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NAMES OF THE MEMBERS, AND OTHER DATA.

August 29, 1814—Monday.—The following men, under command of Cornet John Rutter, patroled last evening between Worton and Farley Creeks, viz: Robert Garrott, Pere Cooper, Joseph Cox, Unit Corse, Henry Kennard and Thomas Rasin.

Bartholemew Etherington and Wm. Keating composed the camp guard.

Morning report as usual.

William Howard was elected by this detachment of the Troup as its Quarter Master, vice Thos. Rasin, resigned.

30th.—Our detachment, heretofore stationed at Willis' X Roads, were moved in consequence of the movements of the enemy, to the woods opposite Major Bowers' gate and placed under the command of Col. Reed.

April 30, 1816—Tuesday.—To-day the Troup met in squadron at Sims'. After parade the following were elected members: Samuel Kerr, Greenbury Gamble, James Corse.

Next Saturday week, 11th May, is fixed on for the Troup to meet at Wm. Apsley's, in Chester Town, for the purpose of electing a Second Lieut., vice Thomas Wilson, elected to a Capt. in Capt. Spry's Company.

August 2d, 1821.—The Troup met according to orders at Worton Commons when Bartholemew Etherton was elected 2d Lieutenant, John Rutter, deceased.

At a meeting sometime afterwards James Corse was elected cornet and Sam'l Ringgold, Jr., appointed Sect'y.

June 12th, 1824.—The Troup met agreeable to notice at Bell Air, Lieut. Coburn commanding, when the following persons were elected members: Doct. Edward H. Worrell, George W. Hanson, William B. Wilmer, John Sutton, Louis Gale, James Gale, James Duyre, Philip Duyre, Solomon Morean.

The Troup met again at Worton Commons on the 3d Saturday of July.

The prolixity of the old Bye-Laws suggested the propriety of enacting new, and, at a date subsequent to the preceding, a committee, consisting of Lieut. Coburn, Secretary Sam'l Ringgold and Edward H. Worrell, was appointed to draft a form for the examination of the Troup. Ringgold removed from the district, and Wm. B. Wilmer was made a member of the committee in his stead. Mo report was made before the campaign of 1824 closed. Anteriorly to this event, however, Capt. Wilson was promoted to the rank of Colonel, in consequence of which Lieut. Coburn was elected to the Captaincy unanimously, E. H. Worrell to the First Lieutenancy, Bartholemew Etherington to the Second Dit., and Richard Lynch to the cornetcy.

On the 14th of May, 1825, the Constitution (or Bye-Laws) hereto annexed, was read to the Troup by E. H. Worrell, acting secretary pro tempore, and was adopted:

CONSTITUTION OF THE COLUMBIA HUSSARS.

Article 1st.—This Troup shall be called Columbia Hussars, and wear the following uniform: A short blue coat of cloth, with red collar and cuffs, white trimmings, boots, spurs, a cap of leather topped with bearskin, a red feather and white pantaloons.

2nd.—Admission to membership shall require an application made at one muster to the commanding officer, a consent ascertained by ballot, at the next meeting of two-thirds of the members present, and a signing of the Bye-Laws.

3rd.—The com'd officers shall give and revoke at will, to all non-comm'd officers, viz: Secretary, Treasurer, Collector, Sergeants and Corporals.

4th.—The special duty of the Sect'y shall consist in writing and duly preserving the Troup's Minute Book, which shall contain the Bye-Laws and signatures thereto, and be subject to the inspection of the com'd officer; in recording all days appointed for muster, all days of actual muster, the name of each muster, all Court Martials and committees, and whatever else the com'd officer may deem fit to be recorded; in furnishing a fair full roll of members to all com'd and non-commissioned officers, and also in reading to the Troup whatever the com'd officer may desire.

5th.—The special duty of the Treasurer shall consist in receiving all fines and forfeitures from the collector, paying orders drawn on him by the com'd officer for the use of the Troup, and in making a full exposition of money matters whenever required by one or more com'd officer.

6th.—It shall be the special duty of the Collector to receive all sums due the Troup for the accomplishment of which he shall (if necessary) resort in the name of the Troup to the laws of the State, and to remit the same when received to the Treasurer, retaining ten per cent. as a compensation for disbursement and trouble incured.

7th.—It shall be the duty of the Sergeants and Corporals to notify all the absent members of the next muster day appointed by the com'd officer of the day. They shall also apprise all delinquents of the day on which the Court Martial to try them will set, three days before such sittings; they shall determine among themselves how many and whom each shall notify. The first in rank present at any muster shall call the roll, a copy of which each shall keep, mark the absentees and make a true return to the com'd officer at the next meeting, but a return in reference to a muster directed by the State law shall be made just before the Troup is disbanded to prevent the Court Martial's being defered beyond the legal time. He shall report such as may be detached on a tour of duty. And finally, he shall make any report, and together with the rest any notification the com'd officer may consider expedient. In absence of the first in rank, the next shall act in his station, and so on to the last in rank.

8th.—Besides State days for meeting, there shall be six others of which the designation shall be vested in the Capt. or other com'd officer. And on each of the regular days the time of convening shall be such as may allow the roll to be called at half-past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the time appointed hereby for that purpose. But on a proposition of the com'd officer and a consent of a majority of the Troup any day or any hour for mustering (except in the case above) may be made legal.

9th.—The plan of mustering shall be fixed by a majority at each preceding muster, but if by neglect or other cause, none should be so fixed, the com'd officer shall designate the plan.

10th.—It shall be the duty of the Capt. on or before the fifteenth day of March in each and every year to furnish a form of a written notice stating the days of muster and days for Court Martial to the non-com'd officers of this Troup, whose duty it shall be to leave such notice with each member on or before the first day of April in each and every year.

11th.—Every private not having answered to his name at the calling of the roll shall pay not less than twenty-five cents nor more than one dollar. Double fines for the like neglect shall be laid on officers.

12th.—Any present member appearing on parade not in the uniform herein directed three months from the adoption of this constitution, or any future member the same time from his admission, shall not be admitted in the ranks while on parade, and pay twenty-five cents for every such offense.

13th.—Any com'd officer who shall appear or conduct himself in an unofficer-like manner, or in any way iusult the good breeding of the Troup, on any parade day properly appointed, shall be fined not exceeding two dollars, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

14th.—If any com'd officer or private shall, during any parade sanctioned by these Bye-Laws, appear drunk or disobey orders or use any reproachful, insulting or abusive language to his officers or any one of them, or shall quarrel himself or promote any quarrel among his fellow soldiers, he may be disarmed or put under guard by order of the com'd officer until the Troup is dismissed, and shall be fined, at the discretion of a Court Martial, a sum not exceeding two dollars.

15th—The violation of any part of Bye-Law No. 7 shall incur a penalty of not less than twenty-five cents nor more than one dollar.

16th.—The Secretary, Treasurer and Collector for any dereliction of their special duties as expressed or plainly implied in these Bye-Laws, shall be fined to an amount at least equal to the loss their malpractices or neglect might otherwise occasion the Troup.

17.—All violations of these Bye-Laws committed, com'd officers shall be tried by a Court Martial composed of one com'd officer, one non-com'd officer and a private, to be appointed by the com'd officer, if he himself be not to be tried, if he be, by the next in command.

18th.—The non-com'd officers and privates shall be tried for all offences against these Bye-Laws by a Court Martial composed of one non-com'd officer and two privates appointed by the com'd officer.

19th.—The officer appointing any Court Martial shall appoint its president, who shall have power to summon witnesses to attend the Court Martial and may swear or affirm them; he shall also return to the officer ordering, duplicates of all fines and forfeitures, one of which is to be delivered to the Collector and the other reserved to be compared, in settlement, with the Treasurer's accounts.

20th.—The funds of the Troup shall be used only by the will and under the direction of the majority of said Troup.

21st.—All subjects proposed for the consideration of the Troup at one meeting shall be postponed at the request of five members present for a decision until the next meeting, unless in the opinion of two-thirds present, the subject requires to be immediately acted on, and when acted on a majority shall determine.

22d.—A majority of the Troup shall be sufficient in all cases to constitute a quorum to transact any kind of business.

23d.—A committee of three shall be appointed by the Capt. to inspect the uniforms, horses, horse furniture, accoutrements and arms of each member (when directed), and for any neglect on their part, impose a fine of twenty-five cents and not less than six and a fourth cents, to be collected as other fines are.

24th.—No member shall be allowed to leave the Troup without the permission of two-thirds of the Company or pay fifteen dollars.

25th.—These Bye-Laws now adopted, repeal and abolish all others, and no alteration in them shall be made by the meeting at which it may be first proposed, and never unless by a majority of the whole Troup.

26th.—The members of the Troup by their signatures set to these Bye Laws acknowledge themselves fully and completely bound in law and equity to comply with and abide by the regulations and penalties herein established and passed this 14th day of May, 1825.

Wm. Coburn, Capt.;
Bartholemew Etherington,
Richard Lynch, Cornet;
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James Gale,
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Thomas Glenn,
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Joseph Rasin,
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Joshua Copper,
John Porter,
John Toulson,
Josiah Sutton,
Samuel Draper,
Thomas Copper.

THE END.

IN A LUMBER YARD.

These boards are like the people that I know:
There's one that's broad and strong, and it some day
May fill a wide space well and show
Off splendidly to all who pass that way.
And this one's rough, yet down below
That unenchanting surface there may be
The soundest substance of the finest grain—
Ah, here is one that sun and wind and rain
Have sadly warped. The self-same tree
From which it came perhaps has yielded others still
That, polished well and fitted nicely, fill
Important places; and if they were blessed
With minds they doubtless would conclude
That they are finely dressed,
While this warped thing, this rude
Discarded piece of timber, lies
Out here because 'twas near as wise
Or of such worth as they—
Yet, truth to tell, some little whim of chance,
Some small, unnoticed circumstance,
May have laid out the part for them to play.
Yon board is smooth—a little shore—it slides along—
But is it of much worth or sound or strong?
And this one's narrow, formed to fit
Within a little space; yet haply it,
If made a reasoning thing would sigh
To be in some wide place and never guess,
In failing of its fond desire, why,
But sadly charge the world with heartlessness.
These boards are much like men I know—and I—
I wonder if I'm broad and strong and sound,
Like this one, or a poor, warped piece like that
The workman stands a moment gazing at,
And then throws out, to lie,
Unheeded and condemned, around?

—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

Philosophic Maunderings.

If a man wants to get shaved comfortably, he dosen't go into Wall street.

Probably the best things in a man's mind are the things he has always hesitated to say.

Not every man who belongs to a club is a policeman.

The girl next door who declares in glad cadences that she cannot sing the old songs, ought not tackle the new.

It does not follow that because you can't pronounce the name of the artist the picture is high art.

The condemned man honestly believes to the last moment on the scaffold that they are just trying to "string" him.

In Montana the man who steals a bridle is comparatively safe, but he genmakes the mistake of having a horse tied to it.

The Art of Letting Go.

We held on to a great many things last year which we should have let go—shaken off entirely. In the first place, we should expel from our minds completely the things which cannot be helped—our past misfortunes, the trivial occurrences which have mortified or humiliated us. Thinking of them not only does no good, but it robs us of peace and comfort. The art of forgetting useless things is a great one, and we should learn it at any cost. It is just as important to learn to let go as to hold on. Anything that cannot help us to get on and up in the world; anything that is a drag, a stumbling-block, or a hindrance, should be expunged from our memory. Many people seem to take a positive pleasure in recalling past misfortunes, sufferings and failures.

AS THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND.

Drink and the gang drinks with you, swear off and go it alone; for the bar room bum who drinks your rum has a querulous thirst of his own. Feast and your friends are many; fast and they cut you dead; they'll not get mad if you treat them bad, so long as their stomachs are fed. Steal if you get a million, for then you can furnish bail; its the great big thief who gets out on leave, while the little one goes to jail. Advertise and the dollars will come, quit and they fail to arrive; for how are men who have money to spend going to know you are alive?—Miss Appropriated.

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