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# GENERAL ORDERS for the MILITIA of the Province of QUEBEC:

Head Quarters, *Quebec*, 22d. *July*, 1790.



S the general Protection of His Majesty's Dominions in *America*, in Case of a War with *Spain*, may require the Regular Forces in this Province to be withdrawn, and *Canada*, for a Time, be left to her own Defence; common Prudence demands, that all necessary Measures be taken to meet that Event.

THE Strength and Exertions of the Inhabitants are the Natural Protection of every Country, and when properly arranged as Militia cannot fail to become its chief and most permanent Support.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR therefore recommends to the different Commandants and Officers of the Militia to take all suitable Opportunities of impressing the Minds of the People with the Necessity of Self Defence, as an indispensable Duty, intimately connected with the preservation of their Lives and Property.

THEY will also consider of the proper Means for putting the Militia under their Command in the most respectable Condition, that they may not only be able to defend themselves and the Province against all desultory or piratical Attacks, in the Absence of the Regular Troops, but also, should the Safety of the Country render it necessary, that Competent Detachments from their Numbers may be prepared to join, and act with, the Regular Forces. For this Purpose it may be adviseable to collect for a limited Time from every Company a proportion of the young Men, that they may be the more easily trained up and exercised in the Use of Arms, and be more ready to protect their Fellow Citizens from Insult and Interruption in their peaceful Occupations. The Colonels and Field Officers of the several Districts or Divisions of the Militia are therefore requested to consult together, as far as Convenience may permit, and digest the proper Arrangements for carrying this Measure into Execution, whenever it shall be found expedient, transmitting the Result of their Deliberations severally from each District to the Adjutant General for His Excellency's Information.

THESE Detachments, when collected and embodied to serve for a limited Time not exceeding Two Years, will for their greater Ease and Encouragement receive Pay, Provisions, Arms, and Quarters, in the same Manner as His Majesty's marching Regiments in this Province, with Cloathing of equal Value, or a Compensation in lieu thereof.

THE Commandants of the several Battalions of Militia west of *Point au Baudet*, are to transmit the Reports for their respective Districts to *Sir JOHN JOHNSON* Baronet, who will forward the same to Head Quarters.

By His EXCELLENCY'S Command,

FRA. LE MAISTRE, } A. G.  
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