

LIST OF FENCIBLE INFANTRY REGIMENTS RAISED PRIOR TO 1793.

ARGYLL REGIMENT.

(*Facings*—Yellow.)

Colonel—JOHN, DUKE OF ARGYLL.

Raised July 1759. When embodied was 1000 strong. Quartered in different parts of Scotland till the peace of 1763, when it was disbanded.

SUTHERLAND REGIMENT.

(*Facings*—Yellow.)

Colonel—WILLIAM, EARL OF SUTHERLAND.

Raised July 1759, but the officers' commissions were dated in August. 1500 men assembled within nine days after his Lordship had arrived in the north with his Letters of Service, but the authorised establishment being only 1000 men, the remainder had to be rejected. Permission, however, was afterwards given to augment the strength to 1100 men. This corps was remarkable for the fine appearance of the men, as well as for their peaceable, domiciliated habits in quarters. After doing garrison duty in various parts of Scotland it was disbanded in 1763.

ARGYLL, OR WESTERN FENCIBLE REGIMENT.

(*Facings*—Yellow.)

Colonel—LORD FREDERICK CAMPBELL.

Raised February 1778. Embodied at Glasgow. Volunteered to extend its services to any part of the world where their country required them. This offer was accepted, but their services were not required abroad. Served in Scotland, and disbanded at Glasgow in April 1783.

SOUTH FENCIBLE REGIMENT.

(*Facings*—Green.)

Colonel—HENRY, DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH.

Raised 10th April 1778. Embodied at Edinburgh. Offered to serve in any part of Great Britain. Served in Scotland. Disbanded at Dalkeith, 1st April 1783.

Note.—All the Fencibles raised prior to 1793 were required to serve only in the country in which they were raised, except in time of invasion. All the Scotch ones, except the South Fencibles, wore the full Highland garb.

GRANT OR STRATHSPEY REGIMENT.*

*(Facings—Green.)**Colonel—SIR JAMES GRANT OF GRANT.*

Raised March 2nd, 1793. Embodied at Forres. Served in Scotland. Disbanded at Inverness, April 1799.

SUTHERLAND REGIMENT.*

*(Facings—Yellow.)**Colonel—MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM WEMYSS OF WEMYSS.*

Raised March 2nd, 1793. Embodied at Fort George. Extended its services to Ireland in 1797. Disbanded at Fort George in March 1799, many of the officers and men transferring their services to the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, raised by General Wemyss on a letter of service dated 16th April 1799.

LOYAL TARBERT REGIMENT.

*(Facings—Blue.)**Colonel—SIR EDWARD LESLIE, BART.*

Raised July 27th, 1798. Disbanded at Plymouth, June 19th, 1802.

THE LOYAL TAY REGIMENT.

*(Facings—Blue.)**Colonel—SIR ROBERT ANSTRUTHER, BART.*

Raised October 25th, 1794. This regiment had a good many Highlanders from the Highland borders. Served in Ireland. Disbanded at Stirling, June 28th, 1802.

The Scotch Fencibles raised in 1793 had eight companies each, except the Orkney, which had three.

Those raised in 1794-1802 had ten companies, except the 1st Battalion Rothesay and Caithness Regiment, which had eight, and three others—the Angus Volunteers, Ross-shire and Shetland Fencibles—which had only two companies.

Of the total number of Scotch corps raised from 1759 to 1802, we find that, independently of Colonel Macneil's Argyll, Colonel Robertson's Perthshire (both having very few Highlanders), and the Ross-shire Fencibles (which are not included, as their number was small), the total number of Fencibles raised in the Highlands, and considered as exclusively Highland, amounted to twenty-six battalions.¹ Some of the other Scotch Fencibles, however, although not nominally Highland, had a number of men from the mountains in their ranks, and this fact is noted in the above list under the regiments concerned.

¹ General Stewart of Garth.