

No. 19.

Commissariat West Indies
Barbados 15 Aug 1735

Sir

In consequence of the vacancy
occasioned by the Death of ^{the} late
Genl Robertson in the Commissariat
Staff at Malta, I have been
directed by the Lords Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury by ^{consideration}
of the many years you have ^{been} employed
in the West Indies to offer you the
option of transferring your
services to that Station, and
that you would have the
goodness to inform me whether
it is your wish to avail yourself

Yours
Obedt Servant
John Major

His opportunity of effecting a change
of Climate &

Travelling
from Port of Spain
William Pitt
Esq.

London 6th Janry 1836

I have the honor to submit for the approval
of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's
Treasury a statement of Travelling expenses
incurred by me ^{and} ~~in consequence of not being~~
~~able to return from Barbados to London~~
and to explain that there was not at
the time of my departure from Barbados
any vessels direct to London nor would
there be any before the month of February
or March, the said Genl. Gilder consequently
approved of my proceeding to Liverpool

I have therefore to request that
Your Lordships will be pleased to authorize
the amount to be reimbursed me
together with
as well as the usual night & allowances
for such period as they may seem
that Your Lordships may be pleased to grant
in aid of other expenses for ~~and~~ ^{other}
other expenses consequent on the
journey by land -

Commissariat Office
Malta, 16th March 1843

Sir

At the request of Aps^t Com. Genl. Major
I take the liberty of enclosing a Memorial which he
is desirous should be brought under the consideration
of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury
and I beg leave to state that I have every reason to
be satisfied with the assistance M^r. Major has invaria-
bly afforded me in the Commissariat duties of this
Station & which have been most useful from his
experience & long services.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

Signed/

J. Carey

D. C. S.

Attest copy

J. W. Major
Carey

C. C. Trevelyan Esq^r
Treasury Chambers

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The Memorial of Aps^t Com. Genl Major to the Right Hon^{ble}
the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist has been 34 years in the
Commissariat Department, 32 of which have been in actual
employment abroad.

That Memorialist served successively in the Expedi-
-tion to Walcheren, throughout the campaigns of Portugal
and Spain, in the South of France, until the termination
of the War after the Battle of Waterloo, and he has the sa-
-tisfaction of stating that during the whole of those ope-
-rations he was without intermission most actively emplo-
-yed as an Accountant attached to Cavalry in the field, a
service of most harassing nature.

That Memorialist since the peace has served 17 years
in the West Indies from whence he was removed to the
Mediterranean and is now on duty with the Comm^{ts}
Establishment at Malta.

That Memorialist's Commission of Aps^t Comnd Genl
is dated the 7th June 1825 and that his name has stood for
several years as one of the seniors and now is the second
on the list of the employed Officers of his grade.

That although he felt humiliated at the promotion
over his head of M^r J. B. Price in 1838 and M^{rs} Lovell
Pennell and W. H. Robinson in 1840 Officers considera-
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in the more mortifying situation of being again superseded
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two years, and the latter nine years his junior, he can no longer forbear adverting to these disappointments, in the hope that the extreme hardship of his case may meet with favourable consideration in being the means of averting a further preference to his prejudice.

Memorialist humbly prays therefore that his long and faithful services may meet with their reward in their Lordships being pleased to grant him his advancement to the rank of Sep. Com. Genl. on the earliest occasion, and if he may be allowed to plead for a further favor in requital of former disappointments he begs to be put in charge of any station becoming vacant from the emoluments of which he may be the better able to provide for the education and advancement of a numerous and rising family and your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

Commissariat Office

Malta, 16th March 1843

True copy

J. W. Major
ally

Col. J. W. Major
ally

The Memorial of Ass^t Com: Gen^l Major to the Right Hon^{ble}
the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist has been 34 years in the Commissariat Department, 32 of which have been in actual employment on full pay. *alivod*

That Memorialist served successively in the Expedition to Walcheren, throughout the campaigns of Portugal and Spain, in the South of France, until the termination of the War after the Battle of Waterloo, and he has the satisfaction of stating that during the whole of those operations he was without intermission most actively employed as an Accountant attached to Cavalry in the field, a service of most harassing nature.

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Matta, March 1843.

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Commissariat Office

Malta, 16th March 1843

Signed / F. W. Major
A. C. G.

True copy

F. W. Major
ally

Since the date of the foregoing
Quartermaster of my former command
been promoted over me and
I am at the top of the list of
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born Gent. my superior officer
in the year my promotion in
1812-

On reference to the Army List
I may be seen that I have
not advanced one step since
1825, making twenty years in
my present Rank.

Nothing short of promotion to the
Rank of born Gent can compensate
for the injustice - and neglect of a
faithful servants services.

Mulla 3 April 1845

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Mr. Mays
Memorial

favorable

Detailed Statement of Aps^t Com: Gen^l: Major's Services, from
25th June 1809, to 5th May 1843.

Nature of Service

1809 Field Depôt and Office Duty at Watcheren.

1810 & 1811 In charge of Depôts in Portugal.

1812 to 1815 Active Field duty In charge of Cavalry in the Peninsula & France to Waterloo.
Part of 1816 all 1817 & part of 1818 on Half Pay.

Part of 1818 all 1819 & 1820 Deputy Commissary General's Office Barbados.

From 1821 to 24th September 1824 in charge of the Military Chest at Barbados.

From 25th Septem^r: 1824 to 24th April 1825 in charge of the Department at Trinidad.

From 25th April 1825 to 30th Nov^r: 1834 in charge of the Department at Granada.

From 1st to 31st December 1834 proceeding to S^t: Lucia.

From 1st January to 31st October 1835, in charge of the Department at S^t: Lucia.

From 1st November 1835 Ordered to Malta and is now with the Establishment there. In 1837 & 1840 held temporary charge at Malta for three Months each time, and is to take charge again on the 21st Instant during the absence of the Deputy Commissary General.

Period of each Rank	Where employed
Clerk _____ years mo ^{ths} 10	Expedition to Watcheren _____ years 1
Dep: Aps ^t Com: Gen ^l : _____ 13 " 2	Peninsula & France to Waterloo _____ 7
Aps ^t Com: Gen ^l : _____ 18 " _____	West Indies _____ 17
Total 34 _____	Malta _____ 7
	On Service 32
	On Half Pay 2
	34

Malta, the 5th of May 1843

J. Major
ally

Copy

Malta, 23^d May 1840.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will do me the kindness to submit to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury the name of my eldest son Robert Clement Major as a Candidate for a Blackship in the Commissariat Department, and I trust a perusal of the following Statement of my service abroad since 1809, now thirty one years, will tend to induce their Lordships to consider me entitled to some small share of favor.

My son is 18 years of age, has learnt the French and German languages, and in other respects I may venture to say is fully competent for the duties that may be required of him, having been eight months patiently assisting in the Office at Malta, and will I am confident prove deserving of their Lordships kind notice.

My service commenced in 1809 and may be classed under the following heads: Malabar 1809, Portugal, Spain and France from 1810 to 1815 concluding with Waterloo, Half Pay from 1816 to 1817, West Indies from 1818 to 1830, and since in Malta, making twenty nine years actual Service and two or half pay, which long period of absence from England has rendered me a perfect stranger in my own Country and has deprived me of the advantages of making friends and Connexions who might assist me in providing for my large family in other professions.

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Col. Trevelyan Esq:
Treasury Chamber
London

Mr. Trevelyan
Letters

It may appear to my prejudice my not having attained to equal Rank with those of the same standing with myself, I therefore consider it necessary to state, that it had entirely arisen from my having unfortunately been rendered unfit for duty by the Malaria fever for two years, during which period others were reaping the benefit of the active service then going on, and at the conclusion of the war in 1818 they obtained the rank of Adj. Com. General which was not extant to me on account of that fever which had placed me two years their junior; the slow promotion during Peace then followed, and I did not obtain the same rank until nine years after, at which time many were promoted to Deputy Comd. General and some even to the rank of Comd. General, who entered the service with me in 1809, and have been enjoying the Full and Half Pay of their rank for many years, while at present I am serving for half pay than I received as a Deputy Adj. Comd. General twenty six years ago.

During the service in the Leeward Is. including the years 1812 to 1816, my duties were of most harassing nature, it was the whole of the time, attached to the Light Cavalry which was always next to the enemy, and it was only by the greatest bodily exertion night and day, and by a good constitution that so trying a service could be executed, and lighter years were afterwards passed in the destructive climate of the West-Indies.

I pray therefore your Lordship's attention to the disadvantages I labour under by that fever and the consequent diminution which it has occasioned in the means of providing for a large family, compared with those who obtained early promotion during

during the War, circumstances which having been beyond my control, will plead I am led to hope, in desiring their Lordships to give a favourable answer to the petition of an Officer whose life has been wholly devoted to the Public Service, in the most trying climates.

I have the honor to be

Yrs — Yrs — Yrs
Signed, F. W. Mauger

A true copy
W. Major

Mapperley, near Nottingham
25th December 1870

My dear Kate

It is a sad task I have to perform this Morn^g to write and tell you of the loss of our dearly beloved Father. he had been failing for some time but at times used to rally so wonderfully that we hoped to keep him with^{us} yet a little longer. However on Tuesday & Wednesday last he got more feeble, and on ~~Thursday~~ ^{23rd Inst} ~~Friday~~ ^{Friday} morning at 2.30 o'clock he gave a sigh, and went to sleep

his God, and dear Kate I think we
may comfort ourselves with the firm
belief that if ever a man was prepared
for death and had made his peace
with God, that man was the gallant
old soldier our dear Father whose loss
we all shall feel most deeply. I came
down here to see him about a month
since when he was supposed to be
departing, but left him so much
better than we all thought he would
get over the attack, and that is the
last time I saw the dear old man
alive. I was telegraphed for on
Friday morning, but the end had
come so quickly that I could not
get here in time, our dear Mother
bears up most wonderfully, but she
feels very much not having been

able to see the dear old man before
his death. For some months we had
converted one of the lower rooms into
a bedroom on account of his not
being able to get up and down stairs
so that Mother and he have been
quite separated. I enclose you an
sad memento of our dearly beloved
Father, cut from his head after
death, and I am sure you will
prize it much. I cannot now
tell you how his property is left
but will write to you again after
the funeral, which is to take place
on Thursday next at 11 o'clock,
when I will give you full
particulars. Mr. Henry Hyman,
Ben Cartledge Junr and I are

The Executors, and you may be sure
every thing will be done right, my
dear Mother will be much reduced
in means but we hope to make
things comfortable for her during
her short spell of life. You must
my dear Kate excuse my writing
a short and hurried letter, for
I have much to think about and
arrange, and many interruptions,
but I do not like to delay in telling
you know the sad news. I was
glad to receive your last letter and
I shall not forget your request to
have the photos of my numerous
little flock, you shall most certainly
have them the first time we have
them done, and I wish much

with Mr. Major's address I take the liberty to request you will please communicate to him the substance of the will bequeying him to furnish me both on his own part, as also on his daughter's, with an acknowledgement that both have been duly informed of the testamentary provisions, as I am called upon by the court of Justice here to deposit with the said testament deeds such a documentary evidence, both from Mr. Francis W. Major, & Miss Fanny Carlo Major. In case the residuary interest in the Morgan legacy should be sold Mr. Francis William Major would have to express his willingness to bear his part of the loss arising from such sale in proportion to the amount of his legacy. You will excuse the trouble imposed on you and

accept in anticipation my
respected thanks and assurances
of the esteem with which I
subscribe as

Sir

Yr obedient Servant
John Adolph Kahlen.

My address is

A. Kahlen Legat
Case of Dr. C. H. Jurgens
Grenel.

Mapperley near Nottingham
18th May 1870

My dear Kate

You will see by the heading to this that I am at the old house, and I regret to have to tell you the cause of my visit has been a very sad one, our dear old Father was taken suddenly with an attack of paralysis about a fortnight since, and I was telegraphed for in the middle of the night as he was not expected to live, and on my arrival I found him in such a precarious state that I did not expect he could possibly recover, he has lost the use of his left arm and leg, but I rejoice to say that he has so far recovered, to enable us to carry him down stairs, I have fitted up one of the sitting-rooms as a bed-room, and have got a chair on wheels so that he can now be moved about from one room to the other, and out into the garden. The Doctor reports very favorably of him now, and thinks with care he will partly recover the use of his arm & leg

but this attack has shook him very much and we must
be prepared to lose him ere long, and in all probability
suddenly. Dear old man it is a sad thing to see him
so helpless, he who has been all his life such an active
man, and it is difficult to make him understand
that he cannot get about as usual. I fear dear
Kate we shall soon have to mourn the loss of a kind
and affectionate Father, our consolation we shall
have, and that is that few men are better prepared
to trust their God than he is. It is most fortunate that
the weather is now getting warm and fine so he can
be taken into the garden which is very thing to him.

I am sorry to say I must leave him tomorrow and
return to my little flock, and Volunteer duties.

Altho' a bad correspondent I often think of you, and
wonder how you are all getting on, and you may be quite
sure that altho' we have been separated so long, I have
not forgotten you, nor lost my love for you so dear
Kate still think of me as your dear Brother Slick
What changes have come over us all, your children all
grown up and some married and Mas is a soldier

poor Fanny a widow with three children, and your humble
servant the happy father of six we dares - three boys
and three girls - fancy what an old chap I am getting to be;
the 13th anniversary of our wedding day, just passed -
Thank God my married life has been a very happy one,
I have the dearest and best little woman in the world
for a wife, and if we were only blessed with a little more
of the filthy lucre we should be perfect, but one can't have
everything in this world so it's no use growling - My
dear Mother is wonderfully well and bears her long
confinement to bed with great fortitude she desires
me to give her best love and good wishes to you all -
I fear you must not expect to hear from our dear old
Father again for he is now so infirm, but Fanny or
I will keep you informed how he gets on - When you
write to me, which I hope you will, my address will be
as ^{our} ~~per~~ enclosed - Father sends his very kindest love
to you all and wishes much he could write to you
he has been round the garden in his chair and is
feeling tired, but the fresh air does him good, he
has a boy who attends solely to him as he must

Warrin Building
Liverpool 28 Sept 33

My dear Sir

I am very
sorry indeed to see
the fresh difficulties
that have arisen as
to the acreage of the
Mount Edward
Properties & I confess I
do not like the view
taken by the Surveyor
making so light of
such a large
deficiency -

You should act
entirely under legal

³ possession instead of
invasion no one
likes to lend money
on second mortgages

My father & his
wife went with
me in but love
to me all your
love -

Believe me
very dear Sir
Faithfully Yours
Watson

F W Watson Major Esq
Canton Edward
W Halifax
Nova Scotia

advice not to take any²
letter to take any step
unless approved of by
your Solicitor or at
all points your friend
the Barrister who
appeared to take
much interest in
your welfare

It would not be
possible to raise
any more money
on your Reversionary
Property - I had much
difficulty in raising the
first Mortgage &
some of the Fund
were in ~~Reversion~~

PS. 31 Augt 3

I have just recd your
letter of the 20th inst. with
copy letter from Mr Lawson
to you

I regret exceedingly
the very unpleasant
Position in which you are
placed & that I cannot
raise for you even £150 ~~or~~
or indeed any further sum
on the revisionary Property
No building Society would
make the advance here
or indeed any one but
a personal friend who took
your personal security &
added the revisionary
Interest as collateral

I fear from your having
been so long in possession
of the Property that it will be
very difficult to obtain
an abatement of the price
on account of the deficiency
in the Quantity of the Sand

but of this you will be
better advised, in Halifax,
one thing seems quite
clear that in the position
you are in - not
having paid for the estate
that you are very much
in the Power of the
Vendor & the rather that
you have expended
considerable sums of
money in improvements

I advise you most
strongly not to provoke
hostile feelings on the
part of Mr Lawson, in
whose Power you are to
a great extent -

upon the whole it
strikes me if you could
make some amicable
arrangement - by dividing
the loss it would be much
preferable to litigation

J Wm A Major Esq
Halifax