

HEAD-QUARTERS,

MONTREAL, 13th March, 1813.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN CHIEF, has not read without surprise the sentence awarded against Joseph Prudhomme, Pierre Arnois, and Etienne Ratel, privates in the 3d Battalion of Select and Embodied Militia, convicted before a General Court Martial held at Montreal on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of February last, of having commenced and excited in the said Battalion a mutiny, and of other crimes of too atrocious a nature to be repeated.

For such a serious violation of military, discipline, highly reflecting disgrace on the Corps in which it occurred, the Court sentenced the said Joseph Prudhomme, Pierre Arnois, and Etienne Ratel to be conducted, hand-cuffed, to their Battalion to ask pardon for their misbehaviour on their knees, and to be confined afterwards in a cell of the Common Gaol of the District wherein their Battalion may be at the time, during the space of three calendar months.

At the same General Court Martial, private Antoine Simon dit D'Arpentigny of the Corps of Canadian Voltigeurs was arraigned upon the under mentioned charges, to wit: of having deserted from his picket stationed at the place called La Mascoutine, in the District of Montreal, going to the enemy, on or about the morning of the fifteenth of February last, and of having returned to his Battalion, but on the sixteenth of the same month, being brought by a party that apprehended him near the Province line.

Upon which the Court came to the following decision:

The Court is of opinion that the said Antoine Simon dit D'Arpentigny is guilty of having deserted from his picket stationed at La Mascoutine, in the District of Montreal, on the fifteenth of February last, but acquits him of the charge laid against him of having endeavoured to desert to the enemy, therefore, the Court condemns the said Antoine Simon dit D'Arpentigny to four months labour in the King's works at Quebec, and to solitary confinement during the nights, after which he will be reconducted to his Battalion, and will pass in the rank, hand-cuffed, and a log tied to his feet.

His Excellency the Governor in Chief in approving the finding of the Court, must express his apprehension that when crimes of so enormous a nature are so satisfactorily proved and so inadequately punished, the members of the Court could not be sufficiently sensible of the high obligations they were under to maintain entire the discipline of the militia and to preserve the dignity and importance of a general Court Martial, by a more decided line of conduct.

His Excellency the Governor in Chief directs that his opinion together with the charges and the finding and sentence of the Court, shall be read at the head of every corps and entered in the General Order Book.

Major-General de Rottenburg will be pleased to have the foregoing sentences carried into execution.

By order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, the Court is dissolved.

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Deputy Adjutant Gen. Militia.

