

In viewing the occurrences detailed in the proceedings of the Court, it is with extreme Regret, His Excell<sup>y</sup>. observes, that unbecoming Spirit of resentment, and revenge should have led the 1<sup>st</sup> B<sup>n</sup> E. Militia to a most disgraceful breach of Discipline, in Acts of outrage, derogatory to the Character of a Soldier, and in no degree warranted by the Circumstances which led to the dishonorable occurrence.—

Intoxication which is generally the Cause of the Soldiers offence, pleads but little in the extenuation of his Crime, in this Instance however, His Excellency is willing to believe that there is no Militia man so base, who would deliberately and in his Sober Sences insult or ill treat a Soldier disabled by Wounds—no possible excuse can be offered for the Serjeant of Militia, who is represented to have Struck Serj<sup>t</sup> Chesney when in the execution of his duty, he was endeavoring to separate Dealon & Cambray, such Mil<sup>y</sup> Persons as were looking on and did not afford assistance to the Serj<sup>t</sup> have been culpable of great neglect, but such of them as opposed the Serj<sup>t</sup> in his duty have been guilty of the most flagrant Breach of Discipline, and in conveying this censure, it is the most painful to His Excell<sup>y</sup> to have to notice, that the enterference of some of the Officers of the Corps, instead of restoring that Order, which the presence of an Officer ought always to establish only tended to encrease and continue the Scene of shameful disorder that was committing—on this occasion L<sup>ts</sup>. Fortier & Brunet were most conspicuous (altho' the former was on duty being Subaltern of the day) It appearing that they prevented two Serjeants of other Corps, from restoring that peace and Order which it was their imperious duty to perform themselves.—

In the prompt judicious and energetic discharge of the duty of the Officer (in his relative Station) depends the existence of the very Soul of Military Discipline, if he is supine the Service languishes : but if from error or a worse motive, he neglects and betrays his trust—he sacrifices that cause