Sir Archibald Campbell letter

Descriptive Summary

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Title: Sir Archibald Campbell letter
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Biographical/Historical Note

Sir Archibald Campbell (1739-1791) was born at Inverneil, Scotland on August 21, 1739, the second son of James Campbell of Inverneil. He entered the army in 1757 as a captain in the Fraser Highlanders and served in North America throughout the French and Indian War. He was wounded at the taking of Quebec in 1758. After the war, Campbell was promoted several times and served in India until 1773, when he returned to Scotland. He served as M.P. in 1774. In 1775, he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Battalion. He arrived in America at the port of Boston, Massachusetts, which was under control of the colonists. He remained a prisoner until 1776 when he was exchanged for Ethan Allen. After his release, he became Lieutenant Colonel of the 71st Regiment and Commander of the Northern Detachment of His Majesty's Army and led a successful expedition against the state of Georgia. He seized Savannah, Georgia and remained as commanding officer in Georgia until March of 1779, when he returned to England. He continued to serve His Majesty as Governor of Jamaica and Madras and in 1789 was again elected to Parliament. He died on March 31, 1791 and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

Scope and Content Note

The letter in this collection was written on January 9, 1779 at Colonel Archibald Campbell's headquarters in Ebenezer, Georgia. The letter is to an unidentified "sir," and it responds to concerns about the status of prisoners of war and wounded soldiers. Campbell assures the safe condition of the prisoners and expresses his desire for civilians to soon be able to reenter Savannah, Georgia.

Index Terms

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