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McGRIGOR, Sir James (1771-1858). Surgeon

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Sir James McGrigor, (1771-1858) born at Cromdale, Inverness-shire, was educated at Marischal College, Aberdeen and later studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh. In 1793 he purchased the post of surgeon to De Burgh's regiment - later known as the 88th or Connaught Rangers. He served with some distinction at Flanders 1794-95, in the West Indies, India, and Ceylon 1795-99, and was appointed superintending surgeon under Major-General David Baird in Egypt, 1801. He obtained the degree of M.D. from Marischal College in 1804 and was appointed deputy inspector-general of hospitals in 1805. In 1809 after being appointed Inspector General of Hospitals he reported on conditions with the ill-starred Walcheren expedition. Following the return of the expedition he was appointed chief of the medical staff of Wellington's peninsular army and repeatedly received Wellington's approbation for his administrative abilities. In 1814 McGrigor was knighted and the next year was appointed Director-General of the Army Medical Department where he consistently advocated the establishment of an army medical school which was accomplished two years after his death. McGrigor also instituted a system of medical reports and annual returns which formed the basis for Henry Marshall and Sir A.M. Tulloch's Statistical report on the sickness, mortality and invaliding in the West Indies which was published in 1836 and later submitted to parliament where it resulted in sweeping reforms on the Jamaica station. McGrigor's returns prompted the sustained collection of such data and were continued in various forms after his death. These returns, together with other accretions, form the collection from which the Public Archives' collection has been copied. McGrigor retired from the department in 1851 and died in London in 1858.

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Annual Returns and Reports of the Sick.

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4	1861	Canada, Nova Scotia, Bermuda, Jamaica, etc., Windward and Leeward Islands, etc., British Columbia.	A-879
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