

Item: Letter from Captain W. Tonge to Major-General George Stracey Smyth, referencing a system of telegraph used in Nova Scotia

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A letter dating February 28, 1802 from Captain W. Tonge to Major-General George Stracey Smyth, referencing a system of telegraph used in Nova Scotia

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Spanish Town Feb. 20th 1802

Sr

I have the Honor of enclosing the system of
Telegraph as used in the Province of Nova Scotia - the
Erection of which is calculated in the simplest & most
Economical Principle - An elevated Spot of Ground
which affords a clear Horizon in its view is necessary
if no Tree can be found that will answer the purpose
of a Mast, a small staff is put up for that purpose
with a Yard lashed across - a Block is suspended from
each yard Arm & one from the Center with Warlyards
to hoist the Balls / which we make of wicker like a
Basket / each staff will require 5. Balls - which will
compose No. 1 as follows one ball hoisted quite up to the
East w. Arm Denotes No. 1. one by half way up No. 2 -
one all the way up in the center No. 3. one half way up No. 4

One quite up West yard Arm No. 5. one half way up Describes
0. Two Balls fixed close up to the West Yard Arm No. 6
Two half hoisted No. 7. Two Quite up West yard Arm No. 8.
Two half hoisted No. 9. these Nos with the addition of
7 Cops make the largest Nos required in the system of
Signals - should it be yr. Desire Sir to see these signals
Worked, by the Assistance of a Carpenter from Capt. Frasers
the Island Engineer a small one may be made which
will fully elucidate it, any explanation in my
power to make which the book may require I shall
feel happy in giving - In making the Numerary
Signals to make No. 03. which is Sumaria you will
hoist $\frac{2}{9}$ - always to observe that all Nos is to be written as this
is & not in a Horizontal Line, to make that 103 a flag
w^d be added hoisted to the Mast head which w^d say

The Viner Brief

I will not confer trespass on you Sir
than to assure I shall feel honored in any Commands
you may please to have for me

I have the honor to be

Sir with the greatest respect
W. B. C. H. L. S. S.

W. Young Lt. Royal Fus. Co
N. D. C.