

Photocopy of the Church of England sacrament certificate and record of oath of loyalty to King George II (1758) of James Inglis, surgeon to the fifth regiment

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Dear General Mackennan,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th September in response to my enquiry regarding the Barronetcy of Cumming of Culter, Co Aberdeen. It certainly is a coincidence that your Parents resided in Culter for so many years and that one of your school chums was also named Cumming!

I will take your advice and ask the War Office Librarian if he will have a look through the Army lists of the period and see if Robert Stewart Cumming was in fact a combatant officer either in the Artillery or the 7th Hussars, it may be that I can get a lead on him by approaching it from this angle.

By the way you overlooked my second enquiry regarding a possible Army Surgeon named William Boon (or Boorn) who was extant in the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Boon who resided in Portsmouth in the 1770's. If you

can supply any information on him. I would be grateful

Please find enclosed the memorial from the Managers of Edinburgh's Royal Infirmary, asking that the stipend of one of their Physicians should be restored. There was no confirmation with the petition that any action was taken but I dare say that the archives of the Infirmary might reveal what happened in the matter.

Finally as an additional item of interest for your archives I am enclosing a Photo-copy of the sacramental certificate of Surgeon JAMES INGLIS of the 5th Regiment of Foot, who on Sunday 12th March 1758, in the Company of seven other officers of that Regiment took the Sacrament in the Parish Church of St Martin (now Leicester Cathedral).

After they had taken the Sacrament they each took the oath of allegiance, swearing to uphold the Crown and dignity of King George II, his heirs and successors, and abjured Pope and Pretender. After having accomplished this ceremony they all subscribed their names and rank, and the documents were then handed to the clerk of the Peace for safe keeping in the records of the local quarter sessions.

This declaration and certification of the Sacrament had to be undertaken by all public servants, both civil and military and usually by the gentry of the Protestant faith. Under the Penal acts no Roman Catholic could hold a commission.

in the Army or Navy, unless they recanted their faith.

The practice had waned very much towards the end of the eighteenth century but the laws were not finally repealed until the Catholic emancipation act of 1829, which ended all restrictions on Catholics in private and public life.

I would be interested to have any details you may have regarding the career of Surgeon Inglis. Later on in the same year the Regiment embarked at Cowes for France, and took part in the raid on St Malo and Cherbourg and Battle of St Leger. They returned to England and in 1759 embarked for Germany where they soldiered for the next three years, winning their first battle honours at WILHELMSTADT in 1762. Inglis may have been present at this battle if he was still with them, but by that time he may have shifted elsewhere.

Again thanking you for looking up the Commemories in your records if I find out anything further on them I will certainly let you know.

With best wishes

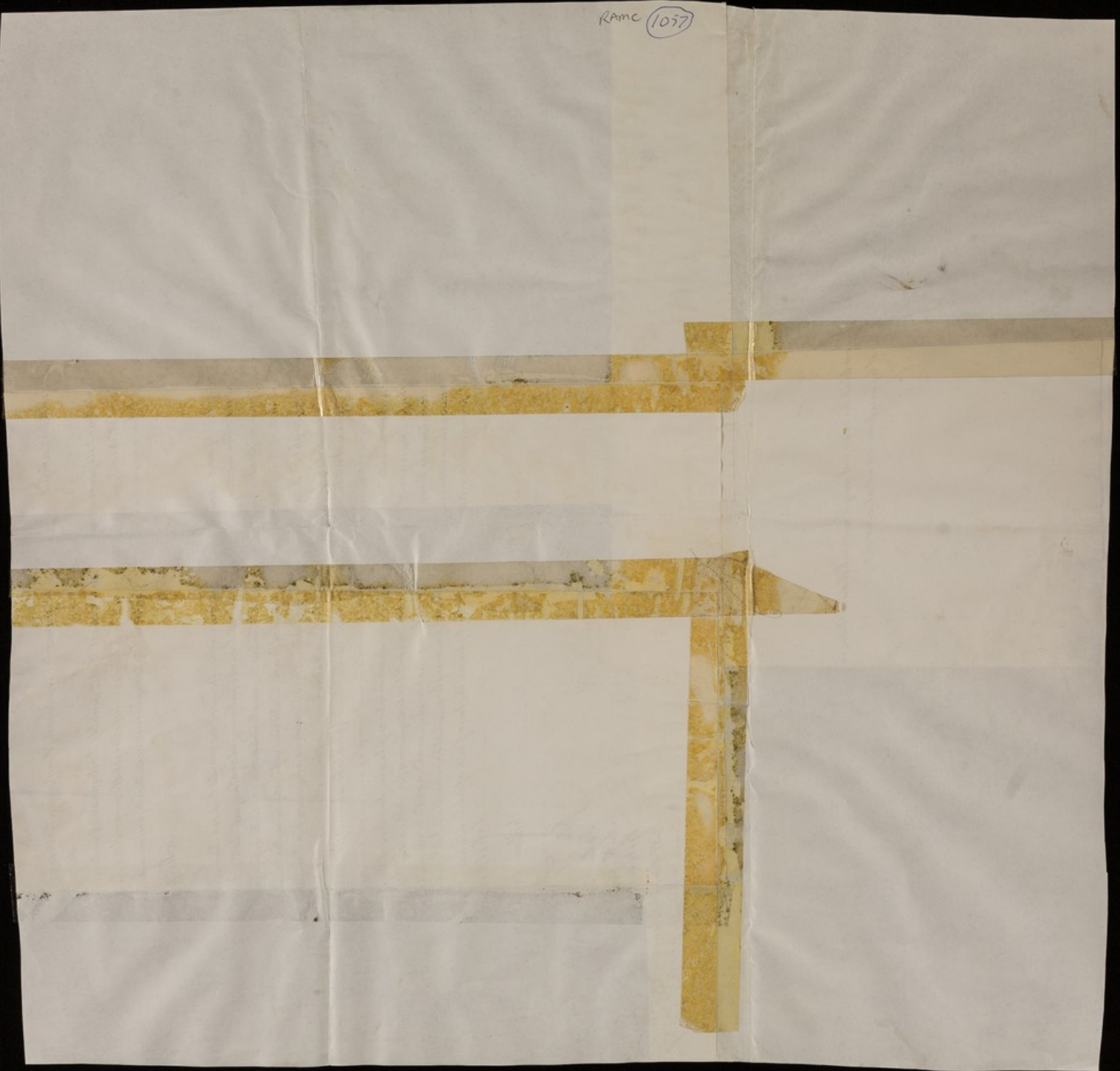
Yours sincerely
Herbert Heather

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I ought to mention that the originals of the Sacramento Certificates and oath of Allegiance are in the archives of the Leicester City Museum who were kind enough to supply me with a copy.

Unfortunately the quarter session records are not as complete as they might have been due to the reforming zeal of a radical corporation way back in 1831 who destroyed quite a lot of the borough records and even flogged the Mayor's chain of office and the town silver at a public auction to celebrate the passing of the reform bill of that year, so we can consider it a piece of luck that this item of military interest survived the deluge.

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We the Minister and Church Warden
of the Parish and Parish Church of Saint Martin
in London
Do hereby Certify that James Taglie Surgeon
to the High Court of Admiralty
on Sunday the twentieth Day of March
did receive the Sacrament of the Lords Supper in the Parish
Church aforesaid immediately after Divine Service and
Sermon according to the Usage of the Church of England
In Witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our
Hands the said twentieth Day of March
1758.



J. Haines - Minister of the Parish and
Parish Church aforesaid

Chas. Hutton - Church Warden of the said
Parish and Parish Church

Thomas Hocket & Robt. Hocket

Do severally make Oath That they did see the said
James Taglie Surgeon in the
above written Certificate named and who now present
hath delivered the same into this Court Receive the
Sacrament of the Lords Supper in the Parish Church
aforesaid And that they did see the said Certificate
subscribed by the said Minister and Church Warden.



Tho. Hocket

Robt. Hocket