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DONALD SUTHERLAND WAS BORN IN 1780.

HE JOINED THE 79th HIGHLANDERS AND
SERVED THROUGHOUT THE NAPOLEONIC WARS,
AND WAS AT THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO.

AFTER THE WARS, HE TAUGHT SCHOOL
AT SKELBO, DORNOCIT. HE COULD READ
AND WRITE BOTH ENGLISH AND GAELIC

HE DIED IN 1866.

THE ATTACHED LEAFLET IS AN EXTRACT FROM HIS DIARY

DIARY OF SGT. DONALD SUTHERLAND
79th HIGHLANDERS, 1801 - 1807

*THE DIARY DESCRIBES OPERATIONS
AGAINST THE FRENCH IN EGYPT,
IN WHICH THE 79th PARTICIPATED*

We embarked in the Dilligen on the 12th August. Sailed on the 16th for Bristole where we arrived on the 22nd. March for Bath on the 24th where we arrived that same day. Here we remained seven days, after which we marched to Warminster, from it to Salisbury and from there to Romsey, from there to Hilsea Barracks.

Here we was put in Barracks and Done Duty with the other Cases Stationed there till the 10th of October; then embarked on Board of the Lamodest, frigate (then a troop Ship). Sailed on the 16th for Plymouth where we arrived on the 20th. Here we lay at anchor for five weeks after which we sailed on the 25th October for Gibralter - three frigates in Company - Lamodest, Reasource and Dido. Here we hade a very Pleasant Passage till we arrived at the Bay of Biskey, where a tremendous storm arose which lasted three Days and Nights, During which time we could not get a bit of anything out of the Hold or either Cook what we hade out. But the Storm abating on the third Day we Came in sight of Cape St Vincent about 10 o'clock in the Day.

Cape St Vincent

This place has the appearance of a very fine place (from the Sea). With a town and well fortified By the Sea Side. There is here a large old nunnery Situated on the Extremity of a white rock washed by the Sea. This Place appears to have a Grand Prospect, as also a very Eloquent and Extensive Building all of the ancient Construction; it is counted the largest Nunnery in all Portugal and of a certainty it is one of the Oldest.

We arrived at Gibralter on the 23th Nov, lay in the Bay till the 28th on which Day we sailed for Malta - after many Calms and Squals arrived at Malta on the 16th December. I know not whither it was occationed by Excess of fruit or Change of air, but I was taken with a violent fever on the 19th for which reason I and twelve more taken with the same Disease was sent ashore and conveyed to the General Hospital, where I continued till the Second of February.