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MILITIA ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Charlotte-Town, Prince Edward Island, 1st May 1814.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR

IS PLEASED TO DIRECT THAT THE FOLLOWING

Orders, Rules, and Regulations,

IN WHICH IS ALSO CONTAINED

An Abstract of the MILITIA LAW,

Be strictly observed by the Militia throughout Prince

Edward Island, and continue in force

until further Orders,

J. F. HOLLAND,

Colonel & Adjutant General Militia.

Charlotte=Town.

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1814.

STANDING ORDERS,

RULES AND REGULATIONS,

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE MILITIA,

And Abstract of the Militia Law.

ALL Male Subjects in Prince Edward Island, between the ages of Sixteen and Sixty, are to bear "Arms, and to attend Military Musters and C.1, S. 1." Exercises, in the Companies in which they "shall or may be enrolled or belong."

"The Clerk of each Company is to take quarterly a List of all Persons within the precinct of such Company. Such List to be presented to the Captain or Chief Officer on pain of forfeiting Twenty Shillings, and in case of non-payment to be levied by distress or Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant from any Justice of the Peace, and all persons enrolled in any

"Company are to do duty therein until orderly dismissed, or removed out of the Precinct of such Company or suffer the Penalty by Law provided, and in case of removal into another Company, he is to produce a Certificate from the Officer of that Precinct whereunto he is removed that he is enrolled there, and if attempting to evade or exempt himself from service by shifting from House to House, or Place to Place, he shall be fined Ten Shillings for every such offence to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace."

As the present state of warfare and the safety of the blony renders it indispensably necessary that the Milia be placed in a fit state of discipline as speedily as sible, and conformably to the Militia Law now in force

**and drill twice a year, [or as often as orders alty of 50s. on the Chief Officer or Captain neglecting the same, and 5s. on each man not attending having had six days Notice afforded him.

Therefore that every officer and Militia-man may in future have due and sufficient warning, to prevent the multiplicity and repetition of orders, to avoid the continued trouble and expence of frequent notices, with a variety of mistakes which may arise on the subject, together with the urgent necessity of such energetic measures as the existing circumstances of the country re-

quire:

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor is pleased to direct, that until further orders, the days of Muster, Drill, and training of the several Corps and Companies throughout the Island, shall be at the time and places herein appointed, therefore every Commanding Officer of a Corps is to have a Regimental Inspection, Muster and Drill of the Battalion under his command twice in each year, where he is to attend and give the word of command himself in person. The same to take place on the following days:

North or 1st Battalion, Queen's County Regiment in Charlotte-Town on the 3d Monday in June, and the 3d Monday in October at 12 o'clock noon in Queen's

Square.

South, or 2d Battalion of the same Regiment, 1st Wedensday in July and October, 12 o'clock noon at

China Point.

3d Battalion of the same Regiment, or Prince Ed. ward Island Legion, on the 3d Monday in June and October, 12 o'clock noon, in Queen's Square, Charlotte Town.

King's County Regiment, owing to the state of the Roads, to be in three divisions,—The Lastern Division including the Fortune Bay Company and the whole o

the Companies on the North Shore from Cable Head to the East Point at St. Margarets Naufrage, to meet on His Majesty's and the Prince Regent's Birth days, at 12 o'clock noon.

The Southern Division including the Murray Harbour and Three River Companies, on the same days and at the same hour as above, at St. Andrews Point, Three Rivers.

The Northern Division, composed of the remaining Companies on the same days and hour as the two other-Divisions at or near Stukely Houe, St. Peters.

Prince County Regiment, both Battalions, at St. Eleanors, on the Kings and Duke of Kent's Birth Day's, at 12

o'clock noon.

The manœuvres to be performed on the days of Training after the usual marching round in Review, and the Manual and Platoon Exercise being performed, are to consist of nothing more than to march by fours, or Double, or Single File. To form and march in open or close Column and from any of these positions to form Line in close or extended Ranks. To advance or retreat by Files from the Right, from the Centre, or left of Battalion, of Wings, or Companies. To advance and retreat by Divisions, or Subdivisions in quick or double time, to advance or retreat firing by Platoons, to be taught to skirmish, to advance or retreat in quick and double quick time in extended Line or Chain Order, to load and fire in all Posititions, kneeling or laying, and to charge in quick or double quick time.

A Regimental Return after each of these Musters, or Inspections is to be forwarded by the Commanding Officer to the Adjutant General to be laid before the

Lieutenant Governor.

Every Captain of a Company or Officer in command thereof, is to call out his company and practise the Exercise and Manœuvres above ordered, five times in each year, on the following days, to wit, on the first day of March.

March, of April, of May, of July and of September, unless on a Sunday, then the day following; they are to meet at the hour of ten o'clock in the morning and be dismissed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon: the Commanding Officer is to allow those who reside at a greater distance than eight miles to Dismiss at three o'clock. The Officer Commanding on these days is to minutely examine the Arms and Accourrements and make a return immediately after the *Inspection* to the Commanding Officer who may at the time be in the command of the Battalion to which they belong—Noting all deficiencies, Absentees, Fines, &c. ac-

cording to the Form in the appendix B.

There are to be Squad Drills in every Company throughout the Island in such numbers as will least inconvenience the people, and take them the shortest distance to travel. The Commanding Officer of corps are to arrange with the several Officers Commanding Companies, and fix on the most eligible spots for assembling the Squads, taking care that no man has to come further than four and half miles from his home, and that he remain at Drill five hours. These Squad Drills throughout the whole Island, are to take place on the following Days; namely every Thursday at Eleven o'clock morning, unless falling on a day appointed for a Regimental, or Company meeting (then to be the day before) and those Squad Drills are to continue during the Months of March and April, then cease, and re-commence the last week in June, and continue to the end of the First week in August, then again to cease and recommence the first week in October, and continue to the end of the month of November, when they are to be discontinued till the month of March following. Those who produce a Certificate of having been employed in Statute Labour, shall be exempted from drill for the Thursday they are so employed.

The officers and non-commissioned officers are to divide themselves and each take charge of a Squad nearest their respective homes.

A monthly report is to be made by the persons having charge of Squads, of the progress made, and of all Absentees to the Commanding Officer of the Company in order that due reward may be paid to the merits of those who exert themselves and punishment by Fines, or otherwise as the act directs, fall on the Delinquent.

The Officer commanding the Company is quarterly to make a report on this subject to the Officer commanding the corps to which he belongs, who in like manner once in every six months is to report the same to the Adjutant General, for the information of the Lieuten-

ant Governor.

Upon any Militia man being reported perfect in his duty, he is to be examined by the Adjutant, and if found sufficiently advanced, shall be excused all squad drills; his name be inserted in a Book kept for that purpose, in order that he may be amongst the first for Promotion, it being His Excellency the Lieutenant Governors earnest wish, to bring forward into public regard and notice, all such as can found a claim by a becoming Zea!, Loyalty and orderly Conduct. On the contrary evil practices will surely meet discountenance, and reproof.

The Commissioned Officers are to be studiously watchful, and bear in mind that by the 7th Section of the Militia Law, they have power of correcting " and punish" ing all [disorders and contempts] committed while on

sec. 7. "duty, by committing the offender for the space "of Forty Eight Hours or the officers option, to exact a Fine of Five Shillings, taking care to remind all Militia-men that Drunkenness on Duty can never be passed over, being a contempt of the highest nature which if tolerated must occasion entire insubordination."

Guards, or in the words of the Militia Law "Milita-" ry Watches, shall be appointed and kept at such times, "in such places, in such numbers, and under such regulations as the Governor or commander in Chief of "this Island, for the time being, shall appoint; and that

"all persons, able of body, and who are of age, shall "themselves, or by some proper person in their stead, to the satisfaction of the Commanding Officer of the "Watch, attend the same, on Penalty of forfeiting five "shillings for each neglect, there having been due

"warning previously given,

"Every enrolled militia man, or any other person "liable by Law, refusing or neglecting to attend Mili-"tary Exercises, on training days, or to perform Military "Watches, and who shall not pay, or have any estate, to "be found whereon to levy the aforesaid Fine, shall and "may be subject to the power of the Captain or Chief "Officers of such Company, and he is hereby empower. "ed, on the next training day after such neglect (he "not having satisfied the Clerk) to punish him for "such offence, by commitment not exceeding Five Days; " and if such Delinquent shall absent himself the second "day, without making sufficient excuse to the Chief Of-"ficer of such his absence, the Captain or Chief Officer " of the Company may thereupon direct a Warrant to " any of the Constables of this Island, requiring him to "apprehend such Delinquent, and to bring him to the "Field, there to be punished as by this act is permitted "and directed. And all Constables are hereby required "to execute such Warrants accordingly."

All persons who shall attend at places of Muster, in order to be trained and instructed in military discipline are by Law declared to be exempted and freed from all arrests in civil cases, as well while going to such place of Muster, as while they may be there, or coming from thence, during the space of twenty four hours, the same to be allowed for the time and continuance of such

Muster.

That such Person as by the commissioned Officers of any Company may be appointed Clerk, and refuse to serve in that capacity, shall pay Forty Shillings Fine, and another to be chosen in his room, and so on, till one do accept or consent that duty: and which persons, so accepting

accepting or consenting, shall be under Oath for the faithful discharge of his duty in said Office, the same to be administered unto him by a Justice of the Peace, in The words following, viz.

"You do swear truly to perform the Office of Clerk of the Militia Company under the command of A. B. Captain, to the utmost of your skill and power, in all things appertaining to your Office, according to Law. "So help you God."

And for every distress made for any Fine not exceeding forty shillings, the Clerk shall have one quarter part thereof for his pains and trouble; and for the levying and recovering such Fines; he may make distress for ex Officio. The said distress to be made subject to such rules as the Law hath provided in other cases; and after ten day's Notice for that purpose he shall pay the Captain, or Chief Officer all such fines as he shall or may have received, his own part deducted therefrom.

As there are many necessary points to which these orders and regulations have not reference, it will be understood that by the 18th Section of the Millia Law, the Commanding or Chief Officer of the Regiment, as often as he may see cause so to do, shall require the Captain or Chief Officer of each Company, in his Regiment to meet at such time and place as he shall may appoint, and there to confer with them, and to give in charge such orders, as shall by them, or the major part of them be judged, meet for the better ordering and esettling their several Companies, and for more effectually promoting military Discipline amongst them. Chief Officer is hereby empowered, by virtue of his Warrant, directed to any Clerk, or Officer of his Regiment, to summon or cause to be brought before him, only Offender against this act, and, according to Law, to hear and determine all matters proper for their Cogniznee, and to give Sentence, and to award mitimus, or Warrant of distress, to the Clerk of the company where whe offence shall or may be committed: for executing

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which Warrant, if for levying above Forty Shillings, he shall have Ten Shillings out of the same, for his pains and trouble therein and no more.

That no Clerk, ex Officio, make distress for any Fine until six days next after the offence shall have been committed, in order that the party may have opportunity to make excuse, if any he hath, why he should not pay the Fine, and all such Clerks neglecting or refusing to account, or make payment, as by this Act is required shall be subject to distress to the full amount of what they ought to have collected, by virtue of a Warrant from the Chief Officer of the Company, directed to any Constable. Every Clerk is to be at the same time appointed orderly Serjeant of the Company, and pay Sergeant thereof.

Every Officer Commanding a Company will keep an orderly Book and regularly insert all orders, he may receive, therein, and read the same to his Company at the

first meeting, after the same have been issued.

These orders in which an abstract of the most material part of the Militia Law is comprised, are to be regular ly read at every Quartly Muster. Every Militia man must be present unless prevented by sickness, and if ill and does not appear, he must obtain a Certificate of some Medical man or one Magistrate to that effect, otherwise he will be liable to be Fined.

Every Officer on Issuing Arms to his men will be careful to take a receipt to the amount of the full value of the same, and of every other appurtenant; and should any militia man refuse to give such receipt, then he shall be

liable to the penalties of the Law,

Every Officer and Militia man is to be particularly vigilant in apprehending and securing all Deserters from his Majesty's service by which they not only essentially benefit his Majesty'e service, but become entitled to the reward granted for the same. On the contrary, if any person so disgrace himself as to harbour or conceal them, they become liable to the very heavy penalties of the Law.

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Every Officer and militia Man on the appearance of or landing of an enemy, is immediately to give the carliest information thereof, to his Commanding Officer, in order that the alarm may be given, when every class of Persons are immediately to repair to the appointed Rendezvous. Those nearest the place where the enemy may have landed, are to be careful to drive the Cattle out of his reach and destroy what may be of use to him. They will hang on his Skirts, watch his Motions and occasionally Skirmish by Firing from the woods, and any place affording cover. The Officer is immediately to cause an Express to proceed with all speed to the Lieutenant Governor with the intelligence, and communicate the same by all manner of means throughout the Country. It is at such a moment as this that the brave and Loval will have an opportunity of signalizing themselves, and in so doing they may rest fully assured their conduct will be duly appreciated and rewarded.

The Penalty is Five Pounds or three months Impris-

The Officers Commanding Regiments or Corps will direct the Officers Commanding of Companies to fix on some eligible place, where the Company can assemble, selecting a spot that may be casily defended, the same time, having an eye to defensible situations in their rear, which in case of being pushed by an enemy or outnumbered, they may with security effect a retreat to, and again make a stand, as every inch of ground must be well defended, taking care to keep the enemy and Charlotte-Town, from whence the main support is to be expected, on the contrary, should the attack be at Charlotte-Town the Country Militia will march forward with all due speed towards the place of tion. The militia Men will take as much Provisions with them as they can carry, for which they will afterards be remunerated. Care must also be taken abbattis the reads, and place all manner of impedients in the front of the Enemy's advance.

It is impossible to suppose that any backwardness can be manifested on an occasion of the kind, as in that case Military Law would of necessity instantly be Proclaimed. Persons wilfully, making a false alarm, are hable to the Penalty of Fifty Pounds, and twelve months imprisonment.

Any person happening to be maimed or hurt, so as to be incapable of obtaining a livelihood will be entitled to receive a Pension to his or their degree of disability, as will also the Widows and Children of any Militia Man slain in action.

Any Person whatever on shore or "afloat in Char"lotte-Town, or the Rivers and Harbours within twenty
"miles therefrom, who shall presume to fire guns or
"small arms, or beat any Drum after sun set, unless on
"some lawful occasion, is subject to a Penalty of Forty
"Shillings, except Officers of His Majesty's Troops or
"ships in the due execution of their duty.

"All Penalties must be recovered within Three "Months, after committing the offence, and all Fines "not otherwise, directed as to the recovery thereof shall be applied to the use of the respective Companies for the procuring Drums, Colours, Banners, or for paying "Drummers or other charge of the company, or the repair of Arms, to be recoverable by Action, Bill, "Plaint or Information in any of his Majesty's Court of "Record."

As soon as the place of rendezvous or assembling of each Company, has been determined and fixed on, the Officer of the Company will report the same to the Commanding Officer of the corps who will immediately cause the same to be made known to the Adjutant General, for the information of the Lieut. Governor.

All Officers leaving the Island will apply for leave of absence through their Commanding Officer and the Adjt. General, to the Lieut, Governor.

All Officers above the age prescribed by the Militia Law, and who have served Ten Years, may on application, be permitted to retire on the rank he holds.

Every officer already appointed, or to be appointed, is to understand that unless he is in Uniform, and perfect in his duty, within six months from the date of this order; or within six months of his future appointment, that his or their situation will be filled by some other person.

The Uniform is to be worn by all Officers when on

duty.

A laced Shoulder Strap, may be substituted in lieu of

an Epaulette.

Every Officer Commanding a Company is to be responsible for all Arms, Accourrements and Amunition, issued to him for the use of his Company; he is to retain the ammunition in his own charge, but if his Company is much scattered, he will then divide the ammunition and give part in charge to his Subalterns and Non Commissioned Officers. The ammunition must be taken great care of, and not used but on actual duty. And on no account, is he to allow the arms to be taken (on Ship Board, or even) out of the Settlement, but on actual duty.

Whenever any officer, Non Commissioned Officer, or militia Man, shall be accused of a Capital Crime, or of having used violence, or of having committed an offence against the Persons or Properties of His Majesty's Subjects, such as is punishable by the known Laws of the Land, the Commanding Officer and Officers of every Regiment, Detachment, Troop or Company, to which the Person or Persons so accused belong, are hereby required upon application duly made, by, or on behalf of the party injured, to use his and their utmost endeavours to deliver over such accused person or persons to the Civil Magistrate, and likewise to aid and assist the Officers of Justice, in apprehending and securing the Person or Persons so accused, that he or they may be brought to Trial.

If any Officer shall think himself wronged by his Colonel, or the Officer Commanding the Regiment to which

he belongs, and shall upon due application, to such Colonel, or Commanding Officer, be refused redress, he may make his complaint to the Adjutant General of the Militia, who is directed to report the same, without delay, to the Lieut. Governor, that such further mea-

sures be taken as the nature of the case require.

If any Officer shall think himself wronged by his Captain, or by any other Officer commanding the Detachment, Troop or Company, to which he belong, he is to complain thereof to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who shall redress the same. And if any Non-Commissioned Officer or militia Man shall make a similar complaint, such commanding officer shall Summon a meeting of a sufficient number of the Officers of his Regiment in manner prescribed by the 18th Section of the Militia Law already quoted, to compose a Court of Enquiry, for the hearing and doing justice to the complainant. The proceedings of which must be forwarded to the Adjutant General to be laid before his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

All Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and militia Men, are to behave in an orderly manner in Quarters, or on their march; and whoever shall destroy, or injure any property whatsoever, belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, unless by proper authority to annoy rebels or other Enemies of His Majesty, he or they so offending shall be informed against, and delivered over to be prosecuted by the Civil Power, and suffer such Penalties as they are liable to by Law.

All Officers are to rank according to the date of their Commissions, and when Detachments or Troops, or Companies of different Regiments, shall do duty together they shall be considered as one corps, and the Officers take rank and do duty, as above directed. And all officers when serving in conjunction with his Majesty's Regular or Provincial troops, are to take rank, according to the rules of the Service, as youngest of their respective ranks.

All reports and communications from the Commanding Officers of Corps, and others intended for His Excellency the Lieut, Governor, to be made through the Adjutant General.

MILITIA ALMANACK,

January 1st.—Arrange and regulate the classes of and 2d, Companies and make such alterations as may arise from age, marriage, or an increase of Family.

And Colonel or Commanding Officers of Corps send in a General Return of their Regiment to the Adjutant General,

March 1st,—A Company Muster, Training & Inspection of Arms & Accourrements, & every Thursday in this month Squad Drills.

--- 24th,—Send forward Quarterly Return of Companies to Adjutant General.

--- 30th, Officers Commanding Squad Drills to send in their Monthly Report.

April 1st.—A Company Drill, Training and Inspections of Arms, and every Thursday in this month Squad Drills.

----- 30th, Officers Commanding Squad Drills to send in their Monthly Report.

May 1st.—A Company Muster, Training, and Inspection of Arms.

June 4th,—Regimental Muster, Drill and Training of King's and Prince County Regiment.

The 3d Monday in June.— {Regimental Muster, Drill and Training of the 1st Batt. Queen's County Regiment and Prince Edward Island Legion.

In the last Thursday in June Squad Drills.

June 24th,—Make out the General Return of Inhabitants in the Precincts of the Compa-

bitants in the Precincts of the Company, and Quarterly Return of Companies, forward the same to the Adjutant General.

July

July 1st,—Company Muster, Drill and Inspection of Arms. The 1st Wednesday in July Regimental Muster of the 2d Battalion Queen's County Regiment. Every Thursday in July Squad Drills.

July 31st.—Officers Commanding Squad Drills to send in their Monthly Report. First Thursday in August Squad Drills, then cease.

August 12th,—Regimental Muster, Drill and Inspection of Arms and accourrements of King's County Regiment.

September 1st,—Company Muster, Training and Inspection of Arms, &c.

--- 24th,—Make out Quarterly Return of Company and forward the same to the Adjutant General.

October,—Squad Drills every Thursday this month,
The 3d Monday in October Regimental
Muster Drill and Inspection of Arms, &c.
of the 1st Batt. Queen's County Regt.
and Prince Edward Island Legion.

The 1st Wednesday in October Regimental Muster Drill and Inspection of Arms, &c. of the 2d.Batt. Queen's County Regt.

- 31st, Officers Commanding Squad Drills to send in their Monthly Report.

November 2d,—Regimental Muster, Drill, Training & Inspections of Arms, &c. Prince County Regiment, Squad Drills every Thursday this month.

send in their Monthly Report.

December 24th, --- Make out a General Return of the Inhabitants within the precinct of the Company, and Quarterly Return of Company forward both to the Adjt. Genls, Office.