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I have not received any Directions from Head Quarters relative to sending a Detachment of Troops to the Island of St. Johns, but I have availed myself of the earliest Opportunity to communicate your wishes to the Commander in Chief.

On my Return to Halifax I shall take care to send a Senior Officer to the Island of St. Johns, to disband the Troops there agreeable to your Requisition; or if Major General Campbell who is appointed to the Command of the Troops in this District, should have arrived there I will not fail to recommend it to him.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has acquainted me of his having received Notice from the Secretary at War, that the Military Establishment for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland is to consist of one Major General, with one Aid de Camp, one Brigade Major, one Surgeon, three Hospital Stables, and that Major General Campbell is named for the Command of the Troops in that Province; that the 17th, 33rd, 37th, 42nd, 54th, & 55th British Regiments are to remain at Nova Scotia.

I have the Honor to be

Your Excellency's most Obed^t Serv^t

This Excellency }
Gen^l Patterson }

H. E. Fox B.G.

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Sir, N^o 86 Annapolis Bay 16th Sept. 1783

Inclosed are Copies of the General Orders, & a Letter.

Letter from the Right Honorable Lord North to his Excellency the Commander in Chief, and also Extracts of Letters from Head Quarters. You will thereby perceive that the Kings Rangers and St. Johns Volunteers are to be forthwith Disbanded; you will therefore immediately make such preparation for settling the Accounts with your Men for Pay Cloathing &c.^a as those Orders Direct. Notice will be given you of the particular Time when those Corps will be dismissed.

These Inclosures you will communicate to his Excellency the Governor, and make public these Orders in the District under your Command.

I am &c.

H. E. Fox B.G.

Officer Commanding St.
Johns Island.

N^o 87 Annapolis Bay 16th Sept. 1783

Sir,

I have with transmit you a Copy of the General Orders, an extract of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord North to his Excellency the Commander in Chief, and an extract of a Letter from the Adjutant General. By which you will perceive that the Regiment of Friendly Americans is to be forthwith disbanded. You will therefore immediately make such preparations as those Orders direct respecting the Settlement of your Accounts with the Men.

I am also to request that an Officer may be sent to Halifax to settle with his Excellency the Governor in