

cers of the three Troops of Provincial Cavalry about to be disbanded, I cannot too *strongly express my opinion* of their uniform *good conduct*, *soldier-like bearing*, and *perfect efficiency* during the period of nearly thirteen years that they have been embodied and actively employed.

In conveying this my opinion of these troops, I am only repeating that of the *distinguished officers* who have *preceded* me in this *command*, whose *recorded testimony* does these Troops the *highest honor*.

Their services at all times *important*, have on several trying occasions been most *useful* in support of authority and the public peace, and in the performance of which, their marches in the most rigorous winters have been *remarkable* for their *length*, and the *sufferings* endured by both *men* and *officers*. In unsettled times their vigilance gave *security* to the Frontier settlements, and by the prevention of desertion has been productive of much benefit to the Queen's service.

On several occasions these officers have been subjected to very *serious extra expense*, for which they have received no remuneration, &c.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Your obedient Servant,

WM. ROWAN,

*Lt. Gen. Commanding the Forces.*

To the Rt. Hon. Secretary of War, &c.

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*Extract of General Order.*

HEAD QUARTERS, MONTREAL, 21st March, 1850.

No. 1.—“Under instructions received by His Excellency the Governor General, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, ‘the Provincial Cavalry’ now serving in Canada, and whose period of service will expire on the 30th April next, will be disembodied on the 15th proximo, or as soon after that date as circumstances will admit, receiving pay in full to the 30th April.

“These troops having performed good and faithful services—the best acknowledgments of the Lt. General Commanding are due to the three troops of Provincial Cavalry which have been more especially *under his own immediate observation*. He begs to thank them for their *exemplary conduct*, *soldierlike bearing*, and *perfect efficiency during the long period* of nearly *thirteen years* that they have been embodied and actively employed.

(Signed,)

G. A. WETHERALL,

*Col. D. A. G.*