

Thomas Locke (1788 – 1850)

Cadet Application - 1

L/MIL/9/116/154 (lds 1951710) 1806-07 season

Consists of one page which is a certified copy of Thomas' March 1788 birth record (Parish of St Anne, Soho) together with an accompanying letter from Thomas' father (also Thomas) dated 2nd February 1807.

St Anne, Westminster, Register for Births and Baptisms March 1788
Born February 4
Thomas Locke of Thomas and Elizabeth
Baptized 16 (March 1788)

This is to Certify that the above Extract is a true copy of the Register for Births and Baptisms belonging to the Parish of St Anne within the liberty of Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, as far as relates to the birth and baptism of Thomas Locke.

Witness our Hands this 2nd day of February 1807 -
Sam^l Gamber, Minister
W^m Green, Churchwarden
A N Unreadable , Churchwarden

I do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts from the register of baptisms of the Parish of St Anne, West^m, in the County of Middlesex contains the date of the birth of my son Thomas Locke who is the bearer of this, and nominated cadet on the Bombay Infantry Establishment by James Pattison Esq, and I do further declare that I received said appointment for my son Thomas Locke gratuitously and that no money or other valuable consideration has been or is to be paid either directly or indirectly for the same, and that I will not pay or cause to be paid either by myself, by my son, or by the hands of any other persons, any pecuniary or valuable consideration whatsoever to any person or persons who have interested themselves in securing the said nomination for my son from the Directors above mentioned.

Witness my Hand this 2nd day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and seven.

Tho^s Locke (sgd)

It would seem that at this stage Thomas jnr was aiming for the Bombay Infantry, but he traded Bombay for Madras, to which he was appointed on 3 February 1807. The matter made the House of Commons as reported in Hansard (date unknown):

...and received 50 guineas.
Mr. Thomas Locke was appointed a Cadet for Madras on the 3d Feb. 1807, by John Bebb, esq. at the recommendation of James Pattison, esq. in exchange for one of Mr. Pattison's Bombay nominations. This appointment was purchased by the rev. Dr. Locke of Farnham, for his nephew, of Thomas Watson, who sold it for lady Lumley and paid her 200*l*.

For some reason things did not work out – which is why there is a re-application L/MIL/9/119/87-89 (lds 1951711) 1809-10 season. See separate file.

St Anne Westminster

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Thos Locke