

Mr. Gen. Hm. Harland to the Lord Barrington

My Lord 2334 London 22^d January 1776

As your Lordship was so good to promise you would lay my Case before the King, I beg leave to trouble you. It is rather tedious, but to represent the most material, makes it longer than I could wish; I hope for your Lordship's Patience, and His Majesty's Indulgence, as I have not been often troublesome.

I served on the Expedition to Carthagena, tho' a young Man and but a Lieutenant I was appointed a Major of Brigade; was also the same on the Staff in London in 1766; was an Aid du Camp to General Blakeney all the Rebellion in the North, & at the Siege of Starling Castle; I purchased my Majority & Lieutenant Colonelcy, and lost above £800... by Wilson the Agent, as it was lodged with him to pay part of my first Purchase; in all £3100... which was the whole of my private Fortune. I was all last War in North America, & the West Indies, & flatter myself I served with Credit. Sir Jeffery Amherst last Campaign honoured me with a separate Command of 8000 Men, to go by the way of
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the Illinois, St. Johns & Chamblee to Montreal, with Orders to meet him or Gen. Murray there. Illinois was a fortified Island, with a strong Garrison, where I was obliged to erect Batteries of all sorts, and carry on a regular Siege, for which I had Sir Jeffery Amherst's Thanks. I had but the Rank of Lieut. Col. on this Command, which was a very small Income to support a Family, as was expected from me, and did to the utmost of my Power. After this I was left in the Command at Crown Point, where I was the Winter before; but at this Time, it became the great Thorowfare between New York & Canada, where every Officer that passed, expected & got Refreshments from me, tho' I had a Family to support in England, without my having any Allowance for a Table. From Crown Point I was ordered second in Command to Martinico; our Success there is well known. I had Duplicates of Orders sealed up in case of any Accident to Gen. Monkton. When Lord Albemarle came there in his Way to the Havannah, his Lordship made Choice of me, and the 3^d Batt.ⁿ of the Royal Americans, which I then commanded to go with him. The Success of that Place is also well known. I was the only Colonel there who had not a higher Rank than
of Brigadier

Brigadier General, which most of the Lieut. Colonels had. At the End of the War I was reduced to Half Pay, and was so long on it, that my small Proportion of Prize Money taken at the Havannah was wholly spent for the Support of my Family, and Attendance in London, where I was applying for another Regiment. I must beg leave to add, that my Regiment was on the Irish Establishment, till lately, where I paid a Tax of Four Shillings in the Pound, which with the Exchange, reduced the Income of a Regt. very considerably, and has thrown me back in my Circumstances.

I beg your Lordship will lay this before the King, with my most humble Request that His Majesty will consider One of his most Dutifull Generals, who most humbly submits his Case to the most considerate of Kings.

I have the honor to be with great Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's
most Obedient &
most humble Servant,

Wm. Haviland

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General Macdonald

January 22. 1796