

April 5, 1811. For copies of both his and his father's wills, the author of this monograph is indebted to the kindness of Arthur Hill, Esq., formerly of Castle Malwood, now of Fritham Lodge, Lyndhurst, Hants.

The following extract from papers in the War Office, also kindly made by Arthur Hill, Esq., December 9, 1898, throws light on the transfer of Col. Hamilton from the 40th to the 59th Regiment in 1770 :

To His Excellency Lord Viscount Townshend, Lord Lieutenant, General and Governor General of Ireland, &c., &c.

The Memorial of Major Otho Hamilton and Captain Adam Williamson of the 40th Regiment.

His Majesty by his late Regulation having positively ordered one Field Officer to be resident, has prevented your Memorialist from making any application for leave, and during twenty-five years Service has been absent only one year from the Regiment, served the whole war in North America and the West Indies; was wounded at the Seige (*sic*) of Quebec and purchased his Majority in November 1761.

Your other Memorialist Captain Adam Williamson has been upward of sixteen years an Officer, served in North America and the West Indies from the defeat of General Braddock to the taking the Havanah; was twice severely wounded at the Monongahéla and Seige (*sic*) of Quebec and purchased his Company in April, 1760.

Your Memorialist begs leave to represent that Lieut.-Col. Grant being Governor of East Florida renders it impossible for him to attend the Regiment, and this case in respect to the whole army is very singular.

They flatter themselves their Characters as Men and Officers will bear the strictest scrutiny.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly hope that having had the honour to serve under Your Excellency at Quebec, that Your Excellency will be pleased to take their Service and Case into consideration and lay their memorial before His Majesty recommending them for the brevet rank of Lieut.-Colonel (*sic*) and Major, which Commissions His Majesty was most graciously pleased to sign for them in 1766 but were afterwards recalled.