

N^o 3. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to
Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia,
2d May 1793.

I HAVE had the Honour to receive your Letter to me, dated Whitehall, 8th February 1793, signifying His Majesty's Commands that I should instantly take the Steps necessary to raise a Corps of 600 Men; and that His Majesty was most graciously pleased to allow me to be Colonel of said Corps.

I most humbly intreat Permission to express that I feel the highest and most dutiful Sense of this Mark of His Majesty's most gracious Condescension and Royal Favour; which must animate my unceasing Zeal and Exertions in His Majesty's Service.

In humble Obedience thereto, I immediately issued Orders for enlisting Men, and have now Eighty attested, and in the Barracks in this Town; Twenty of whom being wanted by Brigadier General Ogilvie and Captain Affeck, for the Expedition now proceeding under their Command, offered to go on Board the Vessels voluntarily, but, having since procured Men more used to the Sea, Captain Affeck has dispensed with their Services. I have not any Returns from the Recruiting Parties in the Country, but hear generally that they are very successful, insomuch that I have the fullest Hope to complete the Regiment in a few Months.

In Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, I signified to Lieutenant Colonel Robinson, and since I have had the Honour to receive your Letter, of the 27th February 1793, I signified to Major Barclay His Majesty's Pleasure, in his Nomination to be Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment to be raised in Nova Scotia. From the former I have not received any Answer, as the Post is not yet arrived.

Major Barclay is highly sensible of, and humbly grateful for the Honour done him in, this Mark of the Royal Favour, and is ready in every Way to exert his best Abilities in His Majesty's Service, which he considers may be most effectually promoted by his being employed to raise a Regiment of Militia Volunteers, to be commanded by respectable Half Pay Officers, and composed of Men who have served under them respectively, and who from their having Farms and Families cannot enlist in the Regiment now raising. This Regiment to consist of Ten chosen Companies, Two of which to be Artillery, and One of Horse, to be well disciplined, and ready to march to the Defence of any Part of the Province—and more particularly to defend that Part of the Province which is most exposed to hostile Incursions on the Bays of Saint Mary's, Annapolis, and Fundy, to be paid and subsisted only when actually employed and called against an Enemy, and no other Expence whatever. This Corps, to consist of 1,000 Men, will be of the highest Utility to His Majesty's Service, and indeed almost essential to the Safety of the Province, while His Majesty's regular established Regiments are withdrawn. I have therefore acceded to his Request to resign his Nomination, and to be employed in the Militia Regiment, where, I am persuaded, he can be more useful to His Majesty's Service,
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