

# Head Quarters

Montreal 26th. July 1814.

## MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.

At a Militia General Court Martial held at Chambly on the 11th. day of July instant and continued by adjournments to the 21st. of the same month, Captain Louis Boucher of the fourth Battalion of Select & Embodied Militia was arraigned upon the under mentioned charges, viz:

1st. For having over charged the Militia men of his company the cost of the white jackets to be furnished by Government at a fixed price, viz: five shillings; two pence and half penny, and of having charged the Serjeants nine shillings currency for the same.

2ly. For having over charged the Militia men of his company the cost of the linen trousers to them furnished by Mr. Trudeau of Montreal at an agreed price.

3ly. For having deprived the Militia men of his company of what was due to them on the savings of candles — allowed to them by Government and having credited them with only 6s 3d — 2 in lieu of 6s — 9d. 1 1/2

4ly. For having credited the Militia men of his company with only 16s. 7p. for thirty one days pay in lieu of 16s — 7d and 3s — 4 and with only 16s — 4 in lieu of 16s — 4 1/2 for thirty days pay as appears by his books.

Upon which charges the Court came to the following decision:

On the first ground of accusation: the prisoner having told the Serjeants of his company, when he delivered them their fatigue jackets, that he knew not how much they cost; and that he would, either remit to them or receive from them the difference between what they then paid and the true price of those jackets when he should know it, and having since repaid them that difference, cannot be suspected of having attempted to over sell them the same; the court in consequence doth declare that he is not guilty on this first charge and doth acquit him.

On the second ground of accusation — The Court observes that although Captain Boucher ought not to have received from the Militia men any thing beyond the reimbursement of such expenses as he had been put to, for the trans- porting of the trousers and other articles, he had bought for the use of the detachment then under Major Perrault's orders, and was not entitled to the reimbursement of his own personal expenses, yet he is not guilty on this second ground of accusation; the surplus which was paid him, having been so paid by an error arising from the approval which Major Perrault himself, in presence of several officers of the Battalion, gave him for the payment of the same, therefore doth acquit him.

On the third ground of accusation the Court having examined the prisoner's books which have been out of his hands since the day he was put in arrest, and witnessed their correctness, is satisfied with the manner in which he has accounted as well in his defense as by these books, for the monies arising from the savings on fuel, and doth therefore acquit him.

On the fourth ground of accusation, the Court observes that as to the small fractions of a farthing and under which the prisoner has not paid to the Militia men at the end of each month, he is excusable as they were so trifling as not to admit of their being separately paid to each man, and as that omission has not appeared blamable, either to the General Officers, or to his own superior Officers in his Battalion, who have inspected his books without any remark upon the same, the Court doth therefore acquit him.

The Court upon an examination of the whole matter, having honorably acquitted Captain Boucher of all the charges proferred against him, is compelled to observe that the conduct of Major Perrault in having so lightly proferred charges of a serious nature, which have been wholly unsupported by proof against an officer of the rank, character and conduct of Captain Boucher cannot but be highly prejudicial to the good of the service; and the Court cannot avoid expressing its astonishment that Major Perrault should not have endeavored to prove that, before he had put Captain Boucher under close arrest and brought the present accusation against him, he had required from him an explanation of the errors which he thought he had observed in his books: errors for which he might have as easily accounted to Major Perrault as to the Court. The Court doth therefore declare, the present prosecution frivolous and vexatious.

His Excellency the Governor in Chief and Commander of the Forces is pleased to confirm the finding of the Court, to direct that Captain Boucher be forthwith released from his arrest and return to his duty in the Battalion. His Excellency in confirming the above proceedings, is compelled to remark that he is in them ample grounds for the observations of the Court upon the conduct of the prosecutor who appears to His Excellency to have been actuated rather by personal motives and feelings towards the accused than by a desire to promote the good of the service.

## ORDRE

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