

Sworn before  
The Board of Directors  
of the East India Company

Ship

### SEASON, 1818

To the Honourable Court of Directors of the United East-India Company.

The humble Petition of *Solomon Esch*.

SHewETH,

That your Petitioner is desirous of entering the Military Service of the Company, as a Cadet for the *Bengal Infantry* to which he has been nominated by *Edward Parry* Esq. at the recommendation of *his Father* and should he be so fortunate as to appear to your Honours eligible for that station, promises to conduct himself with fidelity and honour.

That your Petitioner has been furnished with the Articles of War, has read the Terms, and also the Resolution of the Court of the 9th August 1809, to which he promises faithfully to conform; as also to all the Rules, Orders, and Regulations, which have been, or may be established by the Honourable Court, or the Governor and Council at the Presidency to which he is appointed.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray. *Solomon Esch*

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#### DIRECTOR'S NOMINATION.

I *Edward Parry* Esq., being one of the Directors of the East-India Company, do leave to present the Petitioner as a Cadet for the *Bengal Infantry* on one of my Nominations of the season *1818* provided he shall appear to you eligible for that station: and I do declare, that I have inquired into the character, connexions, and qualifications of *W. Solomon Esch* and that in my opinion he is a fit person to petition the East-India Company for the appointment he now herein solicits.

Recommended to me by

*his Father*

*Edw Parry*

East-India House

*Edw Parry*

~~I hereby transfer my right of Nomination to the above appointment to~~

~~Edward Parry~~

~~East-India House~~

Examined and passed the  
by

*1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1818*  
*Thos Reid*

EXAMINATION OF

Question 1. Is the Signature to this Petition in your hand-writing?

Answer. *Yes.*

Question 2. At what School have you been educated?

Answer. *I have been in the Kings Service since the year 1813. the last two years Under His Grace the Duke of Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo.*

Question 3. Of what nature has your education been?

Answer. *Military.*

*Colonel  
the  
Rank*

INSTRUCTIONS TO NOMINATORS

Question 4. What is the profession, situation, and residence of your parents or nearest of kin?

Answer. *My Father was late Paymaster at the Campagna's depot Chatham*

Question 5. Have you read the Terms upon which you enter the Company's Military Service?

Answer. *Yes.*



N.B. These Forms are printed for the purpose of their being properly filled up and signed previous to the Cadet's being passed.

FIRST

EXTRACT from the REGISTER BOOK

of the Parish of *S. George the Martyr Southwark* in the County of *Surrey*

*[Signature]*

*Christened in February 1797*

2<sup>o</sup> *Salomon Son of Solomon & Rose Earle born 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1797*

*Extracted from the Register Book of S. George the Martyr Minister of S. George the Martyr Southwark this 6<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1811*  
*[Signature]*  
*A. Robertson*

N.B.—The above Extract must be signed by the resident Clergyman, and countersigned by the Churchwardens, or if in Scotland by the Sessions Clerk and two Elders.

SECOND.

THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I DO hereby certify, That the foregoing Extract from the Register of Births and Baptisms of the Parish of *S. George* in the County of *Surrey* contains the Date of the of my Son, *Salomon Earle* who is the Bearer of this, and nominated a Cadet on the *Bengal* Establishment, by *Edmund Parry Esq* and I do further declare, that I received the said Appointment for my Son *Salomon Earle* directly and 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 Person, any pecuniary or valuable Consideration whatsoever, to any Person or Persons who have interposed themselves in procuring the said Nomination for my Son from the Director abovementioned.

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**THIRD.**

1797

**LETTER** to be filled up and signed by the Person who procures the Nomination from the Director for the Party so appointed a Cadet.

**GENTLEMEN,**

*I do hereby declare, upon my Honour, that I received the Nomination of a Cadet for the (A) from (B) gratuitously, and that I have given it gratuitously to Mr. (C) with whose Family and Connections I am well acquainted.*

*I am,*

**GENTLEMEN,**

*Your most obedient Servant*

N.B. The above Extract must be signed by the said Cadet, and countersigned by the Commandant, or if in Scotland by the Resident, just and true.

**SECOND.**

**THE PATENT or GUARDIAN'S CERTIFICATE.**

**I DO hereby certify** that the foregoing Extract from the Register of Births and Baptisms of the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ contains the Date of the \_\_\_\_\_ of my son \_\_\_\_\_ who is the Heir of the \_\_\_\_\_ and nominated a Cadet in the \_\_\_\_\_ Establishment by \_\_\_\_\_ and I do further declare that I received the said Appointment for my son \_\_\_\_\_ gratuitously, and that no Money or other valuable Consideration has been or is to be paid either directly or indirectly to me or to any other Person, or to be paid either directly or indirectly by my son or by the Heir of my son, and hereby certify that I have given the said Appointment to \_\_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

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gratuitously, and that no Money or other valuable Consideration has been or is to be paid either directly or indirectly to me or to any other Person, or to be paid either directly or indirectly by my son or by the Heir of my son, and hereby certify that I have given the said Appointment to \_\_\_\_\_

(A) Insert the Presidency, whether for Bengal, Madras, or Bombay, at what Station for Infantry or Cavalry.

(B) Insert the Director's name from whom the appointment is procured.

(C) Insert the Christian name and surname of the Person to be appointed a Cadet.