



OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MILITIA,
QUEBEC, 15th March, 1809.

MILITIA ORDERS.

HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR and COMMANDER in CHIEF embraces with great satisfaction the opportunity of again bearing testimony to the Loyalty and zeal of the Militia of the Province.

Doubts have existed as to that portion which was ballotted for under the orders issued by Mr. PRESIDENT DUNN in August 1807, continuing liable to be called on in consequence of that ballot beyond a twelve months from the period in which it took place, and altho' these doubts have been perfectly understood in all parts of the Country, and it might reasonably have been expected that if there were any ill disposed or disaffected persons they would have availed themselves of the excuse which they offered, it appears nevertheless by the reports that have been received from the several Colonels, that on the occasion of the last order issued in December, by which that portion was directed to hold itself in readiness and a probability was held out that they might be very shortly required to assemble—the utmost cheerfulness and the greatest alacrity were every where manifested by all ranks and descriptions. Two instances only occurred in which the objection was seriously stated, and in both it was accompanied with a declaration that notwithstanding the opinion of the majority of the company by which it was offered that they could not be compelled to serve, yet if it were not thought proper to have recourse to a new ballot, they were ready to stand forth as Volunteers for the service of their Country.—One solitary instance only has been reported of an individual who declared that his son should not march.

HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR and COMMANDER in CHIEF desires that the first opportunity may be taken by which the Field and Staff Officers may make known to the several Companies the sense he entertains of their meritorious conduct in this instance, and the confidence it gives to his expectation that no future occasion will occur to detract from the spirit of Loyalty and affection to their Country of which they have given so fair a proof.

Under the existing circumstances of the present moment, HIS EXCELLENCY thinks it proper to do away at any rate the ballot that has been made for the fifth of the Militia which are now under orders to hold themselves in readiness; and the men who were chosen on that occasion are therefore discharged from any obligation of assembling under which they might be held by that order.

Future directions will be given according to Law for any assembly that may become necessary either of the whole or of any part of the Militia as may be required by circumstances.

F. BABY, Adjutant Genl. of Militia.