

**The Castle and Regimental Museum, Royal Monmouthshire Royal  
Engineers (Militia)**

<b>Reference code:</b>	<b>DBad</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Badminton Papers</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>1799 - 1812</b>
<b>Level of Description:</b>	<b>Fonds</b>
<b>Extent and medium</b>	<b>2 folders</b>
<b>Name of creator(s):</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Dukes of Beaufort</b>

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### **Administrative/Biographical History**

#### **Archival History**

The Somerset family, Dukes of Beaufort from 1682, had a long association with the Monmouthshire militia. Originally from Raglan, the family was active in the politics in Wales and the Marches from the sixteenth century. In the 1680s, the family seat moved from Monmouthshire to Badminton, Gloucestershire, but they retained their interests in Monmouthshire. The 5<sup>th</sup> Duke was Colonel of the militia from 1771 until his death in 1803; he was succeeded as Colonel by his son, the 6<sup>th</sup> Duke.

#### **Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:**

Among the family papers held at Badminton House are a number of items relating to the Monmouthshire Militia which were created or received by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Dukes. Some of these items are in duplicate, and the duplicates have been given to the Castle and Regimental Museum. In addition, some items were loaned to the museum; photocopies of these items were made before their return and have been included with this collection.

#### **Scope and Content:**

Circulars sent to the Royal Monmouthshire Militia by the War Office, and Acts of Parliament relating to the Militia; copies of miscellaneous papers relating to Monmouthshire Militia in the possession of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Dukes of Badminton. Most of the material relates to the period of the Napoleonic Wars, and includes the warrant calling out the militia in 1803.

#### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling Information:**

All records have been retained. Some of the individual records had been given numbers as part of the accessioning procedures of the museum, but these numbers did not reflect the relationships between the records. The

records have all been renumbered to reflect the arrangement of the archive, and the former reference numbers have been noted on the current catalogue.

**Accruals:**

None expected

**System of arrangement:**

The papers have been divided into two sections: duplicates of circulars and Acts of Parliament; and photocopies of correspondence, accounts, receipts and other papers.

**Conditions governing access:**

Open access.

**Conditions governing reproduction:**

Documents may usually be copied, but permission should first be obtained from the museum trustees or honorary curator.

**Language/scripts of material:**

English

**Physical characteristics and technical requirements:**

Individual items, printed, handwritten and photocopies.

**Finding aids:**

Item-level catalogue available

**Existence and location of originals:**

Some items are originals; some are photocopies of original material held at Badminton House.

**Existence and location of copies**

Duplicates of some documents are held at Badminton House.

**Related units of description**

1. These records relate to the RMonRE(M) official records, which have been catalogued and are held by the museum.

2. Papers relating to the Monmouthshire Militia, for the late eighteenth to early nineteenth century, are kept at Badminton House, along with family papers. Badminton Estate records are held at Gloucestershire Record Office and at the National Library of Wales.

**Publication note:**

**Notes area:**

**Archivists note:**

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Level	Reference	Former ref.	Title/description, extent and medium and related records	Dates
<b>Series</b>	<b>DBad/1</b>		<b>Acts of Parliament, War Office Circulars and Regulations</b>	<b>1801-1809</b>
Item	DBad/1/1	L19	Circular from College of Arms regarding device on new colours for the Regiment. (1 paper, printed)	14 Jul 1801
Item	DBad/1/2	L32	Proposed Conditions of Service for Corps of Volunteer Infantry. (1 paper, printed)	31 Mar 1803
Item	DBad/1/3	L37	Act for raising additional military force (43 Geo III cap 82) (1 booklet, printed)	6 Jul 1803
Item	DBad/1/4	L36	Abstract of 2 Acts regarding possible invasion (passed on 27 July 1803, and 11 August 1803). (1 booklet, printed)	1803
Item	DBad/1/5	L28	Act for authorizing billeting (43 Geo III cap121) (1 booklet, printed)	11 Aug 1803
Item	DBad/1/6	L35	Regulation for the Clothing of the Embodied Militia. (1 booklet, printed)	8 Aug 1803
Item	DBad/1/7	L34	Blank schedule of animals and produce liable to be sequestered in view of invasion. (1 paper, printed)	1803
Item	DBad/1/8	L23	Copy Circular on appointment of Adjutants and Sergeant Majors in Voluntary Forces. From Mr Secretary Yorke. (1 paper, printed)	14 Jan 1804
Item	DBad/1/9	L25	Copy Circular from Mr Secretary Yorke to Lord Lieutenants on officers of Voluntary Service. (1 paper, printed)	21 Feb 1804
Item	DBad/1/10	L21	Circular on assembling Volunteer Corps in case of Invasion, addressed to the Lord Lieutenant for Monmouthshire (1 paper, printed).	5 Mar 1804

Item	DBad/1/11	L29	Circular on assembling Volunteer Corps in case of Invasion. (1 paper, printed)	5 Mar 1804
Item	DBad/1/12	L31	Instructions to Volunteers who are to assemble upon permanent Pay and Duty. (1 paper, printed)	6 Mar 1804
Item	DBad/1/13	L33	Circular to Commandants of Volunteers Corps re. placing Corps on Permanent Duty. (1 paper, printed)	1 Apr 1805
Item	DBad/1/14	L27	Copy Circular from Lord Hawkesbury on enlistment into Regulars. (1 paper, printed)	15 Apr 1805
Item	DBad/1/15	L24	Circular re. muster of Wagons in the event of invasion. (1 paper, printed)	7 Jul 1805
Item	DBad/1/16	L22	Copy of a letter from Earl Spencer to the Secretary at War, on Allowances. (1 paper, printed)	12 Jun 1806
Item	DBad/1/17	L20	Act for Completing the Militia of Great Britain (49 Geo III cap 53) (1 booklet, printed)	27 May 1809
Series	DBad/2		<b>Photocopies of letters, accounts and other papers relating to the Militia</b>	1799-1812
			<b>Abstracts of account of Marquess of Worcester as Major in the Regiment</b>	<b>1799-1800</b>
Item	DBad/2/1	L45	Statement of the Marquess of Worcester's account for the period 25 <sup>th</sup> of August 1799 to the 24 <sup>th</sup> of December 1799, showing pay received and mess and other payments (2 papers, photocopy)	25 Aug – 24 Dec 1799
Item	DBad/2/2	L44	Statement of the Marquess of Worcester's account for the period from the 25 <sup>th</sup> of September 1800 to the 24 <sup>th</sup> of December 1800, showing pay received and mess and other payments (2 papers, photocopy)	25 Sep – 24 Dec 1800

**Embodiment and strength of the militia 1803-1812**

Item	DBad/2/3	Warrant calling out the Militia Circular printed letter, addressed to the Duke of Beaufort calling out the Monmouthshire Militia (2 papers, photocopy)	12 Mar 1803
Item	DBad/2/4	The establishment [strength] of the Militia of Monmouth and Brecon (2 papers, photocopy)	19 Mar 1803
Item	DBad/2/5	Letter to the Duke of Beaufort from C Yorke, enclosing list of officers Refers to an earlier letter from Beaufort of 10 December 1803 concerning the additional officers for the Brecknockshire Volunteers. Suggests that Beaufort may not be aware of the number of officers already proposed for commissions in each of the three battalions. A list of the officers in question is enclosed. The letter goes on to state that the battalion is already complete in officers. The only change allowed would be if one of the companies was formed into either a Grenadier or a Light Company in which case two lieutenants would be substituted for one lieutenant and one ensign. (4 papers, photocopy)	26 Dec 1803
Item	DBad/2/6	Letter from Lancelot Morgan to the Duke of Beaufort concerning filling of vacancies in the militia (2 papers, photocopies)	11 Feb 1804
Item	DBad/2/7	Letter from Lancelot Morgan to the Duke of Beaufort regarding discrepancies in the returns of men serving in the militia for various hundreds in Breconshire (2 papers, photocopy)	27 Oct 1804
Item	DBad/2/8	List of officers, with dates [of Commissions?] (1 paper, photocopy)	n.d, post 1804
Item	DBad/2/9	Account of the property qualifications of Lieutenant William Williams and Lieutenant John Davis Price qualifying them to be promoted to Captain (1 paper, photocopy)	5 and 11 Oct 1803

**Papers concerning pay, allowances and equipment of the Regiment**

Item	DBad/2/10		Pay table and letter (no 38569) from the War Office to the Duke of Beaufort (3 papers, photocopy)	10 Jun 1812
Item	DBad/2/11		Receipt for money received for clothing and 'Necessaries'; lists of rates of pay, clothing allowed, rate for beer money, and allowances for innkeepers (3 papers, photocopies)	nd
Item	DBad/2/12		Fragment of letter concerning supply and use of wagons (2 papers, photocopies)	n.d.
<b>Letters, invoices and receipts from suppliers of clothing and equipment</b>				
Item	DBad/2/13		Invoice for musical instruments from William Milhouse of London (1 paper, photocopy)	24 Jun 1803
Item	DBad/2/14	BL50	Bundle of 8 receipts for musical instruments (10 papers, photocopies)	1803
Item	DBad/2/15		Letter from J N B Pearse of Lothbury quoting for clothing the Regiment, with a copy of a letter from Pearsons of Leeds dated the 12 <sup>th</sup> of March 1810 enclosed, and list of prices (3 papers, photocopy)	28 Jun 1810
Item	DBad/2/16	L41, L43	Invoices and receipts from from Hawkes Mosley & Co, Helmet and Accoutrement Makers, Hatters etc., of London (6 papers, photocopy)	1810-1813
Item	DBad/2/17		Invoice for fifty two slop jackets (2 papers, photocopy)	nd
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Item	DBad/2/18		A franked cover for a letter addressed to the Duke of Beaufort (but with no letter contained within it) (1 paper, photocopy)	30 May 1809