

remain in the command. ~~At this time it was~~
 represented that peculations & abuses had been made
 in this District of Country by temporary Engineers &
 other employment of the commission. me to institute of
 Act^{on} & to act as paymaster of contingencies.
 This duty continued till Lord Doncharles arrangements
 annulled the office. ~~After Mr Carleton's arrival~~
~~from England~~ & he immediately appointed
 me paymaster of Contingencies for New-Brunswick.
 My principal reason for resigning the command at
 the time I did was explain, & was satisfactory to
 General Campbell. Governor Carleton had then arriv.
 & I was named as a member of his Council - altho
 the distribution of public offices in the new Province
 those gentlemen who had been at S. James, & had
 out manœuvred us who had been bustling at S.
 John. I saw the necessity of my personal attendance
 & I solemnly swear that at that time I had not more than 75 guineas
 & I submitted to it. I knew more of the Country &
 than any of em. I was more extensively ac-
 quainted with the people & I was in the habit of con-
 ciliating them. ~~This Excellency~~ ^{I was} soon overwhelmed
 with honorable titles & I commenced my public duties
 my half pay & the 10s a day supported me & enabled
 me to make my little establishment. - When Lord Doncharles
 came out Commander in Chief of Gen. Harris's army
 his Lordship's arrangements annulled my
 office - Gen. Carleton then desired me to act as
 Military Secretary for the District under his Command sup-
 posing he had a right to employ such an Officer.
 with the most alacrity I accepted the appointment &
 all my expenses ~~in 1794~~, were regulated ^{as a} ~~prop~~ an anticipation
 of a continuance of this income. To my utter astonish-
 ment - Having had long experienced feeling myself
 perfectly competent to execute all the duties that
 appertain.