

regularity of those placed under your immediate controul, carefully observing to obey such instructions as you may from time to time receive through the General Orders, and from the chief or subaltern Engineer; and as a proper encouragement for your exertions in the zealous discharge of this duty, you will be entitled to receive *the daily pay of seven shillings and sixpence, Halifax currency, together with the several allowances of lodging and fuel, which, by the general schedule, are attached to the situation of an Overseer of the Works, established as such by warrant from England or from the Commander-in-Chief.*

"Given under my hand and seal, at head-quarters, Halifax, this 22nd day of October, 1799.

"(Signed,) "EDWARD.

"By order of H. R. H. the Commander-in-Chief,

"(Signed,) "JAMES WILLOUGHBY GORDON,
"Military Secretary.

"To James Thompson, Esq., Overseer to the Works, Quebec."

[No. 3.]

"HEAD-QUARTERS, HALIFAX, June 21, 1800.

"Sir,—I am honored with the commands of H. R. H. the Duke of Kent to acknowledge your letter of 28th ulto., which was received here *yesterday*. His R. H. *is well convinced of your meritorious and long services*; and being always desirous of extending his patronage to those who appear to be deserving of it, he has, in the present instance, *actually anticipated your request*, and your warrant was transmitted by me in a letter to Lieut.-Gen. Hunter, of 7th April last, and which it is to be hoped will before this period have been safely deposited in your possession.

"I have the honor to be, sir, &c., &c.,

"JAMES WILLOUGHBY GORDON,
"Military and Private Secretary.

"To James Thompson, Esq., Overseer to the Works, Quebec."

[No. 4.]

"Dear Sir,—I think I have seen lately in town your son, who has been stationed at the Cedars. Will you do me the favour to accept a quiet dinner with me next week?—I will say Wednesday;—and I ask the favour,