

P1105 2nd Battalion Caithness Volunteers Orderly Book

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number:	GB1741/P1105
Alternative reference number:	-
Title:	2nd Battalion Caithness Volunteers Orderly Book
Dates of creation:	1804-1808
Level of description:	Fonds
Extent:	1 volume
Format:	Paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators:	2nd Battalion Caithness Volunteers
Administrative history:	The 2nd Battalion Caithness Volunteers were raised by Colonel Sir Benjamin Dunbar of Hempriggs in response to the perceived threat of invasion during the Napoleonic Wars. Lieutenant Colonel Williamson was the Inspecting Field Officer of Volunteers
Custodial history:	Purchased through E.J. Morten Booksellers, Manchester

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:	<p>Commencing on 29th January 1804 with an opening letter inscribed by the Lord Moira (As Master General of Ordnance) at the raising of the unit. Among the companies mentioned are the Ackergill, Keiss, Ulbster, Stirkoke, Clyth, Forse, Latheronwheel, Strathmore and Langwell.</p> <p>Other letters cover Battalion Orders, Training, Rates of Clothing, Patrols, Inspections, Meetings and Musters with many named Officers and NCO's of the local area.</p> <p>Of note is a notice of a wrecked vessel in Orkney with the Battalion on alert, an inspection request by Lord Hawkesbury in October 1807 (later he became Prime Minister, as Lord Liverpool) requiring a full list of arms and equipment etc. Many of the Orders</p>
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and Notices are signed off by Lieut. Colonel Williamson from places such as Edinburgh, Wick Thurso and Ackergill. With letters also noted relating to Lord Caithness as Lord Lieutenant of Caithness. The last entry is dated 14th May 1808 re. Major Williamson at Ackergill

Appraisal: None

Accruals: None expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until: -

Access conditions: Available within the archive searchroom

Language: English

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available within the archive searchroom and [online](#)

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: P818/125 - Letter from James Horne to Captain James Sinclair
P566/4/1/4 – Printed Note

Publication: -

Notes: -

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P1105	2nd Battalion Caithness Volunteers Orderly Book	1804-1808
P1105/1	Adjutants Orderly Book of the 2nd Battalion Caithness Volunteers, commencing 13 Feb 1804 (1 volume)	1804-1808