

General Prescotts Order of
the 5th January 1798.

Remarks

March —

J. I.

3. That the Superintendent on
the spot shall wait upon the
Commanding Officer previous
to any presents being issued
and receive not only his approbation
in writing of the quantities
proper to be issued, but his
orders also for the hour of delivery
which delivery must be to
the Indians personally present
in the presence of such Officers
of the Garrison as he may think
proper to send.

In this order the Superintendent
is placed in a still more sub-
ordinate situation. It must be
supposed that the Superintendent
is acquainted with the Indians
of the District he is appointed
to, and it is more than probable
that the Commanding Officer
is a stranger to them, and as
it is left for him to approve
or disapprove, it may be attended
with difficulty. As I have
known instances, where a
Commanding Officer has refused
when a requisition for delivering
Indians has been presented
for his approval.

On the subject of these
Remarks, I must beg
leave only to refer to
the Report of the Lords
of Trade herewith
given in, to show
what was the sense of
Government formerly
as to the interference
of higher Powers, let alone
that of such as have been latterly authorized
to the injury of the Service and the feelings
of the Gentlemen in the Department of higher

The latter part of this order
is what every Superintendent
ought to wish for. viz^d that
every issue must be made to
the Indians personally present
and in presence of Officers of
the Garrison, but of course
Ranke.