

General Prescott's 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 subordinate 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 view of

The latter part of this order is what every Superintendent ought to wish for. viz<sup>t</sup> that every issue must be made to the Indians personally present and in presence of Officers of the Garrison, but of course Rank.

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