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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Additional Notes:

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.

A bound copy of the System of Telegraph and Code Book is held in Special Collections (TK 5743 S5 1802). The book contains instructions given to the directors of telegraphs in Nova Scotia.

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Falmouth Town Febt. 20th. 1782

I have the honor of enclosing the system of Telegraph as used in the Province of Nova Scotia - the direction of which is calculated in the simplest and most economical principle. The elevated spot of ground which affords a clear horizon in its rear is necessary if no tree can be found that will answer the purpose.

A post, a small staff is put up for that purpose with a yard lashed across - a block is suspended from each yard from it one from the center with horsewhips to thrust the balls which we make of wicker like a basket - each staff will require 5 balls which will compose 25 in eleven and others one ball hauled quite up to the East & West Denotes No. 1 one half way up No. 2 one all the way up in the center No. 3 one half way up No. 4
One squat at West yard, Nov. 5. one half way up, December 0.
Two Balls fixed above, to the East yard, Nov. 14. 6.
Two half hoisted 10-9. These are with the addition of
T.C. upon the largest Nos. required in the system of
Squads, should it be w. Desire Sir to see these signals
Worked, by the assistance of a Carpenter from Capt. Fraser,
the 1st and 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 Drymery
Signals to make No. 03. which is America you will
have to always observe that all Nos. to be written in the
is to be in a horizontal line, to make that 103 at Capt.
W. ADDS hoisted to the mast head which is what

The Union Brig

I will not confer trespass on you Sir
them to excess. I shall feel honored in my friends
you may be pleased to have for me

I have the honor to be

With the greatest respect

Wm. Yonge, Lt. Capt. First Class

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