

Military Commissions of James Wolfe and his father Edward Wolfe

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2	27 Mar. 1742	St James's Court	James Wolfe	Ensign	Commission in the Company of which Charles Rainsford was Captain, in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Scipio Duroure. With the autograph of George II; counter-signed by the Secretary of State for the Southern Department, the Duke of Newcastle, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Philip Baker, and with the Commissary general by Richard Povey. On vellum, with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
3	3 Nov. 1741	St James's Court	James Wolfe	2 nd Lieutenant	Wolfe's first Commission. Commission in the Marine Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Edward Wolfe. With the autograph of George II, countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Harrington, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Richard Arnold and with the Commissary general of Marines by James Clarke. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum, with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
4	22 Jul. 1743 O.S.	Hanau	James Wolfe	Adjutant	Commission in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Scipio Duroure, with the autograph of George II (faded), countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Carteret, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Philip Barker, and with the Commissary General by Richard Povey. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum, with the King's papered seal, duty stamps. King George II was the last British King to lead an army into battle, Dettingen having been fought on 16 June.

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5	14 Jul. 1743 O.S.	Hanau	James Wolfe	Lieutenant	Commission in Captain Wright's Company, in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Scipio Duroure. With the autograph of George II countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Carteret, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Philip Barker, and with the Commissary General by Richard Povey. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum, with the King's papered seal (partly disintegrated), duty stamps. Like the previous commission, signed by the King in the field.
6	23 Jun. 1744 O.S.	Berleghem	James Wolfe	Captain	Commission in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Lt-General William Barrel, signed by Field Marshal George Wade, countersigned by Edward Mason, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Edward Lloyd, and with the Commissary General by Richard Povey. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum; engraved heading with Wade's papered seal, duty stamps.
7	12 Jun. 1745 O.S.	Lessines	James Wolfe	Major of Brigade	Commission in the Regiment of Foot. Signed by Prince William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland and Duke of Brunswick; countersigned by Cumberland's Secretary, Sir Everard Fawkener, and as entered with the Secretary of War by and with the Commissary General. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum; with the King's papered seal, duty stamps. Issued a month after the Battle of Fontenoy and two months before the Young Pretender's arrival in Scotland.

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8	5 Jan. 1748/9	St James's Court	James Wolfe	Major	Commission in the Regiment of Foot commanded by George Sackville. Signed by King George II, countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, the Duke of Newcastle, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Edward Lloyd, and with the Commissary General by Richard Povey. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
9	20 Mar. 1749/50	St James's Court	James Wolfe	Lieutenant Colonel	Commission in the Regiment of Foot commanded by George Keppel, Lord Bury. Signed by King George II, countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, the Duke of Newcastle, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Edward Lloyd, and with the Commissary General by Richard Povey. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
10	21 Oct. 1757	Kensington Court	James Wolfe	Colonel of Foot	Commission signed by King George II, countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, William Pitt the Elder, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Thomas Tyrwhitt. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum; with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
11	23 Jan. 1758	St James's Court	James Wolfe	Brigadier General of all & Singular our forces in North America	Commission signed by King George II, countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, William Pitt the Elder, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Thomas Tyrwhitt. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum; with wax remnants of the King's papered seal, duty stamps.

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12	21 Apr. 1758	St James's Court	James Wolfe	Colonel	Commission in the 67 th Regiment of Foot, signed by King George II, countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, the Earl of Holderness, and as entered with the Secretary at War by Thomas Tyrwhitt and with the Commissary General of Musters by John Hesse. Engraved with MS insertions on vellum; with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
13	10 Mar. 1701/2	St James's Court	Edward Wolfe	2 nd Lieutenant	Commission in the Company of which Henry Carter is Captain, in the Regiment of Marines commanded by Richard Lord Viscount Shannon. Signed at the head by Queen Anne (somewhat faded), countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, James Vernon. On vellum with the Queen's papered seal, duty stamps.
14	1 Mar. 1703/4	Dublin Castle	Edward Wolfe	Captain	Commission in the Company of which Peter Hawkes is Captain, in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Sir Richard Temple. Signed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, James, Duke of Ormonde, countersigned by the Lord Lieutenant's Chief Secretary, Edward Southwell. On vellum with Ormonde's papered seal, duty stamps.
15	1 Aug. 1708	Warwick	Edward Wolfe	Major of Brigade	Commission to Her Majesty's Foot Forces in the Low Countries. Signed by the Duke of Marlborough as Captain General of Her Majesty's Land Forces. On vellum with the Duke's papered seal, duty stamps.
16	25 Feb. 1743/4	St James's Court	Edward Wolfe	Brigadier General	Commission of "all & singular our Forces, as well Horse as Foot". Signed by King George II; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Carteret; and as entered with the Secretary at War by Edward Lloyd. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.

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17	24 Apr. 1710	Camp before Douay	Edward Wolfe	Major	Commission in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel William Newton. Signed by the Duke of Marlborough as Captain General of Her Majesty's Land Forces; countersigned by Marlborough's secretary and confidential agent Adam de Cardonnel; and as entered with the Secretary at War by Richard Arnold and with the Commissary General of Musters by George Masters. On vellum with Marlborough's papered seal.
18	22 Jul. 1715	St James's Court	Edward Wolfe	Major	Commission in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Charles Dubourgay. Signed by King George I; countersigned the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Townshend; and as entered with the Secretary at War by Richard Arnold and with the Commissary General by Michael Hyde. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
19	1 Nov. 1715	St James's Court	Edward Wolfe	Major	Commission in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Charles Wills. Signed by King George I; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Townshend; and as entered with the Secretary at War by Richard Arnold and as entered with the Commissary General, Secretary's Office and Muster Master General's Office. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.

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20	10 Jul. 1717	St James's Court	Edward Wolfe	Lieutenant-Colonel	Commission in the Regiment of Foot commanded by George Lord Forrester. Signed by King George I; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Southern Department, Joseph Addison; and as entered in the Muster Master General's Office by Foliot Sherigley, Deputy. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps. Addison, the essayist, author of <i>Cato</i> , and founder of the <i>Spectator</i> was appointed Secretary of State for the Southern Department in the previous April.
21	24 May 1718	Kensington Court	Edward Wolfe	Lieutenant-Colonel	Commission in the Royal Regiment of North British Fusiliers commanded by George Macartney. Signed by King George I; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Southern Department, James Craggs the Younger; and as entered with the Secretary at War by Richard Arnold. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
22	4 Mar. 1720/1	St James's Court	Edward Wolfe	Captain	Commission in the Company of which James Gee was late Captain of the 3 rd Regiment of Foot Guards (Scots Guards), commanded by John Earl of Dunmore. Signed by King George I; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Townshend; and as entered with the Commissary General. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
23	20 Jun. 1727	Kensington Court	Edward Wolfe	Captain	Commission in the 3 rd Regiment of Foot Guards (Scots Guards), commanded by John Earl of Dunmore. Signed by King George II; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Townshend; and as entered with the Secretary at War, Richard Arnold and with the Commisary General by Richard Povey. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.

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24	25 Apr. 1745	St James's Court	Edward Wolfe	Colonel	With the autograph of George II. Vellum.
25	4 Jun. 1745 O.S.	Herrnhausen	Edward Wolfe	Major General	Commission of "all & singular our Forces, as well Horse as Foot". Signed by King George II; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Harrington. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps. (Herrnhausen was the birthplace of King George II.)
26	17 Nov. 1739	St James's Court	Edward Wolfe	Colonel	Commission in a Marine Regiment. Signed by King George II; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Northern Department, Lord Harrington; and as entered with the Secretary at War by Richard Arnold and with the Commissary General of the Marines by Josiah Clarke. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.
27	20 Sep. 1747	Kensington Court	Edward Wolfe	Lieutenant General	Commission of "all & singular our Forces, as well Horse as Foot". Signed by King George II; countersigned by the Secretary of State for the Southern Department, the Duke of Newcastle; and as entered with the Secretary at War by Edward Lloyd. On vellum with the King's papered seal, duty stamps.