

GENERAL ORDERS,

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1. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, having perceived in the exercises of the infantry several deviations from His Majesty's Regulations—directs the strictest conformity thereto to be observed in every particular of execution; and again requires from all Officers, as the only method of obtaining and preserving this essential object, a constant reference to the Book of Regulations in the Instruction of their men, and enjoins the perfecting of them critically in one evolution before they proceed upon another, and that in the order there laid down.—So fully are the modes explained, and so few are the leading principles on which the whole are founded, that nothing but an absolute inattention to the reading, practice, and principles of the rules prescribed, and the want of knowing and feeling the necessity of uniformity of proceeding in all movements of the battalion or line, can account for the differences that have arisen, so much to the detriment of the service; which may however be soon remedied by a proper exertion of that intelligence and energy which every Officer and Soldier should possess.

2. The directions for the position of the soldier, the perfect squareness to the front of each man's figure, whether with arms or without, marching or halted, and the low, unconstrained carriage of the firelock, must be rigorously observed as fundamental principles. (Sec. 1. 23.)

Position,
Firelock,
&c.

3. The established rules for wheeling, filing, marching, &c. to be more punctually practised, and every possible method to be taken to imprint the necessity and confirm the practice of true wheeling distances being preserved in open column. The ordered times of march and length of step to be scrupulously observed, and no others to be taught or

Wheeling.
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