

2nd Lieutenants:—Messrs. Purdy, Willis, Ford, Scudger, Catherwood, Reynolds, Hadley, Gerrish, and Kerr.

A similar gathering of the newly-born force was held on the following Sunday, and the men ordered to fell the trees around the town outside the forts and barricades. The active hostility of the Indians showed no diminution; keen alarm was still felt by all classes, and every effort was made to prepare for emergencies. On the 7th January, several citizens petitioned the Governor and Council to declare martial law; but the authorities wisely thought that the situation was not serious enough for such a drastic measure. Stringent regulations were, however, enacted governing the drill, discipline and duties of the militia; the men were formed into 10 companies of 70 men each (two companies for each Division) with a captain and two subalterns to each; the Artificers were assembled in a separate and distinct company. The whole force amounted nominally to about 840 men. The main guard of 50 men was mounted every evening near the Parade to do duty until sunrise, with other guards of 20 men from each Division; work on the fortifications and block houses was pushed forward to as great an extent as possible. A penalty of 24 hours imprisonment and a fine of 5 shillings was levied for neglect or refusal to do duty. Every company was ordered to exercise for one hour on Sunday mornings before divine service. Discipline was apparently well maintained, and Sergeant Tate received 20 lashes for violence and insult to his commanding officer, Capt. Callendar. The Governor reported favorably of the behaviour of the officers, but could not commend that of the rank and file.

It may here be noted that according to so eminent an authority as the late Dr. T. B. Akins, the Grand Parade was not originally intended as a drill ground for the King's troops, nor had it ever been claimed by the military authorities, but was intended from the first as a place of muster for the militia, although the garrison used it also for guard-mounting. It would seem probable, however, that it was originally intended for any and all military purposes.