

NAME: McCULLOCH, RODERICK

PARISH:Tain, Ross

ENTERED SERVICE: 19 June 1815

DATES:

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:

Position:

Post:

District:

HBCA Reference:

*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May

Roderick McCulloch entered the service as a writer [clerk], embarking on the *Eddystone* at Orkney on 19 June 1815, arriving at Moose Factory on 25 August.

C.1/302, fo. 3

In the *List of Servants in Hudson Bay*, 1815/1816, he is entered as a clerk in the Moose District & described as “Active, industrious, willing, sober & honest. Acted as Steward, understands Farming & has ploughed & got some ground under cultivation.”

A.30/15,fo.1d.-2

In the *List of Servants in Hudson Bay*, 1818-1819, he is entered as a clerk with winter residence at Neisquascow [Neoskweskau]. “Had the command of Mistassinnie Post Jointly with Mr William Donald.”

A.30/16, fo. 54d.-55

In his *Eastmain Department Report*, dated 4 August 1820, Alexander Christie commented on McCulloch: “Master of the Post [Mistassini]. He has now been Five years in the Country. But altho’ he may be capable of conducting the affairs of an outpost under the direction of a Superior Officer, I do not consider Mr McCulloch a person to whom the Command of a District could be entrusted, his Contract expired this year, and he remains for another year, at such wages as his Services may merit.”

B.186/e/3, fo. 7d.

His ledger account indicates that he was discharged on 7 September 1821.

A.16/18, fo. 123

He sailed home on the *Eddystone*.

C.1/314, fo. 4

He wrote to the Company in December 1821. His letter does not seem to have survived but the answer from the Company Secretary, 20 December 1821, gives an idea of what he wrote: “I have to acknowledge your letter of the -Inst covering Bill in your favour for £10 which has been placed to the Credit of your Account...for the amount of which you will value on the Governor and Company at ten days sight. At present it is not in my power to afford you any satisfactory information respecting your returning to the Service, when the list of Clerks is made out, your claim will be taken into consideration & I will write you on the subject. I have made enquiry of A. Colvile,Esq., the Executor of the late Earl of Selkirk, for the terms of the Settlers at Red River...persons who can pay their passage out to the Bay, may be put in possession of a Lot of Land of 100 acres for nine shillings pr Acre, or if it does not suit the



party to pay the purchase money...they will be allowed to cultivate the land for two years Gratis, for the third year a rental of twenty bushels of Wheat will be required, for the fourth year Thirty bushels, and for the fifth and succeeding years Fifty bushels Per annum. Should any of your friends be desirous of going on those terms, you will have the goodness to request them to address A. Colvile Esq. Leadenhall Street on the subject. W.S. [William Smith]

A.5/6, fo. 178

The letter is addressed “Mr Rodk McCulloch/Mr Wm. Ross, Carryblair by Tain”

McCulloch wrote the Company again in 1822 and 1823. These letters do not survive.
The replies are as follows:

[1 May 1822]“Your letter of the 24th Ult. has this day been laid before the Governor and Committee and I am in Reply to acquaint you that there is not at present any vacancy in the Service to which you can be appointed agreeable to your Request you have, enclosed, a Certificate of character which I trust may be of benefit to you....P.S. On mentioning to Mr Colvile the managing Executor of the late Earl of Selkirk your offer to go to Red River till a vacancy occurs he has desired me to mention that he has no Situation there in which he can place you.”

A.5/7, fo. 38d.

[27 Aug. 1823 - addressed to Picton {Pictou?} Nova Scotia] “I am desired by the Governor and Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of your communication of the 23 June and to inform you that your request cannot be complied with.”

A.5/7, fo. 98d.

The entries in the minute books concerning these letters add only the information that the April 1822 letter was dated Aldie by Tain.

A.1/53, fo. 33d.

See also *Northern Quebec and Labrador Journals and Correspondence, 1819-1835*, Hudson’s Bay Record Society, Vol. XXIV (1963) and *Research Correspondence*, M. Mooney, 1994.

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