

separated from the body, or to be more backward or forward than the right one :—The firelock must rest full on the hand, not on the end of the fingers ; and be carried in such manner, as not to raise, advance, or keep back one shoulder more than the other ; the butt must therefore be forward, and as low as can be permitted without constraint ; the fore part a very little before the front of the thigh ; and the hind part of it pressed by the wrist against the thigh :—It must be kept steady, and firm, before the hollow of the shoulder ; should it be drawn back or carried too high, the one shoulder would be advanced, the other kept back, and the upper part of the body would be distorted, and not square with respect to the limbs.

MANUAL EXERCISE.

EXPLANATION.

Words of
command.

Bring the firelock to the trail in 2 motions as usual, seizing it at the 1st at the lower loop, just above the swell ; at the 2d, bring it down to the right side, the butt within two inches of the ground ; at the 3d, drop the butt on the ground, placing the muzzle against the hollow of the right shoulder, and the hand flat upon the sling.

2d. Fix
bayonets.

At the word, *fix*, place the thumb of the right hand, as quick as possible, behind the barrel, taking a gripe of the firelock ; as soon as the word of command is fully out, push the firelock a little forward, at the same time drawing out the bayonet with the left hand, and fixing it with the utmost celerity :—The instant this is done, re-
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