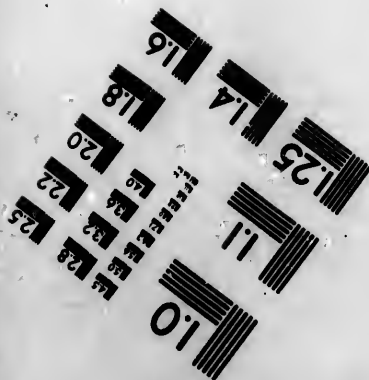
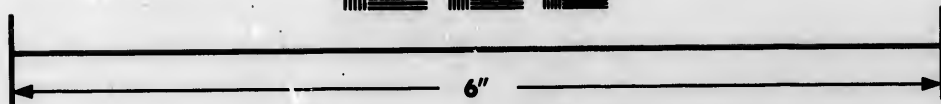
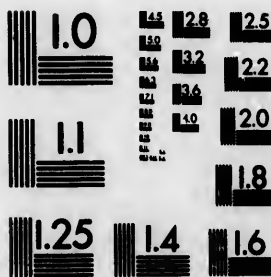


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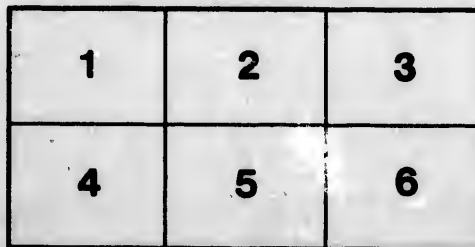
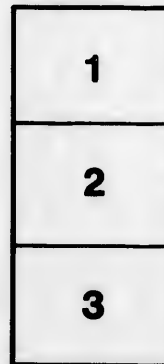
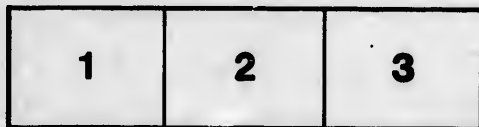
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BETWEEN

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AND

MR. MAITLAND,

ON MATTERS CONNECTED WITH

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LETTER TO COLONEL MACKENZIE FRASER.

TORONTO, *August, 1839.*

DEAR SIR,

Magrath's Sergeants have not been as yet, over successful in collecting the remaining race monies, and he requires the money to-day which he has overpaid; will you therefore, be so kind as to send him a cheque for the sum in the Bank; viz.:—£23 7s. 6d. currency.

Yours faithfully,

[Signed]

J. MAITLAND.

To Colonel Mackenzie Fraser,
&c. &c. &c.

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LETTER TO MAJOR MAGRATH.

TORONTO, *30th April, 1840.*

MY DEAR SIR,

With all due deference, I herewith send you the statements (two) of my racing accounts for 1837 and 1838, as they may assist you in making out yours for 1839, but which perhaps, ought more properly to have followed suit, and been in your possession ere this. I am happy to find that the balance of £8 6s. 6d. is in my favour and hope that you are in funds for the same reason.

It will most probably be wished to be known on Friday afternoon the sum that was raised last year, as a kind of guide for the present.

Yours &c.

[Signed]

J. MAITLAND.

Major Magrath,
&c. &c. &c.

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NOTE FROM MAJOR MAGRATH TO MR. MAITLAND.

DR. MAITLAND,

I find in Your racing account for 37 you take Credit for £35 paid by Me. I Can tell you if you think I am going to account for Money paid by Col. *Frazer, Markham, Maitland, Heath*, orders, your are very Much out it will not take you ten Minuts to Come hire, *at once*, we will go over the Accounts togather, if you do not I will yust lay the *beautiful* documents themselves before the meeting on the 3rd and let them understand them if the Can for God Knows I Can't.

You &c. &c.

T. W. M.

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LETTER TO MAJOR MAGRATH.

DEAR MAGRATH,

I have your note, and it appears to me that nothing can be more simple than to make out your account, which only requires application, the orders you talk of are just as good as so much money, they must stand for themselves to show how the funds have been expended,—you have more time and more than double pay compared to poor me, so just begin and scroll out the Dr. and Cr. of the account, and it must balance itself, as you remember we did before when it proved right. I shall be happy to have it clean copied for you, but am very busy here to-day,—can not Count Heath, scroll it out, or Captain James,—both idlers.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JOHN MAITLAND.

Major Magrath,
&c. &c. &c.

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LETTER TO MAJOR MAGRATH.

TORONTO, 6th *May*, 1840.

MY DEAR SIR,

I herewith send you (enclosed) Colonel Mackenzie Fraser's cheques (eight) and the statement from the Farmer's Bank, showing a balance of £28 7s. 6d. Currency, on 18th July 1839,—lying then to the credit of the races, which sum as I mentioned, Col. Fraser gave a cheque for in your favour some time after. These vouchers will still further enable you more easily to make out your statement for 1839.

I do't care how soon you send me that £8 6s. 6d. ——— should ever the outstanding subscriptions be collected of course they will be paid into the race funds.

I have &c.

(Signed) JOHN MAITLAND.

Major Magrath,
&c. &c. &c.

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LETTER TO MAJOR MAGRATH.

TORONTO, 24th *July*, 1840.

SIR,

I suppose you are aware that Mr. Boulton your successor has called upon me as well as yourself for an account, to show how the race fund stood before his acceptance of office, and you being in full possession of all the documents and vouchers connected therewith should have long ere this done so, and not required any notice from

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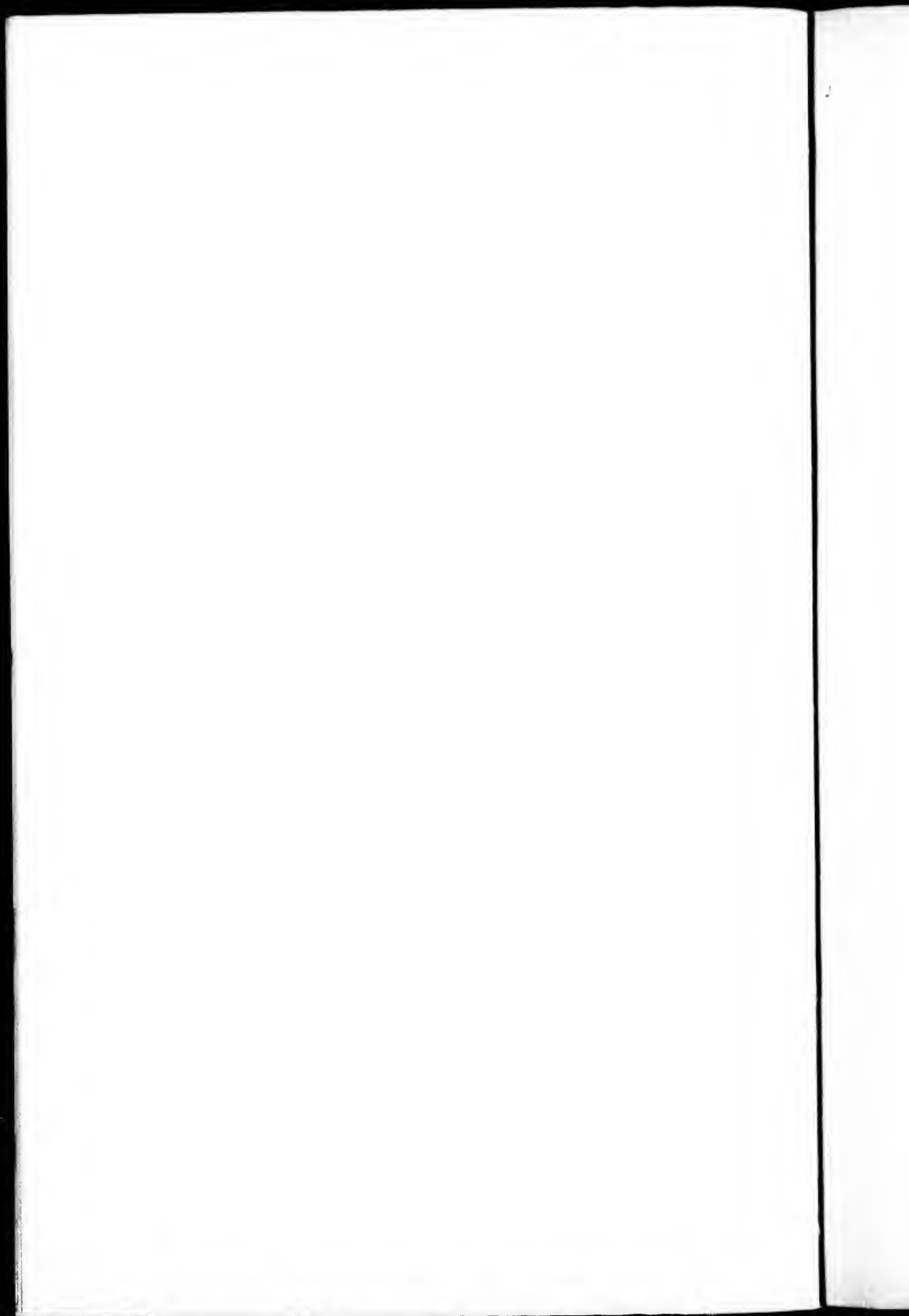
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that quarter, or from me. Yet notwithstanding my repeated applications to you both verbally and in writing, asking from you as acting Treasurer to the races of June 1839, a statement of the funds for that meeting, nothing of the kind however has been furnished, even after the lapse of more than twelve months,—but as you have from time to time during that period frequently stated on your being so called upon by me, your having sometimes lost and then found the subscription book, a similar fate you also stated to have befallen the balance sheet, and original entries for the Races, and last though not least, various sums of money which have been received by you had quite escaped your memory. I have therefore (with the most charitable intention possible) to bring to your recollection facts connected with these matters, which will I hope refreshen, and re-enlighten you on the subject.

At a meeting of the Stewards preceding these Races, Mr. Peter Buchanan, yourself and I, were appointed as Members of the Committee of Finance for the purpose of collecting funds to meet the expenditure caused on account of the Races. Mr. B. not having time to take part, this business fell upon you and I, and during the time we were so occupied and throughout the Races, I have no particular observations to make. I paid all the subscriptions and entries received before the races into the Farmer's Bank, in the name of Colonel Mackenzie Fraser, the President, which amounts covered the sums required to pay the different monies run for. On the Monday or Tuesday evening after the races, I waited upon you at your quarters in Bay Street by appointment, agreeable to your anxious wish, and paid over to you the monies I had further received, exceeding the sum of £50, (fifty pounds,) and assisted in making at the same time a balance sheet from the subscription book, &c. &c., showing a healthy state of the funds, which I also left with you. Many sums of money I know as a matter of course, were afterwards paid by you, and many more received, some of them through me, and this went on for some months, when Mr. Heath came to the Military Secretary's Office and informed me that you were out of funds, and requesting that Colonel Mackenzie Fraser, be asked to give you a cheque or order for the remaining money in the Farmer's Bank, (£23 odds,) I instantly wrote the Colonel a note containing the substance of your message and was always given to understand that you had received the amount from the Bank until the other day.

All this may be very fine sport to you, but to me it appears rather beyond a joke that I should be caused all this trouble, and a great deal more, on account of your memory or carelessness, or some other cause,—however I must now inform you, that unless you forthwith make a *satisfactory statement and settlement* of your intrusions with the race funds, I will consider it a duty I owe to the subscribers and to myself to call a meeting and lay the case before them.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN MAITLAND

Sect'y Toronto Races.

Major Magrath, &c. &c. &c.

On the return of the Assistant Quarter Master General to Toronto, from the Lower Province, after a lengthened absence, the following communication was addressed to him :—

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LETTER TO COLONEL MACKENZIE FRASER.

TORONTO, 4th August, 1840.

Sir,

Major Magrath having denied on several occasions, and particularly at a Meeting of the Stewards of this year, (Colonel Airey in the Chair) held in the Ontario House on the 24th ultimo, receiving from you the sum of £28 7s. 6d. Currency, being the balance of race monies of June Meeting 1839, which remained in the Farmer's Bank here at your credit.

I have therefore the honor to request, as Secretary to these races, and Member of the Committee of Finance for that meeting, that you will be pleased to furnish me with a certified copy of any voucher you may be possessed of from Major Magrath for the money in question.

I have the honor &c.

[Signed] JOHN MAITLAND.
Secretary.

Colonel Mackenzie Fraser,
President, Toronto Races, June 1839,
&c. &c. &c.

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LETTER FROM COLONEL MACKENZIE FRASER.

TORONTO, 4th August, 1840.

Sir,

In reply to your note of this date relative to certain money transactions of last year's races, I have the honor to forward at your request a certified copy of a letter received from Major Magrath, acknowledging the receipt of £28 7s. 6d. from me.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your most obedient servant,

[Signed] F. A. MACKENZIE FRASER,
President, Turf Club for 1839.

John Maitland Esq,
Secretary Turf Club,
&c. &c. &c.

[Copy.]

VOUCHER FROM MAJOR MAGRATH.

[Copy.]

[Signed] F. A. MACKENZIE FRASER.

TORONTO, 11th August, 1830.

DEAR SIR,

I received yours of the 10th instant this day, enclosing twenty eight pounds, seven shillings, and six-pence, being the balance of several sums placed to your credit in the Farmer's Bank for the purpose of paying the purses run for in June last at the Toronto Races

I remain, dear sir,

Yours truly,

[Signed]

THOS. MAGRATH.

For J. Maitland, and
P. Buchanan.
To Colonel Fraser,
&c. &c. &c.

MEMORANDUM BY MR. MAITLAND.

TORONTO, 5th August, 1840.

It will be observed that no answer appears from Major Magrath to my letter to him of the 24th ultimo, however, at a meeting of the Stewards (Colonel Airey in the Chair,) the Major produced the extraordinary document as he was pleased to term it, stating at the same time as his reason for not answering it that, "considering the relative standing of the parties in society, and my once having been a private in his troop, he could not recognize me, and therefore laid the letter before the Meeting,"* and after some more such like statements, and failing

* I have not the least ambition to rival the gallant Major in his *present* very exalted "standing in society," and must remark that his memory again played him false, as I never served as a private in the Troop of which he had the honor of being entrusted to command, although were this the case I would not be ashamed of it. (A good example was shown by the Chief Justice, and the other Judges, the Attorney General, and many more such, loyal hearts and true, while the Major's bravery during that eventful period—rebellion of 1837—was publicly questioned.) On the contrary during the short time I was connected with the Troop, I served to the best of my humble ability as Adjutant, and was returned by him as such to the different departments, and at the same time was recommended by the Major for a commission, however the Government could not allow the number of Officers asked for by him, the strength of the Troop permitting the employment of two Sabalturns only, while to my certain knowledge he promised to recommend no less a number than five, and what makes these mistakes the more extraordinary is that he gave himself out as having served *as an Officer* in the 15th Lancers, in which school he must have learned better.

in a most laughable case of what he called *Forgery*, viz., my causing to be added to the statement of the Bank account two cheques which were drawn by the President after the statement had been received from the Bank, he laid open his budget, and a statement of accounts showing the Race funds in his debt to an amount over £30 (thirty pounds,) which I pronounced to be erroneous, and asked him if he still denied receiving the £28 7s. 6d. from Colonel Mackenzie Fraser, which he stoutly adhered to on being asked the same question three times, whereupon I told him he had received it, and on his being still further interrogated by me as to what had become of the balance sheet, and original copy of the entries for the races, he remained silent. I also asked Mr. Heath, (having on a previous occasion reminded him,) if he took the saddle entrances at the June meeting 1839?—they not being credited in Major Magrath's accounts; he said he certainly did not; but Mr. Howcutt the owner of the winner of the saddle race for ponies, being sent for, stated, that he paid his entrance to Mr. Heath,—and so I say did all the others.

The President not considering these matters of 1839, properly coming under the jurisdiction of the Stewards of this year, the budget of papers was by Major Magrath handed over to his successor, Mr. W. H. Boulton the present Treasurer, in whose hands I have since looked over them, and still find the balance sheet and original copy of the entries wanting, but which, if forthcoming, would enable any one correctly to square up these accounts with very little trouble.—Yet although all these obstacles have been thrown in the way of making out a clear statement, I shall most willingly lend Mr. Boulton every assistance in my power, in order to attain this desirable object, for the satisfaction of the subscribers.

I am quite prepared to go into a more lengthened detail in this very disagreeable public duty, at any future period, should occasion require.

JOHN MAITLAND,
Sec'y Turf Club.

