

# FORT WILLIAM AND MARY RECRUITMENT ADVERTISEMENT

## VOLUNTEERS.

WANTED some able Volunteers, to complete the Number in the Garrison of His Majesty's Castle of William and Mary, in the Province of New Hampshire; — the Men in this Garrison are provided with a complete Suit of Regimentals once a Year; — They also receive three Dollars per Month pay, and five shillings lawful Money per Week for billeting; — Any Persons inclinable to enter into this Service, are desired to apply to John Cochran, Esq; Commander of the said Castle at the Earl of Halifax Tavern in Portsmouth.

### What is this document?

This is a newspaper advertisement from the *New Hampshire Gazette*, asking for soldiers to come work at Fort William and Mary, a British fort in Portsmouth.

This advertisement was published on April 17, 1772 by Captain John Cochran, the commander of the fort.

There were only a few other soldiers assigned to work with Captain Cochran, so he put this advertisement in the newspaper to try and get more soldiers to man the fort.



### Fun Fact:

Forts were sometimes called castles, which is why the name of this fort appears as "Castle of William and Mary" in the advertisement.

### Notice & Wonder

- What does Captain Cochran include in the advertisement to get people interested in joining his troops?
- Look closely at the text. They use one letter differently than we do. What is the letter? And what letter do we use instead?



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