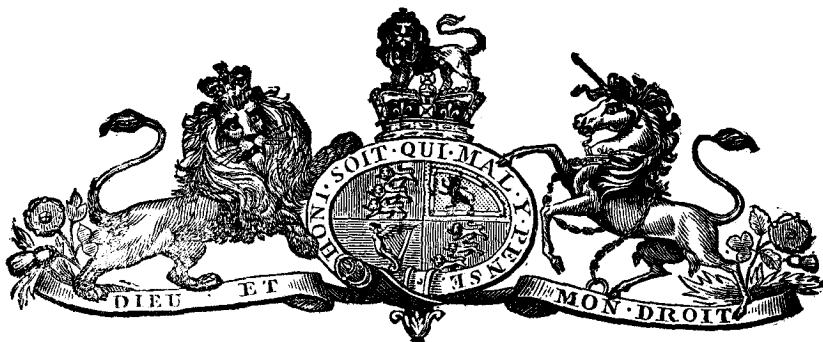


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G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, the nineteenth day of October, 1870.

Present:

THE HONORABLE DONALD McLEAN, NATIVE AND DEFENCE MINISTER, PRESIDING, AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Volunteer Act, 1865," power is given to the Governor in Council from time to time to make and alter regulations respecting the enrolment, discipline, training, exercise and accoutrements, clothing, equipment, conveyance, pay, rations, lodging, and pensions of the Volunteer Force, or any part thereof, and to declare what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an efficient Volunteer for the purposes of the said Act, and generally for the more effectual carrying out of the said Act, and to appoint penalties not exceeding five pounds for each offence, for any breach of the provisions of the said Act, or of such Regulations.

And whereas, by an Order in Council dated the twenty-sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, certain Rules and Regulations were so made, and whereas it is expedient now to alter the same:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the said recited power and authority, doth by this present Order, by and with the consent of the Executive Council, alter the aforesaid Rules and Regulations, and doth make the Rules and Regulations specified in the Schedule hereinafter written, and doth appoint the penalties for breaches thereof respectively therein set forth.

DONALD McLEAN,
 Presiding.

FORSTER GORING,
 Clerk of the Executive Council.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS OF THE NEW ZEALAND VOLUNTEER FORCE.

1. The members of a Volunteer Corps are either enrolled, reserve, or honorary.
2. Enrolled members are persons of every grade, whose names are duly entered for service in the muster roll of a corps.
3. Honorary members are persons who contribute to the funds of a corps, but are not enrolled for service.
4. The Volunteer Force is composed of the following arms:—

Light Horse Volunteers
 Artillery ditto
 Engineer ditto
 Rifle ditto
 Naval ditto

5. The establishment of Officers and Non-commissioned Officers for all corps (except Naval Volunteers) will be according to the following Table:—

Strength.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Cornets, Second Lieutenants, or Ensigns.	Troop Sergeant-Major or Colour-Sergeant.	Sergeants.	Trumpeters.	Corporals.	Farmers.	Remarks.
From 10 to 17	1	1	1	...	No detachment of less than 10 men will be recognized, and no corps shall exceed 71 of all ranks.
" 17 to 20	1	...	1	1	1	...	
" 20 to 30	...	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	
" 30 to 60	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	

Any corps of thirty men and upwards will be entitled to an Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, and in mounted corps also to an Honorary Assistant-Surgeon.

Four or more rifle companies of the establishment, entitling each to a Captain, may be formed into a

battalion, which will be entitled to a Major, a Surgeon, Assistant-Surgeon, Adjutant, Sergeant-Major, and Quartermaster-Sergeant, and a Drum-Major.

Bandsmen may be returned on the strength of a corps, and be in excess of the numbers fixed as the maximum entitled to receive capitation allowance, provided they are efficient musicians.

Naval Volunteers.

FOR A COMPANY.						
	Captain.	1st Lieutenant.	2nd Lieutenant.	Petty Officers.	Privates.	Total enrolled.
Maximum.....	1	1	1	8	89	100
Minimum.....		1	1	4	30	36

FORMATION OF CORPS.

6. Persons wishing to form Volunteer Corps should place themselves in communication with the Officer commanding the Militia District, who will submit the offer of their services for the consideration of the Government. If there be no officer appointed to command the district, they will communicate direct with the Inspector of Militia and Volunteers, Wellington.

7. In considering the offer of the services of a new corps, regard will be had to the number and description of the corps already existing in the same district, to the circumstances of the locality, and to the limits imposed by the amount placed at the disposal of Government by the General Assembly in the Volunteer vote. It is therefore desirable that in forwarding such offers of service it should be stated—

- a. The circumstances which may appear to render it advisable to sanction the formation of the proposed corps.
 - b. The place proposed for the head-quarters of the corps.
 - c. The number of persons who are prepared to enrol themselves.
 - d. *For Artillery.*—Where it is proposed that the Artillery practice of the corps shall be carried on, and whether such practice will interfere with the safety or convenience of the public.
 - For other Arms.*—That the use of a rifle practice ground can be secured; the situation of the proposed ground; the extent of range afforded—which must not be less than 300 yards; and what arrangements are required to secure the safety and convenience of the public.
- For Naval Volunteers it should, in addition, be stated where, and by what means, it is proposed to carry on evolutions afloat.
- e. That a safe storehouse and magazine for any arms and ammunition which may be issued can be provided.

PRECEDENCE.

8. In the Volunteer Force, the different arms rank in the following order, viz:—

- Light Horse Volunteers.
- Artillery ditto
- Engineer ditto
- Rifle ditto
- Naval ditto.

9. In every district the relative precedence of the different corps of any one arm is determined by the date on which the Governor has accepted the offer of service of each such corps.

10. The relative precedence of Officers in the entire Volunteer Force is determined solely by the rank and date of their commissions in that force.

11. The relative precedence of Officers of different corps, holding commissions of the same rank and date, is determined by the relative precedence of the corps to which they respectively belong.

12. The relative precedence of Officers of one corps bearing commissions of the same rank and date, is determined by the order in which the appointments are inserted in the *Gazette*.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

13. Applications for the appointment of Commissioned Officers must be made in accordance with clause 13 of "The Volunteer Act, 1865," and forwarded through the Adjutants of the Permanent Staff, and Officers Commanding Districts.

14. A candidate for a commission or promotion will be required to pass satisfactorily the following examination before his appointment is confirmed, viz:—

For first Commission under the rank of Captain.

The candidate will be examined as to his knowledge of squad drill, the manual and platoon exercise, and his ability to put his company through both. He will further be required to tell off and prove his company.

For appointment or promotion to Captain.

The candidate will be called upon to put his company through squad and company drill, rifle exercise and skirmishing drill. He will also be examined as to his general knowledge of the Acts and Regulations relating to Militia and Volunteers, according to which of the Forces he belongs.

Candidates may, however, while qualifying themselves for the duties of their respective ranks, receive acting appointments, and, while holding such, shall exercise the same authority as though they were permanently appointed: Provided always that no person by virtue of such acting appointment shall be competent to sit on any Court Martial or Court of Inquiry; and that no person shall hold an acting appointment for a longer period than six months.

15. All proposed resignations are to be submitted for the Governor's acceptance by the Officer Commanding the District, or in his absence by the Adjutant of the Permanent Staff.

16. When any officer resigns his commission, and at the same time receives another, not involving promotion, he is allowed to retain the date of his former commission.

17. A fee of one guinea is to be paid by every Officer on receiving his commission into the general fund of the corps to which he is appointed, and is to be appropriated in such manner as the Finance Committee of such corps may direct.

18. The appointment of an Honorary Colonel to a corps under the command of a Field Officer is permitted.

19. The appointment of Honorary Chaplains is allowed.

20. No Officer holding an honorary commission can, in virtue of it, take precedence of any Officer holding a substantive commission of the same rank.

21. Every Officer is expected to give a proper attendance at the drills and parades of his corps, and any Officer who does not attend the number of drills prescribed for the enrolled Volunteers to qualify them for certificates of efficiency will not be allowed to retain his commission, unless it shall be represented by the Officer Commanding the District that there are special reasons for a relaxation of this regulation.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

22. The Non-commissioned Officers of a corps may be elected by the members, subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer of such corps.

23. Non-commissioned Officers who qualify as Musketry Instructors will rank as senior Sergeants of their corps.

When a battalion is formed, a Battalion Musketry Instructor may be appointed by the Officer Commanding, who will rank with but junior to the Sergeant-Major.

24. A Non-commissioned Officer may be reduced by the Inspector, or (with the consent in writing of the Officer Commanding the District) by the Commanding Officer of his Corps, for any sufficient cause.

ENROLLED MEMBERS.

25. No person below the age of seventeen is to be enrolled in a Volunteer Corps, except as a Bandsman.

26. Apprentices are not to be enrolled without consent in writing of their masters.

27. Any Volunteer who wishes to be transferred to another corps may, except when on actual service, at any time, by giving one week's previous notice, claim to be transferred upon his delivering up to the Commanding Officer of the corps which he is about to leave, in good order, fair wear and tear only excepted, the arms and accoutrements or other property of the Government issued to him, and upon his paying all money due by him under these Regulations or the rules of the corps. And provided further that if the said corps has been credited during the financial year with the capitation allowance for such Volunteer, the corps which he may subsequently join shall not, under any circumstances, be entitled to receive any further allowance on account of such Volunteer for the same financial year.

28. Every person admitted as a member of any Volunteer Corps in accordance with the private rules of such corps, shall before enrolment take the oath of allegiance, as prescribed in the 15th section of "The Volunteer Act, 1865," and shall attend such number of drills as the Officer Commanding the Corps may deem necessary to enable him to pass in squad drill, and manual and platoon exercises.

29. Persons dismissed from a Volunteer Corps for misconduct are not eligible for enrolment in another corps, and a list of such persons will be sent quarterly to Commanding Officers of Districts.

30. The Commanding Officer of a Corps is to give to any Volunteer who voluntarily quits it, and who has complied with the conditions contained in clause 16 of "The Volunteer Act, 1865," a certificate of discharge in the form prescribed in Appendix when requested to do so by such Volunteer.

31. Enrolled members are classified as "Efficients," "Non-efficients," and "Reserve."

32. In order to be reckoned as "efficient," an enrolled member must have fulfilled the conditions hereinafter described.

33. An efficient member is authorized to wear on the right arm, immediately above the cuff of the sleeve, a distinctive badge consisting of a ring of silver lace $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch wide, of the pattern worn by the corps.

34. All enrolled members who do not fulfil the conditions hereinafter referred to are reckoned as non-efficients.

EFFICIENT MEMBERS.

35. Commissioned Officers of a Volunteer Corps are to be deemed "efficient" members.

36. A Volunteer shall be deemed an efficient Volunteer if he obtains a certificate showing that he

has fulfilled the requirements and possesses the qualifications stated in or upon such one of the annexed forms of certificate as may be applicable in his case, and not otherwise: Provided always that any person duly enrolled in any Volunteer Corps who shall have been lawfully discharged with a good character from the same branch of the service in Her Majesty's Regular Forces may, upon enrolment, receive a certificate of efficiency, and be credited with such amount of capitation allowance as will accrue to him under these Regulations, and as the vote of the General Assembly for the current financial year shall place at the disposal of the Government.

37. A certificate of efficiency may be granted during any period of the twelve months commencing 1st April in any year, and ending 31st March of the succeeding year, and shall be evidence of the efficiency of the Volunteer to whom it is granted. Volunteers enrolled on or after the 1st October in any year, shall only be entitled to half the annual capitation grant until the 1st April following, being the commencement of the next Volunteer year; provided they have completed six drills (of which not less than three must be Government monthly inspection parades) prior to the 31st March.

38. A record of the parades or drills attended by each Volunteer must be kept by the Commanding Officer of the Corps to which such Volunteer belongs. A book for this purpose will be furnished to each Volunteer Corps on application to the Inspector. Such record book must be signed monthly by the Officer Commanding the Corps, and must be open to examination at any time by an Adjutant of the Permanent Staff, or such other Officer as may be appointed to inspect the corps.

39. A record of the numbers of each corps attending Government parades will be kept by the Officer of the Permanent Staff (or in his absence by a Non-commissioned Officer of the Permanent Staff,) in each district, in a record book to be furnished to him expressly for this purpose.

Before the Capitation Rolls are forwarded to the Inspector, the Officer of the Permanent Staff will compare them with his Record Book, and also with that of the corps.

40. In case any alterations in the terms of any of the annexed forms of certificate should from time to time appear expedient the same may be made under authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

FORMS OF CERTIFICATES OF EFFICIENCY.

(Form A.)

For Light Horse Volunteer Corps.

We hereby certify—

1. That A.B. was enrolled in the on the
2. That he is provided with an efficient horse and horse furniture for the service.
3. That he has during the last twelve months attended seven (7) mounted parades.*
4. That he has attended five (5) other parades or squad drills, either mounted or dismounted, or both.
5. That he possesses a knowledge of the cavalry sword exercise, and dismounted and mounted troop drill.
6. That he has not been absent without leave from

* A mounted parade, referred to in section 3, shall mean a monthly inspection parade; and a parade or squad drill, referred to in section 4, shall mean a detachment, company, or troop parade. No parade or drill will count unless it shall have lasted one hour from the time of falling-in to the time of dismissal, and unless the drill instructor, or one commissioned officer of the corps at least, shall have been present during the whole time.

two Government monthly inspection parades during the past year.

Officer Commanding Corps.
Adjutant.

Certificate confirmed.

Officer Commanding District.
Head-quarters, 187

(Form B.)

For Artillery, Engineer, Rifle, and Naval Volunteers.

We hereby certify—

1. That A.B. was enrolled in the on the
2. That he has during the past twelve months attended seven (7) parades.*
3. That he has attended five (5) other parades or company drills.
4. That he possesses a knowledge of squad and company drill, including the manual and platoon exercises.

For Artillery.—That he possesses a knowledge of gun drill, and of the general duties of a gunner.

For Engineers.—That he has been instructed in sapping and mining, and the mode of making gabions and fascines.

For Naval Volunteers.—That he possesses a knowledge of gun drill, of the general duties of a gunner, and of the management of a boat either by sailing or rowing.

5. That he has not been absent without leave from two Government monthly inspection parades during the past year.

Officer Commanding Corps.
Adjutant.

Certificate confirmed.

Officer Commanding District.
Head-quarters, 187

HONORARY MEMBERS.

41. The number of Honorary Members attached to any corps is not limited, and such members are not included in the muster roll of the corps to which they are attached.

42. They are not subject to military discipline, nor allowed to interfere with the military duties of the corps, but they are permitted to wear its uniform.

43. They are not liable to be assembled as Volunteers for actual service.

44. An honorary member is not exempt from enrolment or service in the New Zealand Militia; but if as a Militiaman he should at any time be called out for actual service, and at the same time the Volunteer Corps of which he is an honorary member is also called out for actual service, he may at his option serve with the Volunteer Corps.

45. Arms are not supplied by Government to honorary members of a Volunteer Corps.

RULES.

46. In order to give legal force to the Rules proposed by a Volunteer Corps for the management of its affairs, they must be submitted through the Commanding Officer of the District, or through an Adjutant of the Permanent Staff, by one or other of whom they will be forwarded for the approval of the Governor.

47. A model set of Rules is given in Appendix A for the guidance of corps; but other sets of Rules will not necessarily be objected to because drawn up in a different manner.

* A parade, referred to in section 2, shall mean a monthly inspection parade; and a parade or drill, referred to in section 3, shall mean a squad or company drill. No parade or drill will count unless it shall have lasted one hour from the time of falling-in to the time of dismissal, and unless one commissioned officer of the corps at least, or a non-commissioned officer of the Permanent Staff, shall have been present during the whole time.

48. Rules of Volunteer Corps which are to be forwarded for submission to the Governor must be transmitted in duplicate—one copy being for retention by the Inspector, the other to be returned to the corps.

49. If any Volunteer Corps shall not within one month after the publication of these Regulations, or within one month after the acceptance by the Governor of its services, submit for approval by the Governor a set of Private Rules for the guidance of such corps, the model set of Rules given in Appendix A shall be deemed to apply to any such Volunteer Corps, and shall have the same force and effect in respect to such Volunteer Corps as though they had been adopted and submitted in accordance with section 46 of these Regulations.

COURTS OF INQUIRY.

50. A Court of Inquiry is not a judicial body: it has no power to administer an oath. It is to be considered as a Board of which the Commanding Officer of a district, or an Officer in command of a corps may make use to assist him in arriving at a correct conclusion on any subject upon which it may be expedient for him to institute an inquiry.

51. If it be found necessary to cause the conduct of an officer to be investigated by a Court of Inquiry, the Commander-in-Chief, or the Inspector, or the Officer Commanding the District can alone convene the Court, which in such a case must be composed exclusively of officers of the Militia or Volunteer Forces.

52. The duties of a Court of Inquiry depend on the instructions which the convening authority may think proper to give. It may either be employed in collecting and arranging evidence, or it may in addition be directed to give an opinion as to the facts established by that evidence; but it has no power to pronounce any judgment as to the course to be taken by the convening authority in dealing with these facts.

53. When facts connected with the conduct of an individual are submitted to the investigation of a Court of Inquiry, it is necessary that the instructions for the guidance of the Court should be sufficiently explicit as regards matters, names, dates, and places, to convey clearly to the Court the nature of the subject into which it is appointed to inquire, and also to enable the person whose conduct is called in question to know what he has to answer.

54. It rests with the authority who orders the assembly of a Court of Inquiry to decide whether it shall be open or closed.

55. All evidence taken by a Court of Inquiry is to be recorded as nearly as possible in the words of the witnesses, and in the order in which it is received.

56. The proceedings, when closed, are to be signed by the president and members, after which they are to be forwarded by the president to the convening authority.

57. A Court of Inquiry may be reassembled as often as the convening authority may deem necessary; and on every occasion of its meeting it is competent to receive and record new evidence.

PARADES.

58. Every Volunteer Corps shall, once in each calendar month, on such day and at such time and place as may be appointed by the Officer Commanding the District, or by an Adjutant of the Permanent Staff, parade for inspection, and any Officer or Volunteer who shall absent himself from such parade without the permission of the Officer who shall order the same, shall be liable to have his commission cancelled, or to be at once dismissed from the corps, as

the case may be, or to pay a fine of not exceeding one pound.

59. The Inspector may, once in each year, order a parade of any Volunteer Corps for inspection, and any Officer or Volunteer who shall absent himself from such parade without permission of the Inspector shall be liable to have his commission cancelled, or to be at once dismissed from the corps, as the case may be, or to pay a fine of not exceeding five pounds.

60. Every Volunteer whose arms or accoutrements are not at such monthly or annual inspection parades, in the opinion of the inspecting Officer, in clean and good order, shall pay a fine of two (2) shillings. And every Volunteer who shall at such parades be found to be deficient in the amount of ammunition which he may from time to time be required to carry in his pouches shall, unless he can account for such deficiency to the satisfaction of the inspecting Officer, pay a fine of two (2) shillings, in addition to the price of the ammunition which may be required to make good the deficiency.

61. An Officer Commanding a District or an Adjutant of the Permanent Staff may at any time, under the authority of the Government, order a parade of any Volunteer Corps for the purposes of State Ceremony, such as forming Guards of Honor, &c., and any Officer or Volunteer who shall absent himself from such parade without permission of the Officer who shall order the same shall pay a fine of five (5) shillings: Provided always that attendance at any Ceremonial parade shall exempt an Officer or Volunteer from attendance at the next Government inspection parade.

62. All fines inflicted under the provisions of the last four preceding sections shall be recovered and applied as provided in sections 37 and 34 of "The Volunteer Act, 1865."

ASSEMBLIES OF VOLUNTEER CORPS.

63. Volunteer Corps are not to assemble under arms for any purpose unconnected with military parade, drill, or rifle practice, except with the consent of the Government.

64. When Volunteers belonging to one or more corps are brought together under arms at rifle shooting matches, or on other occasions connected with rifle practice, the senior Officer present is to be considered as in command of all the Volunteers upon the ground; and although his position in this respect does not involve any authority for his interference in the arrangements of the meeting, yet he is held responsible for the due maintenance of order and discipline among the Volunteers under arms.

65. When corps of any arm or arms wish to obtain instruction in camp duties, the consent of the Government (applied for by the several Commanding Officers through the Officer Commanding the District) must be first obtained. A statement, giving the place, date of formation, duration, and probable number of Volunteers, must accompany the application. If the camp is to be formed in a different district to that to which the corps belong, the previous consent of the Officer commanding such district must first have been obtained.

ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, AND AMMUNITION.

66. Arms and accoutrements will be supplied to all the enrolled members of a corps except the Commissioned Officers thereof.

67. Ammunition in the following annual proportions, to be reckoned from the 1st April in each year, is allowed to Volunteer Corps of the several arms without payment, on the condition that such ammunition shall be fired off under the command and supervision of either a Commissioned or Non-commissioned Officer,—(vide Appendix B and C) :—

	Gratis.			Allowed to be purchased.
	Ball.	Blank.	Caps.	
LIGHT HORSE. For every enrolled member	100	20	150	In such quantities as the supplies in store may permit.
ARTILLERY AND NAVAL. * Per Gun, Shot or Shell ... For every enrolled member	24	24	...	
ENGINEER AND RIFLE. For every enrolled member	100	20	150	

* To be issued on the demand of the Officer Commanding Artillery and Naval Volunteers.

SALUTING.

68. When both are in uniform, Volunteers will invariably salute all Officers, whether of Militia, or Volunteers, as also those of Her Majesty's service. Officers will return the compliment.

69. The salute from the Volunteer, and the acknowledgment from the Officer, are not only useful for the sake of discipline, but afford the means of courteous greeting between the different grades which Volunteers occupy so long as they are in uniform.

CLOTHING.

70. Volunteers may obtain at cost price from the Government the materials for their uniforms, requisitions for which must be made out in the Form given in Appendix D. These requisitions are to contain the full demand of each corps for the ensuing year, so as to avoid the inconvenience attending supplemental requisitions; and each corps will be charged with and held responsible for the full amount of such requisition.

DRESS REGULATIONS.

71. The following General Rules must be adhered to:—

- a. Gold lace is not to be worn by any of the Colonial Forces.
- b. The distinctions in uniform and appointments which are prescribed in Her Majesty's Regular Service to denote the rank of the wearer should be observed strictly by Volunteers of the various grades, as far as they are applicable to the Volunteer Force.

STAFF.

Full Dress.—The same as worn by Colonels on the Staff, with exceptions according to rank.

Undress.—The same as Major of Brigade; or a blue cloth jumper with rolling collar trimmed with ¾ inch black mohair lace, and with five flat-braided loops on the breast.

Forage cap: blue cloth, silver-embroidered peak and band.

Staff Non-commissioned Officers—Blue cloth or serge jumpers, edged with black braid; trousers, with red stripe 1½ inch wide; forage cap, French peak, black oak-leaf band 1½ inch wide.

Drill Instructors—Same as Staff Sergeants.

VOLUNTEERS.

Cavalry and Cavalry Cadets.

Blue cloth or serge jumper, of which sealed patterns will be deposited at the several Militia Offices.

Bedford cord pants, with ankle boots and brown leather leggings.

Hunting spurs, plated.

Forage cap without peak: blue cloth, with band of silver lace for Officers and Sergeants, and scarlet cloth for other ranks, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide, silver or scarlet cloth button and braid on top.

Sword with steel scabbard; sword belt, brown leather.

Pouch, black leather; pouch belt, brown leather.

Artillery and Artillery Cadets.

Blue cloth or serge jumper, scarlet collar and trimmings.

Trousers: blue, with red stripe $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide down outward seam, and brown leather leggings.

Forage cap without peak: blue cloth, with band of silver lace for Officers and Sergeants, and scarlet cloth $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide, silver or white cloth button and braid on top.

Sword with steel scabbard; sword belt, brown leather.

Pouch and pouch belt, same as Cavalry.

Engineers, Rifles, and Rifle Cadets.

Gray cloth jumper, with facings according to choice.

Trousers: gray cloth, with bead $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, same colour as the facings down outward seam. Leggings, brown leather.

Forage cap: French peak, gray cloth, with coloured band $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide, of same colour as the facings, and initials or number of corps placed on the band in front.

Sword, with steel scabbard; sword belt, brown leather.

Naval.

Same as for Her Majesty's Navy, substituting silver lace for gold.

72. Any Volunteer Corps may wear a full dress uniform of such material and description as, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, may be selected by the members, provided that the respective colours are the same as those laid down in the above Regulations for each branch of the service.

STORES.

73. All stores which are supplied by Government for the use of a Volunteer Corps, will be issued through the Officer commanding such corps, who will be accountable for the same, and will be held responsible that the arms and accoutrements are at all times kept clean and serviceable, and that they are returned into store, when required, in good order and condition, fair wear and tear excepted. (*Vide* Appendix E.)

74. In corps of Artillery Volunteers, the Non-commissioned Officers attached as Instructors are to act under the orders of the Adjutant of the Permanent Staff as custodians of the guns, gun ammunition, and artillery stores.

75. The locks of the rifles, when in use, should be taken to pieces and thoroughly cleaned and oiled at least once in every three months, by properly qualified persons. In wet weather, or after firing, the rifles should invariably be cleaned immediately after parade.

76. Volunteers must not, under any circumstances, tamper with their rifles; and any rifles which on inspection may be found to have had their locks or any other parts improperly altered, will be at once returned into store, and repaired at the expense of the corps.

77. A scale of charges for loss or damage of arms, accoutrements, &c., the price of ammunition issued for practice, and the price which will be charged for any service ammunition made away with or lost through neglect, will be found at the end of the Appendices.

RIFLE PRACTICE.

78. The rifle practice ground of a Volunteer Corps must afford a range of at least 300 yards; but it is desirable that the range should extend to 800 yards.

79. None but Non-commissioned Officers or experienced Volunteers are to act as Markers at Rifle Ranges. The practice of employing boys in that capacity must be prohibited.

80. Government ammunition only to be used with Government weapons.

81. A Volunteer cannot wear any badge denoting proficiency in rifle practice without authority, which is to be obtained through the Adjutant of the Permanent Staff, and duly certified by himself, and countersigned by the Commanding Officer.

82. A Volunteer is permitted to wear special badges to denote proficiency at various ranges, viz.:—

- a. When the range available extends to 300 yards only, a Volunteer who obtains the greatest number of points over 30 in the 3rd class, may wear a rifle embroidered horizontally.
- b. When the range is between 350 and 600 yards, the Volunteer who obtains the greatest number of points over 30 in the second class, may wear a rifle embroidered horizontally, with a star immediately above it.
- c. When the range available extends to 800 yards, every Volunteer who obtains 20 points and upwards in the 1st class, may wear a rifle embroidered horizontally, with two stars immediately above it.
- d. When the range extends to 800 yards, the Volunteer who obtains the greatest number of points above 20 in the 1st class, may wear a rifle embroidered horizontally with three stars immediately above it.

83. The badge marking efficiency in shooting is to be worn on the left arm, immediately above the cuff of the sleeve; that for a Sergeant Instructor in Musketry, on the right arm, midway between the elbow and the shoulder.

84. The badge should be worked on cloth the colour of the facings, and is in no case to be worked in gold.

CADET CORPS.

85. Cadet Corps are formed of youths between twelve and seventeen years of age. They will only be entitled to one-half of the annual capitation allowance granted to Volunteers of the same branch of the Service.

86. Proposals for forming a Cadet Corps are to be made to the Officer Commanding the District or an Adjutant of the Permanent Staff, who will forward the proposal for the consideration of the Government. In such application the proposed strength of the corps is to be stated.

87. The members of a Cadet Corps are not to be attested for service.

88. The Commissioned Officers of a Cadet Corps receive only honorary commissions.

89. To members of a Cadet Corps, who, in the opinion of the Officer Commanding the District or Adjutant of the Permanent Staff, are of sufficient age to carry on rifle practice, arms will be issued and ammunition supplied in the proportion laid down in clause 67, to be fired for only under the supervision of the Officer Commanding the Corps, or a member of the Permanent Staff.

90. Cadet Corps are not to fire in military formation unless they have been inspected and pronounced qualified to do so by the Adjutant of the Permanent Staff.

PAY AND FINANCE.

91. Officers and Volunteers (excepting Officers and Non-commissioned Officers of the Permanent

Staff), when out on actual military service in the field, or when doing garrison duty, shall receive the following rates of pay* :—

Lieut.-Colonel,—23s. per diem, with forage for two horses.

Major,—19s. per diem, with forage for one horse.

Surgeon,—18s. per diem, with forage for one horse.

Captain,—14s. 7d. per diem.

Adjutant,—3s. 6d. in addition to regimental pay, and forage for one horse.

Quartermaster,—12s. 6d.

Assistant-Surgeon,—13s.

Lieutenant,—9s. 6d.

Cornet or Ensign,—8s. 3d.

Staff Sergeants,—5s.

Sergeants,—3s. 6d.

Corporals,—3s.

Trumpeters or Buglers,—2s. 6d.

Privates,—2s. 6d.

92. A debit and credit account will be kept by the Government with each Volunteer Corps, and after the receipt of the nominal return specified in section 44 of these Regulations, showing the number of efficient Volunteers for whom the capitation grant is admissible, the corps to whom such return relates will be credited with the full amount of the capitation grant accruing to it in accordance with these regulations, and the branch of the service to which it may belong, and it will be debited from time to time with the cost of any materials for uniforms supplied to it by the Government, and for ammunition or other stores supplied by Government on purchase.

93. A copy in duplicate of such debit and credit account will be forwarded to the Officer Commanding the Corps to which it refers, during the month of May in each year, one copy of which is to be returned to the Inspector with an acknowledgment by such Commanding Officer of the correctness of the account, or with such counter statement as he may consider necessary; the other copy will be retained for record by the corps.

94. If in the annual debit and credit account of any corps it is shown that a balance remains to the credit of the corps, such balance will be paid into the funds of such corps through its Commanding Officer on or before the 30th day of June of the financial year to which the account relates. If it is shown that a balance remains to the debit of the corps, the amount so shown as due by such corps must be either paid to the Colonial Treasurer by the Officer commanding such corps on or before the 15th day of June of the same year, or be carried on to the next year's account, as may be decided by the Government.

95. Whenever any Volunteer Corps is disbanded, or its services are discontinued, and the same shall at the time be indebted to the Government, the amount due to the Government by any such corps must be forthwith paid to the Colonial Treasurer by the Officer Commanding such Corps at the time it is disbanded or its services are discontinued.

96. No claim for the capitation allowance will be admitted for any corps whose strength is below the minimum establishment.

ADJUTANTS.

97. All officers applying for the post of Adjutant of the Permanent Staff will be required to pass an examination before a Board of Officers, of which the Inspector will be President.

98. The Adjutant is appointed to give instruction to the Volunteers, and he is required to assist in

carrying on the military duties of the corps; but he is not to take any part in its non-military affairs.

99. The Adjutant is also to prepare and furnish all such returns as may from time to time be required by the Government in connection with the Volunteer Force.

100. No Adjutant of the Permanent Staff is permitted to absent himself from the district to which he has been appointed without having first obtained leave of absence from the Government, and without having made proper provision for the performance of his duties during his proposed absence.

INSTRUCTORS.

101. No Drill Instructor will be finally appointed to the Permanent Staff of a District until he has been examined by an Adjutant of the Permanent Staff, who will furnish a report of the qualification of such candidate to the Inspector.

102. The principal duty of a Sergeant Instructor is to attend to the drill and instruction of the corps to which he is posted; but he may also, at the discretion of the Adjutant, be intrusted with the custody of Government arms, ammunition, and other property, or charged with such other military duties as usually devolve on a Non-commissioned Officer.

103. A Sergeant Instructor is not to be employed in receiving or disbursing the funds of the Corps.

RETURNS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

104. The following returns are to be rendered :—

Form.	Appendix F.	Appendix G.
	Appendixes I to M.	
When due.	31st March	5th of each Month
To whom rendered.	Inspector of Militia and Volunteers	Ditto.
	Adjutant or Officer Commanding District	
By whom rendered.	Commanding Officers of Corps	Adjutants through their Commanding Officers
	Officers Commanding Corps	
Nature of Return.	Nominal Roll of Volunteers entitled to Capitation	Adjutant's Monthly Return
	Quarterly Return of Arms, Ammunition, Accoutrements, &c., in possession of Volunteer Corps	

105. All official correspondence from a Volunteer Corps is to proceed from the Commanding Officer of such Corps, or to pass through him; and if intended for the consideration of the Government, it should be addressed to the Officer Commanding the District or the Adjutant of the Permanent Staff.

* With a free ration when in the field, but no other allowances whatsoever, except for Cavalry, who will receive forage in kind, or 3s. per diem in lieu thereof.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Offices, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of October, 1870.

Present:

THE HONORABLE DONALD McLEAN, NATIVE AND DEFENCE MINISTER, PRESIDING, AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the sixty-seventh section of "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870," it is enacted that no election shall be void in consequence only of there having been no Returning Officer at the time of the issue of the writ or of any delay in the return of the writ, and where any accidental or unavoidable impediment, misfeasance, or omission shall have happened, the Governor in Council may take all such measures as may be necessary for removing such impediment or rectifying such misfeasance or omission, or may declare any or all of the proceedings at or for any election valid as to and notwithstanding such impediment, misfeasance, or omission, and every such Order in Council shall state specifically the nature of the impediment, misfeasance, or omission, and shall be forthwith published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: And whereas a writ for the election of a Member of the Provincial Council of Southland was issued on or about the twentieth day of September last, purporting to be issued under "The Provincial Elections Act, 1858," instead of under "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870:" And whereas the Returning Officer for the District gave less than seven days' notice of the day and hour on which the nomination, and of the day on which the polling, for such election would take place, contrary to the provisions of the said Act: And whereas the Returning Officer for the said District in and for which the said election was to be held appointed the thirtieth day of September last to be the nomination day, and the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, to be the polling day for the said election: And whereas the said days were appointed without due notice, and were otherwise irregular and contrary to the provisions of the said Act: And whereas the form of stamp used for the purposes of the forty-third section of the said Act in the said election was similar to the Post Office Stamp used on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and had not been determined or authorized by the Governor in Council or provided by the said Act: And whereas one Samuel Hodgkinson was declared by the Returning Officer at the said election to be duly elected thereat: And whereas it is expedient to declare the said election valid, notwithstanding the said irregularities, misfeasances, and omissions:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, in exercise and pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand, doth hereby declare all the proceedings at and for the said election valid as to and notwithstanding the hereinbefore recited impediments, misfeasances, and omissions.

DONALD McLEAN,
Presiding.

Approved in Council.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

ADDITIONAL Rules and Statutes of New Zealand Institute, passed at Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 23rd September, 1870.

SECTION IV.

Honorary Members.

Whereas the rules of the Societies incorporated under the New Zealand Act provide for the election of honorary members of such Societies; but inasmuch as such honorary members would not thereby become members of the New Zealand Institute, and whereas it is expedient to make provision for the election of honorary members of the New Zealand Institute, it is hereby declared:—

1st. Each incorporated Society may, in the month of November next, nominate for election as honorary member of the New Zealand Institute, three persons, and in the month of November in each succeeding year one person, not residing in the Colony.

2nd. The names, descriptions, and addresses of persons so nominated, together with the grounds on which their election as honorary members is recommended, shall be forthwith forwarded to the Manager of the New Zealand Institute, and shall by him be submitted to the Governor at the next succeeding meeting.

3rd. From the persons so nominated the Governor may select, in the first year, not more than nine, and in each succeeding year not more than three, who shall from thenceforth be honorary members of the New Zealand Institute, provided that the total number of honorary members shall not exceed thirty.

Approved.

G. F. BOWEN.

DONALD McLEAN,
Presiding.

Approved in Council, 19th October, 1870.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 8th November, 1870.

IT is hereby notified, that

GEORGE LESLIE LEE, Esq.,
has resigned his seat in the Legislative Council of New Zealand, and that His Excellency the Governor has, in Her Majesty's name, accepted such resignation.

W. GISBOERNE.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned Post Office to be a Money Order and Savings Bank Office, for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business, from 15th instant:—

SELWYN,

Province of Canterbury.

By order.

W. GRAY
(for the Secretary).

General Post Office,
Wellington, 8th November, 1870.

WITH reference to the notice which appeared in the *Gazette* of 27th October last, it is hereby notified that the opening of the Money Order and Savings Bank Office at the Post Office,

HAMPDEN,

Province of Otago, has been deferred to the 1st of February, 1871.

By order.

W. GRAY
(for the Secretary).