

Statement

The Quarter Master General having been informed that it was in contemplation to make a material alteration in his Pay both as to Amount and mode of payment latter he has to submit the following circumstances of his Case to the Consideration of His Majesty's Government.

vide Secy at War's letter to the Commander in Chief dated
Jan^y 19: 1803

It appears that in the Year 1803 and prior to the Commencement of the War the Secy at War suggested to the Commander in Chief, the dissimilarity of the situations of the Adjutant & Quat. Mas^r Gen^l which might be conceived to be upon the same footing as well in regard to the Expenditures of their respective departments as to their personal Emoluments and requesting the Comm^o in Chief's concurrence, when he should make an Official Application to the Lords Comm^o of the Treasury for their sanction and then submit the same to His
 Maj^{ty}

Majesty.

The Comm^{rs} in Chief
in answer stated that he fully co-
incided with the Secy at War in
thinking that they should be placed
precisely on the same footing in
point of pay and Allowances.

After various Communications
between the Comm^{rs} in Chief, The War
Office and The Treasury upon the
arrangements necessary to carry
this object into effect, it was at
length finally determined that their
Pay and Allowances should be similar
and fixed at the following Rates and
mode of payment and the same
was officially notified to the
Commander in Chief by the Secy
at War, in his letter dated 31st
Aug^r 1805.

" That the Lords Comm^{rs}
of H. M. Treasury consider it but
fair and reasonable in time of
War, or whenever the circumstances
of the Country may require a Staff
of General Officers to be formed
on the Home Establishment,
That the Quar^{ter} Mas^r & Adj^{ts} Gen^l
(if General Officers) should form

Commander in Chief's letter
dated 25: March 1803

The whole correspondence on this
subject will be found in the 11: Report
of the Comm^{rs} of Mil^l Enquiry.

a part of such Staff & receive
 the pay of their respective Ranks
 and their Lordships further direct
 that the above Officers be borne upon
 the Establishment for their perma-
 nent Office Pay of 4 £ a day in the
 whole in time of Peace and 4.10 in time of
 War subject to the usual deductions

That the former allowance
 of 500 £ per annum should be dis-
 continued while on the Staff, but
 it was the intention of their Lordships
 that whenever the Officers in question
 should be put off the Staff or the
 Officers should be held by Officers
 who had not attained the Rank
 of a General Officer, in either case
 they shall then be entitled to the
 allowance in question in addition
 to their permanent Office Pay above
 mentioned."—

This Arrangement was to
 be considered retrospectively to the
 period of the Commencement of
 the War and from that period
 viz: March 1803 to the present time
 it has been invariably acted upon.

The present Quat. Master Genl.
succeeded to that Office in October
1811 he being at that period Com-
-missary in Chief with the Pay
of 2000 £ per annum, and he
was removed from that Office
not from any application or desire
of his own, but in consequence of
the gracious Command of the
Prince Regent signified to him
in Person and this at a juncture
the most grateful & flattering to
him viz. (the reinstatement of
the Commr. in Chief). —

Being at that time Colonel
in the Army it will be evident
that by this removal he sustained
a pecuniary loss of 500 £ per ann:
and which when represented to
the Minister (Mr. Percival) by
the Commr. in Chief and recom-
-mended by H. R. H. to be made
good by placing him upon the
Staff in addition, The Minister
replied that the Pay having been
previously established, upon ma-
-ture deliberation, he could not
with any propriety alter the
arrange-

arrangements then made, but at
 the same time offered to give the
 Quar. Mas. Gen. an allowance of
 500 £ per annum, provided he
 would accept of it, as a mark
 of approbation for his Services
 in the Commissariat, but which
 upon that footing the Quarter
 Mas. Gen. declined to receive and
 he accepted his present Office under
 the arrangements as the then
 stood with a clear and positive
 understanding, that as he sus-
 tained the present disadvantage
 and loss of income, he should
 in due time and according to
 his Military Rank receive the
 same advantages in every respect
 as were enjoyed by his predecessor
 conformably to the Regulations
 made by Government and ap-
 proved by His Majesty: — and
 in which understanding the
 Q. M. Gen. has continued to hold
 his Office for a period of nearly
 5 Years during which period
 if

if his annual income be compared with that which he relinquished under the faith of the Government it will be found that he has sustained a loss of upwards of 2000£. —

The Quarter Master Genl. must here in justice to himself declare that from the moment when the Minister rejected the application of the Commt. in chief in his favor upon the ground of previous Reputation, he has never uttered a word of complaint but taken the disadvantages, looking forwards to future remuneration in like manner (& no more) as was enjoyed by his predecessor under this very arrangement. —

It may be here necessary to observe that as Enrolment is the subject of present discussion & Enrolment only, The Quat. Mar Genl. at the period when he accepted his Office had

a Reg^y of greater endowment
than that which he now has the
honour to command.

If under existing cir-
-cumstances it shall be the wish
of H. M. Government to make
any alteration in the arrange-
-ment, as heretofore regulated
and acted upon for a period of
13 Years and under the faith of
which The 2. M^l General has been
guided in his course of public
Service, he would be the last
person to interpose an obstacle
but he humbly conceives that
he is fully justified in protesting
against any innovation which
may be prejudicial to his present
interests and future prospects
adhering as he has done under
continual pecuniary loss to a
Regulation established by the
Government with the sanction of
the King under which his prede-
-cessor enjoyed all the advantages
during

the whole period of his appoint-
ment and which were secured
to the present Quat. Mas. Gen.
under every recorded sanction
and personal Assurance that
it was possible for the Govern-
ment & Sovereign to give and
upon whose unbroken and solemn
faith he has continued and
hopes to rely. —

March 24. 1816

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