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ter to you of the 30th ult. that private business of an urgent nature called me out of town on the last Parade day of your company, and I do not conceive myself obliged to ask any Person, or Persons permission for so doing, I have to-morrow morning business of more consequence to attend to, than that of dancing attendance upon a Court of Field Officers, who appear to be guided in their actions merely by caprice, and could I go, it would only be to say, that I was absent upon business the 1st instant, and that I should always attend to the business by which I am to gain a livelihood for myself and family, in preference to militia orders, given in time of profound peace, and which seem to be calculated for no other purpose, than, that of disturbing the tranquility of society.  
I am with all possible respect,  
Sir, Your very Humble servant,

JOHN WALTER.

Edward Harrison, Esq.

Quebec, 16th August, 1790.

SIR,

After intimating to you that my private business in the country would prevent my attendance at the Parade of the B. Militia on the 1st instant, I am very much surprized at receiving a requisition to appear before some Field Officers.  
Having been guilty of no crime as a Militia man I beg leave to acquaint you I shall make no such appearance.

I am your most obedient servant,

GEO. IRWIN.

Edward Harrison, Esq.

Quebec, 17th August, 1790.

R. O.  
*At a Court of Field Officers held this day,*  
Colonel Caldwell, *President,*  
Captain Ainslie, } *Members.*  
Captain Harrison, }

MESSRS. Jones, Walter, and Irwin, were accused of being absent from the Parade on Sunday the 1st instant \* without leave, which being proved, the Court condemned them in a fine of twenty shillings each, it being the second offence of the same nature they have been guilty.

By order (Signed) WM. LINDSAY, Junr  
Ensign & Adjutant.

Quebec, ss.

To JOHN HOOPER, Bailiff.

WHEREAS George Irwin of the city of Quebec Merchant was upon Tuesday the seventeenth day of August instant, convicted before us Henry Caldwell Esquier Colonel Commandant of the British Militia for the and Banlieue of Quebec, Thomas Ainslie and

\* They have stated and can prove that they gave notice to Captain Harrison that it was necessary to be out of town on their private business. And he dared not give them leave.  
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