

Friends of Castine Fortifications present:  
“1779 – 1783 Fort George – Protected by the Crown”  
September 9 & 10, 2017 in Castine, Maine

Greetings to Crown Troops, Hessians and Civilian Loyalists:

Friends of Castine Fortifications and 74<sup>th</sup> Highlanders invite Crown troops, including Hessians, and civilian Loyalists to join us for a garrison weekend without battle scenario at Fort George in Castine for our event “1779 – 1783 – Protected by the Crown”.

Fort George in Castine, Maine is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Introduction:

After the ill-fated Penobscot Expedition in the summer of 1779 ended in victory for the Crown, the region around Fort George at Penobscot Bay became a relatively safe haven for the Scottish troops and the Loyalists who flocked there from other parts of New England. The Fort was continuously reinforced, so that in the summer of 1782, George Washington successfully discouraged the French from attacking it by calling it “The most regularly constructed and best finished of any in America, is well situated and garrisoned by the 74<sup>th</sup> Regiment ....”

Britain assumed that the Penobscot River would become the border between the inevitable United States of America and British North America, therefore, in the fall of 1782, Fort George received reinforcements from about 200 Braunschweig and about 200 Ansbach-Bayreuth troops – of the so-called Hessians. Alas – Fort George needed to be vacated by the crown troops in 1783 when John Adams proved that the whole Maine Province was a part of Massachusetts, and therefore part of the new United States of America.

Though there is not a complete Fort in existence today, the earthworks and some brick works tell the story of its footprint. And there is much documentation to tell what life was like during the time this area was protected by the Crown. Come and join us to tell the story and help in giving more prominence to the importance of Fort George. Every year the Friends of Castine Fortifications plan to expand on the fascinating part in history this area played nationally and internationally.

Location:

Fort George at Penobscot Bay is located on Battle Avenue in Castine, Maine across from Maine Maritime Academy.

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