

Kingston 27th September 1817

Sir

I was this day honoured with your letter of the 22nd Inst. in which you inform me, that I have been continued on the Establishment and estimated for until the 24th of August last.

In reply to your inquiry I have to state that I have been paid as Storekeeper to the 24th June last inclusive. And I would beg leave to add that I have received my allowances from the Barrack Department to the 24th August, and my rations from the Commissariat to the 24th July last. I have also received pay from the 25th June to the 24th December 1817, being (as it was expressed in the receipts transmitted to me for my signature) for my gratuity.

Not having been formerly officially notified as to the period when I should be discontinued, and uncertain how to act, both with respect to pay, and allowances, as well as well as duty, I was induced to address a letter to Captain Phipps and De Camp to Major Genl. Widdrington, of which the annexed is a copy, and will serve to explain why I have drawn the pay and allowances as above stated.

Yours faithfully
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Asst Secy Ind. Affs
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I have the Honour to be
In your most obed^t
Thumblg Serv^t
Philippe de la Roche