

Annapolis Royal Sept. 16. 1783

Sir,

Having just received some Dispatches from New York I am delayed here a Day or two. I wish much to see you on many Accounts among others I have received Orders to have the Barracks & public Stores at Annapolis put into Repair for the Reception of the Refugees or such Troops as it may be necessary to send there as this will be a Work of some Time & great Trouble & great Expence I should wish you to be on the Spot before I give my Orders upon that Head. at the same Time from the advanced Season of the Year no Time ought to be lost in repairing them I think it absolutely necessary some Officer of the Engineer Department or Assistant appointed by you should superintend this Business. I propose sailing to St Johns River to morrow Evening Weather permitting. I remain three Days at St Johns & return to this place where I hope to meet you. Should I not overtake you at St Johns, and from hence proceed to Halifax to put in Execution the Orders for the Reduction of the Corps in this Province

I am &c. &c. H. E. Fox Brig. Gen.  
Lt. Col. Morse Ch. Eng.

The whole of the Provincial Corps at New York are embarked for St Johns River and are there to be disbanded. They will probably arrive in a few Days.

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Sir,

Having received the Command in Chief's Order to give the 200 Days Batt & Forage to the Troops under my Command, I am to desire that you would

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procure by Bills of Exchange at the lowest Discount possible a Sum not exceeding ten thousand Pounds Sterling for that Purpose, unless some other Method may have been pointed out from Head Quarters since my Departure from Halifax for Defraying that Expence.

For which this shall be your sufficient Authority. I am Sir

Your most Hum. Serv.  
H. E. Fox Brig. Gen.

Alex. Thomson Esq.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October Mr. Thomson certified as follows on the Back of the Letter, No part of the Sum mentioned in this

Order has been drawn for,

Alex. Thomson.

By paymaster in Scotia.

Sir,

Halifax 16<sup>th</sup> September 1783.

No Ship has arrived here from New York since the 1<sup>st</sup>. The Fire is entirely extinguished in the Fuel Yard, and we are busy in unloading the several Coal Ships. Captain Henry being exceedingly anxious to have that Service completed.

Governor Parr still continues much indisposed, when I saw him last, he mentioned his having received full Instructions for respecting the Loyalists that were to settle in this Province, and that a packet was appointed for Nova Scotia. This I dare say your own Letters have informed you; it is however all the News we have here except that Sir Guy Carleton was to go home in the 1<sup>st</sup>, which is settling here for him and will sail for New York in about Six Days. I have the Honour to be, Your most Obedt. Hble Serv.  
General Fox &c. Chas. Lyons.