you will make as public as possible within the Island under your Government as information of any base copper coin or base foreign coin current in His majesty's Colonies being imported into the Island of Newfoundland, (should such an event happen) may lead to a conviction of the offenders here, you will take care to transmit me such information with the necessary proofs and documents in support of it, for the purpose of the parties concerned in it being prosecuted in pursuance of the Act which you will receive enclosed.

I am &c.,

(Sd) Portland.

The Honourable
Vice Admiral Waldegrave.
St. John's,
16th December 1798.

Sir,

Immediately after your sailing I called on Mr. N. Phillips respecting the business of Wall and Cockram, the information received from him was nothing more than had been stated by Captain Warren, nor can I add more to Mr. Ogden's statement than that William Cockram in January last was at Dartmouth and there took the command of a ship called the Robert belonging to the United States of America and sailed for Baltimore.

The people are quiet and peaceable here and I believe they are the same at the Outports.

I am &c.,

(S) W. Carter.

His Excellency

The Hon. W. Waldegrave,
Commander in Chief.

&c. &c. &c.
Portland Place,
10th December 1798.

my Lord,

I consider it to be my duty to make known to Your Grace that the defences for the security of the harbour of St. John's, are at present in so unsettled a state, as to require an immediate and serious consideration.

The lower forts have been very properly (to a certain degree) dismantled, that is, all the heavy ordnance have been removed from thence to the new batteries on the heights, which have been very judiciously erected for the protection of the harbor, and the security of the most tenable post on the Island. The whole of these new works have not been completed, according to the original plan, and it is question I believe now before the Board of Ordnance whether they ever shall be so or not.

As the whole of the pains are now before His Majesty's Chief Engineer (and I am most thoroughly persuaded that they can not be in better hands) no doubt but that due attention will be paid to them when leisure can be found for that purpose. But what I wish to represent to Your Grace is, that in the mean time the necessary appendages to the works in question should be completed so far as to render the works themselves tenable. What I mean by necessary appendages, are barracks, store cases, magazines &c.
as without these, the fortifications can be of little service. I should not have troubled Your Grace on this head at present but for two reasons, first that as a Surveyor is just returned from St. John's with surveys of the old barracks, and estimates of their necessary repairs, it will probably be considered as an unwise measure, to lay out much money on these, at a moment when new barracks are wanting on a different spot; secondly, as I understand that a Brigadier General is going to command the troops in Newfoundland it is far better that he should be made acquainted with the real state of the barracks and fortifications at St. John's, before his departure from hence, than to have to complain of absolute wants after his arrival there. At all events, my Lord, as my military command is now to cease (unless in case of martial law) I wish to avoid the reproach of having left the military defences of St. John's in a most unfinished and unsettled state, without first giving an official notice of the same to Your Grace, according to my instructions. I believe I may venture to affirm that no military commander would be ambitious of being put on the defensive at the harbour of St. John's until barracks, storehouses, magazines &c. shall be erected, but when this is effected, I have no doubt but the place might make a very good defence - although the works are by no means completed.

His Grace

I have &c.

The Duke of Portland. (Sd) Wm. Waldegrave.
St. John's, Newfoundland.
19th December 1796.

Sir,

We embrace this opportunity of offering you the very sincere and unfeigned thanks of the Public in general, for the unremitting and zealous application you have been pleased to bestow both in promoting and forwarding the building of our new Church, among the many advantages derived from your kind interference in the business, give us leave particularly to mention that of your goodness in bringing out in His Majesty's Ship Agincourt under your command the various materials purchased by you in England for the above laudable purpose, a favour by which upwards of Forty pounds, was saved to the subscribers in freight, ready payment, and insurance.

You are in some degree acquainted how we have been deceived through the ignorance of the undertaker in the first expense, that the building will cost nearly double his estimate. The money is now all expended, and we find that Eight hundred pounds will be required to complete the Church, the whole of the subscribers are so perfectly satisfied with economy of the business, that they have come forward with cheerfulness and subscribed the same sum as they did at first, ten guineas each, which amounts to three hundred and fifty seven pounds,
and which leaves a deficiency of Four hundred and Forty three pounds.

We hope you will forgive us when we say that we have no other resource whatever than yourself in your further endeavours with Government and the Society, in enabling us to complete this laudable undertaking.

As early in January as the weather will permit, every part of the work will be carried on.

We are &c.

Geo. Hutchings.
John Bell.
"so. Caden,
Henry Phillips.
Alex. Cermack.

His Excellency
The Governor.
St. John's,

12 December 1798.

Sir,

By Mr. Brown who goes to England in the Mercury, I have the honour of transmitting to Your Excellency a statement of the Shipping and Trade of Newfoundland for the year ending the 10th October last, which I believe to be very correct.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Arch. Buchanan.

His Excellency

The Governor.
St. John's,

20th December 1798.

Sir,

I beg to inform Your Excellency that second Gunner John Rose of my Company, under sentence of a General Court Martial, to be transported for life, has been sent home in His Majesty's Frigate Mercury, to be conveyed to the Savoy Prison, agreeable to your orders, the reason that he was not ordered on board the Venus I imagine has been explained to you by Colonel Skinner, who embarked with his family on board the Brilliant the 13th instant for Lisbon.

The Commissary of Provisions having represented to me that there is a considerable quantity of Flour in store so extremely bad as to be unfit to issue to the Troops, I have enclosed Mr. Eppes' report for your information, and have directed that it may be laid aside till such time as I receive Your Excellency's orders, being of opinion that it will be more for the advantage of Government should it be sold, to condemn it by survey in the month of April than at this time, on account of the quantity of Flour at present in St. Johns.

I have &c.,

(Signed) Thos. R. Charleston,
Lieut. Colonel Commandant.

His Excellency
The Governor.
Commissary's Office,
St. John's,
18 December 1798.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose you copies of the additional instructions I have this year received from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and to request you will be pleased to order that the Adjutants Rolls of each Corps may be regularly transmitted to the Commissary, and that regular Lists may also be sent of those entitled to receive rations on the Staff and Ordnance departments.

I have to report to you that the Bakers have complained of, and refused, a part of the Flour in His Majesty's Stores, this I have already represented to Colonel Skinner on the eve of his departure and immediately after the late condemnation of provisions, expressed my fears by letter to His Excellency the Governor; that this event would take place particularly with the Flour by the Kitty Victualler, which had been shipped nearly twelve months before her arrival here, relanded and re-shipped at Plymouth, where it appears from the masters report the necessary care was not taken either of that or the other part of her cargo; at the same time suggesting the expediency of purchasing a proper ion of the best Flour to mix with
with that in question, so as to enable the Bakers
to make wholesome Bread for the Troops, and prevent
a total loss. I was verbally informed by His
Excellency that as I was myself under leave of absence
to return to England, on my arrival he would make the
necessary representation, and that I should then be
called on to explain.

At present there is an ample sufficiency of good
fleur to last the Troops nine, or probably twelve
months, and as from the present want of sternooom
which is not to be obtained in this place an
inspection of the whole would be impracticable, and
as I do not conceive it will sustain further injury
by remaining the winter and part of the spring months,
or till such time as the result of the Governor's
representation can be known here, I presume to
recommend it may remain in its present situation,
unless you judge it proper to order the purchase
beforementioned. When I said good Fleur is store,
I beg it may be understood that I mean such as the
Troops cannot refuse, but not of a quality equal to
mix with the bad to pass it off.

I have &c.,

(Sd) W.J. Erpes,
Commissary of Provisions.

Lieut. Col. Charleton,
Commandant.
St. John's, Newfoundland.

28th December 1798.

Sir,

I had the honour of writing to Your Excellency on the 20th instant, at the same time sending a letter that I received from the Commissary of Provisions, Mr. Erpes; representing to me that there is a considerable quantity of flour in His Majesty's stores at this place, unfit to issue to the troops, a duplicate of which I now inclose; in consequence of which I have directed that it may be laid aside, as I did not wish to order a survey till such time as I had heard from Your Excellency in the mean time have given orders that the good flour may be issued to the Garrison.

I have judged it necessary to transmit a copy of a letter received from the War Office, with respect to Captain Erpes of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, to whom I have wrote by this opportunity desiring him to give an immediate answer to the Secretary at War.

I have &c.

(Sd) Thos. R. Charleston.


The Honourable

W. Waldegrave.

Ac. Ac. Ac.
War Office,

28th September 1798.

Sir,

It having been represented that Captain Erres of Lieut. Colonel Skinner's Corps, held also the appointment of Commissary of Stores in the Island of Newfoundland, and it being judged improper that the charge of the stores of War and Provisions should be vested in an officer who has regimental duties to perform, and who may eventually command in the Island, I am to desire that you will call upon Mr. Erres to make his election and to signify it through his Commanding Officer, should he choose to continue in the Commissariat line; or to the Treasury should he prefer to continue in the Newfoundland Corps, and you will be pleased to acquaint me with Captain Erres' decision.

I have Ac.

(Sg) W. Windham.

To the Officer Commanding

His Majesty's Forces at Nfd.