

<i>March,</i> <i>The Officers</i> <i>will take post</i> <i>in the rear.</i> <i>March.</i> <i>Front.</i>	}	At this command, the flank men front, and the rear ranks fall back one and two paces, each dressing by the right, the instant it arrives on its ground, the officers face to the right, marching through the several intervals occupied by the Serjeants; and when three paces beyond the rear rank, they halt, and then receive the word front.
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The instructor will, in the commencement, cause the ranks to be opened to the distance of three or four feet, for the greater facility of examining the position of every Militia man.

The Officers of the Platoon may be permitted to leave their ranks to assist in the instruction of the men, when assembled solely for exercise; but they must still observe with the strictest attention, that the general position be not deranged.

Manner of Instructing.

THE several heads of instruction for the Militia are to be attended to, and followed, in the manner and order here set forth. It requires in the instructors to whom this duty is intrusted, and who are to be answerable for the execution of it, the most unremitting perseverance and accurate knowledge of the part each has to teach, and a clear and concise manner of conveying his instructions; but with a firmness that will command from men a perfect attention to the directions he is giving them. He must allow for the weak capacity of the learner; be patient, not rigorous, where endeavour and good will are evidently not wanting: quickness is not at first to be required, it is the result of much practice. If officers and instructors are not critically exact in their own commands, and in observing the execution of what is required from others, slovenliness must take place, labour be ineffectual, and the end proposed will never be attained.

The word of command must always be given short, quick and loud. Every Officer must be accustomed to give his words of command, even to the smallest bodies, in the full extent of his voice.

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