

Sir

I should have done myself the Honour by this Opportunity of making a formal Application to you as General of the District, requesting your interposition with the Commander in Chief, for a few Troops to be Stationed here as a Peace Establishment. But I hope it will not be necessary to give you any Trouble on this Account as I find there has been an Order sent here from Head Quarters desiring to know how many Men the Barracks will lodge which seems as if some were intended for us.

I should not wish for more than three or four Companies. & I am certain for several Reasons (which I shall mention if necessary) the executive Power in this Government will be very defective without such a Force.

The Hope I had of the Honour of your Company for a few days longer and the Waste with which I was obliged to take leave, after my mortifying Disappointment, prevented my relating many Matters concerning this Island which I should wish you to be informed of, whether you go home or continue in your present Command; but as you have flattered me I shall have the Honour of seeing you up to this Autumn, I shall defer giving you any Trouble on that Subject till I am informed of your final Resolution, and I cannot help saying I am exceedingly anxious about the Event for several Reasons. I propose much pleasure in your Company, and it is very possible the existence of this Government may depend upon the Report you will make of it.

If therefore I had any Influence I would very earnestly intimate of you to take this in your way to England, even in case we are to be so unfortunate as to lose you for a Night. It will retard your Passage

Dear Hon^{ble} Brig^{ad} Gen^l Fox &c &c

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but a few Days and you will be able to speak of this fine Country from your own certain knowledge.

I am certain His Majesty's Ministers will be thankful for such Information, relative to an Island which is so differently represented by its Friends and its Enemies, and about which they are at this Instant very much divided in Opinion, for though I have given them constantly the most faithful Advice in my Power, it has not the Weight I wish, as I am thought interested, this will not be the case with you your Situation and Connections will gain implicit credit to all you say and you may be the happy Instrument of doing much good, to all who have any Interest in the Prosperity of this Country.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect and sincere Esteem

Sir

Your faithful and
most humble Servant
Walter Patterson

No 112

Annapolis Royal 2^d Oct. 1783

Sir,

The 2^d Battalion of the 84th Regt under your command will March as soon as possible to morrow morning for Windsor, and on the 10th of this Instant October you will disband that Corps agreeable to General Orders, they having already received their fourteen Days pay to the 25th of October.

You will transmit to me at Halifax Lists of the Names of such Men as chuse to embark for England, and also such Men as are willing to enlist into

other

Col^l Murdoch McLeine
Command^g 2 Batt^{ns} 84th Regt