

Henry Johnson

No.21 Daniel Street, Bath, Somerset 18 Oct 1842

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Sir,

I shall be much obliged if you will inform me whether deaths and marriages are periodically reported to the Colonial Office from the several clergymen at New Zealand. If so whether the Reverend J. Macfarlane, Minister of the Scotch Church, reports a marriage of a Miss Burt to John Lewis, Madras Army the 28th of last February at Wellington or Port Nicholson, New Zealand or the deaths of either names viz Lewis or Burt. I beg you will excuse the liberty and have the honor to be...

Morning Herald (London) 8 May 1835

Melancholy Suicide of Rear-Admiral John Lewis aged 65 years

Witness at the inquest: Lieutenant John Lewis in the Hon. East India Company's Madras service, the son of the deceased – he lived in the same house as the deceased. A Juror asked if his father was married – he was, I believe, recently married, after having been a widower 20 years. His wife did not reside in the house.

Witness – Mrs Rebecca Rotty – the sister of the Admiral's first wife – she related that the deceased's present wife was formerly a servant in his establishment and that he had married her on the 16th of January last.

New Zealand Gazette and Wellington Spectator 2 Mar 1842 Marriage notice

On Monday, February 28th, by the Rev John Macfarlane, Minister of the Scotch Church, Lieutenant John Lewis, of the Madras Army, son of the late Rear Admiral John Mason Lewis, to Anna, second daughter of Edward Burt, Esq., Commander in the Royal Navy, and niece of the late Lieutenant-General William Mathew Burt, of Maiden Erleigh, near Reading, M.P. for Berks, and sometime Governor-General of the Leeward Islands.

New Zealand Gazette and Wellington Spectator 8 May 1844 Death Notice

Died on the 4th instant, Lieutenant John Lewis, 48th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry, only son of the late Rear Admiral Lewis, and grandson of the late Major General Lewis.

Saint James's Chronicle 10 Oct 1844 Death Notice

Oct 4, Lieutenant John Lewis, 48th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, only son of the late Rear Admiral Lewis, and grandson of the late Major General Lewis, husband of Hannah, daughter of Captain E. Birt, R.N.

1851 Census 4 Claremont, Hastings, Sussex

Stephen Jones, 59, Carpenter, born Westham, Sussex

Wife Charlotte Jones, 57, born Bexhill, Sussex

Son Stephen (26) and his wife Elizabeth (23) & their daughter Edith – born Hastings, Sussex

Daughter Martha (19), son Imigo B. Jones, (16) carpenter – born Hastings

Visitor Anna Lewis (30) born Norwich, Norfolk & son John Albert Lewis (8) born New Zealand

Letters to the New Zealand Company CO 208 – Re John Lewis

[Copies of Testimonials](#) furnished to Mr Lewis, Comptroller of Land orders in New Zealand _ before the Board of Directors of that Company.

East India House 24 Aug 1839

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and in reply to state that you entered the Military Service of the East India Company on the 16th of June, 1824, were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on the 26th September 1826, and retired from the Service on half pay in consequence of the state of your health on the 7th March 1837.

I have to add that it appears from the records you held the appointment of Adjutant to your Regiment, the 48th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry from the 16th of October 1832 until the period of your quitting India viz the 19th of December 1834.

From Surgeon C. Searle, 8 Fitzroy Street – 24 Aug 1834

I do hereby certify that during the period I was in India and Surgeon of the 48th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry, Lieutenant Lewis held the appointments of Adjutant and Paymaster of the same regiment, both highly responsible offices, and respected in general by the Commander in Chief to the most distinguished subaltern of the regiment.

Further I have known Mr Lewis a period of seven years and with this knowledge of his character may confidently say that no man can in my opinion entertain higher feelings of honor and integrity.

From Major W. Pace, London – 24 Aug 1834

I hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Lieutenant Lewis, late of the 48th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry whilst that regiment formed part of the Nagpore Subsidiary Force to the Officer Commanding which I was for some years, Persian Interpreter. I always considered Lieutenant Lewis to be an officer of high character and know that he was so estimated by his regiment, and by the Society at Nagpor.

From Captain R. Wates, 48th Regiment, Madras Native Infantry, Cheltenham – 25 Aug 1834

My dear Lewis – It gives me much pleasure to certify that I have known you for some years and that during the time you were in the regiment with me from 1826 till 1837 you were held in the highest estimation by your brother officers, and your being obliged to retire on half pay in consequence of the climate of India not agreeing with you was much expected by the whole of the Corps who will be exceedingly glad to hear of your obtaining an appointment well knowing as we all do, of your possessing the ability of _ the duties of whatever situation you may be placed in – wishing you every happiness and success.

John Lewis, New Zealand Company's Office, 1 Adams Street, Adelphi – [4 Sep 1839](#)

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with the instructions necessary for the conduct of my duties as Comptroller of Land Orders at the Company's principal settlement in New Zealand.

Edward Burt, No.21 Daniel Street, Bath, Somerset – [13 Oct 1842](#)

Sir,

I shall be much obliged to you will favor me by a line to say whether there are quarterly, or yearly reports to the Board or Church department of deaths and marriages solemnized by the Reverend J. Macfarlane, Minister of the Scotch Church at Wellington. If so to tell me whether I can obtain such Certificate unattended by delay in writing to the Colony of New Zealand.

Captain Edward Burt, R.N., 21 Daniel Street, Bath – [7 Oct 1844](#)

Sir,

In consequence of the death of Lieutenant John Lewis, employed in the service of the Land Office at Wellington, viz reported likewise that he died under “___” a person who had many years been keeper at ___ asylum for Lunatics. It being necessary to corroborate his Insanity I should feel grateful to the Company to furnish Messrs Grindley, 16 Cornhill any Testimony there of as required by ___ gentlemen to enable them to lay such before the Madras Military Fund in hope such will secure the Pension to the Widow and child.

Reply – [12 Oct 1844](#)

Sir, Having laid before the Directors of the New Zealand Company your letter of 9th October I do myself the honor to inform you that in compliance with the request therein mentioned I have this day transmitted to Messrs Grindlay & Co. the Extract which ___ to you of a Despatch from Colonel Wakefield reporting the imbecility of mind of Mr John Lewis, and the consequent necessity of placing him under charge of a keeper to prevent self-injury.

Edward Burt, 21 Daniel Street, Bath – [8 Oct 1845](#)

My Dear Sir,

I return you my best thanks for your letter respecting poor Lewis and affairs. You will be glad to hear I succeeded in obtaining... his pension... all difficulties and opposition to my... Sorry I gave you trouble to make my ...

Letter from William Wakefield, Wellington to the NZ Company Directors – [16 Mar 1844](#)

Sir,

I regret to have to acquaint you, for the information of the Court of Directors, that Mr John Lewis, the Clerk of the Land Office, has, after several attacks of illness, fallen into complete idiotcy – so as to totally unfit him for the duties of the office.

The circumstance of his having performed such duties during nearly four years with fidelity and attention and, I may add, with great efficiency (not withstanding some occasional signs of imbecility, the result of disease contracted in India) his having a wife and child, with the early prospect of a second one, and the necessity of his being placed under charge of a keeper, to prevent self injury, have induced me to allow his wife one guinea per week for his support until I can learn the wishes of the Court respecting him.

The business of the Land Office, which is now comparatively trifling, will for the future be transacted by Mr Abbott, who has hitherto been Clerk in the Survey Office at a salary of 30s per week, and whose emoluments I propose to raise to £100 per annum for both employments. The saving thus made will be £73 8s per annum, so long as the allowance is made to Mr Lewis.

Letter from the New Zealand Company CO 208

To Captain Burt RN, 29 Daniel Street, Bath – [4 May 1846](#)

Sir,

In reply to your letter received this morning I have the pleasure to inform you that I was not aware of any vessel having been taken up for New Zealand by the Government. The *Gypsy*, chartered by private parties, is advertised to sail for Auckland in the course of this month, but I do not know whether she will be punctual to her time. The *Hope* will probably sail for Cook's Strait in all June and letters addressed to New Zealand marked on the outside of Sydney Packet, and the passage paid are forwarded by the Post Office via Sydney on the last day of every month. The best, if not the only mode of effecting remittances to New Zealand is I believe through the Union Bank of Australia, 38 Old Broad Street, London.

New Zealand Company - Wellington Cash Book from 17 Sep 1839 to 31 Mar 1842

29 May 1840	J. Lewis paid £25 for his sister's passage
14 Jul 1841	J. Lewis paid £10 on account of his sister's passage
5 Jan 1842	J. Lewis paid £5 on account of his sister's passage
