

*Filing.* A platoon (or company) is said to march *by files*, when the platoon, being formed in line, faces, either to the right or to the left, and so march in any direction; in this mode of marching, there is but one file in front.

*Wheeling by files.* A file may wheel its head to either flank, each file making its separate wheel without altering its time of march, and each file will wheel as the leading one has done, at the place where the leading one wheeled.

*Pivot.* In column, when the right of the battalion is in front, the left is the *Pivot* flank; and when the left of the battalion is in front, the right is the *pivot* flank; the *pivot* files of men, in marching in column, remain close to their *pivot* officers, and preserve the true distance.

*Pivot of the reverse flank;* Is the man on the opposite flank to the *Pivot*; it is on him that the Platoon dresses in wheeling, and he dresses on the *Pivot*.

*Captain, commanding a platoon.* Is the officer having the command of the platoon.

*Wheeling.* A division *wheels* when one flank of it standing fast, or being moveable only in a small degree, all the rest of the division moves round, either backward or forward describing portions of concentric circles, like a gate upon its hinges.

*Counter-marching.* A division *Counter-marches*, when it marches in such a manner as to bring its front to its former rear, and its proper right to its former left.

*Facing.* A man *faces to the right* or *to the left*, when he turns to the right hand, or to the left hand.

*Fall in.* Is a word of command for every Militia man to take his proper place in the ranks.

*Dressing in alignment.* The *alignment* is the line upon which the battalion forms, or marches when in column,

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