

N^o 10. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 9th November 1793.

THE Nova Scotia Provincial Regiment gladly and cheerfully do the far greatest Part of the Duty of this Garrison, and are now in an excellent State of Order and Discipline.

The Cloathing and Accoutrements are arrived in good Order, and, except some little Part of the White Cloth, every Thing is of excellent Quality. I cannot sufficiently express the animated Gratitude of the whole Regiment for His Majesty's most gracious Favour, in granting the Colours to the Regiment, which we will endeavour to preserve by unceasing Exertion, Fidelity, and Zeal in His Majesty's Service.

In my Letter, N^o 28, I had the Honour to represent, that Orders had been issued for embodying a Reinforcement of Militia, or the Defence of this Garrison against a French Republican Armament, then preparing at New York for an Enterprize against this Town, Newfoundland, and the British Trade navigating in and near the Gulph of Saint Lawrence. About a Thousand and Fifty Effectives, exclusive of Officers, marched into Town with all possible Speed and Alacrity. Perhaps a finer Body of athletic, healthy, young Men were never assembled in any Country, nor Men more determined to do their Duty. They performed their March with great Celerity. Captain Willett's Company, of Colonel Barclay's Legion, Part of whom were on Duty at Annapolis the preceding Day, and had marched Home Sixteen Miles, marched to Halifax, One hundred and Thirty-five Miles, in Thirty-five Hours travelling. Every Division as they arrived were completely armed from the King's Stores, on my Requisition to Brigadier General Ogilvie, who also with great Readiness issued to them every Accommodation of Barracks and Necessaries, that were unoccupied by the Troops in the Garrison. The Men immediately applied themselves to Military Exercises, and, being every Man used to Arms, acquired great Expertness in the most essential Parts of their Duty.

Captains Desbrisay and Rogers inform me that those selected for the Artillery discovered the most uncommon Readiness at the great Guns, and that they would be perfectly satisfied with their Aid, that I think the Artillery would have had sufficient Strength, and have been well served.

It is a very pleasing Part of my Duty on this Occasion, to represent the loyal and spirited Conduct of the Militia, who instantly obeyed their Orders to march, both Men and Officers of every Description; nor were they less commendable for their Regularity and good Order on their March, and during their Stay in Town; nor One single Complaint having been made, or Offence known among them.

It is particularly incumbent on me to mention the useful Assistance I derived from the disinterested Zeal, Diligence, and Abilities of Colonel Barclay, Adjutant General of the Militia, who came to Town, and conducted the Business with perfect Propriety, but declined taking the Pay to which