

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.

HEAD QUARTERS, FREDERICTON, 26th August, 1862.

COMMISSIONS Signed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief:—

Restigouche County Militia.

Lieut. William Sherman Smith to be Capt., 4th Aug. 1862.
 Arthur Ritchie, Jun., Gent. to be Lieut., do.
 William Murray Caldwell, Gent. to be Ensign, do.

First Battalion Queen's County Militia.

John Harrison, Gent. to be Captain, 15th August, 1862.
 James Moore, Gent. to be Lieutenant, do.
 Hamilton G. Rolston, Gent. to be Ensign, do.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to accept the services of the undermentioned Companies of Militia, which have volunteered for service in Class A of the Active Militia, and are of the strength required by the Act:—

Capt. G. M. C. Howard, St. John Co. Militia, Pisarinco.
 " T. J. Sandford, 1st Batt. Charlotte Co. St. Andrews.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to permit the undermentioned Officer to retire:—

Lieutenant Colonel Harry Peters, 1st Battalion Queen's County Militia, with the rank of Colonel.

His Excellency has been pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by the undermentioned Officer:—

First Battalion King's County Militia.

Captain James Gunn.

His Excellency has much pleasure in publishing the following communication from the Officer commanding the Troops in the Province:—

Fredericton, 23rd August, 1862.

SIR,—My Adjutant having, when in pursuit of Deserters, received excellent advice from Captains Inches and Hiltz, and cordial aid from the Volunteers under their command, especially Mr. John Marks, I deem it my duty to bring their conduct under the notice of Your Excellency.

I have the honor, &c. &c.

J. COLE, *Brevet-Colonel,*
Commanding Troops.

His Excellency The Hon. A. H. GORDON.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief desires to convey to Captain Hiltz and Captain Inches, 4th Battalion Charlotte County Militia, his deep sense of the highly efficient services rendered by themselves and the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men under their command, whilst aiding Lieut. and Adjutant M'Murray, 15th Regiment, in his search for deserters.

Although their efforts proved unsuccessful, His Excellency feels convinced that a good effect will be produced towards preventing desertion, by the prompt measures taken by Captain Hiltz and Captain Inches.—He fully appreciates the energy and self denial exhibited by the members of their Companies, and wishes to express to them his thanks for services so willingly offered.

In accordance with Section 13 of the new Militia Act, each Company of Volunteers accepted up to this date will receive the sum of Forty Dollars to aid in defraying the expense of an Armoury, and to serve as an allowance for keeping the Arms and Accoutrements in repair. Consequently any charge with reference to the repair of arms or accoutrements now issued will always be made against the Officer commanding the Company.

In every case where a Drill Room is provided by the Company, the Officer commanding will receive the sum of 80 dollars instead of 40.

Each of the Drill Sergeants distributed through the Province, is at all hours to be at the direction of the Officer commanding the Company to which he is attached, not only for public but also for private drills.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to direct that Officers commanding Companies shall prevent any one man from firing more than his allotted number of rounds of Ball Cartridge. In all cases a Target Practice Register must be correctly kept, and a return of the Practice of each Company is to be forwarded to the Office of the Adjutant General before 31st October.

At present 30 rounds per man, including Officers, are being issued from Saint John; and the same quantity will also be furnished in the middle of September.

His Excellency strongly urges the importance of adhering to the Hythe position, to fire standing at all distances up to 300 yards, and kneeling (or standing) at longer distances.

By Command.

THOMAS M. CROWDER, *Lt. Col.,*
Acting Adj. Gen.

The following Addresses have lately been presented to the Lieutenant Governor, to which His Excellency has delivered the accompanying Replies.

From the Magistrates, Merchants, &c., of the County of Restigouche.

To His Excellency The Honorable Arthur Hamilton Gordon, C.M.G., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

1. We, the Magistrates, Merchants, Farmers, and other inhabitants of the County of Restigouche, beg to approach Your Excellency as the Representative of our beloved Queen, and to bid you a hearty welcome on this your first visit to this distant County, under Your Excellency's Government, and we assure Your Excellency that in point of loyalty and attachment to our Sovereign and British Institutions, we hold and pride ourselves, as inhabitants of this County, inferior to none under your Administration.

2. Remote as our locality may seem, and deprived of the numerous benefits enjoyed by other Counties, through Public Works and the superior advantages of direct communication by Rail Road; notwithstanding these impediments, our inhabitants, through industry and perseverance, have arrived at a degree of comfort and self-sustaining independence, and although a crisis in Commercial affairs, arising from causes over which we have no control, affecting not only our Colonies but the Empire at large, has this year retarded our staple export of Fish and Lumber, (both of which our noble forests and waters can supply in abundance,) and has naturally caused a great diminution of shipping hitherto resorting to our harbours—we still hope and trust it may be of but short duration, and that the tide of prosperity will again return in that respect, and bring with it a corresponding revival of trade and commerce.

3. We desire to notice with satisfaction and acknowledge with gratitude the benefits we at present derive from the facilities afforded by steam communication between Quebec, this Port, and the intervening Ports, extending to the Rail Road Terminus at Shediac, mainly brought about by the encouragement afforded by the Legislature of this Province, in granting a subsidy for so desirable an object, which has proved so beneficial to the inhabitants of the Northern Counties, and we trust will likewise be found largely to contribute to the profits of the Railway between Shediac and Saint John, thereby fostering and increasing the trade of the North with that City, which without the aid of Steamers as at present, would as heretofore be directed and continued with other Ports not belonging to our own Province.

4. We beg to call Your Excellency's attention to our spacious Harbour, so safe and easy of access, and affording depth of water and ample room for ships of the largest description. The expansive and capacious Bay de Chaleur, forming our sea board, teeming with Fish in every variety; and that most important feature in our local position, that the route for Steamers and Ships from this Port to Britain is shorter and more direct than from any other Port in the Province.

5. We have reason to be thankful to the giver of all good gifts for the present cheering prospects of our farmers and agriculturalists, the season so far having been very favour-