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RELATIVE TO THE STATE OF DEFENCE

OF

Nova Scotia *and* New Brunswick.

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PAPERS relative to the State of Defence  
of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

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N° 1. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to  
Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, 22d March  
1793.

I AM diligently taking preparatory Steps for calling out the internal  
Force of the Province, whenever His Majesty's Service may require  
it; and have no Doubt Seven or Eight thousand good Men may be  
assembled readily, in case that Measure should become necessary.

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N° 2. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to  
Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, 22d March  
1793.

I AM deeply penetrated with the most grateful Sentiments, for the Con-  
sideration His Majesty's Servants have been pleased to take on my Proposal  
for raising a Provincial Regiment, which I can complete in a very short  
Time, with able Men, mostly used to Service, and would be a great and  
most useful Addition of Force to His Majesty's Service; more particularly  
in Cases of Emergency, or inimical Attempts on these Provinces, wherein,  
from their Knowledge of the Country, their Habits of Travelling and  
Hardship, they might be of singular Utility.

N<sup>o</sup> 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 Affleck, 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 Affleck 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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and which will also be more convenient to his private Affairs, especially as he is Speaker of the House of Assembly in this Province.

Capt. Howe, late of His Majesty's 104th, and Capt. Aldridge, late of His Majesty's 40th Regiments, applied to serve in this Regiment upon Half Pay only, and without Claim of Rank. Mr. Tonge, now Adjutant, and on Leave from the 60th, has also offered his Services upon the same Terms. As these Gentlemen are highly respectable in this Province, and pre-eminently distinguished for their Military Accomplishments, and may be of the greatest Service in forming a new-raised Regiment, and no Expence incurred by Government thereby, I have thought it exceedingly beneficial for the King's Service to employ them in raising and disciplining the Regiment, until His Majesty's Pleasure is signified, upon their having Commissions respectively. The Ensigns upon Half Pay, resident in this Province, are generally married, have Families, are settled upon Farms, and of such an advanced Age, that it would be exceedingly detrimental to them to leave their respective Situations, and join the Nova Scotia Regiment. It will therefore be necessary for me to nominate Gentlemen properly qualified, who, being free of Incumbrances, will serve on Half Pay, until His Majesty's Pleasure is known. In the Nomination to the other Commissions, I shall most attentively endeavour to justify the Confidence you are pleased to honour me with, both in the best possible Economy, and in recommending for Commissions from the sole Motives of the most upright Duty to His Majesty's Service.

With the utmost Deference I entreat your favourable Recommendation for His Majesty's most gracious Permission to call this "The King's Nova Scotia Regiment," an Honour which the Regiment will endeavour to justify by their unremitting Fidelity and emulous Exertions in His Majesty's Service.

N<sup>o</sup> 4. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, 28th May 1793.

THIS Town being left with so small a Garrison, and Apprehensions prevailing among the Inhabitants for the Safety of the Place, I have exerted every possible Diligence to recruit the Regiment, which now exceeds Three hundred and Thirty. Two hundred and Sixty-nine of them are in this Garrison, and completely fit for Duty; the Remainder are on Recruiting Parties, or on their Way to join the Regiment.

It has been absolutely necessary to augment the Levy Money, which I will use my utmost Endeavours to average as low as possible; and I trust, in a short Time, to have the Honour to report the Regiment complete, and a fine Body of Men, as the present Numbers are.

N<sup>o</sup> 5. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to  
Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, 4th June 1793.

THE Militia are forming with great Zeal and Activity into a powerful Defence for the Province; the Regiment belonging to this Town are near 600 strong—completely armed from His Majesty's Ordnance Office; being themselves, like the other Militia of the Province, personally unprovided. These are Two Days each Week embodied and trained. To them are added a Company of Artillery, consisting of 56 of the principal Merchants and Freeholders in the Town, who are daily exercised in their Duty; also armed from His Majesty's Ordnance Office, and are to put themselves under His Majesty's Artillery Officer in this Garrison, in case of any Invasion or other Emergency. These Two Corps are to assemble in Fifteen Minutes Alarm upon the Parade in this Garrison; and, I am persuaded, will prove a good Body of Men, as many of them have served in the Army, and the Officers are respectable and experienced. I have taken Security for Return of all the Arms and Accoutrements issued from the Ordnance Office, whenever they may be required.

The Regiment forming under Colonel James Delancy, and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Barclay, of One thousand chosen Men, most of whom have been in the Army, and are commanded by Officers upon Half Pay, who, upon this Occasion, with great Loyalty and Attachment to His Majesty's Service, voluntarily engage in this Regiment, and when armed from the Ordnance Office (there being none other in the Country) they engage to defend, to their utmost Power, the Coasts on Saint Mary's, Annapolis, and the Bay of Fundy; and with the greatest possible Speed, to repair to any other Part of the Province that may be invaded, or whenever they receive my Orders for that Purpose. As most of them have Horses, this Corps would in the Course of Five Days be assembled in any Part of the Province. The other Regiments of Militia are forming as fast as possible; and I have the greatest Pleasure in representing, that both Men and Officers meet my Endeavours for His Majesty's Service with the greatest Alacrity.

I had the Honour to receive the Instructions from the Master General of the Ordnance, and delivered them to the principal Officer in this Garrison, who has issued Arms and Accoutrements for His Majesty's Regiment now raising under my Command. There are also in Store many more than will be wanted for the Regiment raising in New Brunswick, and of the best Quality. I have been very successful in Recruiting, being now about 400 Men; and have the best Prospect of it's being soon my Duty to report the Regiment complete.

Commodore George sailed the 31st May from this Harbour, in His Majesty's Frigate The Hussar, to keep the Coasts clear of any hostile Cruizers that may attempt to annoy the Trade or Settlements to the Westward; and also to protect the Transports expected from New Brunswick, with His Majesty's 6th Regiment of Foot, to make up a Fleet with the 65th, to proceed to Barbadoes, under Convoy of The Alligator, upon her Arrival with Brigadier General Ogilvie and the Troops from St. Pierre's in Newfoundland, which may be about the 15th Instant.

N<sup>o</sup> 6. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, 23d July 1793.

I BEG Leave to represent, with the utmost Respect, that on the 19th Instant His Majesty's Frigate The Boston appeared off this Harbour to take a Pilot for the American Coasts; upon which Brigadier General Ogilvie ordered the Signals of Alarm to be made. The King's Nova Scotia Regiment were in a few Minutes paraded, and the First Battalion of Halifax Militia assembled, completely armed, in Fifteen Minutes, before the Government House. It gives me great Pleasure in reporting the Alacrity and Loyalty this Militia Battalion manifested upon this Occasion; and I am fully persuaded they will amply justify my Confidence in them, whenever His Majesty's Service may call them into Action. The Alarm Signals were suppressed before they had reached the other Militia, who are all regulated to march with Dispatch to whatever Part of the Province the Signals of Alarm require them; each Man with a Blanket, Ten Days Provisions, and the best Arms he can procure. In case of any Invasion on this Town, I will in Twenty Minutes put under the Command of Brigadier General Ogilvie 900 Militia; in Two Hours to be reinforced with 600, being the Second Battalion, who reside a few Miles round the Town; and these as fast as possible, by the Militia Legion of Nova Scotia, consisting of 1,000 effective Men, commanded by Colonel Barclay, and other respectable Officers upon Half Pay. The Privates many of them having served last War, these are prepared with Horses to expedite, and Arrangements are taken to move instantly toward the Place of Alarm, and there form under their respective Companies.

The Company of Militia Artillery of this Town were among the First on the Parade, completely armed, and cloathed in Uniform, at their own Expencc. They continue Daily, and with unwearied Diligence, to prepare themselves for Usefulness with the Division of Royal Artillery in this Garrison, and may be safely relied on as an additional Company of 60 Men to that Corps. These are composed of very respectable Men, generally of extensive Business and Property, both in this Country and in England. Among the Privates are Men of £. 100 to £. 600 per Annum clear Estate, who from a declared Principle of Loyalty, and utter Abhorrence of French Democratic Tyranny, have voluntarily offered their Services.

The remaining Militia of the Province are perfectly well disposed, and will defend His Majesty's Government faithfully. In case of Emergency 4,000 of these will join me, and in extreme Urgency 2,000 more may be expected; which will make the whole Militia Strength 9,160 Men, including Officers.

N<sup>o</sup> 7. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 27th August 1793.

I MOST respectfully beg Leave to present my grateful Acknowledgments for the Honour of your Letter, dated Whitehall, 6th July 1793. In Obedience thereto, I have notified to Major Bayard His Majesty's Pleasure, that Major Kearney should succeed to the Lieutenant Colonelcy of the Provincial Corps raising under my Command in this Province, vacant by the Resignation of Major Barclay; and that Major Bayard should succeed to the Majority in the said Corps, vacant by the Promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Kearney. Major Bayard most dutifully conforms to His Majesty's Pleasure; and it is a Justice due to him, that I entreat Permission to represent that, having hitherto acted as Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, with indefatigable Zeal, Attention, and Liberality, I have thereby been essentially aided in raising and disciplining them into a Corps that obtains the Approbation of all Military Men who see them. The other Arrangements of the Regiment shall be carefully adjusted by the Instructions you have been pleased to signify. As the Corps has been on Duty since May last, it has been indispensably necessary to furnish the Men some Cloathing, which (being Summer) is confined to a Cap, Jacket, Trowsers, and Shirt, Shoes, Buckles, and Stock. These will serve for nearly Five Months, and be much cheaper to Government than the full Cloathing, had they arrived in Time; the Accounts whereof, and the other Accounts of the Regiment, are completing to the 24th August, to be transmitted by the next Packet.

I have prevailed on Brigadier General Ogilvie to issue some Cannon, Small Arms, and Ammunition for the Defence of Shelburne, Liverpool, Lunenburg, and Windsor, and hope I shall be as successful in Behalf of Beaver Harbour, Country Harbour, and Manchester, where there are considerable Fisheries, and the Two last promising Settlements, more especially as they solicit but a moderate Supply.

The greater Part of the French Armament mentioned in my Dispatch (N<sup>o</sup> 25) soon after that Date arrived at New York and Boston; and from continually repeated Informations from the United States were making Preparations for a Descent (as there believed) on this Harbour; and if successful, afterward upon Newfoundland. It therefore became necessary to repair the Defences; and that the Brigadier General might make the most useful Dispositions, I informed him of the Strength and local Situation of the whole Militia, and the Times in which they could be assembled. He has accordingly given Orders to the First and Second Battalions of Halifax, and the Artillery Company, and the Men are enrolled to their different Batteries and Posts; from the First Battalion he has been furnished with able Men in Companies; to the Number of 550 Men, under proper Officers, to repair and mount the Batteries, in which they have so vigorously exerted themselves, that all are finished for the present, and the Corps dismissed To-day.



N<sup>o</sup> 8. Extract of a Letter from Major General Ogilvie to Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, 8th October 1793.

I AM to represent that the Garrison of this Place consists, at present, only of a weak Company of Artillery, and One hundred effective Men of the King's own Regiment. That the Provincial Corps raised by Lieutenant Governor Wentworth, far from being complete, at this Time wants nearly Two hundred Men upon their Returns.

In consequence of the strong Naval Force of the Enemy, which has been for some Time upon the American Coast, I took early Precautions for putting this Harbour in such a State of Defence as our Strength would admit of, by repairing some of the Batteries, and erecting a new One (in the Room of Two others) which has been executed with the strictest Economy; and I have Reason to trust we shall be able to repel a considerable Sea Force. Every Assistance has been afforded to carry these Measures into Effect, and for manning the Batteries, by Commodore George and Commissioner Duncan; and Lieutenant Governor Wentworth gave the necessary Directions for assembling the Militia on an Emergency; those of the Town of Halifax assisted with great Alacrity in repairing the several Batteries. From the State of the Works on the Citadel Hill, and the other Posts, it would have been impracticable to have repaired them so as to be tenable against a Land Force, from which we have little Danger to apprehend, until an Enemy can be in Possession of the Harbour; we have guarded therefore against any Attempt the French Fleet may be led to make.

I reported, from Time to Time, to the Commander in Chief at Quebec, the Steps I had taken in fortifying the Harbour.

N<sup>o</sup> 9. Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Governor Wentworth to Mr. Secretary Dundas ; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 10th October 1793.

I BEG Leave most respectfully to represent, that by Informations lately received from His Majesty's Consul at Philadelphia, directed to Commodore George, and communicated to me ; and also from various other Information and concurrent Circumstances, there is the greatest Reason to apprehend an hostile Descent on this Place to be the immediate Object of the French Armament now ready for Sea at New York. Mr. Genet, since the Escape of Mr. Galbaud, has succeeded in re-uniting their Force for an Enterprize ; their Merchant Vessels are laid up, and the Men put on Board the Ships of War ; many transient Men have also joined them, and Mr. Hamilton, His Majesty's Consul in Virginia, writes they have 2,000 Regular Troops.

I immediately consulted with Brigadier General Ogilvie and Commissioner Duncan, who are both fully of the Opinion that the Expedition is meditated against Halifax ; and it was also our Opinion that the present Garrison, and the Two Battalions of Militia in the Town and its immediate Vicinity, were not adequate to the Defence of the Town and Harbour against such a Force as was collected, and may be expected to attack. Brigadier General Ogilvie was therefore desirous of a Reinforcement from the Militia, which I communicated to His Majesty's Council, and by their Advice I have issued Orders for 1,000 Men to be marched from the Regiments of Hantz, King's County, and Annapolis, into Halifax, with all possible Dispatch. Brigadier General Ogilvie will afford all the Barrack Room that is unoccupied ; nearly Four hundred can be lodged in the Place I had prepared for the French Prisoners from Saint Pierre, which I had the Honour to report in a former Letter.

The Service will be determined within a Month of this Date, and the Militia dismissed, that the Expence will not be great, although the Measure will, in all Probability, be the Means of saving this Town, and possibly Province, from Depredation : With this Addition to the Garrison, which I have taken Order to be timely reinforced, should there be Occasion, I trust the Security of this Place may be safely relied on.

Every possible Preparation for Defence is made at Shelburne, Liverpool, and Lunenburg ; proper Batteries have been erected by the Militia in each Harbour at their own Cost ; and Brigadier General Ogilvie, at my Request, has issued Ordnance, Arms, and Ammunition from His Majesty's Stores to each of them. Care has also been taken for Removal of Property into inaccessible Places in the Woods, and for the secure Retreat of the Inhabitants, should the superior Force of the Enemy subdue their Defences, and make a Retreat necessary, which I am persuaded will not be resorted to without a determined and spirited Resistance.

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The Militia of Annapolis County have offered to build a Redoubt on the old Works of the Fort at their own Expence, and to defend that Part of the Country themselves, being aided with some Cannon, Arms, and Ammunition, which I shall request Brigadier General Ogilvie to issue from His Majesty's Stores, as soon as I can procure and fit the armed Vessel directed for His Majesty's Service to carry them round.

Commodore George is cruizing on the Coasts to protect them and the Trade from predatory Insults, and to convoy a large Malt Ship from New Brunfwick to this Place, for a further Convoy to England.

N<sup>o</sup> 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<sup>o</sup> 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

which he was entitled, as did also Colonel Van Cortlandt, of the Second Battalion of King's County Militia, and Lieut. Col. Howe, of the Legion, who, at the Request of Commodore George, had the Command of the Militia at the Eastern Battery, where Part of the Officers and Men of The Hussar were stationed.

Colonel Bryner, of the Hants Militia, also exerted himself exceedingly in expediting the Quota from his Regiment, and in regulating the Service; he liberally gave all his Pay, &c. to cloath such Men of his Regiment as were most in Want, and by every other Means set an excellent Example of Attachment and Zeal to His Majesty's Service.

The Acadians sent Seventy-five able young Men, some of them marched near Two hundred Miles, decidedly faithful to the King's Service, and particularly happy in being incorporated with the English.

During the Expectation of a Descent the Indians assembled in small Parties, and alarmed some defenceless Settlers; whereupon I directed Mr. Monk to such Measures as secured Usefulness from some, and Subjection from all of them, greatly to the Comfort of the dispersed Cottagers.

The French Expedition having been delayed, by various Difficulties in fitting out, longer than M. Genet expected, in which Time he found out that there were Four thousand Men in Halifax, and many strong Batteries erected, determined that their Force was inadequate to attack this Place, and embraced some other Object, for which the Fleet sailed on the 9th of October.

That no unnecessary Expence might be incurred, I dismissed the Militia, with the Advice of Brigadier General Ogilvie, Commodore George, and Commissioner Duncan, and His Majesty's Council, as soon as I obtained Information that the Enemy had given over their Object here, and were so far from our Coasts, that they could not rationally return, at this Season of the Year.

The last Division marched out of Town Yesterday.

N<sup>o</sup> 11. Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 23d January 1794.

Sir,

I MOST respectfully beg Leave to acknowledge the Honour of your Letter, N<sup>o</sup> 12, dated 31st October, 1793; and in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands therein signified, I am recruiting for the Two additional Companies to which Captains Howe and Aldridge are appointed, agreeably to the Permission you have been pleased to grant me; for which, both those Gentlemen unite with me in the highest Sentiments of Thankfulness and Respect.

I think I may with great Confidence represent, not only in Behalf of these Two Gentlemen, but of the whole Regiment, that although they may be intended for the more immediate Defence of this Province, they will cheerfully meet any Duty His Majesty's Service may require in any other of His Majesty's North American Provinces. And I have every Reason to expect the Regiment will soon be complete, and unanimously animated with an earnest Desire of being useful to His Majesty's Service, to which they are faithfully devoted.

Major Bayard, of the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment, requests me to report his respectful Solicitations for His Majesty's Leave to retire upon Half Pay; which, if it should be His Majesty's most gracious Pleasure to grant, it is my Duty humbly to recommend Major George Henry Monk, now on the Half Pay of the late Regiment of Nova Scotia Volunteers, who is perfectly qualified conformable to my Instructions; and is a Gentleman of great Professional Merit, as well as general Respectability and Influence, invariably applied to the Support of His Majesty's Government.

I have the Honour to be, with perfect Deference,

Sir,

Your most dutiful and  
obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) J. WENTWORTH.

Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Henry Dundas,  
One of His Majesty's principal  
Secretaries of State.

N<sup>o</sup> 12. STATE of the Effective Force at Halifax, in Nova Scotia, during the Year 1793; War Office, 28 February 1794.—As also, a RETURN of the Effective Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Gunners, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, present at Halifax during the Year 1793; Woolwich, 27 February, 1794.

STATE of the EFFECTIVE FORCES at HALIFAX, in NOVA SCOTIA, during the Year 1793.

War Office, February 28, 1794.

Dates of Returns.	CORPS.	Lieut. Colonel.	Major.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	2d Lieutenants and Ensigns.	Adjutants.	Quarter Masters.	Surgeons.	Mates.	Serjeants.	Drum <sup>s</sup> & Fifers.	Rank and File.
1st January	Detachment of Artillery — 4th and 21st Regiments	1	1	8	11	8	—	1	3	—	33	21	606
1 February	— — Ditto — Ditto — —	1	1	9	12	8	—	1	3	—	33	21	661
1 March —	— — Ditto — Ditto — —	1	1	9	12	8	—	1	3	—	33	21	661
1 April —	— — Ditto — Ditto — —	1	1	9	12	8	1	1	3	—	33	21	658
1 May —	— — Ditto — 4th and 65th Regiments	1	—	7	11	7	1	2	3	1	33	18	631
1 June —	— — Ditto — Ditto — —	1	1	6	14	7	1	2	3	1	31	12	651
1 July —	No Return of Artillery — 4th Regim <sup>t</sup> 3 Companies	1	—	1	3	1	—	1	—	—	6	3	109
1 August	— — Ditto — Ditto — —	1	—	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	6	3	109
1 September	— — Ditto — Ditto — —	1	—	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	6	3	111
1 October	— — Ditto — Ditto — —	1	—	1	3	1	—	1	—	—	6	3	111
1 November	— — Ditto — Ditto — —	1	—	2	4	2	—	1	—	—	6	3	109
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RETURN of the Effective Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Gunners, of the ROYAL REGIMENT of ARTILLERY, present at HALIFAX during the Year 1793.

Woolwich, 27 February 1794.

	Captains.	Subalterns.	Non-commiss <sup>d</sup> Officers.	Gunners.	Drummers.	Total.
Total - -	2	2	7	56	2	69

OFFICERS NAMES.

Captain - - - - Tho<sup>s</sup> Desbrifay.  
Capt<sup>n</sup> Lieut. - - - Henry Rogers.

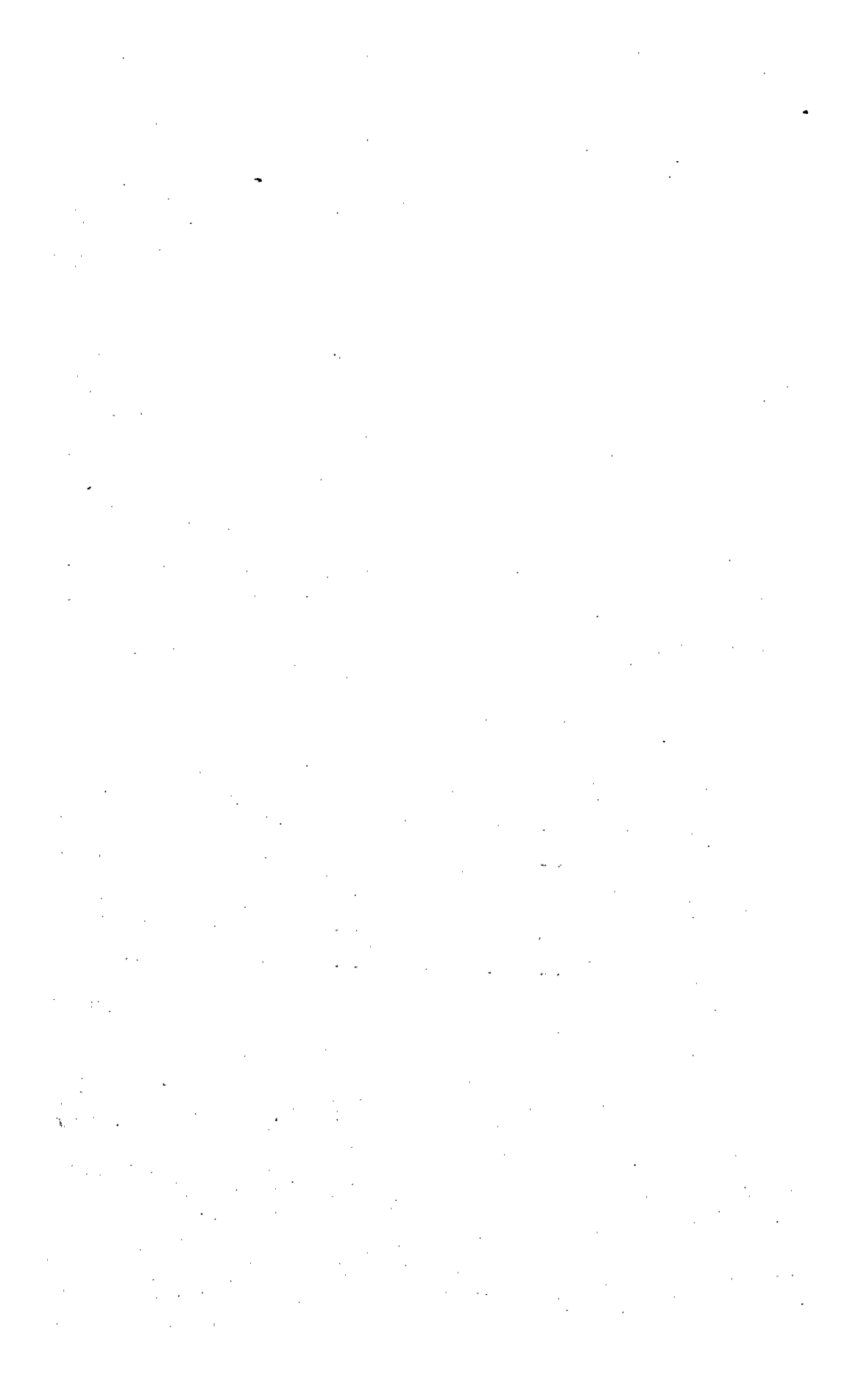
1st Lieutenants - - - Lawrence H. Newton, lately promoted to Captain Lieutenant  
John Nutting.

(Signed)

J. MACLEOD,  
B. Major.

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N<sup>o</sup> 13. Extracts of the Journal of the Halifax Packet Boat, to and from Falmouth, New York, and Halifax; in a Letter from Mr. Todd, of 30th September 1793.

1793.  
August 2d. ARRIVED at New York Two French Seventy-fours, One Frigate, and Two Sloops, from the Chesapeak.  
3d. Ambuscade, said to have had 10 Men killed, and 16 wounded; her Complement on board 450 Men.

The French Men of War in New York, were

Le Jupiter, of - - - 74 Guns, and 4 Carronades on the Poop.

Le Eole - - - 74 D<sup>o</sup> - - - D<sup>o</sup>

Le Survilant - - - 36 D<sup>o</sup>

L'Ambuscade - - 36 D<sup>o</sup>

A Ship of - - - 20 D<sup>o</sup>

A Brig named Cerf, of 10 Guns

One East India Merchant Ship, and 14 West India Ships, arrived under Convoy of the above Ships, and One East India Ship there before.

15th. Spoke a Pilot Boat coming in, who told us the Concord French Frigate was on the Coast; soon after which I positively was informed she was in Boston.

From the best Intelligence I could procure, the under-mentioned French Privateers were cruising on the Coast of America:

Jacobin	- - -	12	Guns.	- -	60	Men.
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AnteGeorge	- -	12	- - - -	- -	60	
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Conqueror of Bastile	10	- - - -	- -	50	
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Carmagnole	- -	14	- - - -	- -	100	
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Little Democrat	16	- - - -	- -	120	
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Citizen Genet	-	16	- - - -	- -	120	
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Friend of the Law	-	8	- - - -	- -	40	
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Sans Culotte Sch <sup>r</sup>	10	- - - -	- -	50	
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Sans Culotte Cheb <sup>k</sup>	12	- - - -	- -	100	
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Sanspariel	- -	16	- - - -	- -	150	
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Impromptu	- -	8	- - - -	- -	43	
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Orlando Furioso	-	12	- - - -	- -	100	
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National Razor	-	14	- - - -	- -	130	
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The Republican, of 5 Guns, and 50 Men, taken by the Boston before her Action with l'Ambuscade.

N<sup>o</sup> 14. Extracts from the Journals of the Chesterfield Packet Boat, from Falmouth to Halifax and New York; in Mr. Todd's, of the 18th December 1793.

At Halifax,  
1793,  
October 15th.

THE Captain and Nine Hands, by Order of his Excellency the Governor, to hold themselves in Readiness to assist in transporting Troops, in case of Necessity, where requisite. The Ship to go into Bedford Basin to receive on board some of the Women Inhabitants of the Town. Militia, to the Amount of 5 or 600, marched into Halifax.

At New York,  
November 3d.

At 7. Abreast of Sandy Hook; at 8, past the French Ship *Perdrix*; at 8½, came too to stop Tide with the small Bower, furled Sails; at 9, A. M. weighed and made Sail; at 5½, the *Perdrix* fired a Gun, on which we fired one also. Found laying here the French Frigate *L'Amuscade*.

11. At 11, P. M. received on board the Mail. The French Brig *L'Impatiente* hove short, and got all ready for Sea.

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N<sup>o</sup> 15. Extract from the Journal of the Portland Packet, when laying at Halifax; dated December 3d, 1793. Transmitted by the Post Master General, January 8th, 1794.

ARRIVED here a Schooner from New York, which brought the following Intelligence.—The Chesterfield Packet failed for England on the 14th ultimo, and had a very narrow Escape of being taken in going into Sandy Hook. The French Force consisted of the *Amuscade* Frigate (which began to dismantle when the Schooner failed); *Perdrix*, 22 Guns, (laying at the Hook); *Cerf*, 10 Guns, (cruizing for the October Packet). At Boston, *Marseillois*, 22 Nine Pounders; and the *Good Intent*, 16 Guns, lately captured from the English. In the Chesapeak, the *Astrea*, 10 Guns. The Schooner brought Intelligence, that the French Fleet that had sailed from New York, the People had mutinied, and the Fleet bore away for France.

N<sup>o</sup> 16. STATEMENT of the different Batteries at Halifax in Nova Scotia, with the Number of Guns mounted on each Battery ; transmitted the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1794, to Mr. Secretary Dundas by Captain Hodgson, late Brigade Major at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

1<sup>st</sup>.—Sandwich Point, Two Twelve Pounders, on the Top of a very high Hill, excellently constructed for the Annoyance of Shipping.

2<sup>d</sup>.—Point Pleasant Battery ; from Four to Six Twenty-four Pounders.

3<sup>d</sup>.—A most excellent new Battery, a few hundred Yards from the One at Point Pleasant, called Major General Ogilvie's Battery ; it consists of Six Twenty-four Pounders, and commands a very extensive Range of the Harbour.

4<sup>th</sup>.—McLean's Battery, situated on the Halifax Side, nearly opposite George's Island, from Six to Eight Twenty-four Pounders, a Mortar and Howitzer of large Size, and a very excellent Furnace for heating Shot.

5<sup>th</sup>.—The Citadel Hill, consisting of a Number of Guns of different Sizes, several Thirteen Inch Mortars, some Howitzers, also a Battery en Barbette of Three Twelve Pounders, well calculated to annoy Shipping when they come opposite the Town of Halifax.

6<sup>th</sup>.—A Battery of some Twenty-four Pounders, erected by Commissioner Duncan at the Dock Yard, a good Defence for that Place against Shipping ; also another on the opposite Shore (commonly called the Dartmouth Side of the Water) equally beneficial for the same Purpose.

7<sup>th</sup>.—George's Island, situated in the Middle of Halifax Harbour, near the Town ; a most excellent Battery on it of Six Twenty-four Pounders, and Two good Furnaces for heating Shot ; also several other Guns of various Sizes, making in the Whole from Fourteen to Sixteen.

8th.—The Eastern Battery, situated nearly opposite to George's Island, (on the Dartmouth Side of the Water) several Guns mounted there, which will play with good Success on Vessels coming up the Harbour.

The above Statement of the different Batteries at Halifax, in Nova Scotia, is given to the best of Captain Hodgson's Recollection; though he believes, on the Whole, it is tolerably accurate.

N<sup>o</sup> 17. Copy of a Letter from Mr. Stephens to Mr. King; dated  
Admiralty Office, 6th March 1794.

( Four Inclosures. )

Admiralty Office, 6th March 1794.

Sir,

I HAVE it in Command from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith, for the Information of Mr. Secretary Dundas, Copies and Extracts of such Letters as have been received from Captain George, Commanding Officer on the Halifax Station, since the Commencement of the War, as relate to the State of Defence of the Province of Nova Scotia. I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
Humble Servant,

PH<sup>p</sup> STEPHENS.

J. King, Esq; &c. &c.

N<sup>o</sup> 18. Extract of a Letter from Captain Rupert George, Com-  
 mander of His Majesty's Ship Hussar, to Mr. Stephens;  
 dated Halifax Harbour, 27th August 1793.

IN my Letter of the 21st of June, I had the Honour to inform you of the Arrival of The Aligator from Saint Pierré's the Day preceding; and in that of July 1st, that the Two Regiments were embarked, and that I proposed accompanying The Aligator and her Convoy clear of the Coast of America. I have now the Honour to request that you will inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that we sailed hence the 3d July, and on the 16th, being in the Latitude  $32^{\circ} 20'$ , and the Longitude  $54^{\circ} 00'$ , I parted Company with Captain Affleck and the Convoy: It was my Intention, in my Way back, to have ranged along the Coast of America, but was prevented by light and contrary Winds, not being able to get nearer the Coast than Eighty Leagues, in the Latitude  $37^{\circ} 00'$ , when I was informed by an American Vessel, that Two French Ships of 74 Guns, and Five Frigates, had arrived from Cape François with a large Convoy in the Chesapeak. I thought it my Duty to return here direct with that Intelligence, and I arrived the 5th of August. We have since heard that the French Squadron arrived at New York the 2d of August, and His Majesty's Consul General at Philadelphia informed me that an Attack might possibly be made upon Halifax or Newfoundland. We are here perfectly at Ease respecting an Attack upon us, having between 40 and 50 heavy Canon (32 and 24 Pounders) mounted on the different Batteries, One 13 Inch Mortar and Two 8 Inch Howitzers, with Furnaces for heating Shot. *The Regular Troops, including Artillery, and the Governor's Corps, do not exceed 600.* But we have Two Battalions of Militia, Officers, and Artificers of the Yard, Civil Branch of the Ordnance, Seamen in Merchant Vessels, and the Crew of His Majesty's Ship under my Command; the latter I propose to place in some of the Batteries, in case of an Attack from Line of Battle Ships.

Philip Stephens, Esquire.

N<sup>o</sup> 19. Extract of a Letter from Captain Rupert George, of His Majesty's Ship *Huffar*, to Mr. Stephens; dated Maugor's Beach, Entrance of Halifax Harbour, 9th September 1793.

I WROTE fully by the Halifax Packet, which sailed the 29th ultimo, since which nothing particular has happened. The State of Security which I then believed this Place to be in against any Attack from the Enemy, has since received an Increase, by the Erection of another Battery of Six 24 Ponders, and the mounting some other Guns; and the principal Ports on this Coast having been supplied with Cannon, Small Arms, and Ammunition, are supposed to be sufficiently strong (at least) to resist an Attack from Privateers.

N<sup>o</sup> 20. Copy of a Letter from Captain Rupert George, Commander of His Majesty's Ship *Huffar*, to Mr. Stephens; dated at Halifax, 12th October 1793.

Sir,

HAVING, on the Appearance of His Majesty's Ship under my Command off this Harbour, had the good Fortune to meet the *Queen Charlotte* Packet, bound for Falmouth, I have a Minute to inform their Lordships that I sailed hence on the 23d ult. since which I anchored at Boston, and have been off New York and Philadelphia; and, notwithstanding former Accounts, have Reason to suppose that the Two French Line of Battle Ships, *Le Jupiter*, and *L'Eole*, and the Frigates, have some Expedition in View, previous to their Departure from this Coast for France. I can only add, that we are (in my Opinion) prepared to receive them, should their Intention be to attack this Part of the Province.

(Signed)

RUP<sup>T</sup> GEORGE.

N<sup>o</sup> 21. Extract of a Letter from Captain Rupert George, of His Majesty's Ship *Huffar*, to Mr. Stephens; dated Halifax Harbour, 9th November 1793.

SINCE my Letters of 9th September and 12th October, Duplicates of which I have the Honour to enclose, I have been lying, in His Majesty's Ship under my Command, between George's Island and the Eastern Battery, to be in Readiness to man the Batteries in that Quarter with Part of my Ship's Company, in Consequence of Advices received from the Consul General at Philadelphia, and Captain Armstrong at New York, corroborated by Information received by his Excellency Lieutenant Governor Wentworth from the same Quarter, that *Le Jupiter* was new Manned and Officered, and (instead, as was before expected, that she would return to France) had joined *L'Eole* of 74 Guns, *Concord* and *Precieuse* of 40, and Two armed Brigs, and that they were preparing to go upon some Expedition under the Command of Admiral Cercey in *L'Eole*, supposed to the Northward, from the Quantity of warm Cloathing laid in; Mr. Bond supposed against Halifax, or the Fisheries.—To ensure the Safety of this Place, Lieutenant Governor Wentworth called in about 1200 of the Country Militia to join the Two Battalions of the Town, but I supposed they were too well informed of our Strength and Resources to risk an Attack. In order that his Excellency Sir Richard King should have the above Intelligence, I thought it my Duty to hire a small Brigantine (a Shallop at this Season being too small) and sent Copies of the Letters I received from Mr. Bond, the Consul General, and Captain Armstrong, to the Vice Admiral at St. John's the 17th, and Duplicates of them the 21st, by a Sloop loaded with Cattle; and at the same Time informed his Excellency that it was conjectured they meant to intercept the Newfoundland Convoy.