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March 12th, 1814.—Troup paraded on college commons, and the following were elected members: Thomas Murphy, Samuel Wilmer, Henry Kennard and George Burgess.

The following were rejected: Pere Beck, Dulaney Apsley and Thomas Copper.

The captain orders the first Saturday in April to be the next Law day.

Attest: J. E. BARROLL, Sect'y.

April 2nd, 1814—Saturday—Troup met at Meeks' and paraded on college commons, after which the following persons bonded to the officers in the sum of twenty dollars, with security for one sword, one pistol and one pair of holsters, viz: James Lynch, Evan Lynch, William Lynch, Richard Lynch, Thomas Wilkins, James Smith, James Hanson, Lemuel Wilmer, Sam'l Filengame, Rich'd I. Frisby, Wm. Smith (of Benj'n), Phil. G. Ricketts, Jas. B. Ringgold, Thomas Murphy, John Maxwell, Jr., Henry Browne, William Meeks, James Milward, Bart. Etherington, Samuel Ringgold, Wm. Apsley, Sen'r.

Attest: J. E. BARROLD, Sect'y.

See minutes for 14th May, 1814, post.

1814.—The captain orders that the last Saturday in this month the Troup meet again in Chester Town, each man provided with six blank cartridges—hour, 2 P. M.

Attest: J. E. BARROLL, Sect'y.

May 14, 1814—Saturday.—The Troup met at Meeks' and paraded on college commons.

The following Bye-Laws were adopted by a majority of the Troup present, viz

1—Two o'clock in the afternoon shall be the hour of meeting for this Troup on all the days specified by Law for Troup meetings: and at all such meetings the Roll shall be called at half-past two.

2—There shall be four days for Troup meetings, inclusive of the days appointed by Law, every year, the specification of which days shalled be vested in the Captain or other commanding officer.

3—The hours for meeting for the days to be specified by the Captain in Bye Law No. 2, shall be the same as for the days appointed by Law, and at all such meetings to be appointed by the Captain or other commanding officer. The Roll shall be called at half-past 2 in the afternoon.

4—If the Captain or other commanding officer shall think it for the interest of the Troup to appoint any other day or hour for Troup meetings than as above specified, he shall apply to the Troup for such purpose, and the consent of a majority thereof shall be sufficient to authorize the same.

5 (Fine for Non-Attendance).—The fine against any member not attending agreeably to Bye Laws Nos. 2, 3 and 4, shall be not less than twenty-five cents and not exceeding three dollars, to be determined by a Troup Court Martial.

6 (Rule of Admission)—No person shall become a member of this Troup without previously obtaining the consent of two-thirds of the members present (and that to be determined by ballot,) and no person shall be considered a member of this Troup, although he may have obtained the consent of two-thirds of the same, until he has uniformed himself according to Law.

7 (Uniform)—Each member of the Troup shall provide himself with a short blue cloth coat edged with red cloth, and with red cloth collar and cuffs; and every member neglecting so to do longer than the 20th June, 1814, shall be liable to a fine not less than five dollars and not more than ten dollars, at the discretion of a Court Martial; and every member neglecting to pay his fine adjudged against him by the Court Martial, or neglecting to uniform himself by the 1st of August, 1814, shall be considered as no longer belonging to this Troup, and his name shall be struck off the Muster Roll accordingly.

8 (Relative to Intoxication)—That any member appearing upon parade intoxicated shall be liable to a fine not exceeding three dollars and not less than twenty-five cents, to be determined by a Troup Court Martial.

9 (To Swearing)—Any member swearing upon parade shall be fined according to the following rates: If a Commissioned Officer, fifty cents for every oath; a non-Commissioned Officer, thirty-seven and one-half cents; and if a private, twenty-five cents; officers as well as privates to be subject to this Law.

10 (Collector)—A collector shall be appointed by a majority of the Troup to collect all fines incurred by the decision of the Troup Court Martial, who shall give Bond, with security approved, for the faithful discharge of his duties as collector to the Commissioned Officer of the Troup, for the benefit of the Troup. It shall be his proper duty to collect all such fines, and when collected to pay the same over to the Treasurer to be appointed by this Troup, and for his trouble in collecting the same, he shall be allowed to retain for his own proper use as a compensation, ten per cent. on all sums he shall receive.

11 (Treasurer)—A Treasurer shall be appointed by a majority of the Troup who shall give Bond with approved security in the same manner as the collector, faithfully to account for all monies received by him properly belonging to the Troup. He shall keep a regular book in which there shall be true entries of all monies paid away by him, all monies received by him to and for the use of the Troup, according to the laws of this State or the Bye-Laws of this Troup, or both of them. And he shall state a fair account of all monies received and paid away by him as aforesaid, to be exhibited by him before a committee of three privates to be appointed by a majority of the Troup on any day of meeting of said Troup, every six months during the term he shall be in office as Treasurer of this Troup.

12.—A committee of three Privates to be nominated by the Commanding Officer of this Troup and appointed by a majority of this Troup, shall be appointed at any meeting before the expiration of every six months next after the adoption of these Bye-Laws, whose duty it shall be to inspect the accounts of the collector and Treasurer, and if a majority of said committee shall approve the same they shall certify the same, and sign their names under such accounts, which shall be a sufficient voucher for the proper justification of the above officers.

13.—All monies arising from fines shall go and be held accountable for the use of this Troup.

14 (Secretary)—A Secretary shall be appointed by a majority of the Troup who shall record these and all future Bye-Laws relating to this Troup, in a good and substantial book which shall be safely kept by him, subjected to the inspection and revision of the Commanding Officer, which book shall be called "a Minute Book belonging to the Troup," and in which book shall be entered all the days of meeting of the Troup, all the days appointed for meetings, and the members of all Court Martials and committees by name, and such other entries only as the Commanding Officer of the Troup shall authorize the secretary so to make.

15 (Orderly Sergeant)—It shall be the duty of the Orderly Sergeant of this Troup already appointed, and such other future orderly sergeants as may be appointed, to keep a regular minute-roll of all the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates belonging to this Troup. To make out lists upon paper of all persons belonging to this Troup, whose turn it may be to perform their regular tour of duty, and make out all necessary reports when this Troup is upon actual service or not, and to attend to every other matter properly belonging to his station. All of his acts are, however, to be subject to the control and revision of the Commanding Officer of this Troup.

16.—Bye-Law No. 8 shall extend to officers and non-Commissioned Officers, as well as privates, who shall regulate themselves accordingly, or abide by the penalties therein mentioned.

17.—Each officer, non-Commissioned Officer and private, belonging to this Troupe shall sign his name under the Bye-Laws that shall be adopted to-day by a majority of the Troup present, which signature shall be considered as completely binding upon such persons so signing, and that they will abide by the regulations and penalties mentioned.

18.—Every person so signing as required in Bye-Law No. 17, shall be considered as consenting to such other Bye-Laws as may be passed by a majority of the Troup present, and as consenting to the repeal of the Bye-Laws before passed and others that may be passed, whenever a majority of the Troup present shall so determine, and every officer refusing and neglecting to sign his name as aforesaid, when required to conform to Bye-Law No. 17 and this present Bye-Law, No. 18, shall be subject to a fine of five dollars for every refusal and neglect upon every request once made when the Troup is upon muster, and every non-Commissioned Officer and private so refusing and neglecting as aforesaid, shall be considered no longer a member of the Troup, but his being considered so shall not be construed to free him from the penalties incurred or to be incurred by the Laws of this State. And every member (excepting Commissioned Officers so far as it relates to everything besides fines) signing the Bye-Laws to-day passed by a majority of this Troup, who shall refuse and neglect to conform to such future Bye-Laws as may be passed by a majority of the Troup, shall be fined fifty cents for every refusal and neglect once made when the Troup is upon muster, when convicted by a Troup Court Martial of three privates to be appointed by the Commanding Officer of the Troup, and after three repeated refusals and neglects so to do, he shall be considered as no longer belonging to the Troup. But this is not to excuse him from paying the fine incurred as well by these Bye-Laws as the Laws of the State.

19.—The operation of the Bye-Laws adopted by a majority of this Troup shall not be construed to evade any Law of this State, but each person affected by these Bye-Laws and all such future Bye-Laws passed by a majority of this Troup, shall be liable to all the penalties of the State Laws, and every person who shall be considered by a Troup Court Martial as no longer belonging to this Troup by non-conformity as required by these Bye-laws, and all future Bye-laws, shall still be considered as liable to pay the fine as required by the State Law when a member leaves the Troup without conforming to the requisites of such State Law

20.—Each Commissioned officer neglecting to appear by the roll-call upon any day of muster properly appointed by the Commanding Officer of this Troup, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding 12 dollars and not less than one dollar, at the discretion of a Troup Court Martial consisting of the following persons to wit. 2 Sergeants, 2 Coporals and one private to be appointed by the Commanding Officer.

21—Non-Commissioned Officers neglecting to warn in the men three days before any day properly appointed by the Commanding Officer as a muster day, and neglecting to notify all such as may be liable to a Court Martial of the day such Court Martial may sit, three or more days before the sitting of such Court Martial, shall be fined not more than three dollars and not less than fifty cents, to be determined by a Troup Court Martial.

22.—Each officer, non-Commissioned Officer and private, appearing upon the parade who shall have a State uniform and neglect to appear in it, and every such person neglecting to appear in spurs by the 1st day of August, 1814, and every such person neglecting to appear upon Troup parades or other lawful meetings without a halter with a leather head stall by the 1st day of August, 1814, shall be fined not less than fifty cents and not more than five dollars.

23.—All persons, Officers, non-Commissioned Officers and privates, shall be compelled to provide himself with a valise by the 1st of August, 1814, under the penalty of five dollars, and every person so provided with one neglecting to appear therewith upon squadron meetings or when called into actual service shall be fined not less than twenty-five cents and not more than three dollars to be determined by a Troup Court Martial.

Approved by
FRED. WILSON, Capt.

A True Copy—Attest:
J. E. BARROLL, Sect'y.

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Never fear to bring the sublimest motive to the smallest duty, and the most infinite comfort to the smallest trouble.

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The serpent is as powerless as the dove to harm, unless it can wind its way in to wreathe around and breathe its venom on the life it would destroy.

The true art of being agreeable is to appear well pleased with all the company, and rather to seem well entertained with them than to bring entertainment to them.

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One morning my sister went to see a friend, and took with her our little dog. When she left she quite forgot the dog, and as soon as our friends discovered him they did all they could to make him leave, but with no avail.

Some hours passed and he was still there.

So they telephoned to let us know his where-abouts.

"Bring him to to the telephone," said my sister.

One of the boys held him while another put the trumpet to the dog's ear.

Then my sister whistled, and called. "Come home at once, Paddy."

Immediately he rushed to the door, barking to get out, and soon afterwards arrived at home.—*Mayflower.*

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